



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

WKA — a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

BEYOND YOUR BASIC KITE BAG

Sometimes when I'm done making a kite, I'm not quite ready to be done. I want that creative sewing or appliqué part to go on a little longer. When this happens, and especially if it's a dark, rainy, better to be inside anyway kind of day, creating a special embellishment for my kite bag just seems to fill the bill. So, after my kite's done, and it's time to make the kite bag, I often appliqué or embellish the bag in some way to represent the kite that will be stored inside.

I started doing this at Fort Worden back in 1998, when the scraps from the kite I made were just too pretty to throw away. I was making one of **Scott Spencer's** beautiful woven ripstop kites. We students in the class had spent a **lot** of time weaving our



different colored ripstop strips, and then zigzagging them all together to create a flat kind of plaid "fabric". We then cut our plaid "fabric" into the correct kite shapes to make our kites. After cutting out my kite, I had several scraps of this hard-won, precious, lovely woven ripstop, left over and headed for the trash can. I just couldn't bear to throw them all away, so I took the largest one and zigzagged it onto my kite bag fabric. I loved

how the bag looked, and there was the added bonus that it was so easy to tell at a glance which kite was in that bag. And it was fun, too.

An idea was born. Over the years I've embellished bags for many of the kites I've made at Fort Worden. When I made **Gail Lindsay's** Turtle Hata kite, I appliquéed a small and simpler version of the turtle onto my kite bag. In **John Freeman's** butterfly kite class, I used left over strata to embellish the bag. (Strata is that



lovely "fabric" you make in some of John's classes by sewing different colors of ripstop together into intricate patterns. Once again I found the left over strata scraps just too pretty to throw away.) In 2007 I had a lot of fun appliquéing a miniature trailing series of kites onto my bag for **Rod Beamguard's** "Schlangen-Drachen" kite.



Last year I appliquéed a small "Butterfly Girl" on the bag for my **Gail Lindsay** "Butterfly Girl" kite.

Other kite makers decorate their kite bags.. I won **Sharon Musto's** spectacular "Year of the Horse" kite at Fort Worden several years ago. The design on the kite was an intricate appliquéed horse, representing a Canadian postage stamp honoring the Chinese Year of the Horse. Sharon embellished the kite bag with a lovely Chinese character.

Ralf Maserski made it easy for us to embellish our kite bags in his 2007 Pentagon Kite class at Fort Worden. Ralf made the bags for us, but he also gave us several strips of rip stop to match the colors of our kite so we could stitch them onto our kite bags.

Ed Lindsay told me a great story of embellished kite bags. He said when Gail first started making appliquéed kites, if she wasn't satisfied with how a kite turned out she would throw it in the trash and make another one. Ed retrieved the reject from the trash and would make it into a bag for the replacement kite. He did add, somewhat sadly I thought, he can no longer do this, since Gail is so skillful she no longer has rejected kites for him to retrieve.

I'm sure there are other kite bag embellishers out there, so here is a kite bag embellishment challenge to all of you. Write in and let us know what you're doing. And send photos. Our beautiful summer won't last forever, and next winter when it's cold and grey we can ponder your embellishment ideas, and think, "hmmm.... wonder what I can do with this kite bag of mine....".

Peggy Daschbach-Martin

WSIKF Wednesday Kids' Day Pins--2009

How do you go about getting these pins?

First, come to the Foster Grandparent Fly, give a child a kite and teach him how to fly it.

Second, bring **more than one kite** to give away and you will get a different color pin.

Third, have either the most fun or the most kids out on the field and get still another color (limited edition of 20).

Then, take part in Kids' Camp activities and/or get all of your friends to vote for you as Super Senior or Top Kid on the Beach. If you take first place in any of these, you will also get a special pin.

Additionally, there will be a special "**Helper**" pin for people who help out with the Kids' Day Events as registrars, putting kites together, judges, etc.

ALSO, as we have in past years, we will auction off full sets of pins and several of the limited edition pins at the WKA Wednesday night lasagna dinner.

Opportunity to Advertise: If you want the honor of designing next year's pin, there will be an auction for that as well. Wait until you see this year's pin with the **Kite Shoppe** logo!

IF YOU CAN'T COME TO WSIKF THIS YEAR: You can STILL get a pin. Just send me an appropriate kids' kite, in care of the kite museum. Enclose a SASE and I'll mail you a pin. What could be easier?

Glenda Kleppin

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Remember, everybody gets to vote for Super Senior and Top Kid on the Beach at WSIKF.

These, highly coveted awards are based on Kids' Day activities as well, but your votes can make all the difference. Don't forget to say why you think the person you nominate should be chosen. I try to give the nominations to all of the people named so that they will know what it is about them that you appreciate, so be sure to fill out the comment section when you vote.

Glenda Kleppin

Another Empty Space in the Sky

Marla Miller sent this message out about another flyer gone.

"Just wanted to pass on sad news. **Peg Taylor** of Long Beach WA passed away on Monday, July 13.

She flew a kite on her 76th birthday Saturday, the 11th."

Ocean Shores Kite Challenge

Mushrooms, motorcycles, thimbles and kites...

A few years ago my eyes were opened **wide** when I took my sister to the Long Beach Kite Festival as her birthday gift. **SO many** kites in **all** sizes and shapes! We have since met **Jim** at **Cutting Edge Kites** in Ocean Shores, **Andy** at **Ocean Shores Kites**, and **Scott** at **Hi-Fliers Kite Shop** in Pacific Beach. Our kite inventory grows every trip to Ocean Shores...a Prism Legacy, a Signature Series giant parrot by Joel Scholz. "Her" name is Ladybird and you'll find her pink and teal colors flying from our dark green Ford Explorer, license plate WRLWIND, 5-stacks Prism Nexus and Microns, more birds, a WSU cougar kite (Dan's alma mater; anyone know of an Idaho Vandal's kite for my alma matter?), some single delta-shaped kites (I'll get the lingo down eventually), and now, some spinning mushrooms for ground display (to be proudly displayed at our annual mycological show in October, along with my rubber mushroom lamp)!

Ladybird got to spread her wings even more when we drove off the beach. It was the strangest sound...a wheel bearing, an air leak in the car? Then clunk...that characteristic sound of something left on the roof. Looking out the sunroof revealed Ladybird pleasantly enjoying her newfound experience. I'm sure a few beach-viewers got a good laugh at our forgetfulness.

We found out about the Ocean Shores Kite Challenge a couple years ago, but couldn't attend on Father's Day weekend. Now that it's back to the normal first weekend in June, we may or may not be able to attend due to my job commitments at this time of year.

I was so excited about attending this year. I walked around asking if people were members of a kite club, trying to find members of WKA. There's a **lot** of kite folks not members of any club, just coming down to fly and display kites and to have fun. We found **Glenda** and **Jerry** by their converted white school bus and later met **Dick**, then **Donna** from **Pierce Co. Kiteflyers Assoc**, and **Walt** from Spanaway. Dick was so helpful in telling us the AKA rules for the

other side of the roped off area. Later he took the time to educate Dan and me on tails, keels, and bridles and why our latest bird addition wanted to veer off to the right. He was wonderful.

Dan and I had a great time, but I'd like to see this festival grow. WKA represents all of the Washington State kite clubs. Each member club could take a piece of the action—one club could do the official website; another club to coordinate the competition and roped off areas, beach parking and porta-potties; another club to get vendors; all clubs to promote; a group to plan a Friday evening meet-n-greet dinner and/or social location; someone to plan a Saturday evening gathering for a beach dinner/potluck/BBQ and/or an indoor fly-in in the convention center. How about kite flying for kids, teens **and** adults? A club or store could set aside kites specifically for this use and a club and/or volunteers can schedule times to help kids, teens and adults try their hand at flying different kites. The locals might even sign up for this. We could do a lot with what we have in terms of members, clubs, stores, and the community. The agency I

work for has a motto: Essayons. It means "Let Us Try." What do you say, want to try? This could give me more pull for getting out of my work commitments (yeah, right).

Mushrooms, motorcycles, thimbles and kites?

What **can** I say...Pres and other positions with Snohomish County Mycological Society; own several motorcycles and previous rep for WA State and the American Motorcyclist Association (my nickname is Whirlwind); thimble collecting (if you find a thimble with a kite on it, let me know). And kites are just plain FUN. Dan just acquired a Revolution EXP. He's a mechanical engineer with Everett Boeing in Facilities, formerly in Interiors. His passion is cars. I'm a natural resources specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, formerly an outdoor recreation planner and before that a park ranger. A true planner and socializer!

Bonnie "Whirlwind" Ecker



Washington State International Kite Festival Events at the Museum

ALOX Manufacturing & Wholesale Co. 1920 – 1960

Monday 6:30 – 7:30

Come meet members of the ALOX Kite Manufacturing Company. Hear stories of sales trips and working in the plant.

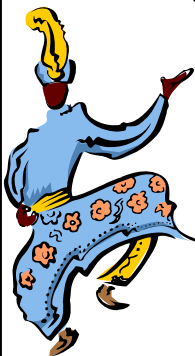
**Working on “The Kite Runner “ Movie
Tuesday 6:30 –**

Basir Beria, who has participated in the festival fighter kite competition, will talk about his experience working for Dream Works on the movie and some of his Afghani history.

**Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Friday, August 21**

Kite flyer **Isbal Husain**, festival guest, will explain about making centipede kites and equate it to Alexander Graham Bell’s use of things he learned from the centipede concept to invent the hydroplane.

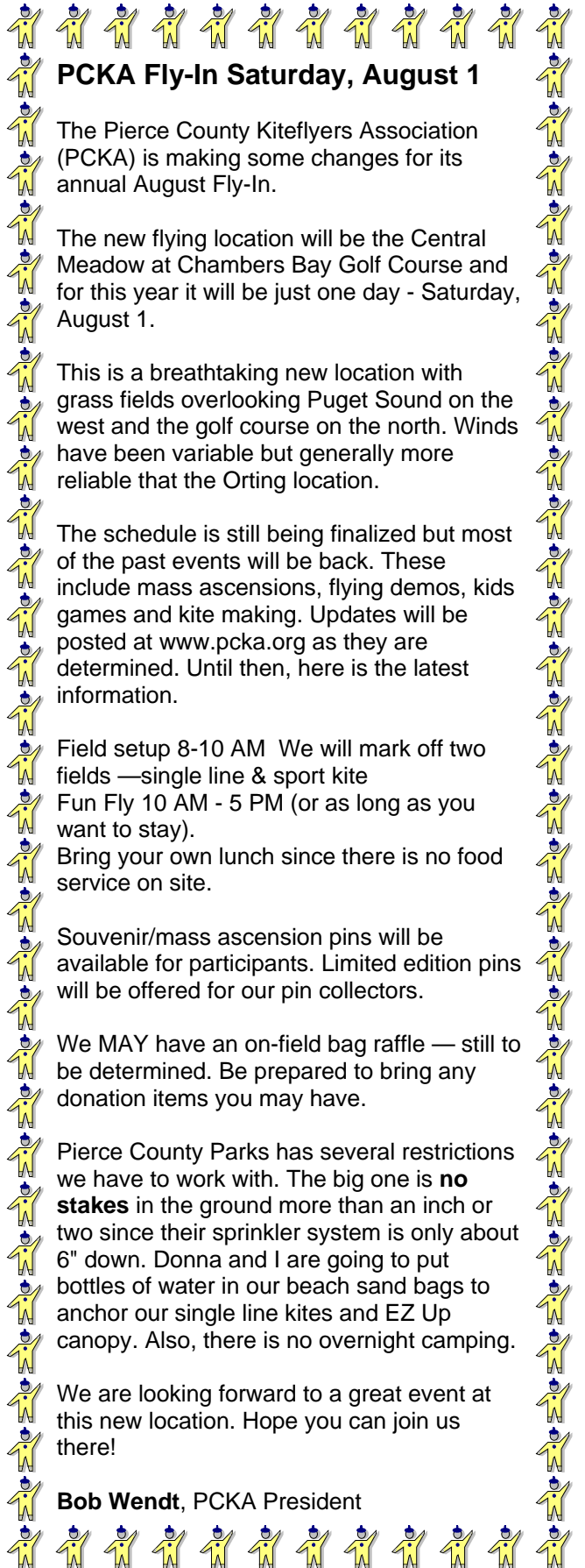
**Awards Banquet & Museum Auction
SATURDAY NIGHT CARNIVAL
Saturday, August 22
5:30 until it’s over**



Win a favorite paper diamond or a power kite; spend time visiting at your table and others; clap and whistle for award winners and wear something with glitter or feathers, maybe a mask or mysterious shawl.



Get in the mood for **CARNIVAL!**



PCKA Fly-In Saturday, August 1

The Pierce County Kiteflyers Association (PCKA) is making some changes for its annual August Fly-In.

The new flying location will be the Central Meadow at Chambers Bay Golf Course and for this year it will be just one day - Saturday, August 1.

This is a breathtaking new location with grass fields overlooking Puget Sound on the west and the golf course on the north. Winds have been variable but generally more reliable than the Orting location.

The schedule is still being finalized but most of the past events will be back. These include mass ascensions, flying demos, kids games and kite making. Updates will be posted at www.pcka.org as they are determined. Until then, here is the latest information.

Field setup 8-10 AM We will mark off two fields —single line & sport kite
Fun Fly 10 AM - 5 PM (or as long as you want to stay).
Bring your own lunch since there is no food service on site.

Souvenir/mass ascension pins will be available for participants. Limited edition pins will be offered for our pin collectors.

We MAY have an on-field bag raffle — still to be determined. Be prepared to bring any donation items you may have.

Pierce County Parks has several restrictions we have to work with. The big one is **no stakes** in the ground more than an inch or two since their sprinkler system is only about 6" down. Donna and I are going to put bottles of water in our beach sand bags to anchor our single line kites and EZ Up canopy. Also, there is no overnight camping.

We are looking forward to a great event at this new location. Hope you can join us there!

Bob Wendt, PCKA President



WKA/Sisson Scholarship Program
MAIL YOUR ENTRIES NOW!
POSTCARDS OR NOTES MUST BE
RECEIVED
BY AUGUST 14, 2009
FOR THE DRAWING
TO NEXT YEAR'S
FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS
CONFERENCE

The 28th annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference will be held at the conference center at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, Washington. The dates for the next conference are **March 19-21, 2010**.

This scholarship was started through the efforts of the Washington Kitefliers Association members and named for a Founding Father who wanted everyone to have an opportunity to attend this conference. It is a great place for new kite makers to learn beginning skills, or new techniques in the art of designing and building kites. Great teachers from the U.S. and other countries come to share their knowledge and everyone can meet and tell great kite stories in addition to all the other activities of the conference.

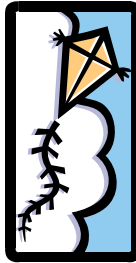
WKA has offered this scholarship program since 2002. It is a benefit of membership as it is a members-only drawing. It covers conference tuition, room in the dorm and meals in the dining room where all the raffles take place for one current member. WKA will also provide additional funds toward class fees.

Requirements: Current membership at time of the drawing and conference. One post card or letter entry per member listing your name, address, phone number, email address if you have one. Mail to the club address on this newsletter. Mail received after August 14, 2009 will be held for next year's drawing. You do not have to be present to win.

The drawing will be held at the annual dinner in Long Beach at the Grange Hall on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. Hurry, and get your entry into the mail. Only FIVE entries received so far. **Scott Slater** was the winner of the 2009 conference, and he would tell you how much he enjoyed it. If you have other questions on this program, contact **Sylvia Bernauer** at 425-822-4605 or dbnrl@earthlink.net.

Visit the conference website at www.kitemakers.org to see photos from past conferences and other information.

Sylvia Bernauer



Editor's Note: When **Linda Howard** and her sister **Sandra** joined at end of May, they asked if they could send in articles to the newsletter and Sylvia replied "YES" Presently, they have the **WSIKF Top Tuesday Team Banner** until WSIKF.

So here is Linda's first submission:

Actually, we haven't been able to fly the banner yet, we keep arriving at 3 pm! My sister and I recently joined the WKA and I've been thinking of things all along over the years to write, but as my memory is, I've forgotten a lot already. I wanted to be able to share those good moments, to thank people for those good moments, while I still can remember.

There are a few experiences that stick out in my mind still. One of the positives, I think happened at Grayland Beach (now maybe 4 years ago, time flies!). Someone whose name sounds like Korea but is not spelled like the country, helped me to fly a dual line stunt kite, he showed me with his kite. His was a level one brand, mine was a 10 dollar grocery store bought one which wouldn't get off the ground. The spreader kept popping out (from wear) as he was teaching me how to maneuver, but his kite still flew. So I wanted to get one of that brand. He showed me a stall. Making the kite fall out of the sky seems to be the only thing I can do !

Then at Whidbey that same year, I was pleased to see they had company reps to teach, and used kites for sale. So I bought a used kite (that Seattle brand), but I still couldn't get it off the ground. The reps let me use their big kite, but when I did a stall, they figured I knew how to fly and wouldn't teach me anymore! So I still didn't know how to actually Fly !!!

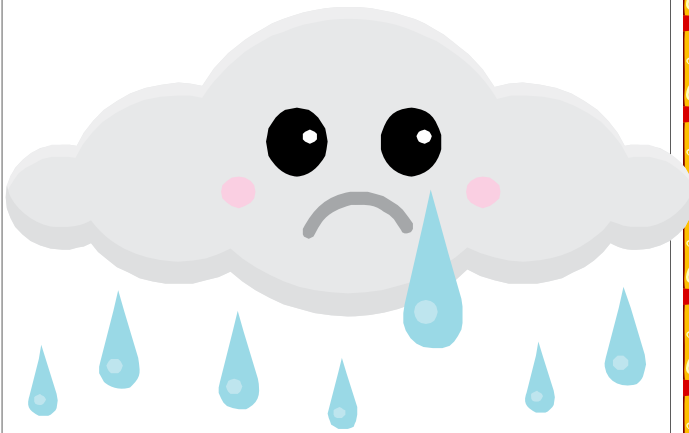
I did get a small Level One at a small kite shop in Utah, I think it was in or near Draper, but my sister thought I had bought it as a gift for her, so I never have gotten to fly it. But thanks to someone reselling their kites at Four Winds Kite Shop in Everett, I did eventually acquire a large Level One (jumping jack is perhaps what it is), and now I can fly , at least a little bit.

Although, apparently my (now former) supervisor can fly WAAAY better than me. He had bought a kite on a weekend trip and thought it was great. I told him about Whidbey, he went, he blew away a nine year old to take top honors for best beginner! I thought that sounds great , he has been flying for one month, and is already winning awards... and after a few years I'm still trying to fly !

~~~Linda Howard~~~

*Editor's Note:*  
*But I'll bet she is still having the fun of trying.*

## It Was a Brief Father's Day Fun Fly



A hearty little troop of flyers gathered at Kite Hill on Father's Day this year. The day started out with some wind and some sun. We set up two pop-ups up on the hill and got banners, flags and birds flying to decorate the hill.

Several families came to the hill to enjoy the day. We had a variety of kites flying. **Ken Conrad** flew his radio controlled kite-plane also. If you look at the club Web site you will see some photos from that day. Notice the black cloud that came over the hill. It was not long before the wind shifted and fat drops started to fall from the sky. Then quickly it became a downpour and we all rushed to get under cover, and to get all the kites as well as our club brochures covered and out of the rain. Thank heavens for those pop-ups! **Jerry Graham** thought it would be a great moment to record and so **Prez Rick** borrowed my sun umbrella and used it to cover him and his camera while he took the group photos!



After several minutes the downpour let up we got out from under the tents and started to take down banners. Some stayed longer and I bet the wind dried theirs out. It is too bad everyone else left the hill area too, including other children who would have made kites with **Suzanne Sadow**. So this was a different Father's Day Fly.

**Sylvia Bernauer**

## DAWG DUDE IS BACK!

Last year Dawg Dude, a wonderfully large stuffed toy dog who is wearing a kiter vest, accumulated lots of pins (over 70). He was auctioned off at the Wednesday night WKA lasagna dinner.

**Debbie Fitzgerald** was the successful bidder. She took off the pins she wanted and then donated Dawg Dude back to the club with another starter set of pins, making him an instant kite tradition.

**Larry & Pat Christensen** and **Debbie & Carl Fitzgerald** have again, this year, taken over the job of gathering a new set of pins for Dawg Dude. He will again be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The money from this auction is for Kids' Day, so please be generous with your pin donations and your bids at the WKA Wednesday night lasagna dinner.

**Glenda Kleppin**



## Whidbey Island Kite Festival

This year the Whidbey Island Kite Festival is scheduled for September 26-27. Along with the traditional mass ascensions, sport kite competition and lessons, kids' kite making, and legendary raffle tent, we will have four "single-line challenges", where kites of a specific type are flown. Very limited edition pins will be awarded to "favorite kites"— not traditional kite makers' judging, but more informal. At Whidbey we want to provide a relaxing, fun event. For more information on kites to be flown, please see our website later in the summer.

Visitors are encouraged to order meals ahead of time online (lunches by September 1, dinners by September 15). Use the registration form on the website.

If you're a single-line flyer with a ton of kites and gear, email [allen.d.taylor@verizon.net](mailto:allen.d.taylor@verizon.net) to arrange a reserved parking space. Availability is limited and will be honored on a first-come-first-served basis.

[www.whidbeykites.org](http://www.whidbeykites.org)  
360-678-9358

**Marjorie Taylor**

## Notes from the Prez—

It is an honor to write this Pres corner! One of the



biggest reasons is because I get to officially say some nice stuff about people who deserve it very much. The following is a great example of this.

It seems of late, the WKA has been the recipient of some extremely thoughtful and giving people. I will only go back as far as my memory will allow, to the 20th of June where the WKA was invited to attend the **Sweet Strawberry & Kite**

**Festival** put on by the **V2 Farm** folks in Enumclaw, WA. I think it was the first of an annual event! We waited all day, but the wind didn't show up. But we did find out the kids don't seem to care. They were flying their kites practicing for the indoor ballet, I think. One time, the wind teased us for about 2 minutes. The field launched in unison with a display of color, then dropped like a hot potato. Or was it like a rock? At any rate something which did show up, and in a big way, was the kite man himself, **Carl Williamson**. He saved our bacon, because I didn't have any kites for kids, and he brought us lots of them. He is also the "Kite Bank" behind the **Fort Lewis Family Fair** every year with **Glenda Kleppin** and **Jerry Graham**. **Suzanne Sadow** also saved part of that bacon, by bringing some kites to give away! We were so blessed to have these two people show up to help us out! And thanks to everyone who showed up to fly too! There were around 75-80 there. That was terrific. Thanks also, to **Penny Lingenfelter** for bringing her corral of balloons and toys for the kids to play with again. Next year we hope she will move over to the main corral, where all the action is!

son told me would be there. No more sleep that night. I get up at 6 AM and go pick up **Tom Tinney** at the hotel, go have a nice breakfast, and we set off for China Town. (I'll come back to the fair in a minute.) I get home around 8:30 PM. Has anyone been counting? I have had a total of 4 and 1/2 hours sleep from Thursday 2:30 PM till Saturday night at 8:30 PM. That's 4 1/2 hours total sleep, in 54 hours, if my math skills are still working. I didn't last 1 hour, and I was out for 8. I didn't even move a muscle all night. I woke up my arm was killing me from laying on it all night. But, I was so much more relaxed than the night before. The crowds on Saturday, as it turns out, were really great, no problems at all. If I had only known. . . . ZZZZZZZZZZZ. I am so glad that this kind of activity only happens for me 2 or 3 times a year. I don't know how Carl does it! Maybe it's my lack of sleep. Hummmmm.

Back to the fair. The ID Summer Fair actually turned out to be a very enlightening experience for me. It was slower than I expected. Because of my instilled fears, we decided not to give out free kites. Instead, we decided to charge \$1 for the usual free ones. In our great wisdom, we figured it would do two things. 1. It would slow down the onslaught of all those who would trample us. And 2. it would make the club a little more money. Part of the decision was also because the fair was a vendor type fair. The other part was because my son had told me they would mob you if you gave anything away free, and your kites would be gone in one hour. Well, in retrospect, the waiting in line would have slowed that down a little, and the mob mentality was simply not as bad as imagined. I do think we could give free kites out next time though. Especially if we had some made up ahead of time. Yes, we had a lot of people asking if anything was free, but they were the exception. Tom was having trouble watching anyone walk away



Moving ahead to this weekend. I got out of bed at 2:30 PM Thursday after my usual 3rd shifter sleep, go to work at 10 PM, get home at 6:15 AM the next morning, take my usual 1 1/2 hour Friday nap, get up and spent the entire day getting kites and spars ready, and packing for the pending International District (ID) Summer Fair. By 10 PM that night, I am usually close to death, looking forward to a nice sleep. But because of the anticipation of the fair, I woke up at 2:30 AM, after only 3 hours of sleep. I can't get the fair out of my head. I am setting up the banner poles, putting the windmill up, where to put the tables, oh! I didn't order enough tables! Planning how to deal with the mobs of people my



without a kite anyway. If they looked like they wouldn't pay a dollar, he motioned to them and whispered, "it's OK, we can make an exception for you!" Tom also brought his famous "Little kites"

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with him, and he was able to sell a few of them. That helped only a little to defer the expense of the hotel. Just in case you don't know, Tom is from Idaho. Yes that's right, he drove all the way over here to help us with the kids kites, at his own expense, for three nights at the Red Lion Hotel, and GAS! I can't say enough about how much it meant to **Sylvia Bernauer** and me to have him there with us. It was truly the nicest thing I have seen anyone do, in many years. Tom, you have no idea how important that was to me personally. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

None of us felt left alone or left out to rot, or anything like that. Because we knew going in, that everyone else would be at the Westport Festival. I hope everyone had a great time there and that we will hear about it in this newsletter. I would have gone too, except **Jenn Meyers** from the *Acknowledge Entertainment* group in Seattle had called us and asked if we would man a tent for kids at the ID fair. She wanted us there so badly, she waived the registration fees, entrance fees, gave us 2 booths free and no need for a vendor license. They provided the tents, tables and chairs. She told us we could sell anything we wanted, gave us vouchers for parking and if that wasn't enough, she also gave us \$5 vouchers for food! I used mine for a waffle cone ice cream. (Cookies and cream, if you have to know!) Anyway, I couldn't say no to Jenn. I thought immediately, that the ID Festival would be a great place to get our WKA name out in the community. I was right. The weekend went great. We gave out a lot of business cards. I flew my **Deb Cooley** "Myassisa Dragon" windsock. It was a big pleaser there in China Town. Yes, yes it was. . . . Think about it.

There was another reason the weekend went great. It was because of another of our "givers" in the WKA. Our own **Suzanne Sadow**. She and **Ken Conrad** made up a whole lot of kites to sell at the booth. There were silk & bamboo birds and frogs. They also brought us some Octopus Dragon kites (is that legal? Octopus Dragons?) and little kites with WKA and the 2009 ID Festival Logos on them. We sold almost all of the kites Suzanne brought us, and "dollared" them to death with all the others. We made a nice \$270 for the WKA, passed out our name and did a lot to "color up" the festival, as you can see in the picture. We were the only ones to have any kind of decoration. Remember, members can see the newsletter **in color** on the web site! Thank you Suzanne for taking time out of your busy schedule, and bringing us the kites! All of us thank you bunches! And thank you to **Sylvia Bernauer** for coming both days to help as well. I guarantee you I would not



have done this without both you and Tom. And we would not have made any money, had it not been for Suzanne and Sylvia, who did all the selling. THANK YOU!

Now for the upcoming WSIKF. It appears we are going to be able to rent the Grange Hall again. We don't know for how much longer though. The Grange organization has stopped renting the building, but the owners have allowed us to use it this year. We will keep you posted on the following years to come. But for this year, we will see you Wednesday at the Grange hall for our annual WKA Lasagna Feed! There will be **no** Lasagna pins this year, only WKA pins. And only 90 total of those. We lost money last year so changes are afoot! And only 9 special pins this year. That's it. Get over it Pin Heads! The Dawg Dude will make an appearance again this year. I heard he is already gathering up a lot of pins on his vest to auction off to the highest bidder. He should be well vested by the time WSIKF is under way. Don't forget to send, or bring, your donations for the raffle. Any of the WKA Board members can take them for you. We need some of your special kites to raffle off! If you have any to donate, we would be very grateful for your donation. As you may know, this dinner is our main fundraiser for the year. Your donations are what keep us giving out to the community in the form of kites for kids, and our special sponsorships to the lucky few who win them. Which brings me to the last of my thoughts--Sylvia tells me that **only 5** of you have registered for the **Tom Sisson Fort Worden Scholarship**. If you don't know about this, or forgot this, you still have time to enter. It is worth about \$300 in registration fees for Fort Worden. If you are a WKA member, you are eligible to win this! It is a benefit of membership! I am thinking if we don't get any more than this entering, that we could stop doing it. Prove me wrong! The drawing, as usual, will be at the WSIKF Lasagna Feed. Good luck. I am sure Sylvia Bernauer has something in this newsletter to explain how to enter. If not, go check it out on our website. It is there.

That's all for now—

**Rick White**

All photos by **Rick White**



## Kite Clubs

### Associated Oregon Kites

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### Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

### Lavender Winds Kite Club

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

### Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox  
509-327-7974 or  
email: cxbil@aol.com  
Starting in June meet first Sunday of the month 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](http://www.fighterkites.org)

### Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Bud Hayes  
email: bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar at [www.nwskl.org](http://www.nwskl.org)

### Peninsula Breeze Blenders

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

### Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn

President: Bob Wendt  
Puyallup, WA 98374, 253-848-6325 (home)  
[prez@pcka.org](mailto:prez@pcka.org) Calendar at [www.pcka.org](http://www.pcka.org)

### Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Mike Button 360-733-7380 email: kite102@aol.com  
Fun fly every Wednesday & Sunday afternoons during daylight  
savings time until sunset  
Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor. Bellingham WA

### Washington Kiteflyers Assn.

Contact: Rick White  
email: sragtop@aol.com  
Address on back page of newsletter  
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### Westport Windriders

Contact Marla Miller  
253-752-7051  
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  
360-678-9358  
meets 3rd Saturday every month, call for location.

### American Kiteflyers Association

Contact Marla Miller - Regional Director 253-752-7051  
email: region10@aka.kite.org Regional: [www.aka.kite.org/](http://www.aka.kite.org/)  
region10 or [www.aka.kite.org](http://www.aka.kite.org)

### British Columbia Kiteflyers Assn.

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

## Washington State International Kite Festival

### WKA Lasagna Feed

Wednesday August 19, 2009

5715 Sandridge Rd, Long Beach, WA

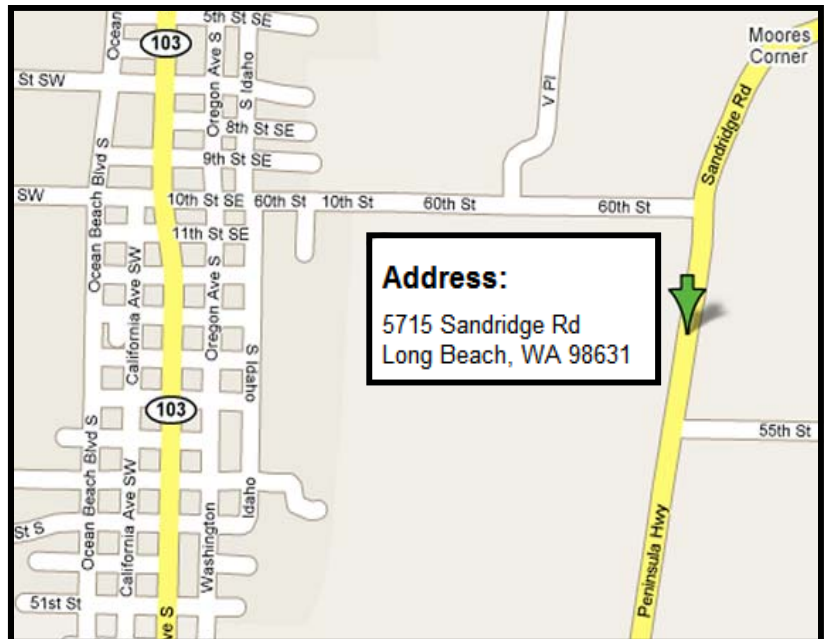
Doors open at 5 PM Dinner at 6 PM

### How to get there:

Go East out of downtown Long Beach, at the Go Carts on 10th St. Turn left. *As you can see on the map*, 10th becomes 60th St. Drive to the end of 60th St and turn south (right) and we are at just 1000 feet on the right. We will be dining and raffling in the Grange Hall.

We are in need of any and all kite related items to raffle off. **Please** bring them to WSIKF, or give them to any board member. Addresses and phone numbers are in this newsletter, or on the website. Thanks to all of you who make this happen!

And, as usual, we are in need of volunteers to help with the setup of the raffle items and meal setup. Contact any board member if you can take the time out of a fun day at WSIKF to add your willing hands.



## Spending a Wonderful Day Kite Making With Kids

These photos were taken on June 20, at the **Seattle Childrens Play Garden**. It is a Play area and garden being set up in Seattle where special needs kids can plant flowers and vegetables in gardens of their own. They also have playground equipment adapted to special needs.

I love working with these kids. They are so grateful to anyone who does anything for them. This day we only built 26 kites, but it was one of the most rewarding builds I have ever had.

**Carl Williamson**



Seeing the joy that is so evident on these children's faces you can understand why Carl loves doing this.

All photos by **Carl Williamson**



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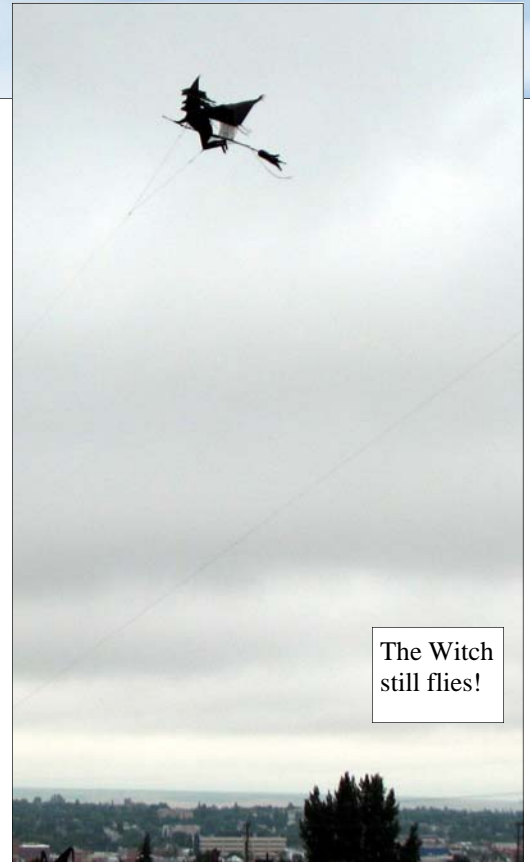
## Kite Travel Notes from Georgean Curran

**Dick** and I went to the **Windscape Kite Festival** in Swift Current Saskatchewan. The winds were pretty much the same as the last time we were there. They were all over the place, with rain on Sunday. Actually it wasn't rain, just a cloud which came in and soaked us. **Olive** and **Aime Barsalou** were there. Good to see them again. Windscape takes good care of their invited guests. Even had "gofers" to look after our needs.

**Westport Windriders July festival** was very similar to last year too. Too much wind on Friday. But not as bad as last year. Saturday didn't have enough wind. We all must have used it up on Friday. And Sunday was pretty damp and no winds. I must say though, that wet sand is much preferable to prairie red gunk. It builds up so much on your shoes and doesn't wipe off easily. Really gets heavy. Looking forward to next year. It's got to get better.

This display is by **Dave Gomberg**. He was at Swift Current also.

A few kites by Aime and Olive seen at Windscape.



All photos by **Georgean Curran**

A couple of pictures from Westport Windriders festival—



**Georgean** took this photo during the mass ascension on Sunday. It stopped raining long enough to fly a kite!



**Dick Curran** snapped this one and he titles it "Windless festival"

## Important WKA Club Business—



Per our club by-laws, we are required to nominate for, and vote on the positions of **Vice President**, and **Secretary** this year. No nominations have come in so far for Vice President, and only one name has come in for Secretary. Additional nominations for these two positions will be accepted from the floor during the annual membership meeting taking place following the WSIKF Lasagna Feed on the 19th of August.

For the Position of Vice President **Ken Conrad** has graciously allowed his name to stand as the incumbent.

And for the Secretary position, we have a new club member, **Bonnie Ecker** who is from Everett, WA. Many of us met her at the V2 Farm Sweet Strawberry/Kite Festival. She has had many years experience with other clubs, being involved as President, Secretary, and many other positions. Since joining WKA, she has already been active by visiting the new kite shop in Ellensburg, WA, talking with them about possible sponsorship and leaving WKA literature with them to hand out. She has been going to the WSIKF for several years, and she loves kite flying, and is looking forward to making her own kite as soon as possible. She is upbeat, and very professional. She has many other skills and qualities that will fit right in. I nominate her for the position of Secretary of the WKA.

This nomination is seconded by **Jerry Graham**

These nominations will then be voted on by the members present at the meeting.

**Rick White**

Your favorite kite pictures could have been here —

What is so hard about sharing with your kiting family?

Or even writing a how-to article? Surely YOU have ideas on how to make a special kite, kite accessory, how to fly a specific kite, and/or how to find good places TO fly.

Any takers??????????????

## **Massive Fire Hits Kite Store in Long Beach Washington**

We have received the following note from **Dave and Keli Colbert**:

“We did have just a little news about a fire but do not have time right now to sit down and write an article. There is an article available on line from the Chinook Observer. Thanks to all for all the support and well wishes, it has been very nice to hear from all you guys.

P.S.:there are photos of the inside of the old store and the new store on line in the side bar Photo Gallery heading.”

Happy Flying  
Dave & Keli  
www.aboveitallkites.com

***Note from Editor:** For those of you who don't have access to the Internet, I am including some of Dave and Keli's notes that are in the photo gallery. And here are a few pictures as well from the website.*

### **2009 Kite Store Fire Above It All Kites store goes up in flames!**

On Friday May 29, after 10 years of hard work, sweat and tears, our Long Beach kite store went up in flames.

We're not sure what the REAL STORY is as to just exactly HOW this happened, but as you can see, it happened.

The photos show all that remains of the inventory that went up in smoke during the fire. As you can see from the photos, it's difficult to tell just how damaged the "kites" are as their kite "bags" seem to have protected them. But virtually EVERYTHING smells to high heavens.

We have procured another building in town down on the corner of Bolstad and Main and over the next couple of weeks will be painting and setting up once again. Limited to stock in our warehouse for the moment however, so no telling what you'll find in there, it COULD be very adventurous.

**ALMOST a Kite Store Again! We are OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**  
Wahoooooooooooo! Well, it's taken a little over two weeks, but the store is up and running. We opened up on Saturday June 20th while we continue to put things up on the walls. It has a LONG WAY to go to be as highly decorated as the last one, but it's up, it's running, and it's already made over \$700.00! Not much but its a start!

Thanks to EVERYONE for pitching in with helping hands and stories to lift our spirits. This is NOT an easy thing to do, as Dave's entire kite collection from all over the world went up in smoke and he is literally heartsick over this!

From the ashes, we stand again, and go forward with the help of tons of people! Every one of you who stopped by to offer assistance has been a ray of sunlight in our day! More Pictures to come as we get the store set. Stop by and say hello. Our official GRAND RE-OPENING will be July 4th Weekend. Come buy a kite, get a raffle ticket, and have some fun!



This is a part of the burn destruction. What a mess!

This is the mess of insulation etc. the Fire Department recommended to be removed from the back room of the building



Dave is bringing in the stock and readying the new store for business!



### **THIS SPACE FOR RENT TO ANY WKA MEMBER**

***THE COST IS FREE***

***ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS AN ARTICLE OR A PICTURE TO FILL IT.***

***CAN WE GET MORE OF YOU TO LET US KNOW ABOUT HOW YOU ENJOY YOUR HOBBY, OR WHAT YOU THINK WOULD MAKE THE HOBBY MORE FULFILLING? OR LET US KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE AND WHAT WOULD MAKE IT BETTER?***

Calendar of Events — For more calendar information: <http://wka-kiteflyers.org>

August 1

PCKA Fly-In, Central Meadow at Chambers Bay Golf Course

Contact: **Bob Wendt** (see page 9 for information)

August 17-23

Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach, WA

September 11-13

Pacific Beach, WA "Up Your Wind" Kite Festival

September 26-27

Whidbey Island WA Kite Festival, NOTE THIS IS A CORRECTION OF THE DATE!!!!!!

See information on page 6

October 5-10

AKA National Convention, Rochester, MN

October 17-18

World Kite Museum One Sky, One World Celebration

Please drop us a line if you have events that need adding to the calendar. Then we all will be in the know!

New Member Report

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Ed &amp; Mary Beth DeBeck</b>      | Elma, WA         |
| and <b>A.J. and Dallas</b>            |                  |
| <b>Goodwinds LLC</b>                  | Mount Vernon, WA |
| <b>Amelia Cook and Leland Holeman</b> |                  |
| <b>Linda and Sandra Howard</b>        | Issaquah, WA     |

Welcome to our kiting family.  
<http://wka-kiteflyers.com>

Hi to all members and friends—

This weekend has been a very full couple of days. And that is only Friday and Saturday. Not sure what tomorrow will bring wind and weather wise.

This is the fourth year of the Parksville BC International Kite Festival sponsored by our local Lions Club. We have friends staying here with us from Oregon and Washington.

The wind today was sometimes just right and sometimes not at all and sometimes really hard. It blew the top of a beach umbrella off and it hit me in the side of my head.

That was a REAL scare. I could not figure who was hitting me SO HARD. But I think I am going to be ok. So now I wonder what tomorrow will bring. Hopefully much better wind conditions.

This edition is a one time printing totally in grey scale. We don't have time to wait for the outside cover sheet to be printed and still get it out to you in a timely manner. Our next issue will look normal again. Something to look forward to!!

For our next newsletters I will need submissions from you right after the September 11-13 Pacific Beach Up Your Wind Kite Festival. There should be plenty to report on: how the PCKA Fly-In went, WSIKF happenings, Pacific Beach, and on any happenings to follow.

Please remember we are all wanting to be filled in on what is going on in our kiting community. Take the time to fill us all in—ok?

Marzlie.



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Join the WKA and share the fun! Benefits include our 5 issues per year 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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