



# Newsletter

February/March 2001

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## 18th Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

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

It's not too late to sign up for the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, March 9 - 11th.

We have 26 teachers from five countries offering 30 classes over the three days of the conference. If you've never been, you really should take advantage of having this opportunity in our region. There are classes that cover a wide variety of skill levels and interests.

Teachers scheduled this year include: Dick Barnes, Ronda Brewer, Roy Broadley, Diane Butler, Sue Clark, Deb Cooley, Georgean Curran, John Freeman, Gary Goodenough, Constanze and Wolfgang Grimsel, Dan Kurahashi, Martin Lester, Jeff MacInnis, Don Mock, Sharon Musto, Gerry Pennell, George A. Peters, Barry Poulter, Jose Sainz, Terry Sansom, Kevin Shannon, Scott Skinner, Robert Trepanier, Bob and Charmayne Umbowers, The Yariya Group (Ines Elvira Uribe and Jairo Montoya), and Mary Yoshimi. That's actually 29 teachers counting the couples!

This is the 18th year that kitemakers have gathered at Washington's Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend for this event. We have grown from a handful of folks using one small building to the largest such conference around.

Although registration will be available up to and including at the conference itself, acting now is highly advised. While a wide selection of classes remain open, they are beginning to fill up. Pre-registration also allows you to arrive with your plans in order and your schedule arranged. For additional information, please contact our registration chair Sam Zeiler for your registration packet. You can email him at [kitemakers@netscape.net](mailto:kitemakers@netscape.net), or you can give him a phone call at (206) 368-9569. Additional information is available on our Web site at [www.kitemakers.org](http://www.kitemakers.org).

I hope to see you there.

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website at  
[www.wkaonline.org](http://www.wkaonline.org)

# President's Prose

## "Greetings from the co-kiteheads"

Hello to everyone in Kiteland! And thank you to all of you who replied to us with your wonderful ideas for the Club! We are very excited about the WKA and are thrilled to know there are many of you who feel the same way. This Club has outlasted most memberships (no pun intended :)), and David & I are glad to be a part of it. And while I'm on the subject of memberships, please be sure to send in your dues to Sylvia Bernauer & don't forget to tell your friends & family about the club's membership. The club counts on your support. It's a great gift that keeps giving.

Our last article has prompted several people to contact us with very interesting ideas for the club to consider. We received several suggestions in particular from Anne Huston, and would like to share them with you. Anne's first idea was to have a fun fly (monthly or bi-monthly) which would feature an affiliate kite club. David & I have been mulling over the fun fly idea for sometime & love the added flare of the featured club! Thanks to Anne for that fabulous suggestion. We will bring this up for discussion at the next board meeting, where I hope to be able to put a calendar together. Additionally, Anne suggested that we have a Kudos Komer column in the newsletter, highlighting anyone nominated for the spot. This column would bring attention to someone outstanding in our community. Anyone can submit nominee's for this column and every entry will make the newsletter eventually. The candidate can be young or old, a new member or a life long kiter. The article can be written about anything from a good deed to a masterpiece creation. This again was an excellent suggestion which will also be discussed at the board meeting. I don't think we'll have any difficulty getting a "yea" vote for either of these excellent suggestions! Thanks Anne, it's members like you who keep things flying :) I look forward to hearing from anyone of you who would like to make suggestions for the club. Please don't limit yourself. All ideas are welcome!

Well, it's hard to believe that a year in office is coming to a close. David & I have had some very interesting experiences in our first year as Co-Presidents and have made some wonderful accomplishments which we are very proud of. Although we have not been very outspoken, we have been working behind the scenes. In this past year of our Leadership, we have voted to take over & continue the "Tom Sisson Scholarship to Ft Worden", beginning 2002. This scholarship can be awarded to anyone who enters the raffle. The scholarship will cover registration, room & food and some class fees. We are very excited to be instrumental in introducing Ft. Worden to anyone interested in the kite making community. Watch for upcoming details from Dave Christensen. WKA would like to thank Jean Sisson who is the founder of this scholarship and we are honored to continue this in Tom's memory.

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## WKA Newsletter 2001

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 20th, March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, September 20th or November 20th. Materials 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 in U.S. or Canada (all other countries 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.

# Harold Writer Honored at New Year's Day Fly

by Sylvia Bernauer

What a wonderful day we had! Some blue sky and light breezes. And not cold like last year!

There is now another empty place in the sky with the loss of master kite craftsman and WKA Founding Father, Harold Writer, in early December. So it was decided that we would honor him at the New Year's Day "Protest the Bowls" Fly. We tried to get the word around by e-mail messages and phone calls since the newsletter was already out.

From the photos you can see that we had LOTS of Harold Writer kites assembled on the field. There must have been about 25 that day. One of the kites was made of paper and it is 50 years old! Harold's daughter, Linda, came too and had a great time with us!

New Year's Day often brings out some of our other long time members. John Dusenberry, Bill Spezia and Vi Van Gilder represented others of the Founding Father group, along with Ken Conrad. It was great to see them again. We also had some visiting dignitaries: David and Susan Gomberg came up from Oregon on that first day of his new term as AKA President.

So if you were not able to come this time, plan to be there next year for Number 28!



Harold Writer Kites



Harold Writer's daughter Linda and kites

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# HAROLD WRITER

By Kathy Goodwinds

I first saw him standing on top of "Kite Hill", Gasworks Park, so designated by the Mayor of Seattle in the early 1980's, and it was in the early 80's that I saw Harold holding onto a kite string. He stood there dressed in his usual recognizable uniform of Khaki colored clothes, a khaki colored hat sitting atop his head and binoculars hanging around his neck. One would think he stepped right out of a suspense novel. I always thought of Zane Grey when I saw him.

Harold was so quiet, you hardly knew he was there, until you looked up in the sky and would see this one extra ordinary kite flying so straight and high that you had to trace the line down to this striking figure standing on the windward side of the hill. Harold was so approachable, once you touched his eyes with yours and saw the gleam you knew this was no ordinary man.

The most exquisite kites flying out of the Northwest since the 1950's have been handmade by Harold. I have one of his butcher paper and wood Hargrave box kites still hanging in my shop. It is signed, numbered and dated 1962 by Harold. It was a gift from Harold when I bid \$25 for one of his miniature kite mobiles at the 1980 AKA Convention held in Seattle. He thought I had bid such an outrageously high sum for the mobile I should have one of the "real" kites. Actually all the miniatures did fly.

So began a 20-year relationship with one of the true kite artists of the Northwest. Harold built all of his early kites from hand-cut spruce and butcher paper. Later he started sewing and making his box kites with fabric and wonderful spars with hand made spooned ends to fit in the pockets better. He built and flew kites because he enjoyed being outdoors and around people. He would drop by the shop and buy supplies for making his kites and always would drop a little pearl of wisdom. One time he brought me a photo from 1952 of his kites and his kids. I had no idea that anyone was making and flying kites back then. Silly me.

When local kite flyers gathered to say goodbye to Harold, we all learned even more about Harold that none of us were aware of. Harold was born in Middleberg, Florida in 1914. His parents moved Naches Washington where they owned an apple orchard

but were burned out and lived in a tent. So began Harold's love of the outdoors. His interests were many and included black smithing, welding and hand loaded guns. Camping, exploring, birds, trains, Natural Sciences, cooking and marrying his high school sweet heart Irene. We also learned Harold had a TV show on Public Broadcasting teaching kites. The show was called Harold and His Kites.

The minister of the service used the most wonderful old fashion adjectives to describe Harold. He engaged in socializing, was highly organized, not religious but honorable, modest, generous and had a great sense of humor (that's the twinkle I was talking about). To Harold, life was not measured by duration but by donation( that's why he never sold his kites but donated them). His children said they would have wanted to know him even if he wasn't their father.

After the service, I stopped to meet with Harold's children and to share some of the wonderful experiences. I told his daughter that one time when I met Harold on the hill, he had his usual binoculars hanging around his neck. He leaned over and said, "you know most people think I use these to take a closer look at the kites and the birds. What they don't know is that I'm really taking a closer look at all the pretty girls." The gleam in his eye seemed to glow even brighter.

## Note From Linda Writer

Dear Kitefliers,

Just a note to thank you for the beautiful plant with the salmon colored flowers, that you sent to my Dad's memorial service.

I also want to thank those members of WKA that were able to attend and share their Harold stories with my brother and I. It really meant a lot to us.

Everyone must have a passion in life. Harold Writer's passion was kites. The wonderful people he met along the way as a result of that passion, enriched his life. Thank you all.

Linda Writer

# W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Walter Bradley & family	Lake Forest Park
Gregg & Debbie Casey and family	Bremerton
Richard & Gladys Dexter and family	Port Angeles
Earl & Mary Fahrney & family	Burien
Elizabeth King	Tacoma
Mike & Celine McCormick	Seattle
John McKenzie	Poulsbo
Bob & Colette Millard	Bellingham
Dale & Mary Skinner	Seattle
Fred J. Prout Jr.	Bellevue
Daniel G. Walker	Renton

## Co-Kiteheads

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We are saddened to loose another great legend this year - Harold Writer. He was a cornerstone in our community and his passing will be a great void to all of us. David & I were very fortunate to have met Harold and to possess several of his kites. These will be, most certainly, cherished. WKA prompted a Harold Writer memorial fly at the "Beat the Bowls Fly" on New Years Day, which was a huge success sporting nearly 30 Harold Writer kites. We were also fortunate to be joined by Harold's daughter Nancy. Thank you to all of the folks who participated in this wonderful memory fly!

Another successful venture this year, is the new WKA website - WKAonline.org. The site offers a 1st class feel. You'll find the site very user friendly and very easy to access any of the topics. Our site features a calendar, chat room, classifieds, a Flyers Forum, Guestbook for your comments, a Membership page, Photo Gallery, Video Gallery, a Weather page which features at this time the Ocean Shores & Long Beach cam, and will soon have a tide schedule, and finally the WKA history page. Please note several pages are still under construction. Please visit WKAonline.org & send us your comments, ideas, photo's, kite plans, calendar/club events, etc, etc.... Our Webmaster Terry Templeman & Web Co-ordinator Tammy Templeman deserve huge KUDOS! Thanks Terry & Tammy for an incredible job done! This site is award winning in every way and with continued input from our members it'll be sure to take home the gold! We are very fortunate to have these talents on our team. Thanks again Terry & Tammy!

Now with each year in office there are positions to fill and once again the time has come for your votes. Our annual general member meeting will be held at Ft. Worden again this year after the festivities on Saturday night after the raffle - location to be announced. We're counting on your being there, your comments & your votes. Some of the topics to be discussed this year, will be adding another general meeting in the course of the year and voting in the Webmaster & Web Co-ordinator as Standing Committee positions to the Board. It's critical that you elect the officers you feel are working for the club in a manner you expect. Please take the time to contact our officers for all your concerns or questions.

David & I have decided to continue with our Co-Presidency and offer to run again for this position. Ken Howard is also offering to stay on as Vice President, as is Carol Lord in the position of Club Treasurer. Candyce Howard however, is stepping down as Secretary this year. Please let us know if you or anyone you know has an interest in filling this or campaigning for any of the Board positions or interested in the multitude of Committee positions listed in the newsletter.

The Club Secretary, is responsible for taking meeting notes & posting them for all board officers. Our meetings have been held quarterly over the past year in the general Seattle area, however, our last meeting was held on our own website chat room. This was very convenient for all, but it's always nice to gather face to face. I expect that the meetings will be made convenient for all members equally in the future and will be held as often as necessary. Please notify any of the board members prior to the Ft. Worden general meeting if you have an interest in any of the Officer Positions; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

We hope to meet more of you this coming year & look forward to all our new ventures.

As always, Fly High & Have Fun :)  
Co-Kiteheads,  
David Jam & Jeannette Mandanas

## Thank You Note

Hi All,

I received a thank you from the Fife Fish food bank today. We sent them \$700+ from the raffle at the WKA/PCKA Christmas party.

Thanks to all for donations and participation in this event.

Carol Lord

# WKA Financial Statement

## WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2000

WKA INCOME STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000		
	Jan - Dec '00	Jan - Dec '99
<b>Income</b>		
DONATIONS	8.00	50.00
DUES INCOME	2,475.00	2,636.00
GRANTS	8.00	588.00
INTEREST INCOME	389.36	85.41
MISC INCOME	1,806.75	1,831.00
NL ADS PREPAY	-158.00	-388.00
NEWSLETTER ADS	458.00	483.00
PRODUCT SALES	275.00	158.00
TOM'S KIDS KITE CORNER	221.25	153.75
WIKI SPAGHETTI FEED	2,868.25	2,865.25
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,691.55</b>	<b>7,866.81</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
AFFILIATION DUES	25.00	8.00
BANK CHARGES	9.00	14.00
CLUBHOUSE RENT	341.28	51.49
EDUCATION MAT'L	8.00	255.56
GIFTS/GRANTS	1,534.84	1,674.75
INSURANCE	298.00	319.00
MISC EXP	1,127.37	1,403.44
OFF SUPPLIES	8.00	19.40
POSTAGE	1,835.79	1,878.25
PRINTING	3,586.13	1,869.23
PRODUCTS	428.21	119.87
SUPPLIES	61.59	38.30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,911.33</b>	<b>6,835.49</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-469.68</b>	<b>1,031.12</b>

## WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of December 31, 2000

WKA BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000		
	Dec 31, '00	Dec 31, '99
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	5,541.88	5,251.57
SEAFIRST/REG	3,879.84	4,144.49
SEAFIRST/SAVING	2,884.88	2,965.89
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>12,306.60</b>	<b>12,361.95</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
DEPOSIT/CLUB HOUSE	300.00	8.00
INVENTORY	217.50	637.71
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>517.50</b>	<b>645.71</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>12,824.10</b>	<b>13,007.66</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
EQUIPMENT	485.88	8.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>485.88</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>13,309.98</b>	<b>13,015.66</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Earnings	952.87	-79.85
EQUITY	11,346.79	11,346.79
Net Income	-469.68	1,031.12
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>11,877.11</b>	<b>12,298.06</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>13,309.98</b>	<b>13,015.66</b>

Notes to financial statement:

1: Equipment includes the propane cookers, propane gas bottles and aprons. These are for use at any WKA functions besides the spaghetti feed. At this time all WKA supplies are being stored in my rental garage. You can contact me if you want to use them.

2: The clubhouse deposit is for the Fife Community Center reserved from year to year.

3: Interest Income has increased due to Certificates maturing.

4: Newsletter printing costs include \$958.21 for mastheads which last 3 years. Printing costs down \$50.

5: Total raffle income from the Christmas Party was \$1050.75 less cost of rental \$341.28 for a net to the food bank of \$709.00.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol Lord

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## Kite Calendar

Event organizers, please contact Bill and Jeannette Rogers at (360) 697-2917 or [billrogers@earthlink.net](mailto:billrogers@earthlink.net) by the first of odd numbered months with Kite Calendar information. Please include as a minimum the date, time, place, contact person, phone number, and email address (if applicable).

### MARCH

#### March 9-11, 2001

Ft Worden Kitemakers Conference at Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, in Port Townsend, Washington. For more information contact Sam Zeiler at 206-368-9569 or [kitemakers@netscape.net](mailto:kitemakers@netscape.net).

#### March 11, 2001

SCI-FI Fun Fly at 10th St., Everett, WA. For information contact Four Winds Kite Shop 425-339-9334.

#### March 18, 2001

2nd Annual Green Chili cook out and Fun Fly at Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood, WA. Contact Herb Andrews for more information at 253-627-1653.

#### March 17-18, 2001

Monthly Fun Fly #3 and St Paddy's celebration with kites at Ocean City Beach, Ocean City, WA. Contact Herb Andrews for more information at 253-627-1653.

#### March 31-April 1, 2001

NWSKL Winter workshop. Guest speakers will include Ron Reich and Eric Forsberg. For more information contact Mike Huff at [mthuff@techline.com](mailto:mthuff@techline.com) or Neil Parker at [atsego@coastaccess.com](mailto:atsego@coastaccess.com)

#### March 31-April 1, 2001

GET DIZZY WITH KITES, World Kite Museum Workshop, Long Beach, WA

These two counter rotating kites are officially the Nicolas Wadsworth Rotating Boxes. Instructor Charmayne Umbower gives you two options. \*If

you'd like to bring your own fabric, you will need 4 yards of 3/4 oz. Ripstop nylon (2yds for each kite). Or you can buy fabric from the kite museum at \$5 per yard. The cost of the class which includes all other necessary materials is \$16. Participants need to bring sewing machines and thread and scissors. If available, a metric straight edge, a triangle, cutting mats and cutter will keep things moving. To see these spinning kites check Web page [www.2kites.com](http://www.2kites.com) and look at the rotators.

Coming Soon. Pencil-in the following dates for more classes to be announced. One of them will be Ron Gibian teaching his applique on the tall slender kite called the Tametomo. April 28-29, May 12-13, June 9-10.

Update: April and May workshops still have a few variables. Ron Gibian is juggling his schedule and will teach one of those dates and Dave Colbert who has a more flexible schedule will take the other date.

#### Ron Gibian Workshop--

Ron's two day workshop will produce a low aspect kite, possibly what is affectionately called a "noodle" kite or maybe one similar to the Mandrill kite seen on page 10 of the September AKA Kiting. Two things will happen when you take this class. You will add a unique kite to your collection and Ron will help you understand things so that you can create unusual kite shapes.

#### Dave Colbert Workshop--

The cellular kites that everyone covets are Dave's specialty. One that attracts oohs and aahs is the Goble Star kite. This is the kite you will complete in this class.

Watch this newsletter, the museum web page [worldkitemuseum.com](http://worldkitemuseum.com) for dates, costs, and what to bring.

### APRIL

#### April 8, 2001

SCI-FI chili feed at Fort Casey. For information contact Four Winds Kite Shop 425-339-9334.

#### April 21-22, 2001

Monthly Fun Fly at Ocean City Beach, Ocean City, WA. Contact Herb Andrews for more information at 253-627-1653.

### MAY

#### May 13, 2001

SCI-FI Mothers Day fun fly at 10th street, Everett, WA. For information contact Four Winds Kite Shop 425-339-9334.

#### May 19-20, 2001

Monthly Fun Fly at Ocean City Beach, Ocean City, WA. Contact Herb Andrews for more information at 253-627-1653.

### JUNE

#### June 10, 2001

SCI-FI fun fly at 10th street, Everett, WA. For information contact Four Winds Kite Shop 425-339-9334.

#### June 16-17, 2001

Monthly Fun Fly at Ocean City Beach, Ocean City, WA. Contact Herb Andrews for more information at 253-627-1653.

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 22-23

Whidbey Island Kite Festival/Sport Kite Competition. Contact Marjorie Taylor for information at 360-678-9358.

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## **REGIONAL CLUBS**

### **WHIDBEY ISLAND KITE FLYERS**

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor at 360-678-9358

### **PENINSULA BREEZE BENDERS**

Contact Doug Williams at 360-479-SOAR

### **ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS**

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, OR 97298. Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter.

### **BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY**

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

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA KITE-FLYERS ASSOCIATION**

Box 755, 101-1001 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, CANADA V6H4E4. Membership \$15.00 Canadian or \$10.50 US. Our website is [www.bcka.bc.ca](http://www.bcka.bc.ca)

### **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 (during daylight savings), 5:00 PM, Friendship Park, 7200 block of N Standard. Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane, WA 99205 (509) 327-2829 [blester@ix.netcom.com](mailto:blester@ix.netcom.com).

### **NORTH COAST SKY PAINTERS KITE CLUB**

Our club contact person is Secretary Jeff McArthur 425-228-3875 and e-mail at [windzup@nwlinc.com](mailto:windzup@nwlinc.com). Our web site is <http://crabble.olympic.com/NCSP/index.html>

### **NORTHWEST BUGGY PILOTS ASSN.**

Contact Morrie and Kelci Williams, P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-1358 (360) 268-0318 [williams@techline.com](mailto:williams@techline.com). Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually at Washaway Beach, Grayland. Check with Morrie and Kelci for current location.

### **PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLYERS ASSN.**

Contact Dick Curran (253) 927-8779. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Call for details.

### **SCI-FI - SNOHOMISH COUNTY INCREDIBLE FLYING INDIVIDUALS**

Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (425) 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 Barry Crites (360) 491-8605 or [bearkites@aol.com](mailto:bearkites@aol.com). Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the 4th Saturday of each month. Call for location and details.

### **NORTHWEST FIGHTER KITE ASSOCIATION, NFKA**

A club for fighter kite fans. Our mission is fly and have fun with fighters, so that's what we do. Information about membership should be directed to Bruce Lambert (360) 704-7280, fax: (360) 704-7282 or [kitefighter@home.com](mailto:kitefighter@home.com). The membership fee is \$15 per person, paid one time. No annual dues. We meet and fly the 3rd Saturday of the month. Visit our web site at <http://www.fighterkites.org>.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUBS**

### **AUSTRALIAN KITE ASSOCIATION**

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Visit our website at:  
[www.aka.org.au](http://www.aka.org.au)

## **Editor's Echo**

Due to space constraints this will be a short write up this time. Lots of stuff for the newsletter this time. Thanks to all that contributed.

By the next newsletter there should be a number of set dates in the calendar for the upcoming sport kite competition season. Should get a lot of these after the meeting at the end of March.

Jeannette will be taking over pretty much all of the newsletter responsibilities, at least through the summer. I just won't have the time.

Bill and Jeannette Rogers

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**GRAYLAND, Northwest Buggy Pilots Assoc.** Fun flies 4th Saturday of every month at Wash-Away Beach. Verify location with Morrie and Kelci Williams, P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-1358 (360) 268-0318 [williams@techline.com](mailto:williams@techline.com)

**OCEAN SHORES, North Coast Sky Painters.** Meets the second Saturday of every month except June, July and September at the Ocean City Lions Club 6PM Standard and 7PM Daylight Savings time. We fly in Ocean Shores or Ocean City regularly. The June meeting is at the Annual Ocean Shores Challenge at the Convention Center. We attend the Westport Festival in masse in July and the Up Your Winds at Pacific Beach in September. Our club contact person is Secretary Jeff McArthur 425-228-3875 and e-mail at [windzup@nwlinc.com](mailto:windzup@nwlinc.com). Our web site is <http://crabble.olympnet.com/NCSP/index.html>

**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 Dick Curran (253) 927-8779.

**EVERETT, SCI-FI.** Fun flies 2nd Sunday every month, 10th Street boat launch, Everett WA. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (425) 339-9334.

**WESTPORT, Westport Windriders.** 4th Saturday every month. Fun fly and potluck. Contact Barry Crites 360-491-8605 or [bearkites@aol.com](mailto:bearkites@aol.com).

**WHIDBEY ISLAND, Whidbey Island Kite Flyers.** Fun flies the third Saturday of each month. Location varies throughout the Island. Call Lisa at 360-678-7052 for location of next fly.

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*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, mail to Bill & Jeannette Rogers Editors, P.O. Box 2393, Poulsbo, WA 98370.*

### 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 3 pin set is priced at \$6 including postage (\$7 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 2112, Westport, WA 98595.*

### 25th Anniversary Pin

*The new pin is green with a red, blue or yellow kite in it. It is our 25th anniversary pin. The pin is priced at \$3 including postage. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 2112, Westport, WA 98595.*

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)

## Close Out Sale

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Pacific Science Center  
200 Second Avenue North  
Seattle, Washington 98109



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