



Newsletter

January/February 2006

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Jan 1 Protest The Bowls Kite Fly

We have been protesting those bowl games for years now. And this year, there weren't any Bowl Games on New Years Day!

YEAH!

We did it!

We Won!

BIG NEWS!

If you stayed home from our NEW YEAR'S Day Fly, because of the weather forecast, You DO NOT want to look at these photos. You will NOT be very happy when you see all of the great fun we had ALL DAY without getting wet at all! It was cloudy, but it only sprinkled lightly, a couple of times. And we had wind most of the day. And would you believe 58 degrees! That's right. Personally, I am hoping one year we have snow coming down and all over the ground. But until then, If we can't have snow, I'll take this years January 1 any day!

Thanks to everyone who came, ate chili, hot dogs and drank cocoa, and a lot of other goodies.

Please check out our website for more photos. by Rick White



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Presidents Corner

A new year and a new president!

I guess I should start off with a little introduction for those of you who don't know me. I have been an active kite flyer and member of WKA for many years. Previously, I have served as your secretary, newsletter editor, and vice president. My favorite kites are ultra light stunt kites which I take backpacking through the Cascades. A close second would be deltas with *really* long tails or beautiful kite arches. In my non-kite related life, I am a chemist working in aerospace and defense technologies.

Now that the formalities are out of the way, let me tell you why I am excited to be your new president. Simply put, it's because of our events, events, events! This year is packed full of new and exciting events as well as old favorites. Most notably, the Seattle Celebration of Kites will be part of Seafair this year! We also are getting back into the swing of having monthly kite flies. Still more kite flies are being scheduled with schools throughout Washington and even at McChord Air Force Base. Details about each fly will be listed on the website in the near future. We've taken care of everything; all you have to do is show up with your kites and have a great time! Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Do you have ideas that you want to share with the board? Would you like a kite fly in your area? Let us know! Our next board meeting is the first Saturday of February. Information regarding time and location will be listed on our website, <http://wka-kiteflyers.org>, as soon as it is decided upon. As always, members are welcome to come and participate. If you can not make the meeting but would still like to have your thoughts be heard you can email me, hanson.courtney@gmail.com, or any of the other board members and that information will be passed on.

Happy flying in this New Year!

Courtney Hanson

WKA Board Members

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Ben Franklin Kite Society

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Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
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meets every Tuesday at 5pm in
Sky Prairie Park on W. Strong
Road, just east of N Five Mile Rd,
Spokane, WA

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

meets 3rd weekend of every month,
location varies. For more info:
www.fighterkites.org

Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Bud Hayes e-mail:
bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar
at www.nwskl.org

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
e-mail: lisaryan@mail.com or
billrogers@earthlink.net meets the
2nd Wednesday every month at the
Fire Station on Loxie Egan Blvd.

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

Contact Scott Davis e-mail:
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Library in Tacoma, 7pm last
Thursday every month.
Calendar at www.pcka.org

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Saturday every month call for
location.

Westport Windriders

Contact Bary Crites
360-491-8605 or e-mail:
bearkites@aol.com meets 4th
Saturday every month at Grayland
Beach, followed by potluck at
Willapa Grange Hall

American Kitefliers Association

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New Found Thoughts!

by Rick White
WKA Webnonmaster

1. I found out that the tree isn't a kite eating tree, My dragon is a tree eating dragon! (see photos on the web)
2. And Glenda also discovered that bowls (again, see photos) are actually amoeba's A heard of them showed up this year. An amoeba heard, . . . (spell check? herd) .Hummmmm?
3. There has been a shelter at this park all this time. Why haven't we been using it? Duh! Let us know what you thought of the new accommodations this year.
4. We don't actually protest the Bowls (football), there weren't any, and we still came and flew! So why are we really there? Go figure.
5. Last but not least, don't believe what Steve Pool says. Go there and find out for your self next year!

Want some relief from the rat race?

Try making and flying your own kite! Fly kites with your kids! Kites, kids can make! Anyone can do it!

Washington Kitefliers Association Meeting Minutes, Seattle, Washington
11/19/2005

Attendance

Courtney Hanson, President
Susie Christenson, Products
Rick White, Website

Sylvia Bernauer, Membership
Dave Christenson, Newsletter
Jerry Graham, Glenda Kleppin & Susie, Events

Board Reports

Membership - Membership report handed out.
Website - Approx. 300 visitors per month. See Business section.
Products - No new business.
Newsletter - Requested all documents be sent in word or text format.
Events - See Business section.
Treasurer - Financial status report handed out.

Business

A minimum qualification to be on the board will be set, including a specific duration of involvement in kite flying and board meeting attendance. This is to ensure responsible, active board members and to keep the spirit of kite flying alive within the club. In addition, future elections will include a lengthier nomination period so that more members can express interest in being on the board. Records of current board members and interested parties will be viewable on the WKA website. All open positions will be advertised to members on the website as well.

Board meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday of February, May, August (subject to change), and November. WKA members and representatives from other clubs are encouraged to attend.

Improvements will be made to the WKA website to include fresh interesting content as well as featuring open positions and as always, a current event calendar. A secure member area *may* be in the works for voting on elections, membership payments, purchasing WKA merchandise and viewing current editions of WKA newsletters.

Local kite clubs will be contacted for reports, updated contact info, and to see what we can do to help them. Web pages will be offered for individual kite clubs which do not have the means to have their own.

WKA/PCKA holiday dinner – Glenda will bring a ham; Courtney will bring a turkey. Courtney will contact PCKA to discuss details on announcers, supplies and children's presents.

WKA will not be reserving one of the park's shelters for the Beat the Bows Fly (aka New Years Fly) as they are too far from the flying area. Individual shelters will be provided as always. Event will be AKA sanctioned.

Due to conflict with other events and declining attendance at the Seattle Celebration of Kites/Fathers Day Fly, the board is considering turning the father's day event into a fun fly and moving the Seattle Celebration of Kites to be part of Seattle's Seafair Events. Sponsorship, publicity and vendors will help improve attendance and gain new members. This discussion will be continued at the next board meeting. Seattle Celebration of Kites will be AKA sanctioned.

Other events in the works include a kite fly/booth at Ft. McCord AFB Armed Forces Day event and a kite building workshop and fly for preschoolers and kindergarteners at University of Washington's Experimental Education Unit.

Sisson Scholarship to Ft Worden has been taken care of for the year.

Vote Summary

Motion	Made by	Seconded	Vote
To vote Courtney in as President	Dave	Jerry	All in favor
To accept board nominations as voted on by general membership	Dave	Glenda	All in favor
To change president signature to authorized signature on membership cards	Dave	Courtney	All in favor
To donate a family membership to UW's EEU auction.	Courtney	Sylvia	All in favor
To add names to WKA's memorial arch	Sylvia	Courtney	All in favor

Dec 31, 05

ASSETS**Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT 6,178.43

SEAFIRST/REG 1,241.86

SEAFIRST/SAVING 3,164.53

Total Checking/Savings 10,584.82

Other Current Assets

INVENTORY 147.90

Total Other Current Assets 147.90

Total Current Assets 10,732.72

Fixed Assets

EQUIPMENT 773.58

Total Fixed Assets 773.58

TOTAL ASSETS 11,506.30**LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity**

Earnings 865.24

EQUITY 11,246.79

Net Income -605.73

Total Equity 11,506.30

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 11,506.30

Jan - Dec 05

Income

DONATIONS 173.96

DUES INCOME 2,035.00

INTEREST INCOME 12.64

NEWSLETTER ADS 200.00

PRODUCT SALES 155.00

WSIKF SPAGHETTI FEED 1,379.00

Total Income 3,955.60

Expense

AFFILIATION DUES 100.00

GIFTS/GRANTS 470.00

INSURANCE 450.00

MISC EXP 1,251.21

POSTAGE 754.16

PRINTING 1,100.11

PRODUCTS 41.85

WEB SITE EXPENSES 394.00

Total Expense 4,561.33

Net Income -605.73

Golden Gardens - New Year's Day 2006

By Sylvia Bernauer

Several hardy souls braved the weather at Golden Gardens. Rick White and Launny Herriges got there early and claimed a park picnic shelter for WKA. Thanks to Rick for also setting up windbreaks in the shelter.

The picnic shelter gave us a lot of room (for shelter or cooking) and a big table for food...everything needed for chili, hot dogs, sausages, pizza, and assorted cookies, snacks, chocolates, and condiments. We had hot chocolate too. Thanks to everyone that brought food.

Rick has such a great propane stove and cook top, except that one essential piece was not packed...but luckily Dick Curran had his trusty old Coleman stove in his car which was put into service immediately, and worked beautifully, even if it would not be considered beautiful.

The weather ran the gamut of light wind or gale, and dry, sprinkle or rain - we had it all. There were WKA banners, dragons, and other spin socks and bowls decorating the fields. Despite the occasional sprinkles, several kites flew - and we only had one instance of a flying thing caught in a tree. The tail end of Rick's long dragon windsock got caught on a branch. Luckily the rain stopped and banners, etc. dried out in the wind before it was time to pack it all away.

This event is so great because it brings back long time members, former members, and family of former members to see us and share in the fun. Mike Jones is a former member who moved to Hawaii several years ago and was in the area and wondered if we still held the event. So he searched for us on the Web, found our site, and confirmed that we would be there. How great is that?? We all enjoyed having him visit with us and tell us about his tough life of flying kites on sandy beaches in Hawaii...

Julia Morse is a granddaughter of Founding Father Dave Checkley. She came with her family and they had fun flying their kites and visiting with Suzanne and others in the north end of the field. "Mr. Kite" Robert Day came to watch as well.

So come and join us next year if you could not come this year.

And in other news:

Sonia Turner is organizing a kite making event again at the Fruitland School science fair near Puyallup on January 24th from 5:30 until 8:00 PM. Volunteers will be needed. I was there last year and had a great time with the kids. If you're interested contact me and I will let Sonia know and get you directions.

And Allan Cunningham's event in February near Portland:

FEB 11/12 2ND ANNUAL UP THE RIVER INDOOR KITE FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

The NEW BUILDING is OPEN for BUSINESS!

The World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame is ready for members, visitors, and those just curious to visit our new home.

Exhibits fill four times as much space.

Meet Me in St Louis for the First Kite Competition in the U.S - Rub elbows with Alexander Graham Bell; Lt. B. Baden Powell; Octave Chanute; Samuel F. Cody and sixteen other contestants.

Kites of World War II - See how the military dealt with communication before cell phones, internet, radar and helicopters.

A Kite Junket Through Southeast Asia makes you realize kites of many different shapes flown for family and religious significance have existed for over 2,000 years.

The Kite's Love Affair with Water and Water Creatures surprises your senses and brings you up-to-date with the Western kite world.

The Museum is open from 11 am to 5 pm thru November.

Contacts: info@worldkitemuseum.com or 360-642-4020

For additional information, call the Museum at 360-642-0402, or visit www.worldkitemuseum.com

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RELEASE

by Glenda Kleppin

Breezes riffle – soothingly --
Through my hair, across my skin.
Soft sand beneath my sandaled feet,
Warmth that seeps into my bones.

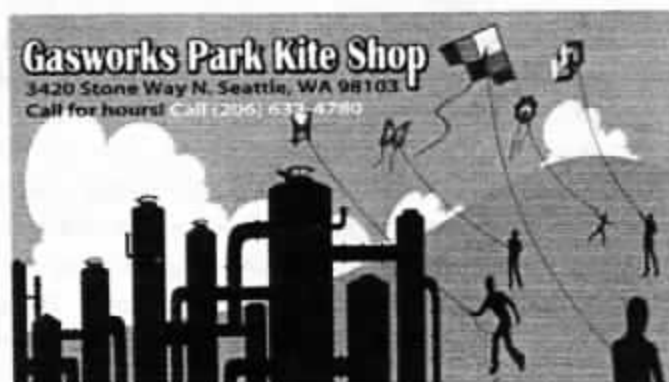
Puffy clouds adorn the sky,
Glistening sun upon the waves,
No limits to the air and sea,
Promise of infinity.

I smell the salt, and something else.
It's taste, so fresh, so tantalizing.
I hear the surf, and gulls, and more
A perfect day; a perfect beach.

And yet, I cannot simply be,
I need a kite string in my hands.
To help my earthbound body find,
A way to leave mundane behind.

Becoming one with air and sun
By letting my cares and my chores un-
wind.
Just floating along on capricious winds.
Committing to forces I can't control.

Attaining the freedom of unfettered sky,
No more limits, or rules, no more poi-
sonous dross.
Now releasing my body, my mind, and
my soul,
Just my essence left soaring to join with
the stars.



Golden Gardens by Glenda and Jerry

As Sylvia described in her article, the intrepid members of Washington Kitefliers Association again braved the weather on January 1st to do the three things we all most love to do—visit with our kiting friends, eat, and—oh, yes—fly kites. As to the weather, we were blessed with nearly every imaginable type of northwest weather—all in one short day. At different times, the winds varied from nearly 0 to nearly 30; we had sun; we had clouds; we had rain; we had forest-fire smoke from people burning Christmas trees in a bonfire; we got too warm and removed layers; we got cold and added layers.

When the winds were light, we saw some triads and other small kites. As the winds picked up, so did the size of the kites. Dick Curran had his usual varied supply of kites in the air, some of them flying more smoothly than others. Then, when the winds got really gusty, Sam Huston, based on his years of experience and wisdom, switched to a very small, easily controlled miniature revolving kite made for him as a class sample by Berry Crites. When the wind died, we pulled out a bubble machine and Aurora (the only younger kid in the group) enjoyed making a huge mess of bubbles.

Now, some people may think that anybody who chooses to participate in an out-door activity on New Years' Day is crazy. However, Ann Huston, Georgean Curran, and I watched, amused, as the truly crazies of the day put on their unbelievable display: About 20 people of all sizes and builds, wearing only their swimming suits and goose bumps, stood in a long line on the beach, holding hands. Together, they ran (or stumbled, mostly) into the cold waters of the sound. You've got it—the Polar Bear Club! Some of them dived into the water while others just tripped and dipped. They all apparently met their goal of completely submerging their bodies in the water, but we noticed that none of them stayed there very long! We just watched and chuckled as we sipped our hot chocolate, slurped our chili, and agreed that it was nice to know that we were obviously not the craziest people at Golden Gardens that day.

As the winds got gustier, kite strings were abandoned in favor of rebar stakes and rotating bols. By consensus, it was agreed that bols are obviously amoebas as they have only a single cell. The display may not have been as awesome as the crown display at WSIKF last year, but it was definitely impressive to watch 4 bols bounce around, playing ping-pong with each other—our very own bol games. So, bring out those bols for the circoflex/amoeba fly at WSIKF next August!

Bottom line, we really did beat out those other "Bowl Games" since they did not even take place on the 1st this year. For all of you people who stayed inside because you were afraid of the weather, note that it was warmer on the 1st than it was on some days at WSIKF last August and we even managed to miss the storm that apparently raged around us in other parts of the Northwest. So, don't be a wimp—be sure to put this event on your calendar for next year.

Also New Class from the WKM:

The Lepidoptera Freemanicus, otherwise known as Freemans' Moth. February 18,19 & 20 2006 John & Marzlie Freeman have done it again! This is a very different kite, measuring eight feet in both directions—wide and long. A great light wind kite, it is very stable in the air, eliciting remarks from the onlookers about how steady it is. It will fly in about 3mph of wind, but when it gets to be 15 or so it says "please take me down." The graceful shape is all the decoration it needs, although you can enhance it with your choice of colors as seen in the pictures. Appliqué could be added later to the wings, but you will probably like it just the way it is. This is a big kite, probably not for the total novice, but able to be built and handled by anyone who has done this sort of thing before. Not difficult to build, but quite time consuming, with a promise that you will be much better at edge binding after the class than you were before. The cost will be verified at a later date (Estimated cost \$110) —lots of high priced graphite rods, and lots of fabric. Unless otherwise noted all classes require that students bring sewing machines, thread, and cutting tools.

Kite Museum Classes

Cindy Thrall's Banner Class

January 28 & 29

We'll start with a 9' length of 200 denier banner fabric. You'll learn to make a self-fabric casing and ways to reinforce the tip to prevent breakthrough. Then the fun really starts! You'll have your pick of all the goodies Cindy brings from her studio to embellish your banner and make it truly your own unique piece of beach/garden art: fabric paints in pots and tubes, transfer foils, fabric inks, all manner of masking materials, overhead projectors and the materials to make transparencies, rubber and foam stamps, brushes and rollers, etc., etc. Your class fee includes a 10' telescoping fiberglass pole, materials list You need: Sewing machine and notions, polyester or nylon thread (white, plus any other threads you wish to use for embellishment---yarn, anyone? There are some great new fibers out there at your local crafts and sewing stores, that would make lovely texture on a banner), and a plan for what you want your banner to say about you and costs for the class. \$90.00

Asian New Year Japanese Style

February 3 - 5

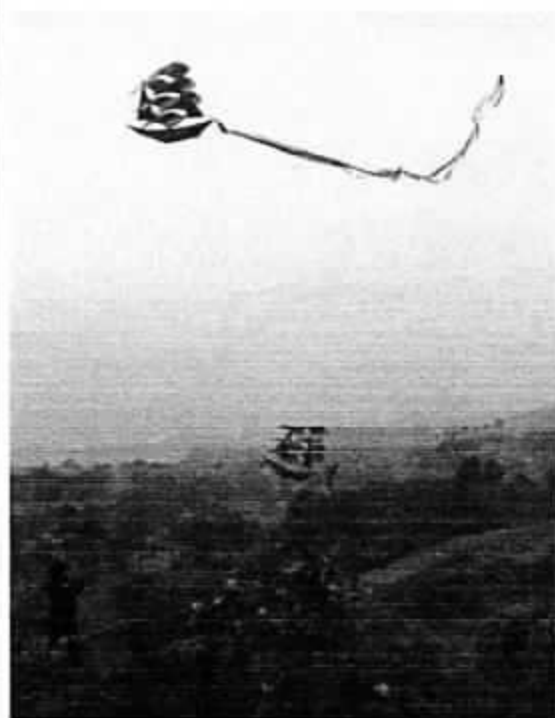
The strong influence of kites in Asian Society gives the Kite Museum an opportunity to broaden understanding between their culture and our Western ideas. Programs for school age and adults are crowded in this weekend's activities. With a Quick Grant from Humanities Washington the Kite Museum was able to hire an organizer for this event this year.

KITE PICTURE OF THE MONTH

The picture features two children flying pirate ship kites at Fort McArthur, a post that guarded the approach to Los Angeles for over 80 years.

Picture by JJ MacCrimmon.

Send your kite pictures to:
hanson.courtney@gmail.com
to be selected for
Kite Picture of the Month



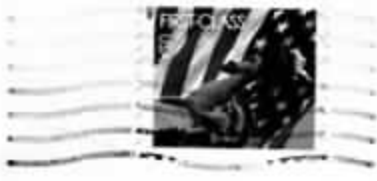
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Membership Application

By becoming a member of WKA, you receive the WKA Newsletter every other month for a year, a membership card which entitles you to discounts at some area kite stores, and a wealth of information about special events and goings-on in the Northwest kiting community.

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.

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