



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

ANOTHER GREAT TIME TO BE HAD AT FORT WORDEN!!

The Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference is peeking over the horizon and beckoning you to attend. It promises to be even better than last year - better organized, a greater number of workshops and presenters, more fun-filled days..... What can you say about one of the greatest learning experiences a kitemaker can have?

Keep your eyes and ears tuned for more information in the next issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, just think about PETER LYNN, ROBERT TREPANIER, JOSE SAINZ, TED DOUGHERTY, and TOM MCALLISTER plus a host of absolutely excellent local kite builders.

PROTEST THE BOWLS: FLY JANUARY 1st

The 22nd Annual New Years Day "Protest the Bowls" Kitefly will be held (weather is no consideration to the determined) on January 1st in Golden Gardens Park in Seattle.

The really hardy, dedicated kitefliers make this kite event a "must" on their kiting calendar. Be prepared for any type of weather, most of it cold!!

Flying will start at 11:00 am (or earlier if you prefer) and will continue until freeze-up occurs.

For more information, contact either Ken or Suzanne at (206) 624-6886.

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• **Your yearly WKA ballot is enclosed on page 11 of this issue. Please take the time to vote and return your ballot before December 31, 1995.**
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HOLIDAY POTLUCK TO BE HELD IN FIFE

December 9, 1995, will see WKA members gathering at the annual Holiday Potluck sponsored jointly by the WKA and the Pierce County Kitefliers Association. As last year, this event will be held in the Senior Citizen's Center.

To get there, take Exit 137 from I-5. This exit puts you on 54th Avenue. The center is behind the fire station on 54th Avenue East. I don't know whether it is north or south of the freeway. Explore!!

Doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will start at 6:30. Bring a dish to share with your fellow kitefliers.

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle or auction, contact Dave Christenson at (206)471-9103.

Let's make this one of the best attended social events of the winter season. If you can't be there, at least participate in spirit. Think about all the fun you are missing!

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 December 20th at Softchec, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. For more information contact:

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

It's the holiday season already and I hope everyone is ready for it. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

The other day we had our first of two holiday potlucks. Although attendance was a little light, we had a great time. I want to say "Thank You" to all the kites and kite shops that donated items for the door prizes and auction. Through their generosity we raised \$539.00 for the local food banks in Everett.

Don't forget we will be having the second holiday potluck in Fife with the PCKA club on December 9th, at 6:00 pm. Please make plans to attend. If you would like to donate a door prize or auction item, it doesn't have to be kite related. We had several items at Everett that weren't and still had a great time raising money for local charities.

Coming up real soon is the annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. It sounds like it will be another great one! Make plans to attend if you are interested in learning about kite making. Every year it gets better and better.

Included on page 11 of this issue is our annual ballot. Although there may be some blanks with no names in them, please feel free to put your name in one of the blanks. All that is required is to be a current WKA member in good standing and have a willingness to help one of the best clubs around. Please remember that to have anything to say about how the club is run you have to participate in its daily operations. So please fill out your ballots and return them so your vote will count.

Best Winds,
Dave

TO ALL FORT WORDEN WINDBOW MAKERS:

An effort is being made to document the flights of the Windbow under the guidance of Kathy Goodwind. If you have photographs of the windbow flying at any of the kite festivals, please send as much of the following information as possible:

A photograph	The place it was flown
Who was flying it	The dates of the festival
Festival background	Your opinion of the experience

Anything you can send will be greatly appreciated. Send all information to:

Kathy Goodwind
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**Thanks for
your help!!**

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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 January 20, March 20, May 20, July 20, September 20, or November 20. Material received by these dates will be published in the following issue as space allows. 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.

MY THREE FAVORITE KITES

by Greg Snyder

There are many types of kites available, but I have settled on three types of kites that help me relax. When I am ready for my therapy, I pack up my kites and head for a windy open field. All three kites help relieve my tensions from the real world I live in and revive my competitive edge.

The first kite I fly is a basic delta design. It will fly into the sky without any fuss. I open my mind and release the tensions into the expansive sky. My mind succumbs to the openness of the sky and the flight of the kite. It is like the effects of a sauna on your body, and you want to go to sleep. I don't want to fall asleep so I fly another kite to revive me.

My second kite is a stunt kite. It is a souped-up delta design

that is controlled with two lines instead of one. I launch it into the air and immediately my senses are aware of the kite's power. To control the kite, I push aside any divergent thoughts and concentrate on the lines and the kite's maneuvers. The first time I saw an expert fly a stunt kite, it looked simple. From the first day I flew my stunt kite, I became fascinated with its' intricacies and the demands it makes on my concentration. Even when this bit of nylon, sticks, and line beleaguers me, I still benefit from concentrating on the kite and forgetting my daily worries.

Before I quit flying for the day, I fly my fighter kite. The fighter puts back the aggressive edge I need to keep the dregs of life off my back. The kite is a simple plastic wrap, taped to two bamboo sticks, and flown with waxed line. It takes effort to keep the kite in the air, but once it is up, it moves like a sparrow darting for bugs.

The fighter doesn't chase bugs but it likes to chase another fighter kite. It is best to have a second fighter kite competing with you to keep your skills honed. The agile fingers of the flyer control the kite and make it move quickly in any direction. The purpose is to position your fighter against the other kite to tag it or avoid its' tag. As I fly this kite, I am reminded of its' history and I am endowed with the warrior's spirit.

Flying kites was serious work for centuries, but to the uninformed, it is a child's toy. I have often wondered what else has been forgotten that could help relieve the problems of the modern person. In my daily life, I have been fanatical about flying my kites, and I now take the jest "go fly a kite" literally. Mental health should not be taken lightly. If there is any activity you can do to relieve your problems in a constructive way, then DO IT!

A.K.A. CONVENTION - TULSA '95

by Jean Sisson

The 18th Annual A.K.A. Convention took place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, between September 27th and October 1st. Approximately 450 people attended. There were people from France, Italy, Australia, and Japan, just to name a few. Not too many came from the West Coast. Tom and I attended and we think we are the cause of most of the delayed planes at convention time. We fly many other places and never seem to have a delay - but in convention month we are delayed for one reason or another! The only good thing was we had lots of kiteflier company. Most of us late arrivals were staying at Convention Headquarters at the Marriott so we arrived together!

Most of the kite workshops were held at the hotel and such famous people as CHARLIE SOTICH, SCOTT SPENCER, and DEAN JORDAN, were there to teach and the classes were well attended!! The wind was either light or really blowing but the events were completed and the night fly had WIND and some great lighted kites including a flying saucer.

The fields were large and football type with lots of room and the buggy people had their fun on GRASS - no sand. The North American Championships were held on Thursday and lots of buggies competed.

The Mass Ascencion Event was held for the 2nd time at a convention and included box kites (Wednesday), a Sky Full of Rocks (Thursday), a Sky Full of Foils (Friday), and deltas and other soft wing kites (Saturday). Pins were given out and lots of people had kites up! On Thursday, a memorial kitefly was held to honor BOB INGRAHAM, the founder of the A.K.A., who died on September 28. Anyone who had an Ingraham kite flew it and it was a beautiful sight.

We were impressed with the local people who played hooky or on their lunch hour swarmed the fields and roads to watch the events, including demonstrations by ART ROSS, MARTIN LESTER, and PETER LYNN. RANDY TOM flew the Disney Wind Bow "Disney on Parade" and it was spectacular!

We flew the Fort Worden Wind Bow with the help of Randy, RON BUTTON, and DAN BERNAUER.

The W.K.A. banner was entered in the Banner Challenge at the banquet and we held down 3rd place out of 12 entries. Tom and Dan carried the banner for judging.

Dan was interviewed by the local newspaper The Tulsa World and made quite an impression flying kites indoors. (See article on p. 5 - Ed.)

The next annual convention will be held in Santa Monica, California in 1996. SEE YOU THERE!!

THE EDITOR'S ECHO

Why do we find ourselves living our lives running from crisis to crisis? Or is it just me? The day after returning home from WSIKF I left home to be with my dad for 6 weeks while he underwent a heart valve replacement and a triple by-pass. My absence took a terrific toll on my family and my own activities. Four days after returning home, my wife's step-father died suddenly of liver cancer. I'm still trying to get my life on a level course. Working at three part-time jobs has not contributed to my peaceful "retirement" from teaching. I am, however, still able to make the payments on my new truck and 5th wheel RV!!

While at my dad's during his recovery, I had the time to build three kites: a 32" rokkaku (with the Celtic knot "The Sacred Thread of Life") and a 36" square fighter (not really a fighter), both with tails, as wedding presents for former students, and a 78" star for myself. It was great to have the time to work on kites again. They were the first kites I have made since Fort Worden last year.

The WKA is also entering another crisis: the lack of volunteers to serve as club officers. We keep saying that many of the club officers have held their positions for years, many of them simply because no one else is willing to get involved and do the job. Now is your chance! The ballot for new officers is included on page 11 of this issue. Start your own campaign to be elected as a write-in candidate. I can see the President and Vice-President positions being filled on the strength of as few as 10 votes! I am sure our retiring President Dave Christenson would be very happy to give you whatever help you need to take over the reins. Please give it some consideration. None of these positions take a great amount of time (except Newsletter Editor!) and very little expense.

We have some great events coming up. The Holiday Potluck with PCKA is just around the corner and the Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference will be here before you know it.

Our calendar of events needs updating badly. I feel we are not listing many of the events that are being held. Somebody drop me a line if you know of a scheduled event which is not listed.

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



Rod

WORLD KITE MUSEUM INDUCTS W.K.A. FOUNDER DAVID CHECKLEY

The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, in ceremonies held in conjunction with the 1995 Washington State International Kite Festival, inducted our own David Checkley into its' Hall of Fame in ceremonies held in Long Beach. David Gomberg, Past President of the American Kiteflier's Association and member of the Hall of Fame selection committee, made the posthumous presentation to David's wife Dorothea and several family members, including their daughter Leslie Morris and son David, Jr.

For many years David led kiting tours to Asia and throughout the United States. His trips to Asia were always filled with excitement and provided great cultural experiences for many in the kite community.

Museum Director Kay Buesing stated that "The donation of Checkley's 700 Asian kites to the Museum's collection has been the prime ingredient of our exhibits and our success."

-from *The Flyer*, the WKMHF newsletter

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FIGHTER KITES AT AKA TULSA

by Randy McKiernan

Fighter kites were well represented at the American Kitefliers Association Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the last week in September. Leading the way was a gentleman from Rutland, Leics, in the United Kingdom, Mr. Stafford Wallace, who flies mylar and paper traditional Indian fighters. He considers himself a professional fighter kite promoter and travels through Europe promoting fighter kites at festivals and competitions. Stafford's knowledge of fighter kites comes from growing up in India where he spent many hours on roof tops having fighter kite battles using "manja" or glass line at very long distances.

AKA member Bruce Jarvie from Michigan, himself a skilled flier and very knowledgeable about fighter kites, was this year's coordinator. With winds that were almost too strong for these kites, Thursday's competition was a real test of kites as well as pilot skill. The format was standard line touch (under/over/under) with two out of three touches advancing to the next round. For the seventeen competitors (mostly from the midwest and eastern regions) it was difficult for any kind of finesse flying. With the strong winds, many battles turned into wars of attrition. Some pilots experienced equipment failure with several points lost because of ground touches. One pilot had trouble controlling his kite and let out too much line. His line finally snapped and we all figured his kite came down somewhere in Kansas! There was great camaraderie throughout the competition with most pilots just glad to be there and participate at that level of competition. Many of these skilled pilots made their own kites which showed their depth of interest in fighter kites.

The competition ended with Stafford Wallace taking first place. Rick Miller (Silver City, NM) was second and Randy Shannon (Flagstaff, AZ) third. I was fortunate to place fourth with losses to Rick Miller and Randy Shannon. That's not too bad for a guy who only occasionally competes with fighter kites, usually at Long Beach, WA. The top three finishers were recognized at the awards banquet Saturday night and received very nice AKA plaques.

The fighter kites generated considerable crowd interest. People unfamiliar with this type of kite had lots of

questions about where to get them and how to fly them. They seemed to enjoy the competition even if it is difficult to follow. Flying fighter kites for enjoyment and competition seems to be an integral part of the AKA convention, approaching dual or quad line competition and other single line events. There was some talk between the fighter kite pilots of putting together a national event/competition where the main focus would be fighter kites. Who knows? With interest in these kites increasing across the country, it may be possible! Anyone who has danced a fighter kite in the sky knows the special feeling which only comes from that close contact with the wind.



TULSA WORLD, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1995

Kite Fliers Demonstrate Skills At Indoor Sports Center

By Heidi Pederson
World Staff Writer

Dan Bernauer has done some of his best kite flying in the confines of his living room.

That's right — his living room. And during kite-flying conventions, the 18-year-old Seattle resident can be found with other aficionados practicing his craft in hotel lobbies.

Bernauer isn't just a kite fan gone crazy. He's one of a growing number of people who's taken to flying kites indoors.

"A lot of people like to fly indoors because there's not the wind resistance. It's less turbulent," he said. "You have a lot more control."

Bernauer, in town for the American Kitefliers Association convention, was one of several people demonstrating his indoor skills Thursday at the Sport Center of Tulsa.

"Most people don't know that you can fly indoors, but then they don't think. 'Well, gee, if you run with a kite, you create wind, so why can't you do that indoors

with something lighter?'" he said.

Indoor kite-flying is different from outdoor kite-flying in several respects. For one, indoor flying requires that the person at the controls of the kite constantly move so that wind is created: To help with lift, indoor kites are made out of a lighter material than outdoor kites, and they can weigh as little as 20 grams. Mylar and Orcon, a mylar fabric with threads bonded to it, are popular materials, said Bernauer.

"Indoor kites are more sensitive than outdoor kites, so you have to make your movements more precise," he explained.

One of the big attractions of indoor flying is that it allows a flier to perform some tricks that aren't possible outdoors, said Bernauer.

The kite festival continues Friday with novice and master sport-kite competition at 9 a.m., a mass ascension at 1 p.m. and special demonstrations and seminars from 1 to 4 p.m. All the kite-flying events are set for the field at 43rd Street and Garnett Road.

Ed. note: The letter below was written by Sheryl Murphy from England. Sheryl, Sean Simmons, and Martin Croxton, all of the White Horse Kitefliers, attended WSIKF in August, Sheryl and Sean's first visit to the United States. The letter was forwarded to me by Diane Haeger.

Washington State International Kite Festival Long Beach - August 1995

A trip to America, a distant dream made possible by the generosity of our newly acquainted friends, not forgetting Martin, the old hand, planting the seed of Long Beach - the most popular festival on the West Coast.

After a short drive (by their standards) we arrived at Long Beach. Everybody joyfully leapt from the car. Our steps turned into strides as we advanced towards the beach. The awesome sight of hundreds of kites in the air at one time was breath taking. Fast and furiously we were swept into the display area straight into the arms of Don and Sonny - not forgetting hugs and kisses the American way. By this time everybody knew that the 'Brits' had arrived. The 'Alien' was the first kite to touch the sand - Sean proudly 'strutted his stuff' in the midst of the other four line kites - none of which even compared to the precision control of the 'Alien'.

Later that evening Sean and Martin could be found at the beach flying the Hagaman '80' tied to a log - a beautiful sight made all the more elegant with the sun setting in the night sky. You may have heard of a 'bring a bottle' party, but a 'potluck' party could be defined as bring a food dish party. Anyway we were invited to one at the 'Animal House', need I say more?

On Friday, some of the more renowned flyers were introduced to us 'Brits', Art Ross to mention but one. Most of the day his team were seen to be wrestling with the immense force created by his monster sized flowforms, with some of the most exquisite designs imaginable.

We just had to go into the International area - a display was called for. The lads launched Big Red and the overgrown WHKF National Power windsock, closely followed by the Union Jack. All very impressive amidst the stars and stripes which littered the sky. Meanwhile, back at base camp Dave and Janet were doing the Del Boy impression - a little 'wheeling and dealing'.

Later that day, Marla was presented with a parafoil intricately decorated with her tattoo made by Phil Scarf - by the way Phil, next time she said you can touch the real thing...Postman Pat unveiled and Marla was hooked. Marla tried various ways of justifying loads of money to pay for him, not forgetting the begging - Dave finally presented her with the present - well done Barry. It was fresh salmon and tuna for dinner - even now it makes our mouths water, followed by fireworks.

Saturday - Rokkaku!! Martin, Sean, and Sonny named themselves the 'Brits + 1'. Unplaced in round 1, first in round 2 and second in round 3 placed them first overall. Their exhausting work was rewarded with a rosette - what happened to the \$50? To celebrate we all went to the beach that evening and sang along to the strumming of a guitar. Try it. It's great fun.

After the late night, we got to the beach at midday, where we took part in a record breaking fly - the largest number of kites in the sky at one time. The final figure was over 4000. The 'Twister' and the 'Stranger' were our picks of the day, attracting much interest - particularly the twister. The weekend over, all we can say, 'we will be back'.

A Special Thank You to Diane Haeger, Don & Jean Mock, Ron & Marla Miller, Sonny & Kathy Hamner, Greg & Sue Clark, and Dawn Frankwick for making the whole thing possible.

Sheryl Murphy, Sean Simmons, Martin Croxton

22 September 1995

FINDING KITEFLYING AT THE RIGHT TIME

by Peter Alan Sigg

My introduction to kiting came at a critical time in my life. The friends I met in kiteflying gave direction and a purpose to my life.

My parents had moved to Seattle from the East Coast. The death of my father brought about my moving to the Seattle area also. I landed in a strange city with no friends beyond my mother. Through my church, Seattle Audubon, and the Pacific Science Center, I began to make friends and take advantage of the many recreational opportunities offered by the Pacific Northwest.

Then my mother died, the house had to be sold, and I moved to an apartment in Issaquah. Feeling very lonely, I drove to Ocean Shores.

Ocean Shores has an archway entrance like a rainbow of hope, and even before you enter it, on the right is Cloud Nine Kite Shop with a manager named Scott. He and his staff helped me many days. They didn't push a kite on me but seemed to care more about me and my enjoyment of sea breezes. I did buy a small \$60 stunt kite. After flying it for three hours, Scott took it back at my request in exchange for a \$120 Griffin. That was just my first day kiteflying! Boy, was that Griffin the kite! It had lots of pull, was steady as a rock, and fairly accurate. It took crashes repeatedly from a novice pilot and fairly screamed out "I am your friend! I am your friend!" It does make a bit of noise in the wind. I felt the comfort of a good deal, making new friends, and more.

Flying at Ocean Shores has introduced me to a mountain of people and kites! People just come up to me and enjoy looking at the kite fly, in the morning, afternoon, or evening sunset as it dances over the crashing waves. I like to play

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE HIGH WINDS!

by Anita George

What type of kiteflier are you? Do you like doing neat acrobatics in very low wind? Or don't you care what your kite can do as long as it pulls really hard as you fight to control it? Living on the shores of Lake Erie for many years (with lots of high winds!), I was the type of kiteflier who loved feeling the wind pull my kite, and seeing how well I could fly it under those conditions. All that changed when I moved to Seattle.

My old, beaten, beginner's kite was too heavy to fly in Seattle's low wind, so I decided to buy a new one. My birthday just happened to fall on the same day as the Northwest Regional SKC in Long Beach, so my husband decided to take me there and buy me a kite - a bigger, better kite that would still give me that pull I love, even in low wind. I had settled on a Prism Micro Ion but I was really dying to fly it first before buying. At the SKC, the Prism guys were giving kite demos but they were only flying vented kites because the wind was so strong (much stronger than at Lake Erie!). I bothered them until they finally let me fly their Micro Ion - it almost launched me into the sky with it! It was dragging me down the beach as I tried to control it. I could tell by the look on the Prism guys' faces that they were thinking "she wanted pull, we gave her pull". I definitely got more than I expected from that flight! I was sold! This kite would fly great in Seattle! We went into Long Beach and bought one at Ocean Kites.

I decided to fly it on the beach that evening. That was my biggest mistake! I had it up almost 30 seconds before I had to land it. It was pulling me so hard that my husband had to hold on to me so I wouldn't go airborne! It was really a great adrenaline rush. It was so cool I decided to let my husband try it. He is much bigger than I so it probably wouldn't pull him as hard. He is very inexperienced at flying stunt kites so I told him to keep it really high in the air. That didn't help. He had it up about 10 seconds before it nose-dived straight into the sand and shattered. It was terrible! The center spar was totally shattered and both side spars broke and ripped through the material. The kite just started rolling like a tumbleweed across the beach. We stood in awe as we assessed the damage. I thought kites were indestructible. Anyone can control the wind...it's just wind! Right?

After realizing what we had done and how foolish we were, we picked up the kite and its' pieces and ran to Ocean Kites. They said they had a lifetime warranty - anything we buy and break, they'll fix for free. Well, we put them to the test. We squeezed in one minute before the store closed and they spent an hour of their personal time repairing every single thing that was broken on my kite - for free! They even cheered up my husband (who had destroyed my birthday present) and helped me get the graphite splinters out of my fingers. There was no way we could thank the people at Ocean Kites enough. They saved the day. My kite was like new again.

So what have we learned? Pull isn't everything. You can't control the wind. And although it's only a kite, you have to have some experience to fly it properly. Thanks to my husband, the Prism guys, and Ocean Kites, I still had an unforgettable, awesome birthday weekend.



"Lady in Red" on a Walkman as the sun sets. I met a neat couple flying at dusk: Monica and Jim Barber. They manage the Cutting Edge Kite Shop. Jim helped me with some maneuvers, stalls. Monica sold me a Total Eclipse, by Prism of Seattle. It is an excellent kite! Just like Roslynn Summers (whom I met at

Sno-King Ice Arena) it can dance on the wind!

I've gone back to the ocean many times this year. My lungs fill with fresh sea breezes; my face lookd up to the sun, to the sky, to my Creator. I am so thankful for my kite and the friends it has introduced me to, especially you!

The Drachen Foundation sent out the following letter this last summer.

Dear AKA members,

The Drachen Foundation is the international nonprofit organization created to facilitate educational projects concerning historical, cultural, and artistic areas of kiting. The Drachen Foundation and the World Kite Museum in Long Beach, Washington, have formed a partnership to provide accessibility to educational resources by establishing the Drachen Foundation Archives. We are seeking information about kites that would be beneficial to AKA members, kite artists and builders, researchers, and the public in general.

Our hopes to chronicle the history and culture of kites depends on past and current participants exchanging and sharing their knowledge. We are inviting AKA affiliated clubs to participate in the building of the archive. Currently we are looking for pictures, slides, and videos of kiting. These contributions can show different styles, methods, or the influences of cultures on kiting. Participants will receive the infamous Drachen lapel pin, only presented to our contributors and volunteers.

Acceptance of materials must be in compliance with copyright laws. Please contact our office before sending materials that would be valuable to the archive. Reach us through phone, fax, or E-mail at our administrative offices.

Sincerely,

Drachen Foundation

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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

Gary Self, 5403 Paulson Circle, Boise, ID 83704. Individual membership \$7.00 includes a quarterly (?) newsletter.

LILAC CITY WIND CHASERS

Meets every Tuesday, 5:00 PM, Friendship Park, 7200 block of N. Standard. Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane, WA 99205 or (509) 327-2829.

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.

NORTHWEST BUGGY PILOTS ASSN.

Contact Morrie Williams (206) 788-6355. Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually at Washaway Beach, Grayland.

Check with Morrie for current location.

ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS

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

PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

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

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BEARLY LITERATE

by Horace

Sorry! I'm on vacation and so is the Captain. Hope to have seen you by the next issue.

Have a good Holiday Season!!



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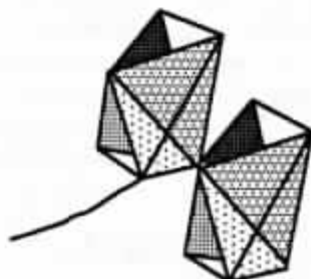
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Kite Calendar

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.

DECEMBER

December 9, 1995

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

JANUARY

JANUARY 1, 1996

22nd Annual New Years Day "Protest the Bowls" Kitefly. Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, 11:00 am to freeze-up. Contact Ken or Suzanne at (206) 624-6886.

JANUARY 1, 1996

New Years Day Fly, Delta Park, Portland, OR.

JANUARY 19-21, 1996

3rd Annual Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, Rockaway Beach, Oregon. Contact Dave Colbert (360) 642-5257.

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.



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 17-18, 1996

Kite Trains & Flocks of Birds, sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

MARCH

MARCH 1-3, 1996

Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, Port Townsend. Contact Bob Alford (206) 888-2812 or 320 NE 4th St, North Bend, WA 98045.

APRIL

APRIL 20-21, 1996

Getting Ready for Battle: The Fighter Kites of Don Mock, sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

MAY

MAY 18-19, 1996

Chinese Extravaganza, sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

JUNE

JUNE 8-9, 1996

A Big Bird Week, sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

Kite event reports are needed for publication. There are many events that go unreported since I get to very few events. If the WKA membership is to be kept aware of the activities of our organization, someone needs to take the time to submit a short article.

Please consider dropping me a note if you attend an event. The form, spelling, etc. doesn't matter. That's what an editor is for, right? I appreciate your consideration. -Rod

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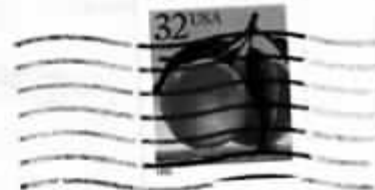
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