



Newsletter

February to November 2017

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

WKA — a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

2017 PCKA / WKA Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Fun fly – Noon to 5:00 pm

Set Up & Bag Raffle – 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Dinner – 6:00 pm

Mountainview Lutheran Church

3505 122nd Ave E

Edgewood, WA 98372

It's time to start thinking about our winter kite activities. Once again, on Saturday, December 2, we celebrate the holidays and socialize with our friends at the annual PCKA/WKA Christmas Party. We will again be at Mountainview Lutheran Church in Edgewood, the same location we have used for 12 of the past 13 years.



Activities start at noon with our indoor fun fly. You can arrive any time after noon to fly and socialize. Lessons will be available for beginners so don't be afraid to try it out. At 5:00 pm we will put away the kites and set up the

tables for the potluck dinner and bag raffle. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with the raffle following soon after. We do have the kitchen available, cold or hot dishes can be kept as needed. As usual PCKA and WKA will provide two turkeys and two hams for the main courses with kites filling in the side dishes and desserts. Coffee, pop and water will be available but you do need to provide your own "favorite" beverage. The variety of food is amazing and no one will leave hungry!

As always our main goal is to have a good time with friends. But we also try to share our good fortune with



those in need. The bag raffle will support the local food bank over the holidays. If we have any special donation

items they can be live auctioned to raise more money for the donor's



choice between the **food bank** and the **World Kite Museum**. Please remember to bring your donation items so we can continue to help with these two very worthwhile causes. This event is open to all kites. You do not need to be a PCKA or WKA member (but you will be given a chance to join!). I hope you all can be there for this great time of sharing with friends, remembering the fun from last year and looking forward to the New Year.

Bob Wendt, Pierce County Kitefliers Association
Photos from our 2016 Christmas Party submitted by **Rick White**

Annual World Kite Museum President's Day Workshop

February 18, 19, and 20, 2017, saw another edition of the annual President's Day Workshop at the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, WA. This was the sixth year the workshop was directed by Rod Beamguard, following the 12 years in which John Freeman taught the popular workshop.

The kite presented this year was the 12 foot tall Card Trick. An 8 foot version was also available. The workshop kite was adapted from a kite built by Hilmar Rilling of Germany in the mid-1990's. It has also been noted there is a quilting pattern called the card trick. The name of the kite was derived from the name of the simple quilt block pattern that makes up the four main squares.

The Saturday session had all participants intently following the directions in constructing the squares, edge binding them, and joining them together. Once again, the museum staff provided

pastries and other edibles (for a small donation). Saturday night the annual evening get-together was held in the breakfast area of a local motel since repairs to Rod's condominium unit had not been completed in time to host it again. Those who attend the Saturday night affair always have a great time with catching up on news, eating, and having a variety of liquid refreshments.

Sunday allowed plenty of time for most of the class members to join the other pieces of fabric and cut away the excess parts, do the reinforcing, place the spar pocket, and at least start to fit the sparring. Several people also were able to do the Bridling on Sunday while most finished it up on Monday.

Attending were **James Babst, Fred Marchand, Cliff and Gerry Pennell, Fred Schultz, and Heather Thomas**. While attendance was low, everyone enjoyed a good weekend and took home a great kite!

Heather Thomas and Rod Beamguard shown with Heather's Card Trick

Ed. Note: Intrigued with the polka dot fabric –love it



Fred Schultz with his Card Trick. Behind Fred is an 8 foot red, white, and blue version by Rod.

.Report and photos submitted by **Rod Beamguard**

Celebrating 100 Years of Community Gardening with Kites!

By Bonnie Ecker, WKA secretary

Did you know the **U.S. Army** and the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** are one year older than the Nation? These two were established in 1775, marking the 242nd birthday of both, Army on June 14, and the Corps' birthday on June 16. This year also marked a centennial birthday for the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Ballard, a Corps of Engineers facility.

This year also marks the 100th birthday of the Locks. Many events and activities are planned throughout the year for the Locks. Visit these websites for more info.

www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Locks-and-Dams/Chittenden-Locks

www.friendsoftheballardlocks.org/

<http://blog.friendsoftheballardlocks.org/p/hiram-chittenden.html>

On May 21, the Locks celebrated *100 Years of Community Gardening* and asked the WKA to be involved. Before I retired, I was on the centennial planning committee and mentioned having a kite event at the locks. Coordinating with lead gardener **Michelle McMorrán**, I put her in touch with WKA education coordinator **Ken Conrad** and together they



finalized the kite making event. Ken and Suzanne brought all the materials. They created the Fly me kite kits at their **Great Winds Kites** workshop. I set up **Marzlie Freeman's** flower and butterfly banners I had acquired from her.

Rick White hoisted the WKA banner and other banners to



draw attendees in to our table. The Locks graciously provided the pop-up tent, tables, and chairs.

The Locks, affectionately known to many as the Ballard Locks or the Government Locks, were originally to be constructed with wood. **Brigadier**

General Hiram M. Chittenden, for whom the locks are named, first oversaw plans for a locks. His failing health forced him to retire in 1909, but he remained in Seattle. It was **Colonel James B. Cavanaugh**, for which the Cavanaugh House is named on the grounds, who assumed the building plans, changed the locks from wood to concrete, and oversaw construction of the entire Lake Washington Ship Canal which connects saltwater Puget Sound to freshwater lakes Union and Washington. Construction began November 10, 1911. Unfortunately, Chittenden was too ill to attend the dedication of the Locks on July 4, 1917, and he died October 4, 1917.

If you have not yet visited one of the three most visited tourist attractions areas in Seattle, head to Ballard, just south of where WKA flies the Protest the Bowls on January 1 each year. It is free to tour the grounds, but you might have to pay for parking as the lot is provided by the city of Seattle. Take in the visitor center and gift shop, the administration building (yes, you can go in and go upstairs to see the many historical photos), cross over a large lock, then a small lock, across the spillway where you might see the smolt flumes and maybe a sea lion in the channel, and eventually wind up on the south shore where the fish ladder is located.

We might have had more adults come over to us and assemble a kite than we did kids, but everyone had a great time drawing on their kite and the kids had a blast trying to fly them around in the yard, outside the tent. This is not a location for kite flying, but you cannot stop kids when they want to fly their creations! and we were not about to do so.





June 2017 Father's Day at Kite Hill

Misty rain greeted us as we arrived at Magnuson Park, but it did not stay long. And there was wind most of the day until it was time to take down when **Casey Shearer's** butterfly spinners stopped spinning.

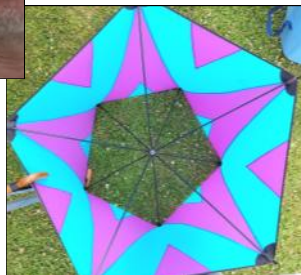
Mike (Bubble Man) Tracy was making big bubbles, it was fascinating to watch them change into different shapes before they popped. Mike loves to entertain the kids with the big and many small bubbles. He also flew his Rev kite. **Launny's** fish are always a hit with the kids. Pop-ups went up and we settled down in chairs to enjoy the day and the light wind. **Ken Conrad** set up a wind gauge and told us it was mostly 3.5 with occasional gusts of 5 - 8 mph.

Father's Day was really a family day on the hill this year. **Family came for Rick and Terry White; Dick and Georgean Curran; Rick and Denise Ishida; and Jerry Graham** (sorry **Glenda** was not feeling up to it this year), and our parrot friends **Ron and Val Ford** had several family members at their space.

Lovely winds higher up kept many kites in the air most all day. **Georgean's** green Grinch kite; **Dick Curran** had two or three kites staked out; **Butch Harviston** and **Launny Herriges** flew



genki kites. **Rick White** launched a train of black, white and red kites with fuzzy tails made by Marzlie Freeman. **Ken Conrad** and **Suzanne Sadow** flew their fractal design kites. **Ron Ford** flew a colorful butterfly kite. I had a great time flying my favorite Hoopy fighter kite. A little later, **Jerry Graham** tried to fly Glenda's drum kite, but the wind was slowing down.



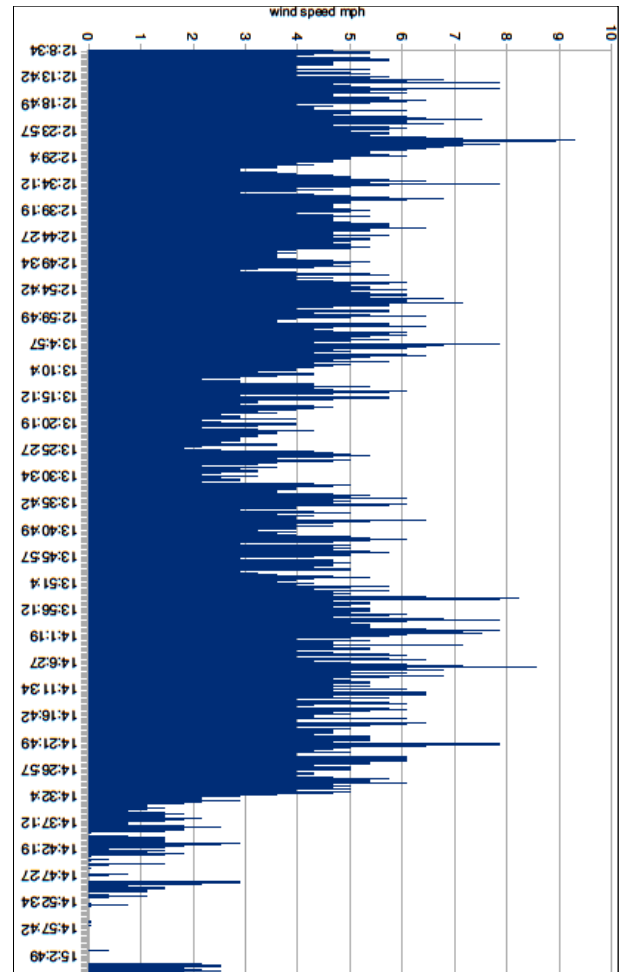
After **Suzanne Sadow** set out the sled kites which kids colored, several of those were flying. But my favorite of Suzanne's is the purple "Corona" Guatemalan barn door with fringe around it. I got to hold it a few times while she rescued other kites or passed out cookies to all the flyers on the hill. We also welcomed new members **David Kelley** and **Martha Bracken** whom I had met at the **Crossroads** indoor flies. They have been following our calendar on the club's website and attending other events. Even though the sun did not come out, we all had a good time and nobody's kite ended up in the trees OR in the blackberries. We have done that one before!

Sylvia Bernauer

Notes from Ken Conrad regarding the wind speed of the day—

All of us at the fly today knew the winds were light, would you believe 3.5 mph with occasional gusts of 5 - 8 mph? this is the data my anemometer collected. The clock was off by an hour, was not set to DST yet.

-Ken





Definitely need to work on my indoor skills
Notes from the Prez

Changing of the Seasons - We've certainly turned the weather corner from the beautiful late-summer outdoor events to the 'perpetual drizzle' that makes up the Pacific Northwest Fall and Winter. The skies have gone from blue to grey and the liquid content has gone way up. Still and all, late October-early November have provided some of those "gift flying days" between periods of rain and snow. (Snow?? Yikes!!)

I had the opportunity to get to one of my neighborhood parks on one of these golden days to enjoy an afternoon of perfect kite flying. I hope that you also can take advantage of some of those rare 'off season' flying days.

Where IS the Prez, Anyway? - I'm sure that many of you have observed that I've been noticeable by my absence at most of this season's events. You'd be right on that. I've been recovering from a couple of health problems off and on through most of the Summer. Very frustrating for me, because every time I'd started to feel better to the point where I could plan to attend a Festival, one or the other of these conditions would flare up and I'd be back on the sidelines again. It looks like I'm making a comeback on both of these conditions, so you'll be seeing and hearing more from me in the future. (You can decide whether that's a good or bad thing.) I want to thank everyone that called or facebooked/

e-mailed to check on how I was doing.

Coming Up - As noted, we're into the indoor season, and many events are coming up in the remainder of 2017 and first quarter 2018. Here's a preview:

- **Dec 2 - Kites & Bites Event at Prism Kites**, 4214 24th Ave W, Seattle – starting at 11:00 AM. There will be prizes, a raffle, food, drinks, and more going on. Check it out if you can!
- **Dec 2 - Annual PCKA / WKA Party and Indoor Fun Fly**, Mountain View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, WA, from Noon to 9:00 PM. Indoor flying starts at noon and we will begin set up for the dinner/evening raffle after 4:00. As usual, the dinner format is Potluck, with the Club stalwarts providing the Turkey & Ham.
- **Jan 11 (4:00 PM) – Jan 14 (1:00 PM), Oregon Kitemaker's Retreat, 18705 US-101 N. Rockaway Beach. OR.** Registration is open now. In fact, some classes may be filling at this point.
- **Jan. 20–21 Windless Kite Festival, Long Beach WA.** - Long Beach Elementary School. Doors open at 8:30 AM for warm up flying and lessons. Check with the International Kite Museum Web site for information about guest flyers and kite building activities.
- **Sat. & Sun. Jan. 28–29 & Feb. 4 & 5, Asian New Year Exhibit, International Kite Museum, Long Beach WA.** Regular Museum Hours (11:00 Am to 5:00 PM) – Kites and kite art from ten Asian nations. Sample cuisine from different Asian cultures and opportunities to build traditional kites and art projects.
- **Feb. 17–19 Rod Beamguard Kite Workshop, International Kite Museum, Long Beach WA.** - Rod always brings an interesting and attractive kite as the subject for these workshops. Check with the Kite Museum for prices and details on this workshop.
- **Mar. 10–11 Linda Sanders Workshop, International Kite Museum, Long Beach WA.** - The ever popular Linda Sanders checks in at the Kite Museum to work her workshop magic. Details are TBD, but I hope it's a banner project. Check with the Kite Museum for prices and details on this workshop.
- **Mar 15 – 18 Fort Worden KiteMakers Conference, Stanwood WA.** Instructors and classes have been finalized and registration is now open. Check the www.kitemakers.org website for details.

· **March 17 Entiat Rites of String Kite Festival, Kiwanis Park in Entiat** along highway 97A between Wenatchee and Chelan. Contact Alan Moen for details - alanmoen@nwi.net or 509-784-5101

· **March 24 Kites Over Kingston – Kingston, WA.** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Setup: 10 to 11 AM, Breakdown 3 to 4 PM). For additional information, contact Brittany VanderPol - 360-773-8047

· **And,** I would expect to see the indoor flying sessions at Shoreline and the Eastside start up in these next couple of months.

Business Stuff - In addition to the many activities listed above, the fourth quarter is when the Board takes care planning and business for the upcoming year. These are the kind of tasks that happen in the background, but are necessary for the club's continued operation and for some of the events we sponsor.

First up is the update to our consolidated Event Calendar. We are planning to use the same process we used last year. So in the next week or so, I will send a note to all of the club officers and event/Festival organizers asking them to review a draft 2018/early 2019 calendar for correct event dates and any other revisions. Once we have incorporated those peoples' input, we

should have a consolidated calendar that covers BCKA and AKA Regions 9 and 10 events. However, I know that we have some date conflicts to work out for the 2018 season – so sponsors of events in that situation can expect some follow up on telephoning and negotiating. If you are an event sponsor or Club officer, please stand by for my note on this activity.

Also in the fourth quarter or early 2018, we will have our Board Business/Planning meeting. I know that we will have a full agenda for this session and I expect it to last most of a day. Now, depending on the topics that we prioritize, we may have some questions for the general membership. If so, I will coordinate with our Secretary, **Bonnie Ecker** on a low-hassle method for getting these questions out to you and for collecting/consolidating your responses. Please watch for further information concerning this potential survey.

Get Off the Stage! - There is a lot here for a set of 'Notes', so I won't waste any more ink or your valuable time with further ramblings. But, I do want to tell you I am happy to be back on the kiting scene and that I look forward to seeing you during our Winter events.

Indoors or Outdoors – keep 'em flying and make sure they look good.

Casey Shearer

Tommye Babst sends us a photo report on the July **Westport Windriders Kite Festival**

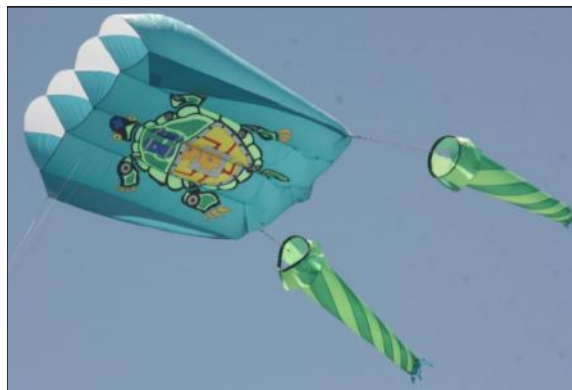
We had perfect weather on Saturday. Sunny, 6 to 13 mph. winds but squirrely out of the NW. Lot of kite flyers up and down the beach. Perfect winds for the teddy bears.



A good catch and a happy catcher!



It was a good wind for the banners too.



A beautiful sea turtle on a soft kite.



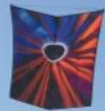

Ed. Note: I really like the kitty



Looks like Mass ascension time for soft kites

So, who won the Eclipse kite created by Ken Conrad?

Here are two photos of the **Eclipse Kite** won from the **Kite Museum Auction**.

It was won by **Chris Handel. Dennis**, her husband, took these two photos. It is a gorgeous kite and a reminder of a good day.

Who won the Fort Worden Scholarship for 2018?

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL BECHARD

for winning the 2018 WKA/Sisson Fort Worden Scholarship!

Note:

You only need to follow the directions given by **Sylvia Bernauer** in the newsletter to have a chance, and must be a member of WKA. Great win Carol, enjoy!!

*Editor's note: I am in awe of this kite made by **Jean Reed, Donna Wendt's** mother. It must be true you are only as old as you feel. Congratulations!!*



News from the North—

James and I were at the 2017 **Pac Rim Festival at Vanier Park** in June.

We had beautiful weather both days and perfect winds where you could fly all kites from light to heavy. We had a sky filled with beautiful kites. **Island Quad** was there and **Bill Brosius** was flying his three sport kites. Kids kite making was very busy as always. Teddy Bear drop was exciting because the bears really enjoyed flying and several flew out of the field. For the first time ever two landed in the tree right behind our camp display. Fortunately they were not hurt and went to their new owners. I managed to get a shot of the second bear. The bowl run was a fun success for kids and adults.

Tommye Babst



2017 Festival Logo Kite

Saturday was a beautiful day at the September 2017 **Whidbey Kite Festival**. The winds were very light for getting a lot of the larger kites in the air, but the kids kites colored the air wonderfully!! We had a large crowd and lots of families with children. It was a great day!!

Sunday was cloudy with sun breaks in the morning and the winds were very gusty and squirrely from every direction. The sport kite flyers had a terrible time. We had to take down the camps about 1:30 pm as the rain and wind were too much. It finally stopped about 3. Several events had to be squashed together so we could get the raffle under way before the rain started again. There wasn't a large crowd on Sunday.

Tommye Babst

More Whidbey Island photos by Lisa Root



Whidbey Island Rev Flyers



Kids lined up for the Teddy Bear Toss



Sales Tent



Kids Kite Making Tent

Ocean Shores Festival was just about perfect

Georgan Curran writes: Blue skies and nice winds both Saturday and Sunday. Lots of kites on Saturday, but don't know what happened to them on Sunday.



Here is a picture looking South on Saturday

Sylvia Bernauer adds:
The sun came out Saturday afternoon, colors were brighter.



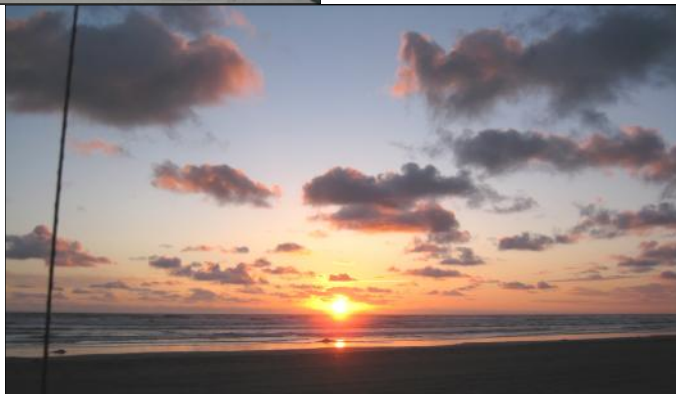
Mass fly of Rev kites.



More big kites in the sky and some banners

Sunset Saturday evening - beautiful.

Top photo by **Georgan Curran** and the next 3 are by **Sylvia Bernauer**



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New Member Report


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AKA Rep Pete & Nadine Zweifel	Federal Way
David Kelley & Martha Bracken	Shoreline

Welcome to these new members!
 We are so happy you have joined us in WKA
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Ben Franklin Kite Society (BFKS)

Contact Larry Zilar
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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

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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

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 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 Kitefliers Association (AKA)

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Editor's Notes—

I am so sorry this has been such a long time coming. I will try to get better as I continue to feel better. But you gotta remember I am 80 now. Things just don't happen the way they used to as far as time is concerned. We have definitely come into winter, gets pretty cold at night no freeze here yet, but any day there will be. The garden has been knocked down for another year and I so miss our fresh tomatoes off the vines. No taste like it, and to think people used to be afraid to eat one as it might poison them. Think what they missed out on. We are heading in to kite making season, hope a lot of you get to go to OKR and the Fort. And don't forget Rod Beamguard's class over the President's Day Holiday in February. Kiter hugs to you all, Marzlie



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The last page photo



Sylvia Bernauer took this at the **Westport Windriders Kite Festival in July 2017.** **hmmmmm**

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The advertisement for Ocean Shores Kites features a cartoon crab holding a kite string. The crab is smiling and has large eyes. The kite is a diamond shape with a smiley face on it. The text "Ocean Shores Kites" is written in a stylized, bubbly font. Below the illustration, there is contact information for two locations, a list of products, a phone number, and a website URL.