



Newsletter

October/November 2006

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Come join us for an Indor Kite Fly!

In a large gym with carpeted floors!

And attend our 2006 WKA Business Meeting.

In compliance with our bylaws, we are required to notify all membership, 30 days in advance, in our newsletter, of a

Membership Meeting

that will be held on

Nov 18, 2006

for the purpose of voting on the positions of President and Vice President. Please send in possible candidates!

In addition, there will be business discussed, and possible ratification, on minor legality changes to our bylaws. (Such as having this meeting once a year, not necessarily in Feb.)

Please show your support to the club by attending this meeting.

It will be held at 12636 SE 89th Pl. NewCastle, Wa.

1-1/2 mi east of I-405 off of exit #7 (44th st.) It winds thru the woods, but don't turn anywhere till you get there.

Seattle Revival Center. (Prayer is allowed, but not required. <grin>)

See you there!

Rick White

Acting WKA President.

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NEW MEMBER LIST
Welcome to our new members!

Tommye Ann & James Babst, Jr.	Kent
Larry & Pat Christensen	Portland, OR
Robert & Marilyn Gianetto	Redmond
Mike & Sheila Hale	Portland, OR
Shirl Hollingsworth	Kirkland
and Alex and Michael Morris	
Don Lord and Joanne Lord	Vancouver, BC
Freida White	Kent

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**2007 WKA/SISSON FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS CONFERENCE
SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING**

There were 20 entries for this year's drawing. The winning ticket was for Max Yoshikawa. He is the son of Sally Uhorchak who helped collect dinner money again this year. But unfortunately, he will not be able to attend the Kitemakers Conference.

A second drawing will be held on October 9th and the winner will be notified by e-mail or phone, and announced in the next newsletter.

SISSON PARAFOL KITE RAFFLE

This special parafoil kite, made by Don Mock, will be flown by Jerry & Jane Kibler of Petaluma, CA. They are members of the Northern California Kite Club. If they cannot attend WSIKF next year, Brian Champie will bring the kite back to WKA. A complimentary 2006 spaghetti feed pin was given to them for the pin collection in the bag.

They asked about Tom Sisson and enjoyed hearing stories about him and his kite making with kids over the years. They asked what was special about the sock tails on this kite. It was a puzzle to them, but if you knew Tom, you knew that he always wore socks of different colors.



Kite Clubs

Associated Oregon Kiterers

Contact Deb Cooley
Email: tucoolkites@earthlink.net
P.O. Box 25616
Portland, OR 97298
Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter

Basin Kitefliers Association

Contact Bill Walton
509-765-9111 at email:
BKA@mlfloral.com
Moses Lake Floral
115 W 3rd Ave.
Moses Lake, WA 98837-1930

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry Zilar
509-627-6751 or email:
zilarlm@charter.net

Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
509-327-7974 or email:
cxbil@aol.com
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 email:
bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar
at www.nwskl.org

Lavender Winds Kite Club

Brian Bradley email:
KiteBear@aol.com meet 2nd Sun-
day, noon in Long Beach, WA

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

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

Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn.

Contact Scott Davis email:
prez@pcka.org meets at Summit
Library in Tacoma, 7pm last
Thursday every month.
Calendar at www.pcka.org

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen
360-733-3777

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
360-678-9358 meets the 3rd
Saturday every month call for
location.

Westport Windriders

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

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2006 SPAGHETTI FEED FINANCIAL REPORT

From: Carol Lord, Treasurer

Congratulations to all who
worked so hard to put on
another great event.

After 3 years of declining
attendance and sales of
raffle tickets, we had a
major upswing this year.

Total Income \$1,935.00

Total Expenses 590.68

Net Income \$1,344.32

This is a \$598.33 increase
from 2005.

Again, congratulations to
all worker bees and peo-
ple who donated the raffle
items.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Washingtonian Kitefliers, and friends,

We have had quite a few events this summer, and if you are anything like me, it has kept you very busy. The WSIKF was a little cloudy, but along with clouds, you have wind. When you think about it, that is the only required element. All other things are just added blessings. We had a few blessings most days. Our kites would get wet in the morning and the sun would dry them out in the after noon. Saturday was the highlight of the week, not just because there were the most Cody kites in the air that day, <Grin> but also because we had Mr. SUN!

The Kite display at the Everett Children's Museum comes to a close this coming week. We are taking down the kites on Monday the 9th. Most likely the day before you get this newsletter. LOL Didn't we have a great time there! Anyone is welcome to help. We have to do it on a Monday, because that is the only day that the museum is closed.

Because this is the Presidents corner, I guess I can say what ever I want to eh? So I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to take a moment to remember (the only two people that I know of who needs remembering) Jerry Graham, who is fighting another bout of pneumonia, and Georgean Currin who had some pretty serious surgery just before WSIKF and is still recuperating. Any cards or phone calls would most likely be well received.

Our club has gone thru some hard times in the recent past, being without a President for 6 months. My thoughts were that if anything, we needed a good positive move toward stability, and positive PR going into WSIKF. For this reason I accepted the temporary position of President of the WKA. My first order of business was to ask Ken Conrad to step up and fill the vacant Vice Presidents chair, adding to his already busy schedule, until we could have a membership meeting to vote on the positions per the Bylaws. I am far from being an experienced Club President, but just *having* a president, has brought that stability, and as such, as also brought along with it, some good PR! I also hope that no one will expect any miracles anytime soon. It is my wish and hope that if anyone who has been in the WKA for a while now, and has the experience to lead our club, will make it known to us ASAP, so that the voters can have a choice this coming November 18th. I would like to see an experienced person voted in to this position, and give me my life back! Just kidding. It really isn't taking that much of my time. Please, step forward and start serving your WKA Now! The PCKA/WKA Christmas dinner is coming soon and I want you all to try and make it. I must revel at this time, that I will not be able to make it this year because it is my 35th Wedding Anniversary, . . . to the same woman! Yes it is true! So I am taking my lovely bride up to a non disclosed place. Up close to Canada, near the water, at a resort to spend the entire week end with her. She deserves it after putting up with me for 35 years. (Don't everyone say amen at the same time.)

I hope you all have a great time at the Christmas dinner and indoor Kite Fly, but I don't think I will be missing any of you that particular week end. 😊

I hope to see you at the Children's museum and/or at the membership meeting on November 18th. More will be coming your way regarding that.

Thanks for everyone's help and I hope that God blesses each of you with perfect winds.

Rick White
Interim WKA President

LADY KITEFLIERS a.k.a. the "Crazy Ladies" on Tuesday of WSIKF Week

We had a very successful and fun-filled day on Tuesday at WSIKF again this year! Some of our members could not attend this year and were missed. Miriam Schafler was on her way to Dieppe, France. But we assembled a team (including our new WKA Secretary, Susan Tislow) and some helpers and rooters for our efforts out there. At the end of the afternoon we were surprised that the winning team was going to be announced. That usually does not happen until Wednesday. Ellen and I carried the banner out into Field A and we literally jumped for joy when it was announced that we had won the Top Tuesday Team banner again, for the third year in a row.

Some of our Lady Kitefliers in this photo provided by Ellen Pardee:



Left to right:

Theresa Norelius, Marianne Austin, Lisa Fabich, Joanne Lord, Aurora Authement, Susan Tislow, Marylou Orzechoskie, Sylvia Bernauer, Ellen Pardee - Coordinator. Karen Highfield, Jean Reed and Donna Wendt missed being in the photo.

Many on our team participated in the morning Tubes events and because of their efforts, won ribbons and points that were added to the day's total for the Crazy Ladies Team. Way to go!

TAIL THAT WAGS THE DOG (how well tube

tail enhances kite) - 1st to Marianne Austin

SPIN ME AROUND 'TIL I'M DIZZY (tubes that spin or move) - 2nd to Susan Tislow

TRICK TUBES (another shape such as chain) - 1st to Aurora Authement, 3rd to Susan Tislow

GO FIGURE (2 or more tubes flown together, such as train of koi or helix tubes, etc.) - 3rd to Susan Tislow

WKA SPAGHETTI FEED

Artical by Sylvia Bernauer.

Susan & Barry Tislow and friends Mike and Deb McGinness and Marylou Orzechoskie did a great job cooking and serving in the kitchen. Tom Tinney and Launny Herriges and others moved tables, chairs, etc. Raffle items were bagged by Paula McKeogh (visiting Sally Uhorchak from Massachusetts), Molly Yoshikawa and Joanne Lord.

Raffle tickets were sold by Joanne Lord, Freida White (Rick's mother) and Launny Herriges. Sally Uhorchak sat at the front table for the second year and took dinner money. I received dues renewals and sold Spaghetti Feed pins for Dave & Susie Christenson who could not be with us this year. Suzanne & Ken Conrad, and Glenda & Jerry helped out where needed. Our announcers were Rick White and Richard Dermer. Glenda announced the special Kid's Day awards. Thanks tons to all the great helpers. We could not do it without you! Come back next year!

And, of course, thanks to everyone who brought items for the raffle and auction. We appreciate your support.

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COMING NORTHWEST KITE EVENTS

***** OCTOBER *****

2-7 AKA Grand Nationals—Des Moines, IA
www.aka.kite.org

8 One Sky One World International Fly For
Peace (OSOW) Anywhere and Everywhere
<http://www.earthnet.net/~jpa/osow/>

8 Vanier Park—Vancouver, BC

7-8 Long Beach, WA 11 am – 4 pm Saturday &
Sunday Sponsored by the World Kite
Museum www.worldkitemuseum.com or
360-642-4020

14 - 15 Lincoln City Fall International Kite Festi-
val, Lincoln City, OR
www.oregonkiteclub.com

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK DIN- NER, RAFFLE, INDOOR KITE FLY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 122nd Avenue East
Edgewood, WA 98372

<http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/map.htm>

Come to the annual WKA/PCKA Christmas potluck dinner at the same location as last year. The clubs provide the turkey and ham. Bring hot dishes, salads and desserts to complete the meal. Always lots of great food and a fun time. Bring lots of raffle items. The raffle proceeds go to a local food bank.

There is usually indoor kite flying before dinner at about 6:00 pm. Bring friends and share the fun. See you there!

WSIKF this year was like attending a three-ring circus. OK, make that an 18 crown circus, complete with clowns. It was impossible for any single person to see it all, so I'll report on just the events I had some responsibility for:

Terrific Tuesday

Thank you to all the great folk from the southlands of Oregon for keeping these events rolling along, year after year. Ken drafted Launny and I to help him judge the Tuesday camps, and we were all very favorably impressed by the variety of bribes, from sparkling ciders, to clam chowder, to chocolate truffles. Kite folk really know how to make an impression! Need I add that the camps that were set up were numerous and spectacular?

Once again, I helped Rhonda with the judging of the Pun Fun event—thank you, Rhonda. I think that the judges have just as much fun as the participants in this event—maybe more. It was so much fun watching the Crazy Ladies and the Goat Hill Gang running around the field. Of course, I could not resist dancing to the music myself.

Kids For Today

Foster Grandparent Fly: Why does Wednesday at WSIKF always start out with damp, foggy mornings? No matter, there were still lots of kids who showed up to fly kites! This event had even rated mention in the local Pelican Post.

What a thrill I felt as I looked around the beach and could not see a single child who was not flying on Field A with their Foster Grandparent. Nearly 100 adults showed up to sponsor the kids, many of them with kites made especially for this event. The field was filled with kites of many colors and with kids of all ages. Some of the pairs flew for shorter times—mostly those involving younger kids, but several of the die-hards flew the entire hour allotted to this event. Karen Highfield, for the third year, celebrated her birthday by providing a Wizard of Oz party, complete with kites she had made, to over 50 children. The kids and adults from her party flew for well over an hour to specially selected kids' music.

A few children exceeded their attention span and left the field, but several of the adults who had been helping them were sent back on to the field with a second child, using donated kites for their second match. For instance, Richard Dermer thought that he was going to just teach his own two grandsons to fly, but he also got

drafted to take a third child out to fly.

We used up every kite that had been donated, but at least no child left empty-handed. Next year we are definitely due for sunny weather for this event, so we will need LOTS more kites. Also, a competition grew on the beach to see which child had shown up with the most grandparents, so there will probably be a new category added next year.

And the rewards for all did not stop after the event time ended. At least one of the kites given out to the kids during the event flew proudly over the beach for the remainder of the week. The kitemaker who had given it away was totally thrilled to see it proudly flying and to think that his efforts had obviously had an impact on the life of a child.

Awards were as follows: 1st Clara, for the most grandparents; 2nd Karen Highfield; 3rd Ellen Pardee
Kids' Camps

There were at least double the number of registrants this year with activities in the camps ranging from making balloon animal to singing bears to kitemaking. As always, all bribes were cheerfully accepted, and a couple of the camps really gave out great ones! Thanks to judges Ellen Pardee and Jack Judd. We also added a "kid" (Kristian Slater) to the slate of judges and deferred to his evaluation of which camps were most appealing to younger folk. Need I mention that he made special mention of "the food" and, later (to his dad), the cute girls?

Awards: 1st: Safari Hospital; 2nd Day Camp; 3rd Goat Hill Gang; Best In Show: Karen Highfield

Top Kid Awards:

Thank you to all you spies on the beach who reported back to me about deserving recipients for these awards. The intention of these awards was to reward people for having fun on the beach and infecting other people with their enthusiasm. I can't possibly see everything going on, so I cheerfully accepted recommendations from all directions.

First, Second, and Third Places are listed as follows:

Preschool: Kristian and Danica Bradford; Jacob and Taylor Jennings; Silas Dermer

Grade School: Aurora Authement; Ryan King; Christina Wetch

Teens: Kristian Slater; Zac Hahn; Necholas Docter

Young Adults: Arnold Authement; Amy Curry

Young Grandparents: Linda Barnes; Glenn & Marianne Austin; Deb Debbaut

And then, there were the **Super Seniors**. How do I describe what Ellen Pardee does year after year, organizing the display put on by the Lady Kitefliers; putting up her own banners, arches, wind toys, and kites; dressing in her spectacular clown outfits; and generally making a spectacle of herself on the beach? She makes us all laugh so long and hard! I just wish that I had ½ of her energy. And doesn't she look great after losing all that weight? Now she will need padding for her clown outfits! Who else could we possibly have designated to be our top "Super Senior". Second place went to Mary Farrell and 3rd to Dick Barns. Hint: Be on the lookout for a happ'i coat bearing the designation SS for "Super Senior."

Of course, we absolutely HAD to give Richard Dermer a special award for "Best in Show" for his continuing efforts to share the joy of kitemaking and flying with kids and adults alike. We are so lucky that he and his wonderful wife like to join us at WSIKF each year, along with his grandsons.

The top award for the day was not presented until Saturday night—the World Kite Museum awards night. The “Top Kid on the Beach” award was given to Karen Highfield. Obviously her role as “Dorothy” was a resounding success and are much appreciated by the families on the beach, as she also received 2nd place in the People’s Choice votes. This award is intended to acknowledge how important it is to attract young kitefliers and to reward people who work to make this happen. It will be an on-going award and will be given to a different kite personality every year.

Next year? We will need LOTS more simple kites that fly well to give out to the kids during the Foster Grandparent event. I’m asking all of you kitemakers to start working now on this project. Kay Busing has agreed that people can send their kites to the museum if they can’t attend WSIKF in person. I’ll find someone to take any extra kites out to the field. Let’s make sure that no child ever goes home empty handed from the Foster Grandparent event. And thank you to all of the participants who made that dream come true this year.

Artical by Glenda Kleppin

BALLOT

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Please cut off Ballot and return by November 6th to the address on the reverse side.

Washington Kitefliers Association
An affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association
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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