



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

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

Pierce County Parks / PCKA Family Kites in the Park Day

Kite Festival

For All Ages

July 28

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE event

Chambers Creek Regional Park

Central Meadow Field

Pierce County Parks and Recreation has teamed with the **PCKA** to sponsor a Family Fun Kite Day at the **Chambers Bay Central Meadow**.

In addition to widespread advertising PC Parks will be bringing in food vendors, a bounce house for little kids and expanded parking areas. They will be supporting the kite fliers by inviting vendors and allowing us to mark off flying areas and allowing stakes for banners and kite anchors. We will have kids' kite making, a

large kite display field, sport kite demonstrations and flying lessons throughout the day.

This will be a huge expansion of the PCKA Fun Fly from past years. **We really need a lot of participation by all of the kiting community if this is to be an annual event.** More information and schedules will be posted in upcoming newsletters and by email as final details are worked out.

Bob Wendt, President PCKA

Kite Dreams

O.K., it's official. I am tired of winter. I'm writing this on St. Patrick's Day. It is snowing. Traditionally, in addition to imbibing green beer and in general making fools of ourselves, it is the day to plant the peas. Because of the falling snow I can't even find the garden right now. Our poor old motorhome sure looks abandoned, sitting



all covered in snow for the howeverth time this Winter. I hope he is dreaming of warm, sunny days at the beach watching kites fly. I sure am...

I keep reminding myself how lucky we are to live here, where it doesn't often snow and rarely snows hard enough to stress the awnings. And where the snow is likely to be followed by rain to wash it all away. Sure saves on snow shovels. But this year is getting silly.

It wasn't annoying enough to have gotten several six inch "whumps" of snow. A "whump" is when you go to bed and wake up to find your world is buried. Or you go in to work on a dry day and come out to a vehicle covered in snow. Those situations are bad enough. It's when Ma Nature gets in a real snit and sends freezing rain instead of the usual warm rain which washes it all off that things get out of hand.

You can't just brush the ice off the awnings and car

shelters. Especially when it's an inch thick. For the most part, you have to wait until it melts. This can take a while. Our place got coated in ice. I didn't think about how heavy a layer of ice on top of six inches of snow could be, or at least not until my patio awning started to collapse. Made a bit of a mess, it did.

I didn't mind running the generator 24/7 for a few days until the power came back on, especially when I learned that other kites lost power for a week or more. I was here in '96 when we had to run the generator for over two weeks straight. That episode became a scramble to find places that had power so their gas pumps could run. This year was very simple in comparison.

I discovered one other thing that was a problem. It seems that our Pfaff sewing machines do not like generator power at all. The power would surge or droop and the poor sewing machine's little electronic brains couldn't handle it. They usually just shut themselves off. And these machines were at the end of a series of line conditioners and surge suppressors. I hate to think of the damage raw power would have done.

One thing stood out, though. My little Singer Featherweight ran just fine.

Jerry Graham



A vehicle from "yesteryear". Snow knows no boundaries.

To WKA,

I won the Fort Worden 2012 Kitemakers Conference drawing. Thank you for the chance to go to Fort Worden. I really enjoyed the people there.

Paul and Helene Morgan gave an excellent class on the 3do kite. I brought a great kite home. I also learned a lot from the round table that **Rob Pratt** lead, it was nice to talk about

different ways and techniques, "sparring" and material. We talked about anything participants wanted to talk about.

I was amazed at the amount of prizes at the raffles. I won several things and thanks to all of the very generous donors.

Thanks again,

Larry Schroder

A Look Back To Our Beginning

Last week, I got an email from a nice lady, which told me she had boxes of old kite related newsletters and magazines. She also had several kites her father had made many years ago. She spent a long time going back and reliving her memories of her father's kite addictions. It was obvious she loved those memories very much.

I went over to her father's house, and looked through the magazines and things, and started feeling like this guy was something important to kiting years ago. As it turns out, he was. He was one of the charter members of the WKA. His name was **Elliott Couden**.

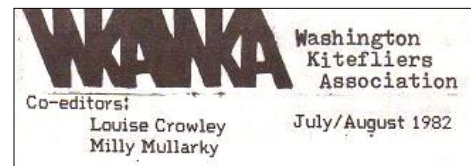
As I started going through the 1978 *WKAWKAWKA* Newsletter, I couldn't believe some of the things those guys did. They flew kites in the Kingdome for crying out loud! They had kite festivals at the Pacific Science Center. Displays inside the Science Center. As I read more I found a whole lot of people I had never heard of, like **Elliott Couden**, **John Dusenberry**, **Larry Chinn**, and a few I have heard of; **Jack VanGilder**, **Dave Checkley**, **Louise Crowley**, **Harold Writer**, **Peter Lynn**, **Bob and Hazel Ingraham**, **Dan Kurahashi**, **Tom Sisson** and sooooo many more. But none more important than our very own **Ken Conrad**. I didn't know he was that old!!! He was WKA president in September of 1978. That is 34 years ago! I read mention of Ken, as far back as 1972. Only he knows how much further back he goes into kite flying.

Another newsletter had pictures of the WKA flying a train of kites in the Kingdome. They did it at every Sounders home game that year. It just goes on and on. Each newsletter I read shows me more and more what enthusiasts they all were. I feel like an amateur in comparison. These old newsletters tell a long and accurate record of kite flying past, and an historical record of the things and events that took place. Did you know, . . . the very first photo in the *WKAWKAWKA* was in July of 1978. The very first AKA Convention was Sept 22nd 1978. Did you know that from the beginning of the newsletter, through June of 1987, they were hand typed! **And** they were leaflets, not multi page newsletters up through 1983. I think Jack VanGilder was the first editor.

Did you know the WKA had a booth at Seafair back then??? Wow! The Harbor Tours boat used to fly kites off of the back, on special tours just for the WKA! Did you know **Dave Checkley** designed our first WKA logo *WKAWKAWKA*?



Then in 1981, when Jack VanGilder became WKA President, **Louise Crowley**, and **Milly Mullarky** took over the duties of the newsletter, and changed the logo to only two WKA's. *WKAWKA*.



It stayed that way until at least Oct of 1982. By March of 1983, the logo was changed again to just one *WKA*, when it added a kite made by **Tony Toledo** (?) —A founder and charter member of the *WKA*. The kite was a Filipino Fighter Kite. Sometimes called a "Sarangolang" or "Butterfly".



They went back to the *WKAWKA* logo in December 1983, where it stayed until 1984 when it went back to the *WKAWKAWKA*. It wasn't until February of 1993 when we went to the color newsletter masthead with the three kites in red, yellow and blue we know today. as seen on the cover of this newsletter.

The more I read, the more in awe I get. All these years of information I found may be hard to take in, as there is so much of it, but one thing I know for sure, kite flying hasn't changed a bit. It's always been friends having a good time, and enjoying the kites we fly together. It really doesn't get any better than that. Thank you **all** for being such good friends!

Rick White

WKA Board Meeting, February 18, 2012

Board Present with Quorum

2011 MINUTES - Read and accepted with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance 12/31/11 \$7,586.81. Annual registration filed with state. IRS filing due 3/31/12.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **501c3 Status:** Researching if WKA qualifies as a 501c3, c6, or c7. Bylaws to be updated.

2. **Newsletter:** Financial report in spring issue.

Send articles/photos for March-June events and upcoming.

3. **Vinyl Window Stickers/Clings:** Rick is coordinating order; will be available for purchase.

4. **Insurance:** WKA now insures under AKA.

5. **Memorial Banner:** Design ideas going to committee for comment.

6a. **WSIKF – Volunteers: Vitally needed** at the WSIKF (Grandparent's Day, banquet meal/setup/cleanup, raffle, WKA booth). Get free banquet meal.

6b. **WSIKF - Recycling at Banquet:** WKA is getting "greener". Raffle tickets/bags going home for recycling/reusing. Goal is to reduce amount of paper plates/silverware: consider bringing own plates/utensils to potlucks.

6c. **WSIKF - Annual Request of Hall Use:** Request has been mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **WKA Banner Kit:** Okay if you want to make a WKA banner. Okay any size. "WKA" can be stacked in any manner to fit design. Three requirements 1) retain colors of the 3 WKA kites (red W kite, yellow K kite, blue A kite), 2) "WKA" letters must be black, 3) matching colored tails must come off bottom of each kite. Submit unsure designs to Rick White. Rick will see if full size graphic can be scaled down for posting on the website.

2. **WKA Website:** Looking into adding PayPal to website.

3. **Membership:** 117 members as of 2/2012 + 8 lifetime members. Of the 24 expiration notices sent out, 14 renewed.

4. **WSIKF – Banquet Cost Increase:** 2011 banquet did not break even. Lot of leftovers discarded. Cost increase 2012 to \$8 and to \$10 in 2013 if needed.

5. **WKA Survey to Membership:** Survey coming to membership to make WKA better.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rick personally thanks **Marianne Austin** for all her hard work to the WKA, and during the passing of her husband--WKA member and Product Coordinator, Glenn. We all express our sadness at her loss and pray for her strength and courage as she moves forward. Glenn is truly missed.

OTHER NEWS

Kathy Goodwind, owner of Gasworks Park Kite Shop, will be closing shop and retiring. Site owners want to develop area. It's always sad to hear of yet another kite shop closing, but we wish Kathy well with what she chooses to do next.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:40 p.m.

Recorded by **Bonnie Ecker**, secretary

Note: A more in depth report can be sent via email if you send a request to Bonnie. (see address below)

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WKA Sisson Scholarship to Fort Worden

Spring is here and that means summer and WSIKF week will be here before we know it!

Of course, WSIKF means days full of kite activities on the beach as well as our annual dinner, raffle, auction of special items, and the annual drawing for the scholarship to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference.

The WKA scholarship covers the stated fees for tuition, housing, meals and the annual special collector pin, plus some additional to apply toward class fees. You must be a current member of WKA at the time of the drawing and the conference to be eligible for the members-only drawing. It will again take place at our annual dinner,

Wednesday of WSIKF week in Long Beach. You do not have to be present at the dinner to win. The scholarship is non-transferable. If you have questions about this program, write to Sylvia Bernauer, dbrn1@earthlink.net

Mail in your note requesting to be entered into the 2013 drawing. The mailing address is on the newsletter.



Milton Indoor Kite Festival 2012 Wrap-up

To all who attended, volunteered, demoed, competed, donated or helped in some way at the Milton Indoor Kite Festival 2012:

THANK YOU!

This first time festival was a huge success. Everything from the kite workshops to the competition was so much fun. In addition to having a great time we were able to raise \$500 for the Dominican Republic missions trip from the donations of this event.

If you missed out you are in luck — The first thing is there is a LOT on youtube.com about the event. If you search one of the following on youtube there will be a lot that comes up :

Milton Indoor Kite Festival
Faith Family Church Milton WA

From the above search words you will get a great representation of the event and see lots of great flyers and demos, including **FlyForm- John & Tk Barresi** and **Spencer Watson, Toby Arndt, Scott Davis, Paul DeBakker** and 11 year old **Travis Reedy** (watch out for this kid — he does an amazing job).

The second way you're in luck from missing this year's event is we are pleased to announce—

Next year's **Milton Indoor Kite Festival 2013** will happen. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on dates and schedules for next year's event. You won't want to miss it.

Keep an eye out for a write up article in the online magazine at www.kitelife.com as well. There will be pictures to look at and a nice read.

I want to give a quick shout to our sponsors and vendors again, listed below. Remember them in the future if you need kite supplies or anything else that they can help you with.

Thanks to:

Pierce County Kite Fliers Association www.pcka.info

Northwest Sport Kite League www.nwskl.org

Herb, **Mainframe Kites** www.mainframekites.com

Faith Family Church www.ffconthehill.com

John Barresi <http://www.teamiquad.com/members/john-barresi>

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Spencer Watson www.wattyrev.com

LS Custom Kite Accessories www.kitestakes.com

Kent, **A Wind Of Change** www.awindofchange.com

Mark, **Blaze Electric** <http://www.blazeelectricinc.com>

Thank you all again, see you next year.

Stephen Owen

The Milton Indoor Kite Festival



Donna Wendt performing an indoor kite routine.
Photo by **Sylvia Bernauer**

Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kiters

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

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry Zilar
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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.

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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
Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor. Bellingham WA

Washington Kiteflyers Assn.

Contact: Rick White
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Membership includes 5 issues per year newsletter

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
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Meets 3rd Saturday Apr - Oct usually at Fort Casey

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Notes from the Prez



As you can read in more depth in a different article in this newsletter, I had a rather sobering experience this past week. A relative of a WKA charter member contacted me and set me up with a lot of old newsletters and magazines. I found several long lost posters and articles of kite fly past. One was a kite fly at the Seattle Pacific Science Center. Wow! That must have been an exciting event. And what a great poster! This has been very eye-opening to me as I read into our past of the WKA. I have also gone on the WKA Web site under History and reacquainted myself with some of the founding fathers of our WKA club. It has been a fun experience for me. I highly recommend it for everyone. I will certainly make all of these old newsletters available to anyone who wants to see them.

I received another call from **John Ahi** in Poulsbo, who graciously gave the WKA a box of several kites that will go into our auction at WSIKF. I haven't picked them up yet, so I don't know what they are. I expect one of them may be an old "Hawaiian". We will see when I get over there next week.

The Kingston Kite Festival was great again this year. There was a large turnout and lots of kites given away to the kids. I want to thank **McLendon's Hardware** for donating the spars and tails for all of our kids' kites through the year. It was good to see **Mary Fincher** at the Festival. She was able to sell a lot of the Fincher's Air Force kites she still has laying around the shop. It was good seeing her again.

Kite month is right around the corner, and with it comes a full month of kite flying, and attending all

the different events that are planned. Please take a minute and check out the calendar on the WKA web site. I am sure you will find plenty to do in May.

Spring came and went again so fast, I didn't get a chance to attend the Tulip Kite Festival up in Mt. Vernon. One of these days I would really like to take it in. Getting my Kite Arial Photography Camera up and getting some great photos is top of my list.

WSIKF is right around the corner, and with it comes the Lasagna Feed and WKA raffle. If anyone has kites or kite related items you would like to donate, **Please** give them to any of the board members any time, or better yet, bring them to the dinner yourself. We would love to see you there. As you know it's the WKA's only fund raiser of the year. In addition to the lasagna, there is salad, cake, and soda pop included in the very **low** price of only \$7.00. You can't beat that! Anywhere!

This year's WKA pins will be special. They were designed by **Glenn Austin** and me, back last September. And I wanted to follow this through and make them available to you at the dinner. So there won't be a contest this year to design the WKA pins. We've got it covered this time.



As you know from last year, we have started a "**Friends Of**" Pin set for each year. Last year it was **Friends of Glenn**. This year's "**Friend's Of**" pin will be **Friends of John Freeman**. I have already talked with the subject of next year's pin, and I have no doubt you will love it as much as the others. I don't know how many more we will make, but we might continue until we run out of friends.

Who knows!?

See you all very soon at a flying field, wherever it is!

Rick White

High/Important Life Questions

Submitted by **Blaize Monostory**

1. Do kites have high standards?
2. Why do kites like to be uplifted?
3. Why do kites like to hug trees?. Are kites the original environmentalists?
4. Are kites naturally above it all?
5. Are kites high-minded?
6. Do kites have sunny dispositions?
7. Why do kites not like to lower themselves?
8. Do kites get high "naturally"?
9. Are kites light-hearted?
10. Do kites like being called air-heads?
11. Do kites like being grounded?
12. Are kites related to angels?
13. Do kites like to get lost?
14. Do kites knock on heaven's door?
15. Do kites have high I.Q.'s? Do kites like being highly educated?
16. Do kites string you along?
17. Do kites like being looked up to?
18. Do kites have high connections?
19. Are kites airy-fairy types?
19. Do kites love tall tails?
21. Do kites like to get lost?
22. Why do kites like being tugged but not hugged?
23. Why do kites like to sing "High Ho, High Ho, Off to work we go?"
24. Do kites believe in UFO's?
25. Do kites love to be blown away?
26. Do kites love to go with the flow?
27. Is life but a breeze for kites?
28. Why do kites like being at peace in the sky, but not in pieces on the ground?
29. Do kites dream of dancing with the angels?
30. Are young kites called kitens?
31. Why does my heart sing when my kite tugs on my string?

And more from Blaize

When I butter the sky
 With my kites,
 The angels have
 Their toast
 To joy.

Divine Beauty
 Can be
 Blown around
 And
 Lovingly played with
 Even when
 I am temporarily grounded
 On Earth.

Thank You Notes to WKA—



Dear PCKA and WKA,

Wow, the World Kite Museum is so lucky to have members and supporters like you. Not only do you donate generously from your pockets but you give us helping hands at our various events all year long.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
 Kay Buesing



In God We Trust

The family of
 Glenn E. Austin
 thanks you
 for your kindness
 in this time of sorrow
 God Bless You

WKA Board: Members,

Thank you all so much for the love & support you've shown us. Many calls, cards, food and memorial flowers. The memorial flowers were beautiful and we enjoyed them for many days. We all felt so loved by your visits with Glenn and so did he. Thank you for caring about us. We drew much strength and joy from your hands. Hearts extended but away. We love you too and send bless.

Marianne: Beth

P.S. The "Friends of Pina" were totally over the top and higher than a kite. They were one of many happenings that made Glenn's summer so special. He had a wonderful summer and early fall in spite of it all. He fought like a good fight and now will spend eternity in the presence of his loving heavenly father.

30 year old memories

While at the Kingston Kite Festival, we met one very cool old fellow and his wife, who had taken a trip together to Japan 30 years ago. While there, they bought a 20 foot long Dragon Centipede kite, with 4 inch disks. To them, it was art in the form of a kite. They never thought of flying it. Upon their arrival home, he mounted it high near the ceiling of their kitchen. There it sat for 30 years, never dusting it. The flying bug must have hit him, because when he heard of the Kingston Kite Festival, his eye's must have lit up—I can see him asking his wife if she wanted to go fly the thing! He drug it down and brought it to the Festival. After looking around and asking a few people, he found me and asked me if I would show him how to hook up the flying line, 80lb Dacron, which he had just bought. Just stop for a moment and imagine this encounter, with this 85 year old man, cane in one hand, his darling wife holding on to the other arm, which was holding the kite in the beautiful Japanese decorated box. He had taken it down, as is, and went to the huge effort to bring it to the local kite festival in hopes of finding someone, anyone, who could show him how to make it fly! This was his best hope of ever seeing it fly. Are you picturing this? (Ah never mind look at the picture.) Needless to say, he made my day!



This meeting alone was worth the whole trip over there for me. He wanted to fly his 30 year old kite in a crowd of 300 people squished into a 100 foot wide field, with 4 to 5 knots of wind. . Hmmm. Of course I told him there wasn't enough wind. He'd have to run with it! Ok, I know

what you're thinking. He would probably injure people running over their picnic. Ok, no, it wasn't going to happen. Actually, he couldn't let his wife loose for that long. For a brief moment, I thought of running with it for him, but then I came to my senses, imagining trampled kids and moms in my path. I decided I wasn't going to risk crashing to the ground and breaking his memories wrapped up in a Washi Paper dragon. Painfully, I had to tell him he needed to take it to the beach, or some place where the wind is clean and smooth, and at least 8-10 knots of wind. Then, after pulling an inch of dust off of every piece, we unpacked it and stretched it out on the grass, to see it's full glory. I showed him how the head



detached by pushing a small piece of bamboo thru the loop hole. He was mystified, and didn't even know it came apart. Then I showed him how to larkhead the line onto the dragon head's single bridle line. These small things I showed him made him so happy. It was like I unveiled the mysteries of the universe to him. To you and me it's every day at the beach, but to them, I am positive it was one of the happiest moments of their last 10 years or more. They were both grinning ear to ear, as they thanked me for all my help. The truth is, I was grinning more than they were. I packed the dragon back into it's lair, still intact and unbroken. (Not withstanding the efforts of one little kid who thought it was a hop scotch jumping toy. My heart came right up into my throat, until his father grabbed him and pulled him free of the dragon's tail. Whew! It was close.) As I handed him the box, they thanked me, and went on their way. Wow, what a great day it was for me. I wanted them to adopt me, but they weren't having any part of that. This is just another one of the reasons I love to fly kites!

Rick White

2012 KINGSTON KITE FESTIVAL



We just got back from the Kingston Kite Festival. Great fun and a very well attended family festival. A big thanks to the faithful gang, **Penny (Ballerina) Lingenfelter**, for the games and Quad fun and



Scott Hartley for helping out with all the color and fun. He



They stopped by and said hello. I, of course, can't remember any names, but you know who you are! Thanks for saying hi, and coming to the

festival. Next year, I hope more of you can attend and decorate the sky with your creations. The kids and people of Kingston really enjoy our beautiful hand made kites. See you next year!

Rick White

certainly has added, to his own hand made décor with all those bag raffles at Fort Worden! Wow! Can you say WINNER! It was beautiful! Thanks to Scott and Dar for helping out and sharing your rainbow with us.



And a special thanks to our VP, **Butch Harviston**. I think it was his first year at the Kingston Festival. (I think he likes my big Gecko.) He helped at the Kid's Kites table where he taught the 3 volunteers from Kingston town how to make the kites and pass it on to the kids. That left me free to run around the field and help everyone with the many kite fights, aerodynamic adjustments and that special art of kite line weaving! Or is it un-weaving? I also got a couple of my own kites in the air this year too. Butch, thanks for helping out. It makes me happy to attend this festival because it is mostly attended by the local small town family folk and their children. I am sure there were at least 300-400 people there, or even more. We gave away approximately 175 kids kites.



Washington Kitefliers Association

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Join the WKA & share the fun! Benefits include our quarterly newsletter, a membership card which entitles you to a 10% discount on kite related items at participating kite stores, entry to members-only drawing for a scholarship to the annual 3-day Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, & information about special events in the Northwest kiting community. Membership per household in U.S. is \$15.00/year, outside U.S. \$20.00/year. Fill out application, return it with a check or money order payable in US funds to WKA.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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City/State/Zip _____

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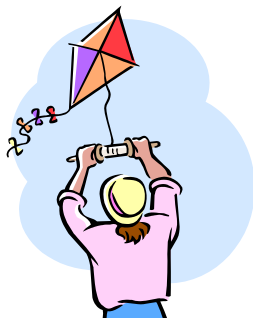
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Names of Other Household Members (Include different last names):

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

- May 26 - 28** 3rd Annual Quincy WA Kite Festival Fun Fly at Parties on the Green at Twin Firs Turf, 7727 Rd L. 5 NW, Quincy, WA. Info: Jeff Earl 206-713-2366 or jeff@bigkidkites.com
- June 2 - 3** Ocean Shores, WA NWSKL Sport Kite Comp
- June 2 - 3** Ocean Shores Festival of Colors
Sponsored by Ocean Shores Kites
- June 9 - 10** Pacific Rim Kite Festival - Vancouver, BC
Vanier Park, Vancouver, BC
- June 17** WKA Fathers Day Kite Fly
Seattle, WA Magnuson Park "Kite Hill"
- June 23 - 24** Lincoln City, OR Summer Kite Festival
- July 13 - 15** Grayland, WA Westport Windriders Kite Festival
- July 14 - 15** Grayland, WA NWSKL Sport Kite Competition
- July 21-22** Parksville, Lions International Kite Festival
Vancouver Island, BC
Contact: Clarence Esslinger cesslinger@shaw.ca
(250) 248-3796
- July 21 - 22** Brookings, OR Southern Oregon Kite Festival
- July 28** Pierce County Parks/PCKA Family Kites in the Park Day, Chambers Bay Central Meadow
See page 1 this issue

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



Editor's Notes—

Another issue of your newsletter complete. Thought I would never get it done. John used to say we needed an "hour stretcher". Somehow to get 48 hours within the 24 we do get. Oh well, gotta be happy with what we are allotted. We have quite a calendar full of things to do this summer. Hope to see some of you at the ones I hope to attend. I have been getting my little camp trailer ready for this coming weekend at Long Beach. The weatherman says it should be good weather. I sure hope so.

I plan to get another issue out to you just before WSIKF. But of course that relies on you, the members and readers to send in items to be included. I will need everything by mid-June as I am going to Maui for a wedding just before WSIKF. So put on your thinking caps.

See you out there—Marzlie

A row of 12 yellow stick figures with blue hats, standing in a line.

New Member Report

Gary & Sandee Gors	Kennewick
Cathy Julian & Roderick Harris	Olympia
Myra Leibelt	George
Rosalie Riffle	Bellevue

We are so glad you found us on the Internet!
 Welcome aboard!!

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The last page photo——

Rick White's
Gecko kite with
Butch Harviston
in the foreground.

Rick mentions
the gecko in his
Kingston article
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