



# 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](http://wka-kiteflyers.org)

## Mystery kite in this photo

Sylvia Bernauer sent this photo taken at the “Protest the Bowls” kite fly in Seattle. Up at the top of the trees there is a kite. It looks like it is stuck there, but no one seems to be noticing, hmmm. Maybe from another time? I have put a circle around it for you to see. Nobody wants to be ‘Charlie Brown’ this time?



Rick White on the left, Dick Curran, Butch Harviston with apple kite and Launny Herriges.

## A Call for Volunteers:

04 April 2013

Fort Lewis Kids' Festival

Noon to 5:00 PM.

(Times subject to change, but not by much.) If you can come even for just a part of it I think you'll enjoy it.

For the last several years WKA & PCKA have helped kids learn how to build kites at the Fort. Lewis Kids' Festival. The festival is coming up again and is scheduled for the first Thursday in April, on April 4. The event is held inside, usually at the Fort Lewis skating rink. They provide the tables and chairs, we supply the kites.

It's a lot of fun for us. The kids are well-mannered, polite, and actually stay in line patiently waiting their turn. The kites are appreciated by the parents and we've had quite a few return to the table after having made a kite the year before.

Everyone needs a picture I.D., and the vehicle must have proof of current registration and insurance. If you don't already have access to Fort Lewis, I suggest coming a couple of hours early to the Main Gate (I-5, exit 120) so you can get the gate pass. Their process is a little slow and there's almost always a crowd at the MP station.



If you are new to Kid's Kitemaking, don't panic. We can quickly teach you how to do it.

**Jerry Graham**

## Kids Kite Making During WSIKF 2013 Volunteers Needed

Due to health reasons I will not be able to be on the beach for kids kites this year. I will still do the prep and **Phyllis Gribbin** has agreed to take over the set up and get everything organized on the beach.

Phyllis is new to kids kites but I know with her energy and dedication I'm sure she will do a great job. She will need all the help she can get. So, as in years past, if you have some time on Wednesday, or Saturday please stop by and give her a hand. This has worked well in the past and I'm sure it will again.

**Carl Williamson, Kiteman**

Photo by **Cliff Pennell**  
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## New Member Report

**Mona Ellis** Spanaway, WA

**Gary & Diane Farrow** Blaine, WA

Glad you found the  
WKA website!

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**WKA/Sisson Fort Worden  
Scholarship Program**



It is not too early to send in a postcard, or note, to enter the August 2013 drawing for the **2014 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference**.

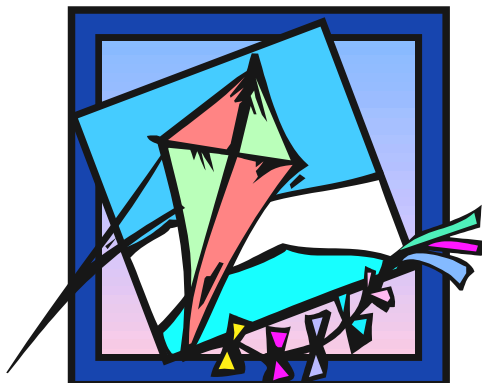
We are sure it will be another great conference with great kites, and always a great way to get to know fellow kite makers.

The scholarship was named for one of the club's Founding Fathers, **Tom Sisson**, who wanted everyone to have the experience of attending this conference. The scholarship will cover registration, meal and housing costs, and the annual conference pin. Included is some additional funds intended to go toward the cost of classes.

Applicant must be a current member of WKA at the time of the drawing and conference. One entry per member who would attend conference. Drawing to be held at our annual Lasagna Dinner in Long Beach, WA during WSIKF on Wednesday, August 21, 2013.

We would encourage entries from members who have not attended the conference before or have not previously won a WKA scholarship to the conference.

If you have questions, please contact **Sylvia Bernauer**, [dbm1@earthlink.net](mailto:dbm1@earthlink.net) or 425-822-4605.



*Editor's Note: In response to my request for submissions this comes from **Tom Tinney**—*

"I don't have anything new to contribute, but your email sparked a memory of a story I like to call—

**"Only on a Sunday"**

Years ago, the **Lilac City Windchasers** had their annual spring *All City Kite Fly* on the south side of Spokane, I was still introducing my family to kite flying so talked them into coming along.

During the course of events of the day, Dad and I went out into the field and put up one of those big latticework deltas with something like nine transition streamer tails attached to the trailing edges of it, all done in rainbow with black edges. We put a rebar stake in the field, walked out some line, assembled the kite, and let it go. After a couple minutes of looking at the difference between clouds and clear sky showing in the openings of the sail, we decided to go back to the picnic table to relax and socialize.

Eventually, my kite seemed to be wandering around. It wasn't acting like it was tethered anymore, so Dad and I started walking over to the stake, but didn't get that far before we realized the line was loose. So, the walk turned into a trot, and quickly turned into a scramble to catch the line while it was still dragging on the ground. We missed it by about five seconds, and as it dropped out of sight behind a supermarket, I suggested we just keep walking downwind to recover it from wherever it landed. But then we saw the kite come over the top of the building, and hover over the road in front of the market.

We decided we would rather fish it out of a tree than die of over-exertion, so walked over to the parking lot to see who had caught the line. When we got to the lot, there was a car dealer who had set up tents and streamers, and the salesmen were pointing and watching the big kite as it hovered over the busy street in front of the supermarket. The streamer tails were just barely missing the tops of the cars passing by on the road. We asked who had the line, while trying to follow it visually to the anchor point, and one of the salesmen said, "It's the strangest thing I've seen. This end of the line came across the parking lot, and this guy pulled in, parking his tire right on it, and went into the store. I don't think he even knew he parked on it." We looked, and sure enough, the back passenger tire was holding the end of the line not six inches from where it had broken.

To make a long story longer, I couldn't pull the line out from under the tire, and couldn't pull the kite in, so we wound up getting some slack in the line, cutting it in the slack, and walking it back to a place near the store where the wind was in shadow.

—It could only happen on a Sunday—.



## Travel News From Penny—

The winds were as strong as the sun, which made the warm temperatures very comfortable and the kite flying easy. Surrounded by the sparkling blue and greens of the Caribbean Ocean on one side and a lagoon full of kite surfers on the other side, it felt like vacation to me! Our 4th year at the **Isla Blanca Kite Festival**, Q.Roo, Mexico proved to be even more successful than the previous festivals. The **Isla Blanca Kite Festival** was the place to be the third weekend in February.

Our friend and co-kite flyer, **Cira Caballero Gonzales**, had facebooked me. "Your name is in the newspaper, Penny." *Kite Kewl*, the

**Marco Espanoza** and his crew from **Perico's Restaurante and Cantina** helping out. (YEA! **PERICOS!**) Marco spent two days on the beach, quite



literally, camping with friends on the spot. (I was a little jealous) During the days he spoke over the loud speaker asking beach goers to give a donation to the **La Casita Orphanage**. Even with my limited Spanish, I could hear Marcos saying, "No change, only bills! BIG Bills!" Keeping the crowd entertained throughout the weekend and helping to raise over \$400, which is a lot of dinero! The Pericos crew also provided lunch for the kids from the orphanage who came to make kids kites, fly our kites, and play on the soft cool sandy beaches. Some beach going families brought kites of their own, some made kites, and everyone had a wonderful time. The sky was spotted with all sorts of kites.

I spent the weekend sharing my **Revolution kite**, giving some lessons, performing and having the girls from **La Casita** perform butterfly dances for the audience. I had more help than I could

handle most of the time, surrounded by kids willing to help. What more could a kite flier ask for? Special thanks to **Daniel** for helping with my kite lines. He taught me how wonderful a tiny clam shell works as a knife to cut kite line when needed.

The organizers, **Charles and Dorothy Stewart**, have a home in the area. Their goal is to grow a kite festival with a good cause and it has done well, due to all their hard work. They hope to have a local kite club start in the area. It sure seems like it may be possible in the future. We have met kite makers, power kites, stunt kites and more. This year, three people came out of the audience offering to volunteer for next year's event. How exciting!

Though we had fewer International kite vacation participants this year, we had more local people attend than ever before. **Ralph Reed**, from Massachusetts held the running of the Bols both days. Some of the kids came down the beach to tell me they had won.

With some help to hold the kids back and push the release button, Ralph also held the kids candy drop. The candy was sponsored by local kite flyer and makers, **Cira** and her husband, **Roberto Reyes Briones**, who's known as "**Dr. Kite**" by the locals. **Dr. Kite** is kept busy by the many kite surfers. The strong winds almost assure him repair work on the large power kites. Our friend **Gonneke** helped man the free kids kite making area and do so much more. Thank you all!

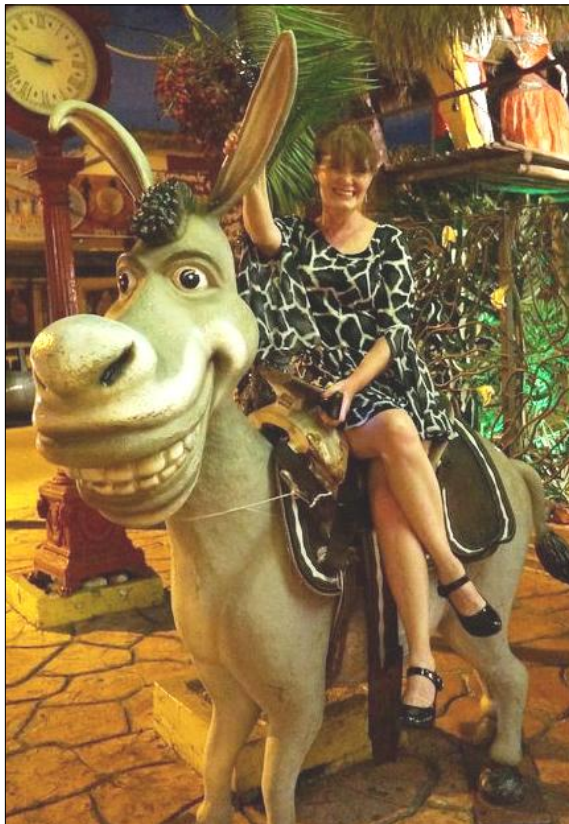
New this year, the local kite flyers held a raffle with

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by those eating.) Meanwhile, I met some fishermen, who flew my Revolution kite. They hope to see us again. Special thank you to **Pirate Morgan's** for the sponsorship of a 2 night stay at the Cabana's! We heard the winning raffle ticket holder beat feet right over to secure their reservations. I think **Pirate Morgan's** is a beautiful spot for private kite parties and getaways.



We spent time snorkeling off of **Isla Mujeres** crystal clear

water under the entertaining guidance of the **Sea Hawks Divers Crew**. We saw parts of the **Underwater Museum** created by artist **Jason de Caires Taylor**. Wow, I was amazed at the 100's of people under the ocean. Statues as a tribute to those lost at sea and a habitat to marine life. I hope to get back to view more... and take a Dramamine beforehand.

Thank you "**El Jefe**", ("**The Boss**") **Senior Navvaro** as well as the **Colonial Hotel**, in **Cancun** for your sponsorship. And thank you to the



**Stewarts** who work so hard to share so much!

Yeah! **Pericos**! We do like to thank our event sponsors, even if eating good food with crazy fun filled waiter's and waitress's, and a Margarita seems like little thanks. This year, with our smaller group there, I had to meet patrons from other groups. One large group had been coming to Pericos every other year for 19 years! I've only been 4 years, but I will smile with fond memories and dream of munching on **Alfredo's** burrito surrounded by children and kites at the **Isla Blanca Kite Festival** for many years to come. **Gracias to all!**

**Penny Lingenfelter**  
Indoor/Outdoor Revolution Kite Flyer

Photos provided by **Ralph Reed**

## Kite Clubs

### Associated Oregon Kiters (AOK)

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### Ben Franklin Kite Society (BFKS)

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### Lavender Winds Kite Club

Brian Bradley  
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meet 2nd Sunday, noon in Long Beach, WA

### Lilac City Wind Chasers (LCWC)

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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

### Northwest Sport Kite League (NWSKL)

Contact Bud Hayes  
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### Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan  
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Meets 2nd Wednesday every month, Fire Station, Loxie Egan Blvd.

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### Squalicum Kite Flyers (SKF)

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. (WKA)

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meets 4th Saturday every month at Grayland Beach,  
followed by potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

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*Sylvia Bernauer sends a photo from*

### ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY "Protest the Bowls" Kite Fly

Banners in the sunshine. Rick White at the table, Launny Herriges standing by banners, Georgean Curran in the chair with Dick Curran on the walkway.



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## Notes from the Prez



Hi all,  
We all have a favorite part or segment of our shared kite community. Some folks fly single line kites, some are into sport kite competitions, still others fly those quad line kites most of the time. Then some people will do any and all types of flying in a single week end. I think we all enjoy social

activities and sharing with other kite flyers. It's hard for me to pick my favorite kiting activities. But if I did, I think making kites with kids would be high on my list.

This time of year, with National Kite Month coming up in April, we have an opportunity to share our wonderful pastime. I encourage all to find a way to participate in a National Kite Month activity. I know lots of you do many such things already like decorating a library with your colorful kites. Maybe you teach a kite making class at a neighborhood school. If you do, please register your activities the AKA. See web page here:

<http://www.nationalkitemonth.org/events/register.php>

I've already had an opportunity to do something along these lines. My pastor had a sabbatical leave coming up and he arranged to volunteer at an orphanage in South Africa. When I saw a picture of The Open Arms Children's Home high on a hill top overlooking the Indian Ocean with few trees in sight, I thought what a good place to fly kites. I had made kites at church kids' camp in years past. I was surprised when Pastor Steven asked me to put some kite kits together. I had kite sails cut out already so I put fifty 18 inch sled kites and flying line into kits. I just saw pictures of the children flying their creations on that wind swept hill top. It's mind boggling to think of a kite I provided flying in South Africa.

**Butch Harviston**



## Fighter Kite Rises From The Ashes On Java...

I was heading back to Java (the Indonesian island) and hopefully would meet up with some Indonesian Fighter Kite Flyers. It is September, 2012, and very hot and humid. Also, not much wind to work with.

My wife is the secretary for a local Rotary International club. She was heading to Indonesia to visit three very different islands—Bali, Sumba, Java. This was for a water and septic waste project where many Rotary clubs have been very active. She wanted to know if I was interested in going to Indonesia. I had lived in Djakarta, the capital city, back in the “Year of Living Dangerously” (1963-64) when President Sukarno was on a rampage to “Crush Malaysia”, among other things. It was a real hotbed of activity and you had to be careful. Being a youth of 17 years, I had learned the art of fighter kite flying and was lethal to any other local fighter kite flyers. I lost track on just how many kites I cut from the sky. And, yes, I had the cuts on my hands from the fine glass coated kite string to prove it—my battle scars! Oh, how much I wanted to return to Indonesia and fly some fighter kites one more time!!

This being said, I told her to get ready for an awesome travel adventure. It was time to make some contacts with locals in Indonesia and fly some kites. Eventually, it looked like everything was a ‘go and to get ready for some kite flying time’. I wanted to gift anyone flying kites with a Washington State International Kite Festival 2012 VIP pin as a souvenir. Thanks to **Bob Wendt** for a few pins to pack and present to the local kite flyers. They were a big hit and very much enjoyed by all who received them.

Upon landing at the Bali International Airport, I was pumped and ready for action. After getting our baggage, it was time for the drive to our overnight stay before heading out to the island of Sumba in the morning. On the ride from the airport, I found myself looking toward the cloudless sky for any signs of kiting activity. Not a single fighter kite to be found. Although I did see a mangled one on a power line; I held out hope that some would eventually be spotted flying high in the sky. I saw none on Bali. However, I did see a cellular kite with a nice tail way up there. It looked like I’d just missed their big International Kite Show held in July, when there are lots of winds. I’ve got to go back for that one some time, as photos from it look like I just need to be there—for flying and the photography. BTW, I put on the Camera Workshop for the WSIKF each year. I love to fly fighter kites and it shows! Come, see me!

It has been several days of driving and visiting schools and local villages to learn about their needs for clean water and septic systems. I am hoping to find a fighter kite and get in some flying time. Near Surabaya, Java, we arrive late for a stay in a private estate known as **Kaliandra** (Google it). The next morning we get up for breakfast and a field trip around the estate. First stop is an organic farm, we meet the farmers and sample some of their veggies. It is hot and the sweat is almost blinding to me. I get out my sweat cloth and wipe my face dry. In a moment, I am looking around and see a fire pit with a battle-scarred Indonesian Fighter Kite lying on top of the ashes. Complete with holes in it and glass string attached. Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, I lean over, pull it up, and see if it would like to take to the sky one more time. Holy Kite Flying Batman, it still has some life in it and it quickly takes to

the sky. My heart is beating faster and faster. I’m actually flying a real fighter kite on Indonesian soil. The group of Rotarians and the hosts from Kaliandra are looking at me like I’m wild and crazy. Ok, maybe I was for the moment. The little kite still wanted some flying time. I was ready to ‘make its day’—up up and away!! I kind of felt like “Dirty Harry” for a minute— “Go ahead—make my day”.

Unfortunately, the people I was hoping to connect with never quite materialized. I can only think when they heard about my fighter kite flying abilities they trembled in their shoes. So, it was just me against the clear, blue sky. I was going to make the most of it as I put my little kite through its paces. For a battle scarred kite, it performed flawlessly and knew how to take directions. It ends up Rotary people like to swap club pennants, etc. when they have meetings. Upon going to the local Rotary Club meeting in Surabaya, they put on a photo show of photos taken during our visit. WOW, there I was with a big smile on my face and flying my lone fighter kite in several photos. It looks like my little kite was a big hit. When other club members started swapping their club pennants; I passed out my WSIKF pins. This club was unique in that all members wear a beautiful navy blue vest with the golden Rotary logo and pins they’d collected from other club members—kind of like what you see from the pin collectors at any big kite festival. So, if you go to Java, Indonesia and see the 2012 VIP pin being worn, you know where it came from—Bob Wendt and me. Bob, thanks again, my friend.

So, what happened to my little fighter kite? It got packed in a plastic bag and placed inside my large suitcase for the 32,000’ high ride home to the beach aboard the airlines. It now sits next to another fighter kite presented to me by my friend Basir Beria, “The Kite Master”, who made all of the kites for the film, “The Kite Runner”. Needless to say, I was thrilled when Basir opened his large folio of kites and presented me with one after hearing about my love of flying fighter kites. Find out more about Basir’s youth in Afghanistan at: <http://www.kiterunnermovie.com/main.html>

OK kite flyers, that’s my story and I’m sticking to it. A big shout out to my very dear friend Mr. **Ray Bethell** “GO FLY A KITE” Cheers!! See all of you at the 2013 WSIKF camera workshop in August.

**Lee LaFollette**  
WSIKF Camera Workshop Instructor



Lee with the rescued kite, his-wife Janice and **Bill Chapman**, from Australia

## March 2013 Sew Expo

When we first rediscovered kite flying, at Ocean Shores' June kite festival in 1999, we made the "preferred buyer's list" at every kite shop in the area. In 1999 there was a bunch of them, most gone now. (Keep up the good work, Andy!) When we got home and got all the bills I was shocked to see how much we'd spent. Worse than that was realizing I didn't really care for most of the kites we'd purchased.

Also in 1999 we went to WSIKF, where we found out we could learn how to make our own kites, in kite making workshops at Ft. Worden. We tackled the idea with great enthusiasm, taking along my wife's old Kenmore sewing machine. As sewing machines go, it was okay, but we hadn't practiced with it to learn its foibles, nor had we sewn with ripstop nylon. Some days I think we should call that stuff "Slick-stop nylon" because we went nuts trying to line up the edges to make a seam. That was then and this is now and we still have trouble keeping the seams straight.

We talked to people, we watched others working, and we noticed they all seemed to have a bunch of tools and gadgets to help them in their sewing endeavors. We began to collect helpful, and some not-so-helpful, tools and gadgets and soon we found we needed things to carry the stuff in.

Eventually we discovered the Puyallup Sewing Exposition, held around the same time as Ft. Worden. There were occasional conflicts, but we usually managed to take in both. The Sew Expo had buildings full of the most fascinating stuff. There were devices to handle nearly every problem a seamstress (note the "stress" in that word) would run into. There were hundreds of sewing machines on display and you could actually try them out. The demonstrators would show how to use the machines by doing something and then you could try it, too.

We began to make sure we got to both the Sew Expo in February/March and the sew, Quilting, and Crafts show in

November. Pretty much the same vendors do both shows, but there are always new vendors to meet.

This year's show pretty much fell in line with the expectations we've developed. I help several of the vendors set up their displays and store some of their equipment between shows. I have noticed some trends and this year was worrisome relative to recent years. My first impressions made it seem to be smaller. The "Elephant Parade" is the line-up of vendor vehicles at the business entrance gate before they are allowed onto the Fairgrounds for set-up and it was shorter than the last two years. Attendance was down compared to last year. Sales were down 25% to 30% according to the vendors I talked to. The lines at the ticket booths were shorter and the parking lots weren't crowded.

This show is one of the largest in the country and visitors come from all over the country. There were at least 8 buses from around the Northwest. Some busloads seemed to have a sort of uniform so they could recognize each other in the press of the crowd. I saw one bus load wearing bright red jackets and another load was wearing blue jackets. In addition there was a lot of other unique and readily recognizable clothing, such as some really cute bird hats easily seen from a distance even in a crowd. It made my signature white hat seem dowdy by comparison, even with the kite feathers on it.

The smaller crowd made it relatively easier to get around in the Pavilion and Showplex buildings. The background noise level was lower but my growing deafness could be a factor there.

Jerry, Glenda, and Panda  
Keep 'em Flying!

*Editor's note: I only got to go to Sewexpo once. A most wonderful experience. Even classes over the days it is there. You can find so many things you "really need". Worth the time spent. It's always on the very first weekend in March.*

## New Kite Skit Coming

Kite flying has been a great journey for many of us. Our desire to travel and fly kites has led us to some great places over the years. It's not always been easy, but it's always been worth it. My love for the **Revolution** Kite had me dreaming big, How could I fly it more? Well, at least good enough to help pay for itself would be nice. I went after my credentials, solo performances, 16 years of professional kite flying and had a blast traveling around the world and all over the US. Over the years my flying has evolved from just flying my Rev kite in solo performances, to include the audience in short kite skits with kites and costumes, and a theme of "ShareWing" under One Sky One World.

I've been working on a new kite skit. Listening to music, figuring out kites and kid placement in entries and exits in my head, safety, animation. It needs a cute storyline. I'm going to need lots of help! **David Hathaway**, of **iQuad** will take my crazy notes on starting and stopping, cutting and pasting songs together to tell a story with kites and kids. I'll be cutting it close to have it ready for this year. Morro Bay, CA in April, San Ramon In May, Rockaway, OR in May, Antelope Island in September just to name a few. I love the help of all ages in the kite skits to help smile and animate the kids, keep them away from kites on the field and see the cutest kite skit around. "Fun in the Sun", and my kite skits are 'no wind', so they are great indoor too. I want to tell you what it is, but you will have to come and see! I guarantee you will laugh!!!

Best Breezes, **Penny Lingenfelter**

## Heard on the Beach:

Various thoughts

**Revolution** Kiteflyer, **Wayne Dowler** is looking for rev flyers to fly to dedicated routines in the Portland, OR area. Novice, or Experienced. If you, or someone you know, would like to play with some other flyers, look up Wayne and the other Portland kite flyers at "Portland Area Kite Flyers" on facebook.

It's nice that we see more kite flyers flying in spur of the moment kite groups. It doesn't take long for a kite flyer to be able to fly with others. If you want to fly with a group, find one and hang out. Sharing their skills is something kite flyers are happy to do. I guarantee you might crash, and you will laugh.

Local kite flyers can be seen all over, but "Kitehenge" seems to be the local kite mecca. It's actually at Grandridge next to the Chambers Bay Golf Club in University Place, WA. Pierce County Kite Association holds monthly meetings on the field in the spring and summer. If you haven't been, check it out. Bright green grass with walking paths around it, a dog park on one corner and a spectacular water/mountain view on one side, with a train track next to the water. There are a few old granite walls from an old gravel pit, or something. They take on a surreal look at sunset standing like sentinels from Stonehenge.

A mouse told us that **Amy** and **Connor Doran**, from

America's Got Talent Indoor Kiteflying fame, have moved to Olympia, Washington. We should see more of these two on the beaches and at local parks. Kitehenge (Chamber's Bay, University Place) will be one place to stop and fly with them.

**Ray Bethel** is celebrating his 85th Birthday this year. **Terry Wiggle** and friends are asking people to make their own banners to celebrate the world famous kite flyer from B.C., Canada. The whole worldwide kite community couldn't be any prouder of his accomplishments. The best solo flyer flying three kites at once! Long Beach should be one big celebration for Ray! Terry Wiggle will probably be the most important person to contact to answer any questions on the celebration. He is on facebook.

WSIKF in August will be attempting to break a world record of 100 rev's performing synchronized flying. Come one, come all. Spend the week in preparation with flyers from around the world joining in. August 19 through the 25th.

Heard on the Beach from **Penny Lingenfelter** —  
I'd love to do a song with ladies from the Crazy Ladies, and kids, after the Sunday memorial would be perfect at Long Beach WSIKF. I have the stuff for it. And the women could wear their own costumes.

Thanks to Penny for these thoughts. Keep it up!!

## Report on the Milton Indoor Kite Event—

At February's Milton Indoor Festival our friend, **Sanjiu Fang** created a sensation with his bird kites, just as he did at the indoor festivals at Long Beach in January and last August. I was given his business card, and obtained his permission and



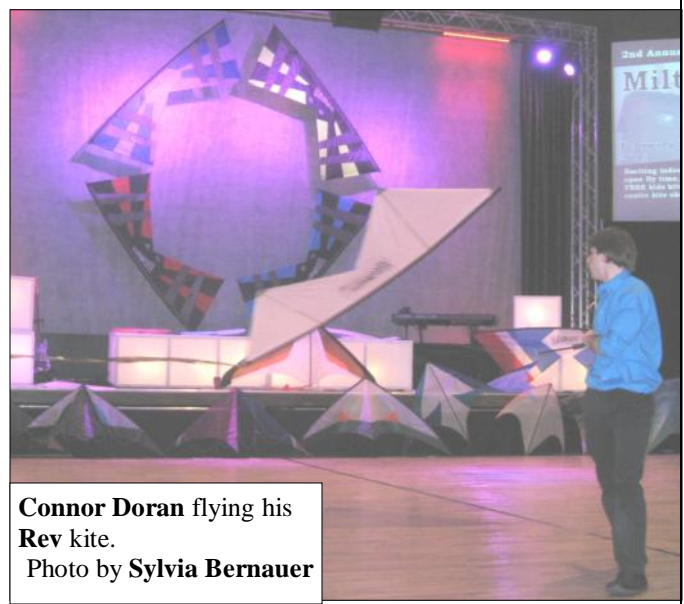
encouragement to publicize his offer to tutor flying with his kites. Sanjiu Fang is a recent emigrant from China and understands and speaks no English. For introductions, festival sign-ins, etc., he is usually accompanied

by his daughter, who is his interpreter. He is a regular flier at our Bellevue Crossroads Community Center gym nights, where he is very generous in sharing his kites and helping even youngsters fly them. He is proof that language differences are no barriers among the kite community. Communication via the email address on the card is all handled by his daughter. Even those of us who know him don't know for certain which of his names is his given name, which is his family name, or even which name to use in addressing him the typical confusion with Asian name practices. Further confusion exists as how to address his daughter. Her English is not too fluent, and she has told us that her name is Fang also, but in the Chinese characters her "Fang" is different from his "Fang". Confused? I wish I could clarify it all. "Sanjiu Fang" seems to be acceptable to all, and that is how he is introduced at festivals.

"The Milton festival was great. **Jeff Reed** won first place in

the SLK event, and **Sanjiu Fang** amazed everyone, flying on both days. It was a good weekend for the SLK enthusiasts, with lots of iFlights and other singles, even in competition events. Even **Amy Doran** flew an iFlight, and **Wayne Dowler** flew a trash bag kite which had been made in a workshop the morning before. I thought that was great, showing the kids and newcomers what can be done with little expense and effort. A real crowd pleaser was **Stephen Owen's** six year old son, **Brody**, flying a Wren. He could only do a couple of 360's and up-and-overs before crashing, but his perseverance and determination were amazing.

## Elliott Brogren



## Washington Kiteflyers 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.

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#### Calendar of Events — For more calendar information:

<http://wka-kiteflyers.org>

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| April 26-28 | Spring Sewing for Summer Soaring<br>Parksville, BC <a href="mailto:cathiejung@shaw.ca">cathiejung@shaw.ca</a>  |
| May 18-19   | Rockaway Beach, OR Kite Festival<br><a href="http://www.rockawaybeach.net">www.rockawaybeach.net</a>   |
| May 18      | Sunnyside, WA Flights and Bites  |
| May 25-26   | Quincy WA Kite Festival<br><a href="mailto:jeff@bigkidkites.com">jeff@bigkidkites.com</a>  |
| June 1-2    | Ocean Shores Festival of Colors & Sport<br>Kite Comp <a href="http://www.oceanshoreskites.com">www.oceanshoreskites.com</a>  |
| June 8-9    | Pacific Rim Kite Festival Vancouver BC<br>Vanier Park  |
| June 22-23  | Lincoln City OR Summer Kite Festival   |
| June 22-23  | Sand&SawDust Festival OceanShores WA   |
| June 29     | Pierce County Kites in the Park<br>Sat. - 10:00AM - 3:00PM (or as late as you want)  |
| July 12-14  | Westport Windriders Kite Festival and<br>Sportkite Competition, Grayland WA<br><a href="mailto:kytpepl2@aol.com">kytpepl2@aol.com</a>  |
| July 20-21  | Brookings Southern Oregon Kite Festival  |
| Aug 17-18   | Ocean Shores Kites Fun Fly-<br>and Indoor Sportkite Fly<br><a href="http://www.oceanshoreskites.com">www.oceanshoreskites.com</a>  |
| Aug 19 - 25 | WA State Int'l Kite Festival (WSIKF)<br>Sportkite Comp, Long Beach, WA and<br>Indoor Competition at Long Beach, WA<br><a href="http://www.kitefestival.com">www.kitefestival.com</a> |
| Sept 6-8    | Pacific Beach Kite Festival  |
| Sept 8      | Portland Oregon Kite Festival  |
| Sept 21-22  | Whidbey Island Kite Festival & Sport Kite<br>Comp at Camp Fort Casey<br><a href="http://www.kitefestival.com">www.kitefestival.com</a>   |
| Oct 5- 6    | Lincoln City OR Fall Kite Festival   |
| Oct 8-13    | AKA National Convention, Seaside, OR<br><a href="http://www.aka.kite.org">www.aka.kite.org</a>   |
| Oct 12-13   | WKF One Sky One World, Everywhere  |

More information at the WKA website. There's a wealth of information, past, present, future! Please drop us a line if you have events which need to be revised or added to the calendar.

Then we all will be in the 'know'!

#### Editor's Notes—

*It looks like we will have a busy summer of kiting events. Please report with notes and photos from whatever events you have attended. It would also be wonderful to get the information before the event so we can let everyone know what is going to be taking place.*

*Our next issue needs to be out mid-May. Please send items to me before then. You can include whatever you wish to share with the members and readers of the newsletter. You can also submit kite plans—it can be as simple or complicated you would like to share. Also, since picnic season will be coming, maybe some food safety tips and a few recipes for things that would be great to munch on while out there flying or putting up banners. I am looking forward to a few of the events and hope to see some of you this summer and fall.*

*Remember, you the members and readers drive the content of this newsletter, so please share. Don't limit the sharing to Facebook as not everyone is on FB, imagine that!!*

*See you out there,  
Marzlie*



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The last page photo——



**Donna Wendt** flying her “Karl Longbottom Pterodactyl” kite.  
competing at the **Milton Indoor Festival** in February.

Photo by **Sylvia Bernauer**

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## Addendum to the newsletter for those who read it online.

These are two kite happenings which are happening too early for them to be included in the mailed newsletter.

I thought you would like to know about them.

Marzlie



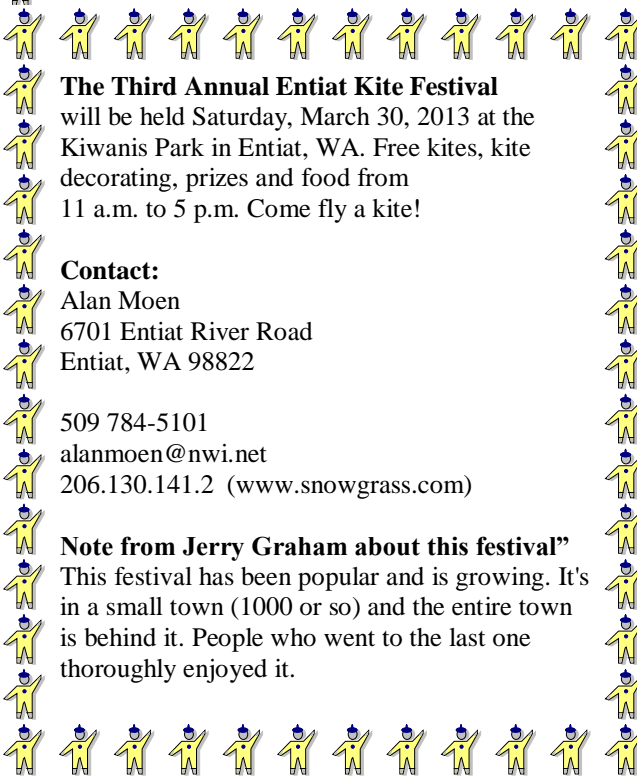
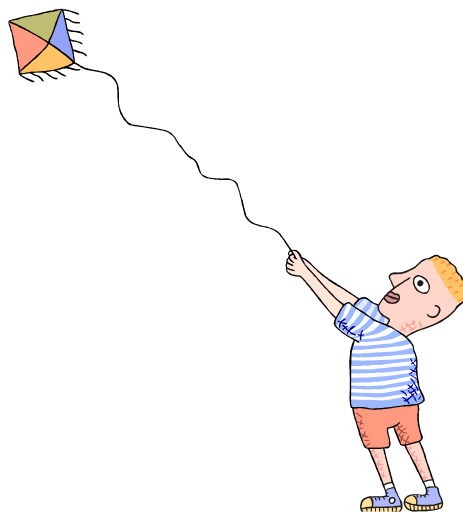
**KITES OVER KINGSTON FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday March 30th 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
at Mike Wallace Park at the Port of Kingston, WA

Telling about the event in a poem —

Did you make a new kite at the Fort Worden event?  
How about flying it at a place you may never have went?  
Bring it to fly and show off your creation  
There will be kites there from many a nation.  
Food and drinks and kites will be available  
Eat while you fly and enjoy kites. You don't need a table.

Plan to go!

**Lisa Root**  
WIKF/NWSKL



**The Third Annual Entiat Kite Festival**  
will be held Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the  
Kiwanis Park in Entiat, WA. Free kites, kite  
decorating, prizes and food from  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come fly a kite!

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**Note from Jerry Graham about this festival”**  
This festival has been popular and is growing. It's  
in a small town (1000 or so) and the entire town  
is behind it. People who went to the last one  
thoroughly enjoyed it.