



Newsletter

April — June 2010

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

WKA — a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!
For the latest news check our website: <http://wka-kiteflyers.org>

News from my kite circle in Eastern Washington:

Kite Making Classes/Eastern Washington

Earlier in the year, I was contacted by a staff member of Columbia Basin College in Pasco. They wanted to arrange a kite making session as a follow up to the student/faculty review of the book, *The Kite Runner*, which has ties to kite fighting traditions of Pakistan. This was to accommodate 30 students.

Reviewing Pakistani Kites via GOOGLE, I learned in large cities, fighter kite battles were often done off the flat roofs of large buildings. Glass fragment coated flying lines were still used when not prohibited. Because maneuvering fighter kites requires pulling/releasing the kite line, or running to pull a glassed line over that of their opponent, injuries incurred from falls from roof tops and handling the glass coated kite line were significant. Also the glassed line of cut down kites draping at throat level across adjacent streets was causing facial injuries to motorcycle riders and others. This Pakistani kite history was reviewed with those who came for the kite making event.

A total of 27 students and staff members came to make the Pakistani Eddy kite. The event was funded by the Associated Student Activities organization, this being the first event they have sponsored. One attendee introduced herself as the committee member who had suggested me as someone who could lead the kite making session. It was held in one of the campus auditoriums. Kites were tested by walking them around the inside perimeter and down the center aisle of the facility. The session at the college went very well, worth all the special preparations necessary to help it happen in the time provided.

The local newspaper, the **Tri City Herald**, had a front page photo of a kite being tested and a brief story of the event. It mentioned that eleven other photos could be seen by going to: www.tricityherald.com, then when it comes up, enter "CBC Kite Making Event" in the Google entry space at upper right.

A kite making event is also scheduled at CREHST museum in Richland, which is currently displaying five of **Margaret Greger's** special kites. Participants at all these kite making events were given special invitations to attend the Sunday, April 4 kite Festival at Leslie Groves Park in Richland. To honor the memory of Margaret, a special fly time of Conover Eddy kites, her favorite training kite, was scheduled. Since that

date is also Easter Sunday, the starting time of the Festival was deferred to 12 noon. It is my opinion that having kites rising in the sky is an appropriate symbol of Easter rituals.

A photographer of the **Tri-City Herald** attended the local Kite Festival on Easter. Subsequently, Monday's front page had a photo of me launching my 6 ft. wing spread owl kite. The first time I flew it, all the gulls that frequent the area next to the river, promptly left. To verify it was the kite which vacated them, I took it down and flew other kites, until the gulls returned. Then the owl kite went up and once again, all the gulls left. They did not wish to share flying space with this oversized owl.

Good Breezes
"Greg" Greger

Perfect Day for A Flight



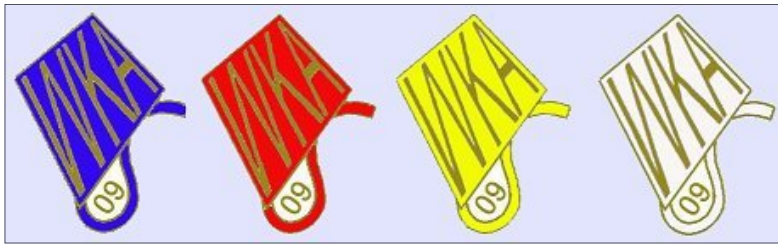
Greg with the owl kite
Photo by **Paul T. Erickson** of the **Tri-City Herald**

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Our Yearly Pin Design Contest

To give you an idea of what we are after, this picture is of the pins we did last year—



We made only 175 total pins last year. 40, 40, 40 and 15 It worked out perfect. We are planning to do the same split this year. If you would like to submit a design for this year's WKA pin, send it to Rick White, and if the Board picks your design, you will get a free set of 4 pins including the special pin.

The pins must have a kite in the design, the year and the letters WKA on it.

We can do the color changes if you like. All we need is one pin design for the set.

All entries must be in by the 15th of MAY!

Send your design to: Rick White: email ssragtop@aol.com

Safety tips to Remember When out Flying Your Kites:

Don't forget to use sunscreen on your throat and under your chin. When you are looking up at the kites a rarely sunny portion of your anatomy tends to get a lot warmer than you expect, especially if the sky is overcast.

And I cannot emphasize enough the importance of gloves when you are handling your kite lines. I forgot mine recently and managed to singe a couple of fingers when a gust took my kite out more quickly than I expected. And I am supposedly an experienced flier.


Take in lots of water, too. I know that will necessitate a few more trips to the facilities, but the long-term effect will be to leave you less tired and "wrung-out" at the end of the day.


Remembering to eat occasionally will help, too. I tend to lose track of the time and suddenly the sun is going down and my lunch is still sitting in the cooler. Oh well, midnight snacks, eh?

Jerry Graham



Change in WKA Scholarship to Fort Worden Regarding Housing

 The Scholarship program was designed to cover the costs of what is a typical experience at the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. In years past, most of the attendees stayed in the dorm. The scholarship offered that housing along with the meal package, etc. In recent years, more folks have made other arrangements for housing in the Officers Quarters houses or RV area of the State Park, etc.

 According to a vote taken at a recent WKA Board meeting, the scholarship for next year's conference will cover basic dorm housing cost, even if the winner stays in other housing. So, you may now mail in your postcards or letters for entry to the next drawing for the WKA Sisson Scholarship to the 2011 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. One entry per current member who would attend the conference. Drawing to take place at the WKA dinner during WSIKF week at Long Beach, WA. Only 3 entries received so far.



Kites for Kids Request (is there ever enough?)

While you're busy making new kites for yourself, remember to make a few extra kites for kids to receive during the Foster Grandparent fly at WSIKF in August. In fact, you don't even need to use scraps. We need a lot of extra kites this year. We provided kites to a record 250 kids last year! No particular design needed, just something easy to assemble and flyable in a reasonable wind.

Make some extras even if you can't attend WSIKF this year and either mail them to me or send them with a friend. Anybody who provides more than two kites will receive a special Kids' Day pin, even if they do not attend. However, if you are NOT attending, do send me a SASE that I can keep track of the pins that need to be mailed out.

Also, please let me know if you want to volunteer to help assemble extra kites just prior to the fly. 20 people helped last year and we could have used more! Kite assembly starts at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday at WSIKF. As a "Thank You", people who volunteer for the assembly team will receive a WSIKF VIP pin.

Again, thanks to everyone for their continued commitment to making this event a huge success--beyond my wildest dreams!

Glenda Kleppin

Travel News: In Case You Have Plans to Go South Along Hwy 101 in Oregon

Gomberg Kite Productions has opened their second **NorthWest Winds Kitestore** in Lincoln City. The original location is still in the Tanger Outlet Mall. The new location is opposite the D River Wayside in a space formerly occupied by Flying Things.

Both stores focus on kites and accessories produced by Gomberg Kites including a variety of two and four line stunters, a large selection of deltas, and lots of larger lifters and inflatables. NWW is also Lincoln City's exclusive Revolution dealer and will present a Revolution Clinic on May 8.

The stores are accepting applications from experienced kites looking for summer employment. Visit NorthWest Winds online at www.NWWinds.biz.

WKA Newsletter Survey Responses

- Thank you again to the members who answered the WKA Newsletter Survey and have agreed to read their issue of the WKA Newsletter on the web site. Almost 30 members responded and are now reading this article on screen. They have helped WKA to lower the cost of publishing and mailing this newsletter.
- If other members wish to do the same, write to me, you will be added to the "no mail" list for the next issue. All on the list will receive an email message when the next issue has been posted on our website.
- **Sylvia Bernauer**, Membership Coordinator

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This year, we had a **wonderful mid-winter vacation**, primarily thanks to the **World Kite Museum**.

Presidents' Day weekend, we attended **John Freeman's** three-day kite making workshop at the museum--an annual outing for us. Jerry made a beautiful rainbow bargello roc that he is very proud of. All by itself, just attending the workshop is a treat. However, the fun is expanded by the usual potluck dinner on Saturday night. This year, due to the large number of people attending the workshop, it was held at the museum.

Sunday night (Valentine's Day), **Karen Highfield** joined us for dinner at the **Depot in Seaview**. If you've not eaten there before, you need to try it out. You can even get a discount coupon for dining there from Restaurant.com! We had that coupon and a \$25 voucher we won when the restaurant generously donated it for the WKA raffle at WSIKF. Since it was Valentine's Day, there was a special menu, it was spectacular (as are all of the meals we've eaten there.) Thank you to the Depot for their yearly contribution to WKA.

Monday night, we slept and ate compliments of the Kite Museum, at least of their silent auction at WSIKF where we won 1 night accommodations and dinner at the **Shellbourne Inn**, a B&B which is another one of our favorite places. We had relaxing accommodations with a garden outside our doors;

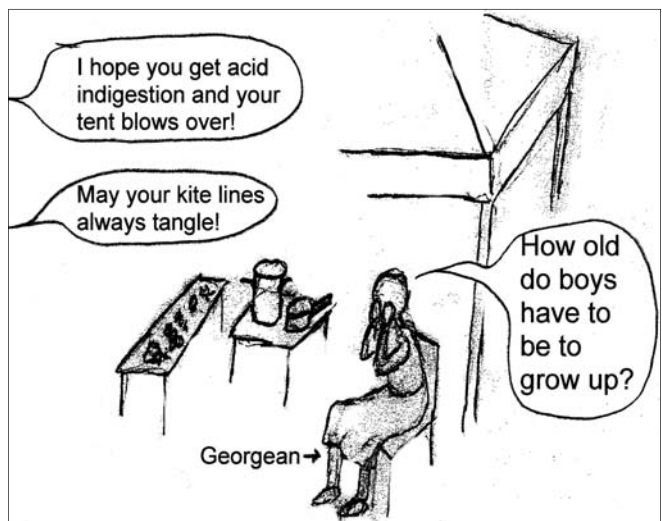
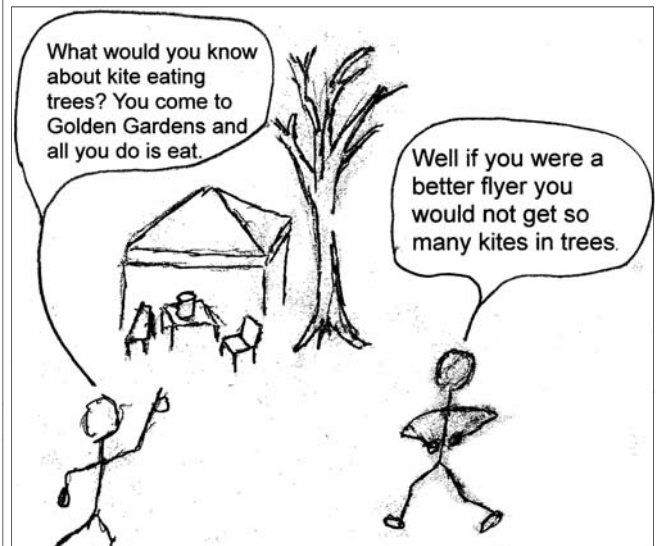
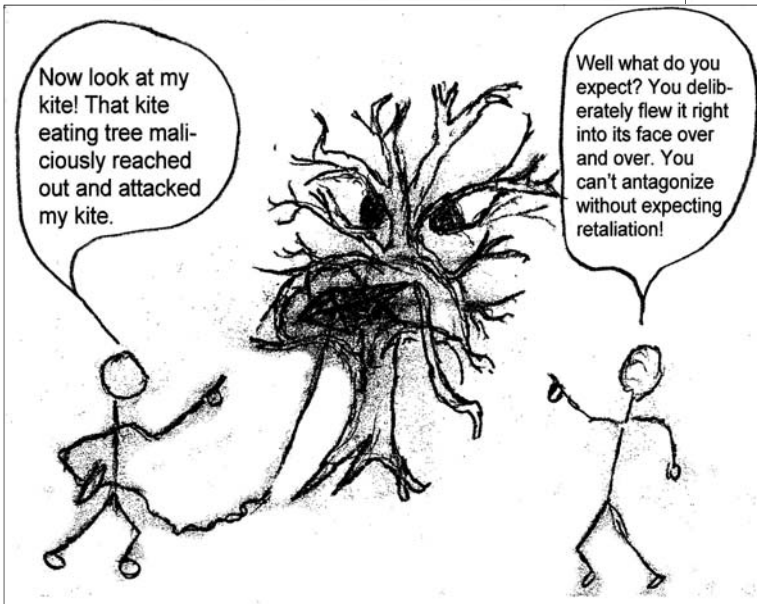
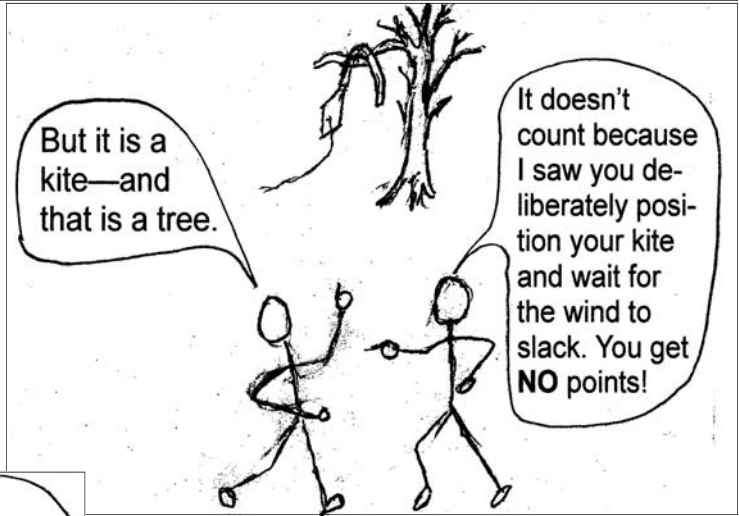
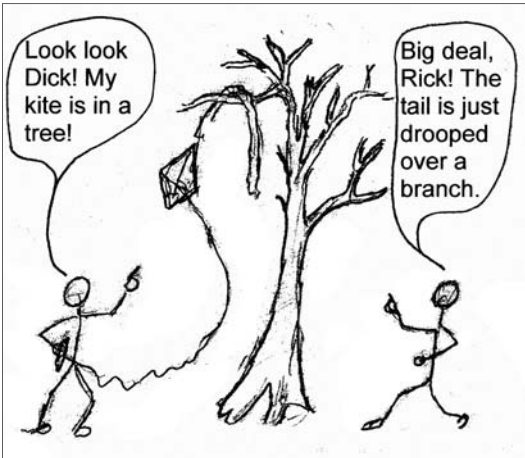
a great dinner with wonderful service; and choices from an innovative breakfast menu. The Inn makes a donation every year, and we appreciate being its recipients this year.

Tuesday we wandered to Astoria, toured the Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Lightship Columbia. We'd often remarked we should stop in there, but had never gotten around to it. What finally sparked our visit was we won free admission tickets at the Kite Museum raffle at WSIKF last year. In fact, we won 4 tickets, so donated 2 of them to the joint WKA/PCKA Christmas dinner raffle. The museum just kept giving!

Drove south to Lincoln City, enjoying the spring flowers in bloom. Visited **Gomberg's** kite shop in the outlet mall, saw where his new 2nd shop was to be opened. Spent Tuesday night in Lincoln City at the **Starfish Manor**, still another raffle winning from the Kite Museum! This accommodation is unique with a two-person whirlpool tub right by the window looking out on the beach. When we walked in, we found our bathrobes laid out on the bed, rose petals scattered over them and across the bed. Lindor truffles on our pillows. A great way to end the Valentine's weekend, and very inexpensive thanks again to the Kite Museum and their generous benefactors.

Glenda Kleppin/Jerry Graham

In response to **Rick White's** front page article in the first issue of 2010, **Dick Curran** writes: "in any debate or opinion expressed on a political or social subject, it is accepted courtesy to allow the opposing party or faction equal time to express their views". These drawings were created by Dick for his treatise on the subject of the Kite Eating Tree.



Kite Making "Payoff"

The photo in the **TriCity Herald** generated some interesting phone contacts, one being from my tax accountant who I have used for years to finalize my return. As I usually do, I had organized my records and given them to him to finalize. When he called the day after the photo appeared, he asked, "Are you free Thursday afternoon?" I said I was. He said, "I want to hire you." That sounded strange coming from him. He explained that his "out of town" family and six young grandkids were visiting. He asked me to meet with them on Thursday afternoon and teach them how to make kites, as I had been doing that week at several local locations during the April kite month.

So I met with these potential kite fliers and showed them how to make the Conover Eddy kite. And soon they were all flying their new creations. I was invited to have dinner with the accountant's family and the flying grandkids.

What a treat, a great kite making session and a great dinner, after which he gave me my completed tax return, along with his billing which showed a \$100 credit for my kite making services. And a good time was held by all!

"Greg" Greger

Some of Greg's kite workshop pictures



Photos provided by **"Greg" Greger**
Thank you Greg and we are hoping these kids may be WKA members some day!!

Notes from the Prez



Hello everyone, Yes, it's me again. Your Kiting guru! Your connection to reality (as I see it). Your personal rep to the WKA board. Yes it's true, I'm your President. I'm here to fulfill all your kiting needs. I fly, at your command. Just say the word! I may not be able to be where you are, but I will fly none the less. Before you get all crazy on me, (I fear it's too late for some of you,) I want you to know that I love you! Each and every one of you. And to prove that, I will stop this insane writing and get to the point.

As usual, I have so many things to say of the past, and upcoming events. This has been the busiest year ever for me. I thought it would start to get slower as I get older, but so far that has not happened. Here is a picture of my spring project at my house. When I am done, hopefully I will have a yard to fly



my kite in again. I am keeping the trees and bushes down to where I can reach the kite if it gets caught in one of them. I am sure **Dick Curran** will be disappointed with that! I will send a landscaping update in the next newsletter.

A great event was the **Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference** this past March. I had a blast making 3 kites this year. See them in my other article in this newsletter. Anyone who is just starting out with kite making will really like this. It will give you a BIG boost in the right direction.

I regret I wasn't able to go to the **Kingston kite fly**, but I want to thank **Scott Hartley** for attending and putting on a great show for them. I know there were others, so I hope someone wrote something on this 2nd year event. Let's hope it grows. I am hoping to be there next year!

The Sweet Strawberry/Kite Festival AND the WKA Father's Day Fly, are both happening again this year.

Strawberry's on Saturday, and Fathers on Sunday. It was easier than I thought to go to both. I will be repeating that again this year. Other kite flying events are, but not limited to, The **Rockaway Beach Kite Festival** in Oregon, **Quincy WA Kite Festival**, **Ocean Shores Kite Festival**, **NWSKL Competition** at Ocean Shores, **Pacific Rim Kite Festival** in Vancouver BC, and **Lincoln City Oregon Kite Festival**. All of this is just in the next 5 weeks! Add to this all the Kite Flies in Westport, and you have a very busy spring! All of these events can be found in the WKA website calendar. Check them out for dates and times!

Hey, how about the WKA web site!!! Is this the greatest it has ever looked, or what? Thanks to **Morrie Williams** we are finally, professionally, moving into the electronic age of information! Thank you Morrie for all your work!

I also want to thank all of our members who have started reading their newsletters on line! This is really helping us make our rising expenses without raising the cost of the membership dues. Dues have remained at \$15 for as long as I can remember. A BIG thanks to all of the board members for taking the time out of their busy schedules to meet and put some final touches on WKA business last March. Please keep in mind any of you who would like to be a part of the WKA Board, please contact one of us, and say something. We would like to have more help. There are lots of things to do! Merchant Liaison is one that leaps to the top! **Bonnie Ecker & Scott Slater** are poring over their jobs and helping out there. It's great to have them and **Kristian Slater** join us this year, as well as **Glenn and Marianne Austin**. All of these folks are new to the board, and are taking a very big load off of the rest of us! **Thank You**. It wouldn't be working without you!

There are several new ideas coming down the pipe for us we are working on. Like products for sale. How about a new WKA T-Shirt? Or those very cool bumper stickers that ??? (a very friendly man at the Christmas dinner) gave me. We want more! Call or email me so we can set it up! Or I can email **Bob Wendt** at PCKA. He will know who you are! A Research Department, that's what I need. Or just anyone with a memory!

Lastly, I want to WELCOME all the new members we have seen join the WKA this year. Most of them are a result of the web site. We're back on the rise!

With that I'll leave you with the most famous words in kiting, Gentleman,GO FLY A KITE!

Rick White
WKA President

Ed. note about the kite reel that is shown in Rick's picture above: Rick says: "the reel is part of an old sewing machine gear that my 86 year old uncle (machinist for Boeing,) made to fly his kite." **Great ingenuity, right? And recycling as well.**

Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kitters

Contact: Deb Cooley
Email: tucoolkites@earthlink.net
PO Box 25616, Portland OR 97298
Membership includes 5 issues per year newsletter

Ben Franklin Kite Society

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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

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
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 Calendar at 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.

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Westport Windriders

Contact Marla Miller
253-752-7051
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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.

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Kites Over Kingston

Saturday, April 10th was the third annual “Kites Over Kingston” kite festival. It takes place at the Port of Kingston’s Mike Wallace Park located on the south side of the Kingston Ferry Dock.

WKA member **Susan Rogers** has organized this great kite fly for kids and adults too. They have had the support of local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. The Kingston Mayor also attended.

The festival offered a little bit of everything from a children’s parade, awards for most colorful kite, longest tail, etc. There was also a kite making area and a local band which played great music. And there were popcorn and hot dogs as well.

Kids and their parents too had a lot of fun that day. The winds were blustery, so kites were going up and down all afternoon. But it was a beautiful day in a really nice little park.

Scott Hartley came again and set up a really great banner and flying things display including several kinds of items we see at big events. He answered many questions on kite making, and kite flying activities. I know Susan really appreciated his help at creating the festival atmosphere. Watch the website calendar for next year’s event. We hope they will have great weather and great attendance again next time.

Sylvia Bernauer



Susan Rogers is on the right with a friend



Sylvia took all the pix with her new digital—GREAT

WSIKF Kids' Day Pin Drive

Kids' Day has been an ongoing event at WSIKF for over 4 years now which is as far as Pat and I go back in the kite world. Some of you know more and if you let me know I'll put it in print for the future. Being a newbie in this hobby I've always felt you get out of something what you put in. We belong to several other organizations and devote a lot of time to those clubs and board positions. This hobby is our escape and I've promised Pat not to wear any political hats in this one. That said I've found a certain part of this hobby that is very self rewarding and that is Kids' Day at WSIKF.

I've been a pin collector for years in our other hobby raising Koi and Fancy goldfish. Through that hobby I was introduced to the kite world as I bought some "KOI Kite Pins" from **Jack Judd** on EBay. We met at the Westport Kite Festival in 2006. Jack and Joey invited Pat and me to the festival banquet where we bought our first kite at the auction and life has never been the same since. Does something like this bring back memories to anyone else?

In 2007 I was asked to help putting kites together for the Kids' Day event at WSIKF. I had a great time with it and said I'd help out the following year. In 2008 at the WKA Spaghetti dinner Pat and I were the high bidders on the stuffed dog with the vest full of pins; those proceeds were going to the Kids' Day event. We took a few pins off the vest we didn't already have in our kite pin collection and donated the dog and the rest of the pins back for 2009's event. **Glenda Kleppin** (knowing I was a pin head) asked me to keep the dog and try adding more pins to it. We did just that with the help of everyone and **Glenn** and **Marianne Austin** were last year's auction winners.

We're asking for any assistance you can give on donation pins or patches to the Kids' Day event at WSIKF. The stuffed dog is now the Mascot of the event and his name is "**Dawgy Dude**". We want to put 100 pins plus patches on his vest this year and have a

great auction to help buy kites and the Kids' Day pins for the event. So with Spring Cleaning around the corner think of this cause.

Children are our future and the future of this hobby. If we can make a memorable event happen where they can have fun, take a kite home to fly later, hopefully they will pass the experience on to someone else. Let's all work together on this.

You can send your donations to
Larry Christensen
16952 NW Bernietta Ct.
Portland, Oregon 97229.

Keep Smiling,

Larry Christensen



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WKA Newsletters going to addresses outside the U.S. cannot be sent via Bulk Mail. Also recent changes in the mailing requirements and rates have greatly increased our costs. Because of this, we request that you make a decision between:

1. Continuing to get a hard copy of your WKA Newsletter mailed to you, and at your next renewal date, increasing your annual dues to \$20 to pay for the increased costs, or
2. Keep your dues at \$15 and agree to read the newsletter on line at our WKA website, In Full Color! This method would mean NOT getting a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you.

Either way you can read the current issue, and all past issues posted, just by signing in the Members Only area of the WKA web site. Thank you for your understanding.

My Take on the Fort Worden Experience

I don't know how many of you attend the Fort Worden Kite Maker's Conference, but if you haven't yet done this, you are missing a real experience that is totally different from the rest of the kiting world. This is your chance to get all kinds of experience from SO MANY different kite makers from all around the world! As long as I can afford it, and am physically able, I will continue to go to this event, as long as I live. It is the highlight of my kiting experience every year. It is also the only place that I have ever had time to actually make a kite. Except my little Codys. I find that I am always too busy to make a kite at home. I have to take the weekend off, and get away from home, to be able to make a kite. Besides I don't have the space to make some of these kites. The FW conference has the space, the facilities, the "Commons" Conference Center/cafeteria, and the "out of the city" feel to it, that makes it so fun. I have to say, even if it was not at the Fort, as long as it was out of the city or at least away from the hustle and bustle of my world, It would be just as much fun. Like going away to camp for a week. All right, you found out my secret. I loved to get away to camp every year as a kid. So this is how I do it now.

And if you can't afford this kind of get away, keep your eye on the advertisements. I heard they are working on some ways of making it more affordable for some. Visit <http://kitemakers.org> for prices and class costs.

One more way it can be affordable, is if you send a post card in to the WKA, with your name, address and phone number on it, with the words "Fort Worden Kitemakers

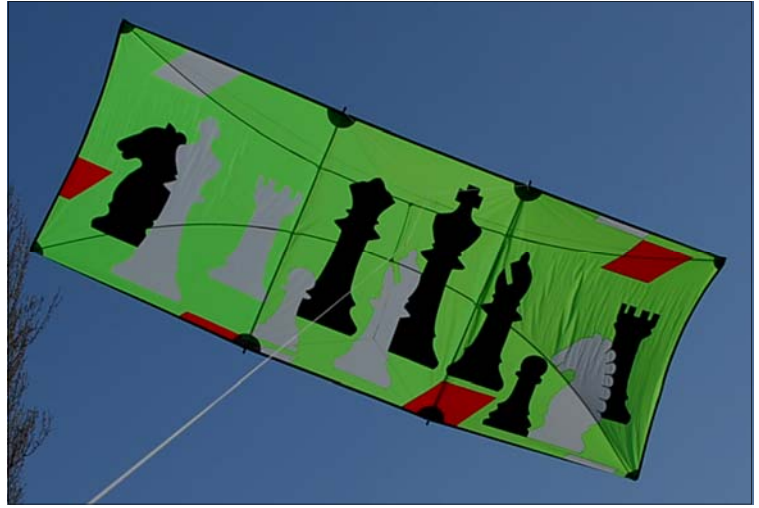
Conference raffle". You will be put in the drawing for a **free** conference! That's it. All you have to pay is the gas to get there. We even pay a generous allowance toward the cost of the class kits. Maybe all of them. See in this newsletter for exact details.

You could go for free! The **big** secret here is, we have had only an average of about 15 entries in this drawing for the last 10 years, but don't tell anyone! You have a **great** chance of winning a free, all expenses paid **Fort Worden Experience!** What are you waiting for, get those post cards mailed **now!** The winner will be picked on Wednesday of the WSIKF Lasagna Feed at the Grange Hall ! Again see the exact details by Sylvia, in this newsletter somewhere!

This year I made 3 kites. I'll show you what you are missing if

you didn't go.

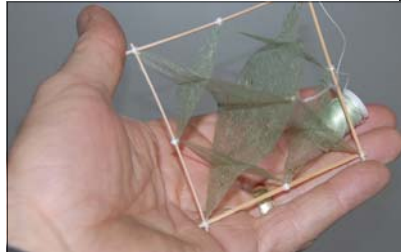
The first kite, which was made Friday, is the Poster Genki. Class taught by **Paul Horner**



Second class on Saturday all day was the featured kite of the Conference, the Bermuda Octagon. Class taught by **Mike Button.**



And my last class was the Miniature Facet Kite, taught by **Susan Skinner** on Sunday morning.



Now, don't these look like it was worth going to this Conference? You betcha!

Go Fly a Kite! Preferably, one you made yourself!

Rick White

Fathers Day Kite Fly

It will be held at the usual place - **Magnuson Park on Kite Hill.**

Bring your banners and toys in the event we have no wind.

Count on having a really good day flying kites with each other. This event usually has great weather, and mild winds.

It is one of the highlights of our year. I hope to see you all there!

Congratulations to **Carol Lord** for being awarded a Lifetime Membership in WKA in thanks for her 15 years of dedicated work as Treasurer.

2nd Annual Festival de Papalotes Isla Blanca, Mexico

Festival attendees this year who made it to the most southeast tip of Mexico were **Charles** and **Dorothy Stewart**, event organizers and gracious host. **Allan Ross**, Dorothy's brother came down and even took some kite board lessons from **Morph Kite Boarding School** who put on a great show of wind powered kite boarding. **Sharon Musto** and **Bud Taylor** from Canada added color to the sky while on their Mexico vacation and **Richard** and **Marti Dermer** brought their sled kites for the kids as well as sky art. **Melanie Anderson Koenig** came and brought her Revolution kite down to test the skies and the local authorities. (There is a story here) Our local friends **Robert** and **Ceri** helped us entertain the kids and paint the sky. Large deltas, octopus, soccer balls and more were in the air, while I gave lessons and costumed the kids sharing my butterfly, UFO and diamond kites. This year we had orphans and volunteers from "La Casita Orphanage in Cancun and an English speaking school from Isla Mujeres as our guests. Toys were collected all year by **Nancy** and **Andrew Myers** for the "Give a Toy, Get a Smile" fund raiser for needy children. This was the day they could reach into the magic box.

On the lagoon side of the beach, my vented Rev II got quite the workout in the 20+ wind, but the kids returned repeatedly for lessons and did excellent. Meanwhile, on the ocean side of the beach, there were boll races, kite making and Roberto zipping around with a three stack of kites. Kite making for the kids included diamond kites and sled kites with us volunteers working together at night to prepare them.

When some of the sled kites tangled, Bud made the most of it saying, "Oh, so you want to make a TRAIN of kites!" And he helped them tie them together. From across the beach where I stood, I thought one of the kite makers had pulled the train out of their bag. It looked good and flew steady all day! The kids were pleased. Charles told me there was a buzz at the school for days afterwards and all the kids had fun.

Now you would think that a wonderful kite festival would be enough of an adventure, but actually, it got even better. The Stewarts talked me into staying a few extra days. Something I do not usually do. We did a two day 3-legged trip of the Mayan/Aztec Ruins; walking the ground of "El Castillo", one of the Seven Wonders of the World at Chitzen Itza. I climbed a pyramid, zipped lined

across the lake at Coba with a crocodile under me and even stopped and snorkeled in the Grand Conote (Great Cave?) on the way to Tulim, where the ruins sit on a cliff overlooking the ocean. It was all so fascinating.

I'm supposed to keep this article short and Charles said this article should not read like a travelogue, but why not? Kite festivals and a good cause like the children and "Give a Toy, Get a Smile" are always a good destination!

Best Breezes,
Penny Lingenfelter
Indoor/Outdoor Revolution
Kite Flyer



Penny as the "Cat in the Hat" with **Ceri** and the kids
Photo provided by **Penny Lingenfelter**

*Editor's Note: hummm. Kite Flying **and** touring the Mayan/Aztec Ruins, what a joy that would be!!!*

**World Kite Museum
Robert Brasington Workshop**

How about a kite making workshop at the World Kite Museum in Long Beach, WA taught by Robert Brasington on Sunday, October 10, the day before the 2010 AKA Convention in Seaside, OR only a 45 minute drive from Long Beach.

Robert will be conducting the workshop on the weekend before the Convention to teach interested kite makers the finer points of the Star Kite. Multiple Star kites make up the Star Train and participants can choose to purchase kits



either as a single, or any number up to a stack of six. Make one or more at the workshop and finish the remainder at home at your leisure. Each kite is 500mm x 500 mm with a 3-meter Organza tail. Individual kite kits will have 4 shades of a specific colour

Museum expenses are \$10 per person and the price of each kite is \$27.50 Ausd. (The price in US dollars will depend on the exchange rate on the day but today that would be approximately \$23).

Positions are limited and we all know Robert's workshops fill quickly. Don't delay, register your interest now. Final acceptances up to August 1st if not filled before.

Please indicate how many of the 6 you would like to pre order.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

P.S. Don't forget you'll need your own sewing machine and relevant sewing kit.

Please send your class registration to the World Kite Museum's email address
info@worldkitemuseum.com

Coming Soon!



The Peninsula Postal Stamp Club of Long Beach, WA is in the process of creating an exhibit of kite stamps from countries around the world. In 2009 the group artistically prepared three 34" X 26" frames of Chinese kite stamps to accompany a new

Chinese Kite Celebration at that time.

This time, besides using the World Kite Museum's stamps, the group has researched and obtained more varied stamps to extend the total collection.

This exhibit will be one of a kind. Keep your eyes open for this unique event and tell your friends.

Empty Spaces In The Sky

This email message was received from Ron and Marla Miller Sunday, February 07, 2010 9:07 PM

Richard Soulier passed away last week.

In 1976 he started 2 businesses in Westport Washington. One was Little Richard's Donuts and the other was Pic-a-Patch Kites, along with his partner **Jeri**. He was instrumental in establishing the Westport Windrider Kite Club in the 80's, along with some avid kites at the time, some of whom are still members. We have fond memories of Richard and the first kite festivals he put together. You could not go to the beach without going into town and having some of those wonderful donuts and hanging out at the kite store. I can still picture Richard across from the kite store flying a kite over the boats in the harbor or his van parked on the beach and teaching people how to fly kites. He supplied a lot of us with our first kite and a few after that.

WKA extends condolences to **Carol Metz** of Medical Lake, WA. Her husband **William** passed away in October 2009. William had been a member since 1993. Carol said she still enjoys reading our newsletters. We hope she continues to enjoy kites with her friends.

Tulip Town Memorial Kite Fly

I attended the Memorial Kite Fly for **Erv Crosby** of the Four Winds Kite Shop on Sunday, April 18 at Tulip Town on Bradshaw Road west of Mount Vernon. For several years, Erv and Gail sold kites in a space in one of the buildings at Tulip Town.

It was a beautiful day but the wind played tricks on us. Some said that Erv was up there laughing at our efforts to keep the kites flying. At other times there were some nice breezes that were great for fighter kites and light wind sport kites.



Steven and **Becky Tisch** had their pterodactyls and many other things flying on poles. Several friends from the old SCI-FI Club (Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals, based in Everett) like **Butch Harviston** and **Allen** and **Marjorie Taylor** came to fly. **Dave Shattuck** and several others were there too. It was a great laid-back kind of day that all enjoyed.

There were at least 5 Rev flyers that had a good time, and just did not know when to quit when it got late in the afternoon. They still had not packed their kites away in their bags when I left.

Other friends of Erv have been flying kites there every weekend during the Tulip Festival and plan to continue doing that next year. They have invited us to come and fly with them. So we will hope for good weather and colorful tulips again at Tulip Town.

Sylvia Bernauer

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May 29-31 2nd Annual Kite Festival Quincy WA
Jun 5-6 Ocean Shores WA Kite Festival
NWSKL Sport Kite Competitions
Jun 12-13 Pacific Rim Kite Festival Vanier Park
Vancouver BC
Jun 19 Sweet Strawberry and Kite Festival see pg 14
Jun 20 WKA Fathers Day Kite Festival see pg 11
Jun 26-27 Lincoln City, OR Summer Kite Festival
Jul 9-11 Westport Windriders Kite Festival
NWSKL Sport Kite Competition
Grayland WA
Jul 17-18 Parksville BC Lions Club Int'l Kite Festival
Jul 17-18 So Oregon Kite Festival Brookings
2011
March 24-27 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference,
Port Townsend WA www.kitemakers.org

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

Editor's Notes—It looks like we are going to have a busy spring season of kiting events. And summer is shaping up to be a lot of activity too. The days fly by. And you know once we retired they began to fly by even faster, we marvel that we ever had the time to work. Our hobby of kite and banner making and going to the kiting events keeps us so busy. But we do enjoy ourselves in the hobby so much. We have such a wonderful family of kite friends.

*John has been working on kite designs for next year and the year after that. And I have been working on the kite arch I made out of scraps from the bargello rok kite we made for the Museum workshop this year. It is hard to get away from the sewing machine long enough to put this together. But I did it!! The sewing machine has a pretty loud siren call. That is what making kites is all about, isn't it.
We will need items for the next newsletter in mid-July, so I be very pleased to hear from you all then—keep those cards and letters coming. Bye for now, Marzlie*



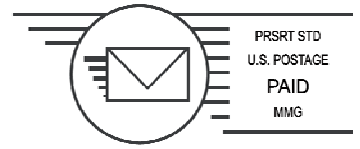
New Member Report

David & Christina Ellis	Overland Park, KS
Juliet Halloran	Everett, WA
Ray & Donna Hertz	Auburn, WA
Blaize Monostory	Stouffville, Ontario
Jim & Susan Shaw	Bainbridge Island, WA
Steven & Rebecca Tisch	Graham, WA

Thank you for finding us on our website and for participating in WKA events. We will be glad to see you at WSIKF August
Welcome to our kiting family.

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Sylvia Bernauer snapped this photo of the tulip fields

