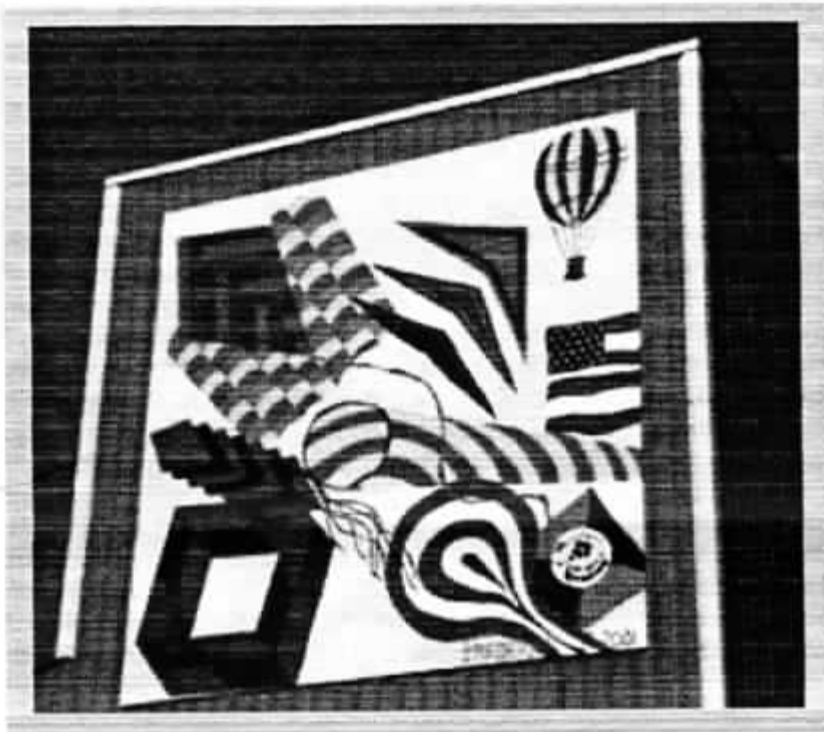




Newsletter

April/May 2002

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION



If this mural looks like it's on a side of a building, IT IS!

Photo submitted by Dave Christenson

April is National Kite Month!

**Come celebrate
with us:**

April 13
Golden Gardens
Seattle WA
11am til Dusk

April 18
Puyallup Spring Fair
Puyallup WA
All Day

April 27
Puffin Kite Festival
Cannon Beach OR
All Day

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Map



Can you fill these shoes???

Board Position Still Open

Event's Coordinator: This is actually the fun job! This position will develop ideas on when & where to have a party! Sounds like a fun job to me! WKA has not hosted very many events in the past, but as a club would like to become more prominent in the community. The job of the Event's Coordinator will be to (along with the committee), come up with event ideas & work through the details. There are 4 events at this time on the WKA schedule; The June Celebration of Kites, WSIKF Spaghetti Feed in August, the September Annual Membership meeting, and the Christmas Pot Luck held in partnership with PCKA.

The club still needs your support!

Greetings from the WKA President

My name is Charles (Charly) Whitaker, and I am your newly elected president. Some out there may already know me, as I have been involved in kiting in many ways, for many years. I have flown off and on since I was a child, but rediscovered the world of kiting once again with my introduction to stunt kites in the late 70's. My life hasn't been the same since.

To make a long story really short, I had come back from the Army in early 1975 with a problem with anger management, P.T.S.D., and a huge chip on my shoulder. I finally decided to get some help in the late 70's, and one of the things my mental health doctors said to me was "go fly a kite". Me being me, I answered back "that I loved them too." He finally made me understand he was being serious with me, and told me all about "stunt kites". Next morning I threw a leg over my motorcycle, and I was off in search of these kites. I left the east side of the state, and rode non stop to North Bend for breakfast, and on to the only place I had found with kites for sale.

That was my introduction to Ken Conrad, and his Great Winds kite shop. From then on until I moved here to Seattle, it became one of my favorite things to do. An excuse to go for a long ride. I loved riding across the mountain passes at sunrise on my way to go see what new kites there were available. I loved going to the Pike Place Market, and the water front for Ivar's and to shop, then top off the visit with a trip to go see Ken before riding home again. Back across the passes at around sun down. I finally moved to Seattle in 1985, and some of you may remember me from my days working for Tom Mallard in his Kitesport shop. Then finally I co owned a shop out in Redmond called "Aerial Delight's" for a while. (another long story)

Every where I went to fly, I always seemed to meet up with other kite flyers, and they were always happy, smiling, and helping others if they could. And in this world we live in that was such a welcome change from the normal. I soon learned to share that happiness, and etc., and soon was doing my part to help others like others had done for me. It is the camaraderie that I enjoyed the most.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you I can during my time as your president, and I would welcome any and all ideas and comments you may wish to share with me. This being 2002 now, I am hoping that the internet use will help bring the WKA closer together with all of the different kite clubs, and WKA members in this state. I would like to see each and every kite club in the state sending the WKA articles for the newsletter and the WKA web site. The WKA can't share with others, what others don't share with us. There is a calendar section to list club event's, and there is always room in the newsletter to have a news article published. I want to have the avenue of communication open for any one, or any club to contact me, or the WKA for any reason. I welcome hearing from any who may care to contact me, or the WKA.

Please bare with me, as I pick up the reins of this group, and get it moving in a forward and positive direction again. It won't happen over night, but there has been things happening already. The web site is under construction to update it, The web master, Tom Mallard, and I all are doing our best to get it done ASAP. This newsletter is the 2nd one in a row now. Our newsletter editor, has been hard at work getting our newsletter to press for all to enjoy like before. The board is now having regular meetings, and all members will be pitching in to help me rebuild the WKA to make it what it was once before. I know it is a lot to ask of them, but we will get the WKA back and on track like it used to be, and have it continue on the path it has had for the last 28 years. This is a great association, and I look forward to it being around for a long time to come.

Sincerely Yours,

Charly Whitaker
WKA President

WKA Board Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2002

Board members in attendance:

President, Charles Whitaker

Vice President, Ken Howard

Treasurer, Carol Lord

Secretary, Courtney Hanson

Membership, Sylvia Bernauer

Merchant Liaisons, Jerry Graham & Glenda Kleppin

Products, Susie Christenson

Business:

Filling of Board Positions

After a brief discussion about the duties of the president and secretary, the board unanimously voted to elect Charles "Charly" Whitaker as president and myself, Courtney Hanson, as secretary. This leaves the position of Special Events Coordinator still available for anyone who would like to volunteer.

Web Page

Several changes were proposed for the web page. The main suggestions are as follows:

- putting up a "For Sale" area for used kiting goods
- emailing the newsletter to selected members instead of posting it on line
- keeping it updated

Collector's edition pins

Susie proposed a collector's edition pin for this year's spaghetti feed. The suggested number to be made is fifty. Carol Lord and Susie Christenson will work together to figure out the actual number and the amount of money to be spent. The board voted and the motion was passed.

Susie also informed the board that there are still one hundred and fifty 25th anniversary pins which are now on sale for \$3.00

Possible upcoming events

Ideas were bounced around the table for possible events to be held in the future. These included a second Father's Day Kite Fly, a joint educational event with the Kiwanis, and perhaps staging an event in eastern Washington.

A reminder from the treasurer

If you need money for something (other than postage, copying, or phone calls), you must bring your request before the board to be voted on. Otherwise, you may not be reimbursed for your expenses.

Fort Worden Report 2002

Yet another year of the conference has been and gone. So here is what you missed if you stayed at home this year. Again the curriculum committee came up with an excellent mix of instructors for the 2002 conference. There was, as usual, something for everyone. From the moment you registered until you wearily went home two words sum up the event; well organized.

I have always been a people watcher and always enjoy listening to kite makers new and old waxing lyrical about new techniques and little tricks. The passion to learn behind everyone is so contagious. Whether splitting bamboo or taking the thickness of a stamp down to nearly invisible. Sewing huge Star Fish or taking on the Bargello marathon. Sewing precise Box Kites or long bridled Kerori's. The bustle of workshops was all around. Beginners through to old veteran makers were all learning something new or different.

This year was the biggest raffle to date was 522 items which were raffled after each meal. The proceeds will enable the committee to bring in the vast array of teachers for next years event. 20 teachers, 25 classes! Previous bugs, such as the food have finally been resolved with a new team of catering working at the Fort. An espresso bar even appeared for the die-hard coffee drinkers. A big thank you to all of the helpers who organize this event from Registration, to Hospitality, to Raffle, to Merchandise and a big hand to all my fellow instructors. The biggest thank you of all has to go to the 150 attendees who made this year's Fort Worden Conference such a memorable event. Here are a few of the quotes from the weekend:

"A must for all who are interested in kite making"

"The best chance you get to meet with kite makers and improve your skills"

"Great people, great teachers, the best place to learn about building kites"

"3 days of intense kite making broken up with schmoozing with friends"

"Brilliant! So much to do, so little time"

"The best blend of fun, food, friends, flying and fabric this side of Texas"

So what did you miss at Fort Worden this year?

I guess if you don't know! Well.....

we will see you next year for the 20th Anniversary of the Ft Worden Kite Makers Conference.

Bazzar Poulter

If you would like to receive more information about the 20th Anniversary event, please mail, phone, fax or email your name to:

Fort Worden Kite Makers
c/o Sam Zeiler
10716 Palatine Aveune North
Seattle, WA 98133-8727

25th Anniversary Pin

The new pin is green with a red, blue or yellow kite in it. It is our 25th anniversary pin. The pin is priced at \$5 including postage.

Make check payable to :

WKA
c/o Susie Christenson
PO Box 2119, Westport, WA 98595.

From the Desk of The Ben-Franklin Kite Society

Greetings from the "Ben Franklin Kite Society" located in South Eastern Washington where the Snake, Yakima and Columbia Rivers meet. Directly on the bend of the Mighty Columbia River as it makes its way to the Pacific Ocean. The County of Benton is on one side of the Columbia River and the County of Franklin on the other. We hail from the Tri-Cities of (Richland, Kennewick and Pasco) and surrounding parts. We are Alive and Well – Dedicated to Kite Flying, Kite Safety and have a strong interest in being a part of the WKA Newsletter.

Our weather is usually mild, however, our winds can be pretty Gusty. The wind blows directly from the Southwest down the middle of the Columbia River Gorge and sweeps over the rolling hills of wheat, sagebrush and cheat grass. It is warmed and cooled by the fields, water and then rolled to bring on gusts. Sometimes the wind can be gentle or a raging sandstorm. We do see more sunshine than rain.

You may ask, where did we get the name "Ben-Franklin Kite Society"? Several years ago, around the 60's or 70's, the only active kite fliers in South Eastern Washington were Margaret and Greg Greger. They were among a small group of worldwide kite enthusiasts who would get together and share their ideas, interests and various stories of kiting. Thus, was the beginning of the AKA and a great club in the Northwest called the WKA. Together, they searched for worldwide kite flyers.

As Kiting took hold and interest grew, a small group of enthusiasts who wanted to fly kites and learn about kites began to band together in our neighborhood in the early 80's. We were first to be called the "Columbia Kite Fliers" and then changed to "The "Ben-Franklin Kite Society" because of Benton and Franklin Counties. Margaret Greger loves our group being called a "Society".

Recently, a few of our members attended a Long Beach Museum Kite Making Class taught by John and Marzlie Freeman. The class was attended by Larry & Marleen Hazen; John and Linda Zilar; and Larry and Mary Zilar. The class consisted of constructing a 10-foot, Seminole Indian Quilting Design, Genki. 2-1/2 days of laid back kite building. Thanks to John and Marzlie for their patience, understanding and Great Direction. If you can—Do attend one of these special Museum Classes. Not only are they a wealth of information but a lot of fun!

Coming Events at the World Kite Museum Workshops

Applique & Antique take to the Air April 20 & 21

Charmayne and Bob Umbower will teach you their award winning applique technique while you make a 5-foot diamond Jolly Roger Hi-Flier replica. More information will be coming but for a peek at what you'll be doing, look at www.2kiters.com and click on the Hi-Flier Project button.

May 11 & 12 - To be announced

June 1 & 2 - To be announced

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www.worldkitemuseum.com

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Long Beach, WA 98631	jkkite@willapabay.org

From the Desk of The Ben-Franklin Kite Society (cont'd)

**This coming June 15, 2002 will mark a Very Famous Anniversary.
250 Years Ago, in 1752, Ben Franklin and his son William Flew a Kite with Key attached to the Kite
String and Ben Discovered that Lightning was indeed a Discharge of Electricity.
Wherever you are, Go Fly A Kite for Ben and William on June 15.
(For Safety's Sake—Forget the Key)**

Some of our Local events coming up, as we do every year:

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| <u>April 13</u>
10:30 a.m.
to
3:00 p.m. | Columbia Crest Kite Fly,
Columbia Crest Winery, Patterson, WA
Kite Making by Greg Greger - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Larry and Mary Zilar (509) 545-6727 |
| <u>April 14</u>
10:00 a.m.
to
3:00 p.m. | Richland Kite Fly
The East End of Saint Street, Richland, Wa

Contact: Greg and Margaret Greger (509) 946-3951 |
| <u>April 27/28</u>
10:00 a.m.
to
3:00 p.m. | Kiona Winery Kite Fly and Barrel Tasting, Kiona Winery
Benton City, Wa

Contact: Greg and Margaret Greger (509) 946-3951 |

Now that you know us, that brings us down to the real purpose of this article. We all share the same interest in Kiting; Safety, Enthusiasm, Friends and the beauty of colorful kites painting the sky!
How do you join the Ben Franklin Kite Society? You are already a member in good standing, if you fly Kites Safely and have fun!

Kiting Safety Tip of the Month:

April

"Don't discard Kite Thread or String on the Ground;
Our Feathered Friends of Flight may Become Entangled."

May

"Wear Gloves when Flying Kites. Lines can Cut/Burn Fast and Deep"

"Keep Up the Spirit"
Larry "Ben", and Mary Zilar

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Portland, OR 97298
Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry Zilar
509-545-6727 or zilarlm@charter.net

British Columbia Kite-Flyer Assoc.

P.O. Box 755, 101-1001 W. Broadway
Vancouver, BC Canada V6H4E4
Membership: \$15 (CDN) or \$10.50 (USD)

Lilac City Wind Chasers - Spokane

Contact Bill or Connie Lester
509-327-2829
3524 W. Kiernan
Spokane, WA 99205
meets every Tuesday
at 4pm in Friendship Park
7200 block of North Standard

North Coast Sky Painters Kite Club

Contact Monica Barber

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

Northwest Buggy Pilots Assn.

Contact Morrie and Kelci Williams
360-268-0318 or williams@techline.com
meets 4th Saturday of every month,
Call for location

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

Contact Bruce Lambert
360-289-2717 or kitefighter@yahoo.com
meets 3rd weekend of every month,
location varies. More info on their web
page www.kitefighters.org

Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Neal Parker
Email: pres@nwskl.org
Calendar of event on their webpage
www.nwskl.org

Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn.

Contact Penny Lingenfelter
Email: prez@pcka.org
meets at Summit Library in Tacoma,
7pm,
the last Thursday of the month.
Calendar of events on their webpage
www.pcka.org

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals

Contact Four Winds Kite Shop
425-339-9334

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 of every month,
call for location.

Westport Windriders

Contact Barry Crites 60-491-8605 or
bearkites@aol.com
meets the 4th Saturday of every month
@ Grayland Beach, followed by a
potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

International Clubs

Australian Kite Assoc.

www.aka.org.au
14 Dandelion Drive
Rowville, Victoria, Australia 3178

American Kitefliers Association

Contact Mary Bos – Regional
Director
360-289-4940 or
region10@aka.kite.org
Regional webpage
www.bumperkites.org
National webpage www.aka.kite.org

Regularly Scheduled Events

**Grayland, Northwest Buggy Pilots
Assoc.** Fun flies 4th Saturday of
every month at Wash-Away Beach.
Verify location with Morrie and Kelci
Williams,
P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-
1358
(360) 268-0318 or
williams@techline.com

Ocean Shores, North Coast Sky Painters

Meets the 2nd Saturday of every
month except June, July and
September at Ocean City Lions Club
6pm. We fly in Ocean Shores or
Ocean City regularly. The June
meeting is at the Annual Ocean
Shores Challenge at the Convention
Center. We attend the Westport
Festival in masse in July and the Up
Your Winds at Pacific Beach in
September. Contact Jeff McArthur @
(425) 228-3875 or email:
windzup@nwlinc.com. Visit our
website at [http://crabble.olympnet.com/
ncsp/index.html](http://crabble.olympnet.com/ncsp/index.html)

Spokane, Lilac City Wind Chasers
Fun Flies every Tuesday, 4:00pm until
dark, at Friendship Park 7200 block of
North Standard.

Tacoma, Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

Meetings on the last Thursday of the
month at the Puyallup Library at
7:00pm. Contact is Penny
Lingenfelter.

Westport, Westport Windriders.

Meets the 4th Saturday of every
month. Fun fly and potluck. Contact
Barry Crites @ (360) 491-8605 or
bearkites@aol.com

**Whidbey Island, Whidbey Island
Kite Flyers.** Fun flies the 3rd
Saturday of each month. Contact
Lisa @ (360) 678-7052 for location
information.

WKA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Scotty & Michelle Bemis and Tommy Warren Binkley	Seattle
Charles & Patricia Bojarski	Tahuya
Maggie & Frank Chamberlain	Philadelphia PA
Mike Davis	Puyallup
Scott & Susan Davis and Brian, Lauren	Seattle
Greg Fillman children Tess, Wendy	Puyallup
Daniel Haigh	Renton
Samantha Hamilton	Oak Harbor
Christine Lingk	Everett
Pat McAfee	Bonney Lake
Carol Nelson	Ilwaco
Tom & Heike Phelps	Puyallup
Janet & John Roach and	Lakewood
Carter, Chinda, Jared, Paul, Whealon	Seattle
Dave Shattuck and Robert	Kirkland

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(US) additional for postage) to:

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

Membership includes an official WKA membership card entitling the bearer to discounts at certain kite shops and a one-year subscription to the WKA Newsletter.



WKA NEWSLETTER

The Washington Kitefliers Association Newsletter is published six times a year by the Washington Kitefliers Association.

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The Editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kiteflying. 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:

You may also send your submissions via email to:

newsletter@wkaonline.org

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

**Dedicated to
helping people know how much fun
it is
to fly kites!!**

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For items relating to kites or kitefliers. 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, mail to :

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Seattle, Washington 98109

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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 to WKA. Mail to:

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Pacific Science Center
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Seattle, Washington 98109

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