



# Newsletter

April/May 1995

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## FORT WORDEN SCORES ANOTHER HIT!

It has been almost a month since a dedicated group of kitemakers descended on Port Townsend for the 12th Annual Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference. What a weekend! Martyn Lawrence and Steve Brockett led fantastic workshops which were extremely well received by participants. Spencer Chun came from Hawaii to give us another version of a tetrahedral kite. The local talent was once again on display - too many to name individually but all were greatly appreciated as evidenced by the quickness with which class rosters filled.

On Friday your editor built Spencer's tetras so I did not get to see any of the other presentations. Spencer had a relatively quick method of making a very nice 4-cell tetra true to it's original form using equilateral triangles as cell faces. I have already adapted Spencer's plans using Tyvek instead of nylon for the cell material and shorter spars to be more economical with materials. This revision will be used in a classroom workshop with fourth and fifth grade students. How about a 75+ cell tetra?

Saturday morning found me trying to get one of Sam Huston's genki kits (I was first on the alternate list). I have

wanted to try one of Sam's remarkable creations put together with Icarex and mylar tape. I must have done something right because I finally got in one of Sam's classes. (I have to thank Jon Reinschreiber for the spot.) The genki is a fascinating kite! I am sure I'll get a lot of flight time out of it.



Dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!

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THIS TABLE OF CONTENTS WOULD BE MUCH LONGER IF ALL YOU HELPFUL MEMBERS OF THE WKA WOULD SEND IN ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION. AS IT IS, WE ARE FOUR PAGES SHORT THIS MONTH. SORRY ABOUT THAT! - ED.

The next WKA Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM April 19th at Softchec, 12515 Willows Road, Kirkland, WA. For more information contact:

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Dave Christenson

Well, spring has finally sprung. Fort Worden has come and gone in a flash. Although it was a fast paced 2 1/2 days I noticed a lot of participants who were starting to drag by Saturday evening (myself included). I think everyone had a good time and everyone seemed to be busy all weekend. I think my luck has finally changed. I won a few items this year in the raffle. I didn't win the buggy but I can't say that I don't win anything anymore.

At our general membership meeting during the conference, Kay Buesing from the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach gave us a talk on the future of the museum and asked everyone for ideas on how they could raise money for the building fund. We gave Kay several suggestions and then made a donation of \$500.00 to the building fund.

Also approved at the meeting was a motion to have only one General Membership Meeting a year. At that time we would install new officers, present a yearly financial statement, vote on any items that need a vote of the membership, etc. We haven't had a very good turn out at other membership meetings so we amended our by-laws to show this new change. We still plan on having gatherings during the year but only one official meeting. If any other member has any questions, please contact any of the board members and let us know your concerns.

If anyone has some good pictures of Fort Worden, I would like to borrow them to make some copies. As normal, I didn't take very many pictures and I would like to put some in local newsletters. Also a note to Al Councilman: Superman made his promised appearance all day Sunday. He got some strange looks from out-of-towners until the story was told. He had great fun anyhow. He was told he might get his picture on the Internet.

That's enough for now. I hope to see everyone on the flying fields soon.

Best Winds,  
Dave

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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kiteflying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication. Mail submissions and photographs (include the name, address and telephone number of the source) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return (if you want your photographs back) to:

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The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue — March 15th for the next issue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

## Membership

To become a member of the WKA, send your name(s), address and telephone number, along with a check for \$15 per family (outside the U.S., please add \$5(US) additional for postage) to Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109. Membership includes an official WKA membership card entitling the bearer to discounts at certain kite shops and a one-year subscription to the WKA Newsletter.

## Up, Up Anna Way by Gene A. Lahti

We are on Our way down to Long Beach an' My Little Brother is trying to explain to Me the Ultra-Lite Technology of Today's Kites But, My Mind keeps drifting back to when We were Kids. When Kites were MADE not BOUGHT! Made outta Scraps of Lumber too small to burn, Bale Twine and a coupla Quarts of flour-an-Water Paste. This Kite was Usually

".....Ya' know, kite flying is a very Healthy Form of Recreation.....?!"

"Yeah, Yeah", I say to Myself, with My Mind still back in Yester-Year.....running across the Field at 35-Milles-an -hour. Trying to get Our Creation to defy the Law\*of\*Gravity; an' miss a few of those Bushes and Boulders that were in Our Flight Path! After 3-or-4 Hours of this Fun, We would halfta quit! Both kites and Pilot were a little worse for wear and We could rest-up 'til Next Sunday an' more Kite Building Material.....!!!

The Miles pass quickly, an' We are now at Long Beach, "Home of The World's Longest Beach" and Home of tThe Ultra-Lites. But, Yester-Years Memories are still with Me.....

I learned many things that Week-End...in the World of Ultra-Lites.

.....You LAUNCH a Kite, its not necessary to attain a Ground-Speed of 35 Miles-an-Hour...!

For My First Ultra-Lite Flight, I had My Little Brother as Co-Pilot an' Coach...50 Feet away, giving Instructions.....

".....NO, NO,..DON'T RUN..DON'T RUN...!"

".....Tighten up Yer Lines...DON'T RUN...!"

".....READY, Here We go.....!"

WHOOSH...! "Where'd that damn Kite go.....?!"

"LOOK-UP,..LOOK-UP...!!!"

WOW!....WHATTA BEAUTY....And I was hooked!!.....

I, also, learned...that when Yer on the Beach; You don't ask a Fellow Kite-Flyer...

".....How'sthe Wife'n Kids.....?"

He might-not Know?...Maybe She's Home changing the Oil in His Truck or Mowing the Lawn.....??! 'Cause He snuck outta the House a coupla Days ago ta go get a Loafa-Bread...went by the kite Store, an' ZAPPE.....A complete Lapse of Memory.....?!?!?

Now, IF Ya wanna gita REAL Conversation goin' - Ya' say:

".....What's new in The Ole Kite-Bag....."???"

**Editorial note:** The abovestory was printed in it's original form to retain the flavor of the story

### **Fort Worden from page 1 -**

The afternoon session saw me joining the group cutting and taping Stormy Weather's Star Victory together. I've seen that kite in the air when nothing else will fly. Now I've got one of my own!

Sunday is always anticlimatic - only three presentations were given this year. Dan Kurahashi, Scott

Skinner, and Tom Sisson filled the bill doing what they do best. It would be great if some of the workshop presenters could be persuaded to repeat their sessions on Sunday.

To all WKA members who had a hand in making the workshop such a success: Thank you for a job done extremely well!

## **Reminder Reminder Reminder**

***This is just a gentle reminder for you to check the renewal date on your mailing label for the WKA Newsletter. If you are past due and haven't done so yet, please renew now so you don't miss any copies of your newsletter.***

## THE EDITOR'S ECHO

My track record is absolutely impeccable so far - two issues completed, both late. I haven't met a deadline yet. I'll try to be on time next issue.

Since I have retired from teaching, I expected to have all sorts of free time to do the newsletter. I'm busier now than I was when I put in 12-14 hour days teaching science.

Part of the reason for being late with this issue is that I waited too long for loyal WKA members to submit articles for publication. Besides our stalwart club president, only two other submissions were made. One was given to me at Fort Worden by a new member of WKA. I was sure someone would send in pictures that we could publish of local events or of the recent Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference. But, no pictures and few articles mean a lot of good information and opinions will not be passed on to the rest of us.

## FESTIVAL OF COLORS FUN FLY

May 5-7 will see the arrival of the 2nd Annual Festival of Colors Fun Fly sponsored by the Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce, the Ocean Shores - Grays Harbor Visitor's and Convention Bureau, and the NorthCoast Sky Painters. This will be a family oriented event with contests for all.

Last years inaugural festival saw 14 different events involving both single liners and stunters. More events are promised for this year! Accompanying the kite fly is a masters level sand castle building contest, arts and crafts show, and more. This is the first big weekend of the season at Cannon Beach so there should be something for everyone.

For more information, contact Eric Halverson at (360) 289-2982.

With the weather we have been having, let's get to the beach and enjoy ourselves. See you there!

Right now, I ask (beg, plead) you to think about what you may contribute to the newsletter, get it together and send it in. We need reports from events, technical articles, kite or kite accessory plans, reviews of new (or old) kites or kite products, or profiles of members you know and would like to introduce to more of the WKA membership. I am sure there are still many members who would like to hear about sessions at Fort Worden other than those I attended.

Give it some thought and let yourself go. We'd all like to hear what YOU have to say!

Enjoy the atmospheric turbulence this spring!



Rod

PS - As I finish this newsletter, I realize how much more is here. Time prevents me from keeping you all happy. Please accept my apologies!

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### Items for Sale

Used sport kites: Big Brother \$50, Little Sister \$150, Skyburner Pro \$75, Competition Edge UL \$75, M.E.F.M. \$100, X.T.C. Vented \$100, Turbo Jet UL \$100. All kites in good shape. Call (206) 285-8277.

### WKA Pins at Special Price

1993 WKA pins, featuring WKA logo, \$4 each or \$30 for a lot of 10 pins. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### WKA Banners at Special Price

Banner kits by Carla Fox containing pre-cut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$35 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### WKA Window Stickers

Five-color, 4" x 4" removable vinyl window stickers featuring the WKA logo on the front of this newsletter, \$3 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### New WKA Windsocks

The new windsocks are now available as seen at Fort Worden. The WKA logo on a purple background. Sized and priced: 36" sock is \$20.00, 48" sock is \$25, and 60" sock is \$40. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

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## KITE EVENTS OF NOTE:

See the calendar for contacts

**CANNON BEACH KITE FESTIVAL FUN FLY** will be held on the week of April 29-30 in Cannon Beach, OR in front of the Surf Sand Inn. Primarily a family event, prizes will be given in a number of categories. A hot dog and ice cream social will be held both nights. Festival organizers hope for the attendance of kite teams willing to put on flying demonstrations. Go show your stuff!

**MAGNUSON PARK KITE HILL** in Seattle will be the target of two more clean-up days April 9th and May 13th. Work is progressing very well on building a great flying field. Please try to attend and help build a great urban kiteflying area.

**THE NIGHT FLY TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP** at the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame on April 22-23 will be sure to give you more demo equipment for those night flies that occur at many festivals. Fred Schuneman will direct these workshops. Fred had a huge Delta-Conyne decorated with numerous lights at WSIKF '94. The initial class at 10:00 AM Saturday will get you the materials and learn the techniques to light an 8 foot D-C for \$15. Sunday will see an advanced class targeting special effects and larger kites. Materials will be available for purchase.

**THE ART OF ASIAN KITES** is a kite exhibit being sponsored by the World Museum at the Seattle Center during the Northwest Folk Life Festival. Volunteers are needed to help hang the exhibit (May 23-26), act as hosts/hostesses during the festival (May 27-29), and take it down when done. One day participants will receive a Museum pin and two day participants will receive a year's subscription to the Museum's newsletter. Advance notification of your intent to work will be appreciated but walk-ins will definitely be welcomed! The World Kite Museum needs your help!

**THE YAKIMA VALLEY KITE & FLIGHT FESTIVAL** will be held on June 10-11 in Union Gap. Keep it in mind for a great time in the sun. More information will be published in the next newsletter.

**THE 6th ANNUAL FUN FLY ON THE SUNSHINE COAST** will be held May 27-28 in Sechart, BC. There are motels and campgrounds nearby. Primarily for single line kites, everyone has a great time. A dinner will be held Saturday night.

**THE SEATTLE KITE FESTIVAL** is held on Father's Day each year at Magnuson Park. Sponsored by Gasworks Kite Shop, a raffle is held to benefit the Northwest Brainchild Foundation.

**NET SURFERS!!** Keep those E-mail addresses coming in to Dave Christenson at [kaze@eskimo.com](mailto:kaze@eskimo.com). A listing will be published in the next newsletter.

**PLEASE:** Send kite pictures, technique articles, kite plans, etc., for publication in YOUR newsletter. We need more material and will gratefully accept anything you can spare.

## Kite Calendar

Event organizers: Please think ahead. Contact Rod Beamguard at (360) 574-8050 with Kite Calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number.

### APRIL

#### APRIL 2, 1995

Spring Kite Festival, Richland, WA. Contact Greg Greger (509)943-3951.

#### APRIL 8, 1995

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, at Ocean Shores, WA, on north side of Damon Road beach access. Potluck at 6:30 PM. For details, contact: Eric Halverson (360)289-2982.

#### APRIL 9, 1995

Magnuson Park Kite Hill clean-up day, 10 AM - 3 PM, Seattle. Contact Ken Conrad (206) 624-6886.

#### APRIL 9, 1995

SCI-FI Chilly Wind Fun Fly at Fort Casey, Fort Casey State Park, Keystone (Whidbey Island), WA. Fly starts about 10:00 AM with a potluck chill feed at 4:00 PM on the field. Bring your favorite chili recipe and one other dish. Contact Pat Langlois (206) 334-6108 or Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

#### APRIL 22, 1995

Westport Windriders Tribby Party, 7:30 PM. Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

#### APRIL 22-23, 1995

World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, Long Beach, WA. Saturday: Fred Schuneman and beginning LED light circuits. Sunday will see an advanced night lighting class. Contact: Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

#### APRIL 27, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mainframe Kite shop, 3340 E 11th Street, Tacoma. Contact Penny Anderson (360) 895-3672 or Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

#### APRIL 29-30, 1995

Cannon Beach Festival Fun Fly at Cannon Beach, Oregon. See article. Contact Chad Sweet (800) 547-6100.

#### APRIL 29-30, 1995

Kiona Winery Barrel Tasting and Kite Fly, Benton City, WA. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 627-6404.

### MAY

#### MAY 5-7, 1995

Festival of Colors. 9:00 AM to dark, Damon Road Access, Ocean Shores. Stunt Kite and handcrafted competition. Sponsored by Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce and the North Coast Sky Painters. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982 or 289-8804.

#### MAY 6-7, 1995

Preston Winery Festival. A fun fly at 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Preston Winery on Hwy 395 four miles north of Pasco. Sponsored by Preston Winery and the Ben Franklin Kite Society. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 783-5769.

#### MAY 7, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, Everett. Fly at 10:00 AM with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

#### MAY 13, 1995

Magnuson Park Kite Hill clean-up day, 10 AM - 3 PM, Seattle. Contact Ken Conrad (206) 624-6886.

#### MAY 13, 1995

North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly and Potluck, at Ocean Shores, WA, on north side of Damon Road beach access. Potluck at 6:30 PM. For details, contact: Eric Halverson (360)289-2982.

#### MAY 13, 1995

Kites and Kreations, Connell, WA. Contact Mary Young (509) 544-0155.

#### May 25, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mainframe Kite shop, 3340 E 11th Street, Tacoma. Contact Penny Anderson (360) 895-3672 or Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

#### MAY 27, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck.(6:00 PM). Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

#### MAY 27-28, 1995

Willam Eddy Aerial Photography Weekend, World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame, Long Beach, WA. Contact: Kay Buesing (360) 642-4020.

#### MAY 27-28, 1995

Sixth Annual Fun Fly on the Sunshine Coast. Davis Bay Beach, Sechelt, BC. Sponsored by Can Kyt. Contact Leigh & Lee (604) 885-9309 days.

#### May 27-29, 1995

THE ART OF ASIAN KITES exhibit at the Seattle Center as a part of The Northwest Folk Life Festival. See article in this issue. Contact (360) 642-4020.

### JUNE

#### June 5, 1995

SCI-FI Fun Fly & Potluck, Everett. Fly at 10:00 AM with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

#### June 10-11, 1995

Sixth Annual Yakima Valley Kite & Flight Festival, Fullbright Park, Union Gap. Sponsored by the Yakima Valley Kite Flyers. Contact Pat Teague (509) 966-814.

#### June 18, 1995

Seattle Kite Festival, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Magnuson Park Kite Hill, Seattle. Sponsored by Gasworks Kite Shop. Contact Kathy Goodwind (206) 633-4780

#### June 24, 1995

Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck.(7:00 PM). Fly at Twin Harbors State Park. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

#### June 29, 1995

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mainframe Kite shop, 3340 E 11th Street, Tacoma. Contact Penny Anderson (360) 895-3672 or Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

## JULY

**July 9, 1995**

Fourth Annual Jetty Island Days, Everett. Fun fly 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Pizza feed (BYOP) at 6:00 PM at Alfie's Pizza. Sponsored by SCI-FI Kite Club. Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362.

**July 21-23, 1995**

Fun-tastic Kites, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Twin Harbor Beach, Bongie access, Westport-Grayland. Contact Pic-A-Patch Kites (360) 268-0877.

**July 27, 1995**

PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mainframe Kite shop, 3340 E 11th Street, Tacoma. contact Penny Anderson (360) 895-3672 or Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

## AUGUST

**August 4-6, 1995**

3rd Annual Washington State Stunt Kite Championships, Everett.

**August 28-27, 1995**

14th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach.

**If you have any further dates which need to be included, send them to the editor R.S.R.P.**

*The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.*

## REGIONAL CLUBS

### ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, OR 97225. Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter.

### BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

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Contact Leroy Peoples ((360) 456-4156.

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### NORTH BEACH SKY PAINTERS KITE CLUB

Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982. P. O. Box 88, Copalis Beach, WA 98535. Fun fly and potluck dinner on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

### PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Contact Penny Anderson (360)895-3672. Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Call for details.

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Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 339-9334.

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### SQUALICUM KITE FLYERS

Contact Don or Shirley Allen (360) 733-3777. 505 West Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA 98226.

### YAKIMA VALLEY KITE FLYERS

Contact Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679. 209 N 24th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902.

### WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

Contact Bob Alford (206) 888-2812. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the fourth Sunday of each month. Call for location and details.

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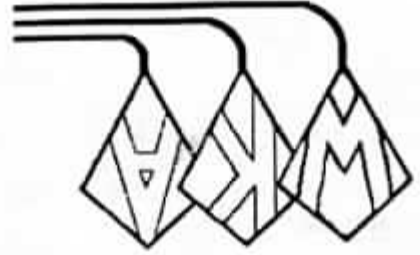
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