



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

FORT WORDEN KITEMAKER'S CONFERENCE - March 1-3, 1996

WILL YOU BE THERE?

The 13th Annual Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference is rapidly approaching. Everyone should get their registrations turned in for this fantastic opportunity! There will be a host of great kite builders on hand to satisfy the needs of everyone.

Headlining this year's conference is Peter Lynn from New Zealand. Peter has a wealth of information to pass along on a very wide range of subjects, from power kiting to big kites to new materials and methods. He will be available in scheduled sessions Friday evening and all day Saturday in addition to any time you can find him.

International imports include Robert Trépanier from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, with his fantastic technique of painting on nylon with dyes, and Dan Kurahashi of Vancouver, BC, Canada, with sessions on Japanese kitemaking and bridling, origami, and miniature bird kites.

Scheduled out-of-state guests will include Deb Cooley (OR), Ted Dougherty (CO), Tom McAllister (CA), José Sainz (CA), Scott Skinner (CO), Mike Sterling (OR), and J.R. Tolman (CA).

And not to be outdone, we have our own group of very talented local kitemakers: Mike Button, Kathy Goodwind, Margaret Gregor, Robin Haas, Sam Huston, Brian Johnson, Bill Lester, Scott Norton, Gerry Pennell, Scobie Puchtler, Mark Reed, Dan Schwenk, Tom Sisson, Morrie Williams, and Marleen Zilar.

A new wrinkle has been added for the 1996 conference. Seventeen of the classes are being made available for pre-registration through the mail-in registration process. (I could have gotten this information out earlier but thought this issue would leave time to make the initial deadline. It didn't work out that way. Sorry!! -Ed.) There will still be many classes available for on-site enrollment and quite possibly some of the classes available for pre-registration may have space. The pre-registration process is an experiment to make the sign-up process for classes more equitable. The pre-registrations received on or prior to February 2 will be entered with forms being drawn at random and class spaces filled as available. A deposit of \$5.00 is required for each class requested through pre-registration. If this process works well this year, the process will be refined and possibly expanded for next year.

On site registration begins at 9:00 AM Friday, March 1. For more registration information contact Bob Alvord, Registrar, at (206)888-2812, or either Dave Weigand, President, at (206) 868-5841 or Robin Haas, Secretary, at (206) 670-3963.

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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 February 28th at Softchec, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. For more information contact: Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

I thought this would be my last President's Letter, but everybody will have to listen to my prattle for at least one more year. As you guessed, nobody wanted to step forward and take over this job. So here goes for another year.

I would like to welcome at least one new face to the WKA Board this year. Sylvia Bernauer will be taking over membership duties from Bob Alvord who has been doing it for several years now. Tom Sisson will be serving as Vice President along with the Education position that he also holds. Stu Murphy has been our VP for several years. I would like to say "Thank you" to Bob and Stu for all the help they have given this club.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Years Day. Speaking of New Years Day, the "Protest the Bowls Fly" at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle was GREAT. The wind was good, lots of flyers, lots of friends, and a good time was had by all. Suzanne and Ken did a great job organizing this annual fly. Imagine 22 years doing this and still going strong. We hope to see more of you next year at #23.

I sent forms to all the sponsors of flies and events in the Northwest. If you sponsor or know of an event that needs to be listed in the calendar but didn't receive an event announcement form, please call, write, or e-mail me. We want to get all of the events included so we can publish a comprehensive list of NW events.

Speaking of NW events, the Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference at Port Townsend, WA will be starting soon. Don't forget to get your registrations in soon. It sounds like this will be another Great Event that you won't want to miss. Also, if you have any kites or kite related items that you would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Steve Millspaugh at (206) 885-0203. Remember that the proceeds from the raffle brings teachers to the conference from outside our own area.

Stay tuned for more fun flies in the Puget Sound region this year. We are trying to get more gatherings in the area because not everybody can go to the beach and fly like some of us like to do. So if you have some ideas, let me know.

Last and most important is the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting. It will be held during the Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference. It is scheduled for Friday at 5:00 PM in Room H of the Schoolhouse. Remember this is your club and if you want to have a say in its' operation, you need to attend this meeting. I am planning on introducing the Board Members so if you have a question in the future you will know who to see for the answers.

Best Winds,

Dave



WKA Newsletter 1996

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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:

Rod Beamguard
4104 N. W. 112th Way
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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.

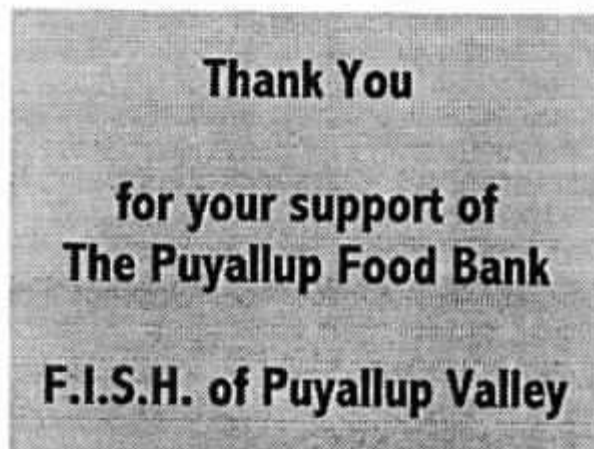
Membership

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.

Holiday Potluck in Fife Successful

The annual potluck sponsored jointly by the WKA and the Pierce County Kitefliers Association went off without a hitch. The proceeds from the auction, a total of \$581.75, were donated to the Puyallup Food Bank in keeping with the Christmas season. Within the week, WKA received the card shown below from FISH.

The donation was a very generous gesture on the part of the kite community.



Sam Huston and one of his no sew kites.

SCOUTMASTER SEEKS HELP!

The W.K.A. recently received the following letter for publication:

I am a Boy Scout leader of a Bergen County troop and have been involved with scouting for more than six years. During those years I have experienced some of the most rewarding times of my life. I believe this youth program is one of the most valuable programs in the world today. Our boys develop skills, knowledge, respect, pride and understanding of the world we live in as well as for each other.

As a fellow "Kite Flyer" and an AKA member, I have marveled at the prospects of introducing my scouts to this exciting and wholesome sport. Often while hiking on trails with the scouts, when I see the trees rustling or a giant gust of wind you know what my mind is set on doing. I guess, once you get kiting in your blood, there is no getting away from it.

I am looking to develop a kite flying program for interested scouts within my troop and possibly within the council. The ONLY resistance to this being a giant success is the cost involved in getting this "off the ground". Here is where I need your help. I have had conversations with several small manufacturers as well as flyers and everyone has agreed that most serious flyers, (aren't we all) have kites they haven't flown for sometime and probably never will. I am looking for a donation of these forgotten beauties. I am a volunteer to scouting and freely give approximately 800 hours a year. Knowing these beauties will be well received and that you helped introduce new members to kiting will be your reward, a reward you can be proud of. *Please make this project a reality for me.*

I believe that over time we may even see a merit badge on kiting. Why not? Today we have merit badges on computers, skiing, leather works, archery, shooting, ... why not kiting?

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Rick Scherer

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Glen Rock, NJ 07452
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It's a tax deduction! - Ed

THE EDITOR'S ECHO

What a month January was! I went to the Oregon Kitemaker's Retreat again this year. One word: FANTASTIC!! I finished a two panel storm flute in Captain Dick's class. Now I have a proven launch platform for Greeley (most likely he'll provide ground control and let his cousins jump). It's a great kite - simple to make, good looking, great flier. I'm looking forward to hitting the beach with it.

After listening to numerous presentations by Bobby Stanfield and Ron & Sandy Gibian over the years, two hands-on construction classes were taught, one by Ron and one by Sandy. In Ron's class we built a high aspect kite using the spray adhesive and tape method. I have always been wary of trying this method after just hearing about it. After actually being guided through the process, I'm ready to use it to build other kites at home! It is a simple process requiring a bit of care. If you have the opportunity to try it, DO SO! Also, if you have the opportunity, encourage Ron, Sandy, and Bobby to do additional hands-on workshops.

The frosting on the cake was winning Bobby's green and white Eddy and a black and electric blue delta conyne by Devotion to Motion in the raffle. Not a bad return on \$20 worth of tickets.

Now I am really looking forward to Fort Worden. So many opportunities, so little time! The class schedule is packed with very interesting classes. Maybe I need to develop a split personality?!? Along comes Sam Huston with another great no-sew kite, Margaret Gregor's flowform (I've always wanted one!), two different sessions on arch trains (Robin Haas and Marleen Zilar/Bill Lester), Robert Trépanier, J.R. Tolman, Dan Kurahashi.....what a crew!! And there's more I would like to do. It's going to be quite a weekend!

If I don't see you at Fort Worden, have a windy, sunny spring!



Rod

W.K.A. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD AT FORT WORDEN

The one and only Annual Meeting of the W.K.A. membership will be held during the Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference. The meeting is currently listed on Friday's schedule, March 1, at 5:00 PM. It will be held in Room H of the Schoolhouse. There are just two classes scheduled at the same time so strong attendance can be expected. ALL W.K.A. members are strongly urged to attend.

World Kite Museum Looks for Wine Tasting Sponsors

The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach is preparing for its 2nd annual wine tasting event. To be held next August 17, the Day before the commencement of the Washington State International Kite Festival, the proceeds from this benefit function will be go directly into the building fund of the Museum.

Donors are being sought to help supply the wine, cheeses, and other nibbles. Wine for the 1995 tasting was donated by Preston and Kiona Wineries. Any W.K.A. member with connections to wine and cheese suppliers are encouraged to contact Kay Buesing at (360) 642-4020 with donations. More information on this event will follow.

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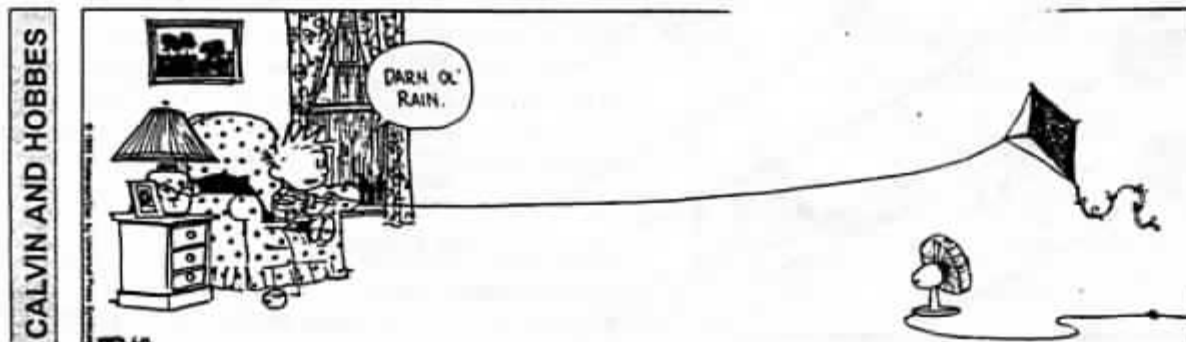


NORTHWEST NET SURFERS UPDATE by Dave Christenson

In a past issue of this newsletter I requested e-mail addresses of Northwest area Net Surfers. Below is a revised list of kites that have responded or I have noticed. If you want your e-mail address added to this list, please contact me by e-mail.

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W.K.A. MEMBER CLUBS:

The calendar of kite events kept here in the newsletter has not been keeping abreast of the regularly scheduled club activities. For instance, the SCI-FI club has regularly scheduled events yet none are listed in the calendar in this issue.

As editor, I would like to ask each clubs' cooperation in bringing the information in the calendar up to date. If each club would be so kind as to give the me a listing of regularly scheduled monthly events, this will change with the next newlsetter. You may get this information to me either at Fort Worden or by sending it to me at the address listed on page 2.

I would also appreciate it greatly if WKA members would check phone numbers, contact people, etc., listed in this newsletter for accuracy. If changes need to be made, please let me know.

I appreciate your help in trying to keep curent.

Rod

S.F. CODY KITE SOCIETY DISSOLVED

Early in January the W.K.A. received a letter from Judy Brown notifying the kite community of the demise of the S. F. Cody Kite Society.

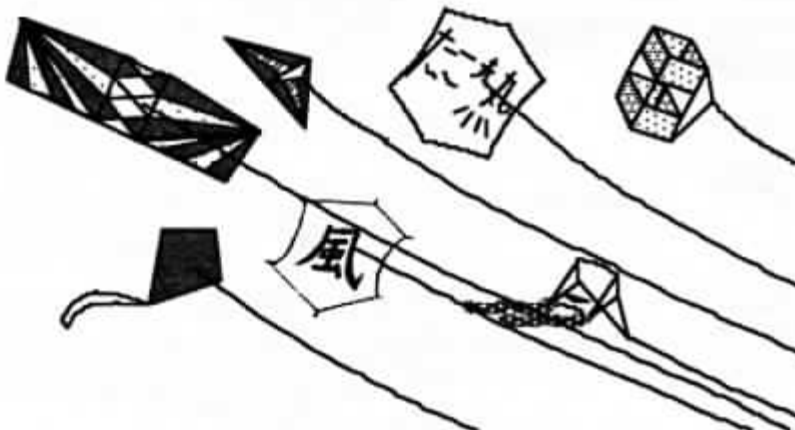
"Due to a number of changes in his life, Rick Brown is no longer publishing the S. F. Cody Kite Society newsletter. This also means that the Cody Society has ceased to exist.

Thank you for the support shown during the time theCody Society flourished."

Sincerely,

Judy Brown
(signed)

We here at W.K.A. are saddened by the loss of a segment of the kiting community. We hope that interest in historical kites will be continued by some group willing to make the information available to the general public. Rick was very generous with his time and information on the kites of Cody. He will be missed. With luck we may catch him on the beach occasionally.



W.K.A. 1995 FINANCIAL STATEMENT by Carol Lord W.K.A. Treasurer

The following Statements of Assets & Liabilities and Revenue & Expenses are published for your information.

The negative net income is due to the purchase of the 3-part WKA pins which have yet to be sold.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As of December 31, 1995

	<u>Dec 31, '95</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
SEAFIRST/REG	3,685.29
SEAFIRST/SAVING	<u>3,266.93</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>6,952.22</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>6,952.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,952.22</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Net Income	-644.07
EQUITY	<u>7,596.29</u>
Total Equity	<u>6,952.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>6,952.22</u>

Statement of Revenue & Expense

January through December 1995

	<u>Jan - Dec '95</u>
Income	
DUES INCOME	2,790.00
GRANTS	1,580.00
INTEREST INCOME	71.99
MISC INCOME	501.75
N/L ADS PREPAY	-100.00
NEWSLETTER ADS	323.20
PRODUCT SALES	1,311.00
WSIKF SPAGHETTI FEED	<u>1,089.00</u>
Total Income	<u>7,566.94</u>
Expense	
BANK CHARGES	38.18
CLUBHOUSE RENT	130.00
GIFTS	1,001.75
INSURANCE	669.00
MISC EXP	701.04
OFF SUPPLIES	48.44
POSTAGE	1,177.02
PRINTING	2,352.64
PRODUCTS	1,904.37
SUPPLIES	184.05
TELEPHONE	4.52
Total Expense	<u>8,211.01</u>
Net Income	<u>-644.07</u>

BEARLY LITERATE

by Horace

Yaaawwwnnn.... Well, drat! I guess I'm up. Not only does the Captain make me miss Long Beach last fall, he wakes me up in the middle of my winter nap.

Seems they had something called The Oregon Kitemakers' Rereat (Third Annual) down at Twin Rocks, Oregon, and nothing would do but we had to go, even though I was really enjoying my hibernation. (No, that's not a misspelling. I got the name straight from the organizer, Dave Colbert..."Oregon Kitemakers' Rereat".)

The Captain and I left Seattle on Wednesday morning, January 17, in our new van. The clutch went out on the Captain's old one, at only 240,000 miles. They just don't build good stuff anymore. We drove down to Longview and then tried to go down the coast, but the old navigation expert really blew it. The coast highway was out and we got routed back and forth across the coast range. Took us nearly seven hours to make the trip.

We wanted to fly on Thursday, but our arrival coincided with that of a super storm with winds of 85 mph. It rained and blew right through Sunday the 22nd, when we drove back home in rain and snow the whole way. Never did get to fly on the beach.

All of that didn't keep some 60 or so folks from having a great time, though. I didn't get to all the classes, by any means, but there were some great instructors... Ron & Sandy Gibian, Bobby Stanfield, Sam Houston (even if he does use glue, which I hate...it gets in my fur), and others I didn't get to meet.

I guess the biggest single effort was a three day class on a jet plane kite. That was one I didn't get to. Sounds like it might make a launch platform, but I'd want to see it tested first.

The Captain taught the fluted sled kite again, using the storm flute as the class project. Six single panels and two double panels were finished in class. The Captain had wanted to teach his new "PictoSled", but didn't get the instructions and kits together in time. Maybe next year. The Picto's quite a nice looking kite, at least when the applique' is a bear....

Just like last year, good organization and a great facility (Twin Rocks Friends Camp) made the Rereat a success. The classes went off like clockwork and

the food was GRRREAT! There was more stuff to raffle off than even I could fit in a large hollow log, including some great kites and a beautiful custom Barb Wright hapi coat commemorating the event. (Though she did misspell the title....put a "T" in it.)

One of the highlights for me was the really impressive display of kites in the Chapel. Makes you feel proud when you see how much talent and work kilters can get together.

Well, I promised Rod I'd get this column written and off to him right away, and I did, so it's back to sleep. I told the Captain to wake me up for Ocean Shores, so maybe I'll see some of you there.



Sleepily yours,

Horace

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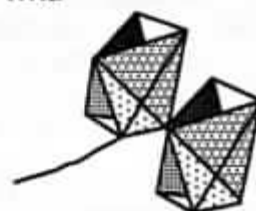
A KITE WORD FIND - BY DAVE CHRISTENSON

Each of the words or phrases listed to the right of the puzzle may be found within the rows of letters below.

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REGIONAL CLUBS

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

CAPTIOL 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.

SCI-FI - SNOHOMISH COUNTY INCREDIBLE FLYING INDIVIDUALS

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

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.

WORLD KITE MUSEUM OFFERS SPRING CLASSES

The World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame is offering an outstanding group of classes this spring. Feb 17-18 will see the presentation of "Kite Trains and Flocks of Birds". A new kite train with a whole new look from Eiji Ohashi will be taught. Tyrus Wong's skill of flying bird kites individually off a mainline will be covered in another class.

"Getting Ready for Battle / Fighter Kites" will be the topic on April 20-21. Don Mock will teach his popular class in tyvek rokkaku building. This is a great opportunity to learn techniques for more sophisticated kitemaking. A smaller fighter kite will also be made.

A "Chinese Extravaganza" will be held on May 18-19. This special class, possibly one of a kind, will teach the Ha family's specialty, the rigid wing sand swallow. Ken Conrad, using bamboo frames made by Ha, will teach the class on Saturday. On Sunday, he will fly his 450 foot Chinese dragon.

These activities will take place at a variety of locations close to the Museum in Long Beach. Pre-registration guarantees participation and materials. Registering at the door makes you take your chances at gaining a spot in a class. For more information, call the Museum at (360) 642-4020.



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 Pins at Special Price

1993 WKA pins, featuring WKA logo, \$4 each or \$30 for a lot of 10 pins. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

WKA Banners

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 St, Tacoma, WA 98404.

New WKA Pins Are In

The new WKA pins are a 3 pin set that, when put together, form a rokkaku. The center pin lists all of the kite clubs in the WKA. The three pin set is priced at \$15 including postage (\$16 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

NORTH COAST SKY PAINTERS OFFER ACTIVITIES

The NCSP are offering a variety of activities for Northwest kiters this spring. First up are two activities to be held on February 10 and 11 at the Ocean Shores Convention Center. Eric and Genny Forsberg will conduct a class on judging sport kite competitions and the duties of pit crew personnel. This class has been approved by the Western Sport Kite League and will include actual judging experience of routines flown on the beach, conditions permitting.

In conjunction with this class will be a Kite Swap Meet. If you have kites or accessories you no longer want or need or if you would like to acquire something new, this is the place for you. Bring your "stuff" to dicker and deal. If you have a lot of items, you are welcome to set up a table for others to browse. A donation will be asked for table space and admission to the Swap Meet will be \$1.00. Businesses may set up table space for \$10 per space.

In co-operation with the Pierce County Kitefliers Association, a class on the edo kite, including knots and bridling, will be offered on April 13-14. J.R. Tolman will present the class, starting at 8:00 AM both days. On Saturday, a potluck will also be held at 7:00 PM at the VFW Hall in Ocean Shores.

If you desire more information, check the "Calendar" on page 10 of this newsletter for the name and phone number of contact personnel. There will be a lot going on - something for everyone!

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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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.

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 10, 1996

Kite Swap Meet, 9AM - 5 PM, Ocean Shores Convention Center, Ocean Shores, WA. Potluck dinner at 6 PM. \$1.00 admission fee. Sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Dee Halverson (360) 289-2982.

FEBRUARY 10, 1996

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, fly from 9 AM - 6 PM with potluck following in VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982.

FEBRUARY 10, 1996

Judging and Pit Crew Class, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Ocean Shores Convention Center, Ocean Shores, WA. Potluck dinner at 6 PM. NO fee. Sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Dee Halverson (360) 289-2982.

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.

MARCH 9, 1996

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, fly from 9 AM - 6 PM with potluck following in VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982.

APRIL

APRIL 13-14, 1996

J.R. Tolman class, Edo kites, knots and bridling, 8 AM - 5 PM Sat and 8 AM - 2 PM Sun, VFW Hall, Ocean Shores, WA. \$20 fee. Sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters and Pierce County Kitefliers Assoc. Contact Barbra Gilbert (206) 782-2922 or (206) 432-2387.

APRIL 13, 1996

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, fly from 9 AM - 6 PM with potluck following in VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982.

APRIL 14, 1996

16th Annual Spring Kite Fly, 11 AM - 5 PM, Leslie Greves Park, Richland, WA. A fun fly sponsored by the City of Richland and The Ben Franklin Kite Society. Contact Greg Gregor (509) 943-3951.

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.

APRIL 27-28, 1996

11th Annual Kiona Winery Barrel Tasting and Kite Fly, 10 AM - 5 PM, Kiona Winery, Sunset Road, Benton City, WA. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 627-6404.

MAY

MAY 4-5, 1996

8th Annual Preston Winery Wine Tasting and Kite Fly, 10 AM - 5 PM, Preston Winery, Hwy 395, 4 miles north of Pasco, WA. This is a fun fly sponsored by Preston Winery and Ben Franklin Kite Society. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 627-6404.

MAY 11, 1996

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, fly from 9 AM - 6 PM with potluck following in VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982.

MAY 18-19, 1996

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

MAY 18-19, 1996

7th Annual Fun Fly on the Sunshine Coast, Davis Bay Beach, Sechelt, BC, Canada. Single line kites only due to small beach size. Sponsored by CAN KYT. Contact Leigh or Lee (604) 885-1921.

MAY 18-19, 1996

Maritime Week activities, including a possible kitefly, on the Seattle Waterfront. Contact Phyllis at OmniDome (206) 622-1869.

JUNE

JUNE 7-9, 1996

3rd Annual Ocean Shores International Kite Challenge. Sponsored by North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Eric or Dee Halverson (360) 289-2982 or Marlin Gilbert (206) 432-2387.

JUNE 8-9, 1996

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

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.

JUNE 16, 1996

The 8th Annual Seattle Kite Festival, 11 AM - 5 PM, Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA. Sponsored by Gasworks Kite Shop. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780.

JULY

JULY 4-7, 1996

Beach Party '96, the Westport Kite Festival, Bongee Road approach, Westport, WA. Competition (and prizes) in many categories. Contact Creda Axton (360) 491-3229 or Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

AUGUST

AUGUST 18-25, 1996

Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 6-8, 1996

Up Your Wind Kite Festival, 9 AM - 10 PM Fri/Sat, 9 AM - 5 PM Sun, Pacific Beach State Park, Pacific Beach, WA. Sponsored by High Flyers Kite Shop and North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Margaret Robinson (360) 276-8377.



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

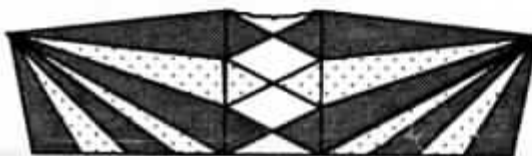
BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY SPRINGS INTO ACTION!

Three annual events are on tap for this spring in the Tri-Cities area. Activities start up at 11:00 AM on April 14 with the Spring Kite Festival in Leslie Greves Park in Richland. Sponsored by the BFKS and the City of Richland, this festival has been active since 1981. It is a fun fly with no competition or prizes, just a chance to show your stuff and have fun socializing with a lot of other fliers.

Two of the big wineries in the area also serve as sponsors with the BFKS for two separate events. On April 27 and 28, the Kiona Winery once again co-sponsors the Wine Barrel Tasting and Kite Fly on their grounds on Sunset Road, near Benton City. In its' tenth year, this festival is always held on the last weekend of April. Approximate start times are 10:00 AM both days lasting until around 5:00 PM. As with the Spring Kite Festival, this is a fun fly but is helped along by the wine tasting.

A similar event will be sponsored by the Preston Winery 4 miles north of Pasco on U.S. Highway 395. Also a fun fly starting at 10:00 AM both days, this wine tasting/kite fly will be held the next weekend, May 4 and 5.

Past attendees of these events invariably have had a great time even with the variable winds to be found in the Columbia Basin. If more information is needed, check out the "Calendar" section on page 10 of this newsletter for the names and phone numbers of the contact people for these events.



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