

Newsletter

August - December 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: wka-kiteflyers.org



Dinner is a potluck affair. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. PCKA and WKA will provide turkey and ham main courses as well as coffee, soda and water.

Bag raffle - donations are greatly appreciated! All profits from this event are given to the local food bank to help make the holidays merrier for those less fortunate. Because of this we are not charged rent for the use of the gym, only a small fee to pay the custodian.

WKA / PCKA Christmas Party

Saturday, December 4, 2010
Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 122nd Ave E
Edgewood, WA 98372

Again this year the Washington Kitefliers Association and the Pierce County Kitefliers Association are hosting a Christmas Potluck and Indoor Fun Fly. This has been a traditional event for many years with good friends, good food, good flying fun and a chance to help the community. We will be at the same location as the past several years (see the address above).

Here is the schedule for the day.
Noon – 5:00 PM

Indoor fun fly – bring your indoor kites or borrow one from one of the other fliers. Here is a chance to learn something new, meet the new AKA Indoor Grand National Champion (way to go Toby!!) Or just socialize with friends.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Set up the tables and chairs for dinner and the bag raffle.

6:00 PM

Dinner followed by the bag raffle drawing and auction.



Heather T, Jerry C, Gerald G, Sonia & Wayne Turner

Auction - If you have a special or unique item that you would like to have auctioned off you can specify where you want the proceeds to go. They can be sent to the food bank or to the World Kite Museum.

We hope you all can come, play and have a good time with us as we get into the Holiday Season!!!

If you have questions call **Bob Wendt** (253-848-6325) or **Rick White** (206-819-4739).

Bob & Rick

See more 2009 pictures elsewhere in this newsletter.

A Personal Note

Due to the drastic change in my life, I have given up the editorship of both newsletters I have been doing for so long. The time left for me to spend with my beloved partner in life is too short to be doing things that take up any time away from spending it with him.

I appreciate all those who took the time and effort to send in articles, pictures and other items for the newsletter. It has always been *your* newsletter and what was in it was determined by you, the members who were so pro-active.

Thank you for letting me be the Editor for so long, I have truly enjoyed this part of our kiting hobby.

Marzlie Freeman

Former Editor of *The Oregon Kiter* and the *Washington Kitefliers* Newsletters

Letter from the World Kite Museum

The 30th annual Washington State International Kite Festival filled the skies with old familiar favorites, lovely new creations, inflatable creatures from **Bernard Dingworth** and the dancing Dyna Kites of the Windjammer Team. Two world's records were set, one for Toy Story box kites and the other, for the Revolution mass ascension. There was lots of happy flying.

The World Kite Museum feels that same happy feeling toward you who took part in our weeklong activities. Those of you who helped make kites on the beach, moved chairs for events, gave items for the auction, bid generously on auction items, clapped and cheered - you are the best.

Thank you, thank you for helping the Museum provide fun at the festival and education and other kite events all year round.

Sincerely,
Kay Buesing

Miscellaneous Notes & News—

WKA/Sisson Scholarship for 2011 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

Richard Hurd is one lucky guy!! He won and greatly enjoyed the 2010 conference - and he will be doing the same for 2011. Congratulations, Richard.

WKA Lasagna Dinner

Thanks so very much to all the helpers at our dinner this year. And that goes for the pin and raffle ticket buyers and well as to all those who donated to support WKA.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Did you see the VERY pregnant pirate at WSIKF? We were concerned that she was going to have that baby right there, but it held off a few more days. **Kara Zubal** had a baby boy,

Kaden Airis Zubal, born on September 8, 2010 at 7:33 pm. He was 9 lbs. 5 oz. and 21-1/2 inches long.

Congratulations to WKA's newest, youngest member!

Letter from Bud Hayes

Hi all,

I hope this email finds you all safe and sound. **Linda** and I are driving home after what was an amazing week of weather for AKA Nationals at Seaside. Only one day of half hearted rain when there were no sport kite events scheduled. How lucky is that! NWSKL and the clubs we work with were complimented up one side and down the other for our convention efforts and the year in general with our best pal **Bob Wendt** winning AKA Volunteer Of the Year, The **Westport Windriders** winning AKA Kite Club Of The Year and oodles of compliments for NWSKL's sound system and field management efforts. Great job to all who were there."

Note: The 5th annual Camas Indoor Kite Festival took place on November 6th and 7th. There was a lot of really good flying, including our now famous **Connor Doran** and the newest Indoor National Champion, **Toby Arndt** (CONGRATS DUDE!!).

Thank you from Carl Williamson ..

"I would like to extend a big thank you to every one who helped with the Special Friends Day, and the Kids Kite Building at Long Beach. There weren't a lot of people for Special Needs Day so we were able to have at least one on one kite making and some times more."

On Wednesday and Saturday we had a lot of people come and help as they could. As a result we were able to build 650 kites over the two days. A very special thank you to everyone who helped. We could not have done it without you.

Carl Williamson

Note: At the Kite Museum auction, **Kaye Buesing** thanked Carl for stepping up and taking over Mary **Yoshimi's** job in the kitemaking tent and for donating and preparing all of the kitemaking supplies for the festival.

More 2009 WKA/PCKA Christmas Party



Donna & Bob Wendt, Ron Miller, Mike Woodring, Marla Miller

Notes from the Prez



Since this is the last Newsletter of the year, I am thinking back on all the events that I enjoyed this past year. I am sure that year after year, I attend more and more events. This year was certainly the busiest ever! And go figure, it was the funniest ever too!

We're coming up on the slack season if there is such a thing. We all move indoors, and try to aspire to the flying talents and likes of

Connor Doran. I don't think the slack season is long enough to achieve that, in my case. But we do our best to try. We will eat, drink and be happy with what we can do, because kite flying is "what we do" !

Thanksgiving is almost here, and after we stuff ourselves silly, we will be gathering again for our Christmas party, to finish the job. Please, if you haven't been to it before, try and make it. Just in case you don't know, I'll lay it out for you. First we fly indoor kites for 5 hours or so, then at 5 PM, we set up for a really great potluck dinner at 6 PM. (This is where we finish the job from Thanksgiving.) After that we raffle off all the donations that you all bring for one purpose and one purpose only, to raise money for the food bank, that is run out of the church that lets us use the building! Great combination eh? If you can not make the dinner, PLEASE donate a kite or some other kite related item to raffle. The food bank can REALLY use the money raised. Especially in these harder times we are in. If you have something that you want to have auctioned off with the proceeds to go to the Kite Museum, bring those items along as well.

After the Christmas party is over, we will start thinking about the New Year's Day Kite Fly at the Golden Gardens Park located at the west end of 85th ST in N. Seattle. WE ALWAYS attend no matter the weather. We will fly in the snow if necessary. You see it's in our blood. We HAVE to fly at least once a month, or we get ill. I will say this, 80% of all the New Year's Day Flys have good weather. Really! So don't stay home! Come and huddle with us if necessary, but come and fly a kite! Bring food!

My mind is going back to October now when we were at the AKA convention. What a glorious week we all had. My wife **Terry**, my Mom **Freida**, **Lonnie** and myself were lucky enough to have an 8th floor view facing the beach. It was so cool! I stood on our balcony and held my hand out, and **Ben**, (from Revolution Co.,) would land his Rev on it. I have

pictures to prove it. The weather was perfect, 6 out of 7 days. It couldn't have been better. Blue skies and light winds. The whole conference was just outstanding. I was even able to acquire over 150 more kiting pins for my collection. For a pin head, that really helps to enhance the experience! BTW. If you have been thinking, "I just have to get this kite pin into Rick's collection", then by all means, get that pin to me. I will gladly accept it with loving, open arms! Yes, I will even trade pins with you. I know what you are thinking. I am shameless, using this newsletter to further my pin collection. All I have to say is, . . . I'm the prez, get over it! Hahahaha. Moving on, the Rok battle was the best at this year's AKA too. **David Gomberg** and **Ronda Brewer** battled it out in traditional fashion. But in the end, it was Ronda who prevailed. Girl power! As for this years AKA conference, it was my favorite of all I have attended. Until this year, Billings 2001 was my favorite.

I would like to share something that has me excited beyond all belief. I am so happy and enthused about all the people who are wanting to be part of the WKA, but even more exciting, are all those who are struggling and fighting to be part of the WKA board! Wow! Who knew there were that many people who wanted a part of this grand experience? Well it's really very simple. All you have to do is contact one of us and tell us you are interested. We will gladly make a place for you! I am serious! It's that easy! I will await your email! And please do it soon! Many of the board are hanging on, fighting increasing health problems, and waiting for that new blood to pour in! Trust me, some of us are getting grey hair, and are ready for retirement. Oh wait, many of us are already grey haired, and retired! But all kidding aside, WE NEED YOU to get involved with us. We need your opinions, and ideas. If you are looking for a great time and a pleasurable experience, the WKA board is all of that I promise. It has been very fun for me the past 5 years, and working with the great people we have on this board, is a lot of fun. Truly!

In conclusion, I want to tell you about three really great fella's I really look up to. These guys are the best friends a person can have. They give of themselves day in and day out. They are always there supporting the kite flying community. All three of these guys have been struggling off and on lately with some really serious health problems. Terry and I pray for them a lot. I am telling you all this for two reasons. One so you are aware of there struggles, and two, if you are the kind of person that believes in it, I would like you to join us in prayer for them. These great guys are **Glenn Austin**, (our Treasurer's husband,) **Geno Ross**, (our Membership Chairperson) **Sylvia Bernauer's** good friend, and **John Freeman**, a wonderful kite maker and (our long time Newsletter Editor,) **Marzlie Freeman's** husband. I know they would appreciate your love and prayers VERY much!

Until next year! Keep flying, and keep having fun!

Rick

AKA 2010 Grand Nationals

October 11-16

Seaside Oregon

The 2010 American Kite Fliers Association (AKA) annual convention and championship competition returned to Seaside, OR for the fourth time last month. The huge beach flying fields, the nearby convention center and outstanding lodging options make this a great place to meet and compete. While the annual convention is definitely about competitions there are a number of activities for the regular kite enthusiast. Seminars fill every morning, social activities fill most evenings and there is ample room for the mass ascensions and open fly time to play with whatever kites you want in the afternoon.

Monday is very low key with registration throughout the day, getting settled into your rooms and a social in the evening. This year the food was abundant and excellent. It was fun getting reacquainted with friends from the other side of the country!

Tuesday is when things get going in earnest. The annual Board meeting starts at 8 AM for the politically minded. Workshops offer interesting options for the rest of us. The Kings (Alexa, Cari & Sam) did an excellent introduction to using paint on kites. Check out the handcrafted results on the next page to see why these folks are qualified to speak on this topic! Other topics included beginning kitemaking, indoor flying and pin collecting. The sport kite and fighter kite competitions begin in the afternoon.

Wednesday - I went to the judging seminar for handcrafted kites. There were also introductions to sport kite competitions, big kite flying, knots and a make and take miniature kite seminar. Flying competitions continue and the handcrafted judging gets started with the close up inspection of each kite in the convention center. It's a great way to see some incredible pieces of work!

Thursday - More seminars. Linda Sanders showed how she make her wonderful banners. Gary Goodenough led a fighter kite make and take. Somewhat soggy weather (the only wet day) resulted in a postponement of the outdoor handcrafted judging. A great day to check out the town and visit with friends. The Fly Mart opens with great deals for all!

Friday - Seminars on Revs, origami kite making, a Susan Skinner miniature kite make and take, KAP, and the Drachen Foundation. Afternoon catch up on the handcrafted flight judging and resume the sport/fighter kite competitions. The Great Kite Auction and Dinner fill the evening.

Saturday - The home stretch. Seminars on advanced kite painting, handcrafted post judging review, more time to spend money at the fly mart. Afternoon ROK battles and other good stuff leading to the final evening dinner and awards presentations. Suffice it to say that the Northwest did well in all of the awards categories!

Jerry put together a list of handcrafted results for you. It is printed on the next page. I do not have the complete list of sport kite winners yet but will try to list a couple of highlights.

Additionally the AKA has a handful of special awards. This year top awards went to:

Robert M Ingraham Award - Mel Hickman, Yakima Kite Club of the Year - Westport Windriders

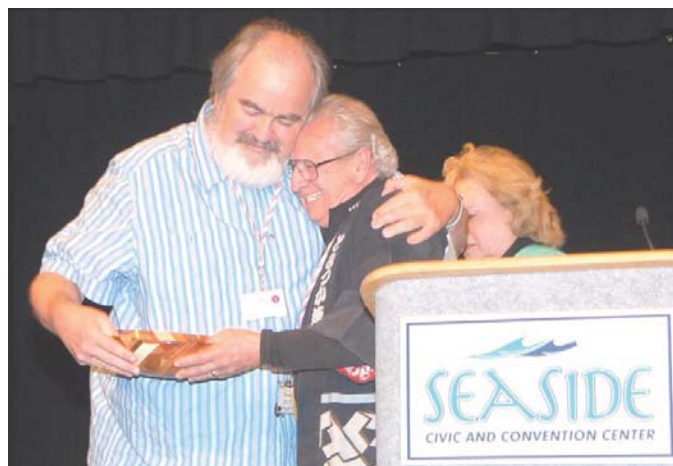
Volunteer of the Year - Bob Wendt, Puyallup, WA

Indoor Grand Nat'l Champion - Toby Arndt, Edgewood, WA

Outdoor Unlimited Champion - Amy Doran, Bend, OR

The rest of the sport and fighter kite results will have to wait for the final results to be published. I'm sorry not to have them but I did not expect to be writing this article when they were presented. Some award winners pictures are shown below. More will follow later.

Bob Wendt



Mel Hickman (Yakima)- Our hard working Executive Director receiving the Ingraham Award.

Below:

Bob Wendt (Puyallup)-Volunteer of the Year

Donna Wendt (Puyallup) - Third Place Novice

Jean Reed (Omak)- Third Place Flat

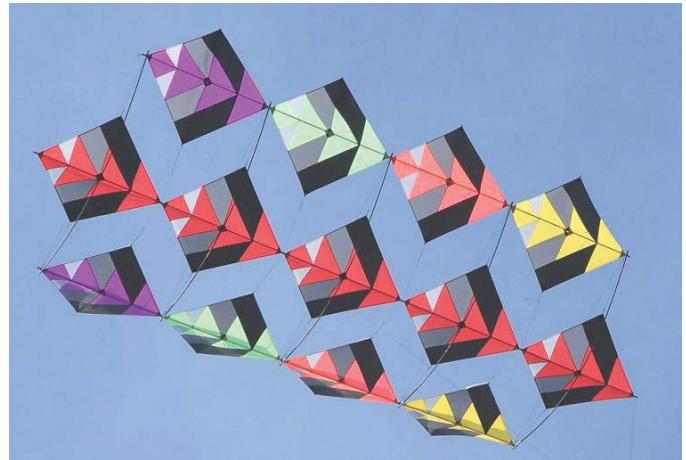


2010 AKA Handcrafted Winners



Will Sturdy (left) and his Grand National Championship winning kite (right).

Incredible what a 17 year old kid can dream up in history class!! (True story.)



Alexa King - Two time champion!

First Place Rokkaku with her Loon on the Water.

First Place Mixed Media with her Jelly-Fish.



Mark Engbaum – five trophies:
First Places in:
Most Innovative Train
UFO

Second Places in:
Flat
Figure



Above
Jerry Graham (With Glenda, of course) - Three time winner: Second Place finishes in Arch, Fighter and Rokkaku.

Below
Dave Colbert (on the right)– Another three trophy winner.
Second Place Delta
Third Places in Sport Kite and Sky Display



2010 AKA More Pictures

Pictures on these pages contributed by Rick White, Sylvia Bernauer, Glenda Kleppin and Donna Wendt - Thank You !!!



Sylvia Bernauer -Receiving her Third Place in Novice Fighter Kite Skills

Launny on the 8th floor balcony as Ben D'Antonio flies his Rev up to visit him.



Left
Sode Kite flown in the Freeman Fly. This is another variation of the Bargello style that John and Marzlie taught at the World Kite Museum.

Below
Marzlie with her Peoples Choice winning beach display.



Left
Glenda Kleppin & John Freeman waiting to be judged in the handcrafted competition. John and Marzlie did well in the Cooperative event. They finished Third through Sixth in this category. Marzlie also had a First place Arch. Way to go girl.

AKA Handcrafted Competition Results

The Pacific Northwest cleaned house at the American Kitefliers Convention in Seaside. As I reviewed the complete results I was amazed at the number of competitors from the Northwest and how well they did. Most of them were **WKA** members, a lot of them were also Pierce County Kitefliers, and a few were from Associated Oregon Kitefliers.

The complete official table of results is available on Kitebuilders.com, but this listing shows the top Northwest finishers in each division. Note: Cooperative kites – those built by two or more people are judged in a separate category but are shown here so you can get an idea of how good these kites really are. The top three in each category received awards.

ARCHES

Marzlie Freeman 31.70 **First Place**
(Richard Hurd & Phyllis Gribbon 30.57 Cooperative)
Jerald Graham 28.53 **Second Place**

BOWED

Sam King 33.33 Fourth Place
(Dave & Diane Butler 32.43 Cooperative)
Donna Wendt 32.07 Fifth Place

CELLULAR & DIMENSIONAL

Sam King 34.30 **First Place**
Mark Engbaum 31.00 Fifth Place Tie
John Freeman 31.00 Fifth Place Tie

DELTA

Cari King 32.13 **First Place**
(Donna & Bob Wendt 30.47 Cooperative)
David Colbert 30.20 **Second Place**
Heather Thomas 29.53 **Third Place**

FIGURE

Mark Engbaum 31.17 **Second Place**
John Freeman 30.10 Fifth Place

FIGHTER

(Richard Hurd & Phyllis Gribon 29.57 Cooperative)
Jerald Graham 24.97 **Second Place**

FLAT

Sam King 33.70 **First Place**
(John & Marzlie Freeman 32.20 Cooperative)
Mark Engbaum 32.03 **Second Place**
Jean Reed 29.80 **Third Place**

ROKKAKU

Alexa King 32.87 **First Place**
(John & Marzlie Freeman 31.67 Cooperative)
(Richard Hurd & Phyllis Gribbin 31.13 Cooperative)
Jerald Graham 30.30 **Second Place**

SKY DISPLAY

Cari King 33.03 **First Place**
(Marzlie & John Freeman 31.36 Cooperative)
Dave Colbert 29.30 **Third Place**

SOFT

(Rod & Cindy Thrall 31.47 Cooperative)
(Dave & Diane Butler 31.43 Cooperative)

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SPORT

David Cobert 28.43 **Third Place**

TRAINS

Mark Engbaum 31.83 **First Place**
(John & Marzlie Freeman 31.73 Cooperative)
David Colbert 29.90 **Second Place**

UFO

Mark Engbaum 32.17 **First Place**

COOPERATIVE

Dave & Diane Butler 32.43 **Second Place**
John & Marzlie Freeman 32.20 **Third Place thru 6th**

SPECIAL AWARDS

MIXED MEDIA - Alexa King Figure
MOST INNOVATIVE - Mark Engbaum UFO
TOP NOVICES - SECOND Cari King - Sky Display
TOP NOVICES - THIRD Donna Wendt - Bowed
GRAND CHAMPION Will Sturdy - Bowed
(I know, he's not one of ours, but how I wish he was!)

Jerry, Glenda, and Panda
Keep 'em Flying!

Connor Doran Possibly the most famous kiteflier in the world.

Every kiter in the Northwest had good reason to watch America's Got Talent on TV this last season. Connor Doran of Bend, Oregon made us all proud and represented the sport of indoor kite flying in the best possible way. Yes, I know Connor is from Oregon and this is a Washington Kite Fliers Association newsletter but he and his mother, Amy, are participants in almost every kite event in this area and are well known to nearly all of us.

So how does a goofy kid do so well against the level of talent on one of Americas' largest talent competitions?

Step one is to have a dream. Connor started kite flying about four years ago at the Bend Kite Festival. For several seasons he competed with a glider and ribbons on a stick at the indoor events. While he was entertaining he was not the most skilled flier. Then Mrs. Santa gave him a custom Red/White/Black indoor Rev for Christmas. Three weeks later at the Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach, WA he put on a performance that left everyone who had seen him before totally amazed. Amy was crying with happiness as he finished his routine. Shortly after this Connor began talking about the possibility of entering AGT.

Step Two is to be persistent. As Connor continued to polish his skills he had the opportunity to fly with some of the best Rev pilots in the world. John Barresi, Scott Weider, Lam Hoac and others helped him develop his style and encouraged him to follow his dream. While Amy was doubtful in the beginning she supported him fully when he decided to go for it.

Step Three is GO FOR IT (but keep your mouth shut!) Tryouts in Portland were early in the year but no one was allowed to say ANYTHING about the experience or the results. Until the program actually aired several months later this had to be kept absolutely secret or the penalties would be severe. In fact the second level of competition in Las Vegas was before the first tryouts were shown.



Finally, don't give up. Connor did well in Las Vegas but was not initially passed on to the Los Angeles competition. At this time Connor was disappointed and was not sure about being called back. It was Amy who encouraged him to keep practicing at this time. "Do you want to be surprised or prepared if you get another chance?" Connor chose to be prepared. Every morning he was at school early to practice in the cafeteria. This is where he mastered the stacked Revs.

Judge Howie included Connor in his call back list. The bottom line is that Connor finished one spot out of the final ten.

This is not the end of the story. Since then he and Amy have had numerous requests to perform at special events all around the country. They just recently got back from the Epilepsy Foundation of America national convention in San Diego. A trip to Galveston is on the schedule for the near future. He will also be one of the featured fliers at the Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach, WA, January 15-16.

Connor is VERY appreciative of the support everyone has shown. "It's been amazing!"

An interesting side note: Even though the contestants have all gone their own way they are still keeping in touch with each other via facebook and email.

Bob Wendt



Above:
An autographed "Dare To Dream" logo T-Shirt with Connors stacked Rev logo.

Left:
Amy and Connor with Dave Gomberg at the AKA Banquet and auction.

More Kite Eating Tree.... It's Official

October 2, 2010
Dear W.K.A.

Just received a packet of Stuff from Gary Maynard (Windjammer #1 recently out there at Long Beach). In it were a couple of your newsletters. I was amused and interested in the Kite Eating Tree article by Rick White because our club here - OSEK - Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites had a tree experience, too. We did something about it! As described here:

Once upon a hilltop park in the small town of Stow, Ohio, we were flying kites. Usually we had the whole field for a Stow Kite Day there, but that year we shared the broad and lengthy space with a group of Amateur Radio Clubs holding a regional event. Three tall antennae stood in the widest open area. That was okay. The wind was just right to move into a channel where our kites sought open sky.

When I launched a fair sized 3-stick kite with a Very Long Tail, it wanted to pull left toward some trees. Working it some, I got the kite well above the trees, but one tree "called" to that tail, and next thing I knew, the tree caught it, chomped good, and drew in the whole tail like a kid sucking in a strand of spaghetti, landing the kite on high boughs. Three banner poles wielded by three club guys gently lifted the kite off the tree and laid it on the ground. I pulled at the tail, drawing it out, and out, and out came another kite! It had been so buried deeply inside that tree, it was completely invisible.

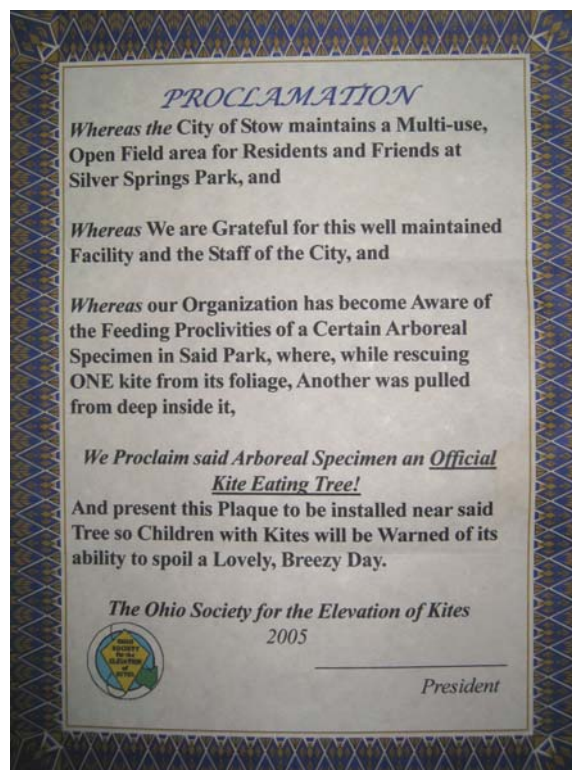
OSEK decided this was, indeed, a bona fide Kite Eating Tree! The community needed to be warned! We drafted a Proclamation and sent it to the Mayor of the City of Stow, requesting her agreement with ours or any other version the City might prefer. She agreed.

So we bought a brass plate inscribed with the information and set a date to meet with the City Representatives at the park. The Mayor read aloud the Council approved Proclamation, and we presented the city with that plaque. It is now permanently installed in front of the tree.

We KNOW it is the first such legally recognized Kite Eating Tree in Ohio, maybe in the USA, but we also know other trees are lurking in plain sight in many other parks just waiting for a chance to gobble up a child's kite. In fact, just this past Easter Sunday at our club's regular flying area, Edgewater State Park in Cleveland, several trees gathered kites. We were there the following week and saw eight of them dangling. Now we're not sure the trees ATE those kites. Most of them were easily retrievable, so maybe the trees simply caught them expecting someone to get them down again. The wind was pretty strong Easter Sunday.

Fly free!

Nancy Lockwood



Plaque:

***We Proclaim This Arboreal Specimen An
Official Kite Eating Tree!
So Children with Kites will be Warned of its ability
To spoil a Lovely, Breezy Day.
The Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites
2005***

Since **Rick White** and **Dick Curran** have a yearly battle to see just how many kites they can feed to the trees at Golden Gardens on New Years' Day, perhaps a similar proclamation needs to be made for one particular tree in that park as well. (We ALL know just exactly where that tree is, but many of us somehow manage to tangle with it every year anyway.)

Be sure to join us on January 1, 2011, in Seattle at Golden Gardens for our annual "Protest the Bowls" fun fly (including an official flying of any and all "amoeba" kites that may make their appearance). No matter what the weather (and it has seldom even dared to rain on us on that day), this is ALWAYS a good day for a kiting event. We stand under Rick's shelter--eating his famous chili; drinking hot chocolate; and laughing at the huge number of shivering Polar Bear Club members partaking of the icy waters on the adjoining beach. These bears seem to think that WE are crazy, but we KNOW for certain that THEY are really the crazy ones! Last year one of the mothers from that group even brought her daughter over to join us--to drink hot chocolate and I think that she even flew a kite. As usual, kite folk to the rescue!

One Sky One World

Glenda Kleppin

The One Sky One World fly on October 9/10 at Long Beach was pretty much rained out on Saturday this year. **Ray Bohne** and a few other intrepid folk were out on the beach for a while --just long enough to thoroughly drench their kites. Since Ray flies only **BIG** kites, it was good that he also had a big rack on the top of his truck where he could just throw the wet kites to haul them back off the beach. Of course, he had to return to the beach on Sunday to spread out his kites to dry them. Eventually they did dry and happily flew for the rest of the day.

However, there was a real shortage of folk flying smaller, single-line kites. Possibly that was because most of us spent the day in a Kite Museum sponsored class with **Robert Brassington**, making the first kite for our new 6-kite trains that he has designed. By the time we finished the class, there was not a lot of enthusiasm left to fly much of anything more than our newly created kites. **Jerry** and I briefly flew one of John's kites, but it was the only one we saw.

However, the word about the Freeman fly had gone out via e-mail and the WKA Facebook site, with the result that **Holm Struck** had his own personal "Freeman Fly" in his back yard. There was also a "Freeman Fly" at the AKA Convention in Seaside the next week where **Marzlie** was also awarded first place for her beach display.

It is so great to realize that our "kite family" is truly international in scope and that we are joined together through our mutual interests and enthusiasms. What a great family this is!



Hello Sylvia,

Today we have OSOW. I thought about what you wrote in your e-mail from last week. Because it is impossible for me to be in Long Beach I did my own little OSOW Freeman flight. I attached some pictures to this e-mail.

Kind regards from North-Germany (Hamburg)

Holm Struck



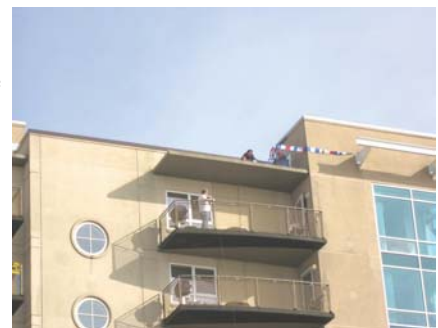
New Version of "Kite Eating Tree" - or Rick what are you doing up on the roof?

Friday of AKA Convention week was another beautiful day. We were so lucky this year with only one afternoon rained-out. But later Friday afternoon the wind really picked up.

Walking back to the Shilo I happened to see a kite line in the most unfortunate location - it was hanging down the side of the resort hotel across the street south of the Shilo. And looking up - there was the kite!! It was one of our **WKA President Rick's** favorite kites!! Now was he trying to put on a close-up show for his wife **Terry** and Mom **Freida** who were in their top floor room? He sure could have, except it was just over the roof edge of the building.

Now he was topped **Dick Curran** and his kite eating trees for getting tangled much higher up - but Rick is not the first to put a kite up onto a building. Way back in the early days of WKA, **Jack VanGilder** flew a Philippine fighter kite so high that it landed on the observation deck of the Seattle's Space Needle (fact reported in an early newsletter).

Now, back to Rick and his kite. He later related that he was flying it from the field, but did not realize that it was up that high - or that the wind was about to carry it up to his hotel roof. Very soon after seeing that dangling line, **Launny Herriges** appeared on the nearest balcony and then Rick appeared on the roof just above as he and a maintenance man dealt with whatever tangled up on the roof. I am sure that Rick would not want to try that stunt again!



The Windjammers International Kite Team

It was hard to miss the featured flyers, the Windjammers at WSIKF this year. In addition to flying MANY demonstration routines with their stacks of DynaKites they jumped in (or were pushed into) many of the other activities. Mariam Schaffler had contacted them ahead of time to ask them to represent the Crazy Ladies in a team Roc battle. They even had special shirts made for the event ahead of time. By the time the Windjammers finished their battles for the days, they had worked off enough calories to be able to eat anything they wanted for the rest of the festival.



Getting ready for the ROK battles.....

Gary Maynard, Windjammer #1, showed up bright and early the next morning to volunteer his services for the Foster Grandparent fly. Some lucky kids got to learn about kites for a true master! He was so excited by the event that he went home and told other folk about it. As a result, his friend, **Linda Berry**, brought along a pile of kids' kites when she came to AKA in October and donated them to us in memory of her husband, Lynn.

The Windjammers, established in 1983, are based out of Detroit, MI, and have travelled all over the world entertaining people with their aerial display. Gary is one of the founding members and has been on the team for 27 years. Michael joined in 1995 and George in 1996. They have a web site at www.windjammerskiteam.com



Michael, George & Gary doing their thing

Of course, their team flying was phenomenal and they were ready whenever there was a gap in the schedule. All three of them certainly took part in WSIKF above and beyond what anybody could have asked.

Personal note: As the announcer of the festival I truly appreciated the willingness of these gentlemen to step in and help in ANY way needed to make the festival better for everyone. They filled many gaps in the schedule with their colorful routines and were always eager to talk with the spectators. On the first day I had a young family come to me to ask about what the Windjammers were flying and how they did it. I suggested that they could get better information directly from the Windjammers. Soon thereafter I noticed that the little girls were on the field with George and Michael flying the stacks of kites while Gary chatted with the parents.

Too bad the pictures have to be in grayscale - the colors in the sky with the streamer tails are awesome.

This article is a composite of submissions from Sylvia Bernauer, Glenda Kleppin and Bob Wendt

Help Anne Huston as she makes kites for the Foster Grandparent Fly

As you are making yourself new kites this year, whether at Fort Worden, OKR, or another workshop, please save ALL of your usable scraps from your projects. Anne Huston has chosen, as her project for this winter, to make delta kites to be given to kids during the Foster Grandparent Fly at WSIKF next year. She would appreciate donations of ALL usable scrap fabric that you have to use for this project. Of course, you are also welcome to keep the scraps for yourself and join her in this great kitemaking project. Whatever your choice, please dig DEEP into your scrap bags and pull out whatever scraps would be usable for this project. You can give the scraps directly to Anne (she will be attending OKR this year) or to the the Pennell's to give to her. All contributions to this project will be greatly appreciated--especially by the kids who are will eventually own these great new kites.

Tom Sisson Kites For Kids Parafoil

Congratulations to **Jerry Graham and Glenda** for winning the right the fly this special kite until next WSIKF!



Newsletter Editor Needed!!!

Help!!

WKA needs someone to take over the quarterly publication of the newsletter. Special skills are not required. WKA will make sure you have the software, templates and training needed to put this document together. It does take a day or two to assemble the stories that other people send in.

If you have questions please call President Rick White. (206) 819-4739).

Whidbey Island "Water" at Whidbey Island Kite Festival

I heard Saturday was beautiful except for winds from the wrong direction or 30 mph gusts, but Sunday was totally different, with misting rain or fog that hung around all day. Plus almost no wind at all. Only a few sport kites were flying or being pulled around.

In the afternoon was the second Challenge Kite event "Water." **Bob & Donna Wendt** started off the show with two blue and white delta ghost kites that represented water and clouds or sky, others then started filling in with other kites that created a "Water" scene. It was great! **Larry Christensen** and **Debbie Fitzgerald** brought in their koi fish kites, **Bonnie** and **Dan Ecker** brought in a diamond paper kite with a ship on it. **Jerry Graham** brought in a rainbow arch that was a rainbow over the water and **Cari King** brought in her blue kite with water rivulets running through it. It all looked great. I heard the special pins went to Bob & Donna and Larry Christensen. Sylvia Bernauer



Larry, Bob, Cari, Bonnie, Donna, Jerry
(Glenda at the end of the rainbow with the pot of gold)

Kite Clubs

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Ben Franklin Kite Society

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meet 2nd Sunday, noon in Long Beach, WA

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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
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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
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WSIKF Terrific Tuesday Overall Team Winners

The Pirates

This years' winners of the highly coveted "Terrific Tuesday" banner at WSIKF were the colorful Pirates -- first time winners of the competition. They rok'd (participated in the Rok battles); rolled; and generally carried on -- and a great time was had by all! Several of them were new participants in the WSIKF festivities, and we are glad to welcome them and hope that they come back next year.



The Magic of Kiting

What is it about kiting that keeps "kiters" attending kite festivals from one beach to another, one state to another and one country to another???

Is it the shapes and designs? Is it the techniques and sizes? Or is it the adrenaline rush seeing so many various kites in the air at one time in a contained area? To speak more personally, when I attended my first festival, I was blown away at the first glimpse of such an array of kites decorating both the beach and sky. I started studying the different shapes, designs, and patterns. Then I began talking to people and discovered many of the kites had been hand-crafted. I thought "that's for me". The proud owners were so excited about their special kite and themselves they were willing to share their experience with me. We exchanged names and I had a new friend, and so on as I walked up and down the beach.

The MC explained the art of making and flying of a fighter kite. The history of the Indian fighter kite and the involvement of the children was fascinating. The techniques of flying the fighter kite were demonstrated. Again I was a friend, not a stranger on the beach. A booth displayed information and children were being taught to make their own kite. I spotted a pamphlet offering a kite -making class at Fort Worden. I was fascinated with a kite that John Freeman was going to teach. Wow!!! I thought "that's for me". I attended and guess what? I came home with my own handcrafted kite and a whole conference full of new friends. Now four years later, as I drive down the beach on festival day, I recognize friend's motor homes, vans, trailers, cars, etc. and last but not least, their personal kites in the sky.

So, as I summarize my four years in the kiting community, I believe kiting is about friends making new friends at each event, exciting them with our excitement and sharing the magic of kiting.

Phyllis Gribbin

Ed Note: And now there is no stopping her!!



Special Thanks From Glenda -

To those who donated so generously to support the Kids' Day activities -

Ocean Shores Kites made a generous donation of kites. Please support them when you are in Ocean Shores.

To the WKA member who made a large cash donation (you know who you are!)

Also:

Thank you to the WSIKF crew for conspiring with me to provide small gifts from the fairy godmothers on Saturday at WSIKF. For the past two years, I've quietly done my "fairy godmother" bit, giving away Harry Potter wands the first year, and rubber duckies the second. This year I took the chance of making an announcement of the presence of the fairy godmother in the official program. Thank goodness I had lots of stuff to give away and several helpers. **Evonne Miller** showed up in her fairy outfit and then we were joined by **Marla Miller**--wearing red horns instead of wings--and **Barbara Meyers**. We were all mobbed! Note to self: Gotta really get lots more stuff to give away next year! Maybe we will even have an official day for all fairies and other winged critters.

WKA Kid's Day at WSKIF 2010

By Larry Christensen

Kid's Day was a very big success this year in part to those who put that extra effort forward. Our sponsor "Elmer's Flag and Banner" (out of Portland, Oregon) kicked things off last year with their support by being the event's sponsor. During the year I asked Mike (**Mike and Sheila Hale** are the owners of Elmer's Flag and Banner) about making a banner for Kid's Day which he generously created. When the kite donations were slow coming in he jumped on the phone and found the majority of the kites kids flew this year. His pin design was also a fresh look for this year and enjoyed by everyone.

The pin quest for Dawgy Dudes (The Kids Day Mascot) vest was supported very well. I want to give a 'Special Thanks' to those who donated 10 or more pins or patches this year. They are **Marjorie Taylor, Anne Huston, Amy Doran, Barbara Meyer, Windriders Kite Club, Drachen Foundation, Ron and Marla Miller** and **Carol and Cass Pittman** (I apologize if I've missed anyone). Every single pin is appreciated, so don't hesitate to keep sending them in or handing them to us at events as we can use them all. This year's auction of Dawgy Dude's vest of pins brought \$230.00 at the WKA Dinner, a new record! All monies made/donated go for purchasing Kid's Day Kites for 2011.

Bob Wendt graciously handed the microphone over to me so he could take a short break (Bob MC'd the whole week of WSKIF). It was a great experience being MC working with all the field crew and getting to learn the ropes. My 'Thanks' goes to all the Kid's Day volunteers, field crew and judges as they had the event under control. With good winds and helpful adults on the field all kites flew high and there wasn't a kid that didn't have a smile on their face.

Kid's Day 2011

By Larry Christensen

With Kid's Day 2010 in our rearview mirror now we're already looking toward 2011. **The Kite Shoppe in Vancouver, Washington**, (owned by **Theresa Norelius**) is the Kids Day sponsor for 2011. Theresa isn't new to being a Kid's Day Sponsor as she was also the sponsor for 2009. We want to **Thank** Theresa for her winning bid as she was bidding blindly against another kite shop in the area whose owner wasn't able to attend the WKA dinner. Thank you again to '**The Kite Shoppe**'!

After WSKIF **Carl and Debbie Fitzgerald** and **Pat and I** sat down to do some thinking about 2011. Everyone has been so supportive locally and we need that to keep moving forward. But most of the pins and patches we collected are from the Northwest. We need to keep the auction going of the pins and patches collected on our mascot's vest 'Dawgy Dude'(they brought in \$230.00 this year) that goes totally toward the purchase of the kites for the kids. So, Debbie thought the next step should be to branch out and search nationally. Great idea!!

We're willing to do what it takes to venture out of the area, but we need your help! We're looking for people, clubs, organizations or event coordinators we can contact to get other pins and patches. A lot of you know other pertinent people around the country or have done trading with others out of the area. We're not trying to break into your private sources, but we need your help to make this successful for the kids.

Please help us!?!?
Contact **Debbie Fitzgerald**,
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Keep Smiling !

Foster Grandparents Fun Fly

Glenda Kleppin - The Kite Fairy Godmother

My original dream for the Foster Grandparent fun fly was to provide kites for the first 100 kids to sign up. Last year, and this year, we accepted every child who showed up. In fact, we kept asking for more of them to join us on the field. This resulted in a turnout—both years--of more than 250 kids!

This year, for the first time, most of the kites given out were purchased and assembled ahead of time, made possible by the generous donations of members of the kite community when buying Kids' Day pins and making other cash donations. Two kite shop owners stepped up and worked hard to get substantial donations from kite Manufacturers, making this economically possible. **Theresa at The Kite Shoppe** contacted **Premier Kites and Design** and convinced them to sell us 140 kites appropriate for smaller children for a total cost of only \$250. **Mike Hale, of Elmer's Flag and Banner** contacted **New Tech Kites** and arranged for a shipment of 100 of their small "Dude" kites: Space Dude; Peace Dude; Kite Dude; and Alien Dude. These kites turned out to be about the same height as many of their small recipients, who looked very cute when they left the field afterwards with their arms wrapped tightly around their newfound friends.

Mike Hale also designed and donated a Kids' Day banner. He was also the sponsor/designer of this years' Kids' Day pins. These were both welcome additions to the Kids' Day events. Pin sales to go toward kites for next year added more than \$225 to the amounts donated/earned for Kids' Day at the WKA dinner and sales have continued since then and are close to \$300.



My hard-core assembly team, **Larry & Pat Christensen and Debbie & Karl Fitzgerald**, took all of the kites to their motel with them the night before the event and delivered them back to the field, fully assembled and organized, before registration even began. **Joanne and Don Lord; Mary Farrell;** and **Catherine Gabriel** did a lot of last-minute chores like attach lines and tails. A crew of dozens took the kids out to the field to teach them how to fly their new kites. **Kristian Slater and Toby Arndt** (who received their own kites at the first Foster Grand Parent fly 7 years ago) ably helped organize and untangle the gaggle of kids clamoring for new kites and judge the camps. Others also helped. This event requires a dedicated crew of dozens, and I thank them all!

Awards for Kids' Day were as follows:

Kids' Camps: First: Day Camp;

Second: Glenn & Marianne Austin

Kids' Camps (under 18): First: Ryan King;

Second: Purple Princesses

Top Kid: (12 and under):

First: James & Oliver Welcker;

Second: Daniel Hoath;

Third: Ben Lummas

Top Kid (12-20)

First: Aurora Authement;

Second: Toby Arndt;

Third: Kristian Slater

Top Kid (21-45)

First: Sandra Howard;

Second: The Olopalik family.

Top Kid (46-60)

First: Bob Wendt;

Second: Marianne Austin;

Third: Linda Howard

Super Senior:

First: Mariam Schaffler; Second:

Mary Farrell;

Third: Sylvia Bernauer

Special Top Kid Award:

Vance and Mason Flippin

Results of Voting for **Top Kid on**

the Beach and **Super Senior**—

announced at the Kite Museum

Auction on Saturday night:

Top Kid on the Beach: Glenn Austin;

Super Senior: Richard Dermer.

Crazy Ladies Rok at Long Beach (at least by proxy)

The Lady Kitefliers again joined in on the Tuesday Teams Day fun at Long Beach. Our team this year was a special blend of ladies and guys, very special guys! The Windjammers Sport Kite Performance Team from Detroit!! This came about by long range planning...all the way back to last year at Dieppe, France! Conversations took place with fearless leader **Miriam Schafler**, **Jean Gore** of Texas, and as I heard, Lady Kiteflier **Nancy Lockwood** of Ohio. Somehow the Windjammers agreed to be Crazy Ladies and fly rok kites for us this year in the afternoon events. The rest of us have not participated in that before, so we very much appreciated their assistance.



Miriam, Jean, Bonnie and Sylvia

So our team this year consisted of Miriam Schafler; Jean Gore; WKA Secretary **Bonnie Ecker**; and me for the ladies. A couple other ladies hoped to fly with us, but circumstances did not allow. Maybe next year. The guys were Windjammer **Gary** (proxy for Ellen Pardee); Windjammer **George** (proxy for Georgean Curran); Windjammer **Mike** (proxy for Anne Huston); and **Kelli Bruland** of AOK Oregon who all did a great job battling and earned points for our team.



The Children's Garden

For the club camp this year, Miriam requested a "Children's Garden." We had wind spinner houses and flowers, mushrooms, toys and stuffed animals hugging the kite poles with windsocks. Bonnie added her touch to it and added a little garden path that brought it all together in a scene. The judges liked it and award a 3rd place ribbon.

In the morning Tubes event, Bonnie won a 2nd place ribbon. Mike won a 3rd place ribbon in the Individual Rok Battle, and overall we won 3rd place in the Top Team competition. So the guys certainly helped out a lot toward total day points! (Tuesday was won by the Pirates, with a VERY expectant WKA member, Kara Zubal, among their group.)



Jean Gore, Glenda Kleppin & Hot Lips!!

The artistic skills of Jean certainly got a workout on Monday afternoon as she drew designs on the rok kites and we all took turns coloring (between the lines) on her drawings. One of the kites was named "Hot Lips" and it looked great. The others had different colored hats, etc. We certainly thank Carl Williamson and Jerry Graham for building the kites - without their help we would not have had the kites for the events.

We had fun again this year, just being Crazy Ladies!

Sylvia Bernauer

Ed. Note -
See more about the Windjammers on page 11 of this newsletter!

WSIKF Foster Grandparents Fun Fly

The “aliens” have landed or at least a few were flying around!!

The Seventh Annual Foster Grandparent Fun Fly was a HUGE success! For the most part, all of the kids enjoyed receiving a free kite and then learning how to fly them. But there were two little guys, and their friends, who really put a smile on my face and made my volunteering that day all worthwhile.

I met Scotty and CJ Brewer waiting in line, a very long line, for their time to receive a kite. They were the nicest and most appreciative of all the kids I had worked with that day. They got green “Alien Dude” kites. When they saw me coming towards them with these kites their smiles grew bigger and bigger as I got closer and closer to them. They were totally amazed with these kites. Their little hands were shaking from excitement as they took the handles and became owners.

We went out to the field and I showed them how to fly their “aliens”. These kites were easy flyers, probably the best ones we have had to date at this event. As we let out the string, the kites went right up in the air, no problems. I didn’t think their smiles could get any bigger, but they did, and they were so Thankful. All of the kids were quick learners and had their kites under control so I left them with their parents to enjoy flying their new kites.

I returned later to give them their Kids Day pins. Their kites were still up in the air and everyone was enjoying every minute of their flying experience. They still couldn’t believe they got to keep their kites AND a pin for flying them. I later received the Thank You notes shown here in this article.



Volunteering and experiencing the joy and appreciation from kids, like Scotty and CJ, makes this event a success for everyone!!! Without Glenda and Jerry’s help and dedication towards this event, along with the donation

of kites, and Pat and Larry Christensen’s help with “Dawgy Dude” (the Kids Day Mascot) that helps with funding this event, and the help of all the volunteers, this event wouldn’t happen.

Thanks to everyone for making this event happen each year!!!

Debbie Fitzgerald



You’re sure this will hold the 88 ft Octopus....

Barry & Susan Tislow checking out a **Walt Ellis** kite stake at the WKA/PCKA Christmas Party.

Amy, Connor Doran & others flying indoors.



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December 4 WKA/PCKA Christmas Party
Edgewood, WA

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January 1 Protest the Bowls Fun Fly
Golden Gardens Park, Seattle

January 6-9 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat
Rockaway Beach, OR

January 15-16 Windless Kite Festival
Long Beach, WA

March 24-27 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference,
Port Townsend WA www.kitemakers.org

March 26-27 Lincoln City Indoor Kite Festival
Taft HS, Lincoln City, OR

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—

HELP!!

With Marzlie focusing on John and not being able to put out the WKA Newsletter we are in need of someone who has a little time every 3 months to edit this document. Glenda Kleppin and I were able to get it together this time but this is a one time deal for both of us.

If you have a day or so every three months and aren't afraid to turn on a computer the WKA will make sure you have the software, templates and training to put this newsletter together.

Willing? Questions?

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Thanks!!! Bob Wendt & Glenda Kleppin



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