



Newsletter

May—August 2015

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

WKA — a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!
For the latest news check our website: wka-kiteflyers.org

World Wide KAP Project Banner



In 2009 the **Kite Aerial Photography Discussion Forum** started a collaborative project where a token was passed between users of this group. Discussion on what token would be used and the design was discussed on the forum. A banner was created by **Bas Vreeswijk** in September of 2009, and its worldwide journey began.

The banner is signed and photographed by KAP'ers all over the world before they send it on to the next person on the list. For almost 6 years now it has been traveling the world to North and South America, all over Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.

After about a 2 year wait, the banner arrived to my home here in Washington. It was just in time for **World Wide KAP Week**, which was held from Friday May 22nd until Sunday May 31st. So far I've been able to take KAP pictures of it at both **Fort Casey** and **Ocean Shores Festival of Colors**.

Fair Winds,
Ric Merry



This is a close-up of Ric's "signature" drawing he added on to the banner (it has some fun graphics on it from participants around the world). The gloves are to show you the perspective. Ric is in each of the banner photos.

All photos by **Ric Merry**

2015 Festival of Colors at Ocean Shores

Warm weather inland frequently plays a part of what goes on at the coast. Yes, that means fog. Beautiful day for driving to the ocean, warm and sunny, but there it was and did not clear away until 4 PM on Friday. Saturday it cleared about 3 PM and finally, we could take better photos. On Sunday — wow — could not wait to get out there in the clear blue sky morning! Light wind, perfect for fighter kites early in the day and then it picked up to where it was perfect for bowls, big ones and also little ones.

The Saturday dinner, raffle and auction was well attended. **Steve Owen**, President of the **NW Sport Kite League**, lead the raffle. Things moved along very well. **Richard Hurd** announced the auction items. There were many helpers, among them **Brian David** who cooked the delicious pulled pork sliders and his wife **Debbie** who kept track of the auction winners.

New this year was a questionnaire about people and kites on the beach. **Nic O'Neill** won "Friendliest Kiter"; "Favorite Kite" was a Centipede, part of the display by **Rae Bohn**, and "Favorite Ground and Air Displays" went to **Ron** and **Val Ford** for their parrot theme collection. It is a very kid friendly display and

This Rok Escher-style star of fishes is by **Brian David**.

Many orange and white fish in this design



Rick White with his 3 bols (bowl) and they are all open!



Rae Bohn

Ron and Val Ford

so colorful. Look for them at upcoming events.

Other questions on where did you stay, or businesses visited, can give great feedback to the city. You could also give comments for next year's **Festival of Colors**. Great show and many thanks to **Andy** and **Brenda** and their helpers at **Ocean Shores Kites**.

Report and Photos by **Sylvia Bernauer**



The Latest Thing in Sport Kiting Fast and LOUD!!!



Scott Davis came back from World Cup in France with a pattern and **Marcia Cannon** sewed four yellow and red sport kites that are the latest thing in Europe. Kiting for Speed!! They even clock them with radar guns, 22 MPH and faster! Wow!!

At the *Ocean Shores Festival of Colors*, **Team Evidence** put on quite a Fast and Loud Show!!! Golly, I have missed that sound! They played follow the leader and then executed unexpected breaks/changes of direction. It really got the attention of many watching! Flyers were **Scott Davis, Travis Reedy, Jerry Cannon** and **Wayne Turner**. Great show!

Sylvia Bernauer

Photo of **Jerry Cannon** snapped by **Sylvia**



Fathers Day June 2015

Fish trail up the hill to the WKA camp. Kids always have fun with the fish.



Bonnie Ecker and the display on the hill. Fish coming up the hill on the left and other banners.

The day started out very pleasant, but it got hot as we were taking down in the late afternoon sun.

Sylvia Bernauer, notes and photos

WKA Sisson Scholarship Program to Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference

All new and current members of the Washington Kitefliers Association who have not won previously are eligible to win a scholarship to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference at Warm Beach located at the Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center in Stanwood, Washington.

The next conference will be held March 10-13, 2016. The historic odds are excellent to win this nearly \$400 value package that includes registration, housing, meals and more. This program was started by the late Founding Father, **Tom Sisson**.

Each year several international guest teachers attend this conference, plus there's always a sewing class for beginners and no-sewing required classes.

It is time to mail in a postcard or note for the annual members-only drawing.

To enter the drawing, list your name, address, phone or email address on your card or note and mail it to the mailing address listed on the cover of this newsletter. You must be a current member at the time of the drawing and conference. This is a non-transferable scholarship, but if in the event you are unable to attend, the board must be notified right away.

The drawing will be held at our annual dinner meeting at Long Beach on August 19, 2015. Entries must be received by August 13.

You do not need to be present to win.

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A Reminder—

Head's Up: Whidbey Camping and Parking 2015

Due to new rules by Camp Casey:

Just to let everyone know ahead of time, we have camping available in the forest campground (Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights), for \$25 per night. However, we must have received your paid reservation no later than Thursday, September 10. Sorry, but no exceptions.

Please write to Marjorie Taylor at Marjorie@taylor635.com to arrange camping and pre-payment. This is a separate action from any online registration you may be doing.

There is no RV parking in the large public lot this year.

Reserved parking for single-liners on the southwest side of the field is available. The only method you can count on (therefore the only method) is to email Allen Taylor at allen@taylor635.com. First come, first served. If you don't reserve parking, you may not be able to park on that side of the field. Parking in the large (public) lot will be \$1/day this year (going to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Coupeville.)

We hope you can work with the above methods and come to enjoy our lovely island and the well-loved atmosphere of the Whidbey Island Kite Festival.



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Advertising rates and information sheets are available upon request.

Accuracy of contents rests with the

Awards for Top Kid on the Beach and Super Senior

These awards have been given out at the Kite Museum night of WSIKF for several years. They are separate from the ribbon categories passed out on the field on Wednesdays. They are based on a combination of beach activities aimed at kids during the week and the voting of people on the beach.

In 2008, **Jerry** and I started awarding the **Susie's Spirit Award** to the quiet people who often work behind the scenes to bring the world of kiting to kids. This is in memory of our little dog, **Susie**, "**Empress of the Universe**", who died on the beach among friends at WSIKF in 2006.

In years prior to 2009, **Karen Highfield** was awarded the **Top Kid on the Beach** award for her outstanding activity-oriented Kids' Camps during Kids' Day. Beginning in 2009, each of these three awards can be awarded only once to any person in order to spread recognition around the kite community.

The winner of the Top Kid award is given a banner to fly for a year and they are encouraged to commemorate this award by adding their personal patch to the Top Kid Banner. To date, the winners of the banner are: 2009 **Karen Highfield**; 2010 **Glenn Austin**; 2011 **Garrott Babst** (grandson of **James** and **Tommie Babst**); 2012 **Ronda Brewer**; 2013 **Kara Zubal**; and in 2014 to **Marty Hill** (grandson of **Richard Dermer**).

The **Super Senior Happ'i Coat** was made by **Ellen Pardee** in 2006 when she was named Super Senior. Super Seniors proudly wear their coat all year and add their patch to the coat. In 2007, I was greatly honored to receive the award! In 2008, the award went to **Mary Farrell**; in 2009 to **Don Lord**; in 2010 to **Richard Dermer**; in 2012 to **Miriam Schafler**; in 2013 to **Sylvia Bernauer**; and in 2014 to **James Babst**.

Who will get these awards in 2015? Well, that's partly up to you. The voting Jar will be near the Kite-making tent.

The **Susie Award** has been given as follows: 2008 to **Mary Yoshemi**; 2009 to **Carl Williamson**; 2010 to **Sharon**, who was the secretary at the Kite Museum; 2011 to **Kristian Slater**; 2012 to **Launny Herriges**, 2013 to **Kay Buesing**; and 2014 to **Anne Huston**.

Glenda Kleppin

Special notes about WSIKF 2015

Last year, **Sam King** generously made a fantastic mini-kite and beautifully framed it as a donation to help raise money for kites for Kids' Day. **Marla Miller** wanted that kite--badly. She bid on it for a while and then, foolishly, looked at **Ron** to see if she could bid still higher. Her head went up and down while his went sideways, and, after fierce bidding, **Minda Brand** was the successful bidder. She said she bought the kite in memory of her husband who had recently been killed by a drunk driver.



This year, we will be auctioning a red, white, and blue eagle rok made by **Brian David**. There will also be a raffle of one of the last of **Art Ross's** hand-made kite vests, which will sport a one-

of-a-kind Kids' Day pin along with several other rare pins. (**Doggie Dude & Larry Christensen** are taking this year off from WSIKF). There will also be a 2nd one-of-a-kind pin auction. Winner of that auction will have 1st choice of which color they want.

Thanks to **Anne Huston**, there is now a committee making the Kids' Day kites. She cuts out the kites and they are sewn and decorated by **James Babst** and **Brian David**. Thanks to the extra monies raised at the WKA/PCKA Christmas party last year, we were able to purchase 100 yards of fabric from OKR to use in making these kites.

Remember, we will need lots of Foster Grandparents from 9am to 11 am on Wednesday at WSIKF. We need to get new kite fliers and that can happen only if we catch them young and teach them right.

The pin sponsor this year is **Hi-Flyers Kite Shop** at Pacific Beach (**Scott** and **Laurel Hedin**).

Glenda Kleppin

Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kites (AOK)

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Ben Franklin Kite Society (BFKS)

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Lavender Winds Kite Club

Brian Bradley
email: KiteBear@aol.com
Meet 2nd Sunday, noon in Long Beach, WA

Lilac City Wind Chasers (LCWC)

Contact Bill Cox
509-327-7974 or email: cxbil@aol.com
Starting in June meet first Sunday of the month in Sky Prairie Park, W. Strong Rd, just east of N Five Mile Rd, Spokane, WA

Northwest Sport Kite League (NWSKL)

Contact Bud Hayes
email: bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar at www.nwskl.org

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn (PCKA)

President: Bob Wendt
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staff@pcka.info Calendar at www.pcka.info

Squalicum Kite Flyers (SKF)

Contact Mike Button
360-733-7380 email: kite102@aol.com
Fun fly every Wednesday & Sunday afternoons during daylight

savings time until sunset

Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor. Bellingham WA

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Westport Windriders (WW)

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360 491-8605 email: bigbearkites@comcast.net
Meets 4th Saturday every month at Grayland Beach, followed by potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers (WIKF)

Contact Lisa Root
360-678-7052 LRoot0208@aol.com
Meets 3rd Saturday April - Oct at Fort Casey
www.whidbeykiteclub.org

American Kitefliers Association (AKA)

Contact Scott Davis - Regional Director
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Includes quarterly newsletter
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Our First Public Kids Kite Making Event

We did our first public kids kite making event last month in Brownsville WA. While loading my truck with kites a couple months ago the Brownsville Marina Host was walking by and struck up a conversation with me on kites. I explained that my wife and I had done a couple kids kite making workshops at the local elementary school and let him know about the various kids kite making events that happen throughout the year. He contacted me later on and asked if we would put on a kids kite making workshop for the **Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails Festival** on June 28.

Monte & Glenda Davenport, Debbie and I met with **Carl Williamson** for some hands-on instruction, tips and supplies for making the skins and bending the spars for our endeavor.

For the event we set up banners, kite arch, squid wind socks that led out to our kite making area. We staged the covered area with some of our kites so we could show examples of the many types. For the event we had printed up flyers which contained kite flying safety rules to follow and they included web site links for the AKA, WKA, and Kite Museum so they could learn more on kiting and see upcoming events.

We helped 68 kids make a kite of their own to fly and take home.

Brian David

Pictured are **Glenda Davenport, Debbie David,** and

Brian David helping a group of kids make kites. Not pictured are **Monte Davenport** (assisting with flight ops), **Alicia David,** and **Trinity Gestiada.**



The venue with our banners showing the way.

Photos shot by Brian's soon to be daughter-in-law **Cynthia.**

Washington Kiteflyers Association

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Join the WKA & share the fun! Benefits include our quarterly newsletter, a membership card which entitles you to a 10% discount on kite related items at participating kite stores, entry to members-only drawing for a scholarship to the annual 3-day Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, & information about special events in the Northwest kiting community. Membership per household in U.S. is \$15.00/year, outside U.S. \$20.00/year. Fill out application, return it with a check or money order payable in US funds to WKA.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to:

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Name _____ Spouse _____

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Visit us on the Web at
<http://wka-kiteflyers.org>

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Names of Other Household Members (Include different last names):

Calendar of Events —

- Aug 17-23 WA State International Kite Festival, Long Beach
- Sept 19-20 Whidbey Island Kite Festival
- Oct 10-11 Lincoln City, OR Fall Kite Festival
- Nov 7-8 Run from the Rain - Ocean Shores, WA 2016
- Jan 14-17 23rd Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, 2016
Visit OKR on Facebook
- Mar 10-13 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference
(Warm Beach, WA) www.kitemakers.org/

There is way more information at the WKA website. A wealth of info, past, present, future! Please drop us a line if you have events which need to be revised or added to the calendar.

Then we all will be in the 'know'!
wka-kiteflyers.org

Editor's Notes—

*WSIKF is soon to be on. I get to go this year and I am really looking forward to seeing my kite family friends. The next issue should be out around the end of October. There should be plenty of newsletter input from these next few weeks of summer and fall. I will be emailing you a reminder as we really need more reporters in this club. Not everyone has a computer or is on Facebook. A newsletter like this is the only way they can keep up with what is happening in the kiting world. So, please remember to share.
Thank you to the faithful reporters in this issue, you are really appreciated.
Marzlie*

Special notice from our Treasurer, **Dan Ecker** :

If anyone would like a copy of our WKA financial report for last year to please email me, cardoc58@comcast.net — I would be happy to send it to you.

New Member Report

- Brian and Debbie David Poulsbo
- Catherine Gabrel and Jim Day Seattle
- Howard & Shirley Hendrickson LakeTapps
- Pat Jupiter Mountlake Terrace
- Sandy Marvinney Seattle

We are so happy you have joined us in WKA

Welcome aboard!!
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The World Kite Museum has posted the 2015 kite festival program on their website. Link below:

The 2015 Kite Festival Program is now online.
Pass it on!
<http://kitefestival.com/kite-fest-program/>

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The last page photo

Our President, **Butch Harviston**, seated at his work table conferring with teacher, **Chris Hanson**, at the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference 2015.



Photo by **Barb Wright**

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Now with two locations to serve you.
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The advertisement features a cartoon crab holding a kite string. The crab is smiling and has large eyes. The kite is a diamond shape with a smiley face on it. The text "Ocean Shores Kites" is written in a stylized, cursive font. Below the illustration, there is contact information for two locations, a list of products offered, a phone number, and a website URL.