



# Newsletter

February / March 1997

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## 1997 FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS CONFERENCE FEATURES KITEMAKERS OF JAPAN!

As you probably know by now, the invited guests of the 14 Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference will come from Japan to show us new techniques with traditional materials.

Mr. Masaaki Modegi will be bringing a collection of kites from his kite museum in Tokyo and will present a session on Japanese kite history. Mrs. Tokuko Sato comes from northern Japan and will share



her considerable artistic talents. After making a Tsugaru Dako from paper and hiba (cypress), workshop participants will then paint their kite using the style of northern Japan as taught by Mrs. Sato. Mr. Hideo Matsutani will use the traditional materials of washi paper, paste, and bamboo to build a basic kakudako. This regional kite is a rectangular kite and looks very much like the edo dako which has been so popular here in the U.S. These distinguished guests are very eager to

expand your knowledge of the kites of Japan. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have a desire to get away from ripstop and fiberglass to expand your horizons and gain new knowledge of kitemaking techniques.

The Fort Worden program committee has once again been able to provide us with a wide variety of talent from our side of the Pacific. Such talented people as John Burkhardt, Wayne Hosking, Jeff Howard, Dan Proebstel, Pete Sheragy, Ed and Bonnie Wright, Dawn Williams, and J.R. Tolman bring a wide variety of skills to share from areas outside the Pacific Northwest. There is something for everybody: appliqué techniques, indoor kites, parafoils, butterflies, Cody variations, jewelry, kites for kids (and adults!), and a world of information! There is such a great opportunity for everyone to learn.

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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 Fort Worden in conjunction with the annual membership meeting.

PLAN ON  
ATTENDING!



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

I would like to say Thank You to all the people who contributed to the WKA/PCKA Annual Holidays Gathering. Also a big Thank You to all those kites who bought tickets for raffle and auction items. With

everyone's help we raised over \$872.00 for the local food bank. The mayor of Fife and the Food Bank said Thank You Very Much.

As this is my last President's letter, I would like to thank the board members for all their support and help these past five years. Without their help and drive, I wouldn't have been able to head up this great club. Thank you for five years of great memories.

Last year a lot of members asked to have more fun flies at Magnuson Park in Seattle. These flies went over so well that I have scheduled several more this year. Check the calendar for the dates.

Sorry we missed you at the Beat TheBowls Fly at Magnuson Park on January 1. It was a little wet but a fair number of fliers did show up. See you there next year.

Also, Thanks go to Tom Sisson for the work he did at South Seattle Community College. A letter from the college is elsewhere in this Newsletter.

*Best Winds,*

*Dave*

## WKA Newsletter 1996

The Washington Kitefliers Association Newsletter is published six times a year by the Washington Kitefliers Association.

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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.

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## W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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Yakima

Do you know of anyone who would appreciate a membership in WKA?

Feel free to bestow a membership on a friend. They will be glad you did!

## 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.

# GUARANTEED- TO-FLY KITE MAKING WITH KIDS

by Greg Greger

A kite making session of Conover Eddys with a group of handicapped kids was a joy to observe and a real success. After doing a demonstration of making and launching the kite to fly across the room in front of the group, materials were handed out. These kids went to work. A half hour later, with a wide grin on his face, the wheel chair confined kitemaker shown below was doing laps around the perimeter of the large room we were using, successfully flying his newly made kite behind him. Other class members are shown in the pictures.

(Making kites with the Association of Retarded Children (ARC) Tri-Cities group has become an annual tradition with Greg of the Ben Franklin Kite Society.)



**Fort Worden** -from page 1

The class line-up also will also feature many of the finest teachers from our own area. The Pacific Northwest is very fortunate to have a wealth of very knowledgeable kitemakers. That these people are willing to take the time and energy to share their knowledge with the rest of us marks them as truly exceptional people who care about the growth of kiting. **Mary Yoshimi, Barb Wright, Lee Taylor, Jim Murosako, Gerry Pennell, Kathy Goodwind, Bud Kroger, Dan Kurahashi, Elain Genser, Ronda Brewer, Doug Garza, Charmayne Cornell, and Bary Crites** - THANK YOU! You are what keeps the creative juices flowing in the rest of us.

For those of you who are not able to plan on attending this year, any drop-ins will be welcomed if you find you do have the time to getaway. Keep fort Worden in your thoughts.

## THE EDITOR'S ECHO

This has to be the latest issue of the Newsletter ever in my two year tenure as editor! It may well also be one of my last. I hate to be this late but have not had extra time to do the newsletter. Sixteen hour days six days a week are required for my tax preparation business right now. If I spend Sunday on family activities, that leaves precious little time for anything else but sleep. I REFUSE TO GIVE UP SLEEPING!!

I hope that you have all had a very productive winter and got to spend at least some time on kite projects. I find myself getting really bummed out if I can't spend some time on kites. I haven't been able to do that since October. I am going to make the time for R & R and go to Fort Worden. I know I would need the break and am really looking forward to it, especially with my interest in Japanese kites. I was unable to go the Oregon Kitemakers Retreat this year where I always have a very relaxing time. Fort Worden will be even more special because my wife will be coming for the first time.

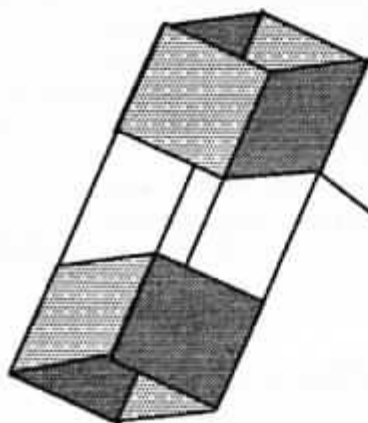
I haven't talked with The Pres for awhile but it sounds like he is finally serious about passing on the reins of the WKA to someone else. Dave has a heart as big as all outdoors but he needs the break. He has done a tremendous job in keeping this club a vital entity, promoting the growth of kiting in Washington, and expanding our circle of activities. I hope one of you will step forward to fill the position and allow yourself to gain the satisfaction that comes with serving your club. Club elections were held in December but I have not received any results and so do not know if we already have an elected president. If not, YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU! Make a one year commitment to both yourself and the club and volunteer to take up the slack. When your year is done, keep your commitment to yourself and pass your duties on to someone else. We all need to give of ourselves in order to keep this great club strong. Dave has given enough! He needs and deserves the break. See you at Fort Worden (I hope)!



Rod

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### M. C. ESCHER'S BOX KITE



The kite shown here was pictured in the December 1996 issue of the Newsletter of the Great Ouse Kite Fliers in England. With my interest in Escher, I couldn't resist it.

Does anyone want to try to build it? (-Ed.)

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# A SKY FULL OF JEWELS

What sport could attract a clinical psychologist, a radio-TV repairman, a retired secretary, and a 14-year-old student?

You probably wouldn't guess kiteflying, but this sport draws people from every background, regardless of career or age.

The Pierce County Kiteflyers Association (PCKA) is a kite club that has some 200 individual and family memberships. It was started in 1990 by kite enthusiast Chuck Anderson.

Club members are dedicated to showing people how much fun kites are, and how to fly them with safety and respect for each other in mind. They collect kites, build kites, even wear kites on their jackets and hats ... but most of all, they fly kites.

They fly them for different reasons. Some are involved in kite flying because it relaxes them, others to take out their aggressions in stunt flying competitions and fighting kite matches.

Whether relaxing or exhilarating, kite flying can involve mind and body to the maximum.

As Fred Dodge, a kiter from Seattle, puts it, "I never realized I could be physically and mentally challenged by flying a kite!"

Kites have had a long reputation of getting father and son out on a spring afternoon and having a good time together as they attempt to launch a dime-store kite.

Family time together is often the goal of club flyers, but there are numerous other benefits as well. Exercise, fresh air, being with people who have similar interests and an atmosphere of very little social pressure are some of the advantages.

by Alice Gorden

Parkland Ruralite Magazine  
February 1997

For those who want to pitch in and help, there are organizational jobs that keep the club operating. The club newsletter goes out every two months, and the programs have to be planned.

Programs may center around such subjects as kite safety, knots for kite lines, kite parts and hardware, building specific styles of kites and setting kite records.

The PCKA also holds an annual fund-raising auction in conjunction with the Washington Kitefliers Association. Proceeds go to the local food bank.

Local outdoor competitions may require going to the Washington coast or to the shores of Puget Sound, in order to be where there is wind. Many of the member families combine campouts with these events.

At large regional events - such as the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach and the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference in Port Townsend - international competitors, demonstrators and instructors are quite common. Countries represented in recent events include China, Japan, Germany, and Australia.

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## A LETTER FROM SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

December 4, 1996

Dave Christenson  
Washington State Kite Flyers Association  
200 2nd North  
Seattle, Wa.

Dear Dave,

On behalf of the painting students and myself at South Seattle Community College we want to thank you for the wonderful kites you provided for the class. I want to let you know how much we appreciate this generous undertaking and how much fun we will have painting the kites. Tom has been so inspirational to all of us here at the college as well as very thorough and helpful. I thank you very much for this most generous gift in which we will enjoy creating and painting and sharing.

Thank you very much,

(13 signatures)

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## A LETTER FROM FOOD BANKS OF PIERCE CO.

Dear Washington Kitefliers Assoc.,

Thank you very much for your most generous check of \$872.50 to the Fife Milton Edgewood Food Bank. Your support is greatly appreciated. May the good Lord reward you for your caring and sharing.

We wish you all a very happy Holiday Seasons.

God love you,

Marian Wetseb (s)  
Com. of Fife Mill for Food Bank

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By MKF member John Larson of Sheffield

# The CRESCENT

This is a twin line stunt kite. Its claim to fame being that it is a different shape and also that it will rotate about its own centre like the segment of a disk. It flies in any wind from 3 -20 but below 5. Lifts better without the secondary stretchers at 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock.

**NOTE.** All drawing dimensions in mms. No allowance for hems or overlaps. These must be to the individual preferences of the builder. The number and positioning of the individual panels is chosen to enable the sail to adopt an aerofoil cross section when influenced by the wind and to this end the indicated bias of each panel should be carefully followed. The experienced constructor should have no problems working only from the drawings but a few notes on the way that I made mine may help.

Draw out on a piece of lining-paper each of the shapes given as finished sizes add onto the profiles the seam (4mm) or hem (16mm) allowances where necessary. Hot-knife cut each sail watching both bias and face are correct. Whilst the sail sector is still on the cutting board (paper) draw in the finished profile with a Berol Verithin Silver pencil - this shows up on nearly all colours. Sew the sail together carefully matching the drawn profiles and tensions. As all the seams are on the bias it is easy to stretch one of the sections out of position, so to avoid this I glue first, using Evostik Fabric Adhesive. Hem the trailing edge of the sail. Next cut out the leading edge tunnel on the bias, 50mm x 240cm long, (nylon canvas or dacron) fold into half lengthways, mark this fold and sew onto the front of the sail using the fold as guide for the leading edge of the sail and stitching about 2mm in from the fold. Cut the spine tunnel 40mm x 850 long, (dacron) on the straight and sew into place over the centre seam starting at the heel and working towards the nose leaving the surplus to eventually form the rear pocket Next fold over the other half of the leading edge tunnel and sew down at 2 & 5 mm from the inner edge with a double line of stitching, and leaving a gap in the stitching where the spine will come, also DO NOT sew the last 35mm at the end of each wingtip to give access for the leading edge carbon; instead sew up the extreme tip of the tunnel in line with the trailing edge of the sail to close up the tunnel end. Now sew the nose rear pocket leaving a space where the nose joint tube will lie. Cut out a strip of dacron 40 x 200 and sew into place at the heel of the spine and on the rear of the sail, using a double line of stitches 1 & 3mm from the edge. Cut 4 stand-off

pockets 40 x 20 fold so as to leave a back 25 deep and a pocket 15 deep sew on at the places marked. On the rear ONLY of the sail leading edge, at the nose carefully burn out with the hot knife two oval holes one each side of the centre line and starting 30mm from the c/l and about 50mm long (see fig 3) This is to give access to the nose joint for assembly. Between these at the spine centreline hot-knife a hole for the nose connector as small as possible (12 wide). For each of the spreaders cut a hole about 35 lg. For the centre-boss cut a hole about 30 lg. Lastly to complete the sail punch drill or burn a small hole 45mm from each wing tip as a fastening point for the restraint-cord (see fig. 2) and again about 20mm from the spine heel for the spine shock-cord. This completes the sail. Prepare the centre-boss by threading a 5.5 ferrule through one of the crossholes in item 6, force a short piece of 5.5 dia rubber tube onto each end and up to the centre rubber as retainers. Cut the spine 5.5 dia. tube to a length of 650mm and thread up the spine tunnel picking up the centre boss on the way. At the nose push on the nose connector leaving room for the nose ferrule. (4mm) Thread this into place using the holes cut into the rear of the leading edge tunnel.

Now cut the leading edge carbon rod to a length of 1180mm. (2 off) and thread through the leading edge tunnel from the tip inwards and picking up the spreader connectors (Item 3) on the way, slide halfway into the nose ferrule and wrap a length of fibreglass re-inforced tape around the rod to stop it penetrating any further into the ferrule, repeat with the other rod. Fit an end stop onto each of the leading edge rods at the wing tip and insert into the pockets. This will spread the wing. Cut the main spreaders to length 80cm and fit 2 off item 4 and one item 5. Fit into place on sail and slide item 5 in towards the centre-boss until it touches the ferrule. Cut the secondary spreaders 530mm lg. and fit. Fit the bridles, starting with the centre ones; a single length 3.6 metres long. Start at the nose with a turks head at the 1.8mtrs point. Then tie an overhand knot about 20mm from the nose and again at a point 140 from the nose. Space out up each leg of the harness 1.47mtrs and attach below the centreboss using a turks head. Temporarily fit a ring at the appropriate point and check measurements against the drawing. Fit the outer pair of harnesses similarly. Cut a 1mtr. lgth of 20 lb line push one end through the small hole in the wingtip take it round the frame and tie securely tie a loop on the other end and hook it over the centre boss. Repeat for the other side. Check everything, OK.

*Then go fly your kite*

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## SMALL TALK by Chuck Anderson

Hi, fellow kite people! You know, anyone can do something exciting and really neat and see their name in print or even get their picture in the local paper. That's easy! To do something mundane (dull, boring, bland, or just plain uninteresting) and get your name or picture in the newspaper is a real accomplishment.

We, as kite people, can even enjoy kites in our sleep, though it's a relief to find your encounter with a kite eating tree was just a bad dream. A truly bland kite story is quite another matter!

A column like "Small Talk" can come in very handy, even for kite people, especially in the "off season" because it keeps things active and going amongst the kiting community. What can kite people talk about when there is nothing particular "in the air"?

As an example, I name all of my kites after my cats, past and present. I'm looking at my relatively humongous, multi-cellular box kite "Moose-meep" and I said, "You know Moose-meep, you could use some of those new-fangled fiberglass or composite dowels; everybody thinks these wooden ones are a bit old-fashioned!" Moose-meep just lay there on my kitemaking table and I thought "Maybe I'll dwell on the matter a little more, later." Now, wasn't that nice and bland (a little flakey, too!)? Just think, if two or more kite people can get together for such aimless conversation, kites can get at least a mention under even the most unlikely circumstances!

If anyone out there is interested in continuing this "Small Talk" column, drop me a line through the WKA Newsletter.

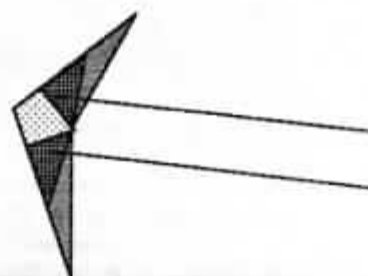
Until then, keep those kites flying!



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### 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 Rob Ford (206) 572-8761. 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 Bary Crites ??????. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the fourth Sunday of each month. Call for location and details.

## A SKY FULL OF JEWELS

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Just as local kites have the chance to hear speakers from faraway places, clubs from other countries invite American specialists to participate in their national conferences.

Don Mock, who has addressed the PCKA on kite construction, recently spent a month in France, competing and teaching construction. His next assignment will be in Japan.

Friendships have developed between PCKA members and flyers from Holland, Germany, France, and England.

Kite collecting interests some kites, and it is not unusual for collectors to have dozens of kites. Some kites will buy any kite they see that is not already in their collection. Others specialize in particular kite styles.

Kites may be purchased for as little as \$2 at a variety store, or you can go to the full gamut and have a kite custom-made - for which you specify the colors and designs for the kite style of your choice - and custom priced as high as several hundred dollars.

Many kite flyers purchase kites and related equipment through catalogs and specialty shops sell kites and supplies.

Through their meetings and competitions, club members share information about the latest in materials for kite construction.

Most of the flyers who make kites sew their own. The men are just as good at sewing as the women. After a brief introduction to sewing machine use, most members master kite construction, often incorporating appliqué techniques to get the look they want.

During competitions, kites in every color, shape and size fill the skies like brightly colored jewels. Small kites, flown from a single string, are much like those you probably had when you were a kid. They need only one person to operate them ... but it's amazing how an experienced flyer can dance an ordinary kite across the sky with grace and beauty as it is backlit by the sun.

Kite flying competitions may be compared to figure skating competitions. Many routines are set to music, and the more beautiful and appealing they are to the audience, the higher the judges' scores. The difficulty and the accuracy of the maneuvers also affect the scores. Programs for specific kites must include certain maneuvers in their routines, under penalty of deductions by the judges.

For competitions, divisions are established for types of kites and the skill level of the flyers, as well as the number of team members needed to fly the kite. Some kites may need two or three people to get them into the air, but once they are up they may be controlled by one person. Large kites - as big as six to seven feet across - can fly in remarkably light winds, if they are well-designed and the flyer is experienced.

One special kiting event, called the Rokkaku Battle, requires a team of five people per kite. By contrast, some very skilled individuals can fly as many as three stunt kites at the same time.

But the size of the kite and the strength of the wind are the two greatest factors in determining a successful flight. And in every case, you have to add the one unpredictable factor ... Mother Nature.

*The above article appeared in a local news magazine in the Tacoma area. This is good exposure for kiting. Many thanks to Chuck Anderson for his efforts and for sending the article to the WKA Newsletter for publication. I was sorry not to be able to include the pictures that came with the article. The quality of the copy was too poor. -Ed.*

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#### 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 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.*

#### WKA 3-Pin Sets

*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.*

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# EVENT CALENDAR

## MARCH

### MARCH 7 - 9, 1997

14th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, Port Townsend, WA. For registration information, contact Bob Alford, 320 NE 4th St, North Bend, WA 98045-8980.

### MARCH 7, 1997

Annual General Membership Meeting of the Washington Kitefliers Association, to be held at Fort Worden during the Kitemakers Conference.

### MARCH 23, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

## APRIL

### APRIL 13, 1997

Spring Kite Festival, Noon to 5 PM, Leslie Groves Park, Richland, WA. Contact Greg Greger (509) 943-3951.

### APRIL 28, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

### APRIL 26 - 27, 1997

Kiona Winery Barrel Tasting & Kite Fly, 10 AM to 5 PM, Kiona Winery, Sunset Road, 3 miles east of Benton City, WA. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 783-5769.

### APRIL 27, 1997

City of Destiny Kite Festival, Vassault Park, Tacoma. Contact Mildred Smith (206) 597-7312.

Phone your info to Rod Beamguard at (360) 574-8050 or FAX to (360) 735-1613. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, and the contact person's name and phone number.

## MAY

### MAY 3 - 4, 1997

Preston Winery Kite Festival, 10 AM to 5 PM, Preston Winery, 4 miles north of Pasco on Hwy 395. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 783-5769.

### MAY 18, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

## 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).

THIS CALENDAR IS NOT VERY FULL. BUT IT IS ALL THAT HAS BEEN TURNED IN FOR PUBLICATION. ANY ADDITIONS??

*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

### JUNE 6 - 9, 1997

Ocean Shores International kite Challenge, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982.

### JUNE 15, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

### JUNE 28 - 29, 1997

Northwest Stunt Kite Championships, Long Beach, WA. Contact Genny Forsberg (503) 357-7557.

## JULY

### JULY 5 - 6, 1997

North Coast Challenge, Lincoln City, OR. Contact Dave Gomberg (503) 996-3083.

### JULY 11 - 13, 1997

Westport Kite Festival, Westport, WA. Contact Creda Axton (360) 491-3229.

### JULY 20, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

## AUGUST

### AUGUST 10, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

### AUGUST 17-24, 1997

Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach.

## SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

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Many thanks to:

Susie and Dave Christenson, Greg Greger, and the Lilac City Wind Chasers for the dates in this calendar.

## THE CITY OF DESTINY KITE FESTIVAL:

### The First Of Many Years?

Come fly your kite at the first annual City of Destiny Kite Festival. The festival will take flight on April 27, 1997, in Vassault Park. The festival hopes to provide Pierce County with its' own community celebration of kites, while benefiting the retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

The City of Destiny Kite Festival offers a kite building contest and field events as part of the festivities. Kites will be judged in three categories: organization/group, family, and individual. Entry forms are available through the RSVP office; call (206) 597-7312. Field events for the smallest flying kite, 50 yard dashes (ages 12 and under), highest flying kite, most unusual kite, and the largest kite offer contestants a chance to win some great prizes. Kite fliers can register for the field event contests the day of the festival.

Besides flying your kite, enjoy local entertainment and browse the booths of area vendors. The 1997 City of Destiny Kite Festival offers a day of fun for everyone.

All proceeds will benefit the activities of the Pierce County RSVP. The 1200 RSVP volunteers provide over 250,000 hours of service to the community each year in area schools, the court system, hospitals, social service agencies, and other not-for-profit organizations.

For more information, contact Mildred Smith, RSVP Director, at (206) 597-7312.

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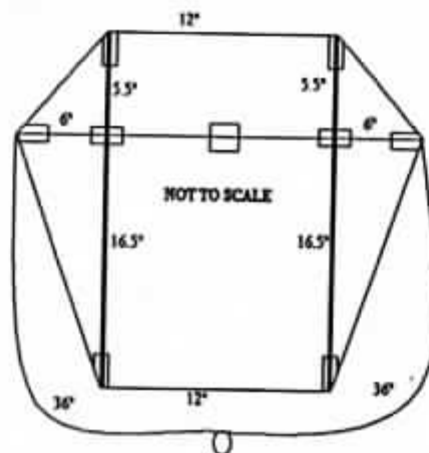
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## SLED TIPS

by John Clarke

After thousands of plastic sleds have been made and thousands of bridles have been pulled out of the bridle points, my answer shows, in the sketch below, how to avoid this fault and enjoy flying in stronger winds with no worry.

This sketch is not to scale but measurements will fit most shop plastic bags and use 6mm dowels for spars.



It is important to make the bridle six feet long with a loop in the middle - this stops the kite folding in a gust.

Tails can be stuck on lower corners if desired for effect.

-From the Newsletter of  
The Midlands Kite Fliers  
England

# Yes!

By becoming a member of the WKA you receive the *WKA Newsletter* every month for a year, a membership card which entitles you to discounts at some area kite stores, and a wealth of information about special events and goings-on in the Northwest kiting community.

Join the WKA and share the fun! Find out more about the fastest growing popular pastime in the United States today. WKA meetings offer individuals and families the opportunity to participate in the administrative support and planning of local kite events and workshops. Fill out this application and return it with a check or money order for \$15.00 (US) to:

(Outside the U.S. please add \$5 (US) additional for postage.)

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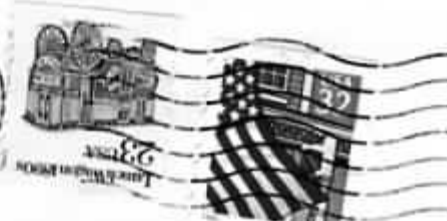
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