



Newsletter

November 2016 to January 2017

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



New Year's Day 2017 at the Golden Gardens

What a way to start a New Year with a great view of the Olympic Mountains. The Seattle area had some snow at the end of December and there was still some snow on the grass in the morning. Luckily it melted in the morning hours with bright sunshine. But there were gusting winds so **Rick White** and **Launny Herriges** did not set up the WKA pop-up tent. It really was a beautiful but cold day. When we arrived there were already a few kites up, but gusting winds came and went during the day. The hot chili and hot chocolate were really appreciated!

Bonnie and **Dan Ecker** assembled the **Lady Kite Flier** logo kite which was created by **Ellen Pardee**.



Bonnie was the pilot



Report and Photos by
Sylvia Bernauer

News from a New Kiting Group

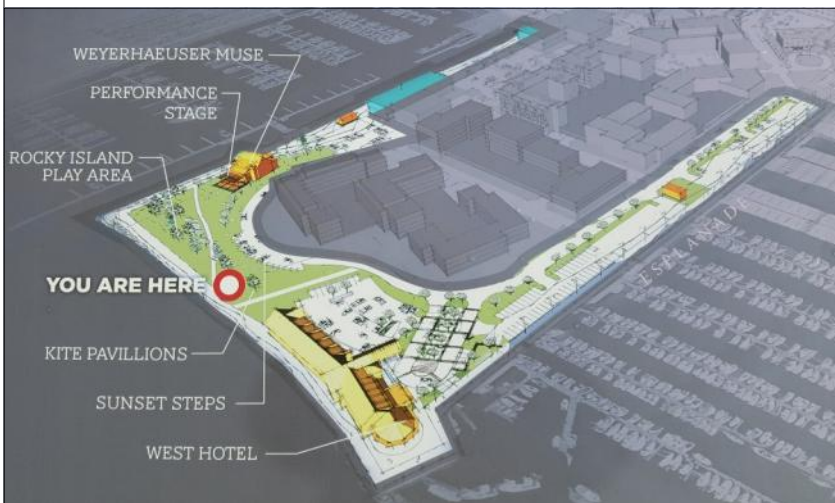
A new kite flying group has been formed in Everett, the **Everett Kitefliers Club**. It's on Facebook. If you'd like to be part of the group for information, ask to Join on Facebook.

We fly on the Everett waterfront where the old Sci-Fi Club flew, off Port Gardner Way, at what is now called Boxcar Park. Head straight toward the water past Scuttlebutt Brewing Company to the **large** grey house. There are signs to Boxcar Park along the way.



The jewel of the Esplanade is a two-acre park opening up to the Snohomish River on the western edge of the pier with the historic Weyerhaeuser Muse and a children's play area featuring elements occurring in the shoreline environment. A pedestrian-only pathway wraps around the boutique hotel site at the far west end of the pier to provide a quiet zone away from wheeled visitor traffic. Walkers there will take in the beauty of the waterfront up close.

Uses: Recreation, Performance Stage



This is the field we are fighting to protect. It's slated for massive development with high-rise condos and commercialism. The park design includes a concert venue, trees, and a stream through the center.

Currently, "kite shelters" have been erected toward the south end of the flying field. They are just picnic tables under pole structures that someone decided to call a kite shelter.



Bonnie Ecker



The **Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference** for 2017 was held again at the **Warm Beach Conference Center** in March.

The scholarship program is one of the benefits of membership in WKA. It is not too soon to mail in a postcard with your name and address to our mailing address. All current members of WKA are welcome to be in the drawing for the 2018 conference with the exception of the person who won the scholarship in the previous year.

The scholarship covers registration, meals, housing, conference pin and \$50 toward class fees. If you have questions about this members-only program, write to **Sylvia Bernauer** at dbrn1@earthlink.net.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The 2017 Northwest Sport Kite League Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday April 1st, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fife Library 6622 20th St. E. Fife, WA 98424

There will be two informative and interesting seminars! Plus the annual meeting with elections. Elections will be for: Four positions, please consider volunteering to participate in these. They are only for two years.

More details later.

Lisa Root
NWSKL Secretary

Another empty place in the sky

Ron Button passed away December 31, 2016. He and his wife Pat (who passed away in 2014) had been WKA members for many years and attended many kite festivals.

For a number of years he and Pat became full-time motor home travelers after retirement. He created and often flew kite trains and kites with clowns on them. They were made in their RV home. He said he made kite trains because of limited space for sewing.

He will be missed by his many kite friends and family.



Photo from July 2005
Westport Windriders
kite festival



During the PCKA meeting in October 2016 **Dick Curran** gave a show and tell about the many kite line holder designs he has created.

Photo by **Marianne Austin**

At the October 2016 PCKA meeting **Jim Gates** did a show and tell of some of his kites.

Photos by **Marianne Austin**



Annual Christmas Party Report

A short recap from the PCKA/WKA annual fundraiser for the FISH food bank and the World Kite Museum held on December 3, 2016

Once again, the event turned out extremely well. There was an indoor fun fly from noon until 5:00 pm at which time the dinner and bag raffle tables were set up.

Table laden with sweets.

Photos by Willy



I'm pretty sure that there was a record number of bag raffle items donated this year. I had almost 200 bags and almost ran out.



The dinner was most excellent as usual. **Scott Davis** provided the turkeys while **Jerry Graham** and **Glenda Kleppin** provided the hams. The rest was pot luck.

The donations for the bag raffle and auction items were amazing!! The total donations came to \$1920.50. After expenses for the facility and other reimbursements, I was able to write a check to the FISH food bank for \$961.09 and a check to the World Kite Museum for \$285.00.

Thank you ALL! Take care and have a wonderful New Year.

Willy Hendrickson



FISH FOOD BANKS OF PIERCE COUNTY
Providing food for individuals in need
with compassion, dignity and respect

December 20, 2016

Pierce County Kite Fliers Assoc.
18918 - 80th Ave Ct E
Puyallup, WA 98375

Dear Pierce County Kite Fliers Assoc.,

"Thank you for keeping us fed. If you didn't, I would be somewhere else. I would have moved to some other place. I would have a different teacher and friends. Everything would be different. So thank you."

Food Bank client, 2016


This quote reflects just one family you have helped this holiday season. In December, we anticipate serving up to 45,000 people. Our food banks and volunteers have been busy distributing nutritious holiday and staple foods to thousands of families. We are able to help so many only because of your generous support.

The holidays are a time of warm traditions, of gathering together with family and loved ones. Your charitable gift of \$961.09, received on 12/14/2016, at the 3rd Annual Fundraiser for The Washington Kite Flyers Association and Pierce County Kite Fliers Association, will provide positive holiday memories to families in our community, including the nearly 40% of FISH clients who are children.

Through every dollar donated, every hour spent volunteering at a food bank and every contribution of nourishing food, you make a huge impact on our neighbors in need.

From everyone at FISH, we wish you a healthy and joyous holiday season filled with laughter and love.

Gratefully,


Sue Potter
Executive Director

Thank You!



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December 17, 2016

William Hendrickson
 Alexa King, Secretary
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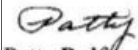
Dear William and Alexa:

Please accept our appreciation for your end of year donation of \$285.00. It supports the World Kite Museum's programs and events and also helps us develop new exhibits and events at the Museum. It also helps us continue the Washington State International Kite Festival which we are now operating! We are planning some great things in 2017.

Each year this helps us provide all ages fun kite activities and a broader understanding of the world of tethered flight.

Visit the Museum soon to see what we have been doing and so we can thank you in person for your generosity!

Sincerely,


 Patty Rolf
 Business Administrator
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The Museum is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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New Member Report
 **Charlie and Judy Boddy** Spokane
 **Brett and Pasha Grant** Bothell

 Welcome to these new members!
 We are so happy you have joined us in WKA
wka-kiteflyers.org


Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kites (AOK)

Contact: Deb Cooley Tumminia
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 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 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 Kiteflyers Assn. (WKA)

Contact: Casey Shearer
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 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.net ← NOTE the new URL

American Kiteflyers 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 Kiteflyers Assn (BCKA)

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

Editor's Notes—

I have survived my flu/bronchitis illness finally. Almost no coughing. So I am sorry I just could not turn on the PC. I got a couple pages done and now have finished the newsletter today. Feel like it is a miracle. Anyway, life here feels much better than it has for the last 3 1/2 months. Thank you to the reporters who sent in pictures and articles and even a recipe for my very fave candy. Daughter was sick over the holidays with the same bug so we did not get any goodies like that, I really missed the almond roca and the cookies she likes to make. Anyway I will need input by the end of April with notices of kite festivals happening.

See you out there somewhere, Marzlie



Washington Kiteflyers Association

An Affiliate of the American Kiteflyers 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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to:

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

Name _____ Spouse _____

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>

New Year's Day Fly report by Rick White

New Year's Day was clear, fun, busy, exciting and very, very cold! My feet are still frozen just thinking about it! The turnout was small, but that left more chili for me! We had plenty of wind out of the north, no wait, it was from the south. Or was it the east? Yes, it

was all of them. From 2 to 20 mph all day. And that was just the first 15 seconds! I thought Whidbey island had screwy winds! We ate, we flew lots of kites. We hugged a lot, because it was cold, but most of all we had fun and got to see a lot of our friends. I hope we get to see the rest of you next time.



E.W. EDMONDS Tribute Kite is a 10 year old kite I made at Fort Worden.

This two tail Rok was Eli's.

Rick White

Calendar of Events

March 18 Coupeville, WA Whidbey Island Kitefliers Fun Fly Fly'n O the Green St Patrick's Day Fun Fly. Fort Casey 11 a.m.- 3p.m.

March 18 Entiat, WA 6th Annual Entiat "Rites of String" Kite Festival Festival will be held Saturday at Kiwanis Park in Entiat, WA. Free kites, kite decorating, prizes and food from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come fly a kite! For more info-Tom Martin - tomemartin2003@yahoo.com or Alan Moen - 509-784-5101

March 19 Vancouver, BC BCKA March Fun Fly - BCKA March Fun Fly, Ambleside Park, Vancouver, BC.

March 25 Grayland, WA Windriders Fun Fly, Potluck & Meeting - Grayland Beach, WA.

March 25 Kingston, WA Kites Over Kingston - Fun fly at the Port of Kingston from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

March 30 Tacoma, WA PCKA Meeting - Regularly scheduled meeting 7:00pm at the Summit Library.

April 1 - 30 Mount Vernon, WA Tulip Town Kite Fly - April is the month to fly kites at Tulip Town near Mount Vernon. Every day of April. Mark Williams has made arrangements with Tulip Town to admit kite flyers, with a current WKA membership card, to enter and fly for free in the field near the demonstration gardens.

April 8 - 9 Pacific Beach, WA Pacific Beach "Spring Thing" Fun Fly - Fun Fly hosted by Hi Flyers Kites & Things

April 9 Richmond, BC BCKA April Fun Fly - BCKA April Fun Fly at Garry Point, Richmond, BC.

April 15 Oak Harbor, WA Whidbey Island Kitefliers Fun Fly - WIKF Fun Fly at City Beach, Oak Harbor 11 a.m-3 p.m. Location to be confirmed.

April 22 - 23 Ocean Shores, WA Kites and Hugs Fun Fly and all-around party. Flying starts around 9:00 each day. For more info, look up Kites and Hugs on Facebook.

April 22 Grayland, WA Windriders Fun Fly, Potluck & Meeting - *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.*

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This DIY recipe for Almond Roca sent by Ron Ortega

Almond Roca

2 cups whole unblanched natural almonds
11 oz. milk chocolate bar, divided, (needs to be frozen before grinding)
2 sticks (1 cup), butter, plus a little for buttering the pan
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon light corn syrup (optional it makes the candy crisper)
3 tablespoons cold water
candy thermometer
Jelly roll pan or a small cookie sheet

Instructions:

Toast almonds in 350 F oven for approximately 10 minutes.
Grind coarse in food processor, set aside.
Grind the frozen milk chocolate bar in food processor. Do not

over process the nuts or the chocolate

Sprinkle half of the coarse ground almonds in a buttered jelly roll pan and top with half of the ground chocolate.

Then lightly grind the rest of the almonds which will be the top layer and set aside

In a heavy saucepan melt the butter. Add sugar, corn syrup and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until the mixture reaches 290 F degrees (soft crack stage).

Quickly pour mixture over the nuts and chocolate.

Sprinkle remaining chocolate over the toffee and top with the remaining nuts.

Chill and break into pieces.

Taste and enjoy!



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The last page photo

Dan Ecker brought the dual turbo, supercharged dune buggy to a kite fly!
Photo by **Rick White**

A cartoon illustration of a crab with large eyes and a smiling face, holding a kite string. The kite is a diamond shape with a smiley face on it. The text "Ocean Shores Kites" is written in a stylized, bubbly font across the top of the illustration. The artist's signature "SBC" is visible in the bottom right corner of the drawing.

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