



# Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## WIND, WEATHER, FUN: WSIKF HAS IT ALL!

The 14th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival was all and more than anyone expected! Great winds (sometimes almost too strong), sun, sun, more sun, and lots of good people were the order for the week. The international guests were great and provided a light touch. Genevieve Merel and Chantal Barret (France) had some outstanding self-portrait figure kites. Till Krapp (Germany) put up several nice kites, including a large Cody stretched tight as a drum head. The dues ripstop kites of Anne Slaboda and Eric Curtis (Canada) gave everyone a lot at which to wonder.

Not being a buggy pilot (or much of a sport kiter) I was really intrigued by the buggy demonstrations on the hardpack. It is easy to see why bugging is gaining such a large following.

Michael Steltzer of Berlin again offered an all expense paid trip to the International Kite Festival of Berlin which was held on September 23 & 24. The winner was to be chosen by drawing from all the category winners during the Handcrafted Comprehensive Single Line Competition on Thursday. The first name drawn, a flier from Olympia whose name I did not catch, was not at the banquet on Saturday night and declared ineligible! The next name was a kiter from Canada whom I am sure had a good time in Berlin. Mike Sterling from Portland was last years winner. Not only did he participate in the Berlin festival but he extended his trip a week and went to the festival at Fano. What a trip!

If you were not able to attend WSIKF this year, get it on your schedule for August of 1996! It's sure to be a winner.

(Event winners are listed on other pages of this issue.)

## THANKSGIVING POTLUCK TO BE SPONSORED BY SCI-FI AND WKA

November 11, 1995, 6:00 P.M., St. Mary Magdalen Church, Everett: BE THERE! Everyone interested is invited. SCI-FI will also hold a fun fly at Marine Park all day. Contact Mike Eason at (206) 334-0362 for more information or to donate possible auction items the proceeds of which will benefit the

WKA treasury.

Directions: Take I-5 exit 189 to SR 526 west. Take first left exit and turn left on Evergreen Way. After one block, turn left onto Casino Road. Go one block and turn right onto 7th Ave. S.E. (there is a light). Go down 7th one block to the church. The hall is in the back.

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 October 25th at Softchec, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. For more information contact: Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

How come nobody has been beating on my door? Doesn't anyone want to be an officer of the WKA? Being an officer isn't that hard. If I was

president for four years, you can do it too. Seriously, please consider volunteering for one of the soon to be vacant positions. You won't regret it. It can be fun and the work is not hard. I have had lots of fun doing it and so can you.

This year the WKA is helping to put on two holiday potlucks. One is Nov. 11 in Everett with the SCI-FI club and our northern friends. The other is Dec. 9 with the PCKA in the Fife Senior Community Center. Please plan on attending one or both because we had a wonderful time last year and want to share our good times with you again this year.

Boy, have there been some good festivals this year? WSIKF (what can I say) was great! I thought the buggy demos were great even though I came back with 5 pounds of wet sand in my ears and other unimaginable places. Westport was called the Fun-tastic Kite Festival. It sure was! I enjoyed doing the mass ascensions with Vic. And yes, folks, the pins should be back about the first week of October. Another fun festival was the Pacific Beach Up Your Winds Festival. For only being the 3rd year, it really grew fast for such a small town. It shows what can happen when the town gets behind something that benefits everyone. Next year will probably be bigger with the addition of single line competitions. Be sure to put this one on your calendar.

Last month during WSIKF our newest club, the NW Buggy Pilots Assoc., met with the City of Long Beach, the WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, and other local agencies to try and change the way the state beaches are ruled. The group met with the club and several other buggies to see if more areas could be legally opened up to kite buggies. After all was said and done, I think the city and state officials went away with a positive attitude towards buggies. Time will tell. The officials said it will take about a year to go through the process so all we can do is hope for now.

I would like to give a big Thank You to TJ & Stu Murphy and all their helpers who cooked all the spaghetti for the WKA party at WSIKF this year. I think TJ did a great job and hope she returns next year for a repeat performance. Thanks go out to all the people and shops that donated door prizes for the party. Thanks to Ken and Suzanne for collecting a lot of those items. And thanks to Carol for keeping track of the money and expenses for us. We were in the black ink this year. We hope everyone had a good time and we'll be seeing you there again next year.

Last but not least, don't forget that we need volunteers for the WKA Board next year. Get in touch with me or any of the present board members. If you have questions about any of the responsibilities of the board positions, please give me a call. Remember, this is your club and we need your help to keep it one of the best clubs around.

One last item. If any of the local clubs want their meetings and activities listed in the calendar in this newsletter, please make sure the editor or myself gets the correct information (date, time, place, contact person, and phone number). Any item for the newsletter needs to be submitted by the middle of the odd numbered months.

*Best Winds! Dave*

## WKA Newsletter 1995

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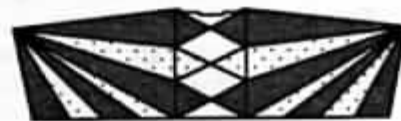
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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication. Mail submissions 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 Association, 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.

# PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER EXPRESSES THANKS!

**The following August 14th letter from the Pacific Science Center was addressed to Tom Sisson c/o the WKA.**

Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for the kite flying decorations and demonstration you provided for our 28th Annual *Festival of the Fountains* fundraiser. Despite the gusty weather during the cocktail hour and the loss of one of the largest decorative kites, both the hanging kites and the short demonstration were enjoyed by guests and staff alike.

Your support helped raise more than \$114,000 towards our mission of bringing science and kids together. Response was outstanding for this year's party, making it one of the most successful *Festivals* to date.

Again, thank you for providing the kite decorations and demonstrations. They lent a colorful and playful atmosphere to our event. We really appreciate it and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

(signed)

George and Barbara Akers  
Chairs, *Festival of the Fountains*

(signed)

George Moynihan  
Executive Director

*A personal note was added to the bottom of the letter:*

Thanks for all your help and support!!! You did a wonderful job.

Reports have it that Tom Sisson, Dave Christenson, and Stu Murphy went to the Pacific Science Center and hung kites as decorations and gave a demonstration of kiting for the the annual PSC fundraising event. It is really great to have such good ambassadors for kiting!

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## **BIRD KITE WORKSHOP OFFERED WITH BIRDWATCHING**

The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach is sponsoring a workshop on bird kites and a bird watching hike. The workshop will accompany the Museum's main exhibit "Wings on Strings: About Bird Kites".

On Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 A.M., you can make a multi-colored bird kite from plastic. Cost of materials will be \$3.00. At 1:30 P.M. MaryAnn Lafave will teach Helen Bushnell's trefoil Dicki Bird kite made from rip-stop nylon for \$10.00. You will need to bring your own sewing machine. Both classes will be held at Long Beach School.

Sunday at 8:00 A.M. Henry Gilmore, a local Audubon guide, will meet with interested bird watchers at the Museum. A hike will then be taken in the Lewis Unit of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge where over 50 species of birds can be seen.

For information or preregistration, contact either Kay Buesing at (360) 665-5744 or the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame at (360) 642-4020, P.O. Box 964, Long Beach, WA 98631.

## Able-Bodied Kitefliers Needed by WKA

Now is your chance to really become involved in the workings of the WKA.

The yearly elections are coming up soon for officers and board members. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Dave Christenson has been very happy to donate his time to serve as president for the last four years. He wants (and deserves) a break from these duties. Many other officers and board members have served for as long or longer. We really need you to volunteer for some of these positions.

If you are at all inclined towards giving something back to WKA, please contact Dave at (206) 471-9103 or any other current board member at the phone numbers listed on page 4.



PLEASE  
READ &  
RESPOND  
FAVORABLY



## THE EDITOR'S ECHO

What a summer! Busier than ever. I really want to thank Dave for finishing up the August/September issue for me. I also need to apologize to those who sent in notices and articles which were not included in that issue. I was driving across country to the East Coast during the month of July and a lot of material arrived at my home after I had left and so were not sent to Dave for inclusion in the newsletter. I am sorry if the non-appearance of your notice caused lower attendance at your event. I've tried to get appropriate articles into this newsletter.

One of the highlights of my trip was being able to fly on the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, NC, and to briefly fly a kite off Kill Devil Hill and the Wright Brothers Memorial. I had taught aerospace education for many years and am very familiar with the Wright Brothers achievements in the development of flight.

The WSIKF was fantastic again this year. Everyone I talked with was having a really great time. The new kites continue to be outstanding. The weather was terrific - strong wind most of the time and sunny days. What more could any kiteflier want?

Keep those pictures and articles coming. See you on the beach!



Rod

## FUN-TASTIC KITE FESTIVAL 1995

by Jodi Hagaman

Those of you who attended this years festival got to enjoy some of the best weather you can ever hope to find here on the coast. The winds were pretty good but those with big stuff were frustrated. The Windriders painted the sky with as much color as the sky could handle. We really enjoyed the arches by Mike Button, Ron & Pat Button, Don & Shirley Allen, Terry Lee, Robin Haas, and Marleen Zilar.

Socializing seemed to be the main ingredient at this years festival. Don & Shirley Allen, Ron & Pat Button, Bill & Connie Lester, and Marleen Zilar are but a few of those attending whom we have not seen on our beaches for awhile. Thank you so much for coming to see us all.

Elaine Genser from Canada - your lovely garden of petal banners blowing in the wind was a delight! Please come back again. The mass ascencion was a huge success. We think this would be a good idea each year as there was less tension and no rush to get to another competition, just the pleasure flying with a good group of people. Vic looked good running around in his shorts ( even at his young age). Keep showing off those good looking legs!

The bonfire and fireworks were a huge success but let's remember to burn the wood more at the beginning than at the end. The Tree Top photo session was also a success. It must have been because of all the little elves who helped put the kites together. There were many happy little Tree Top kite flyers in the field. Question is, did anyone get the right photo to send to Tree Top? The teddy bear drop was another fun event. Special thanks to Pic-A-Patch Kites for the cuddly teddy bears.

Saturday nights awards dinner was a special treat - lots of good food, especially lots of roasted pig. Thanks to Al Axton and Eli Williams.

Late Sunday afternoon was very relaxing. There were even four pot-bellied pigs taking a stroll eating seaweed. Yes, folks, live pigs on the beach. I still think a kite line on one of those curly tails would have looked cute!!!!

For some reason Roger Maddy, without knowing it, added a special moment on Sunday while flying 3 stunt kites to relaxing music. You might say he was conducting the wind with his kites.

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# THE MYSTERIOUS INVASION OF THE PARACHUTING TEDDYBEARS

On returning home from the Westport Kite Festival, Vi and Elmo Weeks discovered that their backyard had been invaded by a sloth of parachuting teddybears ("sloth", the proper word for a group of bears, look it up). Hanging here, there and everywhere, suspended from plastic grocery bag 'chutes were bears of all shapes, sizes and descriptions. The smallest was only 2 inches tall while the largest was more than 3 feet. One bear appeared to be trying to break-in the back door but the early arrival home must have stopped him. All told, there were 78 parabears, plus a sneaky-looking coyote and a fat, wooly sheep. Mascots? Honorary bears? Nobody knows. Some were suspended as high as 18 feet, quite a feat (pun intended). Vi and Elmo had a most difficult time persuading them to come down. Nobody seems to know who instigated this unusual bear drop. It has been noted that Greg and Margaret Greger did not attend the Westport Kite Festival but they steadfastly deny any knowledge of this occurrence.

A small reward (and several parabears) will be given to any person who can show proof leading to the person or persons who conspired with these parabears to invade the Weeks' backyard. -Vi Weeks

## RENDEZ-VOUS MONDIAL du CERF-VOLANT

by Elaine Genser

I was thrilled to again have a chance to attend this wonderful festival in Verdun, Quebec. A great deal on air fare, a red-eye flight, and a solution to packing my kites was all that was needed.

Wednesday was a shakedown day. This festival has MANY corporate sponsors and we were treated to a fantastic buffet lunch. I met up with Ray Bethel and Art Ross from BC and Ginny & Eric Forsberg from Oregon. Registration included a terrific T-shirt that actually fit me, an equally terrific pin (only 600 were made), and a tour of the city.

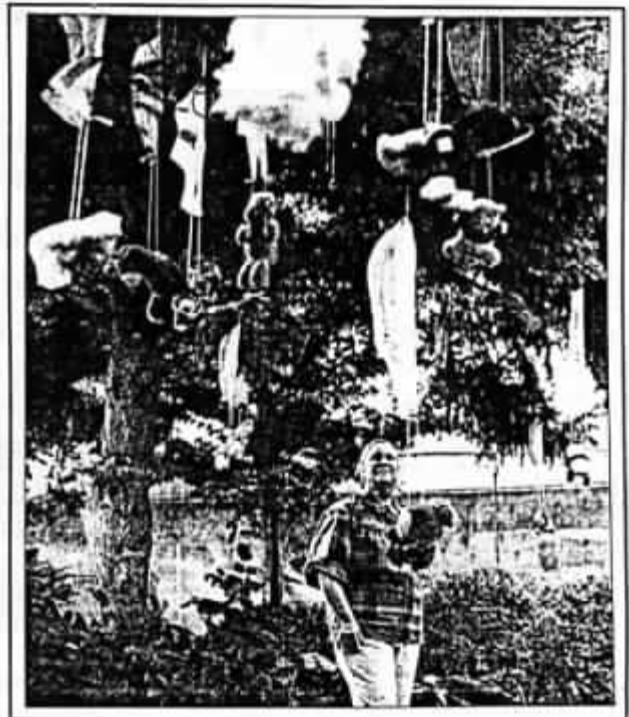
Because of limited flying space, there were separate fields for dual/quad lines, LARGE kites, kids, and special guests. Bleachers were set up on one side of the field, which was surrounded by a wire fence. Only registered fliers got inside the fence. Outside, there were jugglers, clowns, musicians, etc. wandering around and entertaining spectators.

Thursday brought strong gusty winds. The Sundowners from San Francisco put on an admirable performance in absolutely horrendous wind conditions, starting with 6 stacks of kites and finishing with 2!

Friday started out well, with even winds. By mid-afternoon we were suddenly caught in a rain squall. Fortunately, I had already packed up and was able to put my gear in the large container parked by the flying field where participants could store their kites overnight. The night fly was rescheduled for Saturday night.

Saturday was a kiteflier's nightmare, the weather was so poor. There were diehards on the fields trying to fly. Those who had brought raingear and rubber boots were at an advantage since the field was awash. The night fly had to be cancelled because the light cables were underwater and the hazard was too great.

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We enjoyed watching him. It gave one time to reflect on who was missing at this festival. We knew he was there in our memories. Good luck to the Maddy's in their trip to Colombia. Let us know how they accept Superman.

Award winners were: Tako Kichi Award, Eli & Bernice Williams; Paint the Sky Award, Terry Lee; People's Choice Award, Terry Lee; and Red, White, and Blue Award, Don Robbins.

Special thanks go to Tree Top (donated kites), Creda Axton (door prizes & raffle tickets), Darryl (sound system), Richard (sound system & port-a-potties), Barry & Al (MC's at dinner), Dave Christenson (PA on Saturday), Susie Christenson & Pat Langlois (writing names down), and Marleen (judging).

A NOTE FROM SHEBA - Due to a conflict of interest and needing a time to reflect, Sheba and her master will be taking a retreat from writing. If you want us to keep writing, let us know. Sheba, P.O.Box 2078, Westport, WA 98595. If you want to call or fax, try (360) 268-1944.

-Sheba Hagaman

# WISKF EVENT WINNERS, CHAMPIONS ALL!

## TUESDAY EVENTS

### EUROPEAN ARCHES

#### Most Unique

1. Mike Button Bellingham, WA
2. Marlene Zilar Kennewick, WA
3. Judy Alhom Longview, WA

#### Most Beautiful

1. Ron Button Bellingham, WA
2. Robin Haas Mt Lk Terrace, WA
3. Brenda Wagner Vancouver, WA

#### Longest

1. Terry Lee Tacoma, WA

### KITE TRAINS

#### Most Unique

1. Peter Gantt Seattle, WA
2. J.R. Tolman Hayward, CA
3. Kathy Premo Kent, WA

#### Most Beautiful

1. Connie & Bill Lester Spokane, WA
2. Glen Strickland Kelso, WA

#### Longest

1. John Wagner Vancouver, WA

### PRETTY KITE

#### Sewn/Bowed Group 1

1. Gerry Pennel Olympia, WA
2. Doc Counce Forest Grove, OR
3. Terry Lee Tacoma, WA

#### Sewn/Bowed Group 2

1. Sonny Hamner Reedsport, OR
2. Jon Reinschriber Portland, OR
3. Deb Debbout Council Bluffs, IA

#### Taped/Glued

1. Johnny Hisung Granada Hills, CA
2. Judy Brown Eugene, OR
3. Georgean Curran Puyallup, WA
3. Cliff Pennell Olympia, WA

#### Stunts

1. Bob Neitzke Edwardsborg, MI
2. Hohn Alhom Longview, WA
3. Gary Christensen Centerville, WA

#### Youth

1. Andrea Todd Newcastle, WA
2. Mindi Jo McCullough Randle, WA
3. Holly Sutliff Yakima, WA

### Painted

1. Greg & Sue Clark Naches, WA
2. Connie Lester Spokane, WA
2. Basir Beria Panorama City, CA
3. Annette Parker Bothell, WA

### Deltas/Boxes

1. Ray Herzog West Jordan, UT
2. Cliff Pennell Olympia, WA
3. Peggy Daschbach-Martin Seattle

### Flat

1. Gerry Pennell Olympia, WA
2. Brenda Wagner Vancouver, WA
3. Nancy Lockwood Streetsboro, OH

### Misc. Sewn

1. Don Robbins Tacoma, WA
2. Gary Christensen Centerville, WA
3. Beth Drake Portland, OR

### Team Territories

1. Lehigh Valley Kite Society Jackson Heights, NY
2. Lilac City Wind Chasers Spokane, WA
3. Vancouver Island Kite Flyers Nanaimo, B.C. Canada

### Terrific Tuesday Top Team

1. Westport Windriders Westport
2. Animal House
3. Lilac City Wind Chasers Spokane
4. W.K.A.

## WEDNESDAY EVENTS

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

#### 5 Years Old

- Reel-out Ryan Sutherland  
Cashmere, WA
- Sprint John Heick  
Astoria, OR

#### 6 Years Old

- Reel-out Amanda Wagner  
Vancouver, WA
- Sprint Owen Ollinger  
Long Beach, WA

#### 7 Years Old

- Reel-out Jamie Larramore  
Lake Taps, WA
- Sprint Jenny Mockford  
Vancouver, WA

### 8 Years Old

- Reel-out Tommy Mesich  
Tacoma, WA
- Sprint Colby Gratzter  
Richfield, WA

### 9 Years Old

- Reel-out Katye Cline  
Lynden, WA
- Sprint Robert Jackson  
Tuscon, AZ

### 10 & 11 Years Old

- Reel-out Hilary Mosich  
Gig Harbor, WA
- Sprint Kyle Sutherland  
East Wenatchee, WA

### 12 & 14 Years Old

- Reel-out Bryan Imeach  
San Clemente, CA
- Sprint Toby Astill  
England

### 13 Years Old

- Reel-out Diana Kelly  
Everett, WA
- Sprint Lacy Blaze  
Everett, WA

## SENIOR CITIZEN'S EVENTS

### Senior Fighter Kites

1. Kirby Holte Walnut, CA
2. Dale Vanderhoof Weed, CA
3. Charlie M'Clary San Diego, CA

### Big Band Ballet

1. Mel Edlund Vancouver, BC
2. Sylvia Bernaur Kirkland, WA
3. Tony Scalse Seaside, OR

### Big Band Ballet Honorable Mention

- Best Dancer: Carl Wells  
Arlington, TX
- Best Quad: Ron Dakan  
Long Beach, WA
- Best Recovery: Charlie M'Clary  
San Diego, CA

## THURSDAY EVENTS

### HANDCRAFTED KITES

#### Trad. Eastern Kites Masters

1. Johnny Hisung Granada Hills, CA
2. Lorin Dingwell Goldbar, WA
3. Peter Loop Portland, OR

#### Traditional Eastern Kites Apprentice

1. Basir Beria Panorama City, CA

#### Trains/Centipedes Masters

1. Chantal Barret Paris, France
2. Amie Barsalou Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
3. Pete Dolphin Merchantville, NJ

#### Trains/Centipedes Apprentice

1. Fred Swain Puyallup, WA
2. Rob Pratt Olympia, WA

#### Soft/Semi-Rigid Masters

1. Robert Trepanier Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2. Don Mock Federal Way, WA
3. Bary Crites Olympia, WA

#### Soft/Semi-Rigid Apprentice

1. Rolf Ostergaard Copenhagen, Denmark
2. Boyd Ribble Centralia, WA
3. Mary Ford

#### Smallest Kite Masters

1. Scott Hampton Sandy, UT
2. Don Bernaur Kirkland, WA

#### Smallest Kite Apprentice

1. Robert Fisher Puyallup, WA
2. Comol Charmsana

#### Figure/Novelty Masters

1. Chantal Barret Paris, France
2. Mike Sterling Portland, OR
3. Amie Barsalou Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

#### Figure/Novelty Apprentice

1. Cindy Hart Nanaimo, B.C., Canada
2. Gerry Pennell Olympia, WA
3. Mark Gill Yakima, WA

#### Rokkaku Masters

1. Anne Sloboda St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
2. Bary Crites Olympia, WA
3. Margaret Greger Richland, WA

#### Rokkaku Apprentice

1. Peter Gantt Seattle, WA
2. Mel Edlund North Vancouver, B.C., Canada
3. John Freeman Hillsboro, OR

#### Cellular Masters

1. Doug Scott Salt Lake City, UT
2. Till Krapp Melsungen, Germany
3. Pete Dolphin Merchantville, NJ

#### Cellular Apprentice

1. Rod Milburn Costa Mesa, CA
2. Cliff Pennell Olympia, WA
3. David Tuttle Vancouver, B.C., Canada

#### Accessory Masters

1. Till Krapp Melsungen, Germany
2. Stormy Weathers Milwaukie, OR
3. Evonne Miller Montesano, WA

#### Accessory Apprentice

1. Rich Miller Montesano, WA
2. John Overmeir Marysville, WA
3. Doug Garza Seattle, WA

#### Co-Op Masters

1. Fort Worden Kitemakers Puyallup, WA
2. Dick & Georgean Curran Olympia, WA
3. Sosie Wheaton & Bary Crites Olympia, WA

#### Co-Op Apprentice

1. Ray Herzog West Jordan, UT
2. Gerry Pennell Olympia, WA
3. Dave Coltran Redmond, WA

#### Delta Masters

1. Eric Curtis St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
2. Joe Stanley Portland, OR
3. Bary Crites Olympia, WA

#### Delta Apprentice

1. Charmagne Cornell Gig Harbor, WA
2. Rod Milburn Costa Mesa, CA
3. Clinton Reed Renton, WA

#### Milti-Line Masters

1. Peter Betancourt Santa Cruz, CA
2. Mike Eason Lake Stevens, WA
3. Steve Vess Lake Oswego, OR

#### Multi-Line Apprentice

1. Rod Milburn Costa Mesa, CA
2. Dave Coltran Redmond, WA
3. John Vrolson Spokane, WA

#### Flat/Bowed Masters

1. Robert Trepanier Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2. Anne Sloboda St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
3. Lee Thrall Richmond, CA

#### Flat/Bowed Apprentice

1. Ty Billings Inverness, CA
1. Georgean Curran Puyallup, WA
2. Rod Milburn Cosata mesa, CA
3. John Freeman Hillsboro, OR

#### Historic Reproduction Apprentice

1. Scott Russum Portland, OR

## FRIDAY EVENTS

#### Kite Racing - Beginners

1. Gary Mark 11.08 sec.
2. Lyle Harrison 13.94 sec.
3. Revon Snell 15.09 sec.

#### Kite Racing - Intermediate

1. Rod Ford 32.50 sec.
2. Marlin Gilbert 39.53 sec.
3. Nate Wallace 59.31 sec.

#### Kite Racing - Advanced

1. Jim Soellner 21.85 sec.
2. Paul DeHope 26.72 sec.
3. Brad Ribble 48.00 sec.

#### Mystery Ballet -Experienced

1. Jeff Howard
2. Norman Awill
3. Richard Hurd
3. Mel Edlund

#### Mystery Ballet - Masters

1. Jim Soellner
2. Melinda Ellis
3. David Minzel

#### Mystery Ballet - Quad

1. Curtis Mitchell
2. Peter Lee
3. Charlie M'Clary

#### Junior Stunt Kite Competition

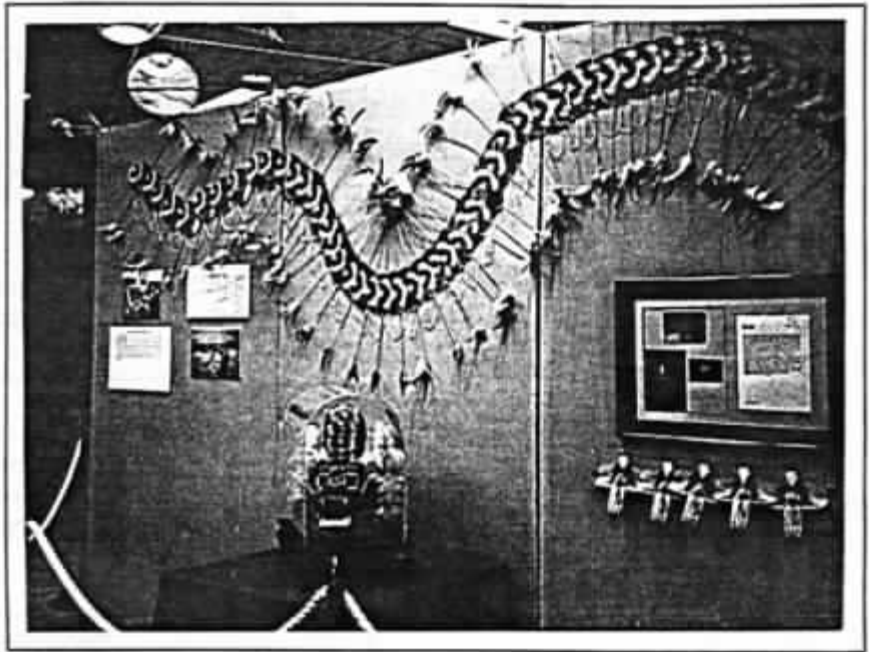
1. Chris Arnold
2. Toby Astill
2. Ryan West
3. Bryan Imbach

# WKA & THE NORTHWEST FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL

The Northwest Folk Life Festival on May 27-29 at the Seattle Center included a major exhibit on "The Art of Asian Kites". The exhibit consisted of approximately 75 kites and was arranged by the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach. This gave both the Museum and kiting excellent exposure!

Jim and Kay Buesing trucked kites from Long Beach. The following WKA members volunteered to help with assembling and hanging the kites and then taking them down at the close of the exhibit:

Sylvia Bernauer, Dave Christenson, Ken Conrad, Jim & L.B. Day, Mike Eason, Julie & Peter Gaunt, Robin Haas, Maryann Hoiseck, Sam Houston, Suzanne Sadow, Dan Schwenk, and Tom Sisson



Kay wants to thank these helpful and very necessary volunteers. This is her list and if anyone was not mentioned please accept her apology and know this event could not have been held without VOLUNTEERS!

Approximately 11,000 people visited this exhibit in 3 days! Kitemaking was held each day. Tom Sisson taught kites on Saturday and Sunday and Dan Schwenk taught on Monday. The kids had a wonderful time and the exhibit was a HUGE SUCCESS.

- Jean Sisson



- All photos by Sylvia Bernauer

# YAKIMA VALLEY KITE & FLIGHT FESTIVAL

by Marleen Zilar

When I arrived Saturday morning I was greeted by "acres of flags as I approached Fullbright Park. 150 regulation size American Flags lined both sides of the lane leading into the park. The competition field was circled with 250 smaller American flags. The only kite flying was Bill Lester's train. What a sight!

The next thing I noticed were the number of RV's lining one side of the park. Something was different from previous years. The field was farther away from Ahtanum Creek and there was water between the creek and this new road. Could this be the elusive Lake Fulbright? We've had an unusually wet spring east of the Cascades.

I found plenty of room to park and chose a place next to Ruth and Leonard Hogg from Reedsport, OR. After a short visit I was off to see who else was here and to deliver my raffle donation.

During the day the winds were up and down with lots of sunshine. It seemed that everyone was able to fly something.

The Pacific Northwest Frisbee Championships were also taking place in a different part of the park. It was very fascinating to watch! This offered a change of pace along with some shade to sit in while watching.

We were joined Saturday night by some of the frisbee competitors for the potluck. There was an endless supply of food. Later we



enjoyed a juggler who had entertained us in previous years. As the drawing for the raffle prizes was finishing, we were threatened by rain. An hour later, I found myself sitting under the awning out of the pouring rain visiting with the Lilac City Wind Chasers from Spokane. I kept thinking the rain would stop but it just kept coming down. Pretty unusual for Yakima this time of the year.

Sunday the sun shone brightly with more variable winds. Down at the end of the park where the Westport Windriders congregated the ground was a little "marshy" in places from last night's rain. By the middle of the afternoon, people were starting to leave

for home. As Al Councilman pulled out in his full-size motor home, it became mired in the mud!

Plenty of help was available. Pushing on the back of the motorhome did not help. Rob Robinson pulled his 4-wheel drive pick-up nose to nose with the motorhome, hooked up, and still had no luck.

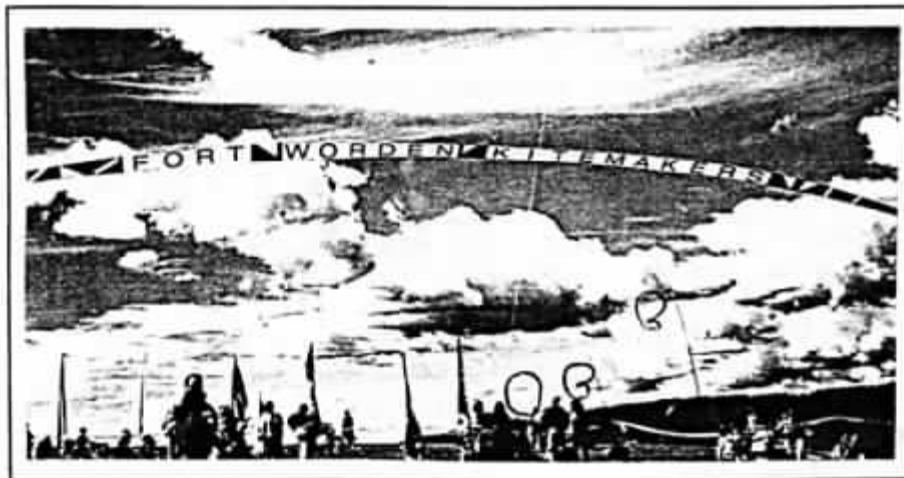
Sonny Kersh went for his 4-wheel drive which already had his travel trailer hooked up. He backed in, trailer and all, and hooked to the back of Rob's pick-up.

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## FORT WORDEN WINDBOW FLIES!

The Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference windbow majestically took to the air at WSIKF. This project was awarded FIRST PLACE in the Co-Op Masters category during Handcrafted Day.

The windbow is the result of the cooperative efforts of those kitefliers attending the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference in 1995. Each letter or panel was done by a different kitemaker (some people did more than one). Only those who helped create the windbow have the privilege of flying it at festivals.



## 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.

## 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 8, 1995

"One Sky One World" kitefly, Friendship Park, Spokane. Kite raffle drawing. Contact Bev Ackaret (509) 487-4394.

### October 25, 1995

WKA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Softcheck, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-1903.

### 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 4, 1995

Annual Turkey Fly, Portland, OR. Contact Mike Sterling (503) 234-3604.

### November 11, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly, Everett. at 10:00 AM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

### November 11, 1995

WKA/SCI-FI Potluck, Everett at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

### November 11-12, 1995

Bird Kite Workshop and Bird Watching Hike, World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, Long Beach. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 665-5744 or WKMHF (360) 642-4020.

### 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.

## DECEMBER

### December 9, 1995

WKA/PCKA Potluck, Fife. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

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While all this was going on, Team Cyborg was going around the motorhome with a shovel digging the mud out from in front of the tires. When everyone was ready, a signal was given and this caravan slowly started to move. The motorhome reluctantly eased up out of the mud and onto the road. This was a first for me. I had never seen anything like it before. What a great example of cooperation between kitefliers!

## A POSTSCRIPT FROM THE EDITOR

I really appreciate all the material which has been sent to the newsletter by you fantastic kitefliers out there. Unfortunately, space has not permitted me to include everything in this issue. If you have submitted material and have not yet seen it in print, DO NOT DESPAIR! The winter months are usually pretty inactive and I will get caught up.

If you will notice, this issue is 2 pages longer than normal and the WSIKF results are fairly jammed onto the page.

Keep up the good work and send in those articles and pictures. We have had several events for which I have not received any reports. Please consider sending in a short summary on any event you attend.

THANKS AGAIN!!

Rod

## NEW WKA PINS ARRIVE!

At long last, the new 3-pin sets of the official WKA pin are now available. Designed by Elaine Genser of Nanaimo, B.C., each pin is an individual which, when combined with the other 2 pins, form a larger rokkaku. The pins are priced at \$15.00 per set of three. If you would like to purchase sets of these fantastic pins, contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404. Please make checks payable to the WKA.

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Banner kits by Carla Fox containing precut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$35 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

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### 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 check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### FOR SALE

Walters MONOCULAR, M-100 10x30 with case and holster (new). \$90.00 Contact Tom Sisson (206) 725-3615.

## BEARLY LITERATE

by Horace

The Yakima Kite & Flight Festival: Great folks....bummer winds. The Rainbear Skydiving Corps went over to Yakima on June 9. We had a nice drive and the Captain visited a great quilting shop in Union Gap.

Winds were very light to not at all on both days and no bears got to fly or jump. (I think this is the first time ever that we didn't do at least one jump at a festival). We did have a great time visiting. Vi Weeks of the Sky Trek Skydiving Corps stopped by. We got to meet her new jumper, "Taz". Great looking guy but he didn't get to jump either.

Unfortunately, the Captain was stuck with dog sitting duties because Mrs. Captain was out of town. Said dog, Skipper, didn't take the heat well (neither does the Captain), so we went home on Saturday evening. It poured rain all the way. We wondered if the festival also got wet.

Westport was the biggest fun fly this bear has ever attended. There were no competitions and no constant amplified music (bears hate amplified music), just lots and lots of folks enjoying flying kites.

The Captain got us there on Thursday and we got a tall rig up so that the big bears, including our newest recruit, Arnold Schwartz-enbarger, could jump. Arnold and Willoughby jump on six and eight foot chutes and take a lot of altitude to get a good ride. Arnold doesn't know enough yet to roll his chute when he lands and the Captain had to chase him almost a quarter mile down the beach when the wind stayed in the chute! He was moving faster on the ground than the Captain could run. Of course, that's not saying much!

Friday was an overcast day with good winds and we jumped all day off the 60 square foot flute. Amelia got extra points for taking out a condor kite...turned out it belonged to Vi Weeks. Sorry 'bout that, Vi.

Saturday was sunny and clear with fairly light winds. We got Terry Lee's 50' panther parafoil up and did a few drops south of the road. The area was heavily invested with arches. The Captain promised a weekend pass to any bear that could land on an arch but none of us were successful.

The Corps was put in charge of the kid's bear drop. The winds were really getting light but we

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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.***

**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.

## SATURDAY EVENTS

### Fighter Kite Competition

1. Basir Beria
2. Matthew Alden
3. Ed Alden

### Rokkaku Challenge

1. The "Brits" + 1
2. Yakima Suns
3. Westport Windriders

## MULTI-DAY EVENTS

### WINDART

#### Commercial on a Pole

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Jim Low - Flying Lehighs | Jackson Heights, NY |
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#### Commercial on a Line

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| 1. Bob Dennis/Barbara Herbig - Total Motion in Color | Ocean Shores, WA |
| 2. Glenda Nixon - Dan from Down Under                |                  |

#### Commercial Banner

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| 1. Bob Dennis/Barbara Herbig - Total Motion in Color | Ocean Shores, WA |
| 2. Gerry Pennell - Westport Windriders               | Olympia, WA      |
| 3. Westport Windriders - Terrific Tuesday Top Team   | Westport, WA     |

#### Handcrafted on a Pole

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. John Overmeir - Diamond Spinners | Marysville, WA |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|

#### Handcrafted on a Line

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Evonne Miller - Pink & Black Bol     | Montesano, WA |
| 2. Kathy Goodwind - Bomb Bol            | Seattle, WA   |
| 3. Rich Miller - Red, White, & Blue Bol | Montesano, WA |

#### Handcrafted Banner

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Scott Hampton - Aerial Art #2      | Sandy, UT           |
| 2. Judith Bertram - Magic Kite Co.    |                     |
| 3. Madeline Slovent-Low - Rok A Flyer | Jackson Heights, NY |

## Terrific Territories

1. Elaine Genser - Feathers, Flowers, & Flying Things
2. Westport Windriders - Red, White, & Blue
3. Lehigh Valley Kite Society

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE

### Favorite Kite

- |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Pete Dolphin           | Merchantville, NJ  |
|                           | Autumn Sun         |
| 2. Dick & Georgean Curran | Puyallup, WA       |
|                           | Yosemite Sam       |
| 3. Till Krapp             | Melsunden, Germany |
|                           | Citrus Star        |

### Favorite Kiteflier

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ray Bethell  | Vancouver, B.C., Canada |
| 2. Roger Maddy  | Olympia, WA             |
| 3. Team Tsunami | CA                      |

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kept the parafoil at high altitude and were able to use it to drop smaller bears which the kids exchanged for the big ones and for some very nice panda kites.

The Captain got his usual overdose of sun (and a ton of mosquito bites!) so we didn't stay for Sunday.

We missed the Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach this year. The Captain had quite a few problems which required his immediate attention at home. I did hear that my brother Greeley made the trip from his home in Vancouver, WA (the original Vancouver) and had a great time watching all the activity but did not jump.

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

**Up with kites;  
Down with bears!**

-Horace

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## REDNEZ-VOUS MONDIAL -from page 5

Sunday dawned clear and bright. The City arranged to have the field drained. The wind was strong and steady and I flew all day. I had been wanting to fly the Mounties (RCMP) and with the help of Terry, from Ontario, they flew side by side in perfect harmony most of the day.

Some of the highlights, from my perspective:

Janneke Groen, from Pays-Bas, Holland, with her exquisite log cabin patterned "kimono" kites. (See the latest issue of *Kitelines*, page 36).

Willi Koch, from Germany, flew an incredibly beautiful "cutwork" applique flower kite with all the background cut away, leaving the design framed in black.

The Boop Troop led by John Ogden, a wild and wonderful English team of 2 men and a woman who flew all styles of kites, commissioned from various kite artists and all with a Betty Boop theme.

Michael Alvarez's new extraordinary multicelled kite sculptures, meant to be viewed from ground or air.

Desiree Chapin from Martinique flying a large single leaf-like fighter kite. (See *Kitelines*, v.11, No.2, p.39).

Frits Jansma, a tall, dour Dutch flyer with an Indian "beedle" cigarette hanging from his mouth flew large, colorful multicelled kites.

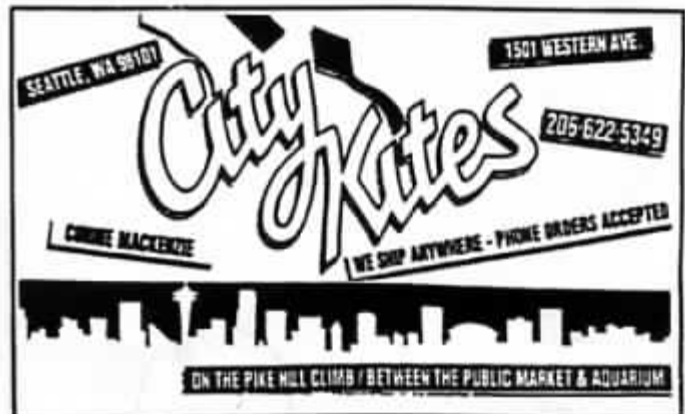
Istvan Dodocky from Hungary with his amazing

asymmetrical paper kites. Due to an airline problem, his kites did not make it to the festival last year. This year he carried them on board with him.

Robert Trepanier from Quebec flew his handpainted ripstop kites with strange and mysterious faces. (He should be considered for future workshops.)

Merv from Toronto who flew a marvellous hand painted genki by Canadian Anne Sloboda of Omega Kites.

I would have to say that the show was not up to last years, but this was due mainly to the bad weather. I encourage all kitefliers to go next year.



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

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Contact Leroy Peoples ((360) 456-4156.

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

### LILAC CITY WIND CHASERS

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