



## A Call for Volunteers:

Please Help: The (WKA's) Kids' Day events have grown every year since I've started doing it 10 years ago. I'm needing to be able to step down, back, away—whatever. Just plain not stepping well at all any more, especially on uneven surfaces. Thank goodness for my cane!

I'm looking for a new **Field Director** to take over the **Foster Grandparent Fun Fly** and the judging of the **Kids' Day Camps**. Also looking for a lot more helpers for these two events so I can maybe just sit around and supervise and not get so worn out. Don't worry that I'm just going to disappear and leave somebody else holding the bag. I'll still do what I can and I have a large committee of workers already, but nobody willing to take on the physical aspects of the job and/or (eventually) the entire organizing of the events.



If you can't help out as a field director, at least come and volunteer as a Foster Grandparent. We are always critically short of those. Don't worry about having to bring a kite to give away! I've found that it is less expensive for us to buy the kites from the manufacturer's close-out lists, especially when they often drop the prices even lower when they find out what they are to be used for. Just show up with your best

smiles and reach out to take the hand of a child and watch the wonderment in their eyes as they fly the kite you help them pick out! Many of these children have never flown a kite and their parents don't know either how to fly or pick out a good kite for them. I promise the responses of the children will greatly reward you for your efforts.

**Glenda Kleppin**

## Empty Space in the Sky

**Thomas (Tom) Brummel** loved to fly kites all of his life. He found the Washington Kitefliers Association in January, 2004 and became one who always showed up for Father's Day at Kite Hill and New Year's Day at Golden Gardens Park. He often wore a ball cap that said "Super Dad." He passed away after a short illness on April 30, 2013.

He was a soft spoken man. Don't believe few of us knew he was a former employee of Seattle City Light and a Volunteer Fireman for 34 years and also was a Fire Commissioner.

We will remember him in the Memorial Fly at WSIKF.

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## A Special Memorial in Honor of Herb Andrews, Kiter

Hello kiting friends,

I am **Dana Andrews**, one of the sons of **Herb Andrews** who passed away in Oct.2012. I want kite fliers and friends of my father to know the upcoming Westport Windriders Kite Festival team is going to have a memorial tribute to my father and his family. It will take place on Saturday, July 13th. I would like to invite anyone who knew my father to stop by and say hello.

Thank you and God bless

**Dana**

*Editor's Note: This is a very important item inadvertently left out of our last issue in the New Years Day report—*

## New Year's Day Kite Fly

It was a cold, but very sunny, day this year at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. The annual Polar Bear plungers jumped into Puget Sound and Christmas tree bonfires took place down the way in the park.

On the meadow, we flyers set up banners, windsocks, along with WKA membership information. Soon the banners were flying in the breeze and we were out on the grass flying kites. It was wonderful several kite friends and members joined us that day. It was a great turnout!

**Rick White** has put in a lot of effort in leading this casual club of flyers, and it seemed appropriate to acknowledge it by presenting him with a plaque of appreciation for all of his dedication to WKA. Our new President, **Butch Harviston**, walked around the field, gathered in the fliers and gave the short surprise presentation. Rick was almost speechless but very appreciative of his award.

We all gave three cheers for Rick! Hip-hip hooray! Hip-hip hooray! Hip-hip hooray!

**Sylvia Bernauer**



Rick with the plaque of appreciation presented to him on New Year's Day.

Note from Georgan:

By the way, the kite in the tree at the New Years Day fly was in the tree when we got there. Looked like it had been there for some time.

## Reporting on the Kite Fest in Entiat Washington March 16, 2013

Along with a report of the **Rolonyne** Kite taught by **Simon Crofts** at Fort Worden 2013 and made by **Georgan Curran**



Here's a photo of **Dick Curran** flying my **Rolonyne** kite at the Entiat kite festival.

There was no wind. So it was a long line launch and reeled in while getting a picture of it in the air. It was mostly a kids fly with them running in circles with the free kites they made. They were having fun. Only five kite couples were there. We tried every now and then to get something up. Late in the day Dick did get "Funny Face" up. **Greg Clark** tried valiantly to get a couple of his kites up, and **Donna Wendt** flew her indoor kite. **James Babst** gave it a good try too. He had his Ft. Worden kites there too.

**Simon** is planning on coming to the Fort next year. They have already asked him to teach again. It will be a longer class, I am sure. This was a very interesting kite to sew, and he had lots of different construction ideas. The kits were well done. I ran into a problem with CA glue not wanting to set up. Probably would have been done a lot sooner if it had worked right. It flies nice, and is a beautiful kite.

**Georgan Curran**

## A Little Kite Flying in Eastern Europe

by Anne Huston

The Pennell's (Cliff and Gerry) and I just returned from a two and a half week boat trip on the Danube River in Eastern Europe. We visited six countries with centuries of history. All of these countries have had wars and conflicts for centuries — among themselves, as well as with other countries. Because I have lived during some of this time frame, I found the events starting with World War II particularly fascinating. Some of these countries fought with the Axis which resulted in them remaining under Communist control until 1996.

One of our day trips was to Tito's Memorial. Another day while in Budapest, Hungary we went to a hospital in the rocks

use a little help in the future. Oh, yes, we had a 'little' encounter with pick pockets. The waiters at the side walk cafe where we were having dinner were on the alert so no harm was done.

After Istanbul we flew to Bucharest, Romania to start the boat trip up the Danube River. The boat was really nice with gourmet meals three times a day. For the welcome dinner, we were seated at the Captain's table — mark that off my



(a very large cave) used during World War II. We started our trip in **Istanbul, Turkey**. It is the only city in the world located on two continents, Europe and Asia. On May Day we were to go from Europe to Asia — which is actually just across the river. The labor party takes May Day quite seriously so there were demonstrations on the bridges. After much back tracking, we were able to make it to Asia and back again.

Shopping is a big part of any trip and since I didn't want to be antisocial I went along with that. One of our excursions was to a shop which sold Turkish carpets. A lady was demonstrating her skill as a carpet weaver. She was able to weave a few inches in an eight hour day. The carpets were amazing but I resisted buying one. However, four people did succumb.

We visited the spice market. I couldn't figure out how hundreds of stalls could be selling what looked to me like the same spices, but they all seemed to be doing a good business.

My goal is always to buy jewelry which doesn't take up much room in my suitcase. I did not make purchases in a couple of countries. I bought junk jewelry on the street in a couple of places.

While shopping at the Grand Bazaar, I bought evil eyes. Evil eyes are meant to keep the evil spirits away. I figured I could



bucket list. Mostly we traveled at night and did day trips when we were in port.

Cliff's goal on this trip was to fly a kite in all six countries we visited. Sometimes he was only able to do that on the sun deck while we were in port.— I flew the sled kite I made in Deb Cooley's class at Fort Worden in 2007.



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In **Constanta, Romania** we went to a beach on the Black Sea and were able to fly our kites. Someone asked Cliff if he



rented the kite there. Not a bad idea. Nowhere we flew were the winds as friendly as on our own west coast.

Many times it is the unexpected that turns out to be the highlight of the trip. Europe celebrated Easter at a different time than the United States. We were in Constanta for Easter weekend. Saturday at midnight we went to a Greek Orthodox Church, along with thousands of other people for a service. Everyone took candles. At midnight the priest came out with his candle, lit the ones in front of him, they in turn lit the ones behind them until the whole plaza was lit up. He then gave out slices of bread. People were to take them home and break their fast the next morning by dipping them in wine. It was very emotional and I will always remember this experience.

Our boat trip traveled up river from the Black Sea to Budapest, Hungary. On the way we made stops in Bulgaria, Serbia, and Croatia. Each country had a distinct character of its own. Tourism is new to this area of Europe. People are people all over the world and are very friendly and welcoming.



**Beach at the Black Sea, Romania**

I came home with a bad cold, a sinus infection, and bursitis but with a wealth of good memories. Our last night in Budapest, Hungary, we cruised along the Danube River which separates Buda from Pest. All the bridges and buildings along both sides of the shore were lit, a sight I will never forget.



All photos by **Cliff Pennell**

# Kite Clubs

**Associated Oregon Kites (AOK)**

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**Lavender Winds Kite Club**

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**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)**

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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  
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**Washington Kitefliers Assn. (WKA)**

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**Westport Windriders (WW)**

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 followed by potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

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**A Special Reminder—**

**WKA/Sisson Fort Worden Scholarship Program**

It is time to send in a postcard or note to enter the August 2013 drawing for the 2014 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Applicant must be a current member of WKA at the time of the drawing and the conference. One entry per member who would attend conference. Drawing is to be held at our annual Lasagna Dinner in Long Beach, WA on Wednesday, August 21, 2013.

We would encourage entries from members who have not attended the conference before or won a WKA scholarship to the conference. If you have questions, please contact Sylvia Bernauer, [dbrn1@earthlink.net](mailto:dbrn1@earthlink.net) or 425-822-4605.



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## Notes from the Prez



Hello WKA members and friends,

Summer is finally here and it is time to fly kites. I had a chance to fly on Father's Day at kite hill. The wind was light but the camaraderie was high.

As experienced kite flyers what is our job at a kite fly? Well, I hope one of our obligations is to have fun. But maybe more importantly our job is to help others be successful in their efforts to fly kites.

At Magnuson Park I had a chance to help two families who were trying to fly small diamond kites. They both had the cross spars going forward not backward in a dihedral. All it took was to spin the dihedral in the proper place and the kites flew fine. All day long I witnessed WKA members helping others. **Rick White** hand carved a replacement spar for a young girl's kite. Then the girl and her mom flew that kite all day. I saw **Ken Conrad** working with a family to get an astronaut kite to fly. It made me proud to be a part of a group of such helpful kites. Keep up the good work.

Hope to see you on the beach or flying field soon. Don't forget to plan for WSIKF.

### **Butch Harviston**

Make Kites, Fly Kites



**Ken Conrad** helping with a kite



**Rick White** getting another kite ready to fly



A few banners flying at the WKA canopy.

Photos by **Butch Harviston**

## Whidbey Island Kite Festival Association Scholarship Application — 2013

Application for scholarship to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference**  
(Port Townsend WA) March 13 - 16, 2014  
(Registration fee/lodging/meals for one individual)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Oregon Kitemakers Retreat** (Rockaway Beach OR)  
January 16-19, 2014  
(Registration fee/lodging/meals for one individual)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **World Kite Museum Class Year: 2014**  
(Class registration fee plus \$75 per day lodging stipend  
Friday and Saturday nights.)

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Please complete each of the following lines:

I have \_\_\_\_\_ or have not \_\_\_\_\_ before attended the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

I have \_\_\_\_\_ or have not \_\_\_\_\_ before attended the Oregon Kitemakers Retreat

I have \_\_\_\_\_ or have not \_\_\_\_\_ before attended a kite making class at the World Kite Museum

I have a sincere desire to learn about kite making and the history of kites, as well as a willingness to make the time commitment required. I understand this scholarship is non-transferable. If I am awarded this scholarship and am unable to use it myself, I agree to notify WIKFA as soon as possible so that it may be awarded to the next eligible applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Guardian if under 18)

Return completed form to:  
WIKFA PO Box 295 Coupeville WA 98239-295

**Deadline for application receipt: September 30, 2013**  
*Applications must be received by September 30 in order to be eligible for scholarship for the following calendar year. All applications will be drawn by the WIKFA board, and scholarships awarded in order of drawing until all scholarship funds are depleted (giving preference to those persons who have never attended any of the kite making events.)*  
Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than October 15.

## Dedication Celebration of the Newly Constructed Chief Joseph Hatchery Bridgeport Washington

On behalf of WKA, I, **Bonnie Ecker**, hosted a 2-day kite fly and kite making event at **Chief Joseph Dam**. A first-ever, the event targeted several purposes: to extend the dedication celebration of the newly constructed **Chief Joseph Hatchery** on the north shore; to provide a day of fun activities for the whole family which targeted several small, lower income, communities; to expose kids to the world of kite flying; to bring color to an otherwise brown agriculture area; and to bring visitors into the area. Federal recreation budgets are based on visitation numbers. And to promote **Great Outdoors Month** and **Michelle Obama's Let's Move Outside!** initiative.

Friday afternoon was open flying with seven flyers. Unfortunately, winds were minimal with an occasional encouragement. The park ranger staff and natural resources manager came over to say hi and to see what it was all about. Each of them had a role in making this event successful. The manager later said he checked out the activities from his house on the hill with his binoculars.

Saturday saw eight flyers with ground displays. **Many Thanks** to **Scott** and **Darla Hartley** who were staying in Wenatchee and **James** and **Tommye Babst** from Kent for bringing their ground displays. Thanks to **Launny Herriges** for loaning me his fish ground displays, and thanks to **Jean Reed** from Omak for coming down with her kites. Without these people there would not have been much to look at as I only have a couple small items. Thanks also goes to **Dan Ecker** for killing his arm pounding in the stakes for displays and for helping with the kite making to free me up



for helping elsewhere and answering questions. Enough volunteers helped, including the day host from the dam, and Park Ranger **Theresa Poulson**. All volunteers were awarded with **huge** thanks and a special **WKA Participation Thank You** pin.

The **Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle** showed up to do an interview. Not having flown a kite since being a kid, she made and flew a kite before she left. The Park Ranger warned me that this could become an annual event!

**Bonnie**

Photo by **Tommye Babst**

A note from **Tommye Babst**—

Here are some photos of the festival at Bridgeport. We had a beautiful day and it was about 75 degrees!! Kite flying for the kids was perfect and for the adults more challenging. Kite flyers are always praying for “just two or three more miles per hour please!” But we were able to get some kites in the air.



There were about 50 kids making kites. I wish you could have seen the expressions on the kids faces. They were so excited to be making and **flying** their own kites.



I thought it was a great turnout!!

**Bonnie** and her team did an amazing job pulling this very special day together. Everyone we talked to told us they wanted this kite festival to be held next year!! They thought it was just great!



Thanks to **Tommye Babst** for providing these great photos

## Thanks to Supporters of 2013 Festival of Colors

This year's Festival of Colors could not have turned out better. We had the best weather, wind and turnout yet! Here at **Ocean Shores Kites** we would like to give a heartfelt thank you to **everyone** who was able attend the 2013 Festival of Colors, tourist and kite flyers alike:

**Ray Bethel** and **Delores**, you are both amazing people.  
**Tom "Rocks" Bower**, you know you're the man!  
**Ocean Shores IGA "Super Deli Dave" & crew**, what a great dinner.  
**Team Suspended Animation**, You had a full crew this year,  
**Ed Paulsen, Dale Ray, the Hertz', the Tislows, the Zweifel's,** and the rest??



**Ron and Val "Breezin"** Great display!  
The **David Family**, for more than we can say.  
**Bonnie David**-mmmmmm, pies.  
**Howard and Shirley**  
**Play Time Family Fun Center**  
**Ann and Ron Adkins**  
**Dave Berg**, for flying on no sleep.  
**Dick and Georgean Curran**  
**Skydog Kites**  
**Sylvia Bernauer**, You've been here from the beginning.  
The **Taylors**  
**Richard and Phyllis**, Fighter Field next year??  
**Dave Bradley**  
**West Seattle Kite Flyers**, Welcome to the family!  
The **Turners**  
**Robert** and his Turbo Jet.  
The **Roots**  
The many members of **Team Evidence**.  
**Pamela and Raymond**  
**Mr. Matt Cyphert** and his world-record Micron stack,  
**Dutch Boy DeBakker** for being brave enough to fly the Micron stack.

**MTP Studios** for documenting this event.

**Ray and Trish**

**Prism Kites**

**Nic Oneil and Rose**

**Scott (Kalifornia Kid) Tattoos** were a hit, **No sleep for you!**

**Karl Williams**

The **Windjammer**, thank you, thank you, thank you.

**Mark Engbaum** and his flying lady (who he didn't introduce me to).

The **Reedys**

**X-Kites/Brainstorm Products**

The **Goodmans**

**New Tech Kites**

**Chrissy and family**, (Kool Kite Nails, and expert tattoos)

**B.S.** -Our kite flying accountant.

**Ocean Shores Crime-watch Volunteers**, Awesome job! No riots or protesters, you deserve free subway next time.

**In The Breeze**

The **McDonald Family** (not Ronald) we forgot you had so many kites.

**Mr. Steve Childress and Crew** – Nice Chair!

**Al and Linda**

**Mary Ann at the Quality Inn**

**Ken and Suzanne**, helped 75 children make free kites.



The **Pittmans**

**Amy Doran** – first place, Very Nice.

**Jim Landers**

**Andrew Cimburek** – sweet soothing Vocals.

**Marianne Austin** – you're just so sweet.

Speaking of sweet, **Zach and Nancy**, Thanks for coming to dinner.

"Sexy" **Scott Davis**

**Ric Merry** great Kite Aerial Photography (KAP).

**Tony** at **MochaMadness**, **Brenda** would have **never** survived.

**Paul** and **Misty Paul**, also on the sweet list.

**Tami and Erik**

**Dave**, you're "**Above it All**"

**Jerry Cannon**, 5 months plus!

The **Houghs**

**Mona Ellis** and the "**kids**"

**Penny L.** Always willing to share the quad love.

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**Polynesian Resort**

**Mack and Lavonne**, with your sax on the beach.

**HQ Kites**

**The Slaters**

**Donna Wendt** (and **Bob** even though he couldn't make it).

**Ocean Shores Chamber, A.C.T , T.A.G and**

**DoOceanShores.com**

**The Ogles**

**Sam, Gloria and Vesta**

**Ligget and Glenda**

**Mike and Wendy H**

**Holly and Caleb**, the new kids on the block. Thanks for not flipping out and quitting.

**Ocean Shores Elementary** and the world's coolest.

**Janitor Dude**

**Andy's Mom** for watching the kids, dog, turtles, and fish  
And all of those we missed.



Great skies and wonderful displays both days.



These tassels are **Georgean Curran's** embroidery floss tassel tails at the end of long cords flying from a red/white/blue kite. (which is shown flying on page 3 of this issue)

Photos by **Sylvia Bernauer**

**Fathers' Day Kite Fly 2013**

It was a lot of fun. The wind was light but useable most of the day. And **no rain!** There was a good turnout from a lot of locals and two or three other camps besides the big one, on kite hill. We really missed some of the usual attendees who had to attend other events. But the display went very well, and the hill looked great!

I played kite doctor for two young kids. They were so

**A very happy flier now**



very happy to be able to fly their broken kites again. I hope to see them in the ranks of the WKA soon. It is in these moments I feel the best, when we are following the WKA creed, to show others how much fun it is to fly kites!

The bubbles were plentiful, the kids sure loved them. Hope to see everyone at the next Fathers' Day Kite Fly!

**Rick White**

In this picture the two boys flying the Rev. are **Kai** (the oldest) and **Kaden** (the little one) and then it is my Dad **Ray** standing under the Rev.

He was teaching Kai how to fly the Rev and little Kaden wanted to try too.

**Kara Zubal**

**Rick White** says:

*"Thanks Kara and family for coming to the Fathers Day Kite Fly"*



## Festival of Colors at Ocean Shores Re-cap

When Bud and I arrived at Ocean Shores on Saturday morning for the Festival of Colors.....that's what greeted us. Wonderful kites and banners in a festive array coloring the sky. The single line fliers were out early and already had so many different kite animals and various other kinds of kites ready to delight the

Sunday the wind was a little breezier but the day started off kinda grey so it kept some of the single line kites from setting up as early. Not as many single line kites were up, but enough to give color to the sky for those walking the beach. The Sportkite competition continued on Sunday with Precision and Ballet events.



spectators. The wind was light but enough for kite flying. The NWSKL competitors were ready to fly as this was the first competition of the year. The long winter was over — it was time to get our kites out, warmed up and ready to compete. Of course the precision events were first, as they are mandatory but not so spectator friendly. Once we got those events out of the way, it was time for kite ballet flown to interesting, varied, fun music. Spectators began to gather around to watch and enjoy the fliers dance their kites across the sky.

**Ocean Shores Kites** offered many activities to keep people busy and having a great experience at the beach—a treasure hunt—line winding competition—kids kitemaking—etc. Ray **Bethel** flew his three kites for hours, to the delight of those wandering up and down the beach. They'd stop to stare in amazement at one person flying three kites at once!!!

Saturday afternoon there was an Indoor Competition. There were lots of people who came to enjoy this spectacular event who had never seen kites fly indoors!! They were amazed, and finally saw how a kite can fly with no wind. A new event for Single Line Kites only has been introduced and is quite popular with the fliers and audiences. There were also routines flown with dual and quadline kites.

This was followed by a delectable dinner of fried chicken, salads, etc., a prelude to the always fun and exciting raffle/auction by **Ocean Shores Kites**. Lots of fliers went home with new kites and accessories.

As part of the NWSKL — there was an attempt to set a Guinness World Record for flying 50 kites at one time. **Paul Debakker** was the pilot who flew the stack of kites. The requirement was to fly for at least 5 minutes and to do 3 loops on either side of the wind window. It looked like his arms were being pulled out of their sockets as a string of 50 kites is a lot to handle. He made it and set a World Record!!!

Ocean Shores Kites put on a great event—with good wind both days!!! Thank you Andy and Brenda. We'll see you again in August.

**Lisa Root**

Photo at the top shows the Ground Crew setting out the stack of 50 Prism Micron kites.

Photo to the right shows the success of the stack in the sky.

Photos by **Sylvia Bernauer**



## Kites over Kingston March 30, 2013

It was a beautiful day to fly kites over Kingston. A number of the **Whidbey Island Kite Fliers** ferried down to enjoy flying kites for the day. **Fred Marchand** set up a campsite with lots of banners and flags. He also eventually found room on the field to fly his new kite made in **Rod Beamguard's** World Kite Museum class held in February.

The field was overflowing with kids and small kites. As soon as **Bonnie Ecker**, **Rick White** and **Butch Harviston** opened the WKA kids' kite making tent, a line formed. **Mary Graebler** and I decided they needed some help so we got in

fun too!!! **Bud** even got out his elephant kite!!



It was a great day for a ferry ride and flying kites.

**Lisa Root**

line to tape and tie kites. The kids, parents, grandparents were excited to have a kite they created. Then they filled the field with kites of many colors!! It was wonderful. They kinda took over so it was hard for us to fly our larger kites but as they tired, we got a chance to get our kites out there and have some



**Fred Marchand** flying the **John Freeman** designed "bird on the wire" kite made at the World Kite Museum class in February.

All photos by **Lisa Root**

**Windriders Marathon  
Making of the Bols!!**



Seven hours of sewing!! It was a lot of **fun** figuring out how to sew the pieces together correctly. **James** told **Richard** the correct way to do it and proceeded to sew it backwards himself. Do as I say not what I do kind of thing.

There was reverse sewing, machines not working and material puckering. All the usual experiences when making a kite. At the end of the day it was a wonderful feeling seeing what everyone had accomplished.



**Mike and Kay** were great instructors explaining the nuances of putting the BOLS's (Mike's design) together correctly. They were there when you needed them.

**Bob** barbequed hotdogs for potluck lunch which was a welcome break. It will be fun watching all the kids, no matter what age, pulling the bols down the fields with everyone cheering them on. We won't have to pray for wind. The bols just need leg power!!

Get ready to run!!

**Tommye Babst**

**Tommye** was the record keeper of the day as you can see!!

## Washington Kitefliers Association

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

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

#### 2013

July 12-14 Westport Windriders Kite Festival and Sportkite Competition, Grayland WA  
kyppepl2@aol.com

July 20-21 Brookings Southern Oregon Kite Festival  
Aug 17-18 Ocean Shores Kites Fun Fly-and Indoor Sportkite Fly [www.oceanshoreskites.com](http://www.oceanshoreskites.com)

Aug 19 - 25 WA State Int'l Kite Festival (WSIKF)  
Sportkite Comp and Indoor Competition  
Long Beach, WA [www.kitefestival.com](http://www.kitefestival.com)

Sept 6-8 Pacific Beach Kite Festival  
Sept 8 Portland Oregon Kite Festival  
Sept 21-22 Whidbey Island Kite Festival and Sport Kite Comp at Camp Fort Casey  
[www.whidbeykites.org](http://www.whidbeykites.org)

Oct 5- 6 Lincoln City OR Fall Kite Festival  
Oct 8-13 AKA National Convention, Seaside, OR  
[www.aka.kite.org](http://www.aka.kite.org)

Oct 12-13 WKF One Sky One World, Everywhere

#### 2014

Jan 16-19 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat Rockaway, Oregon  
Mar 13-16 Ft Worden Kitemakers Conf, Pt Townsend WA

More information at the WKA website. There's a wealth of info, 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—

Whew, this is a bigger newsletter this time. Took me a lot longer to put together and to make everything fit!

We will have the next issue early August just in time for WSIKF, so remember to be ready to answer my late July request for input to the newsletter .

According to the weather people we are going to have some days of rather warmer than our usual days. This is when I really miss the never even over 80 degrees on Vancouver Island—at least where John and I lived for ten years. It was usually no more than the mid-70's. One thing about where I live now is we get the coastal wind in the late afternoons and it cools the house down enough to be able to get a good night's rest. Thank goodness.

I am looking forward to seeing members of the kiting family at Westport this coming month. I have my campsite reserved, and I do hope we have perfect weather and wind. Now is that too much to ask?

Marzlie

#### New Member Report

Bill Brosius Olympia, WA

Michael & Wendy Hobson Seattle, WA

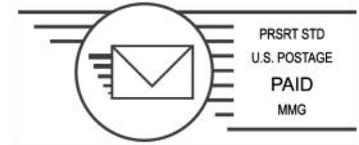
We are glad you've joined us —Welcome aboard!!

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The last page photo——



**Rick White** took this photo which shows wonderful bubbles at the Fathers Day kite fly.



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