



Newsletter

July - September 2013

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

2013 WSKIF Kids Day Events

I'm constantly amazed at the enthusiasm of our kite members and the kiting community. Only being involved in the Kite World about 8 years now we find fellowship everywhere we turn. The Kid's Day project at WSKIF has been inspiring, to say the least.

A couple years ago we started looking for a sponsor to work with us on offsetting some of our costs for the events' pins. It proved to be successful not only for this events' need, but also for the businesses involved. This year we'd like to **Thank Dave and Keli Colbert** of *Above It All Kites* for the needed sponsorship. As you may know, Dave and Keli have closed the doors on their store front in Long Beach and now focus their attention to their website: aboveitallkites.com. Being long time members of the kiting community and supporters of kite clubs, kite associations and the World Kite Museum (just to name a few) we are very happy to have them work with us on the Kid's Day Event at WSKIF this year and wish them much success in the future. Dave and Keli's new pin design is sure to capture every kid and grandparent's eye, plus those avid pin collectors who will want to have one of the limited pin sets to add to their collection. In addition to the limited sets, Dave has also had another special pin made. He'll be selling it to add to the Kid's Day event pin group. You'll need to see him at his vendor booth on the walk to the beach for that one.

Our kite makers have been hard at it this year again. **Anne Huston** and **James Babst** have had scissors and sewing machines buzzing since last fall. Anne has done a lot of the cutting and James has been sewing up a storm. The first 65 kids to sign up will have a pick of their creations. I hope to have a feature photo in the next issue of our club newsletter for all of those who didn't make it to the event this year to see.

Talking about kite building, we need to give a **Special Thank You** to the World Kite Museum. After the February Kite Museum Kite Build this year, which **Rod Beamguard** and **Carveth Kramer** taught, we got to talking to **Chelsea Libby** about kite building and Kids Day at WKISF. She said there were materials in a back room which needed to be put to

some good use and she wanted to know if they could be used for Kid's Day. We were able to get some much needed spars, material and Dacron for our projects. We'd like to again say **Thank You** for these materials. You may not recognize them in the sky this year but, rest assured, they are up there. Naturally, 65 kites won't meet the needs of all the kids who come to the event and don't have kites to fly. We normally hand out 200 to 350 kites each year. So again we look for people who can help us find **more kites** so every kid can enjoy the fun and excitement of being able to fly a kite on Kid's Day. **Theresa Norelius** of *The Kite Shoppe* came to our rescue again this year. Through her sources we were able to purchase some kites and we received donations from *Tanger Mall* in Lincoln City and the *Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce*. We'll have about 265 plus kites to hand out this year!!!

Glenda Kleppin has headed this event for as long as we've been involved and our **Fairy Godmother** has been the glue which keeps us all going in the same direction. Time and health issues are taking their toll on her and mobility has become an issue this year. She'll be there keeping us going in the right direction, but from what we hear **Kristian Slater** is going to head our group next year with Glenda guiding him. Kristian has been involved with the program since he was one of the kids flying the kites on the field. He progressed into running some of the events and was helping me do some of the announcing. Even though away at school during the school year he will be back working with us to make sure next year's event doesn't skip a beat. Thanks Kristian, we look forward to working with you.

Being a long time pin collector, Glenda handed me a Bear years ago which had a few pins on its vest. She said it had been donated to auction off for the Kid's Day event at WSKIF. She asked me to see if I could get more pins to fill the vest and said all money from the auction would go to purchasing more kites for the event. Little did I know the Bear would soon take on the name **Dawgy Dude** and would soon become a mascot for Kid's Day at WSKIF. I don't know how many pins have been placed on the vest over the years

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WSIKF — Volunteers Needed



1. Foster Grandparents Fly, held Wednesday August 21, 2013, from 9-11 a.m.

Because of the large number of children who show up (between 250 and 300 in past years), we will need as many hands as possible to match kids with appropriate kites and to help them learn to fly them. If you can teach one kid about kites, or teach a dozen, your help will be deeply appreciated.

2. Free meal for volunteers at the WKA banquet, Wed 8/21/13, starting at 3:00 p.m. on until closing.

Help is needed in the following positions:

a. Raffle. All help is appreciated for sorting, bagging/tagging, and putting out the raffle items on tables as they come in. This involves asking donors as they enter to write their item description and their name on their raffle bags. You then place the items and tape the bags on tables and walls. Ticket drawers are also needed during the raffle and runners to take items to the winners.

b. Banquet Meal. 6-8 volunteers at 3:00 p.m. to prep food (2-3 people to cut bread, assemble salads, put out condiments and beverages), cook food (1-2 people to put in and take out lasagnas and bread), and serve attendees (3 people).

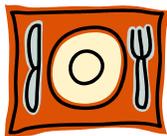


c. Hall Setup. 1-2 volunteers to arrange tables, chairs, set up microphone, and be a Grange Hall point-of-contact if the restrooms need to be cleaned and/or stocked.

d. Clean up. After the event, everyone who can stay and help are needed to clean the kitchen, tidy the grange hall, and haul garbage bags to the beach parking lot dumpsters as there are no dumpsters at the Grange Hall.



e. Go Green. WKA encourages attendees to bring their own eating plates, cups, and utensils to reduce our garbage. But don't worry, we will still provide paper plates and plastic utensils. But, wouldn't it be nicer to eat on your own solid plate with regular utensils?



3. WKA Booth. 14 volunteers to share the AKA space in the red and white tent. Ideally, WKA would like the table staffed Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

If fewer volunteers sign up, the table would be staffed

Wednesday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Duties include talking about and signing up WKA members and selling WKA products. Accountability for cash box is required. Time

slots are flexible.

Bonnie Ecker, Secretary



Whidbey Island Kite Festival Special Notice

- ◆ Single-liners coming to Whidbey wanting a parking spot adjacent to the field must email Allen Taylor at Allen@taylor635.com. First come first served.
- ◆ Online registration for sport kites and for meals, shirts, pins, and hats is now open

Will we see you in September??

OCEAN SHORES KITES FUN FLY'IN

Info brought to you in rhyme
Saturday/Sunday—August 17 & 18

How about a weekend of fly'in kites?

Coloring the sky with forms everyone likes!!

Bring them to Ocean Shores to the beach

Its easy to get there - it's within your reach.

There will be outdoor and indoor sport kite competition

Also a raffle and dinner as a great addition.

The outdoor competition will be on the beach!!!!

The indoor will be at the elementary school where it is usually held!!! As will be the dinner, raffle, awards, etc!!!

Check for times at the sound tent.

Dinner tickets are \$10 and you know how good it is.

Can be purchased at the Ocean Shores shop or at the school.

Register for competition at www.nwskl.org — check for event times.

Ocean Shores Kites usually provides sun and wind for a great event!!!

See you there...in the air!!!

Lisa Root NWSKL

(Editor's note: 'Sun and wind' — how cool is that?

Do they have the inside track???. Hmmmmmm.)



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but I do know we have raised a lot of money for kites and have put a lot of smiles on kids faces due to this donation from so long ago.



Dawgy has become an icon and it's sad to see his empty vest after the auction. We've been fortunate for the donations which people from all around the country have sent us. I haven't pushed much for pin donations as we've had a good count to keep the vest full every year. I hate to keep bothering folks for donations. We will be able to fill the vest this year though most will be local pins from Northwest kite events. Next year we **need your help**. I'm putting out a call for kite pins, patches and kite building supplies!

Kids are the future to our **Kite World** and the enjoyment we've all come to know through this wonderful hobby. Kristian Slater is just an example of what I'm talking about. We need more of him to keep our hobby alive. Please help Glenda, Kristian and all those helpers of Kid's Day keep the "Smiles on Kids Faces" as they fly their kites during Kids Day and WSKIF!

Donations can be sent to
Larry Christensen
16952 NW Bernietta Ct.
Portland, Oregon 97229.
Email:
Lrcconst@hevanet.com

Larry Christensen



Snohomish Rotary — Fun with Kites

When the email came to WKA and Sylvia sent it through the Board, I waited a couple weeks. As a newbie, maybe there was someone who did the talks. Couple of weeks later I asked **Sylvia** if anyone had responded to **Pete Reeder's** request for a kite talk at the Snohomish Rotary Club. No one had, so I made the connection. I lived the closest to Snohomish and I knew the meeting location.

Pete was excited. He remembers flying kites as a kid and thought this would be a fun topic. Rotary clubs are business folks (library director, school president and a VP, a park ranger, the executive director for a sailing vessel...) who focus on peace type activities around the world, like getting clean water to a poverty area, getting electricity to tribal villages, teaming up with **Bill Gates** to eradicate polio.

The date was for August 1 at 7:00 a.m. I brought several kites for show and tell, newsletters, membership forms and business cards, plus my laptop. They held their meeting which went quickly. Right before I was to talk they did "Happy Dollars" where they go around the table and everyone donates a buck or more and says why they are happy. Pete, the host for my talk, gave a buck for being happy I was there, and another buck for something else. Some were really funny. What a great way to build up their funds.

I was next. Good thing I had practiced before going so I wouldn't stumble with what I was going to say next. I still used my paper to keep me on track. It was a small group of 11, with only 3 men. I was able to "read" the attendees and impart some comments according to any they would interject during my talk. I followed up with a few photos of WSKIF and single/dual/quad line flying videos. I taught myself how to edit my videos within 48 hours of the talk with Windows Live Movie Maker, a free program already on my laptop. Worked slick. I plopped them into PowerPoint and manually clicked on them to start.

In the end, I had diamond kite kits and everyone made one for flying. We got a group photo and everyone thanked me and seemed quite happy with the talk. No one decorated their kites with Sharpies; probably like me, too embarrassed to venture into the drawing arena.

Bonnie Ecker, WKA Secretary





What a fabulous day for the **PCKA Kids Day in the Park**. It was sunny, warm and the kids generated their own wind flying their kites. The rest of us just asked for a “few more miles per hour” please!! I thought I heard **Bob Wendt** say 300 kites were



made.

The kids not only had fun making and flying kites, the bol run was fun for all the age groups!! It was amazing to see how the small kids (some with a little help) got the bols in the air!!

Tommye Babst Photos



9:19 AM
07/19/13
Cash Basis

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2012

Dec 31, 12

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK OF AMERICA/CHECKING	2,028.54
BANK OF AMERICA/SAVINGS	2,242.02
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
NUMBER 1	3,087.27
Total CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	3,087.27
Total Checking/Savings	7,357.83
Total Current Assets	7,357.83
TOTAL ASSETS	7,357.83
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Earnings	-3,169.19
EQUITY	10,069.78
Net Income	457.24
Total Equity	7,357.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	7,357.83

WKA
Balance Sheets

Presented by
Marianne Austin,
Treasurer.

These two files give
us the 2012 year end
and current as of
7/19/2013.

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07/19/13
Cash Basis

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet
As of July 19, 2013

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK OF AMERICA/CHECKING	1,667.29
BANK OF AMERICA/SAVINGS	2,182.25
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
NUMBER 1	3,087.27
Total CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	3,087.27
Total Checking/Savings	6,936.81
Total Current Assets	6,936.81
TOTAL ASSETS	6,936.81
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Earnings	-2,711.95
EQUITY	10,069.78
Net Income	-421.02
Total Equity	6,936.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6,936.81

Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kites (AOK)

Contact: Deb Cooley
 Email: tucoolkites@earthlink.net
 PO Box 25616, Portland OR 97298
 Membership includes 4 issues per year newsletter

Ben Franklin Kite Society (BFKS)

Contact Larry Zilar
 509-627-6751 or email: zilarlm@charter.net

Lavender Winds Kite Club

Brian Bradley
 email: KiteBear@aol.com
 meet 2nd Sunday, noon in Long Beach, WA

Lilac City Wind Chasers (LCWC)

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

Northwest Sport Kite League (NWSKL)

Contact Bud Hayes
 email: bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar at www.nwskl.org

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
 email: lisaryan@mail.com or billrogers@earthlink.net
 Meets 2nd Wednesday every month, Fire Station, Loxie Egan Blvd.

Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn (PCKA)

President: Bob Wendt
 Puyallup, WA 98374, 253-848-6325 (home)
staff@pcka.info Calendar at www.pcka.info

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 Kitefliers Assn. (WKA)

Contact: Butch Harviston
 email: harviston.west@comcast.net
 Address on back page of newsletter
 Membership includes 4 issues per year newsletter

Westport Windriders (WW)

Contact: Bary Crites
 360 491-8605
 email: bigbearkites@comcast.net
 meets 4th Saturday every month at Grayland Beach,
 followed by potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers (WIKF)

Meets 3rd Saturday April - Oct at Fort Casey
 contact Lisa Root 360-678-7052 LR00208@aol.com
www.whidbeykiteclub.org

American Kitefliers Association (AKA)

Contact Scott Davis - Regional Director
 email: region10@aka.kite.org Regional: www.aka.kite.org/
 region10 or www.aka.kite.org

British Columbia Kitefliers Assn (BCKA)

PO Box 755
 101-1001 W. Broadway
 Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 4E4
 Membership: \$20 (CDN)
 Includes quarterly newsletter
www.bcka.bc.ca



Become a Member of WKA

 To encourage membership in the **Washington Kitefliers Association**, The WKA Lasagna Dinner ticket prices will be the same as last year: \$8.00 for WKA members. The dinner ticket will cost \$10 for non members.

 We will be serving the same great meal of lasagna, salad, beverages with cake for dessert at this year's dinner on Wednesday, August 21. We will be at the Grange Hall on Sandridge Road in Long Beach. You may renew your dues, or apply for membership, at the door.

 The annual raffle and auction of kite related items will be held after the dinner. This is our only event to raise funds for WKA each year to support our programs.

 **Sylvia Bernauer**
 Membership Director





Newsletter

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

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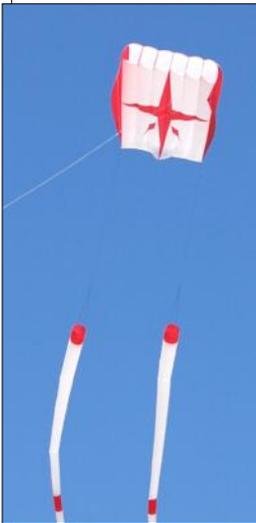
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Notes from the Prez



Hello kite lovers—

It seems like the kite season is well under way. I have already attended more kite flying events than in any other year. Hope you are having as much fun as I'm having. A recent one day event was the **Hoedown for Hunger** gathering at Magnuson Park, Saturday July 27th. I haven't seen **Erv Crosby's** old kite flying in a long time. Flew kites with **Mark Williams** from



Marysville. Small winds, small group of flyers, big fun in the sun.



Fellow kite flyers

WSIKF 2013 Notes—

Do you have your reservations all set for WSIKF? Remember to get your beach pass and take part in the on-beach activities. I am looking forward to this wonderful week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

On Wednesday of WSIKF week the WKA hosts a fun evening time to meet old friends and maybe some new ones. The lasagna dinner and raffle is organized by your WKA Board. But we need **your** help in the kitchen and taking tickets and working with the raffle gang. If you can help please let me or one of the other board members know as early as you can. You

can email me or any of the other board members, or tell us on Monday or Tuesday at the festival. Your help will greatly be appreciated. You are all invited to this special meeting of kite lovers. Remember Wednesday August 21, delicious Lasagna dinner and raffle.

Another fine way to share our love of kiting is to volunteer with the "Foster Grandparents to Help Kids Fly" kite event on

Wednesday. I have done this in past years and it's lots of fun. We are also looking for someone to head up this event in coming years. Please think about volunteering and help organize this event next year and years to come.

Butch Harviston
MAKE KITES
FLY KITES!



Enough wind for Butch's ground display



**MAIL YOUR ENTRIES NOW!
 POSTCARDS OR NOTES MUST BE RECEIVED
 BY AUGUST 14, 2013
 FOR THIS YEAR'S DRAWING
 WKA/Sisson Scholarship
 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference
 March 13-16, 2014**

The deadline for entering this year's drawing is almost here!!

Our scholarship program is one of the **benefits of membership** of the Washington Kitefliers Association. We send one member each year to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference in Port Townsend, WA. You do not have to purchase a ticket to enter this members-only drawing. The prize is worth at least \$400.00 which includes conference tuition, housing, meals in the dining room, the conference pin, and \$50.00 toward class fees. Limit one entry for each member who would attend classes. Membership dues must be current at the time of the drawing as well as the conference. This scholarship is **non-transferable**. Ten entries have been received at this time.

We encourage entries from members who have not attended this conference, or have won the WKA/Sisson Scholarship in prior years.

Mail a note or postcard to:
 Washington Kitefliers Association
 Pacific Science Center
 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109-4816.

The drawing will be held at the WKA Lasagna Feed on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at the Grange hall on Sandridge Road in Long Beach, Washington. You do not need to be present to win.

If you have any questions about this scholarship program, contact the WKA Membership Director, **Sylvia Bernauer** at (425) 822-4605 or email dbrn1@earthlink.net.

Visit www.kitemakers.org for more information about the conference. The schedule of teachers with photos of many of the projects will be posted on the site when available.



WKA Officer Election Coming Up—

So far we have had no nominees, other than the office of Secretary—**Bonnie Ecker**. Therefore we will put forth the nominees at the WKA meeting during WSIKF. The general membership will accept nominations and vote during the meeting at WSIKF. If any of you wish to apply for an open position, or if you have someone you wish to suggest, please email **Casey Shearer** prior to WSIKF at shear090@comcast.net.

President and **Treasurer** are elected in **even** years for 2-yr terms starting January 1 of the new **odd** numbered year. **VP** and **Secretary** are elected in **odd** years for 2-yr terms starting January 1 of the new **even** numbered year. Our organization runs on a calendar year basis.

Open positions are:

Treasurer 1-yr stand-in term 1/1/14 - 12/31/14 as **Marianne** would like to step down.

Vice President 2-yr term 1/1/14 - 12/31/15. **Butch** was a stand-in for yr 1 in 2012 and **Casey** is currently a stand-in for yr 2 for 2013.

Secretary 2-yr term 1/1/14 - 12/31/15.

No other Board positions are elected.

WKA Board Members

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Gathering For A Wedding in New York

My son **Daniel** used to enter the Smallest Kite competition at Long Beach. He is now a photographer in New York. He met a lovely gal originally from Ireland, three years ago. Early this July they were married in a beautiful ceremony in Long Island City, New York. Since her family lives in Ireland, I had not had the opportunity to meet them before. An informal gathering in a local park was planned for the day before the wedding. I was amazed when so many people arrived. Several of her family from Belfast, an uncle and aunt from New Zealand (sorry but they had not heard of Peter Lynn), a couple from London and others. We had a wonderful time together along with two from my family who could be there.

A young mother brought her child to the park to fly her kite. Amazingly it was just across the lawn from where I was with my son and his soon-to-be family. Even though I did not bring a kite with me, I was amazed to see that one was flying nearby. I went over to introduce myself and tell them how great it was and that others were enjoying watching the young girl have fun with her kite. I almost could not believe it when her Mom said she was from Seattle, but lives in New York because her husband played baseball with the Mets. The young girl was



handicapped, she had the most wonderful smile on her face as she was having fun flying her Mutant Ninja

Turtle delta kite. Then she said: "Here, you try." So I did and then handed it back to her. What a delightful moment in a beautiful but so hot day. I took a few photos and you might recognize the United Nations Building which is directly across the East River from Gantry Plaza State Park in Long Island City, NY.

Ancient Ceremony with a Different Knot

Sheryl Graham and **Daniel** planned a special wedding ceremony. They wrote their own wedding vows, the Pastor had a Tablet concealed in his Bible where he read the beautiful traditional wedding ceremony, and then a very ancient ceremony was planned to take place. It is called "Hand Fasting."

The couple hold crossed hands and an attendant uses a ribbon or cord to wrap around the hands, hence the origin of the expression "tying the knot." Sheryl braided satin fabric and ribbon to form a braided rope, and her sister **Nicola**, who was the matron-of-honor, proceeded to wrap the fabric rope. But, just a minute, that is not what I expected to see. To make the knot tying easier to do, Dan showed Nicola how to form a *Lark's Head Knot* and that is what was used for this ancient Irish and Scottish ceremony! I hoped my photo would turn out. The wedding ceremony area was decorated with paper doves hanging on threads from a branch like how paper cranes are hung. The effect was beautiful. Bird cages and doves were also used in



the decorations. The *Lark's Head Knot* added another "bird" element to the festivities, but no one, other than Dan and me, was aware of the knot that is used with flying kites.

Sylvia Bernauer

The happy couple — Sheryl and Daniel,
in Central Park.



This photo was snapped by **Roberta**, Sylvia's sister-in-law.

From The Kite Museum August



"The World Kite Museum tells the story of kites and their effect on world culture, art, and scientific innovation through hands-on learning exhibits for all ages."

August is here – Washington State International Kite Festival Time! Lots of changes at the Museum since 2012. As some of you have heard, **Chelsea Libby** is no longer with the Museum. Consequently, gearing up for the Festival raises the 'miles-per-hour' required for Museum workers.

Number One, we hope all of you have been digging out your donations for the Festival Awards Banquet and Museum Kite Auction. We hope you can get your donations to us in one of these three ways.

Before and During Festival

- US Mail: PO Box 964, Long Beach, Washington 98631
- Package-shipping services: 303 Sid Snyder Drive West, Long Beach, Washington 98631
- Festival drop offs: Make every effort to bring your donations to the Museum by Friday night, August 23. The sooner the better.

Museum Activities During WSIKF

Monday August 19

The Museum has been in charge of the **Kite Trains, Arches and Stacks** competitions almost from its start. For the last three years **Amy Curry**, daughter of **Genny** and **Eric Forsberg**, who were instrumental in getting WSIKF off the ground and running for many years, has been in charge of this competition. If you've participated before, you have received an invitation for this year. If you're a beginner, everyone will welcome you. Two unique things of this event are the Pullman Breakfast of coffee and a sweet (get it!) and a judging category called "The Judges' whim!"

Usually, the Museum sponsors a Kite Train Making Workshop on Monday afternoon. It probably won't happen this year. Because of confusion in the change of Museum leadership, not everything is available nor are the knowledgeable folks to make things close at hand.

Watch for "signs" at the festival. Thanks.

Red, White and Blue Mega Fly Thursday August 22nd

This event begins its third year. As a result of the American Kiteflyers Association's emphasis on getting new folks

involved in kiting, the Museum created this three hour event for experienced and beginner kite flyers and makers.

The event requires individuals to fly any kind of kite that follows the theme (this year red, white and blue). It can be store bought, hand-put-together, or one made by a kite master or beginner.

The convenient part of this is, you can choose whatever hour of this three hour long span you want to fly your kite. What you do is sign up at the south-end of the Registration Tent. The registration folks record what time you sign in. Actually, you can fly as long as you want, but to receive the pin, come back to the registration table. The registration folks will check on the sign in sheet and give you a red, white and blue Mega Kite Pin if you've been flying at least an hour.

Make a plan and we'll see you there!

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Friday August 23rd

The Museum's Hall of Fame recognizes and honors noteworthy individuals for outstanding contributions to the kiting world. It is governed by a board of directors from around the world. They are instructed to nominate individuals from any country, from any period of time and from any of the many aspects of kiting.

Once a year the Hall of Fame committee proceeds with the nominating and the election process. The announcement of those honored that year happens on Friday evening of the Washington State International Kite Festival. Attending this event is one of the perks for Museum Members.

Festival Awards Banquet & Kite Auction

Saturday August 24, Doors Open 5:30 PM

Elks Lodge – 106 No. Pacific Way, Long Beach

Saturday night of every Washington State International Kite Festival culminates in a frenzied, last-chance, social get-together of stories of the past week, awards for competitions, and special presentations of free registrations for future kite flying and making events.

This year's theme is **Red, White & Blue** which gives you lots of leeway with creating something weird. Don't get us wrong, we love weird, also.

The tickets are \$25.00 this year. We promise to give you good and plenty of regular USA "comfort" food, things like barbecued chicken, deviled eggs and macaroni and cheese plus plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, besides dessert with chocolate!! Food is served at 6:15 PM.

Loud auction begins at 7:30 PM. You can get tickets during the week at the Museum Store Tent on the beach, at the Museum or at the door. We'll not sell more tickets than there is food. A couple of final reminders. Recheck the first item on this e-letter for info about donating things for the auction.

And Don't miss the **Ray Bethell Museum Exhibit** at the Museum. And Seattle's Channel 5 will have a documentary about him on the *Evening Magazine* show on August 15th.



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September 6th—7th—8th, 2013
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WKA Board Meeting, June 29, 2013

Location: Chambers Bay during PCKA Kite Fest, 2:00 p.m.

Quorum: Pres **Butch Harviston**, VP **Casey Shearer**, Sec **Bonnie Ecker**, Membership **Sylvia Bernauer**, Education **Ken Conrad**, Security **Scott Slater**, Sp Events Coordinator **Glenda Kleppin & Jerry Graham**, Products Coordinator **Rick White**
Absent: Treasurer **Marianne Austin**, Newsletter Ed **Marzlie Freeman**, Webmaster **Morrie Williams**, Youth Coordinator **Kristian Slater**

2012 Minutes: Sent via email with no changes or specific mentioning.

Treasurer's Report – Bal 12/31/11 \$7,586.81. Marianne was unable to attend due to being out of town. Report will be submitted later to the board.

Membership Report – Sylvia reported 119 memberships by end of June. Expiration notices sent to 41, 29 renewed. Memberships since 2000 steadily decreasing, averaging in the 130's since 2006.

Old Business

WSIKF

1. **Kids Day** Glenda stepping down with Kristian Slater assuming coordination. Foster Grandparents Fly remains 9:00-11:00 a.m. Need **LOTS** of hands to help with the 250-300 children participating (matching kids to kites and flying). Contact Glenda.

2. **Banquet Price** Less attendance and 1/3 to 1/2 are non-members. **Motion:** Keep \$8 for WKA members, increase non-member price to \$10. **VOTE:** Passed

3. **Banquet Cooking** Scott may not be able to do cooking due to another commitment on the beach so 6-8 volunteers needed

for prepping (2-3), cooking (1-2), serving (3). Contact Casey.

4. **Tickets & Items** Marianne will sell dinner tickets, Sylvia new/renewed memberships, James & Tommye Babst raffle tickets. Volunteers always welcome to organized raffle items.

New Business

1. **Elections** Vote at August General Membership meeting during WSIKF banquet. Positions:

- Vice President – 2-yr term.
- Secretary – 2-yr term. Bonnie Ecker has agreed to run again.
- Treasurer – 1-yr stand-in term to complete Marianne Austin's 2nd-yr term.
- Donations Coordinator (formerly Merchant Liaison) – Committee chair position, no set term.

2. **WKA Website:** Morrie Williams will shut down Seescapes Productions, Inc. at end of year. Company is WKA's hosting service. We wish him well and THANK HIM PROFUSELY for the great work he has done for the WKA website! Conversations have started with another company assuming website responsibilities.

3. **Non-Profit Status** Casey requested info to change WKA's 501c7 status to 501c3 to allow donors to a tax write-off. Casey will present report at August General Membership meeting.

4. **Support of Team Evidence** Support requested for acquiring additional kites and travel expenses. Suggestion was to do a separate fund raiser as part of the PCKA Christmas Potluck. WKA will decide after reviewing 2012 treasurer's report.

5. **Business Cards** Cards were ordered and Sylvia will bring to banquet.

adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Bonnie Ecker**, secretary

Westport Windriders Kite Festival July 2013

I don't know how anyone can fly this many kites at the same time, but **Dick Curran** seems to be able to manage it



without any problems, but how did he get these to fly so close? Without a kite fight too? But that would mean he would be fighting with himself, . Hummmm. That would explain a lot. . . . oh, sorry.

It was terrific at the Westport Festival this year. All three days were sunny and medium wind. It was absolutely perfect! It was the first time I have been able to make it in 5 years, but when you don't do anything for a living it's not that hard! Without a doubt, those Westport Windriders really know how to put on a great festival! I hope these pictures show the details well enough. Sky full of



Flowforms, Bol's, Teddy bear drops, Mass ascensions, pins! They have everything! Did I mention **pins**?

Go check these photos out in color, on the WKA web site under the newsletter page. You won't be disappointed!

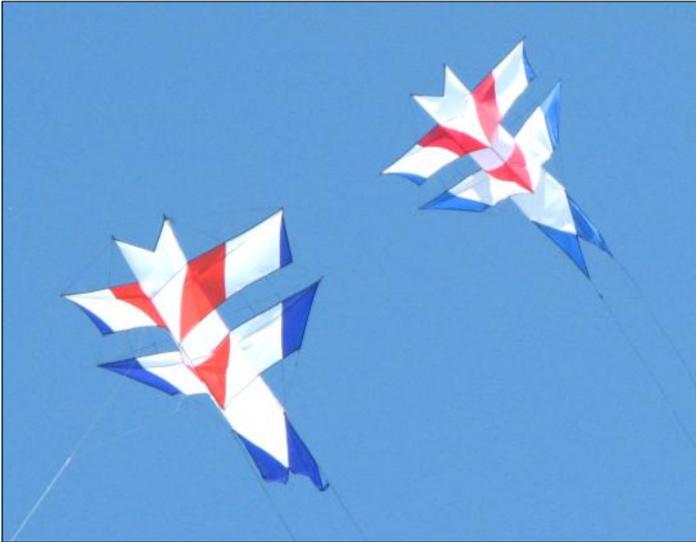
See you all there next year.

Rick White



Photos by **Rick White**

More on the Westport Windriders Festival



Seeing double. **Georgan Curran's** kite is the one to the right. **Rick White's** kite on the left. **Simon Crafts** taught this kite at the 2013 Fort Worden Conference . Photo by **Georgan**



Debbie Fitzgerald snapped this photo of the kite made by **Al Councilman** in the 2013 February Kite Museum class taught by **Rod Beamguard** and **Carveth Kramer**



I like the perspective of the bols. It looks like an invasion coming at the parked vehicles. Photo by **Dick Curran**



Ric Merry caught this huge cat getting ready to pounce on the unsuspecting people who look deep into conversation.

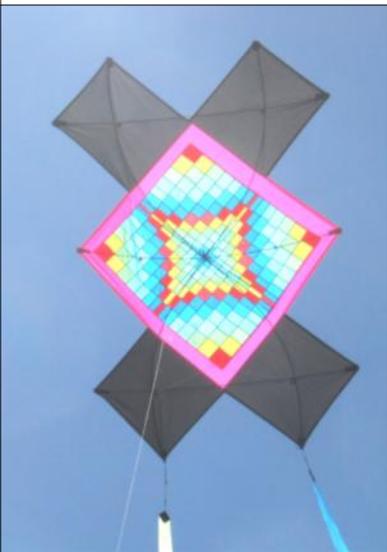


Here come da Judges and they are ready! **John Barresi, Robert Hillyard** and **Scott Davis** Photo by **Lisa Root**



Ric Merry got a wonderful photo of two kids helping in the Teddy Bear parachute jump.

Even more Westport Festival photos and notes



Debbie Fitzgerald says:
“This picture is a kite I made this winter shown in its maiden flight, **and** it was a winner in the top three best kites in the Saturday Mass Ascension!”

Takako Barresi, a happy bag raffle winner (she was very excited to win this, a happy girl indeed)
Photo by **Ric Merry**



Tommye Babst photos-



And Now A Report by Tommye Ann Babst
Westport Windriders Kite Festival 2013

Hi friends—
We had a perfect day for the festival!! Beautiful skies and perfect winds!! You could fly all your kites or tether them and they would stay up all day. As you can tell from the photos I spent the day in the area where the handcrafted and sport kite competition was held. There were so many beautiful handcrafted kites in the air and you could watch the sport kite competition at the same time.

The most fun was watching the teddy bear drop. The kids were so excited when their names were called and the expression on their faces when they got a bear was priceless!!



Thank goodness for the wonderful catching helpers. Looks like the bears got a wonderful workout! Wind is such a treat..

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

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

2013

- Aug 17-18 Ocean Shores Kites Fun Fly-and Indoor Sport kite Fly www.oceanshoreskites.com
- Aug 19 - 25 WA State Int'l Kite Festival (WSIKF) Sport kite Comp. and Indoor Competition Long Beach, WA 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
- Oct 5-6 Lincoln City OR Fall Kite Festival
- Oct 8-13 AKA National Convention, Seaside, OR 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
- April Kite fly all month of April 2014
Tulip Town during the Tulip Festival
Mark Williams at 425-327-2346 for more info.

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—

Huge Thanks to all of our WKA reporters and photographers in this issue. A wonderful treat to have such a full newsletter, the hard part this time was trying to decide what to include—so very many choices in memory photos. It sure makes putting the newsletter together a very fun task. Makes me so happy.

It is nice when the weather is so perfect. And to have enough wind as well. The reason I like to have the banners is because they do fly when there is little to no breeze, so at least there is color in the kiting field.

The next issue of this newsletter will be needing input late October after the AKA in Seaside. I will be looking for coverage on the Holiday Party. Also hope for a lot of reports and news about the festivals between now and then. There is a lot happening still before Fall gets here. I am happy to receive submissions any time—don't wait until October, okay?

Marzlie

New Member Report

Pat and Mary Elizabeth Baker Snoqualmie

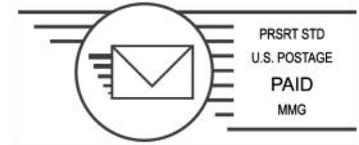
We are glad you've joined us —Welcome aboard!!

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The last page photo——



This kite is telling kites what needs to be done!
Photo by **Tommye Babst**



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