



Newsletter

May through July 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

It is almost here—the week-long Washington State Kite Festival (WSIKF).

The **World Kite Museum** has posted the 2016 kite festival program on their website.
<http://kitefestival.com/kite-festival-program/>

World Kite Museum WSIKF Week Photo Contest

We are holding a WSIKF photo contest again this year.

To Enter: Upload your photos at

<https://facebook.com/kitefest>

Contest Opens:

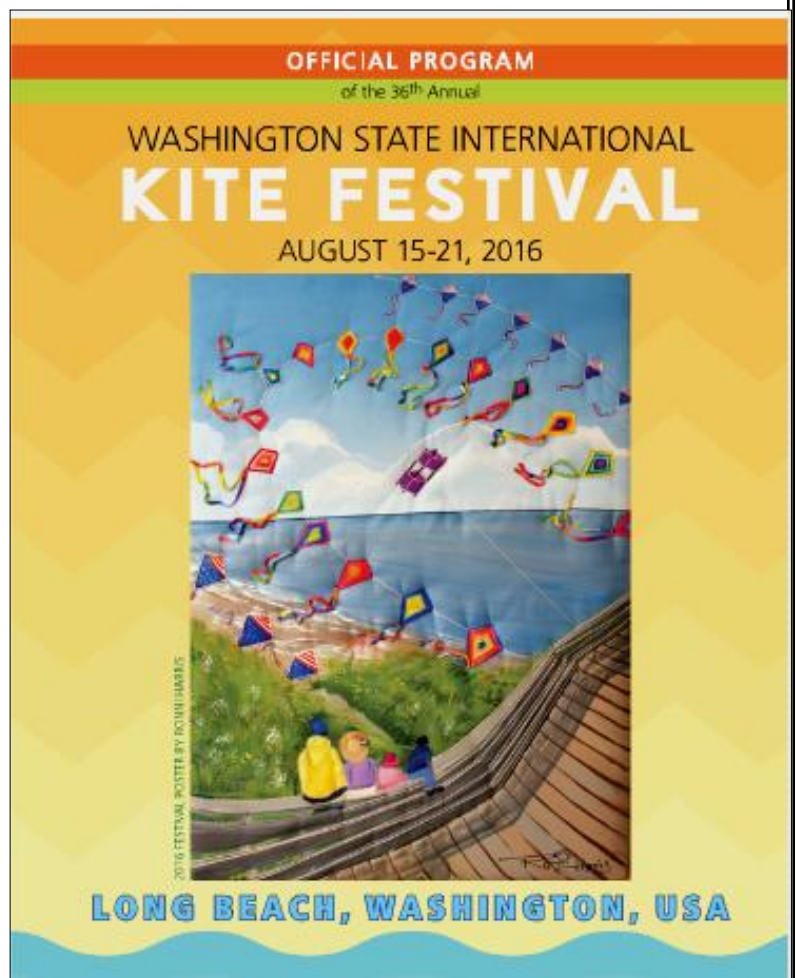
Monday, August 15, 2016, 5:00 AM

Contest Closes:

Sunday, August 21, 2016, 12:00 Midnight

There is NO LIMIT to the number of times you can enter but the contest closes at midnight, Sunday, August 21, 2016. We'll select a winner sometime during the following week and announce it on our website, as well as on our Kite Festival Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kitefest>

We reserve the right to publish entered photos in next year's program...or anywhere else we might want to show off the festival and your talent! Of



course, we'll give you photographer credit wherever possible. You can see photos that have been entered before this year at this web link:

<http://kitefestival.com/photos/2015-wsikf-week-photo-contest/>

Kites for Kids at WSIKF

I think it is time for an update on the kites for kids project that is held each year at WSIKF. **Glenda Kleppin** started this event in 2002. Five years later the addition of hand sewn decorated ripstop nylon deltas was added.

The delta project would not be possible without the generous donations of many people — time, materials and money. Each kite takes approximately a yard of rip stop nylon, four sticks and a winder. And, it takes about five hours of time from cutting out to putting them in the bag— yes, each kite comes with a bag. Most of the people who donate would like to remain anonymous. However, when we receive a donation from a kite shop I feel they should receive recognition so that you, the kites, can say thank you to them and patronize them if you have the opportunity. Recently we received a generous donation of fabric from **Phil Broder**. So when you see neon green kites in the sky at WSIKF this year or years to come know that they came from **Fly Market**.

For 2016 we will be donating about 200 kites. **James and Tommy Babst** will be the on field coordinators this coming year. James has become the chief kite builder plus recruiter for this project. He will have kits available at WSIKF in case anyone wants to make deltas for 2017. If you aren't going to WSIKF contact James and he will arrange for a private lesson for you. He has recruited kite makers from California, Canada, Florida, Arizona, plus many people from the Pacific Northwest. **Brian David** made 55 this year, as he has for more than one year, special thanks to David. In February, **Pierce County Kite Flyers** members had their first annual kite making meeting night allocated to sewing deltas.

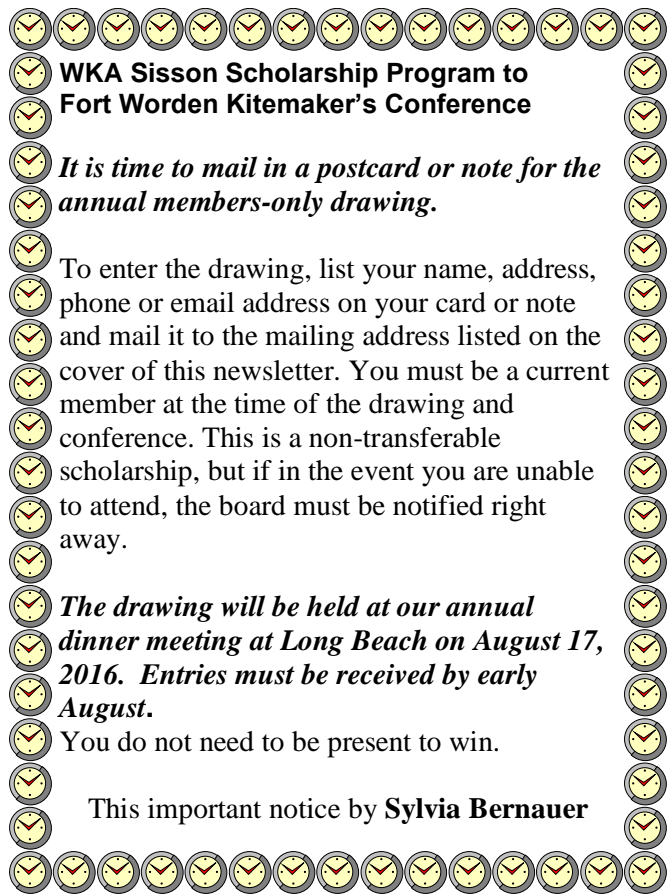
We also received a donation of winders from the **Thank You Charlie** project. If you want to know more about that project talk to **Marla Miller**.

So everyone give yourselves a big pat on the back and keep it coming — whether it is a donation of time, money or materials. And know that you are keeping kiting alive for the next generation.

Anne Huston

Editor's Note: A line-up of a few of the “kites for kids deltas” from WSIKF 2015, impressive, eh?

Photo by **Sylvia** from the newsletter archives.



WKA Sisson Scholarship Program to Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference

It is time to mail in a postcard or note for the annual members-only drawing.

To enter the drawing, list your name, address, phone or email address on your card or note and mail it to the mailing address listed on the cover of this newsletter. You must be a current member at the time of the drawing and conference. This is a non-transferable scholarship, but if in the event you are unable to attend, the board must be notified right away.

The drawing will be held at our annual dinner meeting at Long Beach on August 17, 2016. Entries must be received by early August.

You do not need to be present to win.

This important notice by **Sylvia Bernauer**



New Member Report

Andrew Birkliid & Susanne Brown	Burien
Marcus Elliott & Merith Bennett	Seattle
Greg & Tina Thomas	Edgewood
Capt. Dick & Ann Wightman	Seattle

Welcome to these new members!

We are so happy you have joined us in WKA
wka-kiteflyers.org

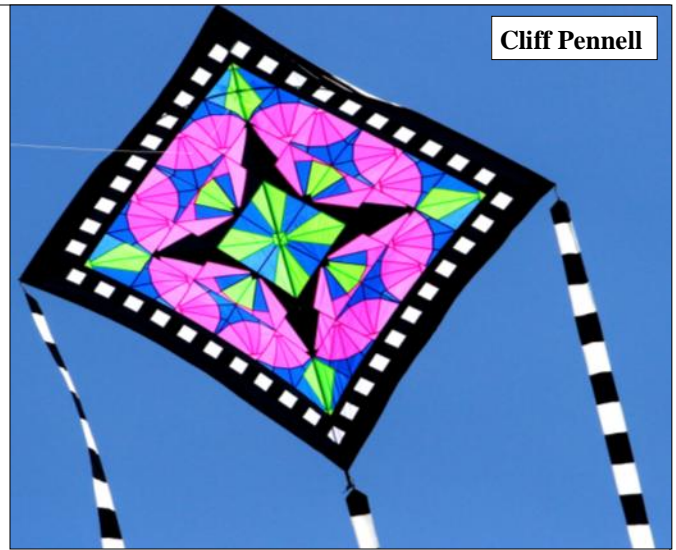
A Report on 2016 Westport Windriders Kite Festival

Westport was very different this year with the rain and high winds. However, Sunday turned out great. Here are some of the kites being flown that day.

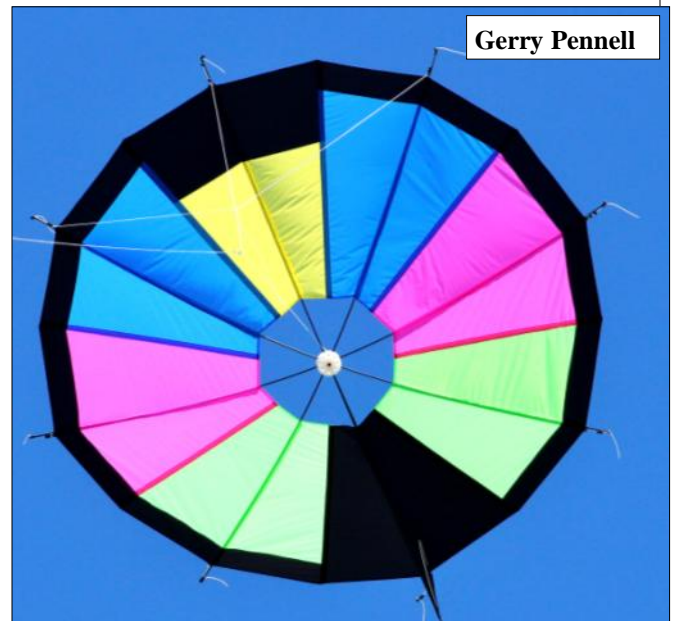
Flier's Names and Photos by **Cliff Pennell**



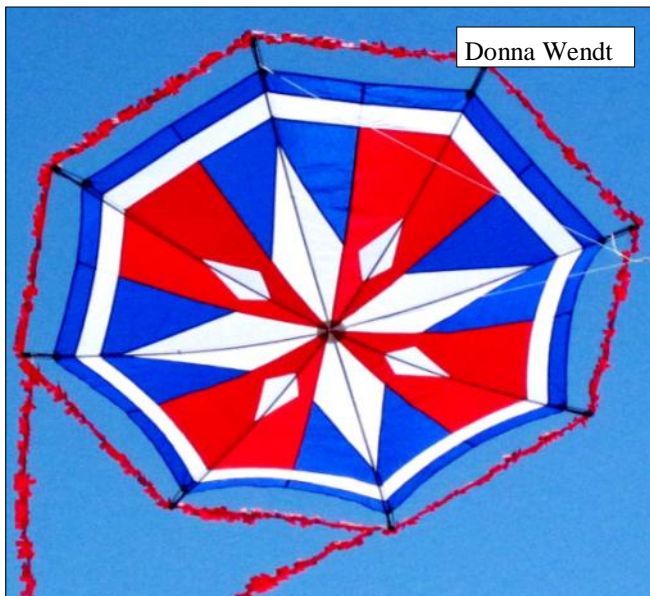
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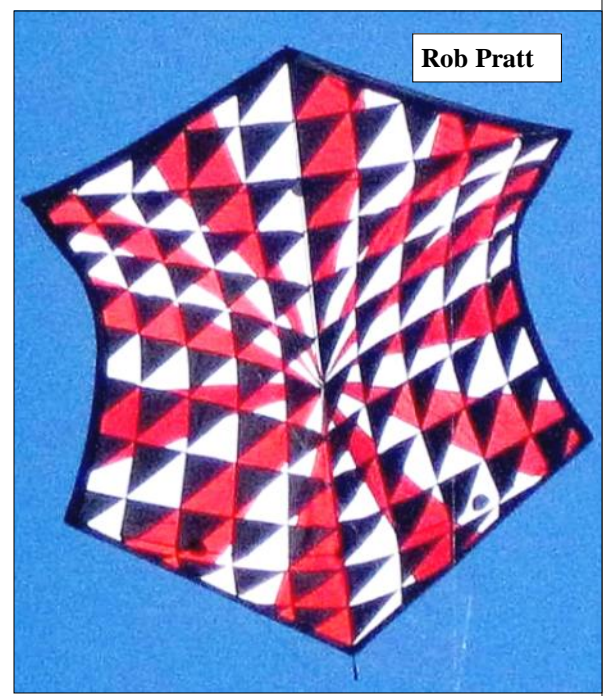
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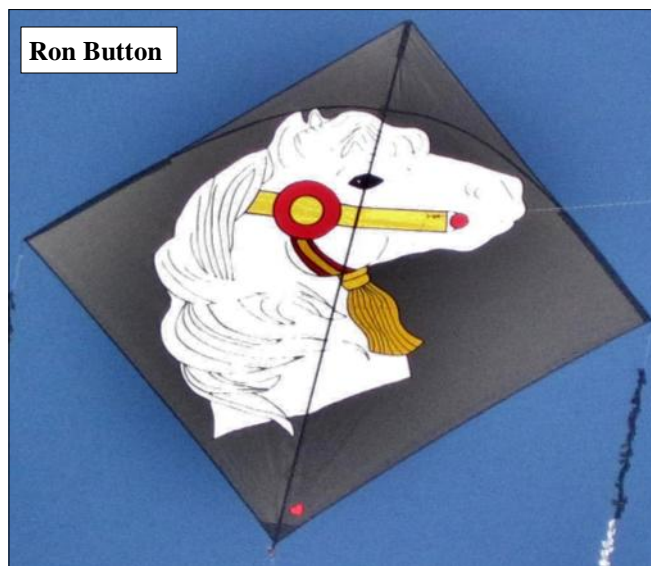
Gerry Pennell



Donna Wendt



Rob Pratt



Ron Button

**More photos from the Westport Windriders Festival by
Georgean Curran**

Georgean gives the same weather report. So sad, when it is so looked forward to for a whole year.



Editor's note: I was reviewing the Westport Festival 2015 report. It tells of only Sunday being a great day for flying a kite. We can hope for better in 2017.

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Musings of the WSIKF Fairy Godmother

To a child, the only thing more exciting than watching a parade is being in the parade. And the only thing more exciting than getting a gift (usually a stuffed animal) from the Fairy Godmother is working as her apprentice and earning your own set of wings.

Several years ago, I looked around for another way to involve kids in kite events in the hope they would want to join the kite community. It occurred to me, that since I'd already be dressed in my fairy godmother outfit for my animal give-away on Saturday, that the kids might enjoy being in the banner parade. I thought and thought as to what sort of banners the kids might be able to hold that did not require too much work on my part. Finally, I settled on giving them streamers to wave. This opened a whole new problem—what sort of streamer would 50 small children be able to wave without tangling with each other? I thought of using one inch ribbons on some sort of stick and realized I needed something smaller. I finally settled on pencils with a yard of mylar ribbon, which the kids enjoy.

I've been amazed at how well my troupe of 50 kids have behaved—staying together near me and following my directions. Some of them wear their own costumes and I provide wings for many of my helpers. Some of the same kids are showing up year after year. Hopefully some of them will decide to become an even bigger part of the kiting community as they get older. But, the kids were not satisfied with just waving streamers. On their own initiative they started putting carnival beads over the heads of the banner carriers as they walked off the field. At first only a couple of the kids did this, but—gradually more of the kids have gotten involved.

On one occasion, one of my helpers saved the day when **Dave Gombert** introduced the guest flier and stated that he would receive a key to the City. When that did not pan out, my helper rushed over and festooned the flier with beads.

The year that **Ray Bethell** was honored, we waited until the crowd around him had thinned and then my cherubs surrounded him. With a huge smile, Ray pulled one little girl up on the seat beside him. The kids may not have known exactly what was going on, but they all seemed to understand that Ray was special.

I've acquired several fairy-godmother helpers over the years. My first, and most faithful, is my loyal frog, **Jakob Knight**, who does whatever chores I need done on Saturdays. He especially likes giving things away.



Jakob with his frog costume.

I have two older apprentices who run around in wings, and several young girls who follow me back to my throne in the Fairy Godmother's tent to give out toys. Several of them have been with me for years.

I'll explain how I became the festival's fairy godmother in another article. Just know that much of what I do with the kids is still a surprise to me. It just sort of grew up around me.

Glenda Kleppin
aka WSIKF Fairy Godmother



Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kites (AOK)

Contact: Deb Cooley Tumminia
 Email: dckites@gmail.com
 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: Butch Harviston
 email: harviston.west@comcast.net
 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.org

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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 Includes quarterly newsletter
www.bcka.bc.ca

Editor's Notes—Another newsletter for you. And again a very short note. I will be asking again for input for Issue 3 of 2016 in mid-September. Please remember the newsletter is driven by you, the members, please share, and not just to Facebook, okay? Or you could send a note letting me know what you have there to share for those members who are not on FB. Don't forget to fly on One Sky One World. Marzlie

Calendar of Events —
Oct 1-2 Lincoln City OR Fall Kite Festival
Oct 3-9 AKA Convention Seaside Oregon
2017
Jan 12-15 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, Rockaway Beach OR
Mar 10-13 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference
 (Warm Beach, WA) 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. wka-kiteflyers.org

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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

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 Membership Director
 Pacific Science Center
 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>



The Whidbey Island Kite Festival returns this year September 17-18. Come join our many activities which include sportkite competition & lessons, single-line flying & challenges, banner displays, teddy-bear drop, running of the Bols, indoor flying, two mass ascensions, and more. The Central Whidbey Lions will again be serving chili & hot dogs, and the espresso/latte stand will have coffee and goodies.

T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for online pre-order by September 1 at www.whidbeykites.org. The Saturday dinner & field lunches (if hot dogs & chili aren't your thing) can also be ordered online by September 1. At the field, there will be a limited number of dinner tickets, and certain sizes & colors of shirts. If you want a particular color or size shirt, we highly recommend you pre-order. Photos illustrating the shirts are on our website.

The single-line challenges for 2016 are:

Logo kite colors: Three of the five logo colors: Red, Purple, Gold, Blue, Green

Quilting: inspired by quilting patterns or methods

Workshop: made in or inspired by a kite workshop

Garden: Kites featuring plants, forest, flowers

For the 2 mass ascensions we will be selling a 2-pin ticket for \$5 for the first 40 people who sign up.

There is camping available in the forest campground (Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights), for \$25 per night.

NOTE: We must receive your paid reservation no later than Wednesday, September 7. Sorry, but no exceptions. Email Marjorie Taylor at

marjorie@taylor635.com to arrange camping and pre-payment. You may register for camping through our online form, but payment must be received by September 7. There is no RV parking in the large public lot. Park on the road on the south side of the field (near the barracks.) Reserved parking for single-

liners on the southwest side of the field is available. The only method you can rely upon is to email Allen Taylor at allen@taylor635.com. First come, first served. If you don't reserve parking, you may not be able to park on that side of the field due to limited space. Parking in the large (public) lot is \$1 donation (going to Boys' & Girls' Club of Coupeville.)

We look forward to having you come to enjoy our scenic island and the well-loved atmosphere of the Whidbey Island Kite Festival.

Questions? Email marjorie@taylor635.com

Whidbey Island Kite Festival Association Scholarship Application - 2016

Application for scholarship to:

Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference WarmBeach, WA
March 9-12, 2017 <http://kitemakers.org/>

(Registration fee/lodging/meals for one individual)

Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, RockawayBeach, OR
Jan 12-15, 2017 <http://kitemakersretreat.com/>

(Registration fee/lodging/meals for one individual)

World Kite Museum Class Year: 2017

(Class registration fee plus lodging Friday&Saturday nights)

Date of application: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please complete each of the following lines:

I have ___ or have not ___ before attended the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

I have ___ or have not ___ before attended the Oregon Kitemakers Retreat

I have ___ or have not ___ before attended a kite making class at the World Kite Museum

I have a sincere desire to learn about kite making and the history of kites, as well as a willingness to make the time commitment required. I understand this scholarship is non-transferrable. If I am awarded this scholarship and am unable to use it myself, I agree to notify WIKFA as soon as possible so that it may be awarded to the next eligible applicant.

Signature (Guardian if under 18)

Return completed form to:

WIKFA PO Box 1320 Coupeville WA 98239-1320.

Deadline for application receipt: September 30, 2017.

Applications must be received by September 30 in order to be eligible for scholarship for the following calendar year. All applications will be drawn by the WIKFA board, and scholarships awarded in order of drawing until all scholarship funds are depleted (giving preference to those persons who have never attended any of the kite making events.) Scholarship recipients will be notified via e-mail.

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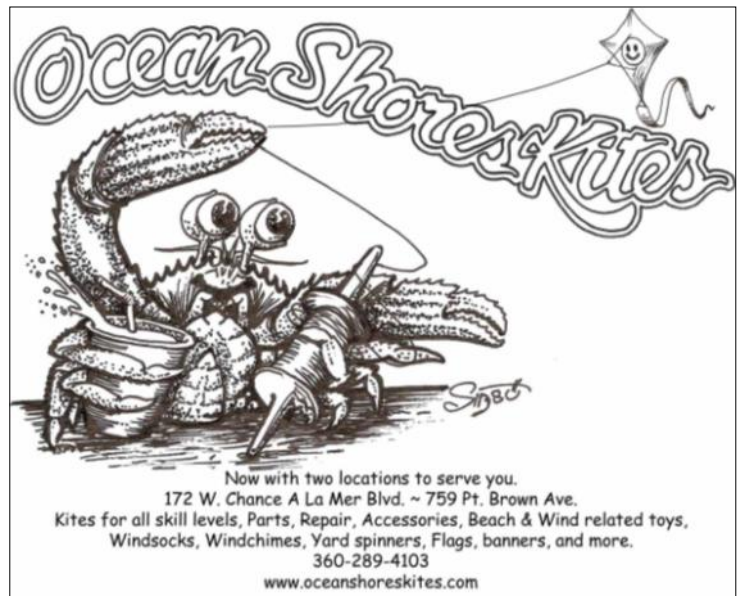


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The last page photo

**Shot by Cliff Pennell
at the Westport
Windriders
July Kite Festival.**

He did not catch the name of who was flying it, but it needed to be shared as a memory of a great Sunday fly.



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