

CALENDAR

July 1983

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

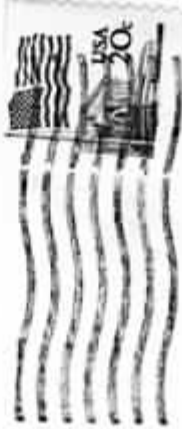
July 29...Seafair preflight workshop at Westwood Village Mall. Call Kevin 243-2264.

July 30...Seafair Kite Fly at park across from Westwood Village Mall in White Center. 12 noon. \$200 in prizes!

Aug. 6...Early Winters' Kite Fly and demonstration. 12 noon at 2001 Western Ave.

Aug. 13...BCKA/WKA Get together kite fly on Whidbey Island at Fort Casey from 12 noon. Bring kites & picnic for a day of flying and renewing friendships.

Aug. 21-28...Long Beach Wa. Kite Week. Thurs., Bill Tyrell and Tal Streeter go for longest kite record; Fri., Bob Ingrahm workshop and Rick Kinnard to fly "sculpture"; Sat., team and individual contests; Sun., Edmonds Community College to try for World's Largest Kite.



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c/o Pacific Science Center
200 2nd Ave. North
Seattle, WA. 98109
Dues: \$5.00 yearly
co-editors:
Milly Mullarky
Louise Crowley
July/August 1983



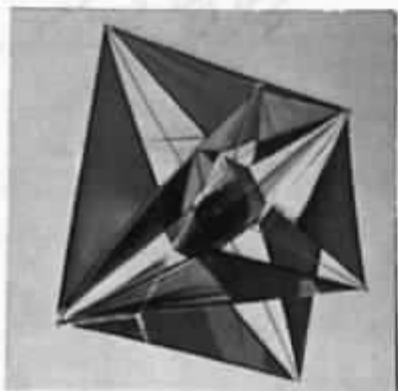


WKA Parties!

On April 23rd Kevin Saunders hosted a potluck party for the WKA. It was a combined good-bye party for Lisa Tranquada, our very able contact at the Pacific Science Center, and changing of officers. Tom Sisson had purchased gifts to express appreciation for Lisa (a beautiful kite necklace) and Bud Krafft, Milly Millarik and Louise Crowley (particularly appropriate mugs). It was a fun party with lots of good food and good company. The evening ended with Tom presenting Kevin with a T shirt proclaiming his new status!



Lisa Tranquada cuts her cake.



For all of you who wondered about what Kevin's kite whose plans were in the last newsletter might look like, here it is! Photo thanks to Louise Crowley.



Kevin Saunders displays new shirt.

Washington State International

Kite Festival

The Long Beach Chamber Of Commerce and the Edmonds Community College Kite Team have collaborated to put on a week of kite events and festivities from August 21 to the 28th at Long Beach Wa.

The schedule of activities:

Wed. 8/24...until 6pm, check in & fly.

6pm dinner followed by Jack Van Gilder's workshop in the Potlatch Lounge.

Thur. 8/25...9am to 4pm, World Record attempt for the World's Longest Kite by Bill Tyrrell and Tal Streeter.

8pm, Seminar by Bill Tyrrell in the Potlatch Lounge.

Fri. 8/26...All Day, Registration for team competitions

10am, Launch crew meeting for Sunday's World Record attempt.

2pm, Judges meeting.

6pm, Workshop by Bob Ingraham in the Potlatch Lounge.

8pm, Banquet - Potlatch Restaurant. To reserve a place at this banquet, send \$14 each to:

Carole Knopaki, Chairperson
Wash. State International Kite Fest.

P.O. Box 797

Long Beach, Washington 98631

Please indicate whether you prefer Prime Rib or Halibut and send this in before Aug. 5th.

Sat. 8/27...9:45am, Final check in for team competitions.

10:30am, Smallest Kite event.

11:15am, Climbing speed and retrieval event.

12 noon, Touch Me event.

2pm, Maneuverable kite event.

2pm, Most beautiful kite event.

3pm, Team pull/retrieval and launch event.

4pm, Individual competitions.

7pm, Seminar by Dr. Jalbert.

9pm, PRIZES AWARDED.

Sun. 8/28...9am, World record attempt World's Largest Kite by the Edmonds Community College Kite Team.

10am, Children's competition.

2pm, U.S. Army Skydivers.

3pm, Surprise Competition.

4pm, Demonstrations by Kite EXPERTS from around the United States.

This schedule is subject to change, so for updated information call 642-4994 or 642-2400.

Locally Harry Osborne (771-1671) or Paul Doherty (771-1652) will have up to date information. The Team prizes are \$400 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd place, and \$200 for 3rd place. There is a packet of specific information on all the competitions that Bob McCort and Jack Van Gilder have. We need to submit an application for a WKA team by July 15th so please call Bob McCort right away in order to participate...743-7081 after 5:30pm.

ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN A WKA KITE TEAM TO ENTER THE LONGBEACH KITE CONTEST PLEASE CALL BOB MCCORT AFTER 5:30pm AT 743-7081 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Memorial Day Weekend

Many WKA members turned out on a lovely hot day in Redmond for the A.F.S. Kite Fly sponsored by Men's World and KIXI. A.F.S. gained approximately \$70 from the event. It was the first opportunity many people had to meet Susan Hsieh and her father Kin Ken Hsieh. He is president of the Taipei Kite Association. They run the Rising Sun Kite Handicraft Co. Ltd. and are presently enjoying a business and pleasure trip around the United States. Their kites are particularly beautiful and graceful.

The Hsieh family were also present the next day, Monday, at Gasworks Park for the Annual Kite Fly sponsored this year by Great Winds Kites, City Kites, Suspended Elevations Kite Shop and the WKA.

At the Memorial Day Kite Contest the winners were:

Best Flying Biddy Kite

1. Harold Writer
2. Carl Brewer
3. Bill Lee

People's Choice

1. Kin Hsieh
2. Susan Hsieh
3. Jack Lair

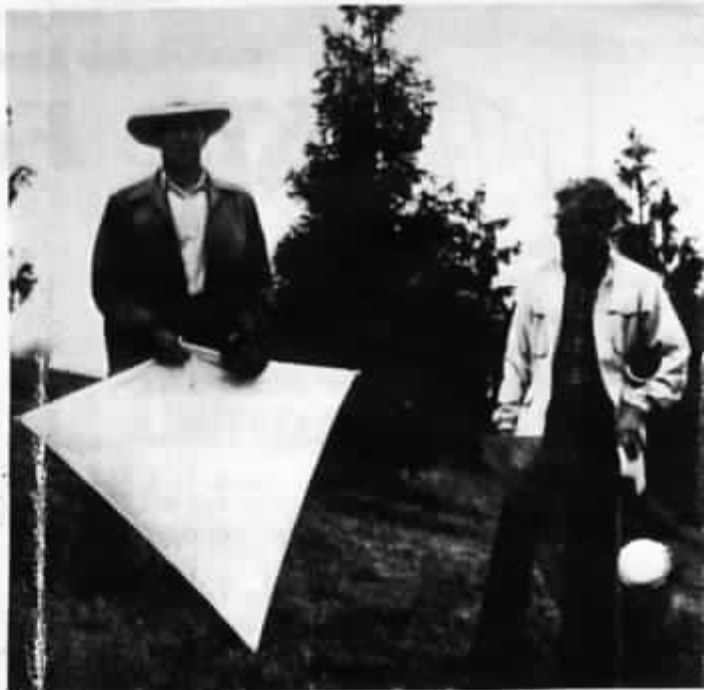
Best Kite - Comprehensive Event

1. Carl Brewer
2. Susan Hsieh
3. Jack Van Gilder

Best Delta

1. Jack Van Gilder
2. Bill Lee
3. Kevin Saunders

The weather was great (not raining) which helped to off set the lack of consistent wind.



Harold Writer, Carl Brewer and Bill Lee with their prize winning kites.



Kevin Saunders, Bill Lee and Jack Van Gilder won the Delta Kite Competition.



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Kim Ken Hsieh with his butterfly kite which won second in People's Choice.



Kim Ken Hsieh's spectacular dragon kite which easily won People's Choice.



Kevin Saunders gets help launching his hib overall kite from Paul Stappenbeck.

Letters:

Malcolm Goodman writes from England...This year I was lucky to be invited to the Singapore Kite Festival and was very pleased to see Dave [Checkley] again and the Harrisons from Vancouver. I was very fortunate and swapped some of my kites for a 95 call 150' dragon kite which took 2nd prize at the festival and it flies beautifully (takes 8 people to launch).

Some of the Dutch team and myself spent the second week in Malaysia travelling about 2000 miles through bush and jungle in old buses and taxis seeking out kite makers and managed to bring some very nice WAU BULAN back. I am looking forward to June when about 30 kitefliers and myself go over to Holland to take part in the International Kite Festival at Scheveningen whose Programme looks very interesting this year.

HELP BRING THE BIG KITE RECORD BACK TO THE UNITED STATES



The Edmonds Community College Kite Team is currently building a Jalbert Parafoil to return the BIG KITE record to the United States and the Pacific Northwest. The BIG KITE will measure 115 feet by 150 feet for a total of 17,250 square feet. We cannot use Taxpayers monies to build this monster kite and we are relying entirely on contributions to complete this project. Therefore, we are offering you the opportunity to receive a full color picture of the BIG KITE in flight and one of our rainbow windsocks for a \$15.00 tax deductible contribution. We will provide you with a receipt for your tax deductible contribution.

**See the largest kite
in the world at the
Washington State
International Kite
Festival,
Long Beach, Washington
on AUGUST 28, 1983.**

Please mail your contribution to
Edmonds Community College
Kite Team
20000 - 68th Avenue West
Lynnwood, Washington 98036

SUNSHINE FAIR
by Katie Jensen

Going to Puyallup for the two day Special Education Sunshine Fair in May was a very special education for those of us who tried our hands at helping these kids "make a kite". Tom Sisson had cut out 2,000 little trashbag deltas, heat sealed the keels on, and with help from kite club members as well as other helpful volunteers on-site, had the kites mostly assembled before the crush of circulating groups of children and teachers. All that remained to be done was to tape on the crosspiece, attach the handy littlekite factory strings, and pray it would fly. For some children, this was quite a job to be completed successfully, but the look of astonishment and joy on their faces as they walked or ran away with their delicate little deltas fluttering above their heads...indoors!...was well worth our trip and effort.

Group scheduling was forgotten as other kids and groups wandered over, wondering wistfully if they could make kites too, and the prebuilt kits disappeared by lunchtime. Tom used his lunch hour attaching more keels, volunteers appeared from nowhere, seemingly, tried to grasp what was being done, and while some reduced bamboo placemats to sticks, others assembled kits while still others helped the children put kites together almost from scratch.

We were too involved to be able to see what the many other groups and volunteers were doing in the huge fair building, but noted a few, such as the nearby woodcarver's club who had prepared wooden figures for minor finishing touches; the wheelchair lady who did graphanalyses; the fire dept. volunteers with their safety handouts;

the blythe young guitarist who had the kids sing along; the Humane Society with its little critters and the kind folks who dispensed coffee and goodies to participants.

One marvels at the teachers and volunteers who work with these youngsters on a daily, long-time basis...THEY'RE the ones who are really flying high!

Tom Sisson adds:

A "special thanks" to Suzanne and Ken for lending their kite workshop to cut and assemble some of the kites! also to the following kite club members who helped, Carl Brewer, Harold Writer, Bob McCort, Milly Millarky, Suzanne and Ken. The volunteers who helped at this fair I'm sure had a special experience and I certainly want to thank them again...Katie Jensen, Harold Writer and Bob Hannah.

Second Annual

Washington State International

Kite Festival

Long Beach, Washington

Aug. 21-28

World's Kite Record

Attempt by

Edmonds Community College Kite Team

**Sat. & Sun.,
Aug. 27 & 28**

KITE CONTESTS

Prize money for contest winners

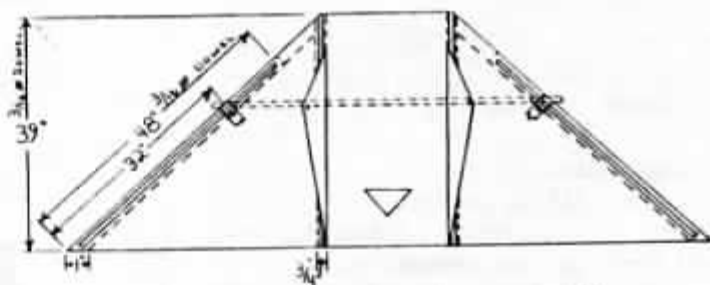
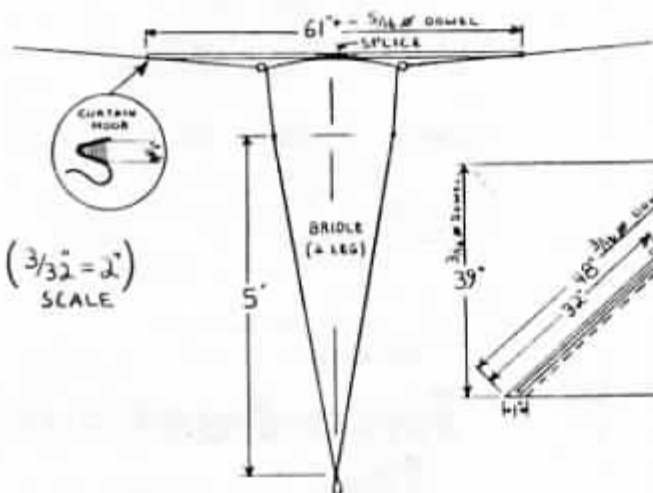
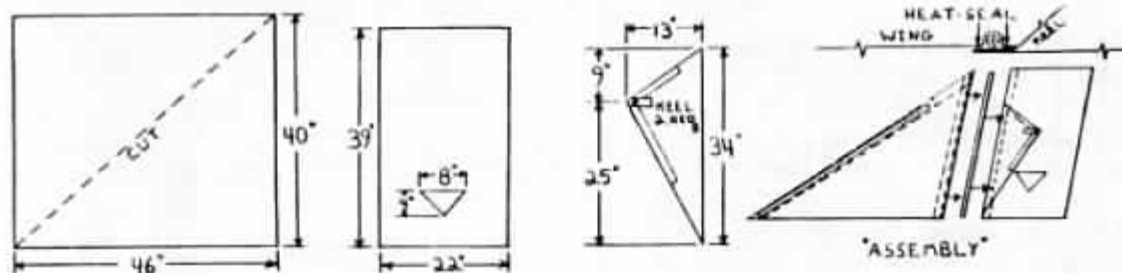
Demonstrations by Kite Experts

Prize for most imaginative

Homemade Kite

(All Age Groups)





"GREENO'S"

"TWIN KEELED DELTA-SLED"

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6th. Annual Convention Columbus, Ohio

American Kitefliers Association

AKA CONVENTION

The 6th Annual AKA Convention will be held this year October 6th to 9th. Registration is \$55 before August 20th and \$65 after August 20th. Send your registration to:

Miller S. Makay, SR.
2557 Clark Dr. 871-0727
Grove City, Ohio 43123



Delta Airlines is offering a special convention rate, the MCF25, which affords a 25% discount for convention attendees traveling Delta. Call 1-800-241-6760 or make arrangements through your regular travel agent. This applies only to regular fare so be sure to check other package deals as they may be less money.