



Newsletter

October / November 2002

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WKA?

Here's a look...

WKA General Meeting

It's time again for our General Membership Meeting. It will be held at the Drachen Foundation on Nov. 2nd starting at noon. See page 6 for details.

A Call To Arms

O.K., it's time to play "Steal the Flag" (or Banner, as it happens). For all of you who have preferred to sleep on "Terrific Tuesday" at WSIKF rather than participate, PCKA has managed to take the "Terrific Tuesday Top Team" banner for the last four years in a row. To add to the insult, this year there was a trophy and they got that too! All members of WKA are hereby alerted that we will be forming a new team for WSIKF 2003 to give PCKA some real competition. Volunteers are needed because it takes ten people to make up a team. There is no practical limit to the number of teams that can participate, so come on out and help! We have some fun ideas about how to approach this competition, and more suggestions will be welcomed.

New Kite Classification

The first "official" fly of a new kite class will take place on 01 January 2003 at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. The class is "Amoeba" and the arguments will rage furiously about what qualifies for it. Here's a clue: Circloflexes and Spinning Jannys fit but spinning box kites don't. Already tired of thinking about what it could be? The amoeba is a single-celled critter and only single-celled kites may be in the new class. Go through your bag and figure out what you have that may qualify. The class rules are simple, just like the kites:

1. It can only have or be one celled.
2. It must be able to fly by itself (no line laundry type thing).
3. Any arguments as to what fits will be settled by one or both of the two judges, Jerry Graham and/or Stan Shelhamer. The judges' ruling is final, arbitrary, and probably capricious. And remember they can be bribed! (Chocolate chip cookies may work...)

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WARNING!

Fellow Retail Kite Shop owners.
The Gasworks Park Kite Shop is issuing this bulletin:

Be on the lookout for a family of shoplifters.

We lost a Prism large bag as well as a Prism Ozone and a spoiler. The sad part is that it is a father and 2 son operation. The father will keep the store representative busy while the kid lifts the stuff and takes it to the car. The car is an older model small black pickup with a canopy. It appears they lift the goods and then try to sell it back to another store. The father also had an Illusion and black, red and white Level One that he said he got at the coast.

The younger kid is about 4' tall, pudgy with bright yellow blond hair. The other kid is between 14 & 15 with brown hair. The father is medium build about 5'10" to 6'0" and husky. He is very tan, has a mustache, wears a baseball hat and has a large bat winged demon like tattoo on his right inner forearm.

If we spot him in our store again, our plan is to follow him and his kids around in the store so they know we are aware. If he tries to sell us something we are going to accost him and tell him point blank we know the items are stolen. We hope to get his license plate as well and hope you will try too.

Please pass this info onto to your flyers. We feel they are in jeopardy as well.

Upcoming Events

October

- 12, 13 "One Sky, One World" Fly for Peace, World Kite Museum, Long Beach
- 13 "One Sky, One World" Fly for Peace, BCKA, Vanier Park Vancouver B.C.
- 19 NFKA fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle WA

November

- 2 WKA General Meeting, starts at noon, Drachen Foundation, 1905 Queen Anne Ave. N., Seattle
- 11 Remembrance Day Fun Fly, BCKA, Garry Point, Richmond B.C.
- 16 NFKA, Elma Track Field, Elma WA



October 12 & 13

The World Kite Museum invites you to have fun flying kites in celebration and respect for the beauty of cultural diversity. This worldwide kite event began in 1986 and is observed the second weekend in October in cultures around the globe. Join us for the annual International Kite-fly for World Peace.

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.

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Home of Goodwind's Kites
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Gasworks Park Kite Shop
3420 Stone Way N. Seattle

From the Desk of The Ben-Franklin Kite Society

For October November 2002

August 31, 2002

Greetings, Again, from the "Ben Franklin Kite Society" (BFKS) located in South Eastern Washington where the Snake, Yakima and Columbia Rivers meet

On a beautiful Friday, August 2, Glenn and Linda Garman of the BFKS were invited to give a Kite Demonstration along with the Tri-City Radio Controlled Model Plane Club and a few Ultra-Lite Flyers for the ARC (Association for Retarded Children) here in Richland. The winds were light so they put up banners and tried a few single line kites. When a thermal would come through, Glenn would launch one of his Prisms and allow the kids to join him to fly. He soon had a line forming and not enough wind. He managed to help all who wanted to fly and some twice. During the four hours of events, two groups of kids, parents, Counselors and demonstrators consumed over 300 hot dogs. The Ultra-Lite Aircraft even made candy drops. The counselors were young people between the ages of 15 to 20, two per kid and very attentive. Glenn and Linda were invited back next year, as this is an annual event. They are encouraging the rest of the BFKS to join in also. Glenn said, This is one of the best Community service events he and his wife have participated in.

This year at the WSIKF, members of the Local BFKS Group attended. They were Greg and Margaret Greger, Vi and Elmo Weeks, Larry and Marleen Hazen, John and Linda Zilar, and Larry and Mary Zilar. On Friday of the Festival, Margaret Greger and Tal Streeter received the Award of the latest Inductees into "The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame". While I visited with Margaret at her home, a few days later, She remarked, that It is quite an honor to be in such company as Ben Franklin, Francis Rogallo and Charley Brown. We, who know Margaret and live near her, also feel honored to be in the company of "A Great Within Kiting". "Congratulations and Thank You, Margaret". The nominees and inductees are selected because of their contributions and influence on others for the promotion of kiting and voted upon by a handful of kilters at various locations around the world. I suggest that all kilters get to know "The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame" and support its existence. Never know, you too, may be recognized for your contribution to kiting. Margaret started writing books on kiting because she felt that some one should write down instructions. This evolved into some great kite books and "Kites for Everyone" The Saturday Night Banquet and Auction for the Museum went off with much excitement. Mary, Linda, John and Larry Zilar worked closely with Sharon who works at the Museum to set up the Auction. Many Kilters took home some great kites and memorabilia and had the satisfaction of donating to the Museum. Thanks to the Donators and Bidders. The Table Center Pieces were donated by the Zilars and taken home by lucky winners.

This was a perfect end to summer and a Great burnout on kites. We know the meaning of "TACO-KICHI" ("KITE-MANIAC")

October – "ONE SKY ONE WORLD" – Some of the BFKS will be flying at Columbia Point Park. See you there!

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

CONGRATULATION MARGARET GREGER!!
For being one of the newest members in the World Kite
Hall of Fame

10th ANNUAL OREGON KITEMAKERS RETREAT 2003

As summer is in full swing and we are spending time at festivals flying all of our wonderful creations, the OKR Committee has been finalizing plans for your winter's entertainment.

We are looking forward to you joining us for our 10th Annual Retreat at Twin Rocks Friends Camp January 16-19, 2003. It is going to be a great weekend of kite building, fun, and a time to catch up with your fellow kite enthusiasts. The following is the list of instructors for the upcoming retreat:

- ✕ Kathy Goodwin – Rainbow Aerial Star
- ✕ Phil Scarfi – Para-Foil
- ✕ Sam Huston – No-Sew Dellaporta
- ✕ Ron Gibian – Something designed exclusively for OKR 2003
- ✕ Rod Thrall – 6ft Crayon Wind Sock with a 12ft Ribbon Tail
- ✕ Don Mock – Sticks and Bridling Techniques
- ✕ Gerry Pennell – Basic Kitebuilding (a must for any beginner!)
- ✕ Scott Spencer – Star Facet Kite
- ✕ Sue Clark – 4 Panel T-Shirt Quilt
- ✕ Barry Poulter – Tyvek Snowflake/Star
- ✕ Charlie Sotich – Miniature Kites

The inclusive cost for this fun filled weekend is \$175.00 with a \$25.00 discount if registered and paid for before December 1, 2002, this fee includes housing and all meals.

We are again offering event shirts, but only if you register early. The T-shirt will be Aqua in color, the Long Sleeve Mock Turtleneck T-shirt will be Ivy, the Sweatshirt will be Birch, and the ever popular Long Sleeve Denim shirt.

For an informational packet please contact:

Oregon Kitemakers Retreat
c/o Barb Wright
2604 E 34th Street
Vancouver, WA 98663
(360) 750-7772

e-mail: orkitemkrs@aol.com

Diane Weber, OKR Committee Member

“Ben’s” Kiting Safety Tips for the Month:

October

When Flying Kite – Most of your time will be spent looking up, not around. Know your flying field, wind direction and obstacles.

November

Spectators love to see you fly your kites – small, large or controllable. Keep the kite and people in a position to watch – Not Watch Out.

“Keep Up the Spirit”

Larry “Ben”, and Mary Zilar



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Phone: 360-642-4020
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jkite@wiliapabay.org

WHIDBEY ISLAND KITE FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2003

Application for scholarship to:

___ Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference
(full registration fee for one individual)

Feb 28 - March 3, 2003

___ World Kite Museum Class

Year _____

(class registration fee plus \$75 per day lodging stipend - arrival night before class, and night(s) of class)

Date of application: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check if applicable:

I have never before attended the Fort Worden Kitemakers' Conference

I have never before attended a kitemaking class at the World Kite Museum

Return completed application form to:

WIKFA

PO Box 1320

Coupeville, WA 98239-1320

Deadline for application:

October 31, 2002

Applications must be received by October 31 in order to be eligible for scholarship for the following calendar year. All applications will be selected by the WIKFA board by drawing, and scholarships awarded in order of drawing until all scholarship funds for the year are depleted (giving preference to those persons who have never attended either of the two kitemaking events). Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than November

WKA 25th Anniversary Pins

On sale now

\$3.00 a piece

To purchase, contact Susie Christenson
susiec@techline.com



**Didn't get your 2002 Spaghetti
Feed Pin?**

We have a limited number left to
sell. Only \$5.00 a piece.

To purchase, contact Susie Christenson
susiec@techline.com

WKA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Come join us at the Drachen Foundation for our general membership meeting on Nov. 2nd! It all starts at noon. Besides the normal club business, we will be discussing all the new and fun things we want to accomplish in the upcoming year. Several of the board members have some pretty interesting ideas up their sleeves. Monthly kite flies and teams for WSIKF 2003 are just a start! We will also have door prizes, a surprise activity, and a goodbye/well-wishing party for Ken Howard, WKA's former vice president.

Directions to Drachen Foundation, 1905 Queen Anne Avenue North (Seattle), From I-5 North or South. Take Mercer Ave Exit. Stay in left lane to turn Left on Fairview. Proceed south on Fairview to Denny. Turn Right on Denny St. – head West to lower Queen Anne. You will pass the Seattle Center, Space Needle on the right. Turn Right on First Ave. North. Turn Left on Roy St. (one way street going West) and go one block. Move to right lane immediately turn right on Queen Anne Avenue North. Proceed up the hill to the top of Queen Anne and Howe St. Building is located across from Thriftway. Entrance is to the left, across from "Pat's on the Ave" coffee shop. Proceed up the stairs or elevator to the 2nd Floor.

2002 WKA SPAGHETTI FEED & RAFFLE

by Carol Lord and Sylvia Bernauer

Another Spaghetti Feed is under our belts (pun intended). We exceeded all other years in the number of people fed and funds raised. Over 220 people attended the event and contributed \$3,827.75 for dinner, raffle, auction and pins. Our costs were \$1,497.41 for a net of \$2,760.34. This was an increase of over \$700 from the previous year. This is our one and only fundraiser during the year and it will help carry us through for another year.



The "Tom" parafoil

We would like to thank everyone that helped out; all who helped cook, sell tickets and provide the wonderful raffle items. There were so many great items!! Thanks also to all you generous ticket purchasers and auction winners.

There are some special drawings that take place each year. The drawing for the WKA/Sisson Scholarship to the 2003 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference was won by Rodger Clark, husband of Creda. Congratulations to Rodger!

The raffle ticket bag for the "Tom" parafoil kite was shaken up and the winning ticket drawn this year was from Kay Woodring. She and Mike definitely have big plans to keep this kite in the air! Our winner last year, Bill Watson, has added a festival pin collection to travel with the kite and its flight journal book. Tom Sisson would have been very pleased about the pins, according to Jean, and she also thought this was a great idea.

Linda Writer graciously donated three of her father's kites. They were auctioned off and the winner of a flare kite was David Butler. David also had the top bid for a French Military; and Rob Pratt has added a diamond kite to his Harold Writer kite collection.

Thanks again to everyone who came and made the event a huge success!

LOST AND FOUND

Father's Day Kite Fly — one pair of leather gloves found.

Spaghetti Feed — Elizabeth King lost a pink disposable camera.

Contact Sylvia Bernauer if these are your items or if you have found these items.

THE PRESIDENT'S SOAP BOX

Greetings,

I usually try to limit my trips to the soapbox to one idea at a time if possible. That won't work this month though. There are many things I wanted to cover this issue.

1st I want to let everyone know that the WKA has 3 new board members since the last issue. Courtney Hanson has moved up to become your new Vice President. Patrick Adriatico has stepped up to become our new newsletter editor. Phil Hodgkiss has become our new events coordinator. Please welcome them next time your at an event. I would like to remind all you members that the WKA is still seeking some kind warm blooded volunteer to step up as our new secretary, and we are looking for a field safety officer as well. If there are any volunteers out there among you, please make plans to attend our November 2nd general meeting.

2nd For those who didn't make it out to North Bend for the "Meadow Brook Preservation Society" fly on September 14th. You missed a fun event. As a result there is a new kite club forming in the North Bend area. The clubs name is the "Mount Si Wind Chasers" Anyone interested in helping form the club, or who may be interested in becoming a member please contact Phil Hodgkiss at philhodgkiss@holtmail.com

3rd The WKA is very sorry we lost the old domain name, and had to switch to this new one. **Our new URL is www.wka-kiteflyers.org** We apologize for any inconveniences it may have caused any of our members. The new domain name is now the property of the WKA, like the old one should have been. Please pass the new URL on to any others you may know. We need to get the word out to anyone who may have the old one instead. The WKA is trying it's best to spread the word, but would greatly appreciate our members spreading it as well. Thanks all. Our new webmaster Tom Mallard has been busy rebuilding the web site, and needs members to send in your pictures for our photo gallery. We especially need photos of home made kites, wind socks, banners and etc., if you care to send them in. We appreciate your help as we rebuild the photo section. Thanks to Rick White for his very generous contributions to get it going.

4th I would also like to encourage all clubs to send us their newsletters, or items for our newsletter. The WKA wants to work closer with the different clubs, and help to promote the sport of kite flying in general. We have many members state wide, and would like to be better able to promote the clubs, or events near them if possible.

Sincerely Yours
Charly

Recent Board News

In August, Ken Howard, WKA's club vice president, submitted his resignation and it was accepted by the board. Ken is deep in the middle of a significant house remodel, which has absorbed most of his time. The entire board wishes to thank Ken for serving in this board position for the past two years. Besides serving at the right hand of two WKA presidents, Ken was an integral part of the two successful Seattle Celebration of Kites- Father's Day Festivals, working as a volunteer coordinator. Ken will continue to attend WKA events, and as time allows, pursue his passion of flying dual and quad-liners. He particularly enjoys simultaneously flying 2 Imperials or SUL Grifhons on Seattle's Sandpoint Kite Hill.

Kite Clubs

REGIONAL

Associated Oregon Kitters

Contact Judy Brown
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P.O. Box 25616
Portland, OR 97298
Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter

Basin Kitefliers Association

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

Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
509-327-7974 or email:
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
360-268-0318 or email:

williams@techline.com
meets 4th Saturday of every
month, call for location

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

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

Northwest Sport Kite League

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

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 corner
of National & Loxie Egan Blvd)

Pierce County Kitefliers Assn.

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

Snohomish County Incredible Fly- ing 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
360-491-8605 or email:
bearkites@aol.com
meets the 4th Saturday of every
month @ Grayland Beach, followed
by a potluck at Willapa Grange Hall

INTERNATIONAL

American Kitefliers Association

Contact Mary Bos - Regional
Director 360-289-4940 or
Email: region10@aka.kite.org
Regional website:
www.aka.kite.org/region10
National website: www.aka.kite.org

British Columbia Kite-Flyer Assoc.

P.O. Box 755,
101-1001 W. Broadway
Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 4E4
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www.bcka.bc.ca

*If you know of any other kite club and
would like to see them listed here,
send their info to:
courtney_a_hanson@hotmail.com*

WKA Welcomes new members

Jeanie Dantzler	Seattle
John & Marzlie Freeman	Parksville B.C.
Margaret Hagaman	Bellevue
Bud & Linda Hayes	Camas
and Kelsey & Kirstie	
Phil Hodgkiss & Joni Tall	North Bend
William & Kathy Johnson	North Bend
and Jamie & Katie	
Teresa & Steve Lay	Spokane
Michael & Vicki Lewis	Belfair
Ed & Kim McNichol	Mill Creek
Lynn & Reva Miller	Moses Lake
Robert Curzon	Portland, OR
Justin & Jennifer Rygel	Federal Way
Clark Stern	Moses Lake
Ralph & Harriet Stockbridge	Lakewood
Mary Ann and Vivienne	Lincoln City, OR
Youngblood	

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:

Washington Kitefliers Association
C/O Pacific Science Center
200 Second Ave. N.
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 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
or
wkaeditor@hotmail.com

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.

Washington Kitefliers Association

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Safety

Position Available

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 to WKA. Mail to:

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Seattle, WA 98109

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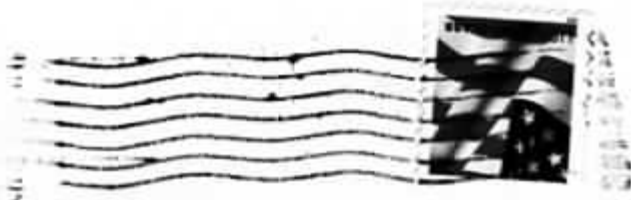
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Names of additional family members

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