



Newsletter

August — September 2003

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

2003 Spaghetti Feed

DINNER AT 5

This is the one "meeting" that is regularly attended by the majority of the members of WKA. The turn-out is always spectacular—a room filled to over-flowing with kilters, raffle items, and the world-famous WKA spaghetti.

I'm sure that you all know the time and place, but, I'll remind you, just in case. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. (kite time) on August 20, 2003 at the Long Beach Grange Hall. If you get there early, feel free to help set up the room. In spite of inflation, the price of \$5 remains the same. This year we will even set up some pop-up shelters in the parking lot to expand the capacity, so get there early to get a good parking place!

This year is even more special than usual because we are celebrating the 30th anniversary/birthday of WKA and the room will be decorated for the party. We will again have the drawing for the WKA/Sisson Scholarship to the 2004 Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference. The use of the "Tom" parafoil kite for the next year will be determined. And because of your enthusiastic response last year, and there will be a new and even more wonderful "Spaghetti Feed" pin for all of you collectors. New Tech Kites has made a VERY generous contribution to our already wonderful raffle, and we expect that the club by donating our other faithful merchants (listed elsewhere) and our generous members will continue supporting raffle items and buying lots of raffle tickets.

The one thing we do NOT have, at this time, is someone to cook the spaghetti. Our long-time faithful cook, Tom Mallard, has to work. Warning: if no one volunteers ahead of time, we may have to commandeer someone from the crowd! All potential cooks contact Courtney Hanson at courtney_a_hanson@hotmail.com

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NEW EVENT FOR KIDS' DAY AT WSIKF

August 20, 2003

Three years ago my daughter and some of her children joined us on "Kids' Day." The grandchildren enjoyed the age-appropriate children's activities at Field A and making their J.R. Tolman kite at the World Kite Museum tent. So, I was shocked by my daughter's observation: "Mom, this festival really isn't for kids. Look at the displays. They are all for adults!" Sure enough, the grandkids opted to go shopping, rather than spend time cruising the beach!

That thought stuck in my mind. Subsequently, Jerry, Susie, and I have always put up a "kid-theme" camp on Wednesdays, mostly "Harry Potter." We have noted that some of the kilters try flying their "Pooh" and other kid-friendly kites on that day, but there is still not enough to really interest "little ones."

Therefore, it is with great joy that I announce WKA's new event - one you won't find listed in the "Official" Program--but a very real event with very real awards. The winners of the events will be announced Wednesday night at the annual WKA Spaghetti Feed.

Please sign up to enter for an event by coming by the new WKA Headquarters, located for the day near the World Kite Museum tent. A list of "child-themed" displays will be prominently posted to encourage children to visit you.

Entries will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., when the children's kite-making events begin. Judging will be between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., so you still will have time to show your red, white, and blue. The categories are as follows:

Best Kids' Camp Display: This category will take into account ground displays, kites, and whatever else you may have to attract the attention of the "under 14" crowd. Extra points will be garnered by educational displays showing the history of kites; different kinds of kites; and kite-making. (Think posters that you can use again for Kite Month Displays or Fairs.) Even more bonus points will awarded if you have an actual kite-making activity taking place at the camp-either a kite being built OR, even better, a hands-on kitemaking experience for the kids! Anything goes and the judges have wide discretion to award points.

Best Group of Kid-Theme Kites: Here is where you show off your kites based on children's TV shows; movies; nursery rhymes; and songs. Please have at least 6 kites/banners or other items to enter this category. (Yes, clowns are good.) Remember, the judges are not children (although they may sometimes act like it), so you may have to point out to them what the kites represent. Again, extra points if you have some sort of activities for active-participation of the children, like a contest to name the characters on the kites.

Best Kid-Theme Kite: We cannot promise that Art will not win this category with his new giant Tweety Bird, but give him a run for his money. Remember, the latest kid movie-themes are Nemo and Pirates, so you should be able to come up with something. Or, remember the success of Harry Potter!

Other Categories: Since this is an entirely new type of event, we are willing to be talked into offering prizes for different categories. Make us an offer that we can't refuse! Chocolate and goodies from the Cottage Bakery are always appropriate bribes.

2 Let's all be kids for a day!

CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, August 19, 2003 AT WSIKF

PLEASE join us at WKA Headquarters for the "Terrific Tuesday Top Team" competition. We have planned a party day of fun, friendship, and frivolity. We know that many of you are members of other clubs as well. So this is a one-time event to celebrate our 30th. The events for the day will include the followings:

1. "Club Camp" event: We need WKA banners and other banners and ground art to make our headquarters especially spectacular for the "Club Camp" event. To have your contributions counted, they must be at Headquarters before 11:00 a.m. Anyone who helps decorate our Club Camp will earn a nice surprise. Our theme will be 30th birthday/anniversary, so anything goes!

2. Totally Tubular event at 10:00 a.m. in field B. The types of tubes expected are listed online at www.kitefestival.com or in your Long Beach Kite Festival program book. Again, anyone who signs up to earn points for WKA in this event will earn a nice surprise.

3. Roc Battles at 10:30 (individual) and 3:30 p.m. (team) in field A. Let's show them how great WKA rocks! Again, a nice surprise to those who earn points for WKA.

4. And last, but probably the most fun, is the "Pun Fun" event at 1:30 on field A. If you have them, bring along your happ'i coat; your craziest hat; women's wigs, and your slippers.. If you have kites that fit the listed categories (Diamond; Delta; Fighter; Pillow; Crazy; Twist), bring them too. But, **please** join one of our WKA teams even if you don't have all of the "right" kites. There will be extra kites available, some with WKA themes. It would be great fun if we could field 2 or even 3 different 10 person teams! People who sign up for a WKA Pun Fun team will earn an extra-special surprise.

No need to get to the beach early that day to save a good spot. We will already have the Headquarters set up for you. Just bring you kites, banners, chairs, goodies to share and join us for the day. Let's all get together and really celebrate our 30th in a big way by taking part as a club in these fun events. We'll see you there!

Drawing for WKA/Sisson Scholarship

MAIL DEADLINE 8/15/03

The deadline is almost here for receiving entries for the annual drawing for the WKA/Sisson Scholarship to the 2004 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, March 19 to 21, 2004. This is one of the benefits of your membership in the Washington Kitefliers Association. The scholarship includes Kitemakers Conference registration, room in the dorm, meals, conference pin, and \$50.00 toward class fees. The drawing will be held at the WKA Spaghetti Feed on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at Long Beach. The scholarship is for one person and is non-transferable. Limit one card for each member of your household. If you have any questions about this scholarship program, contact the Membership Director, Sylvia Bernauer at (425) 822-4605 or dbrn1@earthlink.net. Mail your postcards to:

Washington Kitefliers Association
Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109

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.

Upcoming Events

August

- | <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|-------------|--|
| 2 | Manzanita Kite Festival
Manzanita, OR |
| 9 | Art of Japanese Kites w/ Mikio Toki
Seattle, WA
Contact courtney@drachen.org |
| 16-17 | CEK Summer Heat
Ocean Shores, WA |
| 18-24 | WSIKF
Long Beach, WA
www.kitefestival.com |
| 19 | WKA 30th Anniversary gathering |
| 20 | WKA Spaghetti feed, 5 pm
Long Beach Grange Hall |

WKA FUN FLYS!

So far WKA fun flys have been a huge success! Every Wednesday evening, five to twenty five kites have been gathering at Magnuson Park's kite hill to hang out and fly kites. The wind and weather have not failed us yet! Most nights there is a BBQ and picnic where all are welcome. On lazy nights, Pagliacci Pizza delivers pizzas and pop right up to us on kite hill! So, if you haven't made it yet, come out for the evening, meet other members, and have a wonderful time! If you don't see us at first, climb to the very top of the hill where the north wind is the best, or look for the rainbow delta with 100+ foot tube tails and then follow the line down. Either way, you are guaranteed to find us!

September

- | <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 6 | Lewis & Clark Expo
Seaside, OR |
| 20-21 | Whidbey Island Kite Festival
Ft. Casey, Coupeville, WA |
| 20-21 | Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival
Lincoln City, OR |

Lost and Found

My prism roll up bag was stolen out of my car on Sunday July, 20 2003. It is a new prism roll up style bag but it is a prototype version. It is the silver fabric large style bag. It has a much smaller fanny pack without a prism logo on it. The bag also has "sample" written in white chalk on the back side of the cordura flap and 2 prism logos embroidered on either side of the cordura flap. If I can get anything at all back I want my SUL elixir. It is the only one in the world and it was custom made for me. Its got yellow outer panels, gray middle and a white center section. It has "to john, Ultra tricked out super custom" written near the spine velcro. If anyone has any information or identifies it please email at jcw3@earthlink.net Thanks for keeping an eye out,
John Welden



Washington Kitefliers Association is YOUR club.

Help make it a club YOU want to take part in! It is never to late to get involved! Here are several ways to become an ACTIVE member:

- Come to WKA sponsored events and fun flys
 - Think of ideas and/or locations for kite flys or other kite related events
 - Send in articles, funny stories, pictures, etc. for the newsletter
 - Become a board member (three positions currently available) or come to board meetings. Members are always welcome!
 - Take part in our numerous raffles and our Ft. Worden Scholarship contest
 - Join the "WKA team" while we try to win back the flag at WSIKF's Terrific Tuesday
- Don't forget that if you help staff an event you will get a free WKA T-shirt! Please contact any one of the board members if you want to get involved. Contact information is on pg. 9

KITE CLASSIFIEDS



USED KITES AND ACCESSORIES FOR SALE
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Kitemaking with Very Special Children

By Sylvia Bernauer

Making kites with kids is a very rewarding experience. The kids usually have a great time decorating and flying their kites. But for some children this simple activity can really be a bridge to reaching them.

Eli Williams of Tacoma has been doing kitemaking projects with school children for many years. He started doing them on his vacations, and enjoyed it so much that he planned his vacation time around the sessions. The month of May is the best time, with the school year winding down, and usually nice weather that month. His sessions are so popular that schools call him to arrange time on his schedule.

One day this year he worked with two classes of children from Benson Elementary School in Renton, a total of 60 students. He had some concerns about how these two sessions would go. The classes were 3rd and 5th graders who were autistic. Some of these children were more severely affected by autism than others. (Autism is a neurological disorder that impedes language, and derails social and emotional development.) Many of them had caregivers assigned to them who helped the student accomplish the goal of making the kite. When they were finished, all of the kites flew! The students enjoyed making and flying their kites, and the day was a tremendous success for the students, and was a very rewarding experience for Eli.

Afterwards all of the students wrote thank you notes to Eli. He has received many notes over the years from students, but the notes from these students were different. He read each and every one of them, some with difficulty to understand what was written. He considers these the most important notes that he has ever received.

For many years Eli did these sessions and covered all the costs of materials. One day his employer heard about his kitemaking activities and told him that he did not need to use vacation time or his own funds because they would cover all the costs and allow him to check in with them before going to the schools. After these special sessions this year, the letters were mounted on a mural that was hanging at his place of employment, Simon & Sons, a metal recycling company.

Eli plans to go back to Benson Elementary again next year and share more special time with these children.

Thanks to Eli and others that are involved in this important activity.

Membership Winner

At the Westport Windrider Kite Festival, WKA awarded a prize of a membership to the winner(s) of the Novice Individual Precision and Novice Individual Ballet competitions. It turned out that Gordon Fry of Lincoln City, Oregon won both events. He is 75 years old and has been sport kite flying about one year. (You would never guess on either fact.) Very nice ballet program from someone who has been flying such a short time! Congratulations, Gordy!



Father's Day Fun!

Seattle's Celebration of Kites was a tremendous success! Every year on Father's day kite fliers and spectators gather at Seattle Magnuson park to enjoy the art of kites, make new friends and have a good time. The turnout for this years celebration was incredible! Kitefliers of all ages participated in all of the festivities, all day long. Here is some pictures from this years Seattle Celebration of Kites!



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Contact Bill Cox
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meets 3rd weekend of every
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Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Neal Parker
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Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
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every month at the Fire Station
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(behind the school on the corner
of National & Loxie Egan Blvd)

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

Contact Penny Lingenfelter
Email: prez@pcka.org
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Tacoma, 7 pm, the last Thursday
of the month.
Calendar of events on their web
site www.pcka.org

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals

Contact Four Winds Kite Shop
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meets the 3rd Saturday of every
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Contact Barry Crites
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Welcome New Members!

David & Jennifer Arquitt Connor, Matthew, and Sarah	Auburn
Tom & Trudy Casey Eleanor	Seattle
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Marc Lansden	Seattle
Rick & Mary Len Adam	Federal Way
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Linda Rogers & Marilyn Anderson	Ocean Shores
Gordon Fry	Lincoln City, OR

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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WKA Newsletter

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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 to WKA. Mail to:

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