



# Newsletter

March/April 2007

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION



**Rick White** writes: One letter can make your day! It did mine. This one was written by one of the Cody Fly entrants at WSIKF:

*“My five year old son Matthew came with me to WSIKF last year, and among other events I entered us in, was the Cody fly. Matthew also flew the Cody and got his pin, and ever since then he talks about how he won his "Kite Metal" and how good of a job he did flying the kite and shows the pin off to everyone that comes to visit.*

*I have been coming to WSIKF since 1999 and absolutely*

*love it, and look forward to coming back with Matthew again this year.*

**Robert Kirby**  
*The Dalles, OR”*

This kind of happiness, cannot be beaten, and Matthew was pretty happy too! Thanks Robert and Matthew for a great letter and the wonderful photo collage of the day!

**Rick White**, WSIKF Cody Fly Coordinator

## **Hello everybody—**

If you or any of your friends are planning on attending AKA Convention this October at Ocean Shores, Washington, remember you must be a current AKA member. Make sure to join or rejoin ahead of time.

There are already several kites in the making for the auction from members as far away as the UK. Also, there is a raffle to win registration at \$1 a chance. The drawing for this will be in August.

If you wish to purchase raffle tickets, or if you have any questions, you can contact Marla at: [region10@aka.kite.org](mailto:region10@aka.kite.org)

Hope to see you at Convention 2008. Thank you,

**Marla Miller**

AKA Region 10 Director

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## **A Back-Saving Tip**

Those of us who have been lucky enough to attend the annual Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference know it's a super place to make some great kites. It's also a place to reconnect with our kite friends, and make new ones. And, it's a place to increase our wisdom about kite construction. Here's some wisdom I picked up at this year's conference:

First, a back saving tip. In **Rod Beamguard's** Pentagon Dragon Kite class, **Cliff** and **Gerry Pennell** (well known for their innovative tips) showed us all how something called "bed risers" could help us make kites. These bed risers are hard plastic cones, about 6" tall. The tops are flat, with a slight ridge around the edges. They come as a set of four, and are used to raise up the level of a bed. But, as the Pennell's showed us, they can also be used to raise up the level of a work table. You put one cone under each leg of your work table, and voila, you have raised your work surface up by 6"! By raising up the table you use to lay out, mark, spar, and otherwise work on your kite, you do a great big favor for your back, which doesn't have to bend over as far to do all the things you need to do during the kite making process. As Gerry pointed out, you don't want to raise your sewing table up, but raising up your work table is a terrific way to prevent back aches.

**Ronda Brewer**, the drafted by acclamation TA for the class, mentioned she just happened to have several sets of bed risers in her car, and they were for sale. We students immediately bought those she had, and set up two raised work tables, which we shared with the rest of the class. I've now got my work table at home set up with four of these "bed" risers, and it really makes a difference. And yes, my Pentagon Dragon kite is still on this raised table, but it is getting closer and closer to being done, and my back is not protesting every time I work on it.

Bed Risers are available from stores like Linens 'N Things, and cost around \$15.00 for a set of four. Hey, and maybe Ronda has some more for sale, too.

**Peggy Daschbach-Martin**

Contact a member of the Board to let them know you would be happy to help out with the positions that are available, Your club needs **YOU**

# Kite Clubs

## Associated Oregon Kiterers

Contact: Deb Cooley  
 Email: tucoolkites@earthlink.net  
 PO Box 25616  
 Portland OR 97298  
 Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter

## Basin Kitefliers Association

Contact: Rick White for now

## Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry Zilar  
 509-627-6751 or email:  
 zilarlm@charter.net

## Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox  
 509-327-7974 or  
 email: cxbil@aol.com  
 April thru October meets every  
 Tuesday at 4pm in Sky Prairie  
 Park, W. Strong Rd, just east of  
 N Five Mile Rd, Spokane, WA

## NW Fighter Kite Association

meets 3rd weekend of every  
 month, location varies.  
 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 Sunday, noon in  
 Long Beach, WA

## Peninsula Breeze Blenders

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

## Pierce County Kiteflyers 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 Mike Button  
 360-733-7380  
 email: kite102@aol.com  
 Fun fly every Wednesday and  
 Sunday afternoons during day-  
 light savings time until sunset  
 Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum  
 Harbor. Bellingham WA

## Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

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

## Westport Windriders

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

## American Kitefliers Association

Contact Marla Miller - Regional  
 Director 253-752-7051  
 email: region10@aka.kite.org  
 Regional: www.aka.kite.org/  
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## British Columbia Kite Fliers Assn.

PO Box 755  
 101-1001 W. Broadway  
 Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 4E4  
 Membership: \$20 (CDN)  
 www.bcka.bc.ca

Here is a fun, and delicious, recipe from Char Wolland

## **Pull-Apart Sticky Buns**

Oven temperature 350 degree F

2 tablespoons butter—melted  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/4 cup pecans, chopped  
 1 package (11 ounce) of the ready-to-bake breadsticks

Make a mixture of the cinnamon and sugar  
 Pull the dough apart for 8 strips.  
 Dip strips in melted butter, coat with the sugar and  
 Cinnamon mixture, Sprinkle with the pecans.  
 Bake for 20 minutes.  
 And enjoy!

Once again, Lady Kiteflyers will sponsor a Fun Fly as  
 part of the AKA National Kite Month

**LADY KITEFLYER FUN FLY  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007  
 ROCKAWAY BEACH, OREGON**

Our members have been working hard on their kites for  
 our kite arch. Creative juices have been flowing and each  
 Lady Kiteflyer's personal logos and colors fly in the sky.

**Sylvia Bernauer, Briana Champie, Georgean Curran,  
 Bev Dockrill, Lisa Fabich, Barbara Hall, Sandy  
 Heflin, Glenda Kleppin, Nancy Lockwood, Judy  
 McMillan, Sharon Musto, Ellen Pardee, Dee Sargent,  
 Miriam Schafler.** We'd love to see your kite in the sky.  
 Please join us.

**Miriam Schafler**

Kite by Lisa Fabich



Kite by Nancy Lockwood

Kite by  
**Miriam Schafler**



Kite by  
**Ellen Pardee**

Kite by  
**Dee Sargent**



Kite by  
**Judy McMillan**



Kite by  
**Glenda Kleppin**



More of the kites from the Lady Kiteflyers kite arch  
 Photos by **Miriam Schafler**

Kite by  
**Ellen Pardee**



Kite by **Georgan Curran**



Kite by  
 "Briana" **Champie**

Kite by  
**Sharon Musto**



Kite by  
**Sandy Heflin**



Kite by  
**Bev Dockrill**



Kite by  
**Barb Hall**

Kite by  
**Sylvia Bernauer**



**Pictures from the Fort 2007**

Decisions, decisions—  
 which bag shall I put  
 my tickets into? But I  
 want everything!!

Photo by  
**Georgan Curran**



**Bob Matteo** provided this  
 picture of him with his no-sew  
 kite and the teacher **Georgan  
 Curran**

**Donna Wendt**  
 and her mom,  
**Jean Reed**, here  
 with their  
 finished Shard  
 kites taught by  
**Kevin Sanders**  
 of Australia.  
 These two kites  
 make a rainbow.  
 Photo provided  
 by **Donna**



**Robin Lindy** with the rokkaku kite  
 skin she created in **John Freeman's**  
 class.

Photo by **Georgan Curran**

## Jumping into the “Deep End” of the Teaching Pool

This year it was my pleasure to teach a class for the first time ever at Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference (FW). Naturally, I taught the only thing I know, Codys, the little 12 inch ones you have seen me flying around WSIKF for the past 3 years. They really fly quite well, if you adjust the bridle right. (Isn't that the truth for most kites!) If you have ever thought, . . . . “You know, I would really like to teach a class at FW some day.” I would highly recommend you give it a go. All you have to do is submit a request to the FW curriculum committee. It is on their web site. The rest is downhill from there. They do all the rest, like contact you and get all the class information. For instance, how many students do you want to teach? 3. How many hours will your class be? 1. How much will you charge each of your students for the kit? \$195.00. Well, as you can guess by now, it doesn't go the way you would like it to go. If I ever get asked to teach again, I will try to not lose money. It was very close, and to be honest, I planned it that way. I figure, like most of the teachers do, I will plan it so people can afford it. That way, hopefully, there will be a mass rush on the requests for my class, and “The Committee” will be impressed with how many people love me. Well, OK. Not true. But a teacher does like to see prospective attendees *want* to attend the class he has created. Right? Codys are usually a shoo-in. My favorite kite, hands down. But make them small, and you start getting into the “I dunno” people. As demonstrated by the first class on Friday. Three people. That's it. Does the thing fly that small? Yes, I assured them. I started getting a little worried when first I saw such a small amount of people requesting it, but the Sunday class had 9 pre-registered. OK! That was a lot better. I can maybe start believing all of those kite flying “friends” of mine really do love me after all. Maybe.

Friday morning finally got here and the class started. And, to my surprise, I had a walk-in. Who do you think it was? Well, let's just say he was complaining the whole time the kite was way too big. You guessed it, it was **Charlie Sotich**. Now I am getting a little nervous. Imagine your first class, ever, and Charlie walks into it as *your* student. Talk about feeling unqualified. Give me a break! I had mixed emotions. I was so very nervous, yet I was elated Charlie would want to be in *my* class. Then I realized he was most likely just filling in a half day so he could take an afternoon class. That brought me back to reality. That's OK, I loved him being there. It took my mind off of only having 3 students. Now 4. The morning went very well. With only one issue. It seems Charlie didn't bring a sewing machine. *Oh yeah*, because Charlie doesn't sew. Oh man! It hit me. I have never seen a kite made by Charlie that had a stitch in it. What have I done? He doesn't sew? Now what? I have just, somehow managed to alienate one of the most prestigious persons in kitedom. And it was *my fault!* Charlie was very gracious, as you would expect. He stayed and attentively watched one of the other

students build their Cody. He even said he might make an exception with this kite and sew it when he gets home. I felt better. He took the kit home with him. We will see, Charlie, we will see.

Everyone finished their kite, except one person who decided to go take some photos of other classes. It was an acceptable excuse. Photos can be an acceptable excuse for anything.

The second class on Sunday went very smoothly. I was a little worried with so many students, I would get bogged down and they wouldn't get their kites done. As it turned out, the instruction booklet did its job, and they all finished up before lunch. We even got the classroom cleaned up. Which brings me to the most important part of most FW classes: **Class Preparation**. It can make or break your class. Most of you who have been to the Fort a few years, know. The material, planning, props, instruction booklet, what the students need to bring, and in general, knowing your kite, makes a lot of difference for class success. This is where I was soooooo glad I had been to FW 9 years, and have seen both ends of the spectrum. Which, by the way, I *have never* been in a class yet, where the spectrum has reached into the bad, or not prepared enough. They have all been well enough to git'er done. But there are always those who have been better than others in the area of preparation. My goal was to make sure my homework was done. This did not take 10 or 20 days, like you might fear. But instead, it took almost 2 months. I couldn't believe it. I started out making another Cody, just to remind me of the steps to write down. It ended after maybe 8 more Codys. Then after I was done with the instruction booklet, I made the mistake of reading it again. Oh brother! It was a good thing I did. I found so many mistakes. Wow!

To make a very long story bearable, after 7 or 8 rewrites, I finally finished the revision I took to class. Notice I didn't say the final revision. It hasn't been written yet. The class offered a few improvements that we all took advantage of in class. I rewrote the instructions with a few more changes we didn't get around to. Now, a month later, I am rewriting it again with still yet one more revision. I am mailing them to all the students, so they can take advantage of it with their future Codys.

All in all, I had a great adventure teaching my first class. I highly recommend it. I would like to thank all of the students for taking the class, and for their input during it. It truly was a great experience for me that I will not soon forget. I would say never forget, but you all know me better than that. I will eventually forget everything. But think then of all the new friends I will make.

Have a great Spring, and I hope to see everyone at the Festival of Wind, Waves and Water at White Rock BC.

**Rick White**

*(who found out he really could swim in the deep end!)*



**Jerry Graham** sent a picture of his completed Cody kite alongside his new Singer sewing machine.

## Peggy's Second Tip

The second tip comes from Ralph Maserski's Pentagon Kite class. (Yes, we had a lot of pentagon kites at the conference this year.) Ralph's kite was made by laying small pieces of rip stop onto a pre-printed design, and then joining them with narrow pieces of black, sticky backed material, giving a kind of leaded glass effect. We had to peel the backing off this sticky backed material before applying it to the little rip stop pieces.

As we were all starting to do this, a student's voice was heard asking "Are there any tips for putting this tape onto the rip stop?" Another voice came from the back of the room..."Put the sticky side down!" Ahhh, another piece of indispensable kite making wisdom, which I happily pass on to all of you.

### Peggy Daschbach-Martin

*Peggy is holding her kite made in Ralf's class. We had fun learning a new technique too!!*



## What Else Does One Do for the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference? (besides the raffle, that is)

With all the meetings throughout the year, taking in items for the raffle and storing them and then winding a few thousand tickets for the raffle, making sure I have all the supplies we need for the raffle, who would think you would have time for anything else? Oh course that would be **The Miller's**. I know that one of the best experiences of kiting and the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference is having guests in our home.

This year we hosted **Ralf Maserski** and **Holm Struck**. They were the first of the guests. They stayed with us until they traveled to Long Beach to take **John Freeman's** class at the Kite museum. From there they traveled the rain forest and around the Olympic National Forest. The day after they left, we changed the beds, put out new towels and welcomed **David** and **Janet Robinson** and **Don** and **Di Baggett** from England. It's great to have such good friends who will travel all that way and then help run the raffle.

We did do some fun stuff, like visit the Olympic Game Farm in Sequim, Washington. What a riot, you purchase day old bread (16 loaves) and drive thru the farm and feed the animals from your vehicle (don't open the windows too far). The bears will sit up and wave so you will toss them bread over the electric fence. At another point we counted 18 bald eagles in one place. Have you ever driven with a herd of buffalo traveling on the road with you and they are trying to get the bread from a 3 inch window opening. Do you know how big a buffalo is? We laughed until we could not see straight and then we drove through again. I recommend trying this, just don't take a new car. More sightseeing around Tacoma. **Charlie Sotich** then arrived and we headed for the Fort.

What an experience to have 2 and then 5 wonderful kite guests staying in our home. By the time we returned from Fort Worden we had picked up **Ken Tumminia** and **Deb Cooley**, so the clan grew to 7. I guess it would be 9 counting Ron and me. Monday morning came, we added 3 more for breakfast.

I guess why I am telling you about the kite bed and breakfast is that it will build the most wonderful memories with your kite family. This is a treasure I will have forever, not only in my memory, but locked into my heart What a special treat to have with our dear kite friends and how lucky we are to have added new friends to our home. I recommend that you try to put up a few kite people in your home during such events (you could start out with one or two) and fill your memory and heart bank with new kite friends.

**Marla Miller**  
**Miller's Kite B&B**



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A couple of empty places in our "kiting family"  
Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the immediate family members who have suffered these losses.



This remembrance is submitted by Georgan Curran:  
She received it from **John Overmier's** son, **Greg**.

*Greg wrote:*  
*I gathered some information about Dad and wrote this for you.*

**John W. Overmier** was a long time resident of Marysville, Washington. He passed away at the age of 81 in February after battling cancer for the last 5 years.

John first experienced the joy of flying and making kites in the mid 1980's. One evening while returning home from work in Everett, he happened upon a flier at the 10th Street Boat Ramp in Everett. The speed and motion of a stunt kite caught his attention and imagination instantly. He was hooked.

In the early years of this new fascination, he became involved with the "Oh Go Fly A Kite" Team and the SCIFI (Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals) Group. Besides flying, he commandeered the household sewing machine and went into production. Over the years, he designed and constructed some 60 kites of all types. In his later years his favorites were his spinning flowers line art made from scraps he acquired from various shops in the area. In addition to building many kites, he looked forward to his involvement in various festivals and "flies" throughout the year. A wall of ribbons attests to his abilities and enthusiasm. At Long Beach he was on his feet flying, socializing, and judging from sun up to sun down.

The following poem was composed by John. Two years ago it was made into a plaque and presented to the Kite Museum in Long Beach.

Dedicated to all past and present kite fliers of the world:

*As my kite flies in the sky  
And I'm on a summer's high.  
And as it soars so high above  
I know from the heart that it's God's love!  
That makes it do the things for me  
That all the world may surely see.  
This fine thing of cloth and spar  
That moves through the air like a shooting star!  
That comes to earth to rest awhile  
And always make little children smile.  
A kite is a thing for all to see  
And as for the likes of you and me.  
We are just here to hold the string  
of this beautiful and graceful thing.  
But God is the power that gives it drive  
And makes it seem that it's alive!*

*Editor's Note:*

*This remembrance is of the son-in-law of Bill and Connie Lester, I know there are many kites in the Spokane area who knew him.*

**Daniel C. Buob**

(Age 49)

of Edwall, WA, passed away February 3, 2007 in Spokane, WA. Dan was born March 26, 1957 in Spokane, WA to Norman and Walene (Hockett) Buob and was a graduate of Sprague High School, class of 1975. Dan was a certified diesel mechanic and worked on the family farm for 30 years. He married Chris Lester in 2000. He was a member of Sprague Community Church, the Edwall Lions Club, co-chairman of State Legislation for WAWG, president of Lincoln County Wheat Growers, the Lincoln County Republican Party, 7th District Republican Party and the Lilac City Wind Chasers Kite Club. He is survived by his wife Chris Buob, at the home. Their 4-year old twin boys John and Joshua. Parents Norman and Walene Buob of Edwall, WA. Brother David Buob of Wilbur, WA and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dan Buob Memorial to benefit his sons, John and Joshua at any U.S. Bank branch, Christian Heritage School, P.O. Box 118, Edwall, WA 99008

*The following was sent in by **Robin Haas**—*

**Erv and Gail Crosby** of Four Winds Kite Shop asked me to forward this to you for inclusion in the WKA newsletter

On February 7, 2007, we lost a loving gentleman and kite flyer, **John Overmier**. His love of kites and people goes back decades. The Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach Washington was his special love. For many, many years John O., his son Greg and daughter-in-law Christine set up camp next to the flying field and displayed windsocks; kites; etc., most of which John had made. He won many single line competitions with his knowledge and skills. This last fall, John tripped over a hose in his yard and fractured his arm and hip. From Providence Hospital to a rehab center things got worse. While in rehab John's wife Geneva died and John's rehab care declined. His kids transferred him to a wonderful rehab center in Marysville, WA. John caught a cold that turned into pneumonia and after a very short illness he was once again with Geneva.

Greg and Christine have asked us to have Robin Haas and anyone that wants to, to fly a kite in John's memory at WSIKF this August. We have lost a very, very, special friend and mentor. John reminds us again of another loving friend, kite flyer and people person, **Tom Sisson**.

## 2007 Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- 21 Annual Puffin Kite Festival, Cannon Beach, Oregon  
 28-29 Kathy Goodwind's Astrofighter workshop  
 www.worldkitemuseum.com for details!  
 28-29 Annual Festival Winds/Waves/Water  
 White Rock, BC Canada www.whiterockonline.com

### MAY

- 19-20 Dan Kurahashi's Giant Rokkaku Workshop  
 www.worldkitemuseum.com for details!

### JUNE

- 1-3 Ocean Shores, Washington Kite Festival  
 9-10 27th Annual Pacific Rim Festival, Vanier Park, Vancouver, BC  
**Ray Bethell** will be there with his kites flying  
 17 WKA Fathers Day Kite Fly, Annual Seattle Celebration  
 of Kites on Kite Hill at Sandpoint, Magnuson Park.  
 23-24 Spring Kite Festival, Lincoln City, Oregon  
 www.oregoncoast.org or call 800-452-2151

### JULY

- 13-15 Westport Windriders Kite Festival  
 Grayland, Washington  
 21-22 Annual Southern Oregon Kite Festival, Brookings, Oregon  
 21-22 Parksville, BC 2nd Annual International Kite Festival  
 http://members.shaw.ca/lionsclub/home.htm

### AUGUST

- 4-5 PCKA - Orting, Washington Kite Fest  
 At the Orting Lions Community Park  
 Demonstrations/Mass Ascensions/Kite making for Kids  
 20-26 Washington State International Kite Festival (WSIKF)  
 Long Beach, Washington  
 www.kitefestival.com

### SEPTEMBER

- 8-9 "Up Your Wind" Kite Festival  
 Pacific Beach, Washington  
 22-23 Whidbey Island Kite Festival  
 www.whidbeykites.org

### OCTOBER

- 1-6 American Kitefliers Association Convention  
 Ocean Shores, Washington  
 www.aka.kite.org  
 13-14 One Sky, One World Kite Fly Celebration everywhere  
 http://www.earthnet.net/~jpa/osow/  
 13-14 Fall Kite Festival, Lincoln City, Oregon  
 www.oregoncoast.org or call 800-452-2151

### A Thank you note from Ray Bethel about his new park bench—

Please thank all the members of the WKA club for donating to my Bench -- very much appreciated. The whole thing was a huge surprise and I never had the slightest clue that this was in the making. **Verla** and **Bill Rayburn** came down to Vancouver on the pretense they wanted to celebrate their wedding anniversary in Vancouver and asked if I could show them the sights on the Saturday, which I did. On the Friday I spent hours looking for an anniversary gift, plus **Dolores** and I took them out for an anniversary dinner and it was all a put on job, and Dolores was in on it too, but never let the cat out of the bag; but she did say she was tempted to a few times.

And who said women can't keep a secret!!.

### Editor's Note:

Just a short note this time. I want to thank those who took the time to email and "snail mail" in items for the newsletter. Makes me very happy!  
 We are gearing up for the summer of kiting, and are looking forward to a great season out on the flying fields.  
 I will need items for your next newsletter to me by May 5.  
 So put your thinking caps on and let people know what is coming up for their enjoyment in this coming kite season.  
 See you out there,

Marzlie

**Margaret Greger** "These kites will fly"  
 author of *Kites for Everyone* and  
*More Kites for Everyone*

writes the following message to our kite club:

Greetings --

I am pleased that so many people have enjoyed my books, and feel good that so many young kite flyers have gotten started making kites from them.

My current stock of books are the last editions that I had printed, but I do have some copies left.

Effective immediately I am reducing the retail price of both of my books. For more information please come to my website listed in this note.

Happy flying and I look forward to seeing some of you at WKISF in Long Beach, WA. this summer.

Thank you and happy flying in 2007.

Margaret Greger  
[www.kitesforeveryone.com](http://www.kitesforeveryone.com)

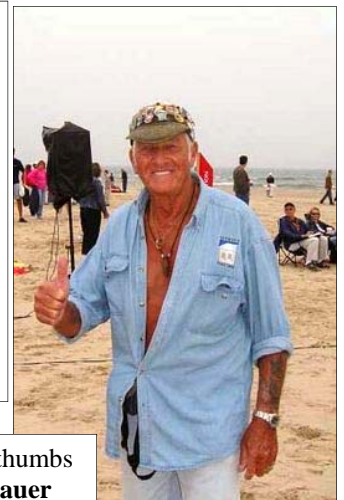
And here's another thank-you note to our club—

### Thanks from British Columbia Kitefliers Association

On behalf of all those involved in this very worthy project, allow me to convey our sincere thanks for this very generous donation.

**Don Lord**  
 Treasurer, BCKA

Here's **Ray Bethel** giving us a "thumbs up"  
 Pic from **Sylvia Bernauer**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope this greets you all with a winter well served, and all those many kites made and stored up for the spring, summer and fall to fly them. We're like the chipmunks of kiting.

I am looking forward to flying my **Brian Champie's Sentinel** kite again at the next Kite Fly. Maybe it will be in Canada, or at the park next weekend. I don't know. It flew well at the Fort Sunday afternoon as you were all leaving. But for sure it will be soon. I still have a few kites on the drawing board too. I am not sure when they will come to pass yet.

I have heard in the wind that a few new venues to fly your kites at may be coming up soon. If you want to fly your kites, and you want to fly them with other people, all you have to do is bring it up to me, or anyone on the board, and we will be happy, no, make that giddy, to put it on the calendar! We are putting them all on the calendar. No matter if you live in Seattle, Yakima or Humptulips. (Yes, there is really a town named Humptulips in Washington!)

Remember it is National Kite Month coming up in April and we want all of the Kiting events to be registered with the AKA too. Even if it is just you and your neighbor, let's get them on the WKA calendar. To borrow a phrase, "Where there are two or more" kites in the air, it is a Kite Fly! Send the location to me at [Webmaster@WKA-kiteflyers.org](mailto:Webmaster@WKA-kiteflyers.org). I will be sure it gets on the calendar. Give me a couple of weeks though, not just 2 days. No one will see it unless it is there a couple of weeks.

There are lots of regular events coming up soon, and I will be at some of them. I can't make it to all of them, but you will, and then you will send me the pictures of it, right? Right!

See you all where the wind is,

**President Rick White**


  
**Welcome to our new members!**
  

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| <b>Glenn &amp; Valerie Day and Rachel</b> | Bothell    |
| <b>Robert &amp; Carolyn Green</b>         | Cheney     |
| <b>John &amp; Marylou Orzechoskie</b>     | Silverdale |

We are happy you have joined our kiting family!

# World Kite Museum



**Kathy Goodwind's Astrofighter Workshop –  
April 28 & 29, 2007**

The Astrofighter is a twelve pointed Afghan Fighter that has its outer pockets imbedded in the design. All you have to do is fold them into place and stitch them down. The center spine holds the tubing pockets where the spars culminate. Put tails on this kite and it calms down and dances in the sky. Kathy will teach new techniques working on an 18" circular surface to inspire new imaginative graphics. All the laminated spines, precut pockets, bridle and spars will be included in the class price of \$60. Reserve your spot—information at: [www.worldkitemuseum.com](http://www.worldkitemuseum.com)

**Dan Kurahashi's Giant Rokkaku Workshop –  
May 19 & 20, 2007**

The World Kite Museum in Long Beach, Washington is now offering one of its most unusual and exciting kite classes ever. Never before has a class of this nature been available in the United States. By special arrangement Dan Kurahashi has secured a limited number of hand-painted Rokkaku kite skins from Shirone, Japan.



Dan is making available 12 different images from the famous Shirone Giant Kite Battle. Well known Japanese artist and member of the Shirone Giant Kite Battle Association, **Masao Kazama**, has painted 12 legendary Japanese individuals and creatures on shoji screen paper. Mr. Kazama apprenticed under the late Mr. Saburo Imai, a renowned artist in Japan.

These kites read extremely well in the sky and are sure to attract a crowd with their distinctive features. The class, which includes the hand-painted sail and all the materials including fiberglass poles to assemble the kite, will cost \$520. You will be taught how to assemble as well as bridle these rare kites. There are only 12 kites available and the class will be offered in a two-day class at the World Kite Museum in Long Beach. Choice of images will be on a first come, first serve, basis.

Check [www.worldkitemuseum.com](http://www.worldkitemuseum.com) for more information.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join the WKA and share the fun! Benefits include our bi-monthly newsletter, membership card which entitles you to a 10% discount on kite related items at participating kite stores, entry to members-only drawing for a scholarship to the annual 3-day Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, and information about special events in the Northwest kiting community.

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

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Names of Other Household Members (Include different last names) \_\_\_\_\_



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