



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

NEW AND IMPROVED!!

Tammie Burks - Editor

Hi there! Your Editor here. Apologies all around for the lateness of this newsletter. But, after some careful planning and considerable changes I think we've got it down.

In addition to the changes, I'm submitting a plea to all members of the WKA. As you can probably tell it takes a lot of hard work and effort (along with maintaining a full time job) to put together a newsletter every other month. We need a team of people to help with articles, photos and calendar of events. In order for this newsletter to be the best it can be, we need a constant flow of materials from YOU. So, submit your article, photo or event as soon as you write it, snap it or plan it. Thanks in advance.



New Experiences with Fighter Kites

Sylvia Bernauer, Membership

This year at WSIKF I spent some time with the folks from the Northwest Fighter Kite Club. They were down at the south end of the beach. Several flyers from across the country came to fly with them. They welcomed all newcomers to their field and gave helpful tips on flying, etc.

With the stormy days we had this year; one of the Senior events was moved out to Sunday. Since I had such a great time flying for fun at their field on Monday, I decided to try the Senior Precision event Sunday morning. I have not had experience at any of these things, but thought it would be fun to try.

There were two contests. The first to paste (or land) a kite on a hoop covered with mesh. The hoop (about 3 feet) was hanging on a pole out in the field and the wind would hold your kite against the mesh. The second contest was to knock paper cups off of poles planted in the sand.

Numbers were drawn and I got No. 11 of 11. This gave me the chance to watch the other "experienced" competitors try their luck — and for a large part, it must surely be LUCK to actually paste your kite!

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Can you fill these shoes???

Officers positions

President: The President is responsible for hosting Board meetings (putting agenda's together), assisting with coordinating functions for the Club, being available for inquiries, and generally spreading the good word of Kiting

Secretary: This position takes meeting notes & distributes them to the board as well as makes ongoing contributions to the board of ideas, etc.

Board Positions

Event's Coordinator: This is actually the fun job! This position will develop ideas on when & where to have a party! Sounds like a fun job to me! WKA has not hosted very many events in the past, but as a club would like to become more prominent in the community. The job of the Event's Coordinator will be to (along with the committee), come up with event ideas & work through the details. There are 4 events at this time on the WKA schedule; The June Celebration of Kites, WSIKF Spaghetti Feed in August, the September Annual Membership meeting, and the Christmas Pot Luck held in partnership with PCKA.

The club still needs your support!

Jerry Graham & Glenda Kleppin are the new
Merchant Liaisons

Congratulations and big thanks to them!

You may contact Jerry & Glenda at:

jlgraham1@usa.net (that is JLGraham) or 253-863-7400

Kiting and the Web

The source of kite related information on the web grows at a phenomenal rate.

As a webmaster for the WKA, I researched many sites related to kites and kiting, and have found some amazing sites with tons of information. More than I could look at in a lifetime. Most are made by your die-hard kite flyer with a flare for color and visuals. Others are just plain goofy. One of my favorites is Prism Kites website which is just amazing. (www.prismkites.com) They offer lots of info on their own product plus much more. Another great source of kiting on the web is the WKA website with over 500 links to great sites on the web.

Make sure to take a look around and sign our the websites guestbook. You can also check the events calendar for up and coming flies and much more.

Terry T - Your Webmaster.



prismkites.com

The above picture is a screenshot of their wonderful site. If you're stuck inside because of the weather this would be a great time to take a trip in cyberspace. So go boot that old out of date paperweight and take a trip with some online kiting.

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If you would like to see your story and/or pictures on the website or in an upcoming newsletter, you may send a digital file to:

newsletter@wkaonline.org or snail mail your submissions to:

WKA Newsletter
c/o Tammie Burks
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Seattle, WA 98106

Please include a caption w/ photos

DENNIS THE MENACE BY HANK KETCHAM



"WOULD YOU HOLD MY KITE, MR. WILSON?
I GOTTA GO TO LUNCH."

As many of you might have seen there has been some changes to the newsletter. The layout of the newsletter will be permanent. These changes are designed of course to spark inspiration among the membership. And get all or some of you to participate with submissions and suggestions for new items for the newsletter. I must say this club is a wonderful group of people but I think we could do a lot more with the club.

Terry Templeman (Designer)

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 \$5 including postage.

Make check payable to :

WKA

c/o Susie Christenson

PO Box 2119, Westport, WA 98595.

Coming Events at the World Kite Museum

Workshops

A Big Bold Band in the Sky - Feb. 16, 17 & 18

A large Ghenki, nine feet across, will be the product of this class taught by John and Marzlie Freeman. The bold design of Seminole Indian quilting technique will create the color in the sky. The cost of \$70 will cover all materials. Participants need to bring sewing machines, thread and cutting tools.

The Kite Arch by Rob Pratt - March 30 & 31

If you don't have a kite arch in your bag, you need one. Rob Pratt, instructor, describes your finished product as an eight color box of crayons times 3 (24 diamond kites) that is easy to pack, astounding to watchers and will even self launch if the wind dies. The \$45 cost includes everything. Just bring a sewing machine, thread and etc. If you want special colors contact Rob at robcp@att.net.

Applique & Antique take to the Air - April 20 & 21

Charmayne and Bob Umbower will teach you their award winning applique technique while you make a 5-foot diamond Jolly Roger Hi-Flier replica. More information will be coming but for a peek at what you'll be doing, look at www.2kiters.com and click on the Hi-Flier Project button.

May 11 & 12 - To be announced

June 1 & 2 - To be announced

Susie, the "Kite-Flying Dog"

by Glenda Kleppin and Jerry Graham

Several people have expressed curiosity about "Susie", the dog who always accompanies me. For those of you who have not met Susie, she is the 4 1/2 lb apricot Toy Poodle that I usually carry in a puppy-carrier strapped in front of me. In answer to the question most commonly asked, "yes she can and does walk." The second most-asked question is whether she helps me fly my kites. The answer, of course, is that she is a very big help, especially when I am flying quad-line kites and have to remember to keep my hands in the proper position. But Susie helps me in other ways as well. She is my service animal.

The Federal Americans with Disability Act (ADA) defines a service animal as any animal "individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability and by Washington law as "any animal that is trained for the purposes of assisting or accommodating any disabled persons sensory, mental, or physical disability." By law, these service animals are not considered "pets" and so are, by law, not subject to "no pets" rules. They are allowed to be with their owners at all times.

Although some "working animals" (as they are often referred to) should not be disturbed while working, others, like Susie, have been trained to be sociable and welcome attention from people, while still keeping a close eye on their owner. If in doubt about whether or not to pet or talk to a service animal, be sure to ask the owner.

Although the most common service animals are dogs, various other animals are less frequently trained to provide assistance. Some of the more unusual service animals are monkeys and the pot-bellied pigs that made national airline news by flying in first class, somewhat to the consternation of other passengers. (Yes, he really was a service animal.) The most common service animals are seeing-eye dogs. Other service animals perform such services as alerting persons with hearing impairments, pulling wheelchairs, carrying and picking up things for persons with mobility impairments (the monkey), alerting people of pending epileptic seizures or diabetic sugar imbalances and providing general emotional support.



New Experiences w/ Fighter Kites

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No. 1 gently let out some line after launching his kite. Before launch, the kite is leaned up against a box. His kite flew up only a few feet above the sand and it started doing tight little circles while the flyer slowly released the line. I stood there amazed as it continued to go in little circles, ever inching its way closer and closer to the target. The kite actually pasted right smack on the target! Unbelievable! Just like it was on remote control! He made it look so easy! Just let it out until it hits the target! Simple!

Then No. 2 tried to duplicate the moves, but it did not land on the target this time. And so it went with at least two other kites that also pasted! Amazing!

So, by my turn, I had the benefit of watching all of them and should have known what to do — or what not to do! Then my colorful pink fighter was set up against the box. I released the kite and watched it fly. Mine did not do those expert little circles at all. At one point it started climbing as the ocean breeze got it moving, but I got it back down out of the sky and aimed back toward that very small target. It got closer to the target, but then it went down instead of up! Grounded! So that got me 300 points! But in these contests, low score wins. But I was still in good company as most of the other "experienced" flyers also grounded.

Then Contest No. 2 was set up. There were several different height poles with paper cups over the tops of them. This time we could move around anywhere behind the line drawn in the sand; select a target pole and fly the kite out past the pole so that the line got underneath a cup and then fly it up to flick it off the pole. Again, some of these flyers actually removed one or more of the cups within the two minute time limit.

Even though I never really got close to any of those poles, I had a great time trying. Maybe next year I will try again.

Sylvia Bernauer, Membership

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Susie, the "Kite-Flying Dog"

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Susie and I were lucky to find each other. her first owner died leaving Susie without a home at the same time that I was advised to obtain a service dog. The fates brought us together for a trial meeting and we fell in love. She went home with me and has now been with me for 7 of her 10 years. Jerry acquired the two of us 5 years ago after Susie awarded him the "good puppy" lick of approval.

Over the years my medical needs seem to have multiplied. Susie, being much brighter and more patient than I am, has trained herself to provide support to me as each new need has arisen. When I lived with my daughter to help her out with a new-born baby, Susie learned to wake me when the baby cried as I was incharge of the 2am feeding. Unfortunately, although that "baby" is now in the First Grade, Susie still alerts us to crying children, something that does not always endear her to us when we are in crowded campgrounds. However, her talent as a "hearing dog" have become very useful to my husband, Jerry, since he has started to lose his hearing, so we are both grateful that Susie numbers this among her many other talents.

Jerry and I accepted that people often forget our names but remember Susie's. We do not mind being known as Susie's mom and dad. During the past year, Susie has brought us another new joy. Since Susie is always with me, and since I'm frequently at Madigan Medical Center, Jerry and I were excited when we found out about their "human/animal bonding" program where animals (at this time, all dogs) visit patients in the hospital. Susie went with us to the Red Cross training program and now has her own official Madigan Red Cross identification picture ID and is a well known visitor at the medical center. She also went with us when we took the Red Cross Disaster Relief training classes. She is Pierce County's littlest Red Cross volunteer.

Our response to the events of the past few weeks has been to spend more time taking Susie to visit people, and we have noticed how much people seem comforted by holding her and talking to her. Since we have had to show picture ID to get on base, we also show Susie's ID to the gate guards and have provided several of them with what was probably their only smile of long days of dealing with long lines of people seeking access to the base. These experiences have provided Jerry and I with a new perspective as to the importance of love and nuturing in these trying times.

Regional Clubs

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers
Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor @
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BC, CANADA V6H4E4
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www.bcka.bc.ca

kbg - Kite Group of Boise
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327-2829 Email: blester@ix.netcom.com

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<http://crabble.olympnet.com/ncsp/index.html>

Northwest Buggy Pilots Assn.
Contact Morrie and Kelci Williams,
P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-1358
(360) 268-0318 or email
williams@techline.com. Meetings are the
4th Saturday of each month. Check with
Morrie and Kelci for current location.

Would you like to list your monthly Fun Fly?

Send your information to:
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red school house). The potluck is in
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the left.

Northwest Fighter Kite Association
A club for fighter kite fans. Our
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Washington Kitefliers Association Pacific Science
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200 Second Avenue North
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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.

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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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You may also send your submissions via email 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.



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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. Membership cost per household in the US or Canada is \$15.00. Fill out this application and return it with a check or money order payable in US funds to WKA. Mail to:

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