



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Washington State International Kite Festival (WSIKF)

August 17-23, 1998

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

Our Northwest premiere event is about to get underway. WSIKF is just around the corner. "Featured Flyers" have their plane tickets, staff assignments have been made and volunteers are being signed-up. The City of Long Beach is in high gear finishing projects around town making ready for this 17th annual world-renowned event. If the weather is promising and the kite trains can be launched we may well be able to top our own record of 4663 kites in the sky at the same time. WSIKF has received many coveted awards such as "Best Kite Festival" awarded by the Kite Trade Association International. The American Bus Association (known throughout the USA as an authority on travel & sightseeing) has listed WSIKF as one of the 100 Top Events in the USA for the last three years. They list WSIKF as the number one event in Washington (The Rose Festival is listed as the number one event in Oregon). Magazine editors are featuring WSIKF as one of the top family-oriented summer events. So probably, you should be considering spending some time in Long Beach, WA during the third full week of August.

Our own illustrious and highly energized president, Steve O'Brien, will be in charge of hosting our Featured Flyers with his band of volunteers. Will you be one of the volunteers who help out in the "Featured Flyers" field? Steve would appreciate your help, as would all of the event directors. Over 200 volunteers run the kite competitions and demonstrations. However you look at it, WSIKF could not be the great festival it has become without each and every volunteer. Each year we have additions and changes in event directors and volunteers. For this we are truly grateful and thank each of you.

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Whether you volunteer for a couple hours during the festival or are part of the year round volunteer staff, we could not do it without you! WSIKF volunteers are an amazing group of dedicated kite flyers -- YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

The schedule will again be much the same as in past years. Remember to get prepared for the Antique Kite Challenge sponsored by the Kite Museum. Monday is also Special Friends Day & Kite Bugging. Our volunteers for kite-

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The President's Prose

Well, here I am getting ready for WSIKF and as usual the list I have made of repairs and projects to be done before the third week in August is too long for the amount of time that is available before I leave for Long Beach. But I will try to fit every thing in before then.

I have several different things to cover this month, so let's begin with WSIKF. First I have seen some of the categories for the Pun Fun flies on Wednesday. Get your Bobby Standfield project kite or original ready. Elsewhere in this issue we have all of the events listed for Terrific Team Tuesday. This day is a lot of fun and I encourage you all to participate in this day of great fun for teams and clubs. Maybe you could fly for the WKA and show some spirit.

Also on Wednesday is the Great WKA spaghetti feed at the Grange hall at 7:00pm. We will have plenty of fun raffling off our donations. Who knows maybe Tom Sisson will lose his pants again (ask Tom). If you have a kite or related item you would like to donate get it to me or bring it to the Spaghetti Feed. The Feed will cost the same as last year \$5 (what a bargain!). I want to thank Stu and TJ Murphy ahead of time for heading up the cooking and set up detail for the feed. While you are at the Spaghetti Feed make sure you check with our membership chairperson Sylvia to get your WKA membership renewed.

As long as we are on the subject of dinners the next night on Thursday is the Association of Oregon Kitefliers potluck in Ilwaco at the museum, bring something to barbecue and a side dish. This dinner is a lot of fun, you'll meet new friends and you'll be supporting our neighbors to the south.

More news on food (hmm I sense a theme here). I have sent out letters to all of the kite clubs and organizations in the Northwest asking for help funding the Early Bird Reception on Monday night before the AKA Convention in October. I have received responses from a couple of the clubs and I am looking forward to hearing from the rest. We are going to provide hors d'oeuvres with beverages to be decided. To pay the clubs back that are providing funding we will be holding a raffle during the reception featuring northwest kite makers and companies. If you make kites and live in the northwest think of us in October. Thanks to Bary Crites for heading up the raffle for the reception. I will most definitely have more for you in the next news letter on this subject.

And a final note, The WKA fun fly in August has been moved to Long Beach, the September fun fly will return to Magnuson Park starting about 10-11AM see you there.

Rob Pratt

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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 January 20th, March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, September 20th or November 20th. Materials received by these dates will be published in the following issue as space allows. 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 in U.S. or Canada (all other countries 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.

W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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Renton

WSIKF

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making & flying with our special needs friends truly are a dedicated bunch. Be sure to sign up with Judy for the team & club competitions on Tuesday. Get those "pretty" kites ready for the show! Robin has some great new "Pun Fun" categories: We're Out of Shape (kites that just don't fit a mold), OutSTANDING in his FIELD (Bobby Stanfield kites), and Tuesday Afternoon at the Fights (fighter kites). Please remember that children do not need to register for Kid's Day but will have lots of fun and goodies on Wednesday. Robin & Rick have added to and tweaked some of the categories in handcrafted and again will include three levels of competition. Stunters will have an opportunity to play games and demo on Friday. Richard Hurd has done some fine-tuning for the fighter kite events with the finalists competing during "Showtime" on Saturday. Plan on carrying your banner and wind art in the Parade of Colors.

Workshops through-out the week will assist you in kite-building. Indoor flying is again planned for the late afternoons. Fireworks and lighted-night-flies on both Friday & Saturday evenings. There will be lots of great things for everyone to do. Please plan to watch the events, participate in the activities, volunteer to assist and definitely show all our volunteers how much you appreciate their efforts. Don't forget our big day on Sunday when we attempt to break our own record of 4663 kites in the sky.

WSIKF Featured Flyers (invited guests) for 1998 include Mr. Toshiharu Umeya from Japan, Frank Schwiemann from Germany and Tony Rice from Austra-

lia. Other kite dignitaries from Japan will be showing their kites and giving kite-making workshops. We also will have an American guest chosen from those nominated by our AKA Regional Reps. Hope you will be able to join us for a great week of flying kites and making friends!

Submitted by Genny Forsberg



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Tuesday WILL be Terrific

What began as an attempt to have a day dedicated to the fun of kiteflying, for as many people as possible, has succeeded beyond our wildest dreams.

Everyone who participates throughout the day earns points for their team in the battle to win the right for possession of the "Terrific Tuesday Top Team" banner for the coming year. Teams represent kite clubs, or groups of clubs, or groups of people formed for the specific purpose of pursuing the banner, or ... In past years, groups have pooled their resources to assure success.

The day begins with "Pretty Kite". As the name implies, this light-hearted competition is for any kite, either handcrafted or commercially built, that you consider pretty. As long as it flies, it qualifies for this category. (In keeping with the casual spirit of the day, kites destined for Thursday's handcrafted competition are excluded..)

Club Camps, an event identical to the "Terrific Territories" held later in the week, will be judged from 11:00 to 12 noon.

After lunch, "Pun Fun" begins. This years categories include "OutSTANDING in his FIELD", featuring Bobby Stanfield kites; "Dragon the Line", including dragon kites and kites decorated with dragons; "Tuesday Afternoon at the Fights" focusing on fighter kites; and some favorites from earlier years, "Priced to Cell" which includes a wide variety of cellular kites; and "Its Only Rok and Rollers", a blend of Rokkaku's and roller kites.

The day ends with an individual Rokkaku battle.

So, if you're in Long Beach on Tuesday during WSIKF, come down to the beach and join in the fun. See you there!

Judy Brown, Day Coordinator, Terrific Tuesday

Indoor Insights

by: Jeannette Mandanas

We will be doing a workshop during the AKA so look for upcoming info on Who, What, How & When. Hope everyone has been practicing indoor or at least in low winds. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at WSIKF.

Always windless

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KITE MAKING WITH TOM SISSON

By Sylvia Bernauer, Membership

The workshop area at Tom's home has been a very busy place in the last few months. He has cut, steamed and bent the cross spars; cut lengths of dowels for spines; cut up plastic straws, tape and string; and cut cardboard and wound line on it. He has put together all the various parts for kits for 2,000 kites and packed them in boxes. That is how many kites he has made with kids since March 1 !

Our Education Chairman has taught classes and given assemblies in several elementary schools and a Day Camp.

Tom was asked to provide an additional 2,000 kites for the AT&T Picnic at the Park (Gasworks Park) for local residents held before the 4th of July. Members of an East Seattle Senior Center helped him assemble the kits for the Picnic. There was a photo of a child with one of his Eddy kites in the Seattle Times.

At our WKA club fly at Lake Meridian Park in May, Tom and several members of WKA helped assemble his Connover Eddy kite with the kids that came to our fly. Soon purple Eddy kites were flying all over the park.

My special opportunity to help Tom was at the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" which was held at Newport High School in Bellevue on June 5 and 6. This was a 24-hour team relay walk-a-thon with 700 to 1,000 participants. Sponsoring groups set up tent camps on or around the football field. Some even came with RV's for a softer way to spend the night when they were not out going around the track.

The track was lined with hundreds of paper bag luminary memorial candles which were lit Friday evening at dusk and burned through the night. It must have been beautiful!

All during the event there was musical entertainment -- with a good beat -- to keep the participants moving. On Saturday afternoon there were various musical groups performing including a steel drum band.

I could not sit there quietly making kites the whole afternoon. Tom told me to "Go fly a kite!" and I did. I had a rocking good time dancing and doing kite ballet with his Eddy. Gee, I had never tried it before with a single line kite.

We had a fun time. The people were so nice and appreciative, and the kids and Tom really had a good time putting together their kites. It was a great opportunity to tell people about WKA!

This was Tom's fifth year doing this event -- and I am sure the organizers will ask him to come back again next year!

Letters to WKA

Dear WKA:

Please remove Rolland Campbell from your mailing list. He died this April. Although he was unable to fly kites for a long while, he liked the idea of the beautiful creations up in the blue.

Please accept this (donation check enclosed) for stamps or whatever to help you to encourage such wholesome beautiful fun.

Sincerely,

Myra Campbell

Mountlake Terrace, Washington

Mr. Sisson,

I'm sorry this took so long, but I got caught up in too many projects this year.

On behalf of everyone at Tulalup Elementary, I would like to thank you again for sharing your expertise and experience with the children. You touched so many with the joy of kite flying.

Enclosed are some pictures of "Kite Day" at our school and a very short video. The video is on the end of some other video. I couldn't find anyone to copy it, so I'm sending you a blank 15 min. video to transfer it, if you want. I have the video stopped at the start of the kite flying so don't rewind it.

"Happy Kite Flying" to you and I hope to see you again.

Your Kite Friend,

Linda Kavanagh

P.S. Some of the students wrote letters. I have enclosed them.

Pictures from Seattle Kite Festival

These are a few pictures taken at the Seattle Kite Festival by Sylvia Bernauer.



Banners with WKA banner in center in background



*Stars & stripes "ring" being held by
builder Stan Schilheimer*



Ken Conrad's Japanese kite train and flying "ring"

Kite Calendar

Event organizers, please contact Bill and Jeannette Rogers at (360) 697-2917 or billrogers@earthlink.net by the first of odd numbered months with Kite Calendar information. Please include as a minimum the date, time, place, contact person, phone number, and email address (if applicable).

AUGUST

August 17-23, 1998

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August 17-23, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Long Beach, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

SEPTEMBER

September 5-6, 1998

Callaway Kite Flight-98, Callaway Nebraska. Contact Connie May at 308-836-2620 or 308-872-3151 for information and registration.

September 11-13, 1998

Lewis and Clark Kite Exposition, Seaside OR. Contact Bill Story for information: 1-888-fly-4-fun or windance@aone.com

September 19, 1998

WKA Fun Fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Rob Pratt for more info: 360-956-1513 or robcp@worldnet.att.net

September 19, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Seattle, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

September 26-27, 1998

Correction

Washington State Sport Kite Championships, Fort Casey Conference Center, Whidbey Island, WA. Contact Four Winds kite shop at 425-339-9334 or fourwinds@eskimo.com for more information.

OCTOBER

October 10-11, 1998

Showdown at Rockaway Beach, Rockaway Beach OR. Contact Robin Loehr at 425-670-3963 for more information.

October 13-17, 1998

AKA National Convention at Ocean Shores.

October 13-17, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Ocean Shores, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

Editor's Echo

I can't believe how fast the summer is going. It seems like I just did the newsletter and now it is time once again.

It has been a busy summer for us. We took in the festival/comps at Ocean Shores, Long Beach and Westport. The common theme at most of them was plenty of wind (almost too much at times). The next one for us (and most of you) will be WSIKF. We went for the first time last year and made reservations for this year right after we got back. I have been looking forward to it all year.

I am still competing. I am going to move up to intermediate at the next comp in Sept. That should be interesting. It has been a lot of fun so far.

Jeannette is still very busy with her business. She has had a couple slow weeks but mostly it is very busy for her, too busy most of the time.

We hope to see a lot of you at WSIKF.

Bill and Jeannette Rogers

P.S If you have any dates for festivals that I don't have listed here please let me know.

ADVERTISEMENTS

For items relating to kites or kitefliers. Charge is 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, Found, Stolen, or Free items will be listed free if under 30 words. Make checks payable to WKA, mail to Bill & Jeannette Rogers Editors, P.O. Box 2393, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

WKA Patch

Patches featuring the WKA logo are available for \$4 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 8357, Tacoma, WA 98418.

WKA 3-Pin Sets

The new WKA pins are a 3 pin set that, when put together, form a Rokkaku. The center pin lists all of the kite clubs in the WKA. The 3 pin set is priced at \$10 including postage (\$11 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 8357, Tacoma, WA 98418.

REGIONAL CLUBS

ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS

P.O. Box 25616, Portland, OR 97298. Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter.

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

Contact Greg or Margaret Greger at (509) 943-3951

BRITISH COLUMBIA KITE-FLYERS ASSOCIATION

Box 755, 101-1001 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, CANADA V6H4E4. Membership \$15.00 Canadian or \$10.50 US. Our website is www.bcka.bc.ca

CAPITOL CITY FLYERS

Contact Leroy Peoples (360) 456-4156

kgb - KITE GROUP OF BOISE

Gary Self, 5403 Paulson Circle, Boise, ID 83704. Individual membership \$7.00 includes a quarterly (?) newsletter.

LILAC CITY WIND CHASERS

Meets every Tuesday (during daylight savings), 5:00 PM, Friendship Park, 7200 block of N Standard. Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kierman, Spokane, WA 99205 (509) 327-2829 blester@ix.netcom.com.

NORTH COAST SKY PAINTERS KITE CLUB

Our club contact person is Secretary Jeff McArthur 425-228-3875 and e-mail at windzup@nwlinc.com. Our web site is <http://crabble.olympnet.com/NCSP/index.html>

NORTHWEST BUGGY PILOTS ASSN.

Contact Morrie and Kelci Williams, P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-1358 (360) 268-0318 williams@techline.com. Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually at Washaway Beach, Grayland. Check with Morrie and Kelci for current location.

PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLYERS ASSN.

Contact Dick Curran (253) 927-8779. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Call for details.

SCI-FI - SNOHOMISH COUNTY INCREDIBLE FLYING INDIVIDUALS

Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (425) 339-9334.

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 Creda Axton (360) 491-3229 Aderc@aol.com or Rob Pratt (360) 456-1513. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the 4th Sunday of each month. Call for location and details.

NORTHWEST FIGHTER KITE ASSOCIATION, NFKA

A club for fighter kite fans. Our mission is fly and have fun with fighters, so that's what we do. Information about membership should be directed to Bruce Lambert (360) 289-2717 brucel@techline.com. The membership fee is \$15 per person, paid one time. No annual dues. We meet and fly the 3rd Saturday of the month. Visit our web site at <http://www.eskimo.com/~johnsen/nfka/>

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

GRAYLAND, Northwest Buggy Pilots Assoc. Fun flies 4th Saturday of every month at Wash-Away Beach. Verify location with Morrie and Kelci Williams, P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-1358 (360) 268-0318 williams@techline.com

OCEAN SHORES, North Coast Sky Painters. Meets the second Saturday of every month except June, July and September at the Ocean City Lions Club 6PM Standard and 7PM Daylight Savings time. We fly in Ocean Shores or Ocean City regularly. The June meeting is at the Annual Ocean Shores Challenge at the Convention Center. We attend the Westport Festival in masse in July and the Up Your Winds at Pacific Beach in September.

Our club contact person is Secretary Jeff McArthur 425-228-3875 and e-mail at windzup@nwlink.com. Our web site is <http://crabble.olympnet.com/NCSP/index.html>

SPOKANE, Lilac City Wind Chasers. Fun flies every Tuesday, 4:00 PM until dark, at Friendship Park, 7400 block of North Standard.

TACOMA, Pierce County Kitefliers Assoc. Meetings on the last Thursday of the month at Summit Branch of Pierce Co. Library, 7:00 PM. Contact Dick Curran (253) 927-8779.

EVERETT, SCI-FI. Fun flies 2nd Sunday every month, 10th Street boat launch, Everett WA. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (425) 339-9334.

WESTPORT, Westport Windriders. 4th Saturday every month. Fun fly and potluck. Contact Creda Axton (360) 491-3229 Aderc@aol.com or Rob Pratt (360) 456-1513.

DO ANY OTHER CLUBS HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO LIST?

If so, send the information to the *WKA Newsletter* (address on page 2)

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Join the WKA and share the fun! Find out more about the fastest growing popular pastime in the United States today. WKA meetings offer individuals and families the opportunity to participate in the administrative support and planning of local kite events and workshops. Membership cost per household in the US or Canada is \$15.00. Fill out this application and return it with a check or money order payable in US funds to WKA. Mail to:

Membership
Washington Kitefliers Association
Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109



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