



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Seattle Celebration of Kites A.K.A. Father's Day Fly



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Its that time of year again... time to pack up the family, friend, and kites to head on out to Sandpoint-Magnuson Park for *Seattle's Celebration of Kites*. Once again Ken Conrad has been gracious enough to donate Frustrationless Fliers for the kids to color, build and fly. There will also be great music, entertaining fliers, and hopefully plenty of wind and sunshine.

While there don't forget to stop by the WKA headquarters located at the bottom of Kite Hill. There will be sun block for those who need it, as well as water, McDonalds orange drink and possibly some goodies to much on. Sylvia and other board members will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about membership, events and kiting. The WKA headquarter tent is always as wonderful place to relax in the shade and visit with fellow kitefliers at any event.

As always this event will be loads of fun. So don't miss it!!!

Kids for Today

By Glenda Kleppin

I am very excited the new "Kids for Today" events at WSIKF on Wednesday. We tried this on an experimental basis last year, and it is now a permanent part of the program. An article explaining the reasoning behind the events is presently online at the WSIKF website.

I am especially excited about the Foster Grandparent Fly. Last year, Elain Genser made 6 kid kites and invited spectator children to fly them for her during our "Kid's Kites" fly. The idea for the Foster Grandparent event grew out of the excited response of the children to her invitation.

I was talking to Larry Ziler (Ben Franklin) about this event, and he pointed out that many of the parents who bring their children to the festival cannot afford to buy "quality" kites for the kids—even if they actually knew what a "quality" kite for kids looks like. This is especially true if there are several children in the family. And, of course, it is highly likely that none of the adults in the family have ANY experience with teaching a child how to safely fly their kite.

Participating in this event will give members of the kite community a chance to have a major impact on these kids and perhaps encourage a new generation of kitefliers. Maybe we can inspire other groups of kites to include "Foster Grandparent Flies" in their festivals.

The "Kids for Today" events will be listed in the WSIKF program as follows:

Kids for Today Day Events

Glenda Kleppin and Susie, Empress of the Universe
Field Directors

Events #1 and #2: All day, everywhere (Judging from 2:00-4:00 p.m.)

Event #3: Field B 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Registration: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please join Washington Kitefliers Association and other WSIKF participants in an effort to make the sport of kiting more accessible to our youngest spectators. Judging in all of the events will be based on showing kites, ground displays, and anything else that will particularly appeal to the "under 14" crowd. Please include things like: kids' songs; books; cartoons and comics; nursery rhymes; movies; and TV characters. Judges will have wide discretion in awarding points and can probably be bribed or otherwise influenced.

Ribbons will be awarded to the winners of each event. Winners will also receive special recognition at the WKA Spaghetti Feed on Wednesday night. The events are as follows:

- **Event 1: Best Kids' Camp:** Join with your friends or work alone to and set up a camp display that appeals specifically to kids. You may display current characters like Brother Bear; Nemo; Pirates; or Harry Potter, or you may want to highlight more classic themes.

Kids like things they can touch and see up close and they love learning about the history of kites; how to make kites; and how to identify the different kinds of kites. You will earn extra points if you have educational displays and/or actual kite making activities taking place at your camp. Let's get kids hooked on something good while they are young and impressionable!

- **Event #2: Best Group of Kids' Kites:** Not enough time, energy, or stuff to set up a whole camp? Then just come up with a display of at least six items that especially appeal to kids.
- **Event #3: Foster Grandparent Fun Fly:** Field B 1:00-2:00 p.m.
This event is similar to a Mass Ascension with a few extra twists. All flying must be done in "grandparent/grandchild" pairs.

KIDS: Sign up ahead of time to volunteer to be adopted as a "foster grandchild" for the event. Register early for the best chance of being chosen.

ADULTS: Register early, certifying that you have a kite for your "foster grandchild" and will make an effort to teach them to fly it properly. The first 100 adults to register and fly will earn a WKA pin for their effort. The top 10 kite/pairs will be awarded a special "Kid's Day" pin, designed and made by Norm Judd. Ribbons will be awarded for the top kite pairs.

The rules are as follows:

1. All "adult" kiters must be accompanied by a child under the age of 14, and, all kids under 14 who want to fly must be sponsored by a "foster grandparent". Adults can provide their own grandchild or to temporarily adopt children from the sign-up list.
2. Each "adult" will provide a kite for their "foster grandchild" to fly and keep, either hand-crafted or commercial. There will be a few extra kites available for those who come unprepared or you can purchase something at the World Kite Museum tent on the beach.
3. The "adults" will teach their "grandchild" how to safely and successfully fly the gift kite. Most of the "adults" will be experienced kiters who can give the "grandchildren" actual one-on-one, hands-on tutoring. We anticipate that many of the children will probably be from "spectator" families; may have never flown a kite before; and may have no one in their family experienced and/or patient enough to provide proper kite selection and flying instructions.

2005 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING

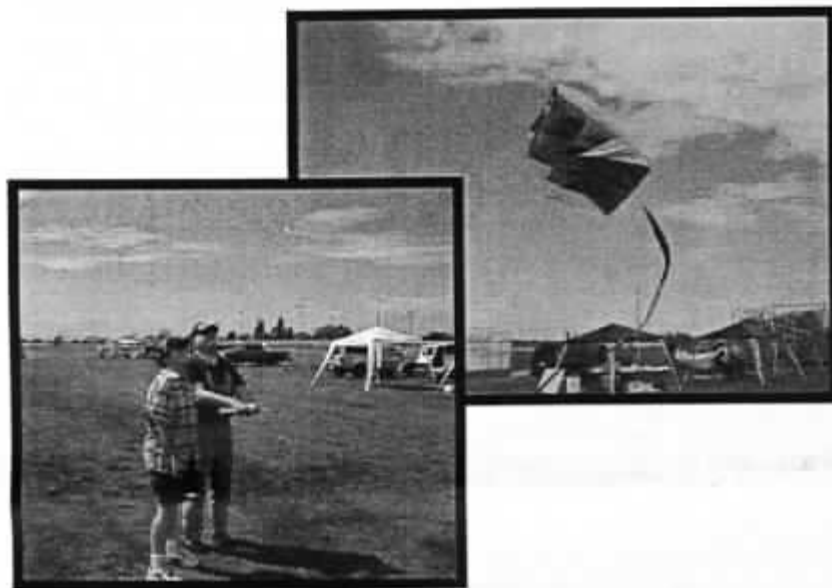
It is Time to Mail a Postcard or Note to WKA to Enter the Drawing for the WKA/Sisson Scholarship to the 2005 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Here are the guidelines for the program:

1. Entry must be a current member of the WKA at the time of the drawing and Conference.
2. Members wishing to be in the drawing must submit their Name, Address & Phone Number on a postcard, or in a note, and mail to WKA.
3. Entries must be received by the WKA Membership Director before midnight, August 15th. All entries received after this date will be held for the following year's drawing.
4. One entry per member, per year.
5. Drawing to be held at the WKA Spaghetti Feed during WSIKF.

In Tom Sisson's honor, the WKA will send one (1) member to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference annually. Scholarship is not transferable. The winner will receive a fully funded registration to the Kitemakers Conference to include: Registration, room & board in the dorm, pin, and \$50.00 toward class fees. If other housing or meals are requested, that cost is not covered by WKA. The winner will be responsible for transportation to and from the conference and any additional class fees or costs.

See the pictures down below? Susan Richins, nee Hagaman, wandered into the Moses Lake fly unannounced. She saw the festival signs and thought she'd check the fly out. I'd met Doug back in the very early 90's, but didn't really know him from Adam. Anyway, Susan decided to go home and get "one of Doug's old kites," which she did. Brought it back, untangled it on the field, and flew it! (WOW - Does that thing PULL!!) We chatted some more, and they flew for the foil for about half an hour! Apparently the kite had been in storage for at least 10 years.... Nice kite, nice lady, and a nice story, too!

-Geezer (aka Dave Shattuck)



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KITE ARTISTS

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 Rainbow colors, that we mix,
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 Gleaming diamonds, stacked in rows
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 Flown from strings all wound in coils.
 Codys, sodes, Eddys, sleds
 Kites that look like flying beds.

Della Portas, rollers, bugs
 Do I see some flying rugs?

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Upcoming Events

June

- 5-6 Ocean Shores International Kite Challenge: Festival & Sport Kite Comp
13 PCKA/Mainframe fun fly, Ocean City
19 NAFKA Monthly Fly, Ocean Shores
19-20 BCKA Pacific Rim Kite Festival, Vanier Park, Vancouver, BC
20 Seattle Celebration of Kites, aka Fathers Day fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle
24 PCKA meeting, Summit Library, Tacoma, 7:00 pm
26-27 NW International Stunt Kite Championship, Long Beach
26-27 Annual Spring Kite Festival, Lincoln City, OR

July

- 10-11 Westport Windriders Kite Festival, Greyland
17 NAFKA Monthly Fly, Midway Beach
18 PCKA/Mainframe fun fly, Orting Lion's Club field
24-25 Steveston Sport Kite Competition, Steveston, BC
29 PCKA meeting, Summit Library, Tacoma, 7:00 pm
31 Kitefest 2004, Magnuson Park, Seattle

August

- 14-15 CEK Summer Heat Sport Kite Competition, Ocean Shores
16-22 WSIKF, Long Beach
18 WKA Spaghetti Feed, Long Beach Grange Hall, 5:00pm
26 PCKA meeting, Summit Library, Tacoma, 7:00 pm
29 PCKA/Mainframe fun fly, Ocean City

Please send your kite events to courtney_a_hanson@hotmail.com to be added to our event listing.



KITEFEST 2004

Magnuson Park, Seattle

July 31, 2004

Fun Fly • Kids Fly • Kids Kitemaking • Kite Surfing

A welcomed annual kiting event for Northwest kite enthusiasts, families, and community. This one day event presented by The Model Family Mentorship Program is designed to engage the whole family, teaches & promotes the sport of kiting, and inform the community about our efforts to strengthen families through volunteerism and mentorship. Model Families (www.mfmp.org) teams up with the community to discover the "art of kite flying". Come out and enjoy a day of fun for the whole family building, learning, and flying kites. The "sky's the limit"! Noon Event Registration-\$5.00 per family- each family member will receive a fly-able kite kit and event t-shirt.

Model Family Mentorship Program

<http://www.mfmp.org>

fax 206 374-2106

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Washington Kitefliers Association
April 17, 2004 Board Meeting
Orting, Washington

Present:

Charly Whitaker
Silvia Bernauer
Ken Conrad
Glenda Kleppin
Jerry Graham
Dave Shattuck.

Business:

We didn't do much official business at the short meeting we had April 17th in Orting, after the National Kite Month fly, but we did go over details for the Seattle Father's Day festival. I'm also including some of the decisions that we made a week earlier, when Courtney and Sylvia came over to my house.

It was unanimously voted that the club would fund the costs to hold the 4th Annual Seattle Celebration of Kites at Sand Point Magnuson Park kite hill, in Seattle, with a budget of approximately \$600.

Details for festival:

- Courtney will rent the PA system. Alternately, Charly said he could ask Scott Davis if their system was available for loan... Charly really wants a CD player with a screen that can be read ok outdoors. Tehy had problems seeing the player that was used last year.
- Courtney and Patrick will loan their communication radios for field use, alternately, radios could be borrowed from the Ft. Worden Conference, but this will have to be arranged with Gerry Pennell. Glenda and Jerry will bring fresh batteries (lots of AA).
- Charly and Dave will do the field set-up.
- No field schedule will be made, instead will use an event list.
- Charly and Steve Millspaugh will do the announcing.
- Glenda and Ken will co-ordinate on doing the publicity and press releases.
- Ken and Suzanne will organize the kite making area- still need volunteers to man the booth.
- Glenda will bring \$ donation cans.
- Glenda and Jerry will supply bottled water
- Silvia wants to send a reminder to lapsed members, about the festival.
- Still remaining to find- who supplies all the tables that will be needed and confirm that we have located all of the four shelters that will be needed....

-Ken Conrad

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Advertisement for items relating to kites or kite fliers, charge is 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, found, stolen, or free items will be listed free if under 30 words. Make checks payable to WKA.



2004 AKA National Convention Seaside, OR. Oct. 11 - Oct. 16

Official lodging for the **27th Annual National Convention** will be the Shilo Inn. Located at the world famous turnaround on the corner of Broadway and the Prom (concrete walking path paralleling the beach), the Shilo Inn offers oceanfront dining and lounge, sensational Sunday brunch, and a Spa which includes; 24 hour indoor pool, sauna, and workout area. The Shilo Inn is located in the heart of Seaside and is located within walking distance of dozens of restaurants, attractions, the Seaside Convention Center and the Seaside Aquarium. To obtain your AKA discounted room rate at the Shilo Inn, please call 503-738-9571 before September 10, 2004 and tell them you are with the American Kitefliers Association when you register.

Official AKA Room Rates:

One King – Oceanfront	\$115	One Bed Partial View	\$79
Two Queen – Oceanfront	\$115	One Bed Non View	\$69

Arrival time is 4PM and checkout time is Noon. Room rates (while rooms last) available until 9/10/04. Tax not included in published rates. Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to arrival date. www.seasideoceanfront@shiloinns.com

Additional lodging for the 27th Annual National Competition will be the Best Western Oceanview Resort. Located four blocks north of Broadway, the Oceanview is also on the beach and is centrally located to the flying competitions. The Oceanview is a NON SMOKING hotel. The Oceanview may also accommodate pets on a limited and individual basis, please check when you register or inquire. The Oceanview has been remodeled and features beautifully decorated rooms, indoor pool and Jacuzzi, a quaint and quiet Italian restaurant with lounge, TV/VCR, Coffeemaker, PC Data Port, Voice Mail and kitchenette or Microwave/Snack Refrigerator Combination. The Oceanview is within walking distance of area restaurants, attractions, the Seaside Convention Center and the Seaside Aquarium. To obtain your AKA discounted room rate at the Oceanview, please call 1-800-234-8439 by September 10, 2004 and tell them you are with the American Kitefliers Association when you register.

Official AKA Room Rates:

One King – Oceanfront Jacuzzi	\$180/\$192	One Queen-One Queen sofa sleeper – Oceanfront	\$130/\$160
Two Queen Beds – Partial View	\$99/\$135	Two Queen – South and City view	\$91/\$122
Two Queen – Wheelchair Access	\$81/\$105	One Queen – Non View	\$68/\$68

Please note: rates separated by "/" indicate a change of rate for Friday and Saturday night.

Arrival time is 4PM and checkout time is 11 AM. Room rates (while rooms last) available until 9/10/04. Tax not included in published rates. Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to arrival date. www.oceanviewresort.com Those who prefer to "bring their home with them" may contact either of the two RV parks in and around Seaside. Circle Creek RV, approximately two miles south of Seaside – 503-738-6070 and Venice Park, approximately eighteen blocks from the Seaside convention center – 503-738-8851. Though you may not leave your RV's in the city overnight, you are welcome to bring them to the convention center and park them along the Necanicum River during the day.

Seaside Convention Center
415 First Avenue
Seaside, OR 97138
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W: www.seasideconvention.com
Seaside Visitors Bureau at 1-888-30-OCEAN or www.seasideor.com.

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Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry Zilar
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Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
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cxbil@aol.com
meets every Tuesday at 4pm
in Friendship Park, Greta &
North Standard (7200 block)
Spokane

North Coast Sky Painters Kite Club

Contact Monica Barber
360-289-5682 or email:
flying@cuttingedgekites.com
meets the 2nd Saturday of
every month at Ocean Shores
Lions Club.

Northwest Buggy Pilots Assn.

Contact Morrie and Kelci
Williams
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williams@techline.com
meets 4th Saturday of month
Northwest Fighter Kite

Association

meets 3rd weekend of every
month, location varies. More
info on their website
www.fighterkites.org

Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Bud Hayes
Email: bud@thehayesplace.com
Calendar of event on their
website www.nwskl.com

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa
Ryan
Email: lisaryan@mail.com or
billrogers@earthlink.net
meets the 2nd Wednesday of
every month at the Fire Station
on Loxie Egan Blvd.
(behind the school on the cor-
ner of National & Loxie Egan
Blvd)

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

Contact Scott Davis
Email: prez@pcka.org
meets at Summit Library in
Tacoma, 7 pm, the last Thurs-
day of the month.
Calendar of events on their
web site www.pcka.org

Seattle Kitesurfing As- sociation

Contact John Penxa

johnpenxa@seattlekitesurfing.
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Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen
360-733-3777

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

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meets the 3rd Saturday of every
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Westport Windriders

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month @ Grayland Beach, fol-
lowed by a potluck at Willapa
Grange Hall

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The Presidents Corner:

Hello everyone. This is the start of my third year as your president. I am very glad that warmer weather has started to bring everyone out to fly their kites. It is time to get out and enjoy the warmth. I have really enjoyed seeing some of you at the different kite festivals. And I am looking forward to seeing even more of you during the up coming festivals.

I am also looking forward to going to the up coming festivals in places like Ocean Shores, Westport, Greyland, Whidbey Island, and Long Beach. I like to go to these events and spend time just walking around and meeting those there. Some people you see at almost every event, while others you only see now and then at certain events. I am always amazed at the number of people that show up to fly. Some like to compete, while others just want to show off a kite they have made, or maybe a banner, or some other form of artwork.

Sincerely,
Charly

Membership

To become a member of the WKA, send your name(s), address and telephone number, along with a check for \$15 per family in U.S. or Canada (all other countries please add \$5 (U.S.) additional for postage) to:

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C/O Pacific Science Center
200 Second Ave. N.
Seattle, Washington 98109

Welcome Back!

Long Time Members Returning to WKA

Jim & Monica Barber	Ocean Shores
Ken and Becky	Cage Spokane
John & Geneva Overmier	Marysville

WKA Newsletter

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The editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kite flying. Submissions that illustrate how much fun it is to fly a kite will be given priority for publication.

Mail submissions and photographs (include the name, address and telephone number of the source) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size and postage for return (if you want your photographs back) to:

200 Second Ave. N.
Seattle, Washington 98109

The deadline for all submissions is the 20th of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Materials received by these dates will be published in the following issues as space allows. All submissions will be considered for publication.

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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

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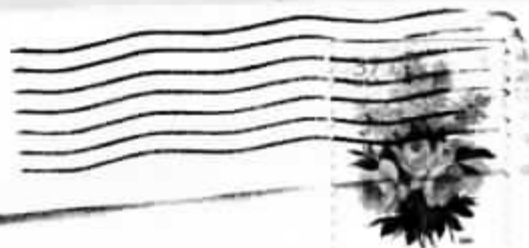
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