



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

W.K.A. HELPS CREATE "EVENING UNDER THE STARS"

by Steve Millspaugh

Once again the Washington Kitefliers Association was called on to help the Pacific Science Center create a joyful scene at their annual black-tie fundraiser "Under the Stars". Reliable **Tom Sisson** was our liason with the Center.

Tom designed a series of star shaped kites in various sizes and colors, using brilliant shimmering mylar. He also did much of the construction, showing up at the assembly party with frames, skins, and bridles pre-assembled. Assisting at the party were **Ken Conrad, Stu and Tj Murphy, John Duesenberry**, myself and a young lady named **Marianne** whose last name I missed. After a couple of hours of simple assembly, Tom took the kites and hung them from 5 main support lines.

At the Center on Thursday, Tom, Stu and myself were joined by **Peter Gantt** in hoisting the support lines to attachment points on the buildings surrounding the fountains. The original plan was to hoist them, check them out, and take them down until the party Friday evening. Based on the amount of work, a decision was quickly reached to just leave them in place. We left pleased with the effect but concerned with how they would be looking on Friday night. Winds were really picking up.

Tom got a call after the event expressing the Center's pleasure at the job he (and we) had done. This display was rewarded with a substantial donation to the WKA treasury. Congratulations and thanks to Tom for once again providing a boost to the WKA coffers, and for creating a wonderful display for the Pacific Science Center.



HOLZBAUER AND HANNA HONORED

Margaret Holzbauer and **Bob Hanna** were honored by the Washington Kitefliers Association at a fun fly held at Magnuson Park's Kite Hill in Seattle on August 11.

Longtime members of the WKA, Margaret and Bob were very active in club activities during the early years of the WKA. They served in many capacities and provided much needed help in many areas.

Recently, they donated many kites and related items to the WKA. Much of this material will likely be found at WKA functions, either as raffle items to raise money for the WKA treasury, or as door prizes. Keep your eyes open for these pieces of WKA history.

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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 on August 21st. For further information on time and location, please contact:

Dave Christenson
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

This is going to be a short letter since I got behind in my reporting duties.

I was glad to see so many people turn out for the WKA Fun Fly at

Magnuson Park in Seattle. Everyone seems to be having a good time at these events.

Our new WKA patch should be arriving any day now. Since we haven't had a WKA club patch in a long while, it was decided we needed one to help advertise the club. Check the classified ad section for ordering information. (See the article below.-Ed.)

Thanks go to Tom Sisson and his crew of helpers for their efforts at the Pacific Science Center annual fundraiser. The kite decorations were a great success and obtained a donation by the Science Center of over \$500 for the WKA treasury.

Don't forget to attend the WKA Fun Fly on August 11th at Magnuson Park. It is being held in honor of Bob Hanna and Margaret Holzbauer. They have been long time supporters and workers in the club since our early years. Please come out and say "Hi!" to them.

Also remember our spaghetti dinner on Wednesday evening at WSIKF. If you have something to donate as a door prize, please bring it along or contact Ken Conrad, our Merchant Liason.

We have had some great kite festivals so far this year. Don't forget we still have some more to go (WSIKF, Up Your Winds, Whidbey Island, AKA convention) so come out and show your support.

Best Winds,

Dave

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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication. Mail submissions and photographs (include the name, address and telephone number of the source) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return (if you want your photographs back) to:

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The deadline for all submissions is 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.

NEW WKA PATCH COMING!



For the first time in approximately 15 years, the WKA will have a new patch to represent the club. Designed by your Newsletter editor, the patch will use the current WKA logo as shown actual size at the left. The kites and their tails will be colored as in the masthead of this newsletter. (See page. 1)

The patch should be available for the first time at WSIKF. Cost for this new patch will be \$4, a real bargain for the patch collectors among us!

To purchase your patch, get in touch with Dave Christenson.

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.

COMPETITION RESULTS WESTPORT KITE FESTIVAL

BEACH PARTY '96

HAND-CRAFTED

Cellular - Commercial	1st	Bary Crites
Cellular - Masters	1st	Dick Curran
	2nd	Georgine Curran
	3rd	Rob Pratt
Delta-Commercial	1st	Bary Crites
Delta-Masters	1st	Rob Pratt
Flat/Bowed-Commercial	1st	Bary Crites
Flat/Bowed-Masters	1st	Mel Edlund
	2nd	Georgine Curran
	3rd	J & M Freeman
	4th	Judy Brown
Flat/Bowed-Novice	1st	Ellan Pardee
	2nd	Darlene Cook
	3rd	Kasey Maestas
Figure & Novelty	1st	Richard Maestas
Soft-Masters	1st	J & M Freeman
	2nd	Ron Button
Trains-Masters	1st	Fred Swain
	2nd	Ron Button
Stunt-Novice	1st	Andrea Maestas
Smallest kite	1st	Kaytie Maestas

STUNT KITES - INDIVIDUAL PRECISION

Novice	1st	Reid Wolcott
	2nd	Eric Grimm Jr.
	tie 2nd	David Tenney
Intermediate	1st	Rick Wolcott
	2nd	Kaytie Maestas
	3rd	Mel Edlund
Open	1st	Richard Maestas
	2nd	Richard Hurd

STUNT KITES - GAMES

Roll out-n-fly	1st	Eric Grimm Jr.
	2nd	Eric Grimm Sr.
	3rd	Kaytie Maestas
Wind-n-up	1st	Richard Hurd
	2nd	Eric Grimm Sr.
	3rd	Kaytie Maestas

FIGHTER KITES

1st	Matt Alden
2nd	Ed Alden
3rd	Brian Johnsen

MYSTERY BALLET

Individual-Novice	1st	Brian Egge
Individual-Intermediate	1st	Richard Hurd
Individual-Experienced	1st	Al Councilman
Team	1st	Cliff Bond & Al Councilman
	2nd	Connie Hale & Dave Sweet

KIDS EVENTS

4 & Under Everyone was a winner!

5&6 REEL OUT

1st	Amber Crites
2nd	Caley Brown
3rd	Ryan Monks

7&8 REEL OUT

1st	Crystal Miller
2nd	Clayton Crites
3rd	Jennifer Hansen

9&10 REEL OUT

1st	Michael Oxnevad
2nd	Jennifer Mask
3rd	Laura Gendlek

11&12 REEL OUT

1st	Kaycee Maestas
2nd	Catherine Gendlek
3rd	Cristina Martin

DASH

1st	Jeremy Gendlek
2nd	Colin Vasereno
3rd	Kelcie Beritch
	DASH
1st	Aaron Mercer
2nd	Jonathan Hebert
3rd	Cobey Brown
tie	Clayton Crites
tie	Zack Sanders
	DASH
1st	Pesarakphorn Lin
2nd	Josephine Hebert
3rd	Ricky Amundsen
	DASH
1st	Jessica Mask
2nd	Cristina Martin
tie	Catherine Gendlek
3rd	Ian Beritch

THEME AWARD

RED, WHITE, & BLUE
TAKO KICHI
PAINT THE SKY
PEOPLES CHOICE

Darlene Cook
Pierre Langlois
Rich & Evonne Miller
Al Councilman
Roger Maddy

These results supplied by the Beach Party '96 Competition Committee.

TRUE RED, WHITE, & BLUE

by Marleen Zilar

Pierre and Pat Langlois of Everett were the recipients of the trophy given each year at the Westport Kite Festival for the best Red, White, & Blue display. The display may include anything in the air or on the ground. Costumes have also enhanced the display.

The trophy is donated annually by the Ben Franklin Kite Society. Individual contributors this year included Linda & Glen Garner, Margaret & Greg Greger, Krista & Steve Weeks, Di & Elmo Weeks, and Marleen Zilar.

Past winners of the trophy include Audrey & Ken Mark and their son, Rose & Jim McSparren and family, Jane & John Merideth, and Donnie Robbins..

FORT WORDEN WINDBOW FLIES AT FANØ!

by Sam Huston

In June, Charmayne Cornell, Bob Umbowers, Anne and I took the Fort Worden windbow on a trip to the kite festival at Fanø, Denmark. This gathering is the most humongous "fun fly" that you could imagine with more big, beautiful kites and sky stuff than I ever expected to see – and does the wind ever blow!

Our luggage and kites were two days late getting there which was likely a blessing in holding down the damage to our northwestern USA weather-rated stuff. Those folks use the Beaufort Wind Scale which I don't savvy too well, but a B 6-7 is a first class gale! By the end of the week it was down to a B 3-4 (like 20's mph, I think) and we flew some kites.

The Windbow had a glorious, but brief, career. We got it up with no problem, angled about 45 degrees to the wind (for safety we thought). It looked great, folks were high fiving us, and we tied it to a car and a motorhome
photo by Huston Kiteworks

See FANØ / page 11



THE EDITOR'S ECHO

What a summer! I didn't think retired people were supposed to be this busy. My family did get to enjoy the Westport Kite Festival again this year and are really looking forward to WSIKF. I have really enjoyed seeing the cooperation and unselfish attitudes on the beach. Westport was so well organized that I didn't see any friction develop anywhere. **Creda and Al Axton** are to be commended for doing a remarkable job with organization and field management for this event.

I really want to thank all of you who have sent in material for publication. For the first time in my tenure as editor, I have to hold material back for a future edition of the *Newsletter*. This is fantastic!

This is short due to the pressures of a timeline for publication and the need for space for all the material sent to me. Bow down to the spirits of the wind and keep those kites up!



Rod

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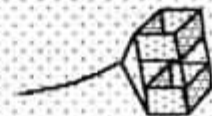
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SUMMER BUGGY BLITZ

by Steve Millsbaugh

The North West Buggy Pilots Association hosted a very successful weekend of buggy fun over the Independence Day holiday, July 4 - 7. Those were the same dates as the Westport Kite Festival and this gave us the opportunity to share this exciting new aspect of kiting with folks who may not have been exposed to it yet. Although we were 7 miles south of the festival site, many spectators seemed to make their way down to Grayland to observe (and sometimes join) the fun.

We had a great turnout, including lots of folks from Oregon and B.C. as well as Washington. Conditions were good much of the time, as both the tide tables and the wind gods were reasonably cooperative. We lost the beach in the afternoons, but generally managed to get in enough hours to call the event a success. I didn't keep a count or a roster (I really should take notes if I'm going to write about these things), but the "usual suspects" showed up, along with a bunch of newcomers.

One of the highlights of the event was a barbeque and deck party graciously hosted by **Dave and Carol Lord**, who are justifiably proud of their new home in Westport. Although this was scheduled opposite the Windriders potluck on Saturday evening, Judy and I had no difficulty choosing where to be. We did leave a bit early, to be sure not to miss the pin challenge, but we had a wonderful time sharing buggy tales and video tapes with other NWBPA members. Thanks and congratulations to Dave and Carol, as a good time was had by all.

Another highlight was watching the Northwest's own buggy sailor, **Mike Eason**, at work, as made good use of his wetsuit to take his buggy well into the surf time and time again. It's one thing to whip through the edge of the surf and spray a little roostertail, but Mike was a kick to watch as he often found himself floating rather than rolling. He even managed to leave the buggy for some kite propelled body surfing. I don't believe it was his original plan, but it sure looked impressive!

The next NWBPA event is a trip to Alvord Dry Lake in southeastern Oregon in early September. Many members will also be attending the buggy event at El Mirage just before the AKA convention in California.

For more information on the North West Buggy Pilots Association, contact Morrie Williams at (206) 788-6355 or e-mail at morrie@eskimo.com.

The NWBPA is affiliated with both the AKA and the WKA.

KITES 4 KIDS

by Tom Sisson

This year has been a very busy one for me. Since February I have been teaching kite classes in various schools and have provided the teachers with "Teachers Packets" which the WKA provides to help make a variety of kites. Thanks to The Rack, Kay-Bee Toys, and Toys-R-Us, I have had plastic bags to make kites accessible to handicapped children. These businesses have donated the bags and the WKA the sticks and string. I have made kites at the hearing impaired camp, Cancer Play Day, and Burn Center Day Camp at Camp Waskowitz. What fun! **Di Van Guilder** helped me at the Burn Camp and I want to thank her for going to North Bend with me!

Thanks from these centers has been graciously received and appreciated. If anyone has some available time, I would appreciate hearing you volunteer to help make kites with kids. I have also done many classes with school children and cannot do all that ask for help! I am always willing to teach a class on building kites with kids. Contact me at (206) 725-3615.



photo by Jean Sisson

CODY AUCTION CATALOGUES

-From *The Kiteflier*, the newsletter of the Kite Society of Great Britain

As you may be aware there was an auction at Sotheby's of London on 24 January of Samuel Franklin Cody memorabilia, from his early days as a Wild West showman through his experiments with kites to his experiences of early flight.

Sotheby's produced an excellent and very substantial 100 page sale brochure containing details of the 271 lots, documenting Cody's history with full color and black & white photographs. It's a superb, unique record and a must for anyone interested in Cody's life.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining a limited quantity of these catalogues - which we will pass on, on a first come first served basis, for the reduced sum of £10.50 plus £1.75 postage and packing. If you would like a copy, please send your order with a cheque to us at: Kiteability, 2 Garfield Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN3 4RP, Great Britain.

(Ed. note: I won one of these catalogues in the raffle at Fort Worden. They are well worth the price and trouble if you are a fan of S. F. Cody.)

KITE FESTIVAL SEASON IN HIGH GEAR

Summer is really festival time in the Pacific Northwest. The biggest is obviously the Washington State International Kite Festival during the third week of August. September will see a wealth of festivals in addition to other club activities on the local levels. The Fall Buggy Blitz will be held in southeastern Oregon, Up Your Wind at Pacific Beach, the Rainbow in Seattle, Over the Dunes in Florence, OR, and the Asian Kite Festival in Eugene, OR.

The Up Your Wind Kite Festival will be held September 6-8 at Pacific Beach State Park. This is the fourth year for this event, held annually on the first weekend in September. Competitions will be held and prizes awarded, but no fees charged. The sponsors of this event, High Flyers Kite Shop and the North Coast Sky Painters, expect over 3500 people to attend. This event is bound to be a fun event with great winds for all purposes.

The Third Annual Rainbow Kite Festival will be held at Magnuson Park's Kite Hill in Seattle. This is a one-day festival, with activities scheduled from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on September 21st.

Not much information is available for the other festivals. For more information, utilize the contacts given in the event calendar on page 10 of this newsletter.

W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Frank Ballard	Issaquah
Betty Ballard	Issaquah
Jim Barber	Ocean Shores
Monica Barber	Ocean Shores
Alan Brands	Kent
Dorothy Brands	Kent
Michael Carney	Battle Ground
Eric Dye	Seattle
Emma Dye	Seattle
Carol Eckert	University Place
Steven Fain	Seattle
Maureen Fain	Seattle
Sharon Henley	Brier
Roger Veil	Seattle
Willie Schmidt	Seattle
Jean Schmidt	Seattle
Teri Schmidt	Seattle
Jonathan Wallace	Seattle
The Drachen Foundation	Seattle

MINUTES OF WKA BOARD MEETING

Here, in keeping with the WKA constitution and by-laws, are the minutes of the Board meeting held June 26, 1996, at the home of Tom and Jean Sisson in Seattle. The last meeting was at Fort Worden in March and was reported in the April-May issue of the *Newsletter*.

Officers in attendance were Dave Christenson, President, and Stu Murphy, Vice-President. Board members attending were Tom Sisson, Education, Sylvia Bernauer, Membership, Ken Conrad, Merchant Liaison, Rod Beamguard, Newsletter, Steve Millspaugh, Past President, and Susie Christenson, Products. Guests in attendance were Jean Sisson and TJ Murphy.

The 7:00 PM meeting was brought to order promptly at 7:15 by Dave. The Financial Report was presented by Dave on behalf of absent treasurer Carol Lord. (See elsewhere in this issue for the full report. - Ed.) It was noted that printing/ mailing costs are down by almost \$600 due to the new policy of not mailing newsletters to people who are delinquent in their memberships. We also have a new insurance policy provider. Coverage is the same but we are in a different classification. The financial result is a drop in premium amount from \$669 to \$255 per year. Dues income and product sales are up but grant income is down. The \$130 credit in clubhouse rent reflects the money received this year through the joint WKA/PCKA Christmas Party at the Fife Community Hall. The number of WKA-sponsored events has increased to 10. Ken moved to include all WKA merchandise as an asset on the balance sheet (passed).

The Education Report by Tom included a number of items. Margaret Holzbauer and Bob Hanna have donated several kites to the WKA. Some will be raffled and some will be used as door prizes at various WKA events. On August 11 a Fly-In will be held at Magnuson Park Kite Hill in Seattle in honor of Bob and Margaret.

Tom is coordinating an exhibition of kites from the Pacific Rim nations. To be displayed from November 5 through December 12, the kites will hang in the South Seattle Community College Art Gallery. The gallery is located next to the bookstore in the Student Center.

The Pacific Science Center's annual Festival of Fountains fund-raising event will be (has been) held on July 26 at the Science Center. Due to last year's success, the PSC has asked the WKA to again provide decorations. The PSC wants 62 to 88 star shaped kites to hang on lines strung between buildings and will pay the WKA approximately \$1000. Tom has already drawn up plans. Volunteers for the project include Tom, Dave, Stu, Ken, and Steve.

Tom also requested \$100 from the WKA to cover the costs of materials for kite workshops for charitable organizations. (Moved and passed.)

Steve received an inquiry from the Rise and Shine Camp for children with HIV/AIDS concerning the possibility of a kite workshop to be held at the camp. Tom agreed to do one and requested \$30 for materials. (Moved and passed)

The American Kitefliers Association has asked the WKA to assist in sponsoring a set of trophies at the AKA convention. A motion to not participate passed.

The Membership Report by Sylvia showed 68 renewals or new memberships. There is a need for greater availability of membership application forms.

The Newsletter Editor brought up the need for a scanner to better reproduce pictures for the newsletter. A black and white scanner for a Macintosh is all that is needed. Ken suggested contacting scanner manufacturers about the possibility of a donation.

Minutes/see next page

Minutes - continued

Under Items for Discussion, Dave mentioned that the Westport Windriders have donated \$100 to the WKA in exchange for the use of the WKA tax identification number. Their use of the number will be limited to opening a checking account for the club as a non-profit organization.

TJ Murphy reported on the progress of the Spagetti Feed at WSIKF. Last year the WKA broke even monetarily, largely due to the income from the raffle. Ken will coordinate donations for this year's raffle. This year's feed will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 PM, a half-hour later than in previous years.

Dave introduced the idea of a new WKA patch. Rod submitted the idea and a design earlier. It was moved to order 100 patches (passed). Dave will check prices and try for delivery before WSIKF.

Ken reported on Seattle City Council actions affecting Magnuson Park Kite Hill. The council voted 7 to 2 in favor of allowing dogs off-leash at several parks. Magnuson is one of those included. If anyone has any problem with dogs, please contact Ken so he can build a statistical base for opposing free running dogs at Magnuson. Also be sure to contact King County Animal Control. Ken is also working on the removal of scotch broom and some trees at the south edge of Kite Hill.

It was moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM (passed).

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet Comparison
June 1996

	June 96	June 95
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
SEAFIRST/REG	4,899.89	3,216.40
SEAFIRST/SAVINGS	<u>3,297.29</u>	<u>3,225.53</u>
Total Checking/Savings	8,197.18	6,440.93
Total Current Assets	8,197.18	6,440.93
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,197.18	\$6,440.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
NET INCOME	1,244.96	-1,155.36
EQUITY	<u>6,952.22</u>	<u>7,596.29</u>
Total Equity	\$8,197.18	\$6,440.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$8,197.18	\$6,440.93

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION
Profit and Loss Comparison
January through June 1996

	Jan - June 96	Jan - June 95
Income		
DUES INCOME	\$1,628.75	\$1,475.00
GRANTS	100.00	680.00
INTEREST INCOME	30.36	29.59
N/L ADS PREPAY	-83.33	0.00
NEWSLETTER ADS	153.10	9.00
PRODUCT SALES	<u>772.00</u>	<u>530.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,600.88	\$2,723.59
Expense		
BANK CHARGES	14.13	15.03
CLUBHOUSE RENT	-130.00	0.00
GIFTS	0.00	500.00
INSURANCE	255.00	669.00
MISC EXPENSE	10.00	160.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	52.75	34.37
POSTAGE	655.71	692.76
PRINTING	383.24	1,624.26
PRODUCTS	0.00	170.97
SUPPLIES	82.20	8.04
TELEPHONE	32.89	4.52
Total Expense	\$1,355.92	\$3,878.95
Net Income	\$1,244.96	-\$1,155.36



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BEARLY LITERATE

by Horace

Well, the kite season has started and summer seems to be passing us by. It's been cool for so long I almost didn't wake up from my winter nap.

However, the good Captain knocked on my log and roused me out for the Ocean shores kite Festival. What a great time we had! In bear dropping, the Captain furnished six bears, all of which were dropped and given to eager kids. He told bear stories and crowds of kids (young and old) convinced us we needed more bears for Sunday. Dick bought another couple and an anonymous lady from the crowd came up and said, "Here's another bear for the cause," donating a lovely new bear. It's nice to see humans getting the message about the importance of bears and the love they can bring. At any festival attended by the Rainbear Skydive Corps, donated bears are welcome,

either new or in new condition. Any bear will be given proper training and dropped to loving new owners.

In addition to the give-away drops, we did a LOT of just plain bear dropping. The Corps won "Best Banner" and the Captain got to fly some of his new picto-sleds. These will probably be ready for classes by the next kitemakers gathering.

As usual, Captain Dick got too much sun for his allergy and was a pretty sick puppy for about a week. We've been keeping out of the sun since, for the most part.

Right after Ocean Shores, we went to a bear designer's conference in Vancouver, BC. No flying, but it was great to spend four days with 50 other bear makers (and lots of bears) while the Captain learned more secrets for making collector bears. He also got to do some storytelling in Stanley Park.

After being home for nine hours, we flew off to the East Coast for another bear conference and the

International Ventriloquist Conference. It was busy and fun but when do we get time to fly and jump?

We were out of town during the Westport Festival but hope to make Long Beach during the early part of the week, or at least as long as the Captain can take the sun. We'll definitely be at the Pacific Beach fly. All you arctophiles (that's a fancy name for a bear lover) see us when you can. Bring your bear friends. We're always open to giving parachute rides.

The Rainbear Skydive Corps got another write-up in the teddy bear press. It looks like we may be offering adventure camps for bears in the fall. (You'd have to be an arctophile to understand, or even believe...)



REGIONAL CLUBS

ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS

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

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

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

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 (503) 537-0817. 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.

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.

WHIDBEY ISLAND TO HOST KITEFLIERS AT END OF SEPTEMBER

The Fort Casey Conference Center on Whidbey Island is welcoming back kitefliers for the 4th annual Washington State Sport Kite Championship and the 2nd Whidbey Island Kite Festival on September 28th and 29th, 1996. Located on the west side of the island, the Conference Center, adjacent to Fort Casey, provides an ideal site for kite competitions. Acres of large grass fields are situated right next to the beach. Lodging can be arranged in the Bachelor Officers Quarters right on site or folks can camp in the tent and RV area adjacent to the flying fields. Meal service is available to all and was highly rated by attendees last year.

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.

New WKA Patch

Patches featuring the WKA logo are available for \$4 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

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.

LOST! LOST! LOST!

Transition kite tail, black, red, & white. 3.5" x 38". Left at the edge of the dunes 1/4 mile N of Chance-Lamears beach access at Ocean Shores. Contact Sam Huston (206) 631-5963.

LOST! LOST! LOST!

Left on the beach at Westport, July 4-7: Black bag full of kite stuff, including three 20 foot spinsocks, green sand frog, and more. Small reward and thanks. Contact Elmo & Vi Weeks (509) 967-2488.

SCI-FI (Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals) and the WKA are sponsoring this AKA sanctioned event.

Mike Eason, event coordinator, related that this competition continues to be the most inexpensive event to enter on the West Coast. He also noted that intermediate level fliers will have an opportunity to compete in individual, team, and pairs ballet. These are not always offered at other events.

In addition to the sport kite competition, comprehensive hand-crafted and fun flying events will be held. There will be events for all interests, including buggy pilots. A fighter kite round robin tournament will be held as well as a rokkaku battle. Of last years rokkaku battle, Bary Crites of the Westport Windriders said, "___, I've never had more fun in my life".

An exciting raffle will be held throughout the weekend. Stuff the box for your favorite kite.

Be sure to register early, before Sept. 12, to qualify for the early registration discount. Remember, novice registration is half price. Onsite check-in will start Friday, Sept. 27th, at 5:00 pm.

To obtain registration information, write to SCI-FI at P. O. Box 7882, Everett, WA 98201, or contact Mike Eason at (206) 334-0362 or Erv Crosby at (206) 339-9334. E-mail to kichiwa@eskimo.com.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Phone or FAX your info to Rod Beamguard at (360) 574-8050. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, and the contact person's name and phone number.

AUGUST

AUGUST 11, 1996

WKA Fun Fly, Noon to ?? at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103.

AUGUST 11, 1996

SCI-FI Fun Fly, Marine Park and Boat Launch, noon to dusk, Everett. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334, Bill Walton (360) 456-3056, or Katie Eason (206) 334-0362.

AUGUST 17, 1996

2nd Annual Benefit Wine Tasting, World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, Long Beach, 7 PM - 10 PM. Contact Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

AUGUST 18-25, 1996

Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach. (800) 451-2542.

AUGUST 29, 1996

PCKA Meeting, Summit Branch of Pierce County Library, Tacoma, 7PM. Dave Christenson speaks on comprehensive single line judging. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

AUG 31 - Sept 2, 1996

Fall Buggy Blitz, 10 AM - 4 PM, Alvord Dry Lake, Fields, OR. Pursuit and circuit racing, no fees. Sponsored by Northwest Buggy Pilots Assoc. Contact Morrie Williams (206) 788-6355.

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.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1996

SCI-FI Fun Fly, meet at Alfie's Pizza at 12:30 PM for pizza and a brief meeting, then on to Marine Park and Boat Launch until dusk, Everett. May be moved to Fort Casey. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334, Bill Walton (360) 456-3056, or Katie Eason (206) 334-0362.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

Asian Kite Festival, Amazon Park, Eugene, OR. Contact Judy Brown (541) 689-8175.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1996

3rd Annual Rainbow Festival, Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle, 11 AM - 4 PM. Contact Carol Landis (206) 720-1076 or (206) 616-1908.

SEPTEMBER 21-22, 1996

2nd Annual "Over the Dunes" Kite Festival, Florence, OR. Contact Wally Morey (541) 642-8692.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1996

PCKA Meeting, Summit Branch of Pierce County Library, Tacoma, 7 PM. Dick Curran on thermoplastic moldings. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

GRAYLAND, Northwest Buggy Pilots Association. Fun flies 4th Saturday of every month at Wash-Away Beach. Verify location with Morrie Williams (206) 788-6355.

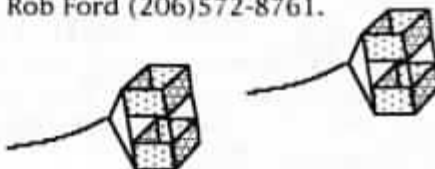
OCEAN SHORES, North Coast Sky Painters. Meet and fly the 2nd weekend of every month (except December). Fly at Illahee Beach. Potluck following on Saturday night at the VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner. Ask for directions at local kite shops or contact Dee/Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

SPOKANE, Lilac City Wind Chasers. Fun flies every Tuesday, 4:00 PM until dark, at Friendship Park, 7400 block of North Standard.

TACOMA, Pierce County Kitefliers Assoc. Meetings on the last Thursday of the month at Summit Branch of Pierce Co. Library, 7:00 PM. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

DO ANY OTHER CLUBS HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO LIST?

If so, send the information to the *WKA Newsletter* (address on page 2).



SEPTEMBER 28-29, 1996

4th Annual Washington State Sport Kite Championship and 2nd Annual Whidbey Island Kite Festival, Casey Conference Center, Coupeville, WA. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334 or Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 1996

Lincoln City *Call of the Wild* Fall Kite Festival, D River Wayside, Lincoln City, OR. Contact Steve Lamb (541)994-9500 or Don Redfield (541) 996-6800.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 13, 1996

SCI-FI Fun Fly, meet at Alfie's Pizza at 12:30 PM for pizza and a brief meeting, then on to Marine Park and Boat Launch til dusk, Everett. May be moved to Fort Casey. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334, Bill Walton (360) 456-3056, or Katie Eason (206) 334-0362.

OCTOBER 13, 1996

PCKA Fun Fly, Pacific Beach, WA. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

OCTOBER 24, 1996

PCKA meeting, Processing Center of Pierce County Library, 112th & Waller Road, Tacoma, 7 PM. Don Mock will teach applique techniques. Bring your machine. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 20, 1996

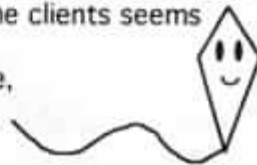
PCKA meeting/auction, Processing Center of Pierce County Library, 112th & Waller Road, Tacoma, 7 PM. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

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.

TO ALL WKA MEMBERS:

I'm taking any and all kite pictures, etc., (from magazines of all kinds) to make collages to distribute to schools to compel people to "think kites". I am currently making kite collages for the Greater Lakes Mental Health Foundation and the response from the clients seems encouraging. I'll let you know how it goes.

If you have questions or materials to donate, please contact Chuck Anderson of the PCKA at (206) 531-6212 (work) or at (206) 565-2372.



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to rest a bit and take some pictures. Bad move! All at once the wind swung around square to the windbow and picked up alot.

The ends started rippling. It was like the pictures I've seen of Galloping Gertie, the old Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Before we could get an end loose, the oscillations hit the top, and, with a really big bang, the bow blew out between the E and the M in "KITEMAKERS".

We had lots of help rolling it up and have heard that it made news on the Internet. Now it is in the sewing room here getting fixed. Like the German guy with the big camera and bigger grin said as he pounded us on the back, "That's kite flying!"

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