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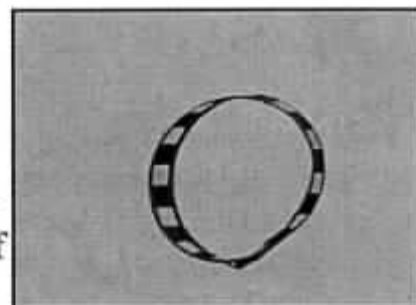
New Year's Day Protest the Bowls Fly Featuring The 2nd Annual Amoeba Fly!

Alright it is the beginning of a brand new year. What better way to start it out than getting together and flying kites. Come join us all day long at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle, Washington for our annual New Years Day kite fly.

This year will be our second fly which we are dedicating to all those single celled kites which do not really fit into any category. Affectionately known as "Amoebas" these kites can include circoflex, Pop Can kites, Triads and other single celled kites. If you have a kite and do not know what classification it is, bring it on by. Everyone will be flying a variety of different kites all throughout the day. We do invite you to take a break from your daily routine. So turn off all those football games, grab a kite and join us for our annual "Protest the Bowls" kite fly January 1st. Open flying is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

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Don't forget to bring
those amoebas!

Hagaman Memorial Fly

By Sylvia Bernauer

Doug Hagaman, former president of WKA in 1984, lived in Westport where he built parafoil kites, ranging in size from 5 sq. ft. to 300 sq. ft. You could often see him on the Westport beaches flying his parafoils with many colorful, large koi fish windsocks, 300 ft. tubes and 75 ft. spinsocks flying off the line.

Kitefliers from around the world admired and purchased his unique design of Hagaman Parafoils. The orders for them came from all over the United States, England, and other countries. Numerous kite festivals invited him to fly his kites in China, Japan, Singapore and England, plus he attended numerous AKA conventions around the United States.

This December 20, marks the tenth anniversary of his passing. He became ill and passed away, very unexpectedly, at the age of 39.

The White Horse Kite Flyers of Swindon, England wrote in their newsletter, "cowpat hill" that they plan to honor Doug and fly his kites this December. According to Martin Croxton who wrote in their July-October issue: "Doug in my opinion was one of the best parafoil makers in the world and given the right conditions his parafoils fly like a dream (nailed to the sky as he used to say)." Among their members, they believe they own nine parafoils and hope to fly them (weather permitting) at a Hagaman Fly-in this December.

We hope to do the same. Several owners of his kites that live in the state of Washington have been contacted. We hope that all of them will be able to join us at Magnuson Park's Kite Hill on Sunday, December 14. Entrance to the park in Seattle is at Sand Point Way NE and NE 65th Street.

Hagaman parafoils are now considered collectables, and are probably not brought out very often. Hopefully our weather will permit us to gather and get them airborne that day. The rest of us that did not have the chance to know him would like the chance to see his parafoil kites and hear the stories about them.

We will be at Kite Hill at 11:00 a.m., and for those that have a distance to drive, we will gather around to have a time for sharing those stories about 1:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone there. And if you know of someone who owns one or more, pass the word that they invited too.

Thanks to the joint efforts of Ron & Marla Miller and David Robinson (of the White Horse Kite Flyers in England) a limited amount of pins especially made for this event will be available for those flying original Hagaman kites. There will also be other versions of the special pin for sale.

Message from Jody HagamanShields: If you could please send any pictures to me I would appreciate hearing from you. Please send to Jody HagamanShields, 1314 West 14th, Casper, WY 82604.

Upcoming Events

December 2003		January 2004	
Date	Event	Date	Event
6	WKA/PCKA Christmas Dinner Fife Community Center Fife, WA	1	Protest the Bowls Fly, Amoeba flight too... Golden Gardens Seattle, WA
13	Northwest Fighter Kites Portland Ave & 35th St. Tacoma, WA	14-16	2nd Annual Windless Kite Festival Long Beach Elementary School Long Beach, WA
14	Hagaman Memorial Fly-In Sandpoint - Magnuson Park Seattle, WA		

Congratulations to George Hanson, winner of Whidbey Island Kite Festival Association's 2004 Fort Worden Scholarship!

COME JOIN US AT WKA HEADQUARTERS- COMING SOON TO YOUR FAVORITE WASHINGTON KITE FESTIVAL



WKA is 30 years old this year, the oldest and largest kite club in the State of Washington. We have members from all over the state and from other states as well. As a part of our celebration of this event, we have added something new-a place for members to meet at the major kite festivals in Washington.

If you have been observant, you will have noticed our new "WKA Headquarters" at the major Washington kite festivals this year--WKA's Father's Day Fly; Sci-Fi's Everett Kite Festival; Ocean Shores Kite Festival; Windrider's festival at Grayland; Long Beach; Pacific Beach and Whidbey Island.

WKA already had a sign, made at a discount by FastSigns of Kirtland. This year the club purchased a new 12x12 pop-up to serve as its "Headquarters" at kite festivals. Mary Bos made a new club banner and Ocean Shores Kites contributed a pole for the banner. Jerry, Susie (Empress of the Universe), and I (Glenda) have been providing "transportation and handling" for the Headquarters so far this year. Several other WKA board members have helped to make sure that someone is always at Headquarters to talk about kites and hand out club literature.

What does this mean to club members? This is YOUR personal Headquarters for all festivals at which it appears. Just think of it as someone else going to the beach early and saving you a good spot. You are welcome-in fact, encouraged-to at least stop by and say "hello" at each of the festivals and to refer potential club members to the Headquarters for information. Better yet, bring your chairs and come and hang out with other club members and add your WKA banners and/or other banners and ground displays to the camp display.

Also, any permanent contributions for decorating our Headquarters with banners, ground art, or other decorations, will be cheerfully accepted. For instance, Courtney has created a WKA arch which often decorates the edge of the pop-up. If you have forgotten, the "official" WKA colors are red, blue, and yellow. However, decorations of any color will be cheerfully incorporated. Leave your own personal mark and help us make a good showing at coming festivals.

You never know what surprises may await you at Headquarters. For instance, there have been occasional sightings of Krispy Kreame doughnuts and other goodies, shared in the usual kites' pot-luck manner. Also, there have been special feathers and other goodies given to club members who have helped with special events.

Last, but most important, we are looking for someone else to volunteer to be responsible for setting up the Headquarters at next years' festivals. It is a great way to meet old WKA members and encourage new members to join.

Advertisement for items relating to kites or kite fliers, 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.

The WKA Merchant Liaisons would like to thank:

A wide long beach

Warm and windy

Middle of the day

Wind blowing

Kites rustling

People talking

Colorful kites

Crashing waves

Soft sand

Taking pictures

Next summer

Relaxed and fulfilled

-Max Shipley

Above It All, Long Beach
Colors on the Wind, Spokane
Cutting Edge, Ocean Shores
Cutting Edge, Westport
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Ocean City
Four Winds Kite Shop, Everett
Gasworks Park Kite Shop, Seattle
Gomberg Kite Productions, Int'l
Goodwinds, Seattle
Hi-Flyers, Pacific Beach
Mainframe Kite Shop, Edgewood
McLendon's Hardware
Prism, Seattle
Sisson Family
Wind Dancer, Seaside
World Kite Museum

for the awesome support for both the WKA and Kiting in general, especially over the last year.

Yes, this is not an all inclusive list. There are too many people out there who have given time, effort, and material to help WKA for us to list you all. You know who you are and we thank you as well! We would not have had the success as an association without the support of all of you.

As Merchant Liaison we are actively seeking additional businesses to solicit both prizes for the raffles and materials to support the WKA Headquarters Tent. Now, if we can just tap into one of the big coffee makers for a donation of a coffee machine and a years worth of coffee... Again, we Thank You All!



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And What Were *You* Doing During "One Sky, One World"?

Glenda, Susie (Empress of the Universe) and I stumbled into a fantastic vacation this fall. We spent a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and a second week at South Lake Tahoe. When we left for PV we had the big kite bag absolutely stuffed with single, dual, and quad-line kites. The best known, of course, is the Raspberry Face, also known as the kite that can lick any other kite on the beach. Going through the Transportation Safety Agency search at Sea-Tac was a riot. After they scratched their collective heads for a while at the X-ray images they finally opened the kite bag and hand-searched every inch of it.

PV is not a kite town. Despite having wonderful beaches to fly on, there isn't a single kite store in the area. (We're thinking that maybe we could set up a mobile kite shop in the big bus and visit during "The Season".) The closest thing to kites is the boat-towed parachutes with tourists and other fools dangling under them, hence-forth known as "Gringo-On-A-String". They even have a souvenir version about three feet across with a mannequin dressed as a tourist hanging under it. Looks real enough that the picture I took with a real one in the background and the toy version in front makes it look like two real ones over the bay.

We asked around and got told that no one flew kites here. Taking this as a challenge, I proceeded to prove them wrong. First we took a party boat cruise to Yalepa, an all day affair. Since it was "off-season" the boat was crowded with Mexican tourists and Spanish was the primary language of the day. Since I couldn't speak the language I couldn't ask for permission to fly a kite so I just took the face up to the aft end of the top deck and launched it. It flew like the champion it is. So many Mexican tourists gathered around that several of the crew came up to see what was happening. They were nearly as enthralled as the rest of the crowd. Unfortunately we didn't get any pictures of the scene but the official video of the trip that a few people bought had a couple of great scenes showing the kite aloft.

A couple of days later we found an empty portion of sandy beach at a time-share Condo and flew the Face, a six-foot Tree Toad Diamond, and Neil's patchwork Delta. The winds were too "iffy" and the temperature and humidity were too high to fly very long, but the few sunbathers enjoyed the sight while it lasted. We had dozens of opportunities to sell each of the kites which we resisted.

Coming home was a breeze. No one in Mexico cared what we had in the bags and the only question U.S. Customs asked was "Did you buy any prescription drugs?"

We spent a week at home recuperating from the rigors of trying to dine our way from one end of PV to the other, an endeavor at which we failed miserably. If you go there by all means eat at least once at "The Happy Crab." It's a half-block up the hill from the Dolphin Statue and the owner will greet you like a long-lost relative. In a town whose restaurants have over-worked the entire list of superlatives, this one is the real McCoy. Outstanding food, as fresh as it can get, and reasonably priced.

Once we caught up with the laundry other chores at home we took off for South Lake Tahoe. Again we took the Face along, intending to fly on Sunday, 12 October for "One Sky, One World". We took a cruise across Lake Tahoe on the MS Dixie II, a sternwheel replica, and again flew the Face over the stern. We were traveling at about eight knots and the wind was from ahead of us so the breeze was around twenty-two to twenty-five knots. I didn't fly for long, fearing to break the mere eighty pound line I was using. The tourists were enthralled, just like the Mexican tourists two weeks before.

On Sunday we took the "Heavenly Gondola" to the top of the mountain and tried to fly the Face near the upper terminal. The wind was terribly fitful and capricious. We walked on up the hill and found clean air, sufficient to fly in. This time we got pictures! We even had some children there who got to fly the Face as well. Great sport! We may not have set an altitude record with the Face but we claim something for having flown the same kite at sea level and over nine thousand feet!

We suggest that when you travel, throw in a kite or two. Soft kites travel well and make great conversation starters, even if you can't speak the local languages.

The Sixth Great Miniature Kite Contest

October 2004

The Drachen Foundation will judge and announce the winners of the sixth annual Miniature Kite Contest by October 31, 2004.

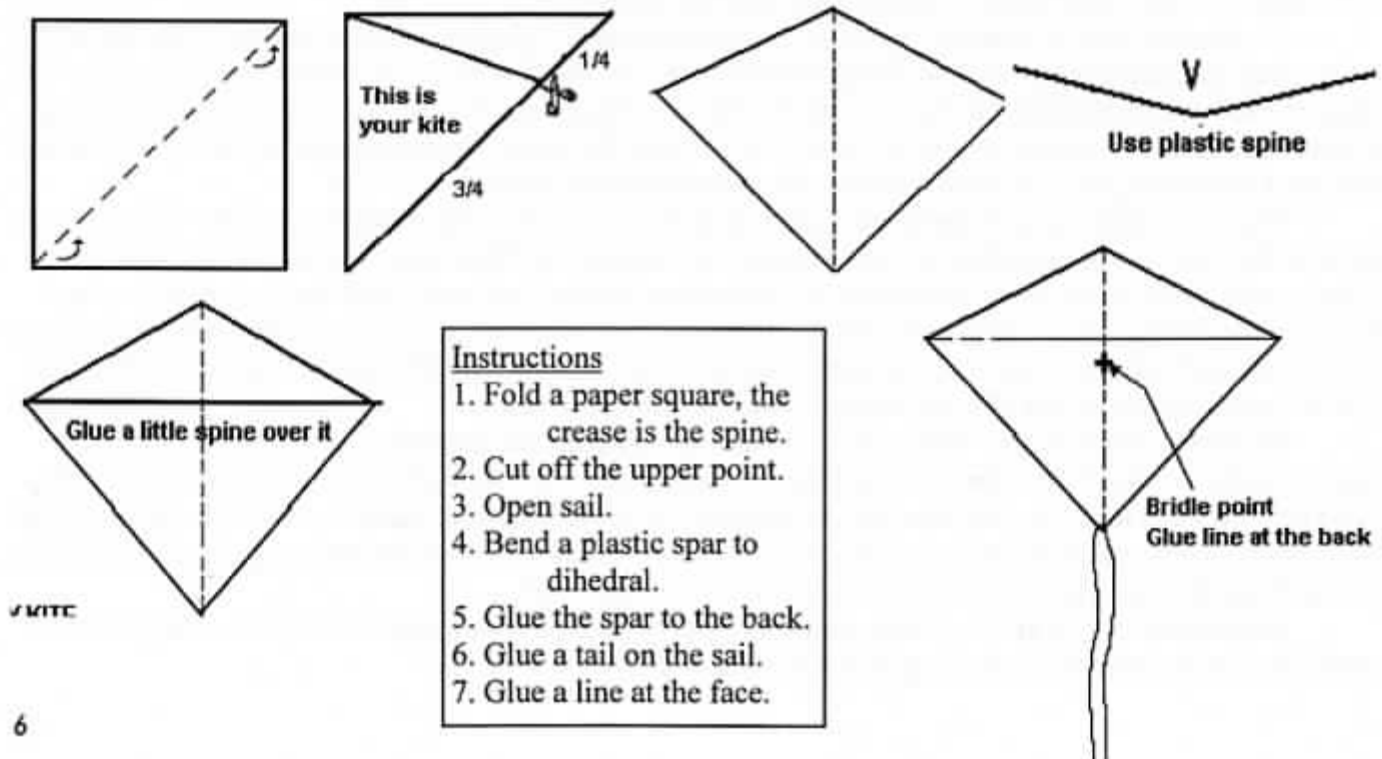
In the past 5 years, contestants from Japan, the Netherlands, Canada, and the United States participated. For three consecutive years, the world's smallest kite was made by Nobuhiko Yoshizumi, of Kyoto, Japan. Yoshizumi-san and his fellow kite-makers in Kyoto were great contenders in this contest, as they faced miniature kitemakers from around the world.

The Rules for Entry are:

- Kites must be made by the entrant
- Participants may enter only 3 kites
- Kites may be made of any material
- Kites must be able to be flown by hand
- Kites must maintain a minimum 15-degree positive angle of flight for consideration as a category finalist
- Kites will be rewarded for their size, aesthetics, and flight performance
- Flying instructions must be included with entries
- All entries becomes property of The Drachen Foundation and may be used for upcoming traveling exhibitions
- All entries must arrive at the Drachen Foundation , 1905 Queen Anne Avenue North/200, Seattle, Washington 98109-2500,USA by September 1, 2004.

Micro Eddy Plan

Courtesy of Peter Peters at www.win.tue.nl/~pp/kites/ifosk/plans/eddy.html



World Kite Museum's

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Windless Kites

The 2nd annual "Windless Kites" an indoor kite festival, happens Friday through Sunday, January 14-16 in Long Beach, Washington. Sponsored by the World Kite Museum and the Northwest Stunt Kite League, events include kites on display, fighter kite demonstrations, free-flying time, indoor competition, two and four line kite demonstrations and a Hot Trick Shoot-out!

Chinese New Year Celebration - February 6-8

To accompany the Museum exhibit **Chinese Kites: Their Art, Myths and Legends**, this family focused event will include other Chinese arts and customs such as calligraphy and puppetry.

John Freeman Workshop - President's Day Weekend (February 14-16)

We will build a Double Delta Conyne, with about a 12 foot span. For those who don't know what a DDC is, it is like two triangular box kites, side by side with a panel between, with a delta wing on each side. One of the most reliable flyers in anyone's kite bag. Easy to assemble--only one stick to put in or take out. We will make a big log cabin quilting square, and split it diagonally for the wings. The center panel will have graphics in colors to match. With, of course, the usual arrangement of almost limitless colors to choose from. Cost is \$80 to cover the materials.

Taylor and Leigh Blakey Workshop - March 13 & 14

Leigh Blakey and Lee Taylor bring fabric painting instruction to this kite design and kite making workshop. Each participant will learn resist and fabric painting techniques while decorating a 28" X 28" kite skin with 3 sets of dramatic ripstop tails. Lee says this can easily be done in the two days plus time to fly a bit. All materials will be provided. Besides the sewing machines, thread, etc. each person needs to prepare the kite tails before they come, if possible. Three colors of ripstop are recommended. Make one 15' and two 10' tails of each of the three colors, all 3" before hemming. Choose colors you'd like to use in your kite. Cost is unknown at this time.

INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL – 2004 AHMEDABAD – GUJARAT (INDIA)

Tourism Corporation Of Gujarat Limited is planning to hold the International Kite Festival from 12th to 14th January 2004 at Ahmedabad in Gujarat (India).

Every year a large number of foreign as well as Indian Kite Flyers participate and make this festival a grand success. We had participants from various countries in previous years and they brought a most fascinating array of different varieties of Kites with them. This festival is organized in Gujarat during this period because this coincides with the Hindu festival of "Makarsankranti" which is traditionally celebrated with the flying of kites in India.

This letter is to invite you and your friends, interested in our Kite Festival, to attend the above festival. I request you to kindly indicate whether you, your kite flying association, or any of your friends would like to participate in January 2004 International Kite Festival. Please let me know immediately along with the details regarding the names and addresses etc. of the participants who are interested in participating in this festival and also what kind of assistance you would require from us. As usual, we will be providing free accommodation and local transport within Gujarat and to and fro air fare between Delhi / Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

Since this event requires a lot of prior preparation, I would be grateful for an early response so that we can make the event a grand success.

Yours Sincerely,

B. Joseph.

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meets the 2nd Saturday of every
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meets 4th Saturday of month

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

meets 3rd weekend of every
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Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Bud Hayes
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Calendar of event on their
website www.nwskl.com

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Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
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meets the 2nd Wednesday of
every month at the Fire Station
on Loxie Egan Blvd.
(behind the school on the corner
of National & Loxie Egan Blvd)

Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn.

Contact Scott Davis
Email: prez@pcka.org
meets at Summit Library in
Tacoma, 7 pm, the last Thursday
of the month.
Calendar of events on their web
site www.pcka.org

Seattle Kitesurfing Association

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Snohomish County In-
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Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
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meets the 3rd Saturday of every
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Contact Barry Crites
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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

The editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kite flying. 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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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:

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