



Newsletter

June/July 1995

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

TOM SISSON FLIES IN FEDERAL WAY

By Rachael Waissman, Speech Pathologist
Federal Way School District

"LET'S GO FLY A KITE" took on a new meaning when Mr. Tom Sisson, member of the Washington Kitefliers Association, volunteered his time to the speech therapy students in the Federal Way School District. On March 23rd, Tom patiently instructed approximately forty "special needs" students at Nautilus Elementary, Totem Junior High, and Thomas Jefferson High School, in cutting and assembling "trash bag" kites well known as the delta.

Upon his arrival to each of the school sites, Tom quickly displayed various types of kites from various parts of the world to emphasize the uniqueness and degrees of complexity of kite making. Children were encouraged to ask questions and touch the different kites on display. In addition, kite safety rules and courtesies were clearly explained in the video and personally by Tom.

Flying lessons

As a result of this wonderful learning experience, the students left the session with a new perspective of kite making and flying. We look forward to spring again so Tom can join us for another kite flying adventure.



Totem Junior High School student Jason Daley laughs as kite maker Tom Sisson tells one of his creations over Daley's head. Sisson was at Totem to teach kite making to special education students. The program was part of a speech therapy project.

Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

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The next WKA Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM June 28th at Softchec, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. For more information contact: Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

It seems like I just wrote an article last week and now the editor wants another one. Gee Whiz! Don't I get a break once in a while? I guess not.

The Board has finally decided on a new pin design. The winning designer is Elain Genser of Nanaimo, B. C. Her design is a 3 pin set which forms a rokkaku when all 3 are put together. We hope to have them done by the next newsletter.

One of the newer kite clubs around, the North Coast Sky Painters, which has only been a club for about 6 months, put on a successful festival the other day. The Ocean Shores Festival of Colors had a lot of community support behind it this year and with the help of a lot of dedicated kite fliers the festival turned out great.

Don't forget that we have a lot more great festivals coming up in the next few months: The Yakima Valley Kite & Flight Festival in Union Gap, the Seattle Kite Festival at Magnuson Park, and the Westport Fun-tastic Kite Festival at Twin Harbors State Park in Westport.

If anyone has some good pictures of NW kites and some of the special things that go on in our area, please send them to me. I have a homepage on the Internet that specializes in NW kites. If you have net access and a web browser, check out <http://www.eskimo.com/~kaze/> If you send me some pictures, please put your name and address on the back if you want them back. Also say when and where the picture was taken, etc.

The guests for this years Washington State International kite Festival are: Harry Gregory & Nancy Lockwood from Ohio, Till Krapp from Germany, Ann Sloboda & Eric Curtis from Canada, and Chantal Barret & Genevieve Merel from France. This years WSIKF is shaping up to be another good one.

Well, it's 6:30 PM, the sun is shining, and there is a little breeze so I think I will try to get in some UL flying now.

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:

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The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue — March 15th for the next 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 U.S., please add \$5(US) additional for postage) to:

Washington Kitefliers Assoc.
c/o Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 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.

FIGHTER KITE WORKSHOP

John Alholm, chairman of the fighter kite competition for the Washington State International Kite Festival, says that anyone can make and fly a fighter kite.

He is so sure that he's leading a fighter kite making and flying workshop sponsored by the World Kite Museum in Long Beach the weekend of June 17 & 18.

Beginning at 10:00 AM Saturday, you will make 2 or 3 kites. In the afternoon, John, Marie Dube, and Katherine Premo will give continuous fighter kite flying lessons. John says this is "to get beginners going, to let people try the fighter kite who have little or no experience."

Mary Ruby is organizing a pot luck Saturday evening. She says, "Bring some meat to cook and something to pass."

Experienced flyers are welcome. Cost is \$5.00 for all materials. For more information, call the Museum at (360) 642-4020.

THE LIGHTED KITE WORKSHOP

BY ROD BEAMGUARD

On April 22-23 I attended the Lighted Kite Workshop held in Long Beach and presented by Fred Schuneman. Both the basic and the advanced sessions had very good attendance. Fred did a very fine job in preparing for those kitefliers interested in lighting their kites.

Anyone with a little basic knowledge of electronics and soldering technique could very easily produce light sets for their kites. I hope to have several more sets up and running before WSIKF in August.

The Saturday session produced a string of 20 red LEDs run by 2 AA batteries. It was a very time-consuming, labor-intensive project which will produce beautiful results on the flying fields. On Sunday, the advanced session was devoted to producing a small circuit board which controls the rate of blinking for the lights. I almost wish I was still teaching physics. This would be a great spare-time project (or extra credit?) for high school students. The parts are readily available and the techniques are easily learned.

These lights are a welcome alternative to the expensive ones available commercially. I don't know why everyone doesn't have a lighted kite. If this workshop is presented again in the future, I would highly recommend taking the time to build your own light sets.

THIS IS >>>>---->
DIFFERENT!!

From *The Kiteflier*, Jan '95 (Gr. Britain)

The Japanese electric utility Shikoku Electric Power Co. has developed a robot which moves automatically along overhead distribution lines to retrieve kites that have become entangled in the lines.

The robot is hoisted up to the line, mid-span, using a cord attached to a pulley hooked onto the line with the aid of an insulated pole. It then engages the line and moves automatically along it rotating some kind of cutting device that severs the kite line and causes the kite to fall to the ground.

Do we really need this?

YAKIMA VALLEY KITE & FLIGHT FESTIVAL

The 6th Annual Yakima Valley Kite & Flight Festival is just about here, June 10 & 11 being the big dates. Held in Union Gap (south of Yakima) at Fulbright Park, the festival promises lots of sun and maybe even some wind. The event will be hosted by the Yakima Valley Kite Fliers and co-sponsored by the City of Union Gap. (Where would we be without generous sponsors?)

This year's festival offers an event for every taste, including a free BBQ on Saturday night. Among scheduled events are a mystery kite ballet, single line competitions, an innovative competition (say, what?), kite races for the kids, and kite games for all. There will also be demonstrations by noted fighter kite fliers and stunt kite teams and singles. While there are NO ENTRY FEES, there will be CASH PRIZES awarded to winners. Kids attending will receive a free kite!

Accommodations include on-site camping (no electrical or water hook-ups if I remember correctly) and local motels. If accommodations are needed or more information is desired, call Pat at (509) 966-0814.

COME FLY THE **BIG ONE** IN THE ROUND!

Reminder

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This is just a gentle reminder for you to check the renewal date on your mailing label for the WKA Newsletter. If you are past due and haven't done so yet, please renew now so you don't miss any copies of your newsletter.

THE EDITOR'S ECHO

My involvement with the WKA as Newsletter Editor has been a very eye-opening experience for me. I might add that I am very pleased with most of what I have seen so far.

I am finding that politics are very much alive in the kiteflying community! Being a very non-political person, I had not taken much notice of this before. After all, in my opinion, the very purpose of kiteflying is to have fun. That's why I have been involved in kiting for the last 20 years -- to have fun.

However, there are definite groups and individuals associated with the WKA (as well as the AKA and AOK, to name but a few) who are very politically motivated in achieving their own personal goals, desires, and ambitions at the expense of other members of the WKA. I have heard kitefliers called "stupid" because of the way they bridle a kite! At WSIKF last year I saw someone get very upset and belligerent because another person's kiteline became entangled with theirs. If you sit back and really look around you, you will find a number of people who aren't happy unless the task at hand is done their way. On a personal level, people have expressed _____ (choose one: disgust, amazement, enthusiasm, disbelief, mild acceptance) on learning that I use PageMaker 5.0 and a Macintosh computer to prepare this newsletter. What a range of attitudes!

At the same time, there are many WKA members who have no other personal agenda than to have fun. If a job needs to be done, they do it using familiar methods. Does it really matter how a task is accomplished, how a festival is run, or how a kite is bridled, as long as the job gets done? I would hope not. Positive suggestions for improvement should always be welcomed. Negative criticism without offering a positive constructive alternative can be very destructive and divisive.

My intent in airing this matter is not to offend or chastise. I would hope we could all take the time to sit back and evaluate our actions and the way we deal with situations and other people. There are many reasons why all interests can coexist without doing so at the expense of others.

Give it some thought. See you on the beach!

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Article I Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be:
Washington Kitefliers Association

Article II Address

The address of the organization shall be:
c/o Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109

Article III Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to foster and encourage enthusiasm for kiteflying, interest in the aesthetics of kite design, the study of aerodynamics relating to the design of kites, and the study of the history of kites; and further to promote safety in kiteflying and to perpetuate the art and science of kiteflying through education.

Article IV Membership

- A. Washington Kitefliers Association shall have four classes of membership as follows:
 1. Individual
 2. Family; may be granted to two or more persons residing at the same address.
 3. Associations; a non-dues-paying, non-voting membership granted to kite oriented organizations for the purpose of exchange of publications and information.
 4. Life; a non-dues-paying, voting, individual or family membership which may be granted to a WKA member in recognition of extraordinary and exemplary service to the association.
- B. Individual and Family memberships are open to any interested persons who pay the annual dues as established by a majority vote of the membership.
- C. Each individual membership shall be entitled to one vote and each family membership shall be entitled to two votes. Each life membership shall be entitled to one or two votes, depending on the type of membership prior to the granting of the life membership. Association memberships shall have no vote.
- D. The term of dues-paying memberships shall be from the first day of the month following acceptance of application for membership until the last day of the twelfth month following. Membership shall be terminated for non-payment of dues 30 days after written notice. The term of association memberships shall be as long as reasonable exchange of publications and information continues.
- E. To each member there shall be issued a membership card showing the organization name, the member's name, the period during which the membership is valid, the signature of the president, and any other information the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate.
- F. Any member shall be free to terminate membership at any time, with remaining dues non-refundable.

Article V Membership Meetings

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held in November of each year for the purpose of conducting business of the organization including, but not limited to, changes in bylaws or dues, approval of the budget, approval of policies, or for the education and enlightenment of the members. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum of at least nine members is present.

Article VI Elections

- A. Elected officers shall serve a term of one calendar year.
- B. An election committee of three members shall be appointed by the Board to canvass the membership for nominees for new officers and Board Members. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the August Board meeting, or by write-in vote. All nominees must be WKA members. All nominees shall be published in the newsletter and all ballots shall be returned by mail and counted by the election committee. Ballots must be received by October 31.

Article VII Board of Trustees

- A. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president, standing committee chairmen, and representatives of affiliated kite clubs which apply for board representation. All officers and Board members must be members in good standing.
- B. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be to conduct all business of the Association except that business specifically assigned in the bylaws to the membership. The Board shall provide leadership to fulfill the goals of the organization. The Board shall develop policies regarding expenditure of funds, the sponsorship of activities, and the scheduling of events. All policies shall be approved by the membership. At the November general membership meeting, the Board shall present a proposed budget of income and expenditures for the coming year for approval of the members. In the first newsletter of each year (February), the Board shall publish a report of general income and expenditures for the previous year, and an accounting of property.
- C. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by appointment by the president and approval of the Board members.
- D. Meetings of the Board shall be in even numbered months, or at the discretion of the president. The president shall act as chairperson. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum, consisting of five trustees, is present. Meetings shall be open to members and invited guests who, at the discretion of the chair, may speak, but may not vote.

Article VIII Duties of Officers

- A. Officers of the Association shall consist of:
 1. President, who shall act as the executive of the Association.
 2. Vice-President, who shall perform the duties of the president in that officer's absence, and such other duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees.

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3. Treasurer, who shall be responsible for all funds of the Association, receive monies due and payable to the Association and deposit such monies in a financial depository selected by the Board of Trustees. The treasurer shall distribute funds to pay the obligations of the Association according to the policies set forth by the Board of Trustees. The treasurer shall regularly report the financial status of the group to the Board.
4. Secretary, who shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the members. A summary of the meeting activities shall be included in the newsletter.
5. Kite club representatives shall represent the interests of their respective organizations to the statewide organization.
6. Standing committees shall be responsible for the following major functions and special interest areas:
 - ◊ Newsletter
 - ◊ Membership
 - ◊ Products
 - ◊ Special Events
 - ◊ Education
 - ◊ Safety
 - ◊ Merchants

- B. Any officer or board member may be removed from office for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of their duties. Requests for recall must be presented to the Board of Trustees. On agreement of a majority of the Board, the issue will be presented to the members in a mail ballot. If passed by a majority of the members voting, termination will be effective as of the next Board meeting.

Article IX Amendment of the Bylaws

Any proposed amendment to the bylaws of this Association shall be first accepted by the Board of Trustees before being submitted to the membership, at which time it shall be adopted by the Association if it is approved by two-thirds of the members voting at that meeting.

These bylaws are hereby published as adopted at the general membership meeting held on March 5, 1995, at the Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference.

NORTHWEST NET SURFERS

by Dave Christenson

Here are the names and addresses of those WKA members who can communicate via e-mail. I am sure there are others and would like to add to add them to the list as soon as possible.

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NEW CLUB FORMS!!

The Spokane area now has an official local kite club, the Lilac City Wind Chasers. Organizational details are sketchy at this time but contact may be made through Bill or Connie Lester at either 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane 99205 or (509) 327-2829.

The club meets every Thursday evening from 5:00 PM until dark in Friendship Park in the 7400 block on North Standard. If there is wind, they fly until they drop, even after dark on occassion. If there is no wind, conversation is usually followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

A short newsletter is also being published. It should keep all of us in tune with what is happening in Spokane.

If you are in the area, give them a call or drop by. They'd love to have you!

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

PROFIT AND LOSS

January through December 1994

INCOME

Dues income	\$2,640.00
Grants	900.00
Interest Income	71.06
Miscellaneous Income	486.00
Newsletter Ads Prepay	-150.00
Newsletter Ads	453.00
Pizza Party	683.00
Product Sales	791.00
Reimb Cost Adv	<u>2,599.86</u>
Total Income	\$8,473.92

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$ 56.21
Clubhouse Rent	636.00
Education Material	126.47
Gifts	49.12
Insurance	646.00
Office Supplies	35.28
Postage	705.86
Printing	2,907.28
Products	169.29
Supplies	376.47
Telephone	78.97
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>1,982.49</u>
Total Expense	\$7,769.44

NET INCOME \$704.48

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1994

ASSETS

Seafirst Regular Checking	\$4,401.35
Seafirst Savings	<u>3,194.94</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,596.29

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Net Income	\$ 704.48
Equity	<u>6,891.81</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$7,596.29

A BEAR'S VIEW

by Horace

Hi! I'm Horace, of the Rainbear Skydive Corps. I am the new "Official Correspondent" of the Corps, and will be reporting from time to time on kite events that we attend. Since this is my first report and we must cover several events, the report will be a bit longer than normal.

First, a brief word about me. I am an exceptionally handsome bear (and, yes, a bit vain). I was sewn by Captain Dick of genuine German mohair to an antique bear pattern from 1908. I wear a fine hopi coat, have my own picnic blanket, box kite with kite bag, canvas kite case, and wooden kite winder. I am hoping to add a few more kites to my case, especially a nice miniature delta. However, the Captain doesn't pay me much, so it may be awhile before I can afford it. Because of my quality, the Captain has been reluctant to let me jump, and assigned me to the role of the Corp's Public Relations Officer.

The first event I attended was the SCI-FI fluted sled-making class the Captain taught in February. This was a follow-up to the class he taught at the AOK Rockaway Beach Kite Makers Conference in January. The SCI-FI class was attended by 6 participants, who completed their storm flutes in fine style.

Next, I went to the Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference in March. The "humes" consider this a big deal, and I have to admit, it was a hoot. I was accompanied by my twin brother, Greeley, who elected to enter the raffle and was adopted to a good home in Vancouver, WA, with your newsletter editor.

The conference featured many fine classes. Personally, I was interested in Dan Kurahashi's class on miniature kites. However, the Captain signed up for Mike Sterling's class on the P-38 airplane kite. This class was originally scheduled for two hours. As if the humes could do anything that complex in that time! It ended up taking them all of Saturday, part of Saturday night, half of Sunday, and they still had to finish up at home! Still, it's a neat kite, even if it is totally worthless from a bear's point of view (insufficient lift for jumping).

Finally, I'd like to comment on the Annual SCI-FI Ft. Casey Fly and Chili Feed. Now that was an event worth losing your honey pot for! We had a beautiful, sunny, cool day, with good wind most of the time. The Captain was delighted to see all the new flutes in the air. Pierre had his new 30 footer up, and there were several standard and storm flutes flying. Every bear in the Corps (except me) got to jump several times, using the Captain's new 63 sq.ft.(!!) flute as a platform. (He says he is planning a 120 footer for next year...His enthusiasms to tend to run away from him.) More than 24 jumps were made, including one 4-bear jump. We had a group of about 8 kids doing retriever duties throughout the day. There were only two untoward events. Our newest (and most overweight) member, Willoughby, did a "whumper" from 250 feet. On the multiple bear jump, Leo hung up and couldn't get down.

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The Seattle Kite Festival: Seven years and still going strong

June 18th is just around the corner, ready to bring in the 7th Seattle Kite Festival at Magnuson Park. A SKY PARADE is planned. Steve Millspaugh will run the fighter kite demonstrations, Prism Designs is doing their annual "Hot to" Roger and Janice Maddy will put on a show, and Melinda Ellis and Paul Dehope will fly a pairs routine. Team OGO is also warming up. If anyone is interested in a rokkaku battle, be ready.

At 1:00 PM there will be a MASS ASCENSION of NW Brainchild Foundation Kites. Last year's raffle raised \$500.00 for this worthy cause. Let's try to beat it this year! For a \$6 donation, you get 5 raffle tickets and a NW Brainchild Kite to fly in the mass ascension. It's an incredible sight to see all those little mylar octopus kites in the air at once.

Gasworks Park Kites, Great Winds Kites, and Prism Designs have all donated special prizes for the raffle. The raffle proceeds will be donated to the NW Brainchild Foundation. After a 1991 operation for a brain tumor, Seattle area businessman/inventor Michael Bader joined Drs. Berger, Silber, and Bobola at the University of Washington Hospital to form the NW Brainchild Foundation. The Foundation is a research organization for the study of the biology of malignant tumors. Brain tumors are the leading cause of tumor-related deaths in young children today.

Ken and Suzanne at Great Winds have organized many work parties to clear brush from the kiteflying hill at Magnuson Park. Kathy Goodwind and Dawn Benedict at Gasworks Park Kites have been doing the organizational work for the festival.

Great Winds Kites returns this year with free Frustrationless Flyers™ that people can build, decorate, and fly on site. Cheerful, warmhearted volunteers are still needed to assist beginners. Call Ken at (206) 624-6886.

(Ed. Note: If you can't make it to the festival, you might want to consider contacting Kathy Goodwind at (206)632-6151 about making a cash contribution to the NW Brainchild Foundation. I've always felt that kids need all the help and support they can get. This is very obviously an area which will impact our youth, needs more research, and merits our support - besides being tax-deductible. Please give it some consideration!)

ADVERTISEMENTS

For items relating to kites or kitefliers. Charge is 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, Found, Stolen, or Free items will be listed free if under 30 words. Make checks payable to WKA.

WKA Merchandise

Pins - 1993 WKA pins, featuring WKA logo, \$4 each or \$30 for a lot of 10 pins.

Banners - Banner kits by Carla Fox containing precut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$35 each.

Window Stickers - Five-color, 4" x 4" removable vinyl window stickers featuring the WKA logo on the front of this newsletter, \$3 each.

New WKA Windsocks - The new windsocks are now available as seen at Fort Worden, the WKA logo on a purple background. Sized and priced: 36" sock is \$20.00, 48" sock is \$25, and 60" sock is \$40.

Make checks payable to the WKA.
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PLEASE: Send kite pictures, technique articles, kite plans, etc., for publication in YOUR newsletter. We need more material and will gratefully accept anything you can spare.

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A LETTER FROM THE WORLD KITE MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME TO THE WKA:

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame, I wish to thank you for your most generous contribution to our Museum Building Fund.

The Board is working very hard to obtain funds for a new facility in Long Beach. We hope to either expand the existing museum, or construct a new building in the same area. Funds have permitted us to retain a design and architectural firm from the Seattle area and the Board has met with this firm to set up the basic foundation of the facility.

As a very important contributor to the building fund, you will be receiving updates and newsletters concerning the progress of the new museum project.

Again, thank you for your contribution of \$500.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Ray Nelson, Treasurer

Ed. note: Any helpful information received from WKM&HF will be passed on in these pages.

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A BEAR'S VIEW -continued from page 8

Embarassed the heck out of the Captain, which serves him right for not building the new multiple jump release mechanism he's had on the drawing board all winter.

The highlight of the day, from our view, was Amelia Bearheart's beautiful jump from 250 feet directly into the center of a half-acre patch of thick brush and thorns. It took the Captain half an hour to crush his way through and get her out. At one point he fell over and was down on his back in the thorns, unable to get up and waving his arms and legs like an upside down Galapagos tortoise. What fun! The poor baby is still picking thorns out of his skin. He tried to get a Purple Heart, but Amelia, who has taken over the Corp's Adjutant duties from John Quincy Bear, refused to authorize it.

Incidentally, the Captain is thinning down and "healthing" up. I doubt he'll waste away to unrecognizability, but keep your eyes open for the "New Captain Dick Lite" at summer events.

Until later, enjoy His blessing to all of involved with kites: "The Earth, The Sky...The Wind Between".

UP WITH KITES; DOWN WITH BEARS!

Horace

Kite Calendar

Event organizers: Please think ahead. **Contact Rod Beamguard at (360) 574-8050** with Kite Calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number.

JUNE

June 5, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, Everett. Fly at 10:00 AM with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

June 10-11, 1995

Sixth Annual Yakima Valley Kite & Flight Festival, Fullbright Park, Union Gap. Sponsored by the Yakima Valley Kite Flyers. Contact Pat Teague (509) 966-814.

June 18, 1995

Seattle Kite Festival, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Sponsored by Gasworks Kite Shop. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780.

June 24, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 7:00 PM. Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

June 29, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mainframe Kite Shop, 3340 E 11th Street, Tacoma. Contact Penny Anderson (360) 895-3672 or Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

JULY

July 1-2, 1995

North Coast Challenge, Shilo Inn at Lincoln City, OR. Stunt and general competition. Contact Genny Forsberg (503) 357-7557.

July 9, 1995

Fourth Annual Jetty Island Days, Everett. Fun fly 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Pizza feed (BYOP) at 6:00 PM at Alfie's Pizza. Sponsored by SCI-FI Kite Club. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

July 21-23, 1995

Fun-tastic Kites, Westport Kite Festival. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Twin Harbor Beach, Bongie Rd access, Westport-Grayland. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

July 27, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mainframe Kite Shop, 3340 E 11th Street, Tacoma. Contact Penny Anderson (360) 895-3672 or Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

AUGUST

CHANGED to Sept 22-24
Camp Casey at Whidbey Island, call (206)334-0362 5
3rd Annual Washington State Stunt Kite Championships. Camano island.

August 20-27, 1995

14th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach.

August 26, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 7:00 PM. Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 10, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, Everett. Fly at 10:00 AM with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, 7:00 PM. Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

OCTOBER

October 8, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, Everett. Fly at 10:00 AM with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

October 28, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck.(7:00 PM). Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

NOVEMBER

November 11, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, Everett. Fly at 10:00 AM with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

November 25, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck.(7:00 PM). Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.



If you have any further dates which need to be included, send them to the editor A.S.A.P.

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.



Lilac City Wind Chasers Active

by Chris Lester

Lights! Action! Camera! That's what five LCWC members heard Friday, April 14, at Central Ferry, WA. Bill and JoAnn Cox and Bill, Connie, and Chris Lester went to Central Ferry to film a segment of Q-6 "Weekend Getaway" (KHQ-TV Channel 6). The back drop was beautiful and the wind was almost too much, but the filming was fun.

Air date is uncertain but it will be shown on the Saturday morning and Sunday evening news.

On Sunday, April 23rd, the 14th Annual Fun Kite Fly sponsored by the Pend Orielle Arts Council was held in the Sandpoint, ID, City Park. All kites were homemade and participation was outstanding. Craig Lester received a blue ribbon and the LCWC received one for their ground display. Several hundred kitefliers attended.

REGIONAL CLUBS

ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS

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

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Box 755, 810 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, CANADA V5Z-4C9.
Membership \$8.00 in a US money order only.

CAPITOL CITY FLYERS

Contact Leroy Peoples ((360) 456-4156.

kgb KITE GROUP of BOISE

Rolando Smith-Gloria, 5403 Paulson Circle, Boise, ID 83704.
Individual membership \$7.00 includes a quarterly (?) newsletter.

LILAC CITY WIND CHASERS

Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane, WA 99205 or (509) 327-2829. Fly Thursdays, 5:00PM, Friendship Park, 7400 N Standard, Spokane.

NORTH BEACH SKY PAINTERS KITE CLUB

Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982. P. O. Box 88, Copalis Beach, WA 98535. Fun fly and potluck dinner on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Contact Penny Anderson (360)895-3672. Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Call for details.

SCI-FI SNOHOMISH COUNTY INCREDIBLE FLYING INDIVIDUALS

Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334.

S. F. CODY KITE SOCIETY

Contact Rick Brown (503) 996-4487.
1805 NW Harbor Avenue #1, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

SQUALICUM KITE FLYERS

Contact Don or Shirley Allen (360) 733-3777. 505 West Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA 98226.

YAKIMA VALLEY KITE FLYERS

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

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

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

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:

Washington Kitefliers Association
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200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109



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