

CALENDAR

April and May...Wing Luke Museum Kite Display, 414 8th Ave. S. Seattle.

May 8...A.O.K. Kite Fly, Willamette Park, Portland Or. Noon to 4:00.

May 14...Kite Fly and workshop at Early Winters near Pike Place Market 1:30 to 4:00pm. Contact Kevin 243-2264.

May 22...Chinese Benevolent Society Kite Festival, Victoria, B.C. noon to 5:00.

May 22...A.O.K. Kite Fly at Kelly Point Park, North Portland, OR. noon to 4:00.

May 29...A.F.S. Kite Fly, Marymoor Park, Redmond WA. 12 noon, Prizes. This is co-sponsored by the WKA and we will be needing help with the contest. Contact Milly 453-9698.

May 30...Great Winds and City Kites' annual Memorial Day Kite Fly, Gasworks Park, 12 noon.

June 5...Parents without Partners' Kite Fly at Waterfront Park, Seattle.

June 5...5th Annual Kite Fly, Harrison Hot Springs. 11:00 to 1:00pm.

June 12...A.O.K. kite fly at Willamette Park in Portland, Oregon. Noon to 4:00pm.

June 26...A.O.K. kite fly at Seaside Or. Judy Cunninghams (511 14th st).

July 1...Kite Fly at White Rock B.C. 2 to 5 pm, Prizes, call 531-9111 ex.45.

July 10...A.O.K. Kite Fly Willamette Park, Portland, Oregon. noon to 4:00pm.

July 24...A.O.K. Kite Fly Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland, Oregon. noon to 4:00pm.

July 29...Seafair preflight workshop at Westwood Village Mall.

July 30...Seafair Kite Fly at park across from the Westwood Village Mall. (more details in July's Newsletter)

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EARLY WINTERS KITE FLY

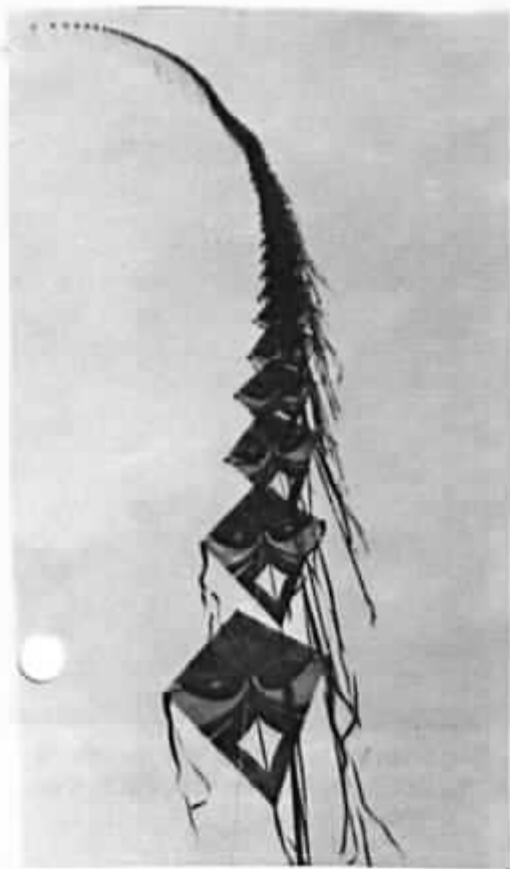
On May 14th there will be a kite fly, kite display and demonstration of making your own kite (Nishi's paper winged sled) at the new Early Winters store at 2001 Western Avenue just one block north of Pike Place Market. Free parking beneath the store (ask at store for validation) 622-6011 for more information. If you want to display, demonstrate flying or how to make the paper kite, please call Kevin (243-2264). The kite making and demonstrations will take place right next to the store and the kite flying will be at the new city park just up the street at the northern end of the Pike Place Market.

MAY 29th KITE CONTEST

On Sunday May 29th there will be a kite contest at Marymoor Park in Redmond at 1:00pm. The kite contest is a joint effort by Men's World, KIXI and the WKA for the benefit of AFS Student International Intercultural Programs. The WKA will be conducting the competition. Anyone willing to help organize and/or judge this event please contact Milly Mullarky at 453-9698. Men's World will be providing kites as prizes and the tents, tables, PA system etc. KIXI will be advertising the contest.



From Masaaki Nodogaki: We are looking forward to welcoming your members when they visit us next month with Mr. Checkley. I am enclosing some photos you may find interesting, of a recent kite contest held in Kyuohu, open to both adults and children, with an emphasis on original kites.





Jack got flat on his back, flat on the ground to get this photograph of the high flying Jim Greeno High Aspect Ratio Double Heel delta (plan in the next Newsletter).

PACIFIC RIM KITE FESTIVAL

by Bob McCort

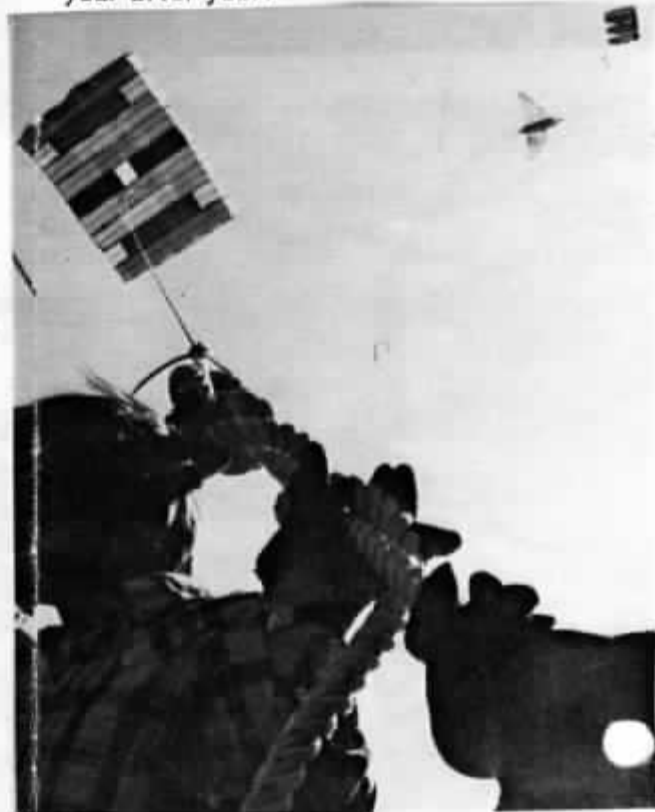
Sunday, April 17 was a great day for the 8th Annual Pacific Rim Kite Festival. The sky was clear of clouds and full of kites when we got to Vanier Park a little after 11 o'clock. By late afternoon there was close to 200 kites in the air.

The WKA was represented by 19 people from the Seattle area as well as Nishi and his wife. This group brought back 5 of the prizes awarded.

Larry Chinn won the balloting for People's Choice with his centipede with Kevin Sanders and Louise Crowley getting Honorable Mentions. Julian Wolf picked up the prize for the Oldest Kiteflier and Nishi got a special prize for keeping his large delta with it's 70 meter tail in the air the whole time.

After the fly all of the WKA and BCKA members were invited to Hugh and Marge Harrison's house for a sumptuous dinner, a lot of kite talk and a chance to see ourselves on TV (although I heard that darts got more coverage).

Marcia Madill and her staff at High As A Kite are to be heartily thanked for putting on such a great festival year after year.



Doug Hagaman's big parafoil needs a veritable HAUSER. (pictures by Jack Van Gilder)



Our irrepressible cartoonist Gerry Osborne writes from Cle Elum! Just a fast note to let you know that kiteing "ain't" dead in the Teanaway area of WA. Last week I picked up a grocery bag, cut out the 'ol 2 sticker type shape, slapped some bamboo sticks on it and darned if the heavy brown thing (with newspaper tail) didn't take right off! The winds were gusting over 20mph and there was sleet, snow, hail and rain...but it just soaked it up and stayed up! About the most indestructable piece of paper I've ever come across. (ed.-if you are in the Cle Elum area Gerry would enjoy a visit...would have to be fun!)

WINNER!

(Ed.- Ethan Janson of Brighton Elementary School wrote the WKA the following letter upon the request of Tom Sisson)

I am a first place winner of the 10th annual Washington Kitefliers Association kite fair. I won for sixth grade out of fifty-six students.

My kite is of the delta type and it has the design of an eagle head and gopher head. I designed this kite to represent that one day, eagles and gophers will stand side by side as friends and not enemies. The kite also resembles that our country should be proud for having such wonderful animals.

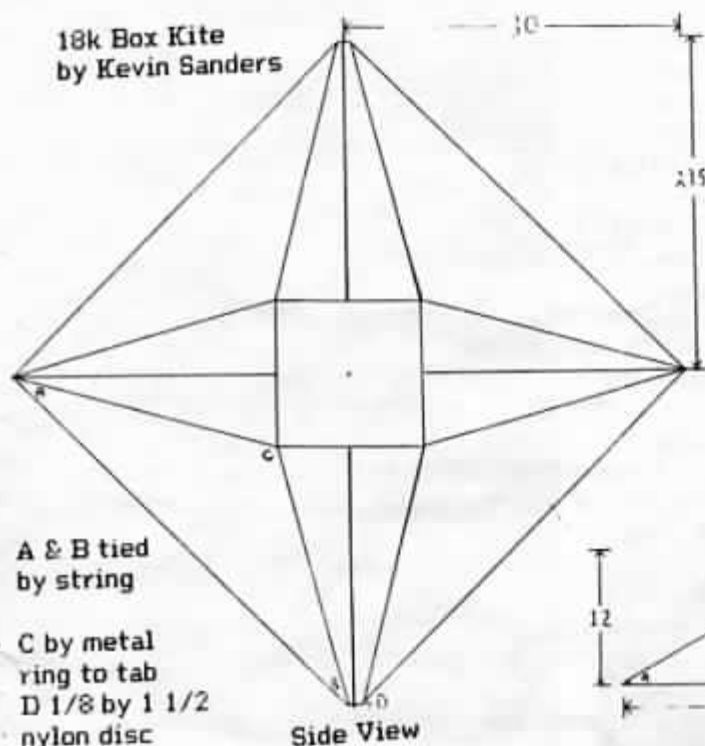
The reasons I won this prize are very important factors. the first reason is the color. I blended my colors into each other. I made the kite dark to makt it stand out. Another reason for winning was making the design large enough to be seen in the sky. I attempted to cover as much of the kite as possible.

To make a kite which stands out, I made the colors thick. In order to blend the colors I don't just go from one color to another. I overlap my colors and stroke the colors in the same direction. To make the colors darker in some areas, I colored both sides. By using the color purple as a base, I can make three shades. This is because the kite is made out of a garbage bag and light can shine through it. To make a dark purple, I color purple on the front, and on the back (behind the purple) I color black. In order to make a medium shaded purple, I used the same method, but purple is colored on the back. I made a light purple by applying the color only to the front. When you hold the kite to a light, you will see a blend. I also blended other colors on my kite.

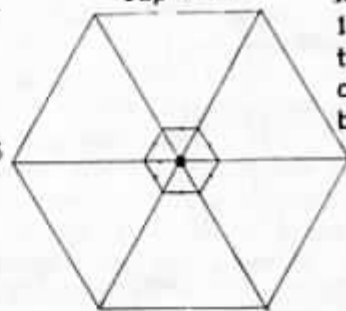
The world of kite flying has a large variety of color, shapes, and sizes. I feel that kites are fantastic.

Ethan Janson

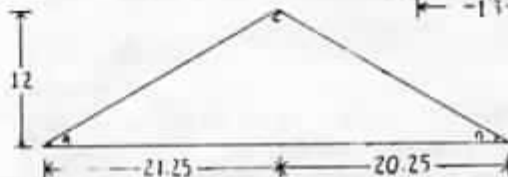
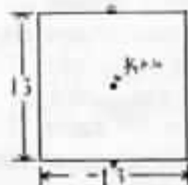
**18k Box Kite
by Kevin Sanders**



Top View



All rods to be
1/4" fiberglass
to be joined at
center by nylon
block



A & B tied
by string
C by metal
ring to tab
D 1/8 by 1 1/2
nylon disc

Side View

**2nd Annual
Downtown Tacoma
Kite Fly**

The Victoria Kite Fly

Tom Kowalchek from the Victoria Kite Store reports that about 1,000 people turned out for the May 1st kite fly at Clover Point. Art Grossi from Sydney B.C. won the Most Beautiful Kite award for his "stained glass" Maylay kite. Art Ross of Vancouver B.C. won the largest kite with his J20 parafoil and Richard Gurney won the longest train with a train of 25 kites made by Dan Kurahashi. Tom said he flew a 9' Rokaku and 30 rainbows. It sounds like a good time and lots of beautiful kites.

There was a fairly good turnout of WKA members at the Tacoma Dome for the 2nd annual downtown Tacoma kite fly. The winners in the adult division were: Smallest Kite - Scott Larsen of Tacoma with a 2" kite with a Pac Man design on it; Largest Kite - Doug Hagaman of Bellevue with a yellow parafoil; Most Beautiful Kite - Larry Chinn of Seattle with his three dimensional gold fish bowl kite; Best Performer - Kevin Sanders of Seattle with his black and red flexi-wing kite; Highest Flyer - B.H. Whetstine of Steilacoom Wa. with a red and blue flair kite; and Fastest Climber - Jack Van Gilder from Seattle with a ripstop cobra.