



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Top Kid Award at WSIKF

The "Kids for Today" field directors of Glenda and Susie will have a new event scheduled for Kids' Day (Wednesday) at WSIKF. This event is for kids of all ages, whether they are joyously celebrating their 1st or 2nd childhood or are just setting an example to others as to how to outwardly express their "inner child"?

On the beach, ribbons will be awarded to individuals who best exemplify the joys of childhood through their beach activities, crazy hats/costumes, and whatever else attracts positive attention on the beach. People will be competing with others of the same general age groups: Preschool (under 5); Grade school (6-12); Teens (13-20); Young adults (21-45); Young grandparents (45ish-60ish); and Super Seniors (60+). (Judges will not be responsible for erroneous assignments to the wrong age group.) You can either sign up for

this competition; sign up someone else; or simply come to the attention of the judges as they are wandering around the beach. No stuffed shirts allowed (unless they are part of a clown outfit). Plan to join in the fun!

Traveling Trophy: Additionally, the individual/couple selected as the ultimate "Top Kid(s)" will be honored with a trophy at the annual World Kite Museum auction on Saturday night. This will become an annual competition and award, similar to the Terrific Tuesday award.

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March 10, 2006

To Washington Kitefliers Association

Dear Members,

Thank you for awarding me the Tom Sisson-Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference 2006 Scholarship.

I attended the conference with my wife Dawn and had a very enjoyable experience. I was asked to be a Teaching Assistant for Falk Hilsenbek with his Monobloc historic kite. What a great project! I was the first one done and helped others complete their kites after dinner. I learned a great deal and have made new friends in Germany.

The second class was the "Roi du Aires" project with the Umbowers. Dawn and I teamed up for this one and had another great experience. We actually had an opportunity to fly this kite after completion early Saturday afternoon.

I am very appreciative of the WKA and the Sisson family for supporting the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference in this way.

Sincerely,
(Signed)
Samuel C. Zeiler

Note to Members --

One of the benefits of membership in the Washington Kitefliers Association is the opportunity to enter the drawing for one free scholarship to this annual conference. The prize is worth almost \$300. The program is intended to give a full Fort Worden Experience of meals in the dining room and dorm room (and camaraderie after class hours with fellow kite makers in the common rooms of the dorm building). There are beginner's classes too. This is a great experience for getting to know others if you are new to the kiting community. This scholarship was named for one of our Founding Fathers, who totally enjoyed everything about kites, and shared that love with others.

Requirements include membership at the time of the annual drawing in August and conference. The next conference will be held **February 22-25, 2007** at the Fort Worden State Park Conference Center in Port Townsend, WA. Mail in a postcard or letter with your name, address and phone number to the club mailing address on the back cover of this newsletter. *It is not too early to enter now for the August 2006 drawing.* Visit www.kitemakers.org for more information and photos from the conference. If you have other questions pertaining to this scholarship, contact Sylvia Bernauer at 425-822-4605 or dbrn1@earthlink.net.

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Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
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meets every Tuesday at 5pm in
Sky Prairie Park on W. Strong
Road, just east of N Five Mile Rd,
Spokane, WA

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

meets 3rd weekend of every month,
location varies. For more info:
www.fighterkites.org

Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Bud Hayes email:
bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar
at www.nwskl.org

Lavender Winds Kite Club

Brian Bradley email:
KiteBear@aol.com meet 2nd Sun-
day, noon in Long Beach, WA

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
email: lisaryan@mail.com or
billrogers@earthlink.net meets the
2nd Wednesday every month at the
Fire Station on Loxie Egan Blvd.

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

Contact Scott Davis email:
prez@pcka.org meets at Summit
Library in Tacoma, 7pm last
Thursday every month.
Calendar at www.pcka.org

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen
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Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
360-678-9358 meets the 3rd
Saturday every month call for
location.

Westport Windriders

Contact Bary Crites
360-491-8605 or email:
bearkites@aol.com meets 4th
Saturday every month at Grayland
Beach, followed by potluck at
Willapa Grange Hall

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**Welcome to New
WKA Members
Ken Kuxhouse & Joani
Radenich — Burien**

HELP NEEDED!

by Susie C.

Looking for that special persons or persons to run the Spaghetti Feed which consists of buying all the necessary food and paper products and preparing and also serving it. Plus come to Westport and pick up all the cooking supplies and cooking equipment. If you or know of someone interested, Please contact Susie Or Dave Christenson for more information. If you volunteer for this job, people will love you forever.

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from: Sand Castle RV Park
We would like to invite your members to stay where the Fliers stay for the 25th Annual WSIKF in Long Beach, WA during Aug 21 - 27, 2006. Please refer your members to our website at www.sandcastlerv.com for more information. Sylvia Bernauer has been staying with us for years.
Thank You and Happy Flying!

This poem is being published in poetry collection entitled SONGS OF HONOR, published internationally by Noble House, London

SIGNS OF SPRING

Wind and Waves and Water
Kites flying by the sea
Salt and sand and sailboats
There's the place for me.

Friends from different countries,
All gather to compare
How many shapes and colors
Can float upon the air.

And the people flying
Share the colors too
With crazy hats; and h api' coats;
Bold pants; outrageous shoes.

Birds, butterflies, and bugs galore,
Fly next to creatures of the deep.
Dragons, mermaids, unicorns—
Envisioned during someone's sleep.

Beach balls and twist-tubes--squiggly tails;
Pictures escaped from museums of art;
Intricate patterns; clever illusions
I can't list them all--it's only a start.

Curious critter creations
All tethered together with string
Twirling and twisting and turning
It's honestly, truly, my favorite thing.

REMINDER -- If you are going to be in **Ocean Shores on Thursday, June 8**, join me on the beach by the Shilo as fellow Lady Kiteflier Ellen Pardee and I put on a kite display and have a Fun Fly for the Washington Masonic Grand Lodge. -- Sylvia Bernauer

Kite Exhibit in Honor of Sam Huston

WKA has been asked to provide a summer kite exhibit at the Imagine Children's Museum, 1502 Wall Street Everett, WA 98201. This museum is said to be the best Children's museum in the area. Rainier, the museum's Creative Arts Manager is excited about this exhibit.

Imagine with us: at least 50 kites, suspended from 16 foot ceilings, covering an area of approximately 10,000 square feet! Add: a locked case filled with miniature kites and kite books. There will also be informational posters and hand-outs. This promises to be an awesome display!

Sam Huston provided 10 kites to be hung for this exhibit and it will be named in his honor. Other kites have been gathered from well-known kitemakers throughout the northwest (Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia), so this will be an international exhibit. The exhibit will be hung on June 12 and will remain aloft for at least two months.

The majority of the kites needed have already been committed. However, if you want to become a part of this experience, there is still time for you to get your kites to Glenda and Jerry for hanging. Caveat: Please contact us **BEFORE** sending any kites at: gmakleppin@usa.net so that we can make sure there will be room for your kite and that we are expecting it. We will be at Ocean Shores if you want to bring your kite(s) to us there.

Even if you will not have a kite in the display, you are urged to take the time to visit the museum this summer. Take along all the (other) kids you know--your own, your grand kids, the neighbors! Still another chance for the kite

White Rock, BC Festival

by: Jerald Graham

This happens to be an outstanding place to break in your international kite flying skills. It is the first city across the US/Canada boundary and is very friendly. The Wind, Waves, and Water Festival provides a great place to showcase your favorite aerial and ground displays. Jeremy Percival of the British Columbia Kitefliers Association welcomes the international guests and visitors with a charming and helpful greeting. You just know you are welcome.

We arrived on Friday evening and immediately discovered a very fine place to eat: Senses. It offers a "Fusion" menu that crosses European and Asian delights for a wonderful dining experience. We liked it so well that we dined there again on Sunday and were treated like returning royalty.

Saturday dawned with a stiff breeze out of the east with a solid overcast. Not an auspicious start. Dick and Georgeanne Curran were, as usual, the first ones on the beach with kites in the air. Bob Serack was industriously unpacking his bags of banners.

Jerry and I set up at the edge of the seawall on the grass. Jerry was moving slowly and by the time we had most of the display up it had started to shower. Not a hard rain, but emphatic. The wind had shifted around through the south to the southwest and it drove the rain and cold right through us. Jerry had the foresight to put up a beach tent, but--of course-- the wind immediately shifted directions and blew the rain directly into the tent.

There were quite a few kites up before the rain began, rising nicely on the breeze. Sam and Ann Huston, John and Marzlie Freeman, and Bob and Charmayne Umbower all had several kites aloft, complete with long, rain-catching tails.

The kites gradually started to come down as they soaked up water and became heavy.

By about 1:00 PM people were putting their kites and displays away, thoroughly soaked. Several people huddled under rainproof tarps and under beach umbrellas, wrapped tightly in every coat and warm bit of clothing at hand. We assumed that the weather would clear, but we realized that we were in real trouble when the local fliers, all dressed in matching yellow fleece vests, efficiently loaded their kites into their matching wheeled plastic milk crates and headed up the road for home.

Glenda (and several others) wimped out and went back to the hotel room to get warm and dry. Jerry was the last person off the beach, even though Bob Serack helped him pull down the soaking-wet ground display and jam it all into the back of the pickup. Everything Jerry wore that wasn't covered by his rain jacket was soaked. He was cold, wet, and miserable.

We spread stuff out in the bottom garage, next to Bob's wet banners, and took two cartloads

of wet stuff into our hotel room. Both places looked like a refugee camp on laundry day. Most of the stuff dried out over-night, but Jerry's socks were still wet when we left on Monday morning.

Part of the Festival is a Saturday night dinner. Previously, we Keters had gone to a commercial family restaurant, away from the Regatta crowd. This year it had been decided to have the Keters join the Regatta crowd and share their buffet. The dinner was held at Centennial Park. The map was clear to anyone who lived in the area, but we "furriners" had a real problem locating the proper building. Then, once we found the building, we seemed to be sharing it with a rock concert, and we still couldn't find where we were supposed to be dining. We'd been told to be there by 6:00PM and that at 6:25 PM we would be the first to be served at the buffet, before the Regatta crowd, who work up an incredible hunger sailing around the bay, could do a "scorched earth" attack on it.

The appointed time came, and went, and the catering staff was frantically trotting back and forth trying to get things set up. However, that did give everyone a chance to sit down, relax, and discuss the days' exploits and tribulations. The bar did a fairly good bit of business, too. We finally got fed around 6:45 so we weren't in danger of starving.

Sunday made up for it all. The sun was out, the winds were delightful, and the crowd was enthralled by the kites and the ground displays. We had the usual collection of spinning wheels and windmills up so the kids flocked to see the moving things. The smallest of the walking kids would stand staring at the lowest wheel until they got dizzy and plunked down backwards onto the ground. The five-to-elevenish kids would try to touch it, usually prompting a family member to tell them not to, which, often as not, resulted in a quick surreptitious poke or grab, followed by additional parental remonstrations.

The Clown fish was a great hit with the usual first comment being "There's Nemo," followed by a disappointed "It can't be, he doesn't have a little fin" followed by "Oh, it's Nemo's daddy!"

A tradition here is to have a series of Rokkaku battles in the afternoon, weather permitting. It was perfect for the battle and there was lots of excitement as the large, six-sided kites maneuvered for advantage, then struck ferociously at their foes. As usual, accident played a larger part than tactics, as kite after kite broke, lost the wind, or just plain fell out of the sky without contact with another kite.

The afternoon wound down, the kites were stowed, the displays dismantled, and yet people kept hanging around, reluctant to let the festival end. We had a great time, and heartily recommend White Rock for an international flavored experience that is just right next door.

COMING NORTHWEST KITE EVENTS

***** JUNE *****

- 3 - 4 International Kite Challenge--Ocean Shores, WA
- 3 Point Robinson Lighthouse Kite Fly, Vashon Island
- 10 - 11 Pacific Rim Kite Festival--Vanier Park, Vancouver, BC
- 16-17 Marysville Kite Festival-- Berringer Berry Farm
- 24-25 Northwest Stunt Kite Championships--Long Beach, WA
- 24-25 Summer Kite Festival at the D'River Wayside State Park-- Lincoln City, OR

***** JULY *****

- 1 Canada Day Fun Fly--Gary Point Park, Richmond, BC
- 4 PCKA Fun Fly, Lion's Park, Orting, WA
- 7 - 9 Westport Windriders Festival/Competition-- Grayland, WA
- 15 WKA Seattle Celebration of Kites, Magnuson Park-- Seattle, WA
- 15-16 Southern Oregon Kite Festival--Brookings, OR
- July 15-16 Parksville, BC First annual Kite Festival in the Parksville Community Park. Sponsored by the local Lions Club
- 22 - 23 Steveston Sport Kite Competition--Richmond, BC

***** AUGUST *****

- 13 BCKA August Fun Fly--East Beach--White Rock, BC

19-20 Cutting Edge Summer Heat--Ocean Shores, WA

21-27 Washington State International Kite Festival--Long Beach, WA

***** SEPTEMBER *****

8 - 10 "Up Your Wind Kite Festival"--Pacific Beach, WA

10 BCKA September Fun Fly--Blackie Spit--Crescent Beach, BC

9-10 Lewis & Clark Exposition--Seaside, OR

23 - 24 Whidbey Island Kite Festival--Camp Casey Conference Center, WA

***** OCTOBER *****

2-7 AKA Grand Nationals--Des Moines, IA
www.aka.kite.org

8 One Sky One World International Fly For Peace (OSOW) Anywhere and Everywhere
<http://www.earthnet.net/~jpa/osow/>

8 Vanier Park--Vancouver, BC

7-8 Long Beach, WA 11 am - 4 pm Saturday & Sunday Sponsored by the World Kite Museum www.worldkitemuseum.com or 360-642-4020

14 - 15 Lincoln City Fall International Kite Festival, Lincoln City, OR
www.oregonkiteclub.com



Empty Place in the Sky and on the Beach - Sylvester "Sy" Polzin

By Sylvia Bernauer

WKA lost a member and valuable Volunteer on April 9, 2006.

Sy had health problems, but he found a job that he could do to help WKA and it enhanced his kiting experiences. He volunteered to take care of the club pop-up shelter, club banner and vinyl sign. He brought these items to many of our events over the last two years, and enjoyed sitting out at the beach at WSIKF, the AKA convention at Seaside, and Whidbey Island kite festivals, etc. He enjoyed talking to people about kites and about the events that they were at, and flying kites. He enjoyed handing out club newsletters and membership forms, and answering questions about the WKA.

Sy and his wife Karis enjoyed other activities too like the Kids' Kitemaking tent at WSIKF in Long Beach, WA. They both had a lot of fun doing that last August.

A full military honors memorial service was held for him at the Tahoma National Cemetery. Family and friends gathered for the service led by the minister of their church. The flag was presented, there was a rifle salute and "Taps" was performed by a bugler.

Two photo boards were set up with lots of pictures of Sy with family and friends. Paper cutouts of kites were scattered all over the photo boards. His memorial program had a graphic of kites in the air and the poem "Let's Go Fly A Kite." All of that showed that he really did love kites!

After the service, his wife, Karis, family and friends planned to meet at a park in Lacey to fly kites. His son said that Sy "had lots of kites."

Sy will be remembered in the Memorial Kite Fly at WSIKF this August. The *Olympian* newspaper in Olympia printed an article about him. For more on his life, see <http://community.theolympian.com/cgi-bin/searchobits.pl>

Another Empty Place In The Sky

Richard Wade (Sam) Huston

Born in Champaign, IL on Sep. 30, 1928
Departed on May 2, 2006 and resided in Kent, WA.

Richard Married Anne on June 18, 1950. He spent time in the US Navy and worked for Weyerhaeuser for 35 years as an engineer. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kent, and American Kite Association. He enjoyed hiking, kite making, flying, gardening, and woodworking. Richard is survived by his wife, Anne of Kent; sons; Bruce Huston of Kent, Dale Huston of Auburn, and Paul Huston of Kent; daughter; Lynn Huston of Shoreline, and brother; Ed Huston of San Diego, CA.



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Armed Forces Day

by Glenda Kleppin

On May 20, 2006, Washington Kitefliers Association and PCKA headed to Fort Lewis to help them celebrate Armed Forces Day. Jerry and I set up a ground display and a kite information center on a grassy island, near the military displays of large equipment. We covered a larger space than any of the nearby military exhibits (even the tanks) and were a lot more colorful!

The single line and sport kite fliers had a flying area next to the large soccer field.. Penny Lingenfelder and Team Sixth Sense were specially featured performers doing sport kite demos in the morning. The major problem with the flying field was that it presented some logistical challenges, namely a tall chain-link fence topped with barbed wire, which was thankfully-- not too difficult to avoid as the area was large. Unfortunately, the same could not be said about the single flagpole which felt lonely without any flag on it and so--naturally--acted as a kite magnet in changing winds. Rick White's red/white/and blue "Kite Gypsy" made a colorful addition to the pole for several minutes. Of course, he claimed that his mom was holding the string at the time of the accident.

Barry and Susan Tislow flew their kites, including a nice red/white/and blue delta Conyne. They also brought kite-making supplies, 50 children, paper bag sleds, colored markers, crayons, tape, etc, which we set up as a part of the ground display. As we helped the kids (and parents) make kites throughout the day, I kept remembering the many hours we've spent over the years with Sam and Ann Huston in kitemaking workshops for kids, and I was sure that Sam was watching with a big smile as the several of the kids--as kids always seem to do--ran in circles around the field to keep the kites aloft in spite of our efforts to teach them to stand still and fly them "properly".

We had all feared that we would have rain, but it was a glorious, sunny day. The winds were pretty unpredictable, changing directions and intensity frequently, but our pole displays just "hung in" and looked pretty, no matter what happened. Penny stayed throughout the whole day, teaching kids and adults to fly her revs and her "Rang Thang." She also got to try out her kite buggy on a hard surface for the first time. Jerry and I finally got the ground display all stowed away about 7 p.m. and took our tired, sunburned bodies home.

We had an excellent overall response from people on the base, many of them telling us about their own kites, including one guy who explained to me about making and flying traditional kites in the Philippines when he was a kid. Many more people said that they had already been to kite festivals and wanted a schedule of what is happening this summer. Now that the MWR staff in charge of base activities have seen we do, we hope to be invited back to various other events there. Hopefully we can attract some club memberships from the multitude of folks who already fly on base but did not realize that the Northwest has a large kite-flying network in place to support them.

Washington Kitefliers Association
An affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association
Membership Application

By becoming a member of 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.

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.

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