



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

W.S.I.K.F. IS HERE!

The 16th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival has arrived! It is time for the festival voted Best Kite Festival in the World. A truly memorable experience, W.S.I.K.F. has something for everyone.

This year's featured guests include Wolfgang and Constanz Grimsel of Frankfort, Germany. Since building their first kite in 1991, they have been named German Masters in 1994, 1995, and 1996. They received the award for Best Kite at Portsmouth, Great Britain, in 1997 and won the European Innovative Kite Competition at the 12th International Kite Festival of Berlin-Brandenburg in Germany. Wolfgang is a kite designer for HQ Kites and Constanz sews their creations.

From Perth, Australia, W.S.I.K.F. also welcomes Kevin Francis. Kevin specializes in innovation (i.e., make many things that don't work). He makes "Art kites from the installation of sculptures of saucers/space stations to appliqued kites." He should provide some very unusual creations.

Jose Tiexerira Fraga comes from Brazil. Jose works under the artistic name of Zeca das Pipas. "Pipas" means "kites" in Brazil. Jose was featured in a *Kitelines* article (Spring-Summer 1994) about the kites of Brazil. Festival attendees should see some interesting kites made of various canes and bamboos covered with silkpaper.

Two Americans have also been invited to W.S.I.K.F. this year, both from Pennsylvania. Pete Rondeau and Kevin Shannon produce excellent kites and will surely dazzle onlookers with their handcrafted kites. ♫

Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

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THE GREAT JAPANESE ADVENTURE

by Charmayne Cornell

Early in June, Bob (Umbower) and I traveled to Japan for what I called the Great Japanese Adventure. What a wonderful trip! It was not the marathon I was afraid of. Our vacation was to have been with a Gombert tour we had been dreaming of for a couple of years. When the tour was cancelled, David talked us into going anyway and made the arrangements for us with Mr. Modegi and a Japan travel agent.

The first night in Tokyo we were awakened from the stupor of jet lag by a phone call from Hiromi Endo. Japanese hospitality had already caught up with us. Endo-

San met us the next morning as our unexpected guide for the day. He showed us the ease of train travel around Tokyo. We spent a wonderful morning at the Edo Museum of History and had lunch at Mr. Modegi's restaurant. Modegi-San stopped by to say hello upon his return from Greece. After enjoying the kite museum and buying a new book, Endo-San said "Goodbye, see you again." Bob and I headed back to the train station, now confident commuters. The next delight came on board the train. Four junior high school students smiled at us and started edging closer and closer. Finally the shortest one was goaded into action by her taller companions. "Hello. Where are you from?" It was a photo opportunity amid giggles and smiles.

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W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Ron Herbkersman	Stanwood	Bud Root	Portland, OR
Vikki Herbkersman	Stannwood	Lisa Root	Portland, OR
Linda Johannessen	Seattle	B J Smith	Renton
Craig Konno	Maple Valley	Bruce Smith	Renton
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Diane Konno	Maple Valley	Cheryl Tucker	Bremerton
Joe Konno	Maple Valley	Christopher Tucker	Bremerton
Fred Marchand	Bellingham		

In addition to the above new members, there were 23 renewals of lapsed memberships since the last newsletter. Welcome Back!! Thanks to those who responded so quickly to the expired membership notices that went out recently. You are a valuable part of the WKA and your support is greatly appreciated. ♪



World Cup VIII Comes to Long Beach!

by Pete Lord

The World Cup of Kiting is coming to Long Beach! World Cup VIII, a truly international sport kite competition, will be held this year in Long Beach, Washington, September 22 - 28.

The World Cup concept was created in 1989 by Daniel Prentice, publisher of *American Kite* magazine. The first World Cup Sport Kite Championship was held in 1990 in Seaside, Oregon, and included six teams from four countries. Since that time World Cup has been held in England, France, Japan, and Australia and has been watched by over a million spectators and television viewers in over fifty countries. Competitions now include as many as eighteen teams from nine countries.

In addition to the sport kite competition, events this year will include buggy demos and competitions, international kite demos (including the world's largest kite, the size of a football field!), and a Kid's Fun-Fly Day. Prior to the World Cup Precision Competition, showcasing the best 18 teams in the world, the All American Sport Kite Championships will be held. The All American will feature the best from all over the US competing in 12 different sport kiting categories.

Come join us in Long Beach, September 22 - 28, for the very best in national and international sport kiting, not to mention a host of other events. For more information please contact Pete Lord toll-free at 1-888-478-3297 or you may write to PO Box 1287, Long Beach, Washington, 98631. ♪

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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:

Mike Benedict

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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.

JAPANESE ADVENTURE

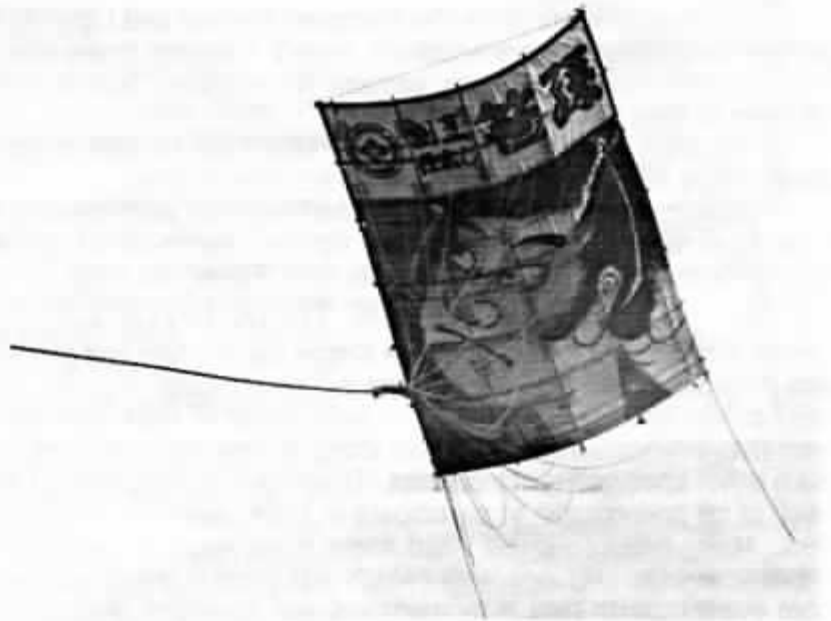
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Our main goal was the Battle of the Giant Kites in Shirone and their new museum. Our bus tickets to Shirone had been delivered to the hotel and at 8:00 AM the bell captain put us in a taxi headed for the bus stop. This was our first hurdle but it went off without a hitch. The bus showed up, our names were on the reservation list, our bags stowed, and we were told to sit in the front seat. We sat back and enjoyed the 4 hour ride to Shirone. Green tea was served and hot wet towels passed out. The bus ride was fast and smooth and the scenery interesting. We pushed the button for our stop and the bus left us standing on the side of the road and zoomed off - just like in the movies!

OK, now what? We unzipped our shoulder straps and hoisted up our back packs and walked down the steps. At the bottom was a lovely teen-aged girl. Saved! It was Makiko Yamamiya, our host's daughter. A senior in high school and a contestant in the Kite Battle Beauty Pageant, she is a sweet girl who spoke as much English as we do Japanese. We enjoyed the hospitality of Makiko and her grandmother before she escorted us to the Giant Kite Battle Field to find her father.

The 5 day Shirone festival is absolute craziness, total mayhem. The rules were simple: Giant kites take precedence over the many rokkaku teams; when the train flag man says clear the tracks, he means it; and when you hear whistles, watch out! We can't wait to go back! We tried to record it with a video camera and it certainly is better than still pictures but you need to experience Shirone to really understand what we mean by insanity and fighting kites. Tako kichi!

We were made part of Yamamiya-San's giant kite team (1 of 14 teams). Once again Japanese hospitality was manifesting itself. We were given team Kitawaka hapi coats and made more than honorary members.



Odako with traditional design at Shirone.

Bob helped pull the giant kites into the air and pulled in the tug of war. We were not told to stay out of the way - we were told to grab on to the rope and run! We were on the railroad track side of the river, an Ajikata team. (The towns of Shirone and Ajikata battle the giant kites and the huge rokkakus from each side are tangled, -continued on Page 5



Foreground: Bones are tangled and ready for the tug. Two other tangled kites lay in the river and two other kites are tangled in the air and coming down.

THE EDITOR'S ECHO

It's been a week since the Westport Festival and I am still trying to get over the sunburn (more windburn, really)! Happens to me every festival even though I grew up in sunny eastern Washington. One of these days I will learn to take better care of myself.

My time looks limited but I hope that I will be able to get one big project done before Long Beach. We'll see how it goes.

This issue concludes two and a half years as your newsletter editor. It has been a real learning experience for me. For those of you who have sent me articles and pictures over this time, I give you a big

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!

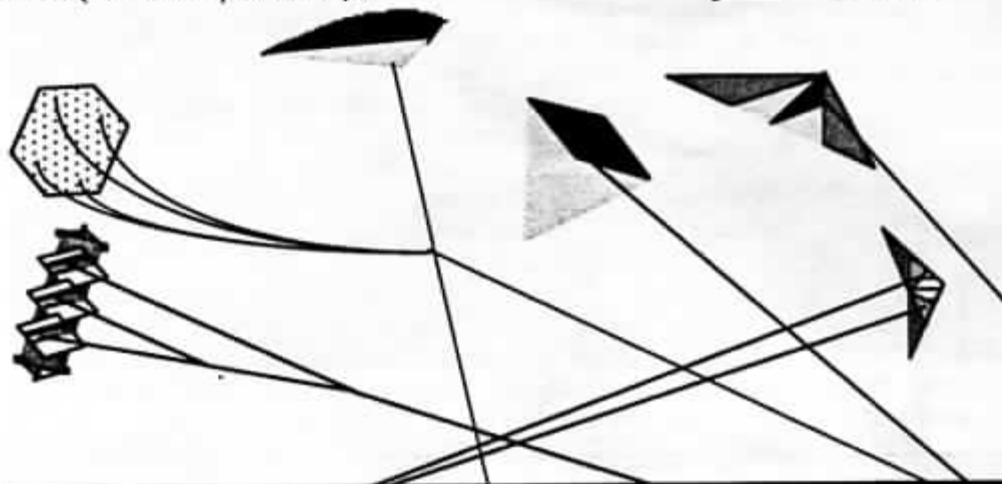
I would especially like to thank Jean Sisson for the bits and pieces she has sent during my tenure as editor. She is a very thoughtful lady and a great asset to the WKA. It is through the helpfulness of WKA members such as Jean that information gets passed along to members who may not have much other opportunity for contact. Down here in Vancouver, I don't have much of an opportunity to participate in kiting events in the Puget Sound area. Many times I wished I had some information on what went on at different events. My one wish (which was mostly unfulfilled) was to get more event reports sent in by members who attended. We have had quite a number of WKA members take trips to kite festivals in all parts of the world. Our members like to hear about these experiences yet I get very few articles sent in for publication. While I may not travel much, I will still try to get an article in occasionally. If you have a good experience in kiting, let the world know. Send in an article to the Newsletter Editor. They need all the help they can get! I know!

One other point in my last harangue. Kitefliers are one of the friendliest groups of people around. I hope we stay that way. Over the last several years there has been a real fragmentation of the kiting community into smaller groups - buggiers, monster kites, fighter pilots, single liners, and sport fliers. Each group has its own needs in terms of space. Unfortunately, these needs separate us from one another. I am a confirmed single liner. At Westport, there were many friends I did not see because they were of necessity doing their thing at some other area of the beach. Keep in touch! And don't forget to spread the word to those who have not been as fortunate as ourselves to enjoy the freedom wind allows. It is a gift we need to share freely.

I have appreciated my time as Newsletter Editor in many ways. I thank you for the opportunity and the help you have provided. See you on the beach (or the RV park later)!!



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plunged into the river, and then the tug of war commences.) While Bob was tearing down the embankment with Team Kitawaka trying to win the tug of war against the Shirone team our kite had ensnared, I stayed up on top. I'm not crazy and don't get involved! I just risked life and limb trying to film it all!

After 5 hours of fights and renewing friendships from our visit 5 years ago, we helped store the kites for the night and went to the team dinner and party. Mr. Yamamiya was more than just our host and had festival duties to attend to. He put us in the party hands of the team and caught up with us hours later. By 11:00 we found ourselves in a wonderful deep Japanese bath before collapsing on a futon.

Friday morning was a huge, delicious Japanese breakfast. Then on to the team's storage area where we worked on repairing the giant kites and replacing the advertising panels. After a round of visits, tea and lunch (you DO NOT go hungry in Japan!) we returned to the battle field for more spellbinding craziness. Friday night was a repeat of Thursday's wonderful evening.

Saturday we were scheduled to leave Shirone for Sanjo. We did not want to go! Our home stay in Shirone was great, the weather wonderful, the battle...well, we were just having too much fun! But Mr. Yamamiya delivered us to the Kite Museum where he had official duties and the Kite Queen Contest to watch. Tamura-San met us at the museum and waved at us to go fly kites. Bob and I usually don't need a second invitation for that. We spent a couple of fun hours with several new and old Japanese friends including Terua Suga, the bamboo splitter we had met at Ft. Worden this year, Endo-San, and Koseki-San, the octopus kite maker. Even Mr. Tamura came back outside with kites and line climbers. Then it was time to see the museum which is fantastic, the beginning of the Kite Queen Contest, lunch in a friend's restaurant in modern Shirone, a home visit to meet Endo-San's wife and drink tea, and then the short trip to Sanjo. (We have not heard yet if Makiko won the competition.)

The Sanjo festival is a rokkaku-only battle lasting 2 days for 2 sides, 25 teams, and a fight for

your life! What a battle! These kites are 2-3 meters tall. The teams are divided in half on a battle ground the size of a football field. There is a no-man's land in the middle where the judges sit and keep score. The linen lines carry small white or red flags to help determine which side a line is coming from. Some teams use hooks to capture another kite's line. Because of field constraints, a pulley system is sometimes needed

to change the direction of the line. It is the ultimate in rokkaku battles! Mr. Modegi caught up to us in Sanjo. Good parties Saturday night! Sunday morning we toured the Sanjo history and kite museum, returned to the battle field, and then were taken to Mitsuke-City.

This festival differs in several ways from the previous two. The teams wear hapi coats but their kites don't match them. Each kite is commercially sponsored. The huge roks are 15 feet tall with serious bamboo spines and double bamboo spars. The skins are reinforced with lines sandwiched between layers of paper. 125 kites were made

by the Mitsuke Kite Club members. Fantastic paintings on the kites range from cartoon characters to traditional Kabuki characters. They are bridled just before they fly. The festival runs from 1 to 5 PM for 3 days. Until about 4 PM the kites are just flown: show off the advertising, let the sponsors admire and hold the line. There are lots of photo opportunities and beer toasts. A few battles are fought. The battles start in earnest around 4 PM. The club is divided in half with a team on each side of the river. The kites are tuned all the same so one team has to put a lot more line out to reach the other team's kites. The kites don't maneuver quite as fast as the Sanjo rokkakus. They still tangle and have tug of wars. No points are kept. It's just good fun. The townsfolk living near the river don't like this festival because the kites can and do come down over the power lines and onto the houses. Major damage will sometimes occur. We saw a chimney that was torn off the first day of the festival. These are huge kites! Our home stay in Mitsuke was incredible and there were good parties. Our hostess had tears in her eyes when our good-byes had to be said. We hope to go back someday soon.

If the possibility of a Great Japanese Adventure ever comes your way, take it! It is a trip of a lifetime.



A rokkaku ready for launch.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR W.S.I.K.F.

Monday, August 18

Trains and arches. Buggy Demos. Workshop for special needs adults and children. (Volunteers appreciated!)

Tuesday, August 19

Terrific Tuesday

Pretty kites. Pun fun. Rok battles. Club camps.

Wednesday, August 20

Senior & Children's Day

0-14 years in the morning, 50 years and over in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 21

Handcrafted Day

Comprehensive competition for hand made kites.

Friday, August 22

Stunt Kites

Stunt kite games. Junior dual line competition. Lighted night fly.

Saturday, August 23

Recognition Ceremony

10:00 AM ceremony with sky divers. Fighter kite competition. Rok battles. Parade of Colors. Banquet and Auction. Lighted night fly. Fireworks.

Sunday, August 24

Festival of Kites

Attempt to break Western Hemisphere record for most kites in air at one time.

All week

DON'T MISS THIS!

World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame

Exhibits include:

- The Spirit of the Fighter Kite
New additions from South America with videos and pictures.
- The Kite Hall of Fame
Remodeled display recognizing notable kite fliers.
- Through the Looking Glass
Bug kites to touch and build.
- The Long Beach Room
A time line of WSIKF activity.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

ROARING FORTIES INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

The WKA recently received a notice giving preliminary information on the Roaring Forties International Kite Festival in Tasmania. It might be just the thing for those of you with the traveling bug and a dislike for our cold wet winters!

Most of Tasmania lies between 40° and 44° south latitude. The name "Roaring Forties" refers to the westerly winds that blow through Tasmania.

The 1988 World Kiting Festival was held at the same site in Launceston. Four fields will be used to allow for an exhibition area, single line area, stunt kite area, and a public flying area.

More information can be obtained through several channels. A World Wide Web site is available at <http://www.vision.net.au/~carson>. Telephone information is available from Jeremy Carson at +61 (0)3 6327 2062 or the Festival Office at +61 (0)3 6337 1215. Mail written inquiries to RFIKF, PO Box 396, Launceston, Tasmania 7250. 📧

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WESTPORT KITE FESTIVAL DOES IT AGAIN!

The weekend of July 11-13 saw hundreds of kites on the beaches near Grayland. This festival has got to be one of the most laid-back festivals we attend. The wind was great, the weather outstanding, the organization fantastic, and the flying areas very roomy and uncrowded.

The condition of the beach was perfect for vehicular traffic this year. This is a pretty important point since kites driving their cars onto the beach did not have to worry about getting stuck in the sand this year. Moving the festival further south along the beach was a great move.

The buggiers were even further south at Washaway Beach

again. No complaints about beach condition were noted from this group. Wind should not have been a problem.

The competitions went well. There were some very happy kitefliers and there were some who were disappointed. Such is the nature of competition. No results have been reported as of the time this edition of the Newsletter goes to press.

This festival has got to be one which everyone should put on their calendar as a "don't miss" event. It has it all! It is also a great tune-up for those planning on competing at the Washington State International Kite Festival during the month of August. ♪



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REGIONAL CLUBS

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BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

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

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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 (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.



EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

AUGUST 2-3, 1997

1st Northwest Clubs Super Fun Fly, Ocean City, WA. Beach access just north of Ocean Shores.. The PCKA and NCSP invite all Northwest clubs. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761 or Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

AUGUST 10, 1997

SCF-FI Fun Fly and Hot Dog Feed. Dogs supplied, bring all else. 10 AM - 6 PM, Ft Casey State Park on Whidbey Island, WA. Contact (206) 339-9334.

AUGUST 10, 1997

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

AUGUST 17-24, 1997

16th Annual Washington State Inter. Kite Festival at Long Beach.. Contact (800) 451-2542.



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.

EVERETT, SCI-FI. 2nd Saturday every month. Fun flies or other events. General meetings often at 1 PM. Contact (206) 339-9334.

WESTPORT, Westport Windriders. 4th Saturday every month. Fun fly and potluck. Contact (360) 268-0877.

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).

Phone your info to Mike Benedict at (360) 435-3325 or FAX to (206) 633-0301. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, and the contact person's name and phone number.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1997

Up Your Winds Kite Festival, Pacific Beach State Park, Pacific Beach, WA.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 1997

Asian Kite Festival,. 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St., Eugene, OR. Contact (541) 687-9600.

SEPTEMBER 20-21, 1997

5th Annual Washington State Sport Kite Championship, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact (206) 339-9334.

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 1997

WORLD CUP VIII, Long Beach, WA. Only the best by invitation. Contact Terry Yunker (360) 642-2229.



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.

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1997

First International Indoor Kite Contest, Long Beach. Contact (206) 282-4349.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 11-12, 1997

THE SHOWDOWN, sport kite and single line competition at Rockaway Beach, OR., Contact (503) 335-2225. NEW EVENT!

OCTOBER 15-19, 1997

AKA National Convention, Wildwood, NJ. Contact (619) 770-0405.

1998

Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 1998

Roaring Forties International Kite Festival, Churchill Park, Launceston, Tasmania. Contact-Launceston City Council, PO Box 396, Launceston, Tasmania 7250.

EVENT REPORTS

by Jean Sisson

MAGNUSON PARK FUN FLY, JUNE 20 -It had to be 82° on that hill! We had about 15 people and very light winds. One of our club's Charter Members, JACK LAIRD, came to fly. He did a lot of kite flying with Jack Van Gilder and other senior members of the club. He brought his roller kites to fly - but alas, NO WIND! It was nice to see him and we appreciate his son-in-law bringing him by.

JETTY ISLAND DAYS sponsored by SCI-FI and Everett park Dept. was held July 13th. Fun! Tom and I had never been there before or knew of the island. It is a fun place to go for the day and the boat ride is free! SCI-FI donated paper sled kites along with Tom's Conover Eddy kites. We made about 100 kites with kids and even the 4

W.K.A. HOSTS DINNER AT W.S.I.K.F.

Once again the WKA will host a spaghetti dinner during the Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach.

The dinner will start at 6:00 PM Wednesday night, August 20th. Cost for the dinner will be \$5.00 payable at the door of the Long Beach Grange Hall.

For those of you who have not attended in the past, here is a brief WARNING for you. This event is usually very crowded. Please bring a fair amount of patience along with your appetite.

As has been done in past years, there will be a raffle of kites and kite paraphernalia. Tickets may be purchased at the dinner. This raffle is used as a means to offset the expenses of the dinner which are not covered by the \$5 charge. There are always a lot of really great items available.

The Grange Hall is located on Sand Ridge Road (same location as last year!). Finding the hall is relatively easy. 10th Street is the location of one of the two stoplights in Long Beach (Bolstad is the other). This light is the southernmost one, next to the go-kart track on the main street in Long Beach. 10th Street is at the southern end of the boardwalk, next to Nendel's Inn. Go east on 10th from the stoplight. The next major intersection will be Sand Ridge Road. Turn right (south), proceed to the Grange Hall (on your right) on the west side of Sand Ridge. ♪

rangers made a kite! There was a good turnout of club members and they were a great help. Gail Crosby and other members donated fried chicken, salad, rolls, and drinks. There were several candy drops so most kids got a goodie. Well Done! Look for this event next 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.

FOR SALE

Pair of Tribby's, \$20; 6 pack of "very early" Rainbows, \$120; 2 early Avengers, \$20 each. Contact Gene Smiley at (206) 542-4907.



KITE RACK FOR SALE

You've probably seen these at the beach: four 10-foot PVC tubes on a roof rack. Painted black with hot pink end caps. Lockable. Attached to a framework which may be attached to your car or truck with Yakima bars (I even have an extra set of bars). Perfect for big kites since each tube will hold spars 8 feet 6 inches long. I need to color coordinate new tubes with my new truck. Call with an offer or see me at WSIKF. Contact Rod Beamguard (360) 574-8050.



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.

Yes!

By becoming a member of the WKA you receive the *WKA Newsletter* every other 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.

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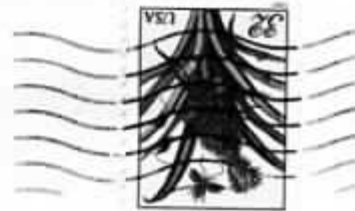
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