



Newsletter

January—March 2014

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 PCKA / WKA Christmas Party Report

Once again we had a great time at the annual PCKA / WKA Christmas Party. Over seventy kite fliers, family and friends gathered to enjoy each other's company. Kites were flown, stories were told and plans were made for the coming year. The usual schedule of events was followed starting with an indoor fun fly from noon to 5:00 PM. New kites were tried and new fliers got help from the old pros. After the fun fly the tables

were brought out for the dinner and table raffle. So much good stuff was donated

food bank (\$1087) and the World Kite Museum (\$445). Thanks to all for their generosity!!



Special thanks go to the following for going the extra mile to make the event such a success: **Georgan Curran** for facilities arrangements, **Penny Lingenfelter** for staying till the last minute and doing the kitchen cleanup, **Alexa King** for handling the raffle supplies, and **WKA** for advertising the event. **Special thanks** also to **Revolution** and **Prism Kites** for their very generous donations to the cause. Thank you!!

that **Dick Curran** and his crew had to keep adding more tables to hold it all. At 6:00 PM the dinner line was opened. As usual, there was more good food than everyone could eat. I am always amazed at the variety of dishes to choose from. Special thanks to **Glenda Kleppin**, **Heather Thomas** and **Al Fernandez** for providing the turkeys and the hams!

Mark your calendars for December 6, 2014 when we will again gather to enjoy another wonderful time. Take care and we'll see you on the field!

Bob Wendt, PCKA
President



After dinner the bag raffle winners were drawn and several live auction items were sold. Money raised was donated to the local

Photos by **Elliott Brogren** and **Rick White**



WKA Board Meeting - February 22, 2014

Quorum present. Reading of 2013 Minutes was dispensed with. Treasurer's Report will be out soon. Membership report showed 116 memberships by December 2012, 118 by February 2014, 15 new households joined in 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: Non-Profit Status to 501c3 is still being researched.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter is in need of upcoming event articles. Past event articles, photos, whatnots and ideas are always welcome. Send to **Marzlie Freeman**.
2. Web-based board meetings (WebEx) will be tried for specific topics during the year. AKA offers this service.
3. Website liaison is **Rick White**. Send changes for the website to Rick. Also for Products and General.
4. WKA 2014 Calendar is being updated for the website by **Casey Shearer** and **Bonnie Ecker**.
5. Website Products page is being worked for selling products online, including stickers, pins, WKA Banner kits, and possibly patches.
6. WKA is working hard to provide more than basic infrastructure (newsletter, calendar) and do it better. What is difficult is that our title "Washington" covers the state...how does a handful of volunteers (basically only Board) manage to do it all?
7. More events and fun flies are being pursued. We're asking for anyone to just pick a date, advertise a location, and ask

Sylvia Bernauer to send an email to the membership for an informal kite fly. We'll also get it on the website calendar. If another event occurs, move to another side of the venue. Anyone can just show up (no formal ground displays, no tent/booth). No need for an event permit.

8. Website being re-energized. WKA wants YOUR input! Send to **Rick White**.
9. Fundraising. WKA is looking for businesses/hotels/etc. interested in hosting a kite event or wanting a kite display in exchange for a donation to WKA. We can no longer afford to set up displays for free (time consuming and too few volunteers).
10. Wanted **Merchant Liaison** to solicit for WKA to do activities at locations, to communicate between merchants and the WKA, and whatever else interests you as that liaison.
11. King County Library System is onboard with dates for kids/adults kite making classes/events in exchange for a donation to WKA. Participation is free. Contact **Rick White**.
12. Talking Points paper is being compiled by **Rick White** if you need a checklist when doing a talk. Send your talk to Rick for compiling into a checklist of talking points.
13. Affiliated Club fee was originally established for kite clubs to use WKA's insurance. AKA now provides this. Removal of this class will be voted on by the membership on August.
14. Bylaws are being revised and simplified in preparation for moving from a 501c7 to a 501c3 non-profit status. Revision will be voted on by the membership in August.
15. Treasurer's position is now being assumed by member **Dan Ecker**. *WKA thanks Marianne Austin for her years of faithful and dedicated service. We welcome Dan into the fold of the Board.*

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. April 3 is the annual kids day event at Joint Base Lewis/McChord. Volunteers are needed. Contact **Jerry Graham**.

Recorded and submitted by **Bonnie Ecker**, Secretary

A full version of the minutes document will be available on our WKA website.



Event Announcement note from Cari King

This is the announcement which goes out in our Parks and Recreation calendar. This is the fourth year we have done this and it is a lot of fun.

Also watch INDOOR flying demonstrations, or play with an indoor glider yourself. A community event for kids of all ages.

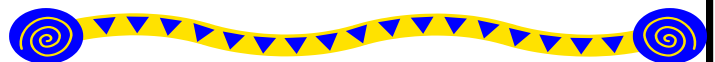
Presented by **Sam** and **Cari King** in association with the **American Kitefliers Association** (www.aka.kite.org).

"KID'S KITE MAKING DAY and KITE ART EXHIBIT"

Springtime is the perfect time to start thinking about flying a kite. April is National Kite Month. Come learn about the history of kiting.

Saturday, April 5
Kids Kites 10am - 4pm
Indoor Flying 1pm - 4pm
Anacortes High School Gym
FREE

See kites of all styles, shapes and sizes. Make a kite with the kids, or for yourself to take and fly.



This and that

Our **Eastern Washington Spring Kite Festival**, which is sponsored by the **Ben Franklin Kite Society**, is scheduled for April 13 all day. It will be at Marina Park east of Richland as it was last year.

Greg Greger

Windless in Shoreline invites you to come and see what indoor kite flying is all about. If you are ages 9 – 90 and mobile, you will want to try this new activity. It is fun, challenging, and lightly aerobic. Indoor kite flying is becoming more and more popular all the time with competitions and performers appearing on shows like *America's Got Talent*.

Indoor kites are indistinguishable from outdoor kites in appearance; they are usually made of slightly different materials to make them lighter. These super efficient indoor kites require no wind. Defying gravity, indoor kites are propelled by a gentle balance of movement and precise technique.

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 6 – 8 pm in the gym at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 18826 3rd Ave NW in Shoreline.

For further information email windlessinshoreline@gmail.com.

Bob Plant

And an additional note from **Elliott Brogren**:

For all who didn't or couldn't catch *Northwest Cable News* feature on Windless in Shoreline, below is the web address for the program. Congratulations to Bob Plant !

Video Link:

<http://www.nwcn.com/video/featured-videos/NW-Postcards----Indoor-kite-flying-241849221.html>

**Colbert Designs are in the Sky
Once Again!**

For years now **Dave Colbert** hasn't had much time to develop new designs for his kites or banners. However, now that **Above It All Kites** has closed all its retail stores and is strictly an **online source** for kites and windsocks, he is back to developing some wonderful new designs on the wings of his Delta Conyne Kites. Having taken the Delta Conyne from a utility kite to a rock steady, colorful piece of art in the sky, Dave knows this kite's capabilities backwards and forwards and inside out. Each of his kites is a work of art and you just never know **what** you will see on the wings. If you visit his website you can pick a kite design and even the colors you want it made in to make it "your own" and you won't be charged any more for the color changes. That's about as close as you can get to a custom made kite without the "custom made" pricing biting you in the pocketbook.

Keli

Ric Merry posted this notice on the *Washington Kitefliers Association Facebook page*:

"Just a friendly reminder from a forgetful guy: The Washington State International Kite Festival, held the 3rd week in August at Long Beach WA and voted the best kite festival of 2013 by the **Kite Trade Association International** can be a tough venue to get lodging for as it's a small town that attracts a big crowd. If you plan on going I suggest booking a room ASAP"



Paul de Bakker & Nic O'Neill flying at Shoreline. See the newslink at http://seattletimes.com/html/healthyliving/2022625356_fitfun12xml.html

Visitors and flyers enjoyed a great evening of flying on January 2nd at the new indoor flying venue in Shoreline. In addition to lots of free flying time in a beautiful facility, Bob Plant had arranged a repeat of the 2013 Seaside AKA Convention performances by **Paul De Bakker** and **Nic O'Neill**, **Spence Watson**, and with additional demos by Paul and Nic.

Elliott Brogren



Shown here is **Dave Colbert's Bald Eagle Conyne**. Check out <http://www.aboveitallkites.com> and look at the Single Line American Made Kites to design one for yourself.

A very good thought for all of us—

"Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else."

by **James Matthew Barrie**



Who is this Dan Ecker that has assumed the WKA Treasurer's position?

Hi all. I'm a mechanical engineer with Everett Boeing in Facilities. I acquire all the ground support equipment used on the flightline and all the material

handling equipment used to move product around the factory. I used to design the crew rest interiors for 747 and 777 airplanes, but I prefer to get my hands more dirty, thus the move to facilities.

My passion is cars but my wife **Bonnie** thought I needed a more rounded life. So now I "accompany" her on mushroom forays and searching for thimbles in antique stores. This kiting thing proved to be colorful and a way to get us out of the house so the pull was great to join in the experience.

Bonnie and I enjoy all forms of motorcycling when we can, which hasn't been "very lately" the last few years. Life has a way of getting in the way of having fun. My nickname is Doc as I like tinkering on my Jensen-Healey and Lola that I used to race.

I joined WKA with Bonnie in 2009. Not having any experience being a treasurer, but having experience as an engineer, the WKA Board was comfortable figuring I might know "all the angles" so they are giving me a try. Figured if I can balance my check book and do my taxes, it shouldn't take me long to figure out this important job.

Thanks to the Board members for welcoming me on board.

GO Cougs!



Sewing Lines from Jerry Graham—

The 2014 Sewing & Stitchery Exposition was interesting, as usual. So many new things, so little money. (And no place to put them even if we brought them home.) Mostly we wandered around semi-systematically, looking at interesting things and pointing out to each other that we already had one (or more) and we should really finish some (a bunch!) of the projects we bought in the past. Hmmm....., if we did that we'd have some room to put new things...., yeah, that could work.

I have provided some support to various vendors who caught our eyes over the years since we discovered the Sew Expos. Mostly it's heavy or bulky stuff like tables and chairs they'd ordinarily rent from the Fair at an awful price. In return I expect to gain access to the Expos with a name tag from one of the supported vendors. I can get in early or stay late so the public is not there to get in the way of my shopping. (Some of those "little old ladies" are: **A.** Not so little, **B.** Not so old, but **C.** Aggressive shoppers. Well, assertive, anyway.)

"How does this relate to kiting?" you may well ask. For the vast majority of recreational kites it doesn't relate. For those of us who have discovered the addiction of sewing our own kites, the Sew Expos relate quite well. *We use sewing machines*, the vendors have nearly every variation of machine made today. *We use thread*, there

are more varieties than most of us could have guessed, in colors and materials that I'm not sure existed when I was a lad. *We use tools and notions*, and boy do they have those! One vendor alone, *Martelli*, has the finest ergonomic roller blade cutter on the market and the absolutely best cutting mats made anywhere. Beyond that, they have Kwik Klips to hold all those slippery pieces of nylon where they need to be, cutting guides that **don't slip**, and for the "economically advantaged", a series of work tables which are basically fabulous. I can't do them justice here, but get on-line and look up *Martelli Notions*. You'll be amazed, astounded, and impressed.

There are two variations on the Sew Expo theme here. One is the massive, largest show in the country that just ended, and the other is a quite a bit smaller, but no less intense, show in November. The February-March show gets all the "big guns" of the industry, and the November show is geared to smaller businesses, many of which are the innovators and inventors that will be the "big guns" of the next decade if not century.

Come on out to the Sew Expo. I think you'll have fun, be amazed, and, possibly even discover just exactly the tool or notion you didn't know you needed.

Jerry Graham

Ed Note: I wouldn't mind being "economically advantaged"!

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 Kitefliers 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)

Contact Lisa Root
 360-678-7052 LRoot0208@aol.com
 Meets 3rd Saturday April - Oct at Fort Casey
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
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 Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 4E4
 Membership: \$20 (CDN)
 Includes quarterly newsletter
www.bcka.bc.ca

Milton Indoor Kite Festival

Sylvia, who was not able to attend the Milton Kite Festival, suggested that I write my impressions of the event.

It was good to hear there was a good turnout Thursday night. It's really good to have **Sanjiu Fang** back both to Crossroads and to Milton.

Milton spectator attendance was low. There was a total of 11 competitors, plus some excellent demos by **Sanjiu Fang**, **Connor Doran**, **Spence Watson**, and others. All went well and were very entertaining. **Alexa King** said she had 7 kids for the Friday kite building, and from the appearance of kids on the floor after the competition on Saturday, there may have been even more on Saturday. **Sanjiu Fang** had a table set up with his beautiful bird kites and flying reels for sale. I hope someone with lots of courage and energy will take up his very entertaining mode of flying.

All the women competitors excelled on both days, as you can see in the standings posted by **Amy Doran**. Outstanding were the two performances by **Phyllis**

Gribbin, her first ever in competition. The Milton Kite Festival Facebook site has a number of scenes, including a very good video of **Phyllis's** performance. The weekend was a good sendoff for **Team Evidence's** upcoming trip to France.

Elliott Brogren

 From Facebook, **Milton Kite Festival** :
Amy Doran Last updated on 02/23/2014 1:38:07 PM (PST)

Milton Indoor : 02/21/2014 to 02/22/2014

Open Individual Indoor Unlimited
 Place Flier's Name Flier's Conference

- 1 **Amy Doran** Northwest
 - 2 **Tobias Arndt** Northwest
 - 3 **Scott Davis** Northwest
 - 4 **Donna Wendt** Northwest
 - 5 **Travis Reedy** Northwest
 - 6 **Elliott Brogren** Northwest
 - 7 **Nicholas Knight** Northwest
- DQ Richard Hurd Northwest
 Place Flier's Name Flier's Conference

Single Line Indoor Ballet

- 1 **Donna Wendt** Northwest
- 2 **Amy Doran** Northwest
- 3 **Elliott Brogren** Northwest

- 4 **Travis Reedy** Northwest
- 5 **Phyllis Gribbin** Northwest
- 6 **Jim Gates** Northwest
- 7 **Richard Hurd** Northwest

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- <<https://www.facebook.com/MiltonIndoorKiteFest>>

Elliott

Notes From the VEEP



So here we are in March. March in the Northwest is an early time of transition. It carries on the cold and rain of winter while offering an occasional sunny day as a tantalizing hint of the Spring and Summer to come. March, a time of transition in our community as well, continuing the busy 'Winter' schedules of kite making and indoor kite events and looking forward with the planning for what looks to be a very busy spring and

summer kiting season.

In the theme of transition, two new people have joined our WKA Board and support team; **Dan Ecker** as our new Treasurer and **JJ (Jim) Johnson** as our new club Webmaster. Dan graciously volunteered to fill the Treasurer position long held by **Marianne Austin**. Dan's only been on the job for a bit under two weeks, but he and Marianne have already successfully passed over our financial records and have set up new bank accounts for the club — so it looks like we're going to be ready for business! Dan introduces himself to us in an article elsewhere in this newsletter.

By day, JJ Johnson is a Facilities Technical Designer for the Boeing Everett site. In his off time, he runs a business that provides Web hosting and services to a number of non-profit organizations. We selected JJ's company to handle our Web support after **Morrie Williams**, our Webmaster Extraordinaire, announced his retirement at the end of 2013. In January, JJ and Morrie did a great job in seamlessly transitioning our Website and membership database to a new web hosting site. The Board is now actively working with JJ on improvements to the content and features of the Site. Keep an eye on the Website (and this newsletter) for information on these new features.

The Fort Worden Kite Makers' Conference, a perennial March event, is also undergoing a transition. This will be the last year for the conference at the Ft Worden location. Beginning in 2015, the event will be held at the Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center in Stanwood, WA. You can read more about the reasons for the location change on the Conference Website — www.kitemakers.org. Again this year, WKA will be awarding a scholarship for conference fees and lodging for one person to attend the Ft Worden (will they rename it?) Conference. So consider this a 'heads-up' to be ready to send in your application! We will provide information on how to apply for the scholarship in the next Newsletter issue. The

awarding of this scholarship is one of the high points of our WSIKF August club dinner.

The indoor kiting world has been active lately with a growing number of events. Attendance at the Milton Indoor Kite Festival held on February 21 and 22 was very strong, probably the highest since the event began. The performances by leading flyers were world class. Also in the indoor world, the emergence of the community walk-in event is a particularly interesting recent trend. **Robert Plant** has been successful in starting up a regular series of these sessions in Shoreline, WA, and **Elliot Brogren** continues his regularly scheduled indoor flies at the Crossroads in Bellevue. Robert particularly has done a very good job at community outreach for the Shoreline sessions. They have attracted a good deal of print and online media attention. You can find out more about Robert and Elliot's indoor flies in the "This and That" section of this newsletter.

Looking forward a bit to events that will occur in the (hopefully) warmer and drier early Spring, the Kingston "Kites Over Kingston" and the Entiat "Rights of String" festivals are coming up on March 29. These are great little events that are well supported by their communities and where our club members are always treated like special guests. The Tulip Town Fly occurs every afternoon in April at the Tulip Farm on Bradshaw Road in Mount Vernon. A special **Irv Crosby** Memorial fly will be held on April 19th and 20th. This event attracts a good sized group of fliers from both Washington and BC and there is usually a large public attendance on that weekend. Check the event listing on the AKA website calendar for details.

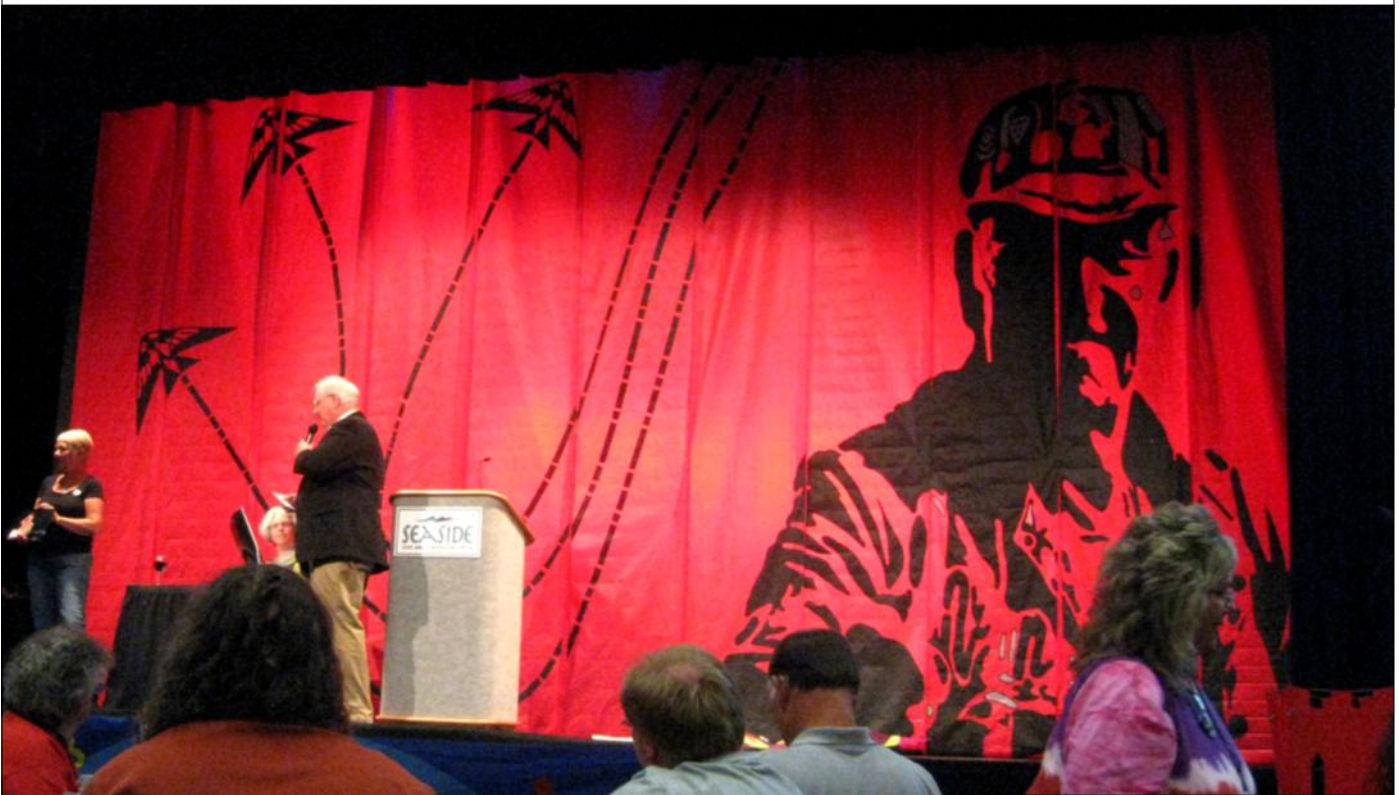
In the 'planning for the future' setting, the WKA Board met at a fairly long meeting on February 22nd. You can find a summary of the meeting proceedings in this newsletter. I also had the opportunity to attend the annual Northwest Sports Kite League planning meeting on March 8th. The business items at the two meetings were different, but I noticed that both groups were dealing with similar issues: how to improve the clubs' services to their members, how to reach out to the public to build awareness of (and hopefully, participation in) club or league events and kiting in general, and how to do these things with a very small core of involved people. One of my take aways from these meetings was the need for more volunteers — not necessarily for full-up Board positions, but for short term, focused (and in many cases, fun) tasks that need to be done during the year. One or two people's efforts on these tasks can make a difference and level the overall work load for the club. The Board is looking at where we can offer opportunities for people to participate in these focused roles, so watch for the 'call for volunteers' notices in future newsletters or on the website. If you think you'd be the right person for one of these opportunities, I can guarantee you one thing — you will be welcomed!

With that said, I hope that the Ides of March pass you by quickly and that those warm and sunny (and nicely windy) Spring days get here sooner, rather than later. See you on the field or at the beach!

Casey Shearer

Some More Photos from AKA 2013 by Sylvia Bernauer

The **Ray Bethell Tribute** banners were used as the stage backdrop and looked fabulous. Winner of Peoples' Choice Kite Accessory. **David Gomberg Auctioneer**, on stage during auction, with helpers **Suzanne Sadow** and **Carol Pittman**. They also looked great on the beach during WSIKF. (that photo is in newsletter Issue 4 of 2013.)



This appliqué kite by **Ron Bohart** won **Peoples' Choice**. It is named "Crow". The rest of it is folded up on the floor. Sorry I never got an in air photo, but when I saw it, I had no idea that it was all appliqué! I thought that it was painted.

A couple of photos of **Jose Sainz'** kite. It is a lovely design that really "pops" when in the sky.





A World of Imagination, by Bonnie Ecker

Imagine what lies just around the corner. Imagine the discoveries of whatever is in that building. As a child the great unknowns must be in there. That wasn't going to be for the WKA kitemaking team that weekend. Last fall on the same weekend of the Whidbey Island Kite Festival, WKA had been invited to host a kitemaking event at the *Children's Imagine Museum* in Everett during Salmon Days. Saturday was beautiful. Two tents were erected along the street, decorated with colorful kites.

through as they made their sled kite and took to the streets.



Vendors lined both sides, everything from cupcakes to llamas. There was just the right breeze for kids to walk the center of the street to get their kite in the air and



under the utility lines. It was a successful day.



I, along with **Rick White, Launny Herriges and Dan Ecker** set up a great assembly line for the kids to pass



Sunday was overcast. Being there early enough to select just the right location along the street, we decided the front of the Museum would get us noticed best.

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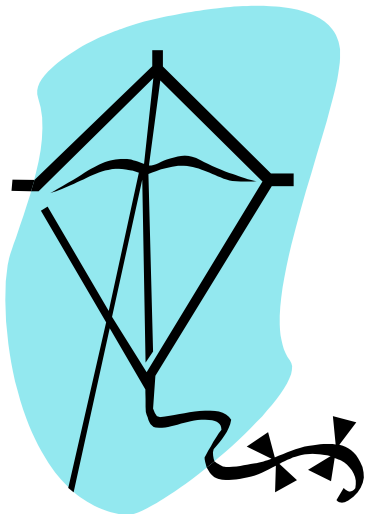
Rick, Terry and I set about making the two tents colorful, but the wind had another agenda.

Very few vendors arrived, was it a sign? Less than a handful set up. We defied the wind. Completely set up now and ready to take on the lines of kids for another day, but they didn't come. What were we discovering? Perhaps the tents, strapped together, might fare better if we opened a seam to allow the *breeze* to pass through. Increasingly, the walls buffeted even more. We would be *fine*. The wind didn't agree. Museum staff saw our determination to make their weekend event successful. Sympathetically they hand rolled out 5-gallon buckets of concrete with hooks embedded for us to anchor down the tents. Obviously, they had experienced a similar dilemma. That should do it! The wind didn't agree. Imagine wind so strong it could lift up 5-gallon buckets of concrete. We didn't have to image it, we experienced it! Museum staff concurred this wasn't to be and invited us to set up in the basement.

Walk into a world of discovery with wide-eyed children



looking around in awe and parents thinking it will be a glorious way to babysit their kids on a cold and windy day. Hello basement, a section with a semi-large meeting room with vendors surrounding the perimeter: Fish and Wildlife, Search and Rescue, others, and WKA. Warm and no wind!



We didn't get to wander through the museum that day, but we sure put smiles on the kids who made kites at our tables.



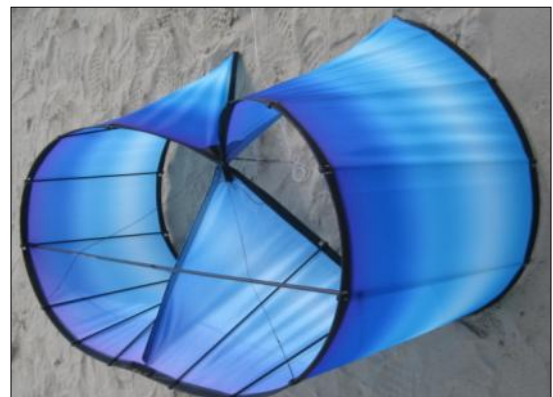
The **Lincoln City Oregon Kite Festival** has finalized its 2014 theme and logo! This year's **Summer Kite Festival** takes place June 28th—29th, where we'll "Unleash" world-class stunt, synchronized and large display kites. Hope to see you there!



Eagle Banner/Arch

These 2 pix from AKA 2013 in Seaside.

Shot by Sylvia.



Really unusual design. Also was entered into Peoples' Choice. Maker called it "Infinity", It flew horizontal.

Windless Festival January 2014 in Long Beach

With three of the best performances (**John Barresi**, **Amy Doran**, and **Dick Curran**) posted by professional **Matt Cyphert**, I haven't taken the time to post any of mine. These three can be found as Youtubes with the tag, "Windless Kite Festival 2014".

I expect that more videos may show up, as I saw many people shooting.

Elliott Brogren

Bobby Stanfield,
Amy Doran as
(Charlie Chaplin)
and **Marla Miller**



"Charlie", Connor Doran
and Marla Miller



"Charlie" is looking just a bit nervous on **Al Councilman's** knee!!

Willy Hendrickson
and
Marsha Cannon,
holding up the lovely
"Revolution Kite Quilt"
created by Marsha.

Another Kite Flier/Kite Maker Gone From the Sky — Sally Kinash May 22, 1944-November 21, 2013



Remembrance by Catherine Gabrel

I've known Sally for 3 years but only really got to know her during the last 5 weeks, when she asked me to help her clean out her storage locker. As I walked through her history and memories, I realized what a truly interesting, curious and creative woman she was. All the different facets of her life. A true intellectual, well read, with a drive to ever new and expanding boundaries. She was a remarkable woman. She found kites as a great release for expressing herself. She had a lot of plans that were never finished. She died way too young.

Jon Reinschreiber wrote this on Catherine's Facebook page: "Several years ago, Sally stepped up to help me with a big project producing a kite festival for at risk youths. I have always appreciated her willingness and her energy. She will be missed."

*Editor's Note: this photo of Sally taken May 2011 at Rockaway Beach fun fly by **Miriam Schafler***



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World Kite Museum President's Day Workshop The Hidden Wells Square Diamond

You wouldn't think making a square diamond kite would take too much time. Don't say that to any of the eight people who came to Long Beach over President's day for **Rod Beamguard's** workshop! Each person easily spent 30 hours or more at home preparing their material for the workshop. On Saturday it was quiltin' time as workshop attendees pieced together 72 or 80 individual pieces to form the quilted sail of the kite. A border was added along with reinforcing patches, etc. to get a finished project which stood about 6.5 feet on each edge with a diagonal of 9 feet plus.

The idea for this project fell into Rod's lap at WSIKF in August. Without a clue about what to do for the 2014 workshop, **Lance Ford** suggested a quilted square diamond which **John & Marzlie Freeman** had created but was not taught. Rod borrowed the kite from Lance, took it home, and made measurements and notes on construction. From this the 2014 class was born.

Class attendees included **Cliff and Gerry Pennell, Ken Fannesbeck, Fred Schulz, James Babst, Mary Lou and John Orzechoskie, Fred Marchand, Larry Christensen, and Debbie Fitzgerald.** Sails were completed by Cliff & Gerry and Fred Marchand and very nearly completed by everyone else. As the completion percentage indicates, this kite is very time consuming, but everyone persevered. A few hours at home to spar and bridle the kite is all that remains for most. Everyone learned something about quilting during this project, including the presenter.

I might mention that the weather during the weekend was terrible – high wind and buckets of rain. Once again Ginnie and I hosted a “pot-luck” on Saturday night. As usual, we had a wonderful visit, and a time of relaxation.

Rod Beamguard

Rod's photos of the two kites completed in class—

**Cliff & Gerry Pennell
and Fred Marchand**



Rod's
Alumni
Cougar
Logo
Kite, bet
you know
where he
went to
college!

Photos by **Tommye Ann Babst** of the **Rod Beamguard** class taught February President's Day weekend

Cliff sewing away.



A smile by **Gerry**

Marylou writes: "at home I spent a lot of time working with paper designs for my pattern as the *Seattle Seahawks* won the *Super Bowl*. Decided to make a kite celebrating their victory so made a paper pattern using Blue & Green colors. I followed Rod's instructions, made & cut up lots of triangles to be used to make the Hidden Wells squares in class. The actual class was very busy with everyone sewing pieces to make the 7 ft kite. Even Rod was busy sewing to finish a second Hidden Wells Kite. The room buzzed with the sound of busy machines. It was a very rainy & windy weekend, a good time to be inside. My Kite skin turned out just like the paper pattern, a personal victory for me and a celebration of the Seahawks Super Bowl. When I get some time I look forward to finishing the Kite at home to fly for WSIKF.

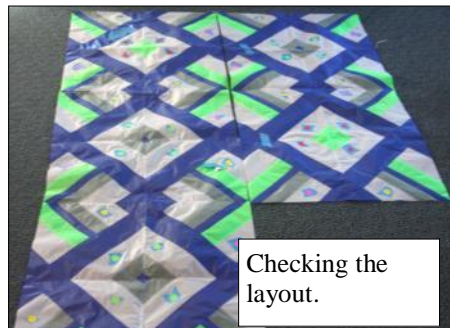
John & Marylou



Debbie Fitzgerald



Debbie & Carl with her kite skin



Checking the layout.

Creating a quilted kite.



Rod finishing up the sewing part of the "Cougar kite"





James Babst Report on the WKM Class in February,

The class at the museum was very enjoyable with Rod teaching it. This kite has a ton of **sewing**. I mean it took me about 85 hours total to have a finished kite. I had four days of work done on it before I went to Long Beach. On Monday the last day of the class I discovered I had cut my first set of border strips an inch too short, so I helped with clean up. After I came home I finished it a day and a half later. I haven't had a chance to fly it yet. I got an extra set of spars to make another one. I learned a lot on this one so my next one will be a little different design wise.

There were three or four who finished in class, and a couple of redesigned ones after sewing the squares together.

I enjoyed the classes at the museum. It's a nice get-a-way in winter and fun to be in a low keyed environment to make a kite and learn from the more experienced sewers. I look forward to the next class at the museum.

I am very busy working on the kites for WSIKF Foster Grandparents Day. I just finished number 38.



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Calendar of Events — *For more calendar information:*

March 29 Kingston WA "Kites Over Kingston"

March 29 Entiat WA "Rights of String"

April Kite fly all month of April 2014
Tulip Town during the Tulip Festival
Mark Williams at 425-327-2346 for more info.
A special **Irv Crosby** Memorial fly will be Apr 19&20

April 13 Eastern Washington Spring Kite Festival (see pg 4)

May 24-25 Rockaway Beach OR Kite Festival

June 28-29 Lincoln City Summer Kite Festival

July 11-13 Westport Windriders, Grayland WA

July 19-20 So. Oregon Brookings Kite Festival

Aug 18-24 Long Beach WA State Int'l Kite Festival (WSIKF)

August 20 WKA Lasagna Dinner at WSIKF

Sep 29-Oct 4 AKA Convention

Oct 4-5 Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival

Dec 6 PCKA/WKA Christmas Party and Indoor Fly Fun
2015

Jan 16-19 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat Rockaway Beach OR
2015 Ft Worden Kitemakers Conference at (**new location**)
Warm Beach, WA details to follow

*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.*

Editor's Notes—

Have we ever had a winter like this one was? All the snow we had and the rain we are having now and yet California is having a severe drought. But it seems like spring is almost here, not just the date, but the weather. We even turned off the furnace last night. (It'll probably get turned back on though.)

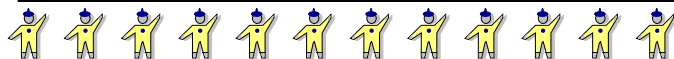
This issue of the newsletter has taken awhile to assemble, because there were so many photos to choose from and a few articles as well. I am looking forward to the kiting events this spring and summer, I do love all the color in the sky, it is heart-warming. I wish those of you who choose to get the newsletter in the mail could have some way to see the colors that are here in this issue.

*Our next newsletter is for April to June. I will be needing your submissions late May. The one following that one is for July to September. The last one will be out before the Christmas party. So please keep your thinking caps on and send items for the newsletter. Don't forget to share!
Marzlie*



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New Member Report

Ivan & Judy Albrecht Bozeman MT

Eileen Ryan & Norvin Stan Stanley Oak Harbor WA

Travis and Kathy Scott Seattle WA

Dennis and Melinda Trudeau Aberdeen WA

Thank you for joining WKA.

Welcome aboard!!



Empty Space In The Sky

March 14, 2014

It is with much sadness and a true feeling of loss that we let you know that we have lost our beloved **Richard Dermer**. Richard passed away earlier this evening after a week long stay in the hospital. The best way to remember Richard is to go fly a kite for him. Just too sad.

Sylvia Bernauer added: "We've lost one of our best ambassadors and friends in kiting. Richard came to Long Beach almost every year, gave away kitemaking kits for school teachers and youth group leaders and told so many people about the Washington Kitefliers Association. He was president of the AKA in 1996. He put Stillwater, Oklahoma on the map. Our thoughts go out to his wife Marti, daughter Cat and other members of the family. He will be greatly missed.

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The last page photo——

Rick White calls this photo
“Bols of fun” I think that is appropriate!!



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