



Newsletter

September—November 2015

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

We're Working on the Event Calendar and... We Need Your Help

Our first step will be check to make sure that the traditional "First weekend in June", "Third weekend in August" events are listed on the correct dates. After that, we will be looking for information about new or changed events – even if all of the details are not finalized. If you are an event organizer and know of changes to your event's planning, please get that information to us in the next couple of weeks. To the best degree possible, we'll need to know: the event's title, the start and 'through' dates, location, and e-mail and/or phone for an event contact person.

We are particularly interested in community events that may request the participation of our Northwest clubs. In the past, we've had some unfortunate situations where our fliers have been unable to support a community event due to prior commitments to a scheduled festival. A bit of earlier planning may help us avoid some of these 'double booking' situations. So, if you have worked with a community group in the past, or are in current contact with one of these groups, we ask you to reach out to them for an update on their plans and then to pass their information on to us.

I will be coordinating the changes to the calendar, so please send your information to me at the e-mail address listed below. Thanks to all in advance for your help in getting this information out to our community!

Casey Shearer
shear090@comcast.net

2015 PCKA / WKA Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Fun fly: 3:00-5:00pm, Setup & Bag Raffle: 5:00-6:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Kalles Junior High Cafeteria – New Location

501 7th Ave SE, Puyallup, Washington 98372

Once more we're winding up the outdoor kiting season and getting ready for a winter full of indoor flying and kite making activities. Our annual PCKA/WKA Indoor Fun Fly and Christmas Party is coming. Because of a sanctuary remodel at the church we've used for the past many years we've found a new location for this year. We'll be in the Kalles Junior High cafeteria. It's just a couple blocks from the fairgrounds in downtown Puyallup.

There are a couple of changes due to the facilities change. To keep costs down the indoor fun fly starts at 3:00pm and for 2 hours instead of starting at noon. It's still enough time to play and there will be room for socializing as well. At 5:00pm we set up tables and chairs for dinner and bag raffle. Potluck dinner at 6:00pm. We don't have the kitchen available, hot or cold dishes need to be brought with appropriate insulation or heating pads. PCKA and WKA provides turkeys and hams, coffee, water and soft drinks. Kites bring their favorite side dishes, salads and desserts. If you have a favorite beverage bring it too. The variety of food is always impressive and nobody leaves hungry.

Fun with friends is our main objective, but we also look to share our good fortune with those in need. We'll again have the bag raffle and auction to support the local food bank and World Kite Museum. Please bring your raffle and auction items so we can continue to support these causes. Raffle profits go to the food bank. Any special items can be live auctioned with the donor specifying the WKM or the food bank as the beneficiary. This is always a great time sharing with friends, going over the events of the last year and looking forward to more fun in 2016.

I hope to see you all there!!

Bob Wendt, Pierce County Kitefliers Association

As a reminder of times past, here are some photo from 2014 party,
provided by **Willy Hendrickson**



Bob Wendt reporting from AKA
Convention 2015—

Washington State kites did very well at
the AKA Grand National Convention this
year—

Kathy Goodwin - Steve Edeiken Award
Kiteflier of the year for
contributions to kiting

Washington Kitefliers Association -
It was my pleasure to accept the **AKA**
Kite Club of the Year award on behalf of
the WKA at the AKA Annual Convention
in Enid Oklahoma.
Way to go!!! Kite Club of the Year

Donna Wendt - Grand National
Champion - Open Individual Indoor
Single-Line and Grand National
Champion - Open Individual Indoor
Unlimited

Scott Davis - Bronze medal - Open
individual Indoor Unlimited
Bronze Medal - Masters Individual Dual
Line Precision
Bronze Medal - Masters Individual Dual
Line Ballet

Cass Pittman - Gold Medal - Masters
Individual Multi-line Precision
Gold Medal - Masters Individual Multi-
line Ballet

N-Sync (Cass & Carol Pittman) -
Gold Medal - Open Multi-line Pairs
Precision
Gold Medal - Open Multi-line Pairs
Ballet

Alexa King - Members's Choice
1st Place Award Handcrafted
Gold Medal - Rokkaku Handcrafted
Bronze Medal - Flat and Bowed -
Square Diamond Handcrafted

Not Bad!!!



Crazy Ladies/Sky Pirates on Tuesday at WSIKF 2015

Not in Tuesday Team Day history of WSIKF do I remember a time when one team took another team hostage! In a carefully planned attack by the **Sky Pirates**, led by **Ray** and **Carol Bechard**, members of the Sky Pirates snuck up on the members of the **Crazy Ladies** team and captured each of us in a hug and claimed us for their team. I have to admit, none of us were injured in the friendly attack!

So that is how the **Crazy Lady Pirates** was formed. I guess if you can't beat them - join them as they had overpowered our team points in recent years. This joint effort made us invincible!!

This is a paper centipede dragon kite flown by the international guests from Brazil. **Max & Silvia Cardoso**.



This photo shows the **Crazy Ladies** as well as the **Pirates** camps. **Ron Ortega** put out many bouncing beach balls

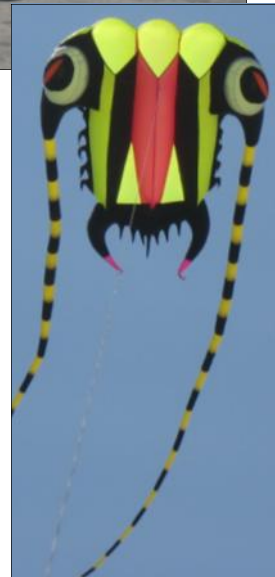
All morning the former Crazy Ladies had fun in Pun Fun on the kite field with the former Sky Pirates. We were all wearing purple scarves, eye patches and pink ribbons! The Crazy Ladies who were captured were **Miriam Schafler, Jean Gore, Sylvia Bernauer, Diane Sellinger** and **Donna Wendt**. The conquering Sky Pirates team of leaders **Ray** and **Carol Bechard, Kara** and **Travis Zubal**, and **PJ**, all joined in the vocal "Arrrghhhs" heard on the field that day!

The **Crazy Lady Pirates** captured first place in **Camp**, followed by **Team Suspended Animation, Team deWolff Family** and **Team Evidence**. **Individual Rok Battle** wins went to **Kelly Bruland, Randy Petersen, Ronda Brewer** and **Brett Morris**. **Team Rok Battles** wins went to **Black Death; Crazy Lady Pirates, Taz** and **Shadow Effect**.

To cap off the day, the **Top Tuesday Team** was the **Crazy Lady Pirates** with 258 points! **Second place** went to the **deWolff Family** with 213 points, followed by **Team Evidence** and **Team Suspended Animation**.

It was a beautiful and fun day.

Sylvia Bernauer



Interesting 2-line kite. It looked alive when lines were pulled. Sorry, do not know the owner or creator.

Photos and captions by **Sylvia Bernauer**



A few of the handmade kites by **James Babst** and **Brian David** for the **Foster Grandparent Fly**



November 7-8 2015

Event Report by Penny Lingenfelter

“You give your kite such personality” is one of my favorite compliments that I receive. So many competitors and so many kites with personalities mesmerized the audience at the “Run From the Rain” Ocean Shores Indoor Kite Festival this weekend. It was pure kite flying *and* kite dancing.

The weather was perfect with blustery wind and torrential rains. Perfect to be indoors that is. Kite flyers ran from the rain-into the gym from all directions. Oregon, Canada, Whidbey Island to Vancouver; there was a great showing of indoor kite flyers and audience.

There were single line kites that were dancing like angels and duals that made a statement with the music. Quads which made you want to run out and get one. (If you don’t already have a few.) There were times you couldn’t take your eyes off the kite, it was so in sync to the music that it just pulled you in. And times you couldn’t take your eyes off the kite flyer in action who did their own dance interpretations while they flew to the music. The competition was close, but never boring.

Kids of all ages tried the kites. They flew the Revolution for the first time and it was astounding how well they all did. “I want to do it again” is my favorite feedback during lessons.

The festival included Airplanes and a whirlygig contest pitting 5 yr. olds against adults and the kids did hold their own. Raffles, a banquet, free fly time. This festival makes me smile for a long time. Thank you **Andy** and **Brenda** of **Ocean Shores Kites** and all the worker bees who made it possible. Thank you kite flyers, each- and everyone, you flew with your hearts and it showed.

Penny also wants to remind us of a fun kite festival event in Mexico held the last weekend in February for the Isla Blanca Festival.



Come fly, or just enjoy the trip.

*Photos by
Ralph Reed*



Fort Worden Scholarship Winners

This year the wins for Fort Worden scholarships are all in the family! Already talented kite makers **Monty** and **Glenda Davenport** were winners of scholarships to the next conference March 10-13, 2016.

Congratulations to Monty for winning the WKA/Sisson scholarship, and to Glenda for winning the WSIKF Thursday Handcrafted Apprentice drawing! We expect to see great things from this couple again next year.

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Notes from the Prez—



Forty years ago, my wife **Judy** worked at **St. Michael's Special Education School** on the **Navajo Reservation**.

Recently, on our month long trip to the Southwest, we stopped by the school. I had brought kite kits along and we made kites with the kids.



One teacher commented that kites were great because these special needs kids who often have downcast eyes, "have to look up!" Those kites flew pretty well ...

and the kids were really looking up!

Butch Harviston, Make Kites, Fly Kites

Remembering Kay Ogle



This picture is from a PCKA kite festival at Chambers Bay in August 2009. There was a contest to make up a hat from found items and this is what Kay did. She was very fun loving and I thought it was a great photo of her. Sorry it is the only one I have.

I remember her and Fred wearing long green raincoats sitting out in the rain watching league comps.

Willy

And this from **Tom Ogle**, her son—

I've been asked by my dad, **Fred Ogle**, to write you about Mom.

She passed 10/12/15. She died after a short stay at St. Joe's in Tacoma. For the past 3 years she fought hard against the scourge of cancer. In doing so, we were lucky enough to have her around for an additional 1,000 plus days. And still it's not enough. She **loved** the kiting community, all the people and personalities that participated in her favorite sport. Dad and I would like you to get the word out to her friends, and for them to think of her, the next time they launch a kite. A flight of celebration, not sorrow.

Thank you for enriching both their lives and bringing them so much joy and camaraderie.

Very sincerely, Tom Ogle, Son

For those of you who knew Kay - here is the Obituary URL

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tribnet/obituary.aspx?n=kay-ogle&pid=176216595>

Mark your calendar if you plan to attend the memorial service for her, which will be held Saturday, November 28. Info in the obituary article.

Lisa Root, NWSKL

In Remembrance of Ken Howard

Kenneth Leroy Howard
March 17, 1956 - October 23, 2015
2:50 a.m.

Ken and Candyce "Candy" Howard used to enjoy flying kites with us at our festivals and attended Fort Worden when they lived in Bothell.

A few years ago they moved to Arizona to be closer to family. Sorry we have lost another kite flyer.

He died of lung cancer. Started making trips to Mayo clinic over a year ago.

If you wish to send cards, the address is below.

Candy Howard
2401 West Route 66, #10
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Memorial gathering TBD at a later date...

Thank you once again for all your loving prayers and support throughout Ken's ordeal!!!

Candyce

Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kites (AOK)

Contact: Deb Cooley Tumminia
Email: dckites@gmail.com
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

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)

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Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 4E4
Membership: \$20 (CDN)
Includes quarterly newsletter
www.bcka.bc.ca

Windless Flying Practice Locations

Shoreline Windless Indoor Season Opener in October

I hope every one had a great summer. As the days get shorter and wetter, it is good to have a place to do some indoor flying. It is that time again. Come and join us, we are still at the same location (Calvin Presbyterian Church in Shoreline). Bring your kite and join us from 6 to 8 pm. No kite - no problem. We have some extra for you to use. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Hope to see you there. **Shoreline area - Calvin church**

Bob Plant



Cross Roads indoor fly, Bellevue area -

East of Crossroads Shopping Center - FREE
Another opportunity to practice your indoor flying
on Thursdays 6:00-7:30.
Hope to see you in the gym.

Ron Zuma

206-612-4708



Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach, WA

Special Notice regarding the event date—

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 11:21 AM
Subject: Windless Kite Festival 2016 in Long Beach

Hello Everyone;

I wanted to jump on it and get this new information out there for those planning on the Windless Kite Festival in Long Beach in January 2016 (which isn't too far away!!).

The date has been changed!!!

Yes, you heard that right. The festival will be the weekend **After** the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

The **New Date** for Windless 2016 in Long Beach will be **January 22, 23, 24**

For those of you who want to attend both Windless and OKR, this is your chance!!

From:

Holli Friddle-Kemmer, <director@worldkitemuseum.com>

Washington Kiteflyers Association

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to:

**Washington Kiteflyers Assn
Membership Director
Pacific Science Center
200 2nd Ave N
Seattle WA 98109-4816**

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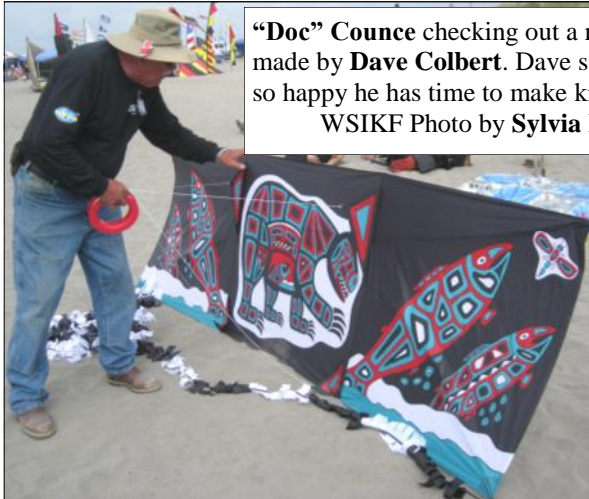
Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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

Visit us on the Web at
<http://wka-kiteflyers.org>



“Doc” Counce checking out a new kite made by Dave Colbert. Dave says he is so happy he has time to make kites again
WSIKF Photo by Sylvia Bernauer

Editor's Notes—

The last few days have been a sort of nightmare for me regarding this computer. After all, it is 5 years old now. When I turned 5 I decided I was now all grown up, I had “made it”. I realize, for a computer, it is really old. This Tuesday the Microsoft download at shutting down had 23 items of corrections and whatever. It took forever. So, the next day I turned on the computer, it did its job of installing the corrections and it would not complete past letting me know Windows is there, but then gave me a constant flashing screen and would not complete to a password page. I thought it was done for. I saw that MS had been informed of a lot of crashes like mine, but I had no idea how to get it fixed or corrected. Called my computer guru grandson, John, he led me to what I needed to do to get the problem repaired. It took a loooong time, but finally the password page came up. Whew! Anyway, I have been able to get the newsletter completed.

Thank you to our loyal reporters for this newsletter. I would like to get a final issue out for 2015 toward the middle of December. So put your reporter hats on and we can get a head start. I do have an article or two to get it going, but more would be nice.

Marzlie

New Member Report

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| Craig Dermer & Teresa Hill | Portland, OR |
| Louis and Jacob deWolff | Ferndale, WA |
| Robert Fehlner&Judy Nejman | BroadviewHeights, OH |
| Mat Gill&Shanon Molacavage | Seattle |
| Richard Groomer&Betsy Lieberman | Seattle |
| Claire Levy&Sean Hughes | Seattle |
| Mike & Kristine Macdonald | Brookings, OR |
| Maria Nielsen | Belfair, WA |
| John&Jane Paulson | Seattle |
| Robert&Glenda Skiba | Richland, WA |

We are so happy you have joined us in WKA

Welcome aboard
wka-kiteflyers.org

Calendar of Events —

- Jan 14–17** 23rd Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, 2016
Visit OKR on Facebook
- Jan 22-24** Windless 2016 in Long Beach, WA
- Mar 10-13** Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference
(Warm Beach, WA) www.kitemakers.org/

There is way more information at the WKA website. 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'!
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Printed Material Newsletter



The last page photo

Dave Colbert's totem pole kite. Glad he is sewing and creating again. Well done!

WSIKF Photo by **Sylvia Bernauer**

Ocean Shores Kites

Now with two locations to serve you.
172 W. Chance A La Mer Blvd. ~ 759 Pt. Brown Ave.
Kites for all skill levels, Parts, Repair, Accessories, Beach & Wind related toys,
Windsocks, Windchimes, Yard spinners, Flags, banners, and more.
360-289-4103
www.oceanshoreskites.com

The advertisement features a stylized logo for "Ocean Shores Kites" with a crab holding a kite string. The crab is drawn in a detailed, sketchy style. The kite is a simple diamond shape with a smiley face. The text below the logo provides contact information for two locations and lists various kite-related products.