



Newsletter

September/October 2007

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Meeting/ Indoor Kite Fly/Pot Luck

(Sounds like a good kite pin there somewhere!)

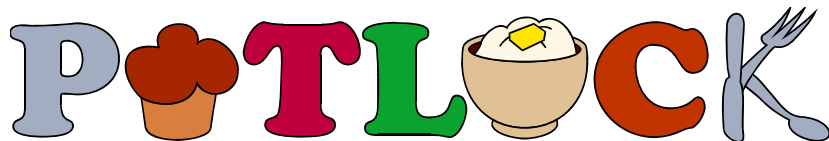
TIME: November 3, 3PM - 6 PM+
PLACE: 12636 SE 89th Place
Newcastle, WA

The same place as last year. In the
Gymnasium of Seattle Revival Center.

Everyone is invited! Come and fly a
kite indoors! You do **not** have to stay
for the meeting if you do not want to.
Everyone may attend the meeting.

Doors will be open at 3 PM and the
kite fly will go until the meeting starts at around 6 PM. The meeting
should last less than 1 hour. We can fly again if the meeting is short.
Some of the agenda will include, but not be limited to:

WKA kite arch
Local kite flies
Kids Kite Making, resources
Our Annual Business Meeting will be held in early February. If there is
any **NEW BUSINESS** you would like discussed at this meeting,
PLEASE give it to us in writing, so we can be prepared for it.

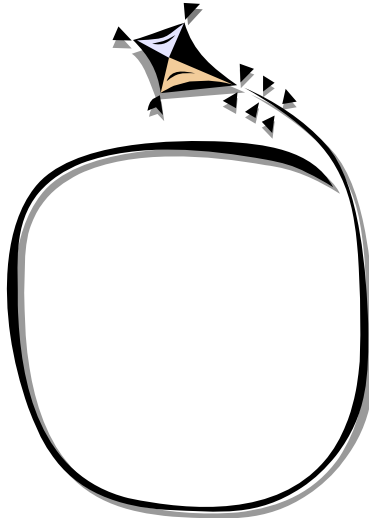


It has been suggested we have a pot luck at the indoor kite fly. You
can bring a dish of whatever you would like to eat. Desserts or
whatever. We will eat whatever is brought! I will provide a variety of
soda, iced tea and coffee for everyone.

A map is on the web site for directions.
<http://wka-kiteflyers.com>

Thank you, and we will see everyone there!

Rick White



Annual Holiday Party and Auction

The annual WKA/PCKA Holiday Potluck Dinner
will be held on Saturday, December 1st, at the
Mountain View Lutheran Church in Edgewood,
Washington. From noon to 5 we will have an
indoor fly. Setup at 5. Dinner will be at 6. And it
will be done when we are done!! Easy and fun
schedule, eh?

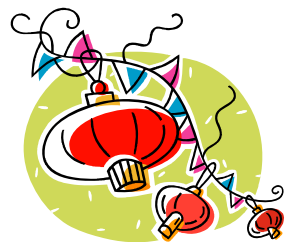
Once again, bag raffles and auctions will be part
of the festivities. In keeping with the holiday
spirit of giving, all proceeds from the raffles and
auctions will be donated to area food banks.
Please plan to attend our annual holiday party
and social.

The success of raffles and auctions depends on
the quantity and quality of items donated to the
prize bin. Now is a good time to start going
through your stash of kites and kite related
items to pull out those old gems that just are not
seeing enough air time and donate them to our
raffles. The items do not have to be in brand
new condition. However, please donate items
you yourself would be willing to bid on, in the
hope of winning the items. The more items
donated, the more of a donation WKA and
PCKA can make to the food banks.

Please help make our Holiday Potluck a
success by planning to attend our party. Please
help make our raffles and auctions a success by
donating an extra kite or kite related items. And,
please help maximize our donations to the food
banks by bidding early and often. Directions to
the party will be posted on our website:
<http://wka-kiteflyers.com>

Come have a great day
with friends.

Ray Bojarski



The Kite Eating Tree at WSIKF



Over the years **Dick Curran** and **Rick White** have vied for who had the most kites stuck in trees. They were pretty close. Dick thought lots of people have banners, why not a kite eating tree?

I don't think anyone had more fun at the festival than Dick did with his kite eating tree. People came by and took pictures of it and also of Dick with it. Lots of smiles and laughter just looking at it. Each day he put a different kite in the tree, and of course took it all down at night. The day the ladder truck was down at the beach it even had pictures of the fireman rescuing it. But the funniest thing was a comment I overheard as we were walking back with the tree was someone who said, "With all these kites here and someone **had** to bring a tree"! I don't think they got it.

What would be fun is if more people brought trees next year decorated as they like, with a kite in them. Possibly for Club Camps on Tuesday.

Georgean Curran

Photo by **Georgean Curran**

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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**

AKA 2007 Convention Report



What a great convention this year at Ocean Showers! Yep, that spelling is correct. After a mostly soggy six days, the AKA members have officially renamed the town from Shores to Showers. In between the rain drops we did manage to:

- Attend the world premier of the Kite Runner movie
- Have some incredible indoor sport kite competitions and fun flies
- Have two days of hand-crafted kite maker competitions
- Five days of kiting seminars on various topics
- Numerous sport kite and fighter kite competitions
- A great opening night reception, fabulous kite auctions, tremendous awards banquet
- Six days of hanging out with former and new kite buddies, etc.
- A 'world record' flight of 20 large octopus kites

I hope you all had a chance to attend the convention. The rain affected the outdoor activities a little (or maybe a lot) but it also allowed all of us much more time to renew existing, and make new, friendships with all the kiting community. My voice was quite tired by the end of the week after spending all those days chatting with so many different people. Everyone was more than willing to stop and spend a few minutes (or more) talking about anything and everything about kiting. Maybe this was an unexpected benefit of having to move so many events indoors?

I was lucky enough to score a single 3rd place trophy in the hand-crafted competitions with my 6x5 foot rectangular delta kite. I could have maybe finished 2nd but the kite needed about 2 mph more wind to fly correctly. I'm happy to have won this single award, considering the level of competition this year. **Jerry Graham** did well in getting 1st place in sky display. **John and Marzlie Freeman** entered many great kites and got high scores in almost all categories but AKA cooperative rules prevented them from winning any trophies. However, they were awarded a Special Recognition award and were introduced with a nice speech by **Steve Ferrel**. Congratulations to John and Marzlie...all your kites were great, and congratulations to the other AKA members who won awards.

Many thanks to our own **Rick White** for volunteering to be one of the judges for the hand-crafted kite making competitions. As my own scores will show, Rick offered **no** preferential scoring for members of the WKA! (Just

kidding, Rick. I expect all the judges to be honest and impartial. My kites just weren't good enough to score better. *Can I get that bribe back now?*)

Speaking of movie world premiers, there may not have been a Hollywood red carpet, and neither J-Lo nor Brad-pielina were in attendance, but here is a picture of our own **Jerry and Glenda** "dressed to the nines." You guys deserve a red carpet and the cheers from the paparazzi.



Ray Bojarski

Photo by **Ray Bojarski**

A True "Cooperative Kite"

The Pierce County Kitefliers have pulled together to create a new Club Kite. Founded in 1990, the club made its first club kite in 1992, a large ROK, using Tyvek and hand painting its graphics in a large central circle. Over the years, and many ROK battles later, it has become irreparably worn out. **John Thomas**, a PCKA member, took up the charge to make a new club kite and rallied us all to join in the effort. (PCKA has several outstanding kite makers, so it would seem to be a natural club project!)

After several planning meetings, and member input, in April and May 2007, it was decided to make our new kite in the image of our old one; i.e., we wanted to retain our original graphics as closely as possible, since we were one of only a few clubs to have its own club kite in the early 1990's. Our old ROK was 99"h x 79"w; the new one will be 85"h x 69"w. We decided to "upgrade" to regular kite fabric (i.e., no Tyvek!) and to appliqué our graphics rather than hand painting. The appliqué process required some modifications from the original design, but overall it would be very similar. Our original design was of Mt. Rainier, contained in a circle, with forests in the foreground and kites/kite lines in the sky and diamond kites encircling the center circle. Member **Ray Bojarski** printed out a computerized graphic design to serve as our initial reference point.

John coordinated each phase of its construction, delivering completed sections to each next participant. He took on the first step and established its overall size and then cut out the large central circle. **Heather Thomas** cut out a Mt. Rainier and a forest and sewed that onto the sky circle. Then it moved on to **Jerry Graham** and **Glenda Kleppin** to design and appliqué the kites in the sky, and to make the basic skin of the kite. Per the planning committee's guidance, the kites were slightly changed from our original kites, to represent the more notable kites that our members prefer to fly — a Revolution, a Roller and a team stunt kite design. Jerry also made the Trlby diamond kites and tails to be added on later.

Next, it moved on to **Alexa King** who bravely attached



the large central circle onto the basic skin. Lettering was next and that job moved to **Bob and Donna Wendt. Lots of Letters**—completely spelling out and appliquéing "Pierce County Kitefliers Association". **Arnold Authement** was next and added the 2" border all around the ROK, finally giving it that "finished" look. **Al Fernandez** added the spar pockets, provided all the spars and the bridling.

Ralph Stockbridge made a kite bag with our club's initials "PCKA" on the pocket. The pocket will contain a flight log book/memory journal, which Arnold and his daughter, **Aurora**, designed. Each time a club member takes the kite out to fly and to attend various festivals with it, they will make a journal entry.



At our August meeting we collected all of the signatures of all the participants and handed them to member **Marla Miller** (who is also our AKA regional director). Marla had the 12 signatures sent to her friend in England, **Roy Broadley**, who digitally imprinted them onto another piece of ripstop nylon. When they were done, the kite went back to **Heather Thomas**, who sewed the signatures onto the kite in a plaque-like format.

Our club's goal was to have the kite ready for flight at the AKA National Convention in Ocean Shores; it will make its "maiden" flight on Wednesday, October 3rd. **We did it!!!** A truly "cooperative kite"!!!!

Heather Thomas



Here it is, flying, on one of the two blue sky days we had at the AKA convention.

Photos by **Willy Hendrickson** and **Donna Wendt**

Chris's Kite

Every year at WSIKF there seems to be at least one great story which arises specifically from the Kids' Day events. Interestingly enough, that story frequently involves **Larry Zilar** in some way. This year, Larry was standing nearby at the Westport festival when **Ron Button** handed me a kite he had made—to be given out on Kids' Day because he was not able to make it to WSIKF this year. The kite was appliquéd to say "Chris's Kite."

We spent Kids' day announcing we were looking for "Chris"—with no luck. On Thursday, I overheard a young man talking with **Rob Pratt** about learning how to make kites. He and I started talking, and I eventually asked his name. "Chris," he replied. "Is that with a C or a K?" I asked. "With a C," he replied. Most people I've told this story to predicted my next words: "Have I got a deal for you!" I led him to our truck and presented him with the kite, which he flew for the rest of the week.

Chris Michaud is a tall, young man who is a senior in high school. He loves kites and has been flying since he was "in first grade." He spent much of the week of WSIKF hanging out and flying with the **iQuad** crew. He's hoping to attend Fort Worden next year, but was disappointed no one is teaching sport kite making.

Jerry and I decided Chris had clearly become our adopted grandson. Every morning, soon after we got to the beach, Chris appeared, leaned his arm on my shoulder to get down far enough to talk to me (did I mention that he was TALL?), told me "Good Morning" and found out what was happening that day. Since he lives in the same town as **Larry** and **Mary Zilar**, I made sure to introduce them to him so he would have some home-town contacts and encouragement from the kite world. (See, Larry shows up twice in this story.)

Got another e-mail from Chris just the other day. Unfortunately—for his flying practice—he lives in eastern Washington where winds are not always friendly. I suggested he try practicing with a lightweight indoor kite, but he does not have the proper equipment and, of course, has no idea of where to start. But I'll put my money on him figuring it out somehow, especially if other kite folk get involved and keep encouraging him. If you'd like to write to Chris and encourage him, I'll be glad to pass along his e-mail address.

More highlights of Kids' Day: **Butch Harviston** was pleased to see the kite he had given away at last year's Foster Grandparent event was back on the beach and again flying for most of the festival. **Margaret Greger's** granddaughter, who had never been to a kite festival, was one of this year's recipients of a Foster Grandparent kite and flying lessons. And last, but certainly not least, there was enough money raised at the WKA Spaghetti Feed pin raffle to again purchase pins for the kids who participate in the Kids' Day events. (Pins for the adults are purchased by the WSIKF committee—thanks to them for supporting these events.)

Glenda Kleppin

Kite Clubs

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Basin Kitefliers Association

Contact: Rick White for now

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Contact Larry Zilar
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Lavender Winds Kite Club

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meet 2nd Sunday, noon in
Long Beach, WA

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

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
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billrogers@earthlink.net Meets 2nd
Wednesday every month at the Fire
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Squalicum Kite Flyers

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Fun fly every Wednesday and
Sunday afternoons during daylight
savings time until sunset
Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum
Harbor. Bellingham WA

Washington Kitefliers Association

Contact: Rick White
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Membership includes bi-monthly
newsletter

Westport Windriders

Contact Marla Miller
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email: kytpepl2@aol.com
meets 4th Saturday every month at
Grayland Beach, followed by
potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
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call for location.

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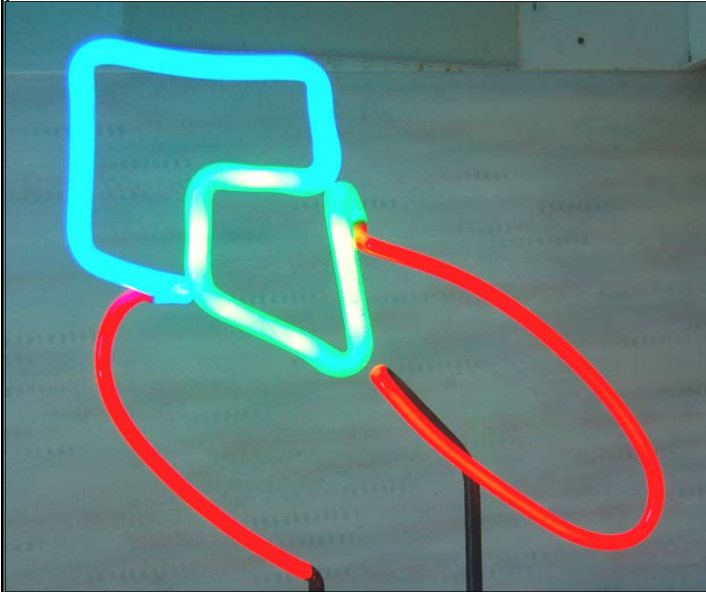
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Some Important Definitions for Kites:

AKA: American Kitefliers Association
WKA: Washington Kitefliers Association
WSIKF: Washington State International Kite Festival
WIKF: Whidbey Island Kite Flyers
AOK: Associated Oregon Kites
PCKA: Pierce County Kitefliers Association
BCKA: British Columbia Kitefliers Association
KAP: Kite Aerial Photography

Sold to the Highest Bidder

Going, going, gone! Sold to the Highest Bidder!



Wow, what fun we had at the annual World Kite Museum Banquet and Auction. And it got rather exciting before the evening was over!!

This is the WSIKF Saturday night awards banquet to

benefit the World Kite Museum and the food was great. Everyone at my table enjoyed a fun time with the bag raffle, silent auction and loud auction.

There was a diamond kite light up front I noticed when I came in. I did not pay too much attention to it until it came up for bid. It was donated by **Kay Buesing** and the bids quickly moved up to \$100 and then more. Most of the bidders dropped out except for one other person...and we had a bidding war going. When the price went up into the stratosphere I started hesitating - but each time he immediately raised his paddle. Several friends came over to give me encouragement to keep going and I was "seeing" it on my fireplace mantle! Each time as I hesitated and then raised my paddle the cheers went up, and also reactions for the other bid. I was glad when he finally relinquished the item and stopped bidding. It seemed like this was going to go on forever! The whole room cheered at the end. Thank you, Thank you!

But what I have now is to me a piece of Long Beach history because this wonderful neon art used to be in Jim and Kay's Long Beach Kite Shop and we probably saw it a hundred times as we visited with them to hear about what was new at the festival each year.

Thank you, Kay, for donating this special neon art.

Sylvia Bernauer

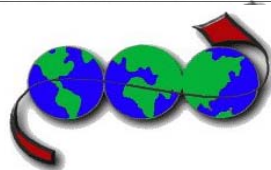
Photo provided by **Don Lord**



Thanks to **Ray Bojarski** for the awesome Rokkaku made for us in memory of Sue. Ray even entered the kite in the hand-crafted competition at AKA. Nice to see it flying.

And a thank you also to **Bob Serack** for the beautiful memory flag. So far, we have flown it at Pacific Beach and during the Angel Fly at AKA.

Glenda Kleppin and Jerry Graham



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WSIKF 2007 Report from Glenda Kleppin

It's always great to get to WSIKF a couple of days early. We got to the beach on Sunday this year and found that many of the participants had already set up their mini-camps. Getting there early gave us a chance to visit with people who were too busy to do much visiting later in the week, like the nice folk at the World Kite Museum, where we turned in our offerings for their Saturday night raffle and auction.

Monday is always "Trains and Arches" day, complete with breakfast and the sounds of train whistles. Jerry put up his Bee-line. Unfortunately, before the end of the week, the bees, (along with many other kites on the beach) had been severely damaged by the excessive winds that showed up suddenly.

On **Tuesday**, **Ken Tumminia**, **Judy Brown**, **Susie**, **Empress of the Universe** and I were the judges for the Club Camps. There were a large number of entries this year. It was very difficult to choose among the many impressive camps, but the camps which had a central theme and/or color scheme ended up being scored the highest. Part of the judging promises extra points for bribes, and the campsites took this challenge seriously. I suggested we carry "bribe bags" next year, but Judy thought maybe we needed a Page to help carry around the glasses of sparkling cider and other goodies for us. The camp (Day Camp) that got 1st place had bribes for all three of the human judges and even special doggie treats for Susie. Of course, they also had a spectacularly well-coordinated color scheme that even extended to the costumes of their dogs. Awards were: 1st Day Camp; 2nd African Safari (Ryan King); and 3rd Crazy Ladies.

I watched part of the "Totally Tubular" event and had to laugh at the sight of the "Crazy Ladies" who had a swimming fish in each hand and then proceeded to form a circular school with the fish. Their creativity was rewarded and they were awarded 3rd place for "Tail Wags the Dog". (First went to The Goat Hill Gang and 2nd went to the Tacoma Trash Bags.) The ladies took First and Second places in "Trick Tubes" (3rd to Purple People) and also 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for "Spin me around." "Go Figure" ribbons went to: 1st Tom Tinney; 2nd Crazy Ladies; and 3rd Purple People. Best of Show went to Tom Tinney.

The various Rok battles were hilarious. Individual battle awards were: 1st **Ronda Brewer**; 2nd **Aurora Authement**; and **Zach Hahn** and **Gary Goodenough** tied for 3rd. Team battle awards were: 1st to PCKA; 2nd 2 old men and 2 young girls; and 3rd to Box of Rox.

Let me offer a warning to people watching the "Pun Fun" events. Be prepared to laugh at the various silly antics that take place on the field, including silly hats (**Sylvia Bernauer** won this contest); outrageous costumes; and other inventive (and unanticipated) interpretations of the "rules" of this competition. From a judge's viewpoint, it is even funnier because we have to listen to the stories of why each of the participants should be awarded extra points, everything from "I have diamonds in my

ears" to "I have 7 flowers on my delta."

One of the funniest events involved claims of being a "girl". The lovely "girls" **Dick Curran** and **Arnold Authement**, who enhanced their costumes by two strategically placed wadded T-shirts inside. **Al Fernandez**, who tried to convince me that his happ'i coat was actually a mini-skirt and that his tummy bulge was the result of drooping boobs. **Bob Wendt** challenged me to prove that he **wasn't** a girl, leaving me pretty much speechless (to his great amusement). Needless to say, it is in the silliness that accompanies this event that the extra winning points are earned. It never hurts to try to talk the judges into giving you extra points as you are quite likely to get them if the story is good enough — especially when you leave the judges laughing so hard that they hurt! Of course, the pole dancing and circle dancing that evolved also added to the hilarity.

The final result for the Terrific Tuesday banner comes from points accumulated in several events, including the Club Camps; Terribly Tubular; Rokkaku Battles; and Pun Fun. This year, the **Crazy Ladies** again took home the banner, with **PCKA** coming in second.

Wednesday was the day for the WKA Kids' Day events. The Fourth Annual Foster Grandparent event got nearly 150 kids out on the field with new kites. Thank you to **Sylvia Bernauer** and **Glenn Austin** for getting the signup ready for the early birds. We had to draft several people to help assemble the many donated kites we had this year—nearly a dozen people working furiously, including the two **Tom Tinneys** (father and son); **Joanne** and **Don Lord**; the ever-faithful **Butch Harviston**; and **Rayleen DeGrandpre**. Anybody who walked too near the tent was in danger of being drafted to help with this project. **Jack Judd**, **Launny Herriges** and **Kristian Slater** provided their usual support in helping to match up the grandparents with the kids and in passing out kites and pins. This year, thanks to the generous donations made at the WKA spaghetti feed last year, we were able to get enough pins to give out to the kids as well as to the adult participants. Top ribbons for this event went to **Richard** and **Marti Dermer**; "**The Goat Hill Gang**"; "**Scarecrow**" (**Randy Nicholson**) and helpers (**John** and **Marylou Orzechoskie** and **Glenn** and **Marianne Austin**) and **Mary Farrell**, who was, again, the first to register for the event.

The need for kites and helpers for this event has increased each year. To date, we have never failed to provide a kite for every child who has presented themselves for this event. But, without the generous contributions of kite folk everywhere, this event could not take place. Therefore, I must offer my personal gratitude to the entire kite community for making the WSIKF Foster Grandparent fly such a unique success.

Ellen Pardee, **Kristian Slater**, **Aurora Authement**, **Susie** and **I** were the judges for the events. Ellen and I let the kids have the final say in awarding many of the ribbons, since they were the obvious experts in what appealed to kids. There was a consensus that the top ribbon for the preschool set should go to "The little

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dark haired boy who kept saying “Look at how high my kite is flying.” After a bit of detecting, he was spotted on the beach and identified as **Justyn Blaylock**, who is **Claudette** (ribbon lady) **Maxim’s** grandson, and to **Margaret Greger’s** granddaughter, who was attending her first kite festival. Ribbons for the grade-school crowd went to **Aurora Authement**; **Ryan King**; and to **Peanut** (**Evonne Miller’s** granddaughter). Teen’s ribbons went to **Kristian Slater** and **Jenna**. Young Adults: **Oscar Oscana**, (Ellen Pardee’s new “grandson” from Mexico who is a “newbie” to kite festivals), **Amy Doran**, and **Arnold Authement**. (No, the kids did not make the awards to themselves—Ellen and I did that.) Young grandparents honored were **Linda Barnes**, **Scott Slater**, and **Ronda Brewer** with a special award to **Pedro** and **Estaban Gonzalez**. Senior awards went to **Ellen Pardee**, **Miriam Schafler**, and **Dick Curran**.

We also had more people entering Kids' Camps and Groups than ever before. Our younger kid judges were especially excited about receiving bribes that were aimed specifically at kids and were impressed by activities in the camps that were especially aimed at kids. The top awards went to **The Day Camp** (which featured kite making for kids), **The “Goat Hill Gang”**, **Ellen Pardee**, and to **Ryan King’s Animal Hospital**. Ryan again impressed the judges this year, both in the Club Camp competition and the Kids’ Camp competition. It has been great watching her grow with her camp each year. This year she also expressed a wish to “help out” with the festival. Maybe she needs to be one of the judges next year! Awards for the top groups of Kids’ kites went to **The Wind Wizards**; **Scarecrow**; and a tie between “newbies” **Purple People** and an old friend, **Dennis Hanson** with his wonderful cartoon arch.

The final awards for Kids’ Day took place **Saturday** night. This year I decided to let people vote for the ultimate “Top Kid on the Beach” and “Super Senior” awards. **Marla Miller** kindly helped with collecting the votes and with the presentations. **Karen Highfield** passed on

her new “Top Kid on the Beach” banner and her title to her partner, “Scarecrow” (**Randy Nicholson**) who had to fill in for her on the beach on Wednesday because Karen had a severe injury to her leg.

Ellen Pardee was awarded a plaque for being the “Super Senior” of 2006, and passed on the “Super Senior” happ’i coat she had made to someone who had no expectation of being recognized for Kids’ Day—**Me!** Like I kept saying, I started the Kids’ Day events to motivate and teach kids and to recognize people on the beach who contributed to that effort. The votes meant even more to me because of the comments made by people as to why they were nominating specific people. Incidentally, I passed on the ballots received to each person nominated so they could treasure the comments which had been made about each of them. Other people who received several nominations for “Super Senior” were **Dick Curran** and **Sylvia Bernauer**.

Thursday was for Handcrafted Events, and **Friday** had three mass ascensions, including a Fort Worden fly. Susie, Jerry and I took part in all of these. However, as many of you know, Friday brought the end for us to our little family of three. Susie—who had passed her 16th birthday—went to sleep, quietly, on the beach as the sun set Friday evening. She was held and surrounded by many of her kite friends. She was giving puppy cuddles and her sweet little puppy kisses to try to console people until the very end. She had never been sick a day in her life, but her beautiful little heart finally gave out.

The rest of the festival passed in a blur for Jerry and me. We want to thank everybody for the many hugs and words of kindness and the signed cards our kite family shared with us for the remainder of the weekend; for the tears that were shed with and for us; and for the many other kindnesses that made us glad we had stayed at the festival. I have only flashes of memory of the rest of the week. Handing out the remaining “Friends of Susie” pins for people to wear. **Amy Doran’s** dedication of her new Charlie Chaplin routine to Susie, and the tears we shed as the music played — “Smile

though your heart is breaking.” The precious pictures of Susie that have been presented to us, both on Saturday night and via e-mails since then. Holding Susie’s windsock on a banner during the Memorial Fly on Sunday and watching



the white kite with her name written on it as it was released into the air. The phone calls and e-mails we’ve received to check up on how we are doing. It was a perfect ending to her perfect life. Thank you all, so very, very much. Words fail.

Glenda Kleppin



Ken Tumminia, Judy Brown, Glenda with **Susie** doing the Judging routine

Editor’s Note: this article was also published with a few differences in the AOK newsletter. You may have already read it from there, but since not everyone belongs to both clubs—here it is again.

PCKA's 2007 Orting Kite Festival

The Pierce County Kitefliers Association's third annual Orting Kite Festival held on August 4th and 5th at the Orting Lions Club 50 acre field in Orting, Washington, turned out very successful this year. There was a pretty large turnout of fliers from PCKA, Washington Kitefliers Association (WKA), Westport Windriders, and other fliers from over a hundred miles away.

There was a full agenda from kite making for kids, running of the bols, teddy bear 'launch', mass ascensions, field raffle, and Rok battles. Dual-line and quad-line lessons were available as well as a hot tricks contest.

Don and **Mary Ostey** brought their sound system and our President, **Bob Wendt**, did the announcing for the weekend. The pot-luck and bag raffle in the evening on Saturday was a lot of fun with great food and generous donations of bag raffle items. In addition to the 2007 festival pins, we had event T-Shirts this year with the shirt graphic replicating the pin artwork designed by Dick Curran.

During the festival the Lions Club approached Bob Wendt and offered the suggestion that next year's event be combined with a Blue Grass festival. This will be a topic for discussion in upcoming PCKA meetings. Wow, amazing how a kite festival starting out just a few years ago could manifest itself to have the potential to expand into a much broader local event.

And a final note:

An eleven year old young lady named **Deborah Camacho**, who had never flown a kite before wanted to jump in and join the first Rok battle. Just for such instances, **Al Fernandez** carries a Tyvek Rok or two for people to fly. So what does Deborah do, but take second place her first time out. Aside from that peak experience, she fell in love with the Rok, so Al gave it to her to keep. Well, another Rok battle brewed at the end of the day on Saturday and Deborah was back at it again. This time, her Rok broke a dowel as a result of a fierce battle. Her new kite, now broken, absolutely devastated her and she was in tears. A competitor's wife, **Cari King**, was witness to all this. To Deborah's amazement, Cari gave her a very nice hand made rip stop Rok for her to keep and enjoy. Deborah and her family were very touched by this. Deborah went home that evening and

put both kites up in her room. Deborah had so much fun that she wanted to come back on Sunday, but had to go to camp. She **will** be back next year though. In the meantime, Deborah's father commissioned the King's to make a 5 foot Rok with the Guam State Flag on it in honor of his dad.

So if this didn't make the whole weekend worthwhile, I don't know what did. Sam King expressed it best: "It really was a family oriented weekend....kind of the best of what kiting is about." I guess the biggest thing for me was that it was an opportunity, through a small act, to make a big positive impact....how often do we have a chance to do that?" (I spoke with Deborah's father, Gary, a week later and he has since fixed the broken dowel).

Willy Hendrickson



Deborah Camacho with her first rokkaku battle kite.

Photo by **Willy Hendrickson**

Kites Stolen—Important Notice

One of the members of the NWSKL had all of her kites (as well as line sets and straps) stolen from her vehicle last night. The link Amy Doran provides shows the list of her kites and many pictures. Some of these handcrafted kites were to be entered at nationals. Please feel free to contact Amy directly if you happen to see or hear of any of these kites appearing for sale (EBay, etc.).

This message has been approved by Amy for release.

Thank you, Willy Hendrickson

From: niteflower@bendbroadband.com, Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2007 21:20:09 -0700

To: whendrickson@yahoo.com

Here is the website and the list.. thanks so much.

www.simian-studios.ca/amys/amyskites.html

We spoke to Amy about this while at the AKA Convention and she said none of her kites or accessories have shown up yet.

PRESIDENT'S SPACE

Besides the many events of this summer and fall to talk about, and besides all the really cool kites we have seen, there is one thing that tops it all I want to say first. I want to thank all of the volunteers who have helped in so many different areas. Instead of mentioning only the ones I remember, and risk not mentioning the ones I forgot, I will say read the other articles in this newsletter and you won't believe how many people there were. All of us in the WKA, and many other kite flyers as well, were blessed by all those who donated their time and money to promote kite flying. In raffles, auctions, volunteering in your kite clubs, on the flying field, making, selling and or buying kite pins, (*Yes, that's promoting kiting as well*), and in just being there and flying your kite. You all had a hand in promoting kite flying!

Thank You

The last few months have been a whirlwind for me. From working long days and weekends to attending the Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, the White Rock kite festival in April, our Father's Day Fly, the Orting festival in August, Gas Works Park wedding extravaganza, WSIKF, and finally AKA, I am bushed. Even though it has been the busiest year of my life, I still feel like I enjoyed it the best. All because I had a great time flying kites and being with all of you, my "kite flying fool" friends. I have increased my arsenal of kites this year with a new indoor kite. It will be interesting learning to fly all over again with the new 0 wind Rev. I hear it is totally different than flying one outdoors. Time will tell. Come and watch me make a fool out of myself at the indoor fly November 3rd.

I've had a great year with my KAP (kite aerial photography) rig. This photo is of **Lee Sedgwick** flying eight 1.5 Revs.



Thanks to Lee for making this photo what it is. He had to fly it to this position, or it would not have been this good of a photo.

You and me, Lee!

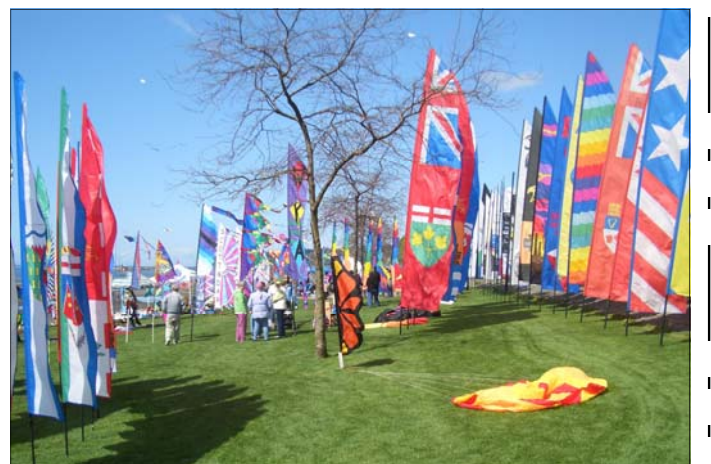
Also at the AKA Convention, the World Record Octipile. Made up of 40 foot, or longer, octopus kites. All I can say is WOW! Good job, **Tom McAlister** from San Francisco.



I have many photos of the festivals I went to this year on the WKA site, but I wanted to put some of my favorites in the newsletter. Here is one I really liked from WSIKF.



And a couple from the April Wind Waves and Water Festival in White Rock, BC, Canada.



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This one from the White Rock festival is a KAP picture.



There were many others, but for space, I will just refer you to the WKA photos page.

<http://wka-kiteflyers.com/kitesphotoindex.htm>

The festivals this year were tremendous!

And, finally, I wanted to mention something that's been on my mind lately. The WKA has been approached this year by many more requests for kid's kites and people to show off kites and kite flying, than in the past years. We have had school teachers, scout leaders, and city planners as well as event planners email us for our help. It has become obvious that we are having difficulty in filling all the requests. It was with much sadness that we had to decline a couple of them. I would like it very much if we didn't have to refuse anyone kite flying help. All we need is a good list of people who would be willing to help in these type of events. We have had requests as far north as Everett, and as far south as Texas. Yes, Texas. We showed them a few web sites. We don't have to publish your name, but if we had it, it would be a big help in answering the many requests we get. By publishing it on the web, it would cut us out from being the middle man. A good thing. (See lack of time spoken of above). Think

about it, then email us if you can help. Thank you for it in advance. I want to thank the Drachen Foundation for allowing us to send some of them their way.

Rick White

Pacific Beach "Up Your Wind" Kite Festival

For all of you who missed out on this "best kept secret" event: Thanks for leaving us more room to fly in beautiful weather with wonderful friends, fun, raffles, and awards.

As usual, there were awards for unannounced categories.

First Place for camps went to **"The Jellyfish People"** and

Second place to **Jerry Graham** and **Glenda Kleppin**.

First place in banners went to **John** and **Marzlie**

Freeman and Second place to **Cliff** and **Gerry Pennell**.

Georgian Curran received first place in "Kites with Tails."

Apparently, no one kept a master-list of the awards, and these are the only ones I can remember.

I do remember there was also a category for "Kites without Tails" and a "Judges' Choice" category. Overall, the event was very laid-back with lots of time to visit

different camps and to take part in the new "Kite Games" sponsored this year by **Andy** of Ocean Kites.

A big thanks goes to **Scott** and **Laurel Hedin** for the huge amount of work and planning they put in to organize this event each year. They are the owners of the Hiflyers Kite Shop in Pacific Beach. For those of you who have not heard, Scott had a heart attack at the beginning of October and had to be rushed to the hospital in Olympia for treatment. I received a note from him today:

"Good morning, sorry to miss all the fun of AKA but decided to vacation at 'club med' instead. Heard you won something, congrats. I am home and feeling much better now. Thanks for all the good thoughts and prayers , Scott."

Glenda Kleppin

AKA National Convention Competition Results

The **Great Northwest** was amply represented and accounted for a large number of winners in ALL of the competitions as follows: (* indicates people who are WKA members)

2007 Grand National Kitemaker's Championships

Special Awards

MIXED MEDIA: Sam*, Cari* & Alexa King*

NOVICE KITEMAKER 2: Sam King*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 1: John* & Marzlie Freeman*

MOST INNOVATIVE: Mark Engbaum

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Barry (Buzzer) Poulter

Kite Category Awards

UFO: 2nd - Rich Durant*

FIGURE: 2nd - Gerry Pennell*

ROKKAKU: 1st Alexa King*; 2nd Sam King*

FLAT: 2nd Sam King*

DELTA: 1st Doug Larock; 3rd Ray Bojarski*

SKY DISPLAY: 1st Jerry Graham* (with the Bee-line)

SPORT: 2nd Lam Hoac

SOFT: 1st - Sam King*; 3rd Alexa King*

TRAIN: 3rd Mark Engbaum

BOWED: 2nd Barry Poulter

COOPERATIVE: 2nd Dave and Diane Butler;
3rd Cliff* and Gerry Pennell*

Photographs of the winning kites are posted on the AKA website
www.aka.kite.org

Also, the website lists all the winners, not just the ones from the Great Northwest!! But you can't blame us for feeling a bit of Northwest pride.

Also, at the time of putting this newsletter together, all of the kites entered into handcrafted were pictured courtesy of Steve Ferrel:

<http://www.tiny.cc/AGImC>

wait for the tiny URL to bring up Steve's flickr slide show site

2007 Grand National Sport Kite Championships

INDIVIDUAL DUAL-LINE

BALLET:

Novice: 1st Tristan Underwood; 3rd Amy Doran Experienced: 1st William Hendrickson*; 3rd Gordon Fry Masters: 1st Zachary Gordon; 3rd Daniel Haigh

PRECISION:

Novice: 1st Tristan Underwood, 2nd Shannon Underwood Experienced: 1st Jennifer Brown, 3rd William Hendrickson*

Masters: 1st Daniel Haigh

MULTI LINE:

BALLET AND PRECISION:

Masters: 1st John Barresi; 2nd Zachary Gordon

OPEN INDIVIDUAL INDOOR UNLIMITED BALLET:

2nd John Barresi; 2nd Tristan Underwood

OPEN OUTDOOR UNLIMITED: 1st Amy Doran, 3rd Jennifer Brown

PAIRS DUAL LINE

BALLET:

Experienced: 1st Double Trouble (Ray and Tristan Underwood)

Masters: 1st EOS (Joshua and Zachary Gordon),

3rd Fly By Nite (Bill Rogers, Daniel Haigh)

PRECISION:

Experienced: 3rd MJB (Jennifer Brown and Lam Hoac) Masters:

1st - Fly By Nite (Bill Rogers, Daniel Haigh)

MULTI-LINE TEAM DUAL LINE

BALLET and PRECISION

Masters: 1st 6th Sense (Bill Rogers, Daniel Haigh, Wayne Turner)

Special Note: The Lady Kitefliers are really proud of Amy Doran for her 1st place winning Charlie Chaplin routine in Open Individual Outdoor Unlimited.

Sylvia Bernauer



Pictured here in front of a couple of kites by **Alexa King** and **Sam King** are members of WKA with their winners' plaques. **Jerry Graham** is holding in his left hand one more which belongs to Alexa as she is holding two already!! **Barry Poulter** is with the group, holding his plaque won for Members Choice Saturday night.

Left to right front row: **John Freeman, Rich Durant, Cliff Pennell, Barry Poulter, Sam King**
Back row: **Marzlie Freeman, Jerry Graham, Ray Bojarski, Alexa King, Cari King, Gerry Pennell**

Photo by **Rick White**

More from the Convention—



Left is **Barry (Bazzar) Poulter's** **Members Choice** winning edo kite. What a great Pacific Northwest theme. Great production of an Orca breaching.

Photo by **Rick White**

Below are featured a few kites that were in the Friday night auction. The Rev is a cooperative kite by several well known kitemakers, and is now owned by **John Baressi**
Photo by **Marjorie Taylor**



On the right is a lovely hata kite made by **Jose Sainz**. He added fringe to the feathers to give it a more life-like look. It was another of the kites in the Friday night auction.

Photo by **Marjorie Taylor**



Three more pictures from AKA 2007——

Charlie Sotich demonstrating something during his seminar on making small kites. **Rick White** is in the background. “Thank you, Charlie”

Photo by **Judy Brown**



Glenda and Jerry holding the Susie memorial flag made by **Bob Serack** during the Angel Fly held inside due to the weather.

Photo by **Rick White**



Ray Bojarski took this picture of the kite he made for **Jerry** and **Glenda** patterned after the pin they had made.

WSIKF Terrific Tuesday with the Crazy Ladies

The **Lady Kitefliers** formed our **Crazy Ladies** team again this year for Terrific Tuesday. **Miriam Schafler** and I signed up our ten member team and those of our team who would be participants in the morning Tubes events. Some new ladies joined us this year including **Peg “Ma” Burley** in her colorful knee socks. **Dee Sargent** was her helper. We cannot do this without helpers! **Glenda Kleppin** donated hats and coats again. **John Orzechoskie** gave assistance too and members of the team loaned kites, etc. to others on our team. **Ellen Pardee’s** young helper, **Oscar**, had never seen anything like it! Many brought poles, banners, etc. for the Club Camp which took 3rd Place.

Crazy Ladies team members won ribbons and important points in the Totally Tubular events in the morning. Tail That Wags the Dog - **Crazy Ladies Team 3rd Place**; Trick Tubes - **Ellen Pardee 1st Place, Sylvia Bernauer 2nd Place**; Spin Me Around - **Susan Tislow 1st Place, Theresa Norelius 2nd Place, Mary Farrell 3rd Place**; Go Figure - **Susan Tislow 2nd Place**. Then with **Theresa** in her martini glasses and **Amy Doran** leading us in pole dancing.. Well, you get the picture????!! We had a great time on the field. This year the PCKA team gave us a run for our money and finished only about 40 points behind the Crazy Ladies team. You would not believe the mayhem on the field if you had not seen it. Especially the “girls” in drag, flying diamond kites...**Arnold Authement** and **Dick Curran** of Team PCKA! What a hoot!

But again for the fourth year in a row, the Terrific Tuesday Top Team Banner went to the **Crazy Ladies!!**

Thanks to our 2007 team.

Sylvia Bernauer



From left: **Miriam Schafler, Sylvia Bernauer, Ellen Pardee, Linda Barnes, Susan Tislow, Mary Farrell, Marilou Orzechoskie, Amy Doran, Theresa Norelius, Peg “Ma” Burley,** and helper **Dee Sargent**.

Photo sent by **Linda Barnes**

The Party at Gas Works Park

In early August the WKA was invited to fly some kites at some 'special' event at Gas Works Park on August 11th. Being true kite fliers, our only questions were where and what time. I probably will miss several names but **Rick White, Launny Herriges, Ken Conrad** and his wife, **Suzanne Sadow, Sylvia Bernauer, Jerry Graham, Glenda Kleppin, Penny** and **Steve Lingenfelter** and **Diann Corsnitz** and I agreed to participate.

As the day of the event approached, newspaper articles started appearing in the PI and Seattle Times, etc. about this big mystery event at Gas Works. A shroud of secrecy had been cast over the whole event as to the who and the why of the party. Questions were asked about the stages and scaffolding being erected at the park, while other groups debated why this group could lease the grounds, but others could not.

We all gathered at Gas Works and desperately tried to get kites and banners aloft in rather difficult winds at 7:30 pm. As



the skies dimmed, crowds of people and boats in Union Bay started gathering. Still more rumors were floating around, still no word on the who and why. As the festivities started: magicians, jugglers, face painters, people dressed as yaks, and



entertainers on stilts started strolling into the park.

Around 8:45, the secrets were revealed, as a solo violinist entertained with classical arias and a parade of the Seattle Ducks sailed up to Gas Works. The lead Duck was decorated with



Just Married banners and the following ten Ducks contained



all the wedding guests. The secret party was a post wedding reception for one of Seattle's many internet related engineers.

The evening was capped by gospel choirs and rock music and climaxed by fireworks over the bay. It was a great event. Too bad so many of you could not join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Hopefully the organizers will invite us back for future events.

Ray Bojarski

Photos by **Ray Bojarski**

A note from Sylvia Bernauer: This next item needs a bit of an introduction. Would you believe I have never met this lady, and only talked to her once on the phone about another subject. We got to talking and somehow kites came up. She said she loved kites and related several things about kites and her family. I suggested she write an article about it and she did! Here it is.

Flying Kites – Mexico to BC

When I was a kid in Bellingham, WA we lived on a 40 acre farm with plenty of cleared fields, free from wires and trees, so kite flying was the natural thing to try. Times were tough in the 1940s, not that my brother Bill, nor I were aware of it at the time, so kites were to be made of wood (cedar kindling) and newspaper. We spent hours constructing those heavy kites, with much tape being used. That was before Scotch tape became a way of life for everyone. We made tails from old sheets and spent hours trying to get the kites aloft in the wind. Maybe it was all the tape we used, but whatever the weight problem; they never got more than 6 feet in the air, even with a good wind.

Fast forward to the 1970 to 1990 period and kites could be purchased at Pay'n Save Drug Stores (now gone from the scene like so many other things) for just a few dollars. My children were young when we sailed our kites at Tofino on Vancouver Island, BC. Still having a love of flying kites, I took at least 10 kites to Mazatlan to fly kites to my heart's content, with a different kite each day. Mexico was not accustomed to kites being used for entertainment as Mylar kites were used to take the fishing line far out to sea, to drop the hook and perhaps catch

a fish. My kites brought much attention from the beach-vendors who all wanted to buy **my** wares. They were not for sale; they were to be given to all the hotel workers who had young children, making sure they knew how to assemble and fly them. Years later, I still see kites hanging in the wires of residential areas and wonder if they were some of the kites I had brought.

Watching a kite fly, watching it soar into the sky makes my heart soar along with that kite. I wonder what the pelicans consider as they fly past my "bird."

My 3 grandchildren, wanting to please grandma, spent hours at Alki Beach flying kites. When the 2 girls got tired of flying, Ricky decided he could handle all three kites, having one in each hand and one in his mouth. A Seattle PI photographer thought that made a good picture and so it was published in color. Our daughter was married on Kite Hill in Seattle twenty-four years ago and as their vows were said, a kite was flown in their honor, soaring into the sky with dreams and wishes all being promised.

Our daughter is now a principal at Roosevelt High School in Portland, OR. One granddaughter was valedictorian of her 2007 Lincoln High School class in Portland and Ricky, a graduate of West Seattle High School, class of 2007 is a Gates Foundation Scholarship winner.

Flying kites, letting the heart and mind soar, has the potential of sparking the mind and soul to greater endeavors in life. What more could one ask?

Jean Peterson, Seattle, WA

WKA Spaghetti Feed WSIKF 2007

WKA wants to thank everyone who came to the annual Spaghetti Feed at the Long Beach Grange Hall. This year we had the use of the upstairs with a larger open space with tables already set up. The downstairs is used by other organizations, so now we don't have to tear down and re set up that area which is a huge time and manpower savings for WKA in putting on this event.

Thank you to all the helpers! **Glenn Austin** took dinner money and displayed the new WKA and Spaghetti pin sets and sat with me while I collected membership dues. **Susan** and **Barry Tislow** and friends **Mike** and **Debbie McGinness** brought in equipment and food and worked around problems in the smaller kitchen and despite electrical problems, cooked great spaghetti. **Marylou Orzechoskie** was a great help in cutting bread, etc., etc.

The raffle room was set up and several people got it going: **Frieda White, Joanne Lord, Launny Herriges, Don Lord, John Orzechoskie,** and **Tom Tinney**. Pins were sold by **Nancy** and **Chris Goldapp**. Raffle tickets were sold by **Joanne Lord** and **Freida White**. Clean up by **Mike Haggan** and **Rhonda Davidson** and others. Thanks also to **Richard Dermer** and **Marla Miller** who helped with the raffle.

The **Cottage Bakery One** decorated one of their two cakes with the WKA logo. It looked great! The Cottage Bakery donated one of the cakes. Thank you to the bakery.

The **Sisson Kites4Kids** parafoil kite raffle was won by **Rob Pratt**, who really stuffed the ticket bag! Congratulations, Rob. We know Tom's kite will get lots of flying this year. The kite was brought back by **Jerry** and **Jane Kibler** of Petaluma, CA who really enjoyed telling about the kite, as well as flying it this past year.

There were fifteen entries for the **WKA/Sisson Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference Scholarship** drawing. This year **Jean Reed** will be attending. She was away at a family gathering in Maine with her daughter, **Donna Wendt**, but **Bob Wendt** was sure excited to hear the news of the drawing. Bob had signed Jean up as a member recently.

There was a box containing kite clothing I really had hoped to win. **Jean Sisson** had donated her hapi coat and pants (made by daughter **Diane Konno**) after **Tom** passed away. **Pat Button** was the proud owner the last few years and wore them on the beach. This year Pat decided to mail them back to me to put in the raffle again. And, Yes! Sisson kite clothing was seen again on the beach! I felt very special wearing them.

Thanks to everybody who came and also to those who brought or sent items for the raffle. As this is the only fundraiser for WKA during the year, it is an important event for the club. It was a very fun evening.

Sylvia Bernauer

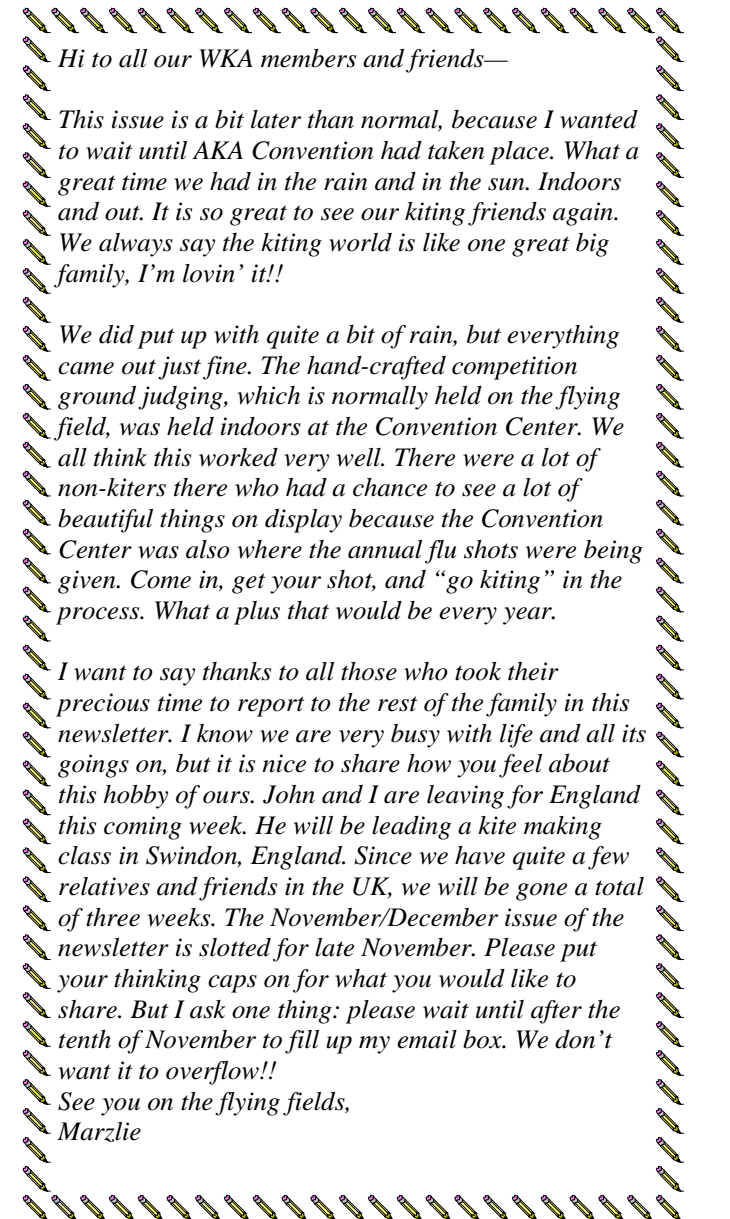


New Member Report -

Welcome to our new members who came to our Father's Day Fly or found us on the Web or at other events recently!!

- Rich Durant** Portland, OR
- Alexa King** Tacoma, WA
- Sam & Cari King** LaConner, WA
- Ruth & Bill Knapp** Chehalis, WA
- Emil & Georgia Menghini** Sequim, WA
- Scott, Lori and Kristian Slater** Tacoma, WA
- Clark & Denise Thurston** Battle Ground, WA
- Tom Tinney Jr.** Coeur d'Alene, ID

We are happy you have joined our kiting family!



Hi to all our WKA members and friends—

This issue is a bit later than normal, because I wanted to wait until AKA Convention had taken place. What a great time we had in the rain and in the sun. Indoors and out. It is so great to see our kiting friends again. We always say the kiting world is like one great big family, I'm lovin' it!!

We did put up with quite a bit of rain, but everything came out just fine. The hand-crafted competition ground judging, which is normally held on the flying field, was held indoors at the Convention Center. We all think this worked very well. There were a lot of non-kiters there who had a chance to see a lot of beautiful things on display because the Convention Center was also where the annual flu shots were being given. Come in, get your shot, and "go kiting" in the process. What a plus that would be every year.

*I want to say thanks to all those who took their precious time to report to the rest of the family in this newsletter. I know we are very busy with life and all its goings on, but it is nice to share how you feel about this hobby of ours. John and I are leaving for England this coming week. He will be leading a kite making class in Swindon, England. Since we have quite a few relatives and friends in the UK, we will be gone a total of three weeks. The November/December issue of the newsletter is slotted for late November. Please put your thinking caps on for what you would like to share. But I ask one thing: please wait until after the tenth of November to fill up my email box. We don't want it to overflow!!
See you on the flying fields,
Marzlie*

**Calendar of Events
2007**

NOVEMBER

3rd Indoor Kite Fly/Potluck/WKA Membership Meeting
TIME: November 3, 3PM - 6 PM+
PLACE: 12636 SE 89th Place Newcastle, WA
In the Gymnasium of Seattle Revival Center
A map is on our web site for directions.
<http://wka-kiteflyers.com>

DECEMBER

1st Annual WKA/PCKA Holiday Potluck Dinner
Mountain View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, WA
From noon to 5 we will have an indoor fly.
Setup at 5. Dinner will be at 6
Remember there is the Annual Raffle/Auction —
Proceeds will go to the local Foodbank
Directions posted on our WKA website
<http://wka-kiteflyers.com>

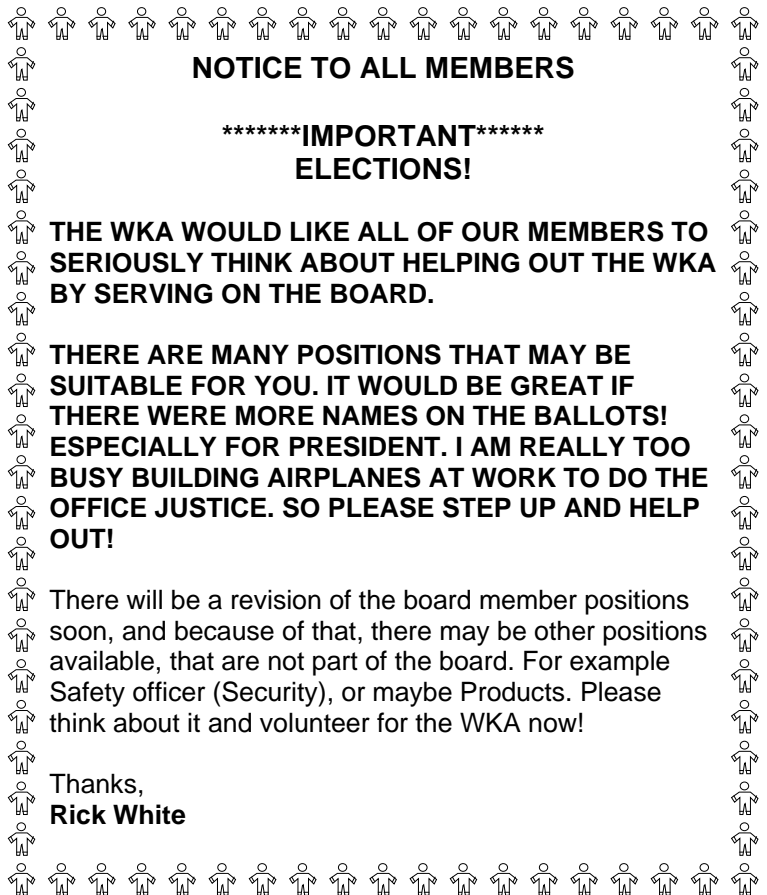
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JANUARY

1st Protest the Bowls Annual Fly/Potluck
Golden Gardens, Seattle, starting around 10 am
10-13 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, Rockaway Beach, Oregon

MARCH

13-16 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, Port Townsend WA
For more calendar information: <http://wka-kiteflyers.org>



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

*******IMPORTANT*****
ELECTIONS!**

THE WKA WOULD LIKE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT HELPING OUT THE WKA BY SERVING ON THE BOARD.

THERE ARE MANY POSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUITABLE FOR YOU. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THERE WERE MORE NAMES ON THE BALLOTS! ESPECIALLY FOR PRESIDENT. I AM REALLY TOO BUSY BUILDING AIRPLANES AT WORK TO DO THE OFFICE JUSTICE. SO PLEASE STEP UP AND HELP OUT!

There will be a revision of the board member positions soon, and because of that, there may be other positions available, that are not part of the board. For example Safety officer (Security), or maybe Products. Please think about it and volunteer for the WKA now!

Thanks,
Rick White

Washington Kitefliers Association
An affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association
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.

Mail to:

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Pacific Science Center
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Seattle WA 98109-4816

Name _____ Spouse _____

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