



# Newsletter

Dec. 2015-New Year's Day 2016

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

WKA — a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!  
For the latest news check our website: [wka-kiteflyers.org](http://wka-kiteflyers.org)

## What's Happening at the Long Beach World Kite Museum over the Presidents' Holiday weekend?

Long-time Northwest kite maker **Rod Beamguard** will be returning over Presidents Weekend in February to teach a version of **John Freeman's Goin' and Comin' kite**.

The kite is a very good flyer in moderate winds, flying from a single bridle point.

Finished size is nearly 8 feet tall and 4 feet wide. Unusual features of this kite are the circular external framework and the overlapping of two main colors to obtain a third color when the sun is behind the kite.



Cost will be \$100. Students may furnish their own fabric, reducing the cost to \$68. Dates for the class are Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 13, 14, and 15. It is likely the kite will be finished in two days, leaving Monday free to enjoy the coastal winds.

To register, students should contact Rod Beamguard at [rokkaku345@gmail.com](mailto:rokkaku345@gmail.com) or by phone at 360.574.8050 by the end of the day on Friday, February 5.

## 2015 Christmas Party Followup

Once again the PCKA/WKA Christmas Party was a great success. Despite an unplanned venue change, nearly 70 kites and their families made it to Kalles Jr High for this annual event. Without a lot of warning our regular location would not be available, we had to scramble to find a suitable location for the event, even though it meant expenses would be much higher. Fortunately the **Kalles Jr High** lunch room was an exceptional location for our needs. The larger floor space and high ceilings allowed us to have a full social area in addition to the indoor flying area.

At 3:00 pm the doors opened, the indoor fliers got right to work. **Donna Wendt**, the new Grand National Champion in indoor single-line and indoor unlimited, got things going. **Penny Lingenfelter** and **Travis Reedy** did a little individual flying. The floor was then taken over by new fliers with lots of help from Donna, Penny, Travis and others. **Kate**, a new flier and special friend of Travis, spent nearly the entire time flying Donna's Spook kite and became quite skilled with it.

At 5:00 pm we started setting up the bag raffle and rearranging the dining/serving tables. Kites are a **very** generous group! The eight raffle tables initially set up were soon filled and more tables were added. Willy had ticket bundles pre-counted, they went fast. I do want to recognize several businesses which continue to support our event: **Prism Designs** (Zephyr sport kite), **Revolution Kites** (kite banner stake), **Texlon** (ripstop nylon), **Challenge Sailcloth** (ripstop nylon). Thanks also to **Carl Williamson** (19 ft delta) for his continued generosity.

6:00 pm: dinner time. As usual it was impossible to try everything. There was just too much. PCKA and WKA provide the hams and turkeys. Thanks to **Glenda Kleppin** (again) for the hams and **Scott Davis** for the turkeys. Scott once was a professional chef and offered to do both turkeys. They came out perfect! Everyone else brought side dishes, salads and desserts. I guarantee nobody left hungry, the variety of dishes covered all tastes. Having fun with friends is our main goal, but we also try to help others by dedicating raffle and auction profits to the local food bank and World Kite Museum. Despite having to cover some facilities costs we still were able to send \$598 to the food bank and \$100 to the World Kite Museum. The 2016 PCKA/WKA Christmas party will return to Mountain View Lutheran Church if their remodel is completed on time. The date is December 3, 2016, the first Saturday of December. Put it on your new calendars!

**Bob Wendt**

photos on page 3 and 4



Bob's report from the AKA Convention was in our previous newsletter

So now he gives us more—

### 2015 AKA Convention Recap

Donna and I were able to attend the AKA National Convention and Grand National Championships in Enid, OK this past October. Washington kites represented us very well earning many of the awards.

#### Sport Kite Competition:

Top fliers from each conference are invited to compete each year at the annual championships. This year **Donna Wendt** won Grand National Championship titles in the Open Individual Indoor Single-Line and Open Individual Indoor Unlimited categories. **Scott Davis** earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awards in Open Individual Indoor Unlimited, Masters Individual Dual-Line Precision and Masters Individual Dual-Line Ballet against a very deep and talented group of fliers. **Cass Pittman** won Championship titles in the Masters Individual Multi-Line Precision and Masters Individual Multi-Line Ballet categories. **Cass and Carol Pitman** then defended their 2014 titles both Open Multi-Line Pairs precision and Open Multi-Line Pairs

#### Handcrafted Kite Making Competition:

**Alexa King** was the lone Washingtonian in the hand crafted competition but still brought a pile of awards home. She started with a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Flat Kite category with a beautiful quilt style square diamond kite. She then took top honors in her specialty Rokkaku category with her painted owl named **Herman**. At the auction dinner all of the top kites are put on display and the attendees vote for their favorite. Herman was voted the Members Choice winner for 2015. Way to go, Alexa!!

#### Special Awards:

I was privileged to accept two of the special awards on behalf of our members. At the awards banquet **Darrin Skinner** prepares an exceptional slide show transitioning in and out of award titles and winners photos. For the **AKA Kite Club of the Year** award the picture looked familiar but when **Rob Pratt** showed up in the middle of the group I recognized the PCKA/WKA Christmas Party picture from when we all wore tie dye in memory of **Ken Tumminia**. The **Washington Kitefliers Association** was recognized by the AKA as the **Kite Club of the Year!!!** WKA was honored for its many fun flies, kite making efforts, festival support and scholarship contributions.

The **Steve Edeiken Kiteflier** of the Year award is presented to a person who over his/her lifetime has made significant contributions to the sport of kite flying. **Kathy Goodwind** has been active in kiting for nearly 40 years. She has been a flier, designer, manufacturer and retailer of kites. She served terms as WKA secretary/treasurer and vice-president and was one of the original founders of the **Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference**. She has taught numerous workshops and classes and at conventions and kite makers conferences. For the complete text of Kathy's nomination for this award go to the AKA website at: <http://kite.org/annual-awards/edeiken/2014-kathy-goodwind/>. This is truly an award well deserved!

this photo shows Bob presenting Kathy with her keeper plaque –

Photo by **Donna Wendt**

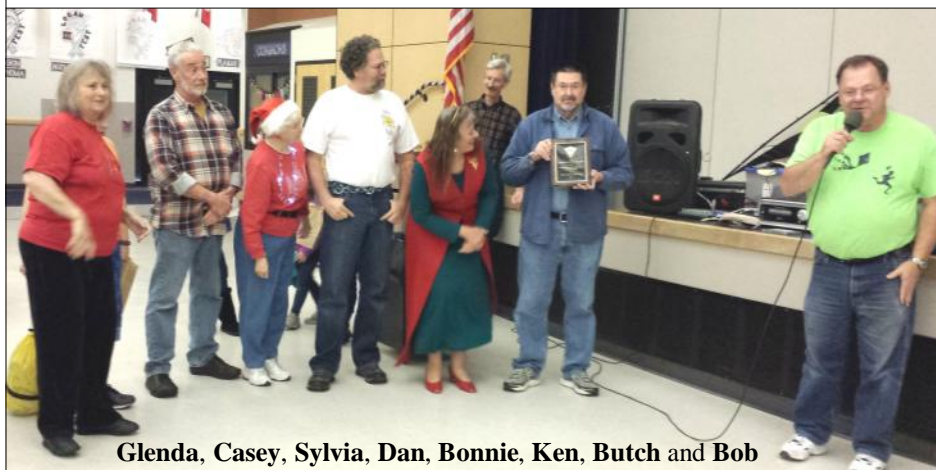


The 2016 AKA Annual Convention and Grand National Championships will be held **October 3-8 in Seaside, Oregon.**

Each convention offers many workshops and classes, fun flies and mass ascensions as well as the sport kite and handcrafted competitions.

There is something for everyone. While attending for the whole week can cost a bit I encourage anyone with the time, resources and interest to give one a try, especially one so close to home. See you all on the beach.

**Bob Wendt**



**Glenda, Casey, Sylvia, Dan, Bonnie, Ken, Butch and Bob**

This photo was taken at the Christmas Party where Bob presented the plaque to the WKA officers – Photo by **Donna Wendt**



This closeup of the plaque was shot by **Sylvia**

## PCKA-WKA Christmas Potluck

Merry Christmas and happy holidays were heard throughout attendees at the annual Christmas potluck. This year Kelles Jr. High in Puyallup hosted us. The church in Edgewood has been undergoing renovations. I always look forward to this potluck and seeing everyone. The summer merges into fall so fast that I can hardly keep up with yard chores; Christmas is the last thing on my mind in September. Then Thanksgiving and December hits me and I look back thinking, "Why didn't I take care of XYZ back in October when it was dry?!" One year I moved our family's Thanksgiving to the Canadian Thanksgiving day in October so we would have more time between the two major celebrations. It's really hard to buy a turkey in October!

The potluck had good attendance but seemed down a bit in numbers. It was noticeable with some regulars not being able to attend this year. We sang happy birthday to **Glenda Kleppin**. I later discovered that **Launny Herriges** also had a birthday. He celebrated by going to the beach to relax. Happy belated birthday Launny!



Dan and I didn't attend the indoor fly so I don't have any photos of that. The raffle was great and I outbid **Scott Hartley** for the 19-foot delta displayed on the stage.



As always, everyone had a great time.

**Bonnie Ecker**

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Hope you and your family had a wonderful Holliday season. Happy New Year to all kite flyers.

With the rain and cold weather upon us hope you have been able to do some indoor kite flying. It's fun and a lot of good exercise. Check the WKA Web site to find locations and times.

This time of year is a good time to remember our local kite business. if you need a new kite or flying line or anything now is the tine to visit your favorite kite store. We only have a few to shop at and if we don't buy something every now and then the stores may not be there.

Good luck with your kite making classes if you are going to OKR or Fort Worden.

The winter cold and damp will pass, just think of the sun soaked beaches this summer will bring.

Everybody go and make kites and fly kites.

Butch Harviston  
MAKE KITES, FLY KITES!

This kite doesn't fly. On a recent trip to Tucson AZ I saw for the second time the front of the Diamond Children's Hospital at the University of Arizona Medical School with these kite graphics. My sister used to work at the hospital before she retired. You never know where you will see interesting kites.



*More Ed:*  
*Here is a closeup of the kite that is on the front of the building.*

*So thought provoking. A treasure to be sure.*

*Ed. Note: what a wonderful way to help kids become a little less nervous about a hospital.*

*Thanks to Butch for sharing this with us.*

*This picture is a closeup view of the kite that the kids are flying in the above photo.*



Photos by **Butch Harviston**

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 Starting in June meet first Sunday of the month in Sky Prairie Park, W. Strong Rd, just east of N Five Mile Rd, Spokane, WA

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**Squalicum Kite Flyers (SKF)**

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 Fun fly every Wednesday & Sunday afternoons during daylight

savings time until sunset  
 Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor. Bellingham WA

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**Sylvia's Report on the New Year's Day Fly**

It was a beautiful sunny, but cold, day at Golden Gardens. We were blessed with a nice breeze. Hot chili, hot dogs and hot chocolate helped keep us warm. **Launny Herriges** and **Rick White** set up the pop-up. And several banners were flying.

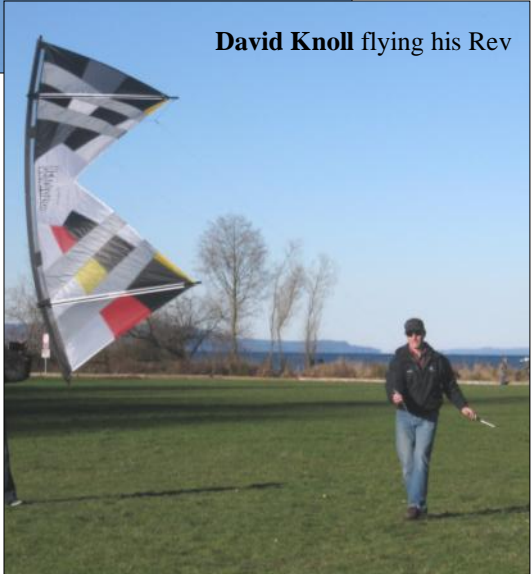
**Brian Johnsen** flew the first kite of the day, one of his fighter kites. Many single line kites and at least one Rev also flew.

The **Curran's** Grinch and Smiley face delta kites were among



The Grinch

those in the sky. Many flyers joined us. It was a great turnout. Thanks to all who were able to join us.



David Knoll flying his Rev

## Kite Flying While on a Pilgrimage:

I had known about the **Camino de Santiago de Compostela** for several years and had talked with my wife **Ginnie** about the possibility of making the pilgrimage. The Camino is an ancient pilgrimage route that follows the wandering route of the apostle James the Greater. There are many different routes throughout Europe that, for the most part, converge on St. Jean Pied-de-Port, a small town in the Basque portion of southern France on the north side of the Pyrenees Mountains. The Camino then traverses in a westerly direction across the northern part of Spain leading to the city of Santiago de Compostela near the Atlantic Ocean. The distance involves almost 500 miles and crosses the Pyrenees Mountains and the vast central plain of the Meseta.

After much discussion and many changes in plans it was finally decided we would go but we were uncertain of the date. We eventually set August 25th, 2015, as the date to fly to Spain. Our return to Portland was on October 20th.

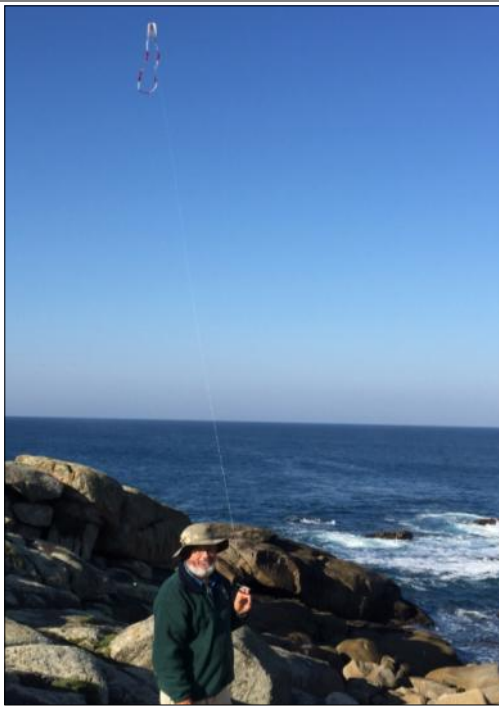
Before leaving, I constructed a sled kite of white ripstop with a red Cross of St James as the centerpiece. My intent was to fly the kite everyday we were on the trail. We actually started on the trail on August 30th with backpacks that were heavier than needed. We reached Santiago on October 13th, 45 days and 482 miles later. In that time “St James”, as I have come to call the kite, was flown on 31 days. The remaining 14 days were either stormy and wet, or there was no wind. Each flying day was recorded on the kite. It is rewarding to look at the flying log now that we are home.

This adventure did not fall in the vacation category, but every day we saw magnificent scenery and met wonderful people. A highlight of the trip was spending two days in Burgos resting tired feet and waiting out the rain while celebrating our birthdays, 70 years for me and an undisclosed number for Ginnie. I was able



to fly St James in Burgos one day for a short time in very gusty winds. The best winds encountered were, as you would expect, at Muxia on the coast, the last date St. James enjoyed the freedom of the sky. It was a wonderful trip with few cares about worldly happenings.

It has been documented the Apostle James traveled throughout Europe after the crucifixion of Jesus. However, the exact route is open to much debate, as is his burial place.



The main income of many families living along the Camino is from providing pilgrim services, usually housing and meals. For most of the way towns are spaced close together, 4 to 6 kilometers. These are called albergues and are very similar to the youth hostels of our youth. You usually get a shower and a bunk bed in a dormitory style building for 8-10 euros. The rooms

usually hold 4-6 bunk beds for 8-12 people to a room but we also encountered 2 person “monk cells” and rooms with up to 100 people. Private rooms are quite frequently available, often with a private bath, at prices in the 30-45 euro range. A “pilgrim menu” is available for 9-12 euros but in many places you can prepare your own meal. There are numerous bars along the way for breakfast and lunch. We often stayed in hotels in the 50-70 euro range, some of which were very, very nice. Ginnie likes her own bath and fresh towels. A hair dryer was a real treat!

We were up and on the trail by first light, sometimes leaving in the dark. Breakfast usually consisted of 2 food bars and fruit as we walked. Stopping for a break with hot chocolate and a Spanish tortilla, nothing like a Mexican tortilla. Lunch was crackers or bread with cheese, scrumptious Spanish chocolate, and fruit. We really missed fresh veggies. Quite often, if we could get it, I would eat an entire cucumber as I walked. The pilgrim meal for dinner was a choice of a first plate of 3-5 items (take your choice) of green salad, soup, tortilla, or some kinds of local favorites, a second plate of an entire such as pork chicken or fish, and a dessert. You had your choice of drinks, tea, sometimes coffee or milk, bottled water, and beer or wine. I lost about 10 pounds on the trip.

Yes, it was a vacation, but just not very relaxing. I can think of many more things to do for a vacation. There was uncertainty every day about the route, communication not knowing Spanish, will it rain today or not, where we would stay, what there was to eat—it wears on you after awhile. And you wear the same clothes for 4-7 weeks!

Would I do it again? Not likely. A shorter trip is a possibility though.

**Rod Beamguard**

Photos were taken by **Ginnie**

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

Saturday, January 23, 2016  
at the North Willapa Bay Grange

REPAIR OR COMPLETE A KITE!!

If you have a kite you need help finishing or maybe needs some repairing, the Westport Windriders are holding a kite sewing event.

See more details on Facebook in Seattle Area Kite Flyers. For more info contact —robcp@msn.com

The Windriders will be hosting a kite finishing event on our club weekend on January 23 - 24. We are inviting people to bring their sewing machines and unfinished kites and kites needing repair. We will do our best to help you complete it.

**Bary Crites, Mark Engbaum** and I will be available to help figure things out. If people are missing bits and bobs we can try and find something in our collective stash of parts (it would be helpful to know what they're missing ahead of time). We will also help beginners learn the basics. I haven't talked to **Gerry** yet but I'm hoping she can help out also.

The potluck on Saturday night is the only planned meal.

**Herman Peter Zweifel**

Rick White's "2 Cents" regarding the New Year's Day Fly

If you weren't at this years "Protest the Bowls Kite Fly", then you missed a great day of kite flying! I think we are on a roll with good weather. I am pretty sure we have had clear skies for the past 4 or 5 years in a row.

There were quite a few new kites this year. I really liked **Suzanne Sadow's** beautiful printed Edo. (Or at least a rectangle).

PHOTO by RICK



More on the NW Day Fly——



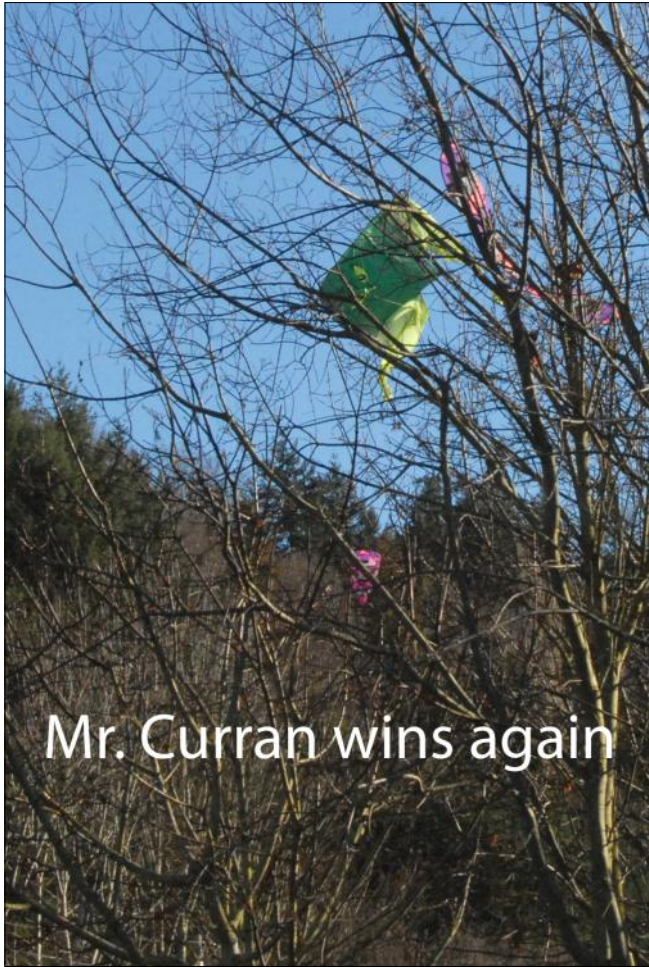
If you brought a light wind kite this year, (which I highly recommend) you flew for a much longer time. About 1 PM, the wind picked up to a brisk if not unpredictable 4 MPH

On a personal note, I have noticed that for the past several years, **Richard Curran** has made the extra effort to keep his "Kite Eating Tree" crown. Yes, again this year he has managed to feed that tree. To add to the feast, (and for extra credit) he managed to lasso one of Sylvia's banners! Yep the bridle came down right over it. Dick had to pull the banner off of the stake to get his kite off. Dick, I tip my hat again this year to you, the clear leader, and sole recipient of the "Kite eating Tree" Crown. (see page 9) You da man!

**Rick White** (far distant 2nd place)

Note from **Rick White**: This picture, shot by **Dick**, according to **Georgean**, of the red and white kite, its name is **Rolanyne**, and I made it. I really like this picture. **Currans** did a good job with it. The circoflex cow kite flying below belongs to **Stan Shelhamer & Debbie Schwab**.

PS to **Dick**: However, you have a long way to go to beat your blackberry escapade at Kite hill on Father's Day 2014. Oh wow! No one will ever come close to that one!



**Curran's** kite in the tree



Photos by **Rick White**

### **Protest The Bowls 2016**

What a fabulous day...blue sky and enough wind to get kites in the air. It paid to bundle up this year, unlike the first day of 2015 when we shed coats and remarked how warm it was, unaware it was the start of El Niño for a remaining dry winter, low reservoirs, and devastating summer wildfires. Hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate, and desserts kept us motivated to socialize all day and fly kites. In 2015 Dan won a packet of kids diamond kites and donated them to me for use. I quickly slapped on a Post-it, "Give-aways at Protest the Bowls." We assembled at least three of the diamond kites for kids and 2 of a larger delta that I had from my job advertising Bobber, the Water Safety Dog.

Putting a not-so-nice 2015 behind members who lost family, friends, and pets and for some who lost property from fires, we have hope that 2016 might be better. Predictions are another dry remaining winter and hot summer temperatures, a neutral 2017, then a swing to a La Niña year. At least our current snowpack is higher than this time last year.

The kiting community is truly one large family and I'm blessed to be on the Board of such a magnificent association with other talented and dedicated Board members. Here's a kite toast to 2016!

**Bonnie Ecker**



Photos by **Bonnie**.

*Ed. Note: I, for one, am glad I found out we don't have to run to get the kite flying. Whew!!*

## Another Dear Kite Flier/Kite Maker Gone from our Sky



**Aime' Barsalou**

A great kiteflier.  
We will miss him.

His wife sent this note to inform us of the loss:

Dear Kitefliers,  
I'm sorry to have to tell you that **Aime'** passed away in Winnipeg on Nov. 20, 2015. He always enjoyed the friends and venue at Long Beach.

Thank you, on his behalf, for all the fun.

Sincerely,

**Olive Barsalou**

**Sylvia** adds:

The **Barsalou's** used to come to WSIKF. And have been WKA members since 1992. Here is a portion of his obituary relating to kites:

He was an extraordinary kite designer and flier, a passion he shared with Olive. Aimé flew his kites regularly at the Mint in Winnipeg and together they attended kite festivals across

Canada, in the United States and Europe. His enormous three dimensional kites in the form of pterodactyls, witches, polar bears, Pied Piper, Mary Poppins and many others were perennial favourites at Assiniboine Park and abroad.

*Editor's Note:*

*It was such a joy to see what this creative man came up with each time we saw him.*

*Mary Poppins, the 3 kids enjoying their sled ride, and the big bird too.*

*Thank you for the times we got to fly with you.*

*Great memories. What imagination. Good that he shared with us.*

Collage created by **Rick White**

# Washington Kitefliers Association

## An Affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association

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

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### Something Special from Glenda Kleppin

People have been asking for my ham recipe for years, and I've given it to a few people over the years, but Jerry thinks I really need to officially pass it on in case there comes a time when I can't put it together for the PCKA/WKA Christmas Party and everybody starves. Anyway, here it is: The first and most important ingredient is, of course, the ham. We discovered a brand we really liked years ago while shopping on Base. The brand is **Falls**. I was greatly dismayed a few years ago when the brand disappeared from their cases. I was so glad when it reappeared at, of all places, Walmart. Of course, it costs about 1/3 more there, but it's still worth it. I cook 2 whole tavern hams each year for the Christmas party, and might need to go to 3 next year. There are many different ways the companies prepare hams: whole hams; shank; butt; spiral cut; etc. Different people prefer different cuts. For serving large crowds, however, nothing can beat the ease of a tavern ham. They can be quickly carved and have the added advantage of having hardly any waste in the way of fat. The recipe for the sauce is my very own. I had good friends who were restaurant owning chefs, I was the only one who dared to invite them to dinner. For each tavern ham, I use (1) 24.7 oz. jar of Sweet Morello cherries from Trader Joes. (Don't substitute anything else, it won't be the same.) Just dump in the whole jar, juice and all. Then, add a whole 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple, juice and all. Mix in the following:

- ◆ 1 tsp 5 spice powder (This is a Chinese spice mixture)
- ◆ 1 tsp whole mustard seed, 2 T light Karo Syrup
- ◆ ¼ C dark brown sugar, ¼ C JackDaniels (Don't worry-alcohol cooks out)

All of the above measurements are approximate as I'm a "dump it in" cook, you may want to adjust amounts. However, this is pretty close to what I use. Ideally, you'll cook this sauce down a bit, either on the stove or in the microwave on a low setting. It's just easier to use if it is thicker, but don't be tempted to thicken it with flour! For the final step, you will need to find an antique turkey roaster. Seriously. I use Mom's turkey roaster that pretty much was just used once a year when we took the turkey to Dad's brother's family on Christmas Day. The ancient cord is a bit scary, but the roaster still works very well and has the added advantage of being portable, both for cooking outside (thus, driving the neighbor's big black cat absolutely nuts,) and transporting the ham to the dinner. (You can buy a new 22 qt. version at Walmart for only \$49.99, it weighs ½ as much as ours. The secret is to warm the ham at a low temp, about 350°, basting frequently. Cook as long as it takes to get it up to 165° internal temperatures—around 4 hours. Happy feasting.

*Editor's Notes—*

*I am quite pleased with my new Win10 computer. It has been a good friend so far. This is actually the final issue for 2015, late because of my computer problem. I do have a few things for a head start on our first newsletter of 2016, but I would appreciate it if you could remember to wear your "Reporter Hat" when enjoying all that kiting has to offer. Or share with us if you have a wonderful trip to tell us about, like Rod did in this issue. What a hike that would be. I'll be needing all you can send in right after Ft Worden conference. Take lots of photos too. This way some of us can enjoy our vicarious life through your eyes. I hope most of you are safe from the flooding waters. So far, it has not reached us. The Yamhill River is pretty full. What a change from the summer when it becomes a nice place to swim and cool off. Be seeing you, Marzlie*

### Calendar of Events —

- Jan 14-17** 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://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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