



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

FUN WITH LADY KITEFLYERS

By Sylvia Bernauer

In case you were not at WSIKF the last few years, you might not be aware of this group of ladies who have so much fun flying kites!

Below is a photo that was taken on Saturday at WSIKF 2005, (Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach, WA). Pictured from left are Barbara Hall of Florida, Miriam Schafler of Eugene, OR; Cathy Jung and Dianne O'Brien of Vancouver BC, Ellen Pardee of Portland, OR, and me from Kirkland. Thanks to Bob Serack for the photo. There are many other members of the group that did not happen to be nearby when this photo was taken.

The Lady Kitefliers had so much fun at WSIKF this year. On Tuesday we became the "Crazy Ladies" team and put up a camp with lots of banners and spin socks, etc. and had so much fun all day in the various Tuesday events that we won the Top Tuesday Team banner for the second year! (We really worked our buns off!) When it came time for the part of Pun Fun when we put on the crazy hats, a reporter with a camera came out of the audience and started snapping pictures and asking about the kite festival, so maybe we might see an article about WSIKF in next summer's issue of the AAA travel magazine.

There are so many talented ladies that make and fly kites. The ladies in the photo above are all active in their local clubs, busy promoting kiting and adding their talents to kite festivals with beautiful kites, banners and flying kites in fun events and competitions. We were all together at White Rock, BC this past April and had a great time at the BCKA kite festival that weekend.

If you have access to a computer, you can see lots more photos of the Lady Kitefliers on Bob Serack's web site: <http://www.bobserack.com/galleries/LadyKiteFlyers/Index.htm>



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Welcome to New WKA Members

Gary Boyd & Mary Olson-Boyd
Michael Green
Martha Strozier & Dore Rotundo

Missoula, MT
Woodinville
Long Beach

EMPTY PLACE IN THE SKY! Gene Smiley

ANOTHER OF OUR TRIED AND TRUE KITEFLIERS PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 10TH IN SEATTLE AT THE AGE OF 78. HE WAS BORN IN TENINO, WASHINGTON AND GRADUATED FROM BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL. HE SERVED IN THE U.S.A. AIR FORCE IN WORLD WAR 2 AND THEN WORKED FOR STANDARD OIL COMPANY 35YEARS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT.

SMILEY BROUGHT THE BOKA BOKA KITE TO OUR ATTENTION AND IT WAS ONE OF THE FEW KITES I COULD FLY! TELLER OF TALL TALES HE KEPTUS ALL ENTERTAINED WITH HIS STORIES, HE ALSO WAS A GREAT WOOD CARVER. HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE TLINGIT TRIBE OF ALASKA AND DID MANY TOTEM POLES(SMALL)AND WALKING STICKS. THE SISSON FAMILY WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE ONE OF HIS TOTEMS FOR A PICNIC TROPHY. HE DONATED IT TO US IN 1995 AND WE ARE ON OUR 46TH YEAR OF PICNICKS AT LINCOLN PARK. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED EACH YEAR AS WE PASS THE TROPHY ON TO A NEW FAMILY.

SMILEY AND HIS WIFE VERA, ARE LONG TIME MEMBERS OF THE CLUB(1982) AND ALWAYS ATTENDED THE NEW YEARS DAY FLY AT GOLDEN GARDENS. HE AND HIS SENSE OF HUMOR WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED . I CAN JUST HEAR HIM, MY HUSBAND TOM,JACK VANGUILDER, HAROLD WRITER AND MANY MORE IN KITE HEAVEN DISCUSSING WILL IT FLY? GIVE IT A TRY!!!!!!!!!! GOD SPEED SMILEY!!!

BY JEAN SISSON-SEATTLE

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Contact Larry Zilar
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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 email:
bud@thehayesplace.com Calendar
at www.nwskl.org

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 Kitefliers Assn.

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

Seattle Kitesurfing Association

Contact John Penxa
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Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Mike Button
360-733-7380 Fly Sunday afternoon
in the park at Squalicum Harbor

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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Letter from the World Kite Museum:

September 6, 2005

Dear WKA,

This is such a exciting time for the World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame. Wednesday, August 31, we officially bought the Yorke & Curtis Building on Sid Snyder Drive for our new home. The romance of handing over a chest full of banded \$100 bills like in the movies has been streamlined to pressing a lever of some kind for an electronic transfer.

The lack of drama did not sour enthusiasm. I want to thank you for the very instrumental part your donations played toward the success of our purchase. Our timeline for move in, remodeling, exhibit building before opening for "business" will be as soon as possible We will keep you informed.

Again, pat yourselves on the back. You and all those who contributed to this successful step ahead need to "high five" those around you.

Cheers and shouts,

Kay Buesing
Museum Director

note: We're proud to have you on our team. Kay

PACIFIC BEACH

Kite City meets Keystone Cops

by Jerry Graham

It all started off so well-organized, peaceful, and relaxing. Little did we know what we were in for. We got to Pacific Beach on Thursday evening, waited out the Friday morning fog by having breakfast at "Paddy's Perch," got all of our stakes pounded into the very hard ground, and erected all the wind toys and banners. Flew a few kites. In fact, our "Happy Face" was the last kite left flying that night, long after dusk. The weather was mild, so we left all the ground displays up overnight.

Saturday morning was calm and a bit foggy, but it cleared early. We wandered around and visited and finally had enough wind to start putting up some kites around 11 o'clock. Jerry put up "The Face" and the Bee-Line with the Mockform Albino Bee (aka "Albeeno") at the top of the line. They all flew happily for some time. John and Marzlie Freeman had their delightful banners up at their campsite; the Lilac City Windchasers were out in full force; and the beach was covered with banners and kites from Bob Serak, (sp?) Ellen Pardee, and Dick and Georgean Curran.

And then odd things began to happen. Some of the kites started acting up a bit--could not decide whether or not they wanted to fly. Jerry was away from our camp--down at the beach trying to troubleshoot a kite that had been returned to Scott (Hy-Flyer's Kite Shop). Stan Shelhamer was at our camp and had gloves on, so he helped me get the face to behave better and I finally got it higher up in the sky where there was a better wind. Stan and I looked at the clouds and heard thunder south of us, and agreed that we were lucky that the storm had by-passed us. The wind was blowing toward the south and the northern sky was nicely blue. What we did not realize was that the winds at the higher elevations were going in a different direction. Suddenly "The Face" tangled with another kite that had lots of twisty tubes hanging from it. We just got that untangled and everything seemed to be going fine, when . . . The "Bee-line" suddenly started to shift directions. There it was, the Albeeno at the top, two bee windocks below that, then 4 of the kichi tako guys. Naturally, the face immediately got itself tangled with one of the bees, and the winds kept shifting at the higher levels and dropping off at lower levels. I was working with the face again when the line that anchored the bees suddenly caught in the bee windmill. I yelled to Stan, who grabbed the line of the bees while I tried to get the windmill pole down. This was when the wheels came off!

I was pulling up on the fiberglass pole holding the bee spinner, and could not get it up far enough to clear the rebar holding it. The pole started to tip and the top of the rebar started to crack it. Suddenly, the bee windmill top lifted off the pole, climbed up the kite string, crossed the road, and finally, fell off again, landing near the restrooms, close to Sy Polzin who was sitting under the WKA headquarters canopy and snapping photos of our efforts. Meanwhile, I managed to pull down the face kite while Stan and Jerry (who had just returned) fought with the bees. The Albeeno landed neatly in a tree that was on the far side of the campground, across the other part of the campground loop road. That left strings across both roads, and six bees scattered across everything. People came from all directions to help round up the critters. Somehow, the bees were all detached and stashed under the awning next to the bus. It took a banner pole to pry the Albeeno out of the tree. And by then the rain was falling.

Similar scenes were taking place throughout the campground and beach area. Banners were being stashed under the awnings of complete strangers; people were chasing each other's kites; the non-kite people in the campground were joining in the melee, sometimes in helpful ways and sometimes just adding to the general confusion. The entire campground was mobilized and getting soaked.

Banners, spinsocks, etc.--poles and poles of them. All over the place! Lots of people helping as we grabbed, pulled, stuffed. At our camp, we managed to get everything either stuffed into the back of the pickup, into the bus, or under the awning. A total jumble and wet, wet, wet!

Then the heavens broke with thunder, lightening, and hail and everybody ran for cover.

My sweats were soaked clear through and I pulled them off and crawled under the electric blanket! After the storm, a friend visited, fresh from her warming shower. She suggested that maybe she was going to have to make some giant flyswatters and cans of Raid to use next time the bees decided to swarm the campground.

We all got dressed and went to dinner at the Naval Conference Center. Good friends, lots to eat, and we won quite a few things in the raffle and 3rd place for our campground display. Dropped into bed and fell asleep with a book in my hand and the lights on. Sunday was clear and sunny, so we put everything out to dry. Several repairs were needed. Went to lunch and visited with friends. Got back and even more stuff had fallen down and been picked up by neighbors. No major damage, but it introduced another batch of new people to the joys of kite flying.

Jerry was tidying up when we looked at the clock and realized that: WE WERE LATE FOR THE WEDDING ON THE BEACH AND WE WERE BRINGING THE FLOWERS! Tom Tinney (of "Tom Tinney's Terribly Tiny Kites" fame), having reached the more mature age of 50, had planned a beach wedding with Colleen, his former wife and the mother of his son. We'd seen her earlier in the day and offered her the bouquet of dahlias I'd brought along. Colleen thought that was a great idea so the dahlias became the bridal bouquet. We got them there just in time to take the wedding pictures so it at least looked like she had a bouquet for their wedding. Many members of their kite-family had joined them on the beach for this occasion.

They were married by an odd lady who was the local equivalent of "Marryin' Sam." She performed the ceremony quite beautifully, but from there things went south in a hurry, as we discovered when some of us adjourned to the Naval station for a small party and cake.

She was also supposed to be taking pictures of the wedding, the happy couple, the guests, and just about anything else that struck her fancy. Normally this isn't a problem but a few of us noticed that she had been taking pictures for quite a while without changing the film in her 12-shot camera. When we asked her about this she growled at us that she knew what she was doing, so we backed off. However, I noticed that several other people had pulled out cameras and were duplicating as nearly as possible the shots she should have been taking. So, with her 12 shot camera, she took about 100 pictures.

When she went to leave, she could not find her car and Tom had to escort her there. Then, we watched as she had trouble finding her way out of the parking lot. We just hope that she did a better job of registering the marriage with the local court system or Tom and Colleen still won't be officially married. However it works out, we hope they are as happy as they looked when they left, and we are all looking forward to seeing them next year so we can ask them if they ever got their copy of the certificate.

What the week-end boiled down to is that if you want to get new people involved with your kiting, drop your kites all over them. That'll give them "hands-on experience" and show that there is nothing quite like the challenge and thrill of kiting!

HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER—WKA AND PCKA

December 3, 2005 at Mountain View Lutheran Church, 3505 112nd Avenue East, Edgewood, WA. (Same location as last year.) Dinner starts about 6:00 p.m., but plan on coming early this year as our celebration will also include an indoor fun fly in the gym, which will be open from 10am until it's time to set-up for the dinner. This fun fly will emphasize first-time indoor flyers. There will be four experienced indoor teachers willing to teach and we will even provide the kites to learn on. There will be plenty of free flying time for everyone as well.

The clubs will provide ham and turkey. The members will provide the rest of the trimmings. Remember, the proceeds from the raffle go to the food bank, so be generous in your donations. There is a detailed map available on the WKA website. Map on page 9 also.

Protest the Bowls Fly

Don't forget the January 1st "Protest the Bowls" fly at Golden Gardens park from about 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. People traditionally bring edible goodies to share at this event, with emphasis on having some warming effects. If the weather is "inclement" (whatever that means in Washington), there is now shelter available so the festivities will go on.

One of the included activities is an Amoeba Kite Fly, so bring out the odd-ball and weird stuff that doesn't fit into the ordinary categories and have some fun with them. If you've forgotten what an amoeba kite is, just think of anything that has only one cell (triad, circoflex, pop can, spinning janny, harlequin, kichi tako) or anything that has an irregular surface that makes it resemble the one-celled animals called amoebas. Just remember, amoebas thrive on damp environments, so come and join us no matter how bad the weather may be.

Annual Kitemakers Conference

23rd Annual Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference

Fort Worden State Park - Conference Center

Port Townsend, Washington

March 3 - 5, 2006

The Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference is one of the greatest gatherings of kite makers from around the world. It is an opportunity to learn, share information, and socialize with kite making friends, new and old. We strive to have classes for everyone. Every year our curriculum committee puts together an exceptional list of teachers with classes to accommodate all skill levels and kiting interests. You are invited to join us for an unforgettable weekend!

If you've never attended, or haven't recently, go the Contacts page to be added to our mailing list. Registration packets will be available for downloading from here, or will be mailed in early November to those unable to access them here. <http://www.kitemakers.org/>

The scheduled classes/teachers are as follows:

Barn Door kite, Rod Beamguard, Vancouver, Washington

Painted Silk Kite, Dave and Diane Butler, Tigard, Oregon

Gobel Star facet kite, Dave Colbert, Seaview, Washington

Trappa-Della, Deb Cooley, Lincoln City, Oregon

American Flag Kite, Ralf Deitrich, Frederiksvaerk, Denmark

Wiggly Caterpillar Kite, Mark Engbaum, Renton, Washington

Square Diamond Kite, John Freeman, Parksville, British Columbia, Canada

Gliding Bird Kite, Kathy Goodwind, Seattle, Washington

Classic French Box Kite, Falk Hilsenbek, Germany

One Hour Kites, Sam Huston, Kent, Washington

Kurahashi Kites, Dan Kurahashi, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

A Fine Fighter Kite, Bruce Lambert, Yakima, Washington

"Hybrid" Box, Tom McAlister, Richmond, California

Ohashi Variant Kite, Don Mock, Ruston, Washington

Surface designs and combined materials, Sharon Musto, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Beginning Sewing, Gerry Pennell, Olympia, Washington

Winged Eddy Kite, José Sainz, San Diego, California

Three Crossed Sticks, Randy Shannon, Flagstaff, Arizona

Replica Roi des airs Kite, Bob and Charmayne Umbowers, Gig Harbor, Washington

Oregon Kitemakers Retreat 2006 registration has begun!

<http://www.kitemakersretreat.com/>

January 12 - 15, 2006, Rockaway Beach, OR at the Twin Rocks Friends Camp.

Teachers & Classes for 2006:

Rich Durant - The Rang Thang
Ron Gibian - Canard Goose Kite
Kathy Goodwind - Swindon Star Kite
Scott Hampton - Wind Garden Banners & Sand Fleas
Ralf Maserski - Flat Box Kite No. 8
Barbara Meyer - Grecian Column aka Skinny Rok
Gerry Pennell - Basic Kitebuilding
Barry Poulter - Velvet Kite Scarves
Nathan Seden - Swallowtail Delta
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Ken Tumminia - Patchwork Play
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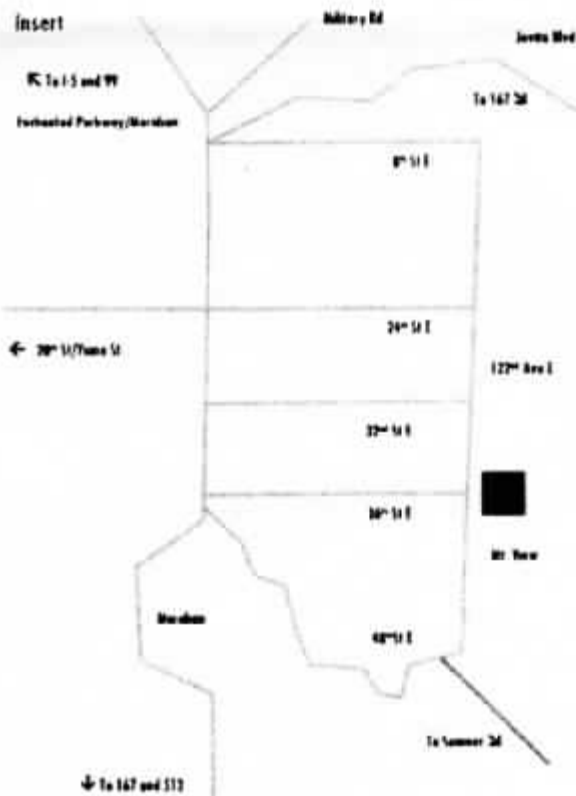
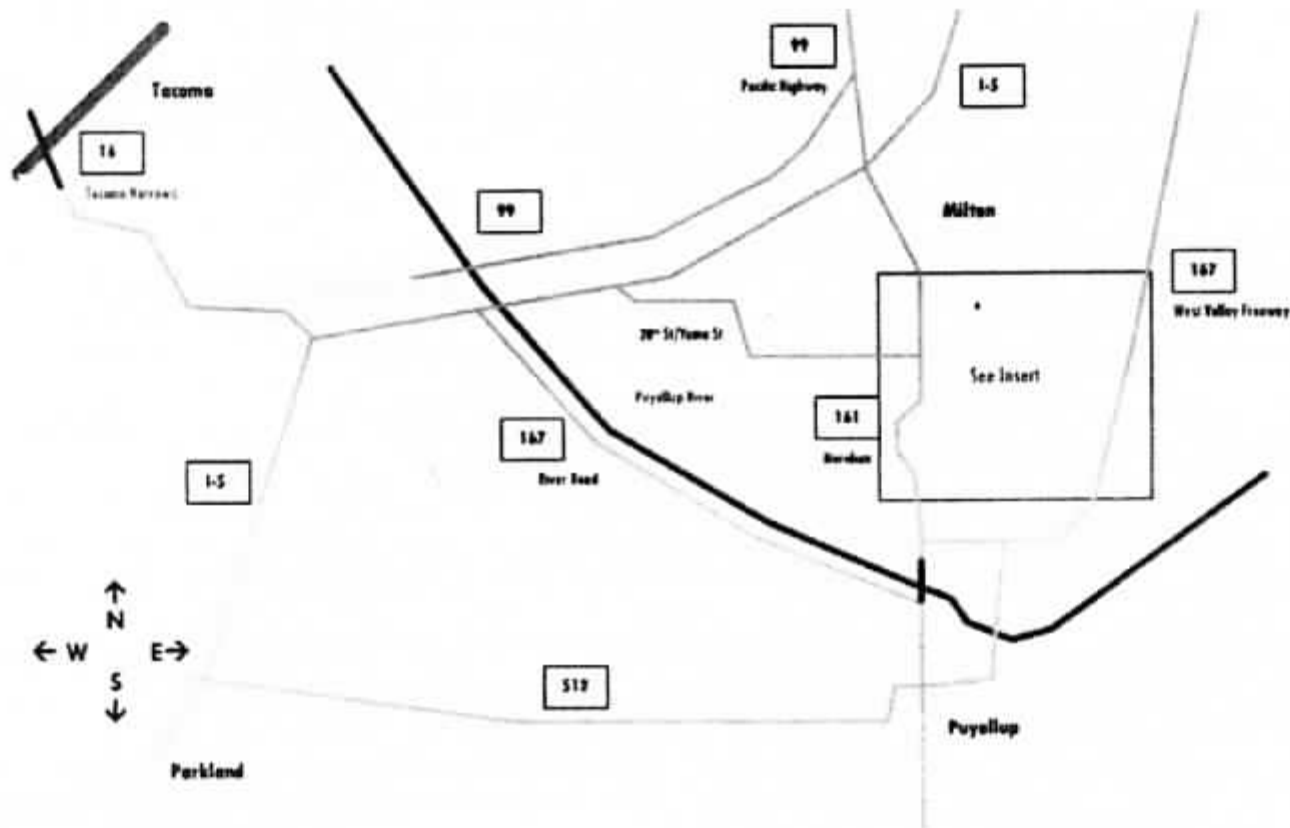


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Membership Application

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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