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- March 7...WKA Sunday Fly-in, Gasworks Park, 1:30pm.
- March 14..2nd Annual Kite Festival sponsored by City Kites, Gasworks Park, 12 noon. Bring a picnic lunch coffee and cake will be provided.
- March 20.. "Fly A Kite for Sight" Wash. Society to Prevent Blindness, Gasworks Park 12:30 - 4:00pm
- March 21.. "Fly A Kite for Sight" same sponsor, Redmond Marymoor Park soccer field 12:30 - 4:00pm
- March 26.. Media Event & Kite Hang Pacific Science Center A fun way for new members to get acquainted!
- March 27/28 9th WKA Kite Show P.S.C. Bldg, 5 10am-6pm
- March 27.. "Fly A Kite For Peace" Downtown Tacoma Assn. & KTAC Flying & kite workshops 9am on; contests at 11am. 8th & A Sts., Tacoma Rain date, April 3
- April 18.. Annual Great Pacific Rim Kite Festival Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C. 12:00 noon. (See photos) Call Milly for car-pool offer/request at 453-9698
- May 2..... Victoria Kite Festival Clover Point Park, Victoria BC Contact Bernard Stewart 1615 Belmont Ave. Apt. 207 Victoria, BC V8R 3Y9 for info.

### March Bonus

The WKA newsletter will hereafter come to you on even numbered months in order to avoid conflict with the AKA newsletter. Please send material to co-editors:

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# WANA

## Washington Kitefliers Association

### A Letter From The President!

We begin a new year with a flurry of activity, what with charitable organizations all wanting to get their name before the public and calling on us to help them by having kite flies.

Washington Kitefliers Association will continue to have Sunday fly-ins a Gasworks Park and other parks throughout the area. Your editor is open to suggestions, let Louise Crowley know at! 322-6360. At the WKA meeting Feb.17,1982, the kite show was discussed. It will depend on volunteers to see that the show goes as well as it has in the past.

Suzanne Sadow told the meeting about the committee system and as a result of that we now have committees for the following things!

- 1.Education - Carl Brewer 525-1149  
Tom Sisson 725-3615  
Suzanne Sadow 623-7095  
Bob McCort 743-7081
- 2.Contests - Bill Lee 722-2564  
John Dusenberry 784-4279  
Bob McCort 743-7081  
Jack Van Gilder 938-0550  
Kevin Sanders 524-1705
- 3.Finance -Mike Aurigemma 633-4671
- 4.Telephone - Bob McCort 743-7081  
Diane Aurigemma 633-4671  
Julian Wolf 747-1347  
Louise Crowley 322-6360

- 5.Special Events  
Jack Van Gilder 938-0550
- 6.Kite Show -Milly Mullarky 453-9698

If you have a question, these people will have the answer or will get it for you in a short time.

As you may know, we exchange newsletters with clubs all over the world. These are at Great Winds Kite Store for you to browse through and find out what is going on in kiting throughout the world.

Events in the works for this year:

An adult kite making class, a kite retreat and a dual kite meeting with the Vancouver Kite Club somewhere up North. Send your thoughts to Bob McCort. A kite tour by bus, to Vancouver and to the Tacoma Kite Contest could be a great way to get there and back after a long day of kite flying. Think about it, it could be fun!

In the past we have gone to day camps, libraries and schools and taught children how to make kites. This will continue with your help, please call me at 725-3615 to volunteer for such an activity. I hope to hear from you! It can be a very rewarding experience!

We want to thank Budd Krafft Patricia Leza for running for Secretary/Treasurer. It was a close race but Budd got elected. Congratulations Budd!

WKA is a volunteer organization. Volunteers are what makes it work. Remember there are people out there that have never heard of us so take a little time to tell others about us. A picnic is in the future, August or Sept. My hope is it will be a good way for the WKA to say thank you to all the people we have worked with throughout the year. When you contact people write down their address and send it to Jack Van Gilder so we can send them an invitation to the picnic.

Tom Sisson  
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Seattle, WA 98118  
725-3615

### PAPER DRAGONS Susan M. Schelz (age 14)

In March, kites bite the wind and shake their paper scales. They strain against their fiber chains to free their dragon tails.

**\*ANNOUNCEMENT\***

KITE CLUB NEWSLETTER EDITORS, please copy: Piney Mountain Air Force challenges your members or readers to participate in a UNIVERSAL RAINCOAT-KITE CONTEST.

**RULES**

1) Each contestant shall design, construct, and fly a kite adapted from a standard commercial plastic raincoat (no poncho-Odako's shall be accepted in the contest).

2) Total quantity of battens, spreaders, spars, and longerons shall not exceed four in number.

Each contestant shall verify the success of his or her design by mailing a sharp, glossy, reproducible black-and-white photograph of the kite—in flight—to PMAF. Each eligible photograph shall clearly show the entire kite against a sky background; above the horizon.

4) PMAF reserves the right to keep and publish winning photographs. The other entries shall be returned to those competitors who include adequate return postage.

5) Winners (not more than two for each club or newsletter) shall each receive a six-page autographed HORNBEAM ROTOR 661 KITE PLAN.

6) Winners shall be selected for originality, quality of photography, faithfulness of execution (each shall be recognizable as a coat in flight), and quality of design.

7) Each contestant shall identify the name of the kiteletter in which this contest announcement was seen.

8) Send all entries to: Piney Mountain Air Force, Box 7304, Charlottesville, VA 22906.

**\*DEADLINE: 1st June 1982\***

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COME TO THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
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AT VANIER PARK



Les Varley  
at Vanier Park in Vancouver.



### "FLY A KITE FOR PEACE"

That's the theme of downtown Tacoma's first kite festival, to be held on March 27th in conjunction with the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival's Junior Daffodil parade. Its sponsors, the Downtown Tacoma Association and radio station KTAC, hope that as the parade passes through downtown Tacoma it will be marching under an umbrella of kites of many different countries, flown from the roofs of parking garages, the Broadway Plaza, and nearby Fireman's Park. DTA members have provided space for kite workshops and a kite hospital, and there will be an eight-event contest beginning at 11am. Kites will be judged for (1) fastest time to achieve stable flight, (2) best daffodil-theme kite, (3) best flight performance, (4) highest-flying kite, (5) smallest kite, (6) largest kite, (7) most beautiful kite, and (8) best hand colored kite (a children's division). One or more of these events will be for novice contestants only.

Of course, March 27th is also the opening day of WKA's annual kite show at the Pacific Science Center. But we won't all be needed to help at the show. Besides, it's been known to rain in the Puget Sound Country this time of year, so the Tacoma organization set an alternative date, just in case: the following Saturday, April 3.

### W.K.A. KITE SHOW

It seems impossible! but the upcoming WKA/PSC Kite Fair will be number 9. The dates are Sat. and Sun. March 27th and 28th; place, building 5 (the same as last year). We will start hanging kites sometime during the late morning or early afternoon of Friday March 26th. At 10:00am Dave Checkley, publicity chairman, will conduct a small media event near the Horiuchi Mural Amphitheater just North of the Science Center. As soon as this is finished, kite hanging will begin. Let's get a good turn out for the media!

Bring kites for display to the Science Center as early as possible Friday and plan to leave kites up for one month. The majority of the kites will be on display to accompany the Solar Challenger exhibit, which will arrive about the first week of April. The Solar Challenger is a very light, one person carrying aircraft which is powered only by solar cells, collecting all its energy from sunlight. It flew from Paris to England last year. John Dusenberry

PLEASE INCLUDE A PIECE OF PAPER WITH EACH KITE YOU LEAVE FOR THE SHOW THAT STATES YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, TYPE OF KITE AND MATERIAL IN KITE.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Budd Krafft is our new Sec./tres. Budd has not been very active in WKA but says that will change now. He is interested in the Red Barn (the original Boeing Building) this would qualify him as an airplane nut. Budd likes to keep busy, so this job will help fill any time he has on his hands. He has some ideas how Georgia Franklin, the education director of the Pacific Museum of Flight can help us. You can contact Budd at:

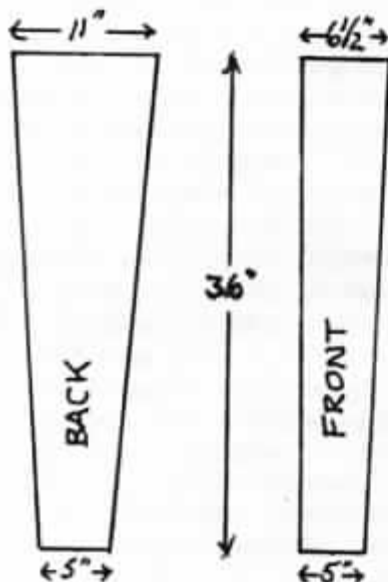
Carl (Budd) Krafft  
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323-1734

IN SEARCH OF THE BRITISH RAM  
Les Varley, Victoria, B.C.

In the Winter/Spring '81 Kite Lines there was an ad about the new British Rams, including a small black and white picture of the new kite. Also in the same issue, Mel Govig reviewed some of the Ram's characteristics. I gathered that the kite was a low flier. This was somewhat of a challenge for further development and I was intrigued by the possibilities. [He certainly was. He's made eleven of them, working only from that picture and his extensive experience with parafoils, experimenting to raise the angle of flight. Apparently #11 finally satisfied him - his letter continues with instructions. —LC]

Seven tapered tubes of nylon, open at both ends, are sewn together with a two-point bridle. As only the overall measurements of the Ram are given in the ad, the patterns needed are problematical and had to be arrived at by experiment. It is apparent that the tubes are not really tubes but half-tubes, so two patterns are needed, one front and one back. All the back ones are sewn together with 1/4" overlap, and the same for the front ones. You now have two very different sized pieces. Sew together one end of front and back and turn the resulting large piece so that the stitching is hidden. Then proceed to stitch together starting to complete the first tube and then second tube, etc. To complete the last tube, turn it inside-out to stitch so that you end up with the same hidden stitches as the beginning tube. Apart from sewing tapes for the bridle at the two front corners, and the addition of a 12' bridle with a ring in the exact center, you are finished.

The #11 Ram flew at an angle equal to Parafoil, Flowform, and some Deltas. Be sure to use pleasant combinations of colors, the same color for the front and back of each tube. The light shines right through, and this is one of the brightest kites is the sky.



These measurements include 1/4" seam allowance on three sides; the trailing edge doesn't need a seam.

In the PMAF Data Letter, Margaret Greger writes "...I do like **Alliflex** [instead of the word sled]. Do you think it will catch on? What can we do to promote it? clean up our own language?" Guy Aydlett agrees, but fears that although Alliflex honors the late inventor William M. Allison, and is descriptive of the kite, four-letter words tend to prevail, however he also feels it is a good way to honor Bill Allison when we write or talk about his splendid kite-invention.

Consider Sewing

For those of you who are venturing into the world of sewing your own kites, there are two new resources available just in time for...Spring(?)!!!

One is an almost bursting at the seams(no pun intended) article in the latest issue of Kitelines magazine. Gung ho author Bill Tyrrell, has jam-packed just about every imaginable technical tip into a very readable eight pages.

The second is fellow WKA member/expert Margaret Greger's latest book Simple Fabric Kites, which incidentally holds a few bonus plans for non-fabric kites. Simple Fabric Kites contains, in addition to basic tips, basic patterns for several sure flyers written for anyone who knows how to use a sewing machine and follow precisely worded directions. Included are the "Hornbeam Mark I"(a sled) (i.e. Alliflex), the stickless "Sutton Flow Form", and Francis Rogallo's intriguing "C<sub>o</sub>r Kite".

These and other designs in the book range to cover varying degrees of sewing experience as well as various wind speeds, all explained with the author's generous guidance. Suzanne Sadow



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