



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Board Members

Rick White as President & Susan Tislow as Secretary

Bio by Rick White: I have been on the WKA board for around 2 or 3 years now. 2 Years ago I started maintaining the WKA web site. I hope it has been perceived as improving by the others, outside of our board. My goal is to get the hits counter moving and our site becoming the "Go to place" for everything kiteing in the NW. I have been flying kites since I first saw the colors in the air at WSIKF in 1986. I have only missed one year. The year my Dad passed away in 92. The funeral was during WSIKF. I remember around 93 or 94 going with Tom Sisson to the elementary school in Elwaco and making kites with the kids right in there school room. We spent 4 or 5 hours doing that on a Tuesday at WSIKF. Then watching the kids fly them in the school yard, was great. I have been attending Fort Worden for the past 7 years. I currently hold a trustee position at my church. I have been a Deacon for

most of my 35 years I have attended there. I have been a scouting leader, a Sunday School superintendent. I also currently play bass guitar in the worship team. I have been playing guitar or bass for most of that 35 years as well. I work full time at Boeing Renton, WA as a CNC machine repair technician. I just received my 30 pin for service there. I can see my retirement window opening wider and wider as the days go by. hopefully, I can retire in 6 more years. Then I can play with my kites all day if I want to.

Susan's bio on page 8. (editor)

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**MAIL YOUR ENTRIES NOW!
POSTCARDS OR NOTES MUST BE RECEIVED
BY AUGUST 15, 2006 FOR THIS YEAR'S DRAWING
WKA/Sisson Scholarship
Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference
February 22 - 25, 2007**

The deadline is almost here!! Entering this FREE drawing is one of the **benefits of membership** in the Washington Kitefliers Association. The prize is worth at least \$300.00. Limit one entry for each current member that would attend classes. This drawing is open to all members, those with no kite making experience or at the expert level.

Mail a note or postcard to: Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. The drawing will be held at the WKA Spaghetti Feed on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at the hall on Sandridge Road in Long Beach, Washington.

If you have any questions about this scholarship program, contact the Membership Director, Sylvia Bernauer at (425) 822-4605 or dbm1@earthlink.net.

Visit www.kitemakers.org for more information about the conference. The schedule of teachers with photos of many of the projects have been posted on the site.

WKA Spaghetti Feed 2006

The annual WKA Spaghetti Feed will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at the Long Beach Grange Hall on Sandridge Road in Long Beach. To get there drive on Sid Snyder Drive (the street at the south end of the boardwalk) east to Sandridge Road and turn right. The building is just down the road. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is still \$5.00.

Come and help support the WKA. Helpers are needed to set up the room, serve the dinner, and arrange the raffle items. Your donations of kite related items are appreciated. This is the only fundraiser for the club.

The 2006 "Spaghetti Feed" pins will also be on sale. This is the last pin in this series. Pins are \$5.00 each.

Special and drawings that evening will include the WKA/Sisson Scholarship to the 2007 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference and the "Tom" parafoil kite to go to someone to fly for one year. We hope Bill and Connie Lester had a great time with it again this past year. So come join the fun and buy lots of raffle tickets! And don't forget to bring lots of kite stuff for the raffle!

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Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
509-327-7974 or email:
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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 Kiteflyers Assn.

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

Squalicum Kite Flyers

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Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
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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

American Kitefliers Association

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Welcome to New WKA Members

Richard Smith - Everett
Tish Wells - Seattle

WSIKF Database Info

If you usually apply for a parking pass at WSIKF from Evonne Miller, and have not done so yet, she needs you to write to her right away. Send her your e-mail address, name, mailing address, phone number, and license plate info to replace lost data when her computer crashed a few months ago.

Write to Evonne at cosmos@olynet.com
or call at 360-249-3312.

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!

Thank You For The Donation of Kites and a Great Story

By Sylvia Bernauer and Ken Conrad

You never know who is on the other end of the phone when it rings. Recently a phone call came from a long time kite flyer, Dan Parks of Medina, WA. He is moving to a retirement center and had a lot of kites and line that he wanted to donate to children. So when I told Mr. Parks about the Foster Grandparent event and the need for donated kites at the kite festival at Long Beach, he thought that would be just perfect.

He has graciously donated many kites, and some very interesting kite stuff, books and a couple of items that need a little TLC but could one day be enjoyed again.

In talking with Mr. Parks, he related about the "Halo" spools with line on them that he had ready to go into the donate bag. He said that he and his late wife used to live in Singapore. Spools of this general type were used by fishermen and he thought that they would be great to use for kite line. At some future time, he showed one of the fishermen's spools to Ken Conrad and later Ken began importing them into the United States. Bet you did not know that, as I did not. And I will never look at another "Halo" spool again without remembering Dan Parks and the surprise bit of history that he shared with me, and you, our WKA newsletter readers.

Next I wrote to Ken and he elaborated on this story:

Yeap, that's a true story. I had forgotten

Dan Parks' name, it's been almost 30 years now. He gave me what he called a "drop line fishing spool" sometime back in the spring of 1977. I loved flying with that spool, it was so superior to any other kite spools of that time. My friends kept asking to use it, so I researched the spool and found some manufacturers in Singapore. We came up with our own brand name, the "Halo kite spool" and started importing them in five different sizes. We advertised the spools in Kite-Lines and other kiting magazines. I imported Halos for eight years or so, then moved on to other projects....

Some of the earlier Halos were made of awful colored plastic and had a bad tendency to split if the flyer wound stretchy line on to them, we called that "Halo abuse." In spite of these "issues", we had loyal Halo customers all over the country and a generation grew up learning to fly kites using those spools. It used to thrill me to look up and down the beach and see so many of the Halo spools in kite fliers' hands. We had to be the ones who introduced those spools to the kiting community, thanks to Dan Parks bringing one into my kite shop so long ago.

Ken Conrad

Another Plea for Kites to Hang

I was approached by our local Grocery Outlet and asked if I could "do what I did for Office Depot". I would like to respond with a "Yes", but I have run out of kites to hang. Can anyone (or several) help me out?

They don't have to be the best things in your bag by any means. They do have to meet the 20-foot rule, in that the kites you loan should be in reasonable repair and be something you would not be ashamed to fly.

Please contact Jerry Graham, 253-863-7400, or e-mail to jlgraham1@usa.net if you can help out. Thanks a bunch for your support.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release - Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Contact: Sally Evans, Imagine Children's Museum Community Relations Director
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Kites, kites everywhere!

Imagine Children's Museum hosts a display of over one hundred and sixty kites

If you held the front door open long enough to let a breeze come in, the inside of Imagine Children's Museum would appear to be moving! With one hundred and sixty six kites from the Washington Kitefliers Association and Four Winds Kite Shop hanging from 16' high ceilings, the interior of the Museum is a swirl of colors and shapes. The display will be at the Museum, located at 1502 Wall Street in Everett, from now through the month of August.

The fanciful kites are different sizes and shapes and include box, delta, diamond and mini kites. There is a large frog and a hawk from Indonesia, as well as a kite from Japan with whistles attached that can be heard in the wind. Sailing ships and a mermaid hang in the water exhibit, and different airplanes hang near the plane. A wide variety of kites adorn both floors of the Museum. The display is dedicated to Sam Huston, a master kite builder and national champion.

"Kites are so much fun," said Nancy Johnson, Executive Director of the Museum. "Everyone loves the display and we are fortunate that the Washington Kitefliers Association and Four Winds Kite Shop chose to house it with us. The kites are a perfect addition to our fun-filled environment and we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to come and see them."

Erv and Gail Crosby of Four Winds Kite Shop, along with Jerald Graham and Glenda Kleppin of the Washington Kitefliers Association helped Museum staff members hang the kites. "There are no stuffed shirts on the end of a kite string," according to Jerald Graham. "Almost everyone is struck by the apparent magic of flight; there's a sense of awe and wonder each time one goes up."

Imagine Children's Museum... what a perfect place to display such a fanciful source of awe and wonder!

April, May, June, and July, Come on out and have a Kite Fly

Kitemakers and kitefliers in Washington have been interestingly and internationally active lately.

At the International Sport Kite Championships, in Berck-sur Mer, France, Team Cutting Edge from Ocean-Shores, Washington took First Place for the second time. Two in a row, way to go! And Team 6th Sense came in Seventh, which put Washington's representation in the top half of the world-wide competition! It takes a lot of hard work to put in a showing like that and we're proud to know these guys.

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association had a banner-making session which has produced a series of readily recognizable PCKA banners. All have the same shape and letter style with the top portion a light sky blue (and how often have we seen that around here, eh?) So there is a degree of both uniformity and individualism on display. They all look great. (Except mine. I still haven't finished it. But now that Grayland is over...)

Ocean Shores: Yech! It was primarily a Stunt kite show, and we single liners were only an extra crowd pleaser, and that part is great. But the (*&^()(\$% weather wasn't as great! There was a heavy overcast and way too much wind on Saturday. Most of the single-liners wimped out and went home assuming Saturday would be more of the same. Not so. Yes, it was overcast and stupidly gusty and down-right nasty looking in the morning, but the wind finally calmed down and blew steadily so we had a great time with the beach nearly all to ourselves.

Oh, yeah, and the sun came out.

Many of us get frustrated when we try to fly in a crowd of other fliers and wish we had our own sky to fill. WKA got the opportunity to do just that. We were asked if we could "hang a few kites" at the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett so we asked around for volunteers to loan us kites that they weren't planning to fly this summer. The response was stunning and we went to Everett and filled their 10,000 square foot ceiling with over 100 kites of nearly every description. One flier even volunteered an Octopus but realized the space wasn't configured to handle it. The longest tails we put up were only about forty feet. The smallest kites were placed in an exhibit inside display cases by Sylvia Bernauer. You can check for pictures of the display on WKA's website. The kites will be there until September so if you are passing through Everett, stop in and visit the museum. See the Museum's press release elsewhere in this issue.

The museum staff hadn't a clue about what hanging kites entails, so we taught them. They were ecstatic at the results, but now we have to write up a guide to tell them what they have so they can teach the children.

People who volunteered kites include John and Marzlie Freeman, Anne and Sam Huston, Barry and Susan Tislow, Rick White, Carl Williams, Sylvia Bernauer, Launny Herriges, Jerry Graham, Glenda Kleppin, Karen Hightower, Helen Pardee, and Mary Bos. If I missed anyone please forgive me.

July 15th saw us at Kite Hill, In Magnusson Park in Seattle. This is in lieu of doing Father's Day there as was our custom. It was a Saturday and the event drew only a few fliers, but the wind co-operated for the most part and we had a great time. Sylvia collected a few new members and re-registered some former members who decided WKA was worthwhile. The Tislow's put up a tremendous ground display, with fish and birds, flags and banners, and the usual windmills to trap unwary children's kites. Ken and Suzanne ran the "Make a Kite" tent and had a great response. Rick White helped them out and enjoyed doing it. Rick also got his new Cody in the air and it was gorgeous!

COMING NORTHWEST KITE EVENTS

***** AUGUST *****

5-6 PCKA Orting Kite Festival

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

In the "You should have been there..." department, Kite Hill's weather was superb, and aside from a few lulls the winds were the best we've seen in seven years there. (cont'd next page)

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The Westport Windriders put on another great festival this year. Grayland Beach approaches were a little soft, but everyone made it through to the packed sand in good order, although there were a few tense moments when the lower-slung vehicles made their try. Friday and Saturday had acceptable winds, but Sunday dawned cloudy and misty. It finally burned off around noon and the rest of the day was a delight.

We were on the south end of the festival and didn't get to see the competitions, but we heard that there are some new stunt-flyers that will be excellent competitors in the near future. The usual suspects put on the Teddy Bear Drop and it was a great success. They put out a record number of bears in a shorter than usual time.

The Windriders decided to cut Eli Williams some slack and let him enjoy the beach on Saturday for a change. They had to, he was a featured flier! So instead of cooking all day he got to fly stuff we don't often get to see. But since he wasn't cooking, they had to cater the dinner. It was great, and there was food left over so anyone who wanted to get to carry a doggy bag away.

I went a little overboard at the raffle/auction and came home with fourteen new kites. (O.K., so twelve of them were pocket kites and all in the same bag, but it was fun to get them. I suspect I'll lose them to the Foster Grandparent's Fly at WSIKF.) The new Cody flew



Wednesday at WSIKF 2006

Don't forget the WKA sponsored "Kids for Today" events that take place on Wednesday at WSIKF. This is an opportunity for us all to use our time and talents to attract a younger generation to the joys of flying kites and to have some fun ourselves while doing it. Remember, the awards are primarily based on how much fun you are having on the field (and generous bribes to the judges)! There will be three different events this year:

1. **Third Annual "Foster Grandparent" event.** Experienced kilters will provide kites to kids and give them hands-on flying lessons. Please join us on Field A at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday and bring kid-friendly kites that you have made, extra kites from your kite bags, or just pick up one of the many kites that have already been donated for this event.

More than 150 kids participated in this event last year, in spite of somewhat nasty weather. Let's hope for great weather and at least 250 kids this year! The number of kids who can be served by this event is limited only by the generosity of the kite community as they provide the kites that are given away as well as the flying lessons.

Your rewards for taking part in this event will be plentiful. You will have a close-up experience of watching the shining eyes of excited children as they receive and fly their kites. The first 100 people to sign up will also receive a specially designed "Kids's Day" pin and the 10 people who are having the most fun on the field with their adopted "grandchildren" will receive a second (different) pin as well.

2. **Kid's Camp event.** Go all out for this one and make certain that your display is kid-friendly and not intended just to impress adults. You will get extra points if your camp is up for more than one day (Monday and/or Tuesday, as well as Wednesday).

3. **The NEW "Top Kid" competition,** intended to reward children of all ages who give outward expression to their "inner child" while flying their kites. The ultimate "Top Kid" will be awarded a traveling trophy at the Kite Museum Auction-- to proudly display until next year.

NOTE TO PINHEADS: Special pins and ribbons will be awarded to the top winners in all of these events. These pins will come in several different colors, so be sure to sign up for more than one event if you want to try to get the whole set.

CIRCOFLEX/AMOEBIA KITE FLY--

To all of you who just read the headings of the WSIKF program, you have been missing out on an opportunity



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Susan Tislows Bio.

Well lets see I'm 40 years old married to Barry Tislow, I have two girls 15 and 18. Grew up in Renton. Graduated From Lindbergh High school, I'm a Soccer mom, I was also involved in the Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts. Been Flying kites for 10 years now. Started small but know we are into the Big kites single line. Just bought my first Sutton 252. Love to meet people. Enjoy Camping and reading.

to be a part of this mass ascension. Please read the entire description of kites included in this category in the program and feel free to make an argument that your favorite kite should be included.

As you may remember, the special circoflex fly started because that peculiar type of kite did not fit into any established kite category, and so needed a category of its own. Since then, many other "orphan" kites have evolved and the field director of this event realized that it was time to create an over-all category that was inclusive enough to give a home to these evolving new kite-forms. After much contemplation and discussion (OK, not all that much), an idea came! Why not create both a new kite category and a new kite club?

Thus was born, on a cold and windless January 1, the Amoeba, a category of kite to include all one-cell kites (loosely defined and open to suggestions). For those of you who don't know the term, an amoeba is a single-cell critter that is "of wide distribution in fresh and salt water and moist terrestrial environments," which is certainly a perfect name for a kite category developed in the Pacific Northwest! The Amoeba club was formed to promote flying of these critters with Puff Cow and Susie, Empress of the Universe as it's sole officers. So, if you have any kites in your bags that can loosely be considered to consist of a single cell (of any shape), please feel free to fly them during this event. The more the merrier! You may even receive an Amoeba Club membership card for participating in this event.

CALLING ALL PINHEADS: Bet you can't guess how many different pins we will have for the WKA Children's Day events. You are going to have to work hard to fill in your sets!

WKA SPAGHETTI DINNER

As always, don't forget to come to eat and socialize at the annual WKA spaghetti dinner at the Grange on Wednesday night of WSIKF. We will have new cooks this year. Susan and Barry Tislow have graciously agreed to take on this daunting task with thanks to Susie and Dave Christenson for their many years spent doing this job.

← Any and all help in setting up for the event; selling raffle tickets; setting up the raffle; and cleanup chores will →

OK, it wasn't a field, it was a museum. . . .Whatever! by Sylvia Bernauer

The Everett, WA. Children's Museum is filled with over 100 of our WKA's kites, and another 50 or so miniature kites. Over the past couple of months, Glenda and Jerry have been collecting them at their house for the purpose of displaying them in the museum over the whole summer. We spent the entire day Monday, the 11th hanging them. Sylvia arranged the miniature kite display downstairs, and did a great job. If you have the time, do yourself a favor and go and see the whole exhibit. You will not be disappointed. You will search a long, long, time and still not find a nicer interactive children's museum. It is really cool. All of us kids felt really at home there. Go figure!

Be sure you go to the roof and see the play ground up there too! Unbelievable!

Many thanks to the Everett Four Winds Kite Shop, and for the many other folks that loaned us their many kites to hang.

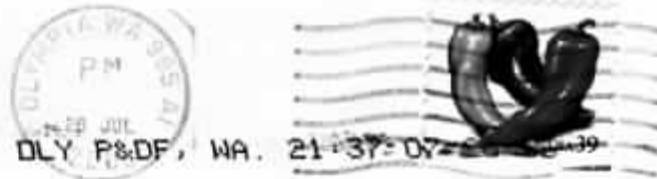
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Membership Application

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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