



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference March 3-5, 1995

By Steve Millspaugh

The 12th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference is shaping up as one of the best ever. This event is held at historic Fort Worden State Park in beautiful Port Townsend, Washington, on the Olympic Peninsula. Here is your chance to join kitemakers and fliers from around the world for three days of learning, sharing, fun and festivities.

The list of teachers is looking especially impressive this year. Joining us from Wales, UK, will be Steve Brockett, Kite Artist, and Martyn Lawrence, Master fighter-kite maker. Steve Brockett was a featured guest at the 1993 WSIKF, where we had the opportunity to see his amazing painted creations. Recently profiled in American Kite, Steve doesn't believe in just flying a painting, but uses his skills to create kites that are art, not just art on a kite. Martyn Lawrence has adapted modern materials and techniques to fighter kites, based on classic principles, to create kites that represent both the newest and the oldest of kite designs. These provide time-tested flight characteristics with modern features.

Capacity at Fort Worden is limited, so write or call now to make sure you are included in this exceptional kiting event. For additional information and registration forms, you should write Bob Alford at 320 N.E. Fourth Street, North Bend, WA 98045, or call him at (206)888-2812. Those who attended the 1994 conference are already on the mailing list, but the rest of you should respond now to make sure you don't miss this opportunity. Your room, meals, and classes and activities are included at one low price. Slide shows, socials, tall tales contest, and the famous Fort Worden raffle are some of the additional fun activities. The proceeds from the raffle provide the funds to bring international guests to this conference, so your donations, whether you attend or not, are encouraged and appreciated. Besides the featured guests mentioned above, the list of teachers for 1995 is awesome. With more being added as the schedule permits, it already includes some of the premier kitemakers from the Northwest and around the country. Among the people coming to help you learn about kites, kitemaking and kiteflying are: Spencer Chun, Scott Skinner, Mike Sterling, J.R. Tolman, Mark Reed and Scobie Puchtler, Dan Kurahashi, Deb Cooley, Sam Huston, Tom Sisson, Dave Colbert, Gerry Pennell, Stormy Weathers, Roger Maddy and Dick Curran.

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this issue. Please
Vote and Return.**

The next WKA General Membership Meeting will be held January 1, 1995 at Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, WA. For more information contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.



President's letter

By Dave Christenson

Well, the big one for us here in the NW has come and gone. Seven days at Long Beach sure flies by. What did everyone think of this

years WSIKF?

How did everyone like the new WKA Pizza Party location? I hope everyone enjoyed themselves there. I want to say Thank You to all the Merchants and individual Kites that donated door prizes for the pizza party. Please let on of the board members or myself if the membership wants to continue at this location or does anyone have another suggestion? Thank You to Carol Lord and all of her helpers for doing their thing again this year.

It's that time of the year again. I have been President of this great group of kitefliers for three years now. Some of the board members have held their positions longer. Yes, it's time for nominations and elections! If you would like to run for any position on the board please speak up! All positions are up for reelection. Even if the incumbent is running again, that doesn't mean you can't run against them! We need some new names to fill in those white blanks on the ballots. Also, PLEASE RETURN your ballot promptly. Remember this is your club and it needs your time and commitment to keep it one of the best clubs in the nation.

The Board has decided to hold another Pin Design Contest. The last pin we had took two years to sell, so we are looking for a very unique? Avant-garde? Beautiful? ORIGINAL pin design for the next one. See related article.

During our brief general membership meeting at the Woodinville Fun Fly (and I do mean brief, everyone wanted to go sample the winery and brewery wares) Steve Millsbaugh presented the WKA with a check from the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference in the amount of \$500.00! The WKA says THANK YOU for the generous donation.

And Thank You to all the kitefliers that show up in support of the Woodinville Family Fun Festival. We had a great turnout.

Don't forget Jan. 1, 1995, I want to see all of you kitefliers out at the "Beat The Bowls Fly" at Golden Gardens Park, Seattle.

Best Winds, Dave



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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication. Mail submissions and photographs (include the name, address and telephone number of the source) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return (if you want your photographs back) to Dave Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404. The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

Membership

To become a member of the WKA, send your name(s), address and telephone number, along with a check for \$15 per family (outside the US, please add \$5 US additional for postage) to the Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. Membership includes an official WKA membership card entitling the bearer to discounts at certain kite shops and a one year subscription to the WKA newsletter.

New Kite Pin Design Contest

By Susie Christenson, WKA
Products Chairperson

The WKA is looking for a new pin design, so we're going to have a contest. I'm not sure when the contest will close (it'll be sometime after the new year) but we need to have all you artist and pin designer types out there sharpening your pencils and sending in your designs. Submit as many designs as you'd like. Please keep in mind that the pin design must fit on a one to one-and-a-half inch pin. Also one that kitefliers and pin collectors will want to buy.

Please send all designs to: Susie Christenson, Attn: Pin Contest, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

WSIKF T-Shirts etc. Sales

1994 marked the first year that pre-sale of official t-shirts, caps, earrings and etc. were available. All net proceeds from the sale of official WSIKF souvenirs are used toward this and next years festival. It helps bring international kite flyers and other events to the west coast for everyone's enjoyment. Could buy a lot of pyrotechnics for the fireworks display...

This meant that a lot of people who were in town the week before the festival were able to get souvenirs before their vacation and work called them back on the road. This was made possible by the generous efforts of volunteers in the community, and we'd like to recognize their contribution: Sally Nelson, Francis O'Neil, Trudy O'Neil, Betty Pierce, Dawn Stults, Jan W., Linda Zuern, Alice Borchers, and Key Bank employees, also the owners of the Go Kart Track donated the space for pre-sales of WSIKF items.

1ST ANNUAL CO- SPONSORED HOLIDAY POTLUCK A GREAT SUCCESS

By Carol Lord

Saturday, November 12, 1994, 140 people from Vancouver, British Columbia to Long Beach, Washington, met at the Fife Community Center to celebrate the Holiday Season. It was also a great excuse to talk kiting.

Pictures were passed around showing every kind of kite and type of kite flying, from Fighter kites to buggying. I'd be willing to bet that kilters can tell more tales than fishermen.

WKA and PCKA co-sponsored this event and provided hams and turkeys. Many thanks to those ladies who cooked them. Food was so plentiful, we had to keep adding tables to put it on. We, also, had to add tables for the participants. Since this was the first co-sponsored event, and all kite clubs were invited, we had no idea how many would attend. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many friends gather together.

We would, also, like to thank all those who donated items for the door prizes and the auction. There were different kinds of kites, kite equipment, and holiday items. We auctioned a Parachute Bear, donated by Captain Dick, a fighter kite, donated by Mike Eason, a Rev II, donated by Revolution, a fighter kite, donated by Don Mock and a Ben Franklin series of stamps, donated by Ron and Marla Miller. These items brought in \$285.00 to give to the local food bank. Several items of food were donated to accompany the money.

The hottest contested auction item, donated by Tom Sisson, was his hat, covered with many kite pins. A major collectors item. The funds go into the general fund, to help pay for more parties such as this one. The bidding went on for quite some time, with many kite pin enthusiasts in on the bidding. The final bid, by Mike Eason was \$201.00. Congratulations Mike, I hope you have a good security system.

When all was said and done, everyone voted to do this again next year. Watch your newsletters, you don't want to miss it.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GREAT THANKSGIVING AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

Just a gentle reminder for you to check the date on your mailing label. PLEASE see if it is past your renewal date. If it is past or near your renewal date please go ahead and renew now so you won't miss any copies of your newsletter.

Bonneville Buggy Enduro

c. September 10-11, 1994

by Mike Eason

We had been waiting with much anticipation for the first Bonneville Buggy Enduro races, September 10 and 11, 1994, held at the famous Bonneville Speedway on the eastern edge of the Great Salt Lake, in Utah, only a few miles west of Wendover, Nevada. Wendover, 121 miles west of Salt Lake City, was originally the site of training for the bomber crews that dropped the first nuclear weapons on the cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, ending World War II. Now, its' only reason for existence, besides world land speed records and, of course, buggy racing, seems to be as a destination for gamblers from Utah and Idaho. Cheap rooms and food were plentiful but we quickly found that good beer is nonexistent in the interior western states! Some of the planned events included 10, 25, and 50 mile multiple lap style enduro races, a 1 mile sprint, a group sprint, a 1 mile speed record, a two wheel distance record, two pylon racing, and a follow me event.

Max Phipps, one of my cohorts at the college, and I left Wednesday, the 7th., at just before midnight, drove straight through Washington, corners of Oregon and Idaho, and dropped south into northeastern Nevada and arrived in Wendover at about 4:30 PM (Mountain Time), about a 16 hour drive and 970 miles. We quickly found our lodging site, at the local KOA camp, in a corner against a fence to block the wind! Camp was soon set up and we were off to the Red Garter Casino Restaurant for the first of many \$1.99 special meals before heading down to check out the salt flats.

As you drive out a paved, dead end road to the Bonneville flats, the first thing you notice is the sheer immensity of space; miles of pure white, hard salt, surrounded by crumbling mountain ranges. And that sky! Wide open sky that's so big that it feels as if it has more volume and mass than the earth itself! Towards the east, the first obstruction,

an island of rock in the salt, is more than 30 miles away. Out on the salt the surface was absolutely scary to a buggy pilot though. Unlike the smooth, dry, cracked clay of El Mirage Dry Lake in southern California, that Pierre and I found in May, it looks more like 10 grit sandpaper, rock hard and smooth with no cracks, but with a surface covering of large, gritty crystalline salt that crunches and grinds under your feet. I don't want to crash on this stuff! On Bob Childs' advice the week before, I had picked up shin, knee, and elbow guards before leaving Everett. Helmets, goggles, long pants, and a shirt are ad-



Chris Lamb, Mick Parsons from the UK along with Steve Shapson and Max Phipps staying cool in the shade while they wait for wind.
photo by Mike Eason

vantageous here also. I was wishing I had an outfit of motorcycle leathers too! The wind was light and darkness was approaching so we took a few pictures and headed back to camp for showers and some much needed sleep.

We were up soon after daylight Friday morning after a night of gusty, warm winds out of the mountains. I don't think it dropped below 75 degrees all night! But, by morning, the 25+ mph winds were down to just a light breeze and our tents got pretty hot inside as soon as the sun hit them. Made some good coffee (another thing they don't have in Nevada or Utah!) and got our standard \$1.99 breakfast of eggs, ham, bacon, or sausage, toast, juice, hash browns, and coffee at the Red Garter (we were sort of camping right behind the casino), and headed back out to the lake. By noon most of the more than thirty buggy pilots participating were assembled at the end of the road, readying

kites and buggies and hoping for more wind. Buggy people tend to be some of the oldest kids around and it didn't take long for all of the toys to come out; a motorized scooter, kite skateboards, a toon tired snowboard contraption that Bob was testing (he had to steer mostly by bouncing), kite traction skates, and many new or modified buggies and kites, both commercial and home made prototypes.

Finally, the afternoon wind arrived so we could test equipment and try out this strange surface. The wind wavered from 5 to 9, once or twice maybe 12 MPH all afternoon; not great but enough

to get some buggy time between the lulls. The surface constantly crackles and crunches under the wheels and, after just a few minutes, builds up a crusty deposit on the treads of sometimes a half inch thick! The buildup I quickly found to be advantageous as it allows enough side slip to spin out in your turns without flipping over. After a few minutes most of my fear of

the surface had subsided but a healthy respect for it's abrasive qualities was still in order! The wheels also constantly spay a rooster tail of sticky salt granules. One disadvantage to the more solid sling seat on my new Cobra buggy, although it's a lot more comfortable, is that, as the salt spays all over you, it naturally falls down into the seat. Soon, I found I was sitting in two or three pounds of damp salt! Friday evening was spent enjoying an enormous seafood buffet at the Peppermill Casino with almost all of the pilots in attendance and Bob passed out these cool, numbered, USOTA Buggy Driving Permits granting full driving rights and privileges as recognized by the United States Office of Tethered Aviation after having passed all of our equipment safety inspections.

Ah, Saturday morning, the day of the races! - - - No wind! We spent most of the day baking in the sun and making mad dashes for the buggies whenever



Troy Navarro putting a new toy together.
photo by Mike Eason

another local sucker wind came. Still, it was an enjoyable day discussing airfoil shapes, buggy and other traction devices, trying out different kites, and just learning from each other. The plan was to run the enduro as soon as steady, adequate wind prevailed for at least thirty minutes. But the wind was constantly shifting, coming in ten minute bursts and then dropping again! Not that we didn't buggy, I had a brief run at 28.4 MPH and I believe Chris from the UK hit almost 40 MPH one time with a full Modulus System. Max, on one of his very first runs was hitting 19 MPH with only a Quadrifoil 25!

Finally, at about 5:30, we all decided to have a race of two laps on a shortened, four leg, one mile course. Everyone was determined to race regardless of wind conditions! Instead of thirty second lagged starts, all of us took off at once on the signal. Have you ever tried getting 30 plus buggies and kites through a 45 ft. wide gate at the same time! It must have been pretty humorous to watch. There were a few tangles and I somehow managed to lift one of the banners with my lines, right off the pole. Luckily, I backed the kite down (I was using Pierre's 50 Quad which he graciously had loaned to me) and someone ran out to remove the banner. By that time most of the others were out of the gate and down the course, but the

first leg was slightly downwind and most of the pilots seemed to be having trouble maintaining speed. Instead, I took a reach course across the wind and then a large s-curve downwind to go around the pylon. It was a nice tight tack upwind on the next leg and then a fast reach to the third mark. By this time, somehow, unknown to me, I was in second place right behind Phillip from New Zealand! Cool! My fatal mistake was to turn directly downwind toward the starting gate for the final leg of the first lap. After all, I had been diligently practicing my downwind slalom for two days! Phillip went out way wide, out on a slight turn away (I think that's what you call it) and then back through the gate on a mirror course. Meanwhile, the wind had dropped and I'm still floundering, trying to pick up enough speed to get through the gate while those with the large Peels and Modulus Systems are passing by.

To make a long story shorter, the wind dropped more, only about 4 people even finished the second lap (I got another half lap!), but we all had a blast! I've never had so much fun in my life! Phillip was first, Scott Skinner came in second, and Brian Vanderslice took third on his skates and Chris Lamb, with a 'Modulus', finished fourth. I believe Phillip, Scott, and Brian were all flying large 10M. Peels. Most of the rest of us wallowed out around the far pylon for quite some time! We reluctantly gave up and all went for pizza.

Sunday morning presented another bright, blue, and windless sky. But our hopes were still up for a change in the wind. Unfortunately, a high pressure system was building over us and the day provided even less opportunity to buggy. The whole group decided to wait as long as it took for the wind to arrive in the evening, as it had the night before after we had departed! We even thought that maybe we could locate a car or van at each pylon location, with it's lights on and run the race in the dark! But as the day progressed it became apparent that the winds were not going to arrive, at least not while we were there, and many fliers had to make flight connections soon. A brief ending ceremony was held and we discussed what had been learned about buggy racing and events in general. Everyone pitched in to clean up the area and load all of the gear.

Was it worth the trip?, you may ask. The answer is a definite YES! Even with the light winds, I put almost another 20 miles on my buggy odometer. And it was a great opportunity to learn, both about kite traction and about doing events. Bob Childs and his crew of volunteers deserve a huge thank you for being the first to organize a racing event in the United States! There were no significant injuries to any participants because of the well considered event rules and guidelines and everything was well planned (too bad we can't plan the wind!) and organized. When frequent changes had to be made, a group consensus was always easily confirmed. A special thanks also to the BBE support staff: Scott Dyer, Troy Navarro, Jeff Cain, Scott Skinner, Dean Jordan, Corey Jensen (Corey couldn't come at the last minute, so if you talk to him, the story is that we had 18 to 26 MPH winds all weekend!), Frank Kenisky, Scott Brooks, Steve Shapson, and all the volunteers!

Even though no official races could be run, we all would go again in a minute! Next time there will be more wind and I'll be there!

Buggy 'till you drop.

Mike Eason





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Kite Calendar

Event organizers, please think ahead. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103 by the first of odd numbered months with kite calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number.

DECEMBER

December 28

Wednesday, WKA Board Meeting, P.M. Softchec, 12125 Willows Rd., Kirkland. All WKA members are welcome to attend. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

JANUARY

January 1, 1995

"Protest the Bowls" Kite Fly. Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, 11 A.M. to 3:30P.M. Sponsored by, Great Winds Kite Shop and WKA. Contact: Great Winds Kite Shop/Ken Conrad (206) 624-6886.

January 1, 1995

"Protest the Bowls" Kite Fly. Hanford School Playfield, Richland, WA, 12noon to 4P.M. Sponsored by, Ben Franklin Kite Society. Contact: Sky's the Limit Kites, Kennewick (509)783-5769.

January 1, 1995

WKA General Membership Meeting in conjunction with Fly at Golden Gardens Park. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

January 22, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Twin Harbors State Park 6P.M. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877.

January 26, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma, WA. Contact Dave Lord (206) 848-0322.

FEBRUARY

February 18-19, 1995

World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, Long Beach, WA. Choose from several kite train making classes. For beginners, make a train of three Ohashi arch

kites on Sunday afternoon. For more in-depth use of plastic for kites, learn the Jack van Gilder plastic fusing technique Saturday afternoon and make an Eddy train.

February 22, 1995

WKA Board Meeting, 7P.M., Softchec, 12125 Willows Rd., Kirkland, WA. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

February 23, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma, WA. Contact Dave Lord (206) 848-0322.

February 25, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 6P.M., Twin Harbors State Park. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877.

MARCH

March 3-5, 1995

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, Port Townsend, WA. See related article.

March 4, 1995

WKA General Membership Meeting, held during Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Contact: Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

March 23, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7P.M., Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma. Contact: Dave Lord at (206) 828-0322.

March 25, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck. Twin Harbors State Park, 6P.M., Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (206) 268-0877.

The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Capital City Flyers

Contact Leroy Peoples, (206) 456-4156.

Westport Windriders

Contact Bob Alford, (206) 888-2812. Funfly and a meeting/potluck dinner on the fourth Saturday of each month. Call for details.

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Greg or Margaret Greger (509) 943-3951.

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen (206) 733-3777 505 West Bakerview, #114, Bellingham, WA 98226.

S.F. Cody Kite Society

Contact Rick Brown (503) 689-8175 1082 Bethesda St., Eugene, OR 97402. Membership includes quarterly newsletter.

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

P.O. box 25616 Portland, OR 97225. Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter.

British Columbia Kitefliers

Assn.

Box 755, 810 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5Z-4C9. Membership \$8 (US money orders only, please).

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

Contact Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679 209 N 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902

kgb Kite Group of Boise

Contact Mick Dahms (208) 344-0613 3317 Targee St. Boise, ID 83705.

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Contact Dave Lord (206) 848-0322 or Penny Anderson (206) 895-3672. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Call for more information.

If your group has news/event dates, please contact editor. Mail info to: WKA, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98109, USA

Woodinville Family Fun Festival

By Lanny Ycoy

THE 13TH ANNUAL WOODINVILLE FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL was held September 10th and 11th at the St. Michelle and Columbia Crest wineries, and spilled into the under-construction area of the Red Hook Ale Brewery. The purpose of the festival was a fund raiser for the Woodinville Chamber of Commerce and Northshore Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program. The event allowed the chamber to donate approximately \$7500.

Not having a clue (but plenty of enthusiasm) about what was involved in coordinating a kite event, I told the Woodinville Chamber of Commerce "...sure, we can do a kite fly!" Fortunately, a WKA member suggested I contact the WKA, and with a tremendous amount of guidance, support and help from the officers and members of WKA, we put on a very successful first time event for the Woodinville Chamber.

The usual hitches and glitches that surprise an event chairman occurred. First thing the early arrivals noticed was the fly area had shrunk considerably. The field was muddy from the previous day's rain and the construction equipment being used on the Red Hook Brewery site.

The parking situation was a bit confused until I staked out a private parking area for the kitefliers. Then it started to look like a kite fly. Banners, Mini bowls, and other colorful kites were staked, assembled and created neat visuals for the event attendees.

Eli Williams got out his wind gauge and started his wind dance, soon the winds were gusting from nothing to 2.25 knots ...with the threat of heavy rains! I really appreciated the effort, Eli, perhaps you can fine tune that dance and omit the rain threat, OK? Practice for next years event!

Another bizarre hitch cramped our style: The fun fly and demo was ready to start at 9a.m. The sound system was in place and in operation, flyers doing wind dances, drinking coffee, some setting up kites and other paraphernalia when a King County Police Department chopper does a fly by (which as event chairman, I knew about) then some of the kitefliers who were parked in my "private" parking area said the sheriff was going to tow our vehicles, and I said "No problem, I'll handle it." Meanwhile the crowd is watching and waving at the helicopter that's hovering over the conference going on about who is parked in the landing zone. Flexing my authority, I announced that we had permission to park there, and the King County police said they had permission to park there...and commenced to demonstrate their authority by setting the chopper down in our fly zone, since we were in their parking space. Total chaos erupted. Kites, banners, gear was blown everywhere, and people began chasing the stuff down, and grabbing the stuff as it flew by. Luckily, nothing was totally destroyed, but there were a few broken spars and stuff. After exchanging a few words, our attorney's cards, we got back to the mater at hand, waiting for the wind. I'd guessed that when you scheduled a Kite Fly the wind automatically came with the event. You know, like getting string with your kite as a complete kit!

Music was provided by the Washington Blues Society, and the live performance was particularly enjoyed by the fans and most of the kitefliers. Pat, next time we'll try to have music you like, too!

The wind continued to shift psychotically. Some very determined people managed to get something in the air on a consistent basis.. David and Alexandra Coltran of Swift Shore Kites, Erv Crosby of Four Winds Kites, and Joie Cheetham practiced some one-handed dual-line flying. Doug Bowers from the Sci-Fi group in Everett launched a couple of trains of his alien bees, and to the crowd's delight, launched his 25-foot bee on Sunday afternoon. Stan Diaz came by on Sunday with his stack of Revolutions, and Dave Christenson finally got his 104-foot bowl in the air, as well as a large flow-form. A lot of kitefliers were out there flying or at least putting up a considerable effort to with the lamentable wind they had to work with. The Fun Fly was well represented by the Westport Windriders also.

Thanks to Dave Sweet, the NW Tribby Championship Team, Sci-Fi, and some individuals from Port Angeles and the Omak area. Thanks also to Ed Alden, Steve Millspaugh and the Fighter Squadron.

Most of all, my personal thanks to Dave and Susie Christenson, Morrie Williams, Lisa Iversen, Tom Sisson and the rest of the WKA, for stepping in and taking over where you were needed selling kites, ducks, and handling the public, and in general creating an impressive attraction to the festival.

Next year we are going to shoot for the fly area across the street at the JB Sod Farm!!!



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Pacific Beach Kite Festival

Stunt Kite Competition and Up Your Wind Kite Fly

PACIFIC BEACH, WA-The Hi-Flyers kite shop and all the local merchants of the Pacific Beach community sponsored the 2nd Annual Up Your Wind Kite Festival September 9, 10 and 11th at Pacific Beach. The Festival's registration on Friday afternoon was followed by a lighted kite fly at dusk. On Saturday, precision flying competition began at 9 a.m., beginning with junior division and working through the afternoon to the Master's division. A Peoples Choice Award was won by ????, and Ballet, Air Art and Power Pull events followed, capped by another lighted night fly. Competition for smallest kite and a "Small Kite Fly" was held on Sunday, followed by open flying all afternoon.

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KYTES-N-KREATIONS

by Mary Young

The citizens of Connell, Washington would like to invite all kite flyers and admirers to join us in our 2nd annual Kytes-n-Creations fun fly! This event hosts many great activities for young and old alike. Bring your kite or make one here. Prizes available!

Our event is held the 2nd Saturday in May beginning at 9:00am. This event helps to raise funds to support our Fall Festivals held the second weekend of September.

Come and attend this year! Don't miss out on the fun!

Questions and registration contact: Mary Young (509) 544-0155 or Sue Jensen (509) 234-3838.

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Seeking Information to Recover Kite Stolen at Westport

A Ram Turbo Jet stunt kite and kite lines/handles was taken Saturday afternoon 7/2/94. The custom vented blue, black and white kite was sparred with G-force rods having serial numbers affixed to the product. Only four of the kites were ever built. Please contact Dustin Tacket at (503) 246-7829 or Swift Shore Kites at (206) 869-5713 if you have any information.

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1993 WKA Pins, featuring WKA logo, \$4 each, \$3 each in lots of 10 or more. Make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404, (206) 471-9103.

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Banner Kits (by Carla Fox) containing pre-cut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$35 each. Make checks payable to WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404, (206) 471-9103.

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Main Bones Of An Organization

By Thomas F. McGorray

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Kite Shops that Save You Money

It was brought to the board's attention that we didn't have a list of Kite Shops that offered discounts to the WKA membership. So the president Dave Christenson wrote letters to all the kite shops he had addresses for. These are the responses he received. If other kite shops or businesses would like to be added to this list, please send the information to the president.

OCEAN KITES, 511 Pacific Avenue South, Long Beach, WA. (206) 642-2229. Offers 10% off to WKA members, excluding sale items.

SKY'S THE LIMIT, 4415 W. Clearwater Ave, Kennewick, WA. (509) 783-5769. Offers 10% discount to WKA members.

GREAT WINDS KITE SHOP, 402 Occidental Ave S, Seattle, WA. (206) 624-2202. Offers 10% discount to WKA members.

KITE WIZ CREATIONS, Parkland, WA. (206) 536-7587. Offers 20% discount to WKA members on kite related items.

GASWORKS PARK KITE SHOP, 3333 Wallingford N, Seattle, WA. (206) 633-4780. Discount offered to WKA members.

MAINFRAME KITE SHOP, 3340 East 11th St, Tacoma, WA. (206) 627-1653. Offers 10% to WKA members, excluding sale items.

CITY TOYS/KITES, 1501 Western Ave, Seattle, WA. (206) 622-5349. 10% off kites and related items.

CUTTING EDGE KITES, 25628 102nd Place SE, Kent, WA. (206) 631-7449. 10% except sale items.

CUTTING EDGE KITES, 676 Ocean Shores Blvd, Ocean Shores, WA. (206) 289-0667. 10% except sale items.

FOUR WINDS KITE SHOP, 1911 Broadway, Everett, WA. (206) 339-9334. 10% discount except sale items.

Please be prepared to show your current WKA membership card when requesting a discount from these merchants. We will print, and updated the list in future editions of the newsletter. Thank You to all the kite shops that responded.

Official WKA Ballot 1995 Election

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 31, 1994

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**Washington Kitefliers Association
Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
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CUT ALONG LINE

Yes!

By becoming a member of the WKA you receive the WKA Newsletter every other month for a year, a membership card which entitles you to discounts at some area kite stores, and a wealth of information about special events and goings-on in the Northwest kiting community.

Join the WKA and share the fun! Find out more about the fastest growing popular pastime in the United States today. WKA meetings offer individuals and families the opportunity to participate in the administrative support and planning of local kite events and workshops. Fill in the application and return it with a check or money order for \$15 to:

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