



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

"INDOOR INSIGHTS" (tm)

by: Jeannette Mandanas

"Galvin Joins Forces with the WKA"

Well it's been quite awhile since I've been in touch. '98 was a bit consuming to say the least for me, but I'm off to a great start in '99 and would love to share my ventures with you.

After many unsuccessful attempts to acquire space for indoor flying groups this year, I was quite disappointed & continuously denied! I tried several school districts, High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools, but nothing opened up. With the weather turning colder & the precipitation level rising, I began to chomp at the bit for a flying space only to land the greatest opportunity through good old word of mouth networking!

I was introduced to the facilities manager at Galvin Flying Services at Boeing Field in Seattle, and was invited to look at their available space.

Now mind you - the conversation on the phone went something like "I have two hangars which are used for maintenance & storage that you can take a look at. We could probably move things around for you & give you the use of about 1/2 of the space". Visually, I was not connecting. My imagination led me to a dirty, cold, have to work around the situation vision. Well I'm sure I don't have to explain to some of you what I found!

David (Jam - VP of WKA) and I went to meet Mr. Keegley the very next Friday night. He greeted us with a big smile & a positive attitude. He asked a few questions about our club & what we did & how many flyers gather for indoor flying, etc., all while walking us over to the site. He began to give us details of the size before our approach. The hangar (#2), was 130' x 130' with 30' ceilings. No internal draft, but 2 code required heaters in the very top of the ceiling which did not produce much air flow. As the hangar is used for

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

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holdover, he suggested that upon our arrival they could remove the planes from 1/2 of the facility leaving us with 130' x 65' with 30' ceilings, with no interference! When we entered the unit my mouth about fell to my knees, however it was only a dream. I couldn't imagine the cost & how many people would be interested on a regular basis. After a bit more small talk & looking around, it finally

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The President's Prose

I want to start out this column by thanking all those on the WKA board for serving last year and agreeing to serve this year also.

As we start the New Year there are a few things that I would like to see our club do.

First off I would like to see the monthly fun fly's continue, but maybe moving to different locations along with our usual Magnuson Park location. One suggestion is Golden Gardens Park, if you have an idea let me know.

I also would like the WKA to have a presence on the Internet. I am looking for people who are interested in helping shape the WKA web site. If you have any ideas or resources let me know and we will form an online committee to create the WKA home page. One person has already agreed to help, so you would not be alone if you decided to help. Even if you don't have time to help at least send us your idea on what kind information would be useful to you.

I want to know what the membership thinks the WKA should be doing, what we are doing right and what we are doing less right. This is your club and I as the president want your input as to our direction into the next year.

Rob Pratt

Swap Meet

"2nd Annual Super Big Kite Swap Meet"

WHERE: Mainframe Kite Shop parking lot

WHEN: Sunday, February 21, 1999 {rain or shine}

TIME: (9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM)

Huge kite test/fly area behind kite shop

Just remember, the kite you no longer fly or want anymore, that there is someone out there that may want your kite.

Our goal this year is to exceed a turnout in excess of 300.

Herb Andrews

Food Bank Thanks You

Dear Washington Kitefliers Association,

Thank you very much for your great generosity of \$765 to the Fife Milton Edgewood NE Tacoma Food Bank. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We all wish you a happy holiday and a great new year.

God bless you all.

Marian Wetsck

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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:

Bill & Jeannette Rogers

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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.

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.

W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Zyanya Breuer
Jerry Cannon
Marcia Cannon
Janice Ricketts
Stephen Tarilton

Mercer Island
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Auburn
Marysville
Seattle

Welcome to all our new members who joined WKA in 1998. We have added 49 new households to our membership this past year. Another big Thank You to all of our members that have renewed their memberships this year. As of this writing, 73% of our members have renewed for 1999. Thanks again to all of you.

Sylvia Bernauer, Membership

Indoor Insights

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came down to the nitty gritty! What's the Price???" "Exactly how much would it cost our organization to rent a facility such as this?" - With a momentary silence (as I held my breath), he looked at me and said "Cost? There would be no cost - we'd let you use it for free."

FREE, my mouth spewed, FREE, 0\$, NO RENT, NO EXCHANGE OF CURRENCY -NO WAY! Well you can only imagine the pace at which my heart was beating. I can't believe I refrained from jumping up & down, but now came another big question -How often can we use it? "How often?" he replied, how often would you like it?" Well the beats in my heart quickly escalated to the palpitations of a little girl in a dress shop!

YIPPEE SKIPPY, I was shouting inside my head, YIPPEE SKIPPY! When that brief moment passed and allowed me to return to reality, I responded "our flying schedule was once a week, usually on a Friday night from around 6:00pm to 10:00pm ish. Would something like that work out?" He replied "Friday nights- sure Friday nights are good".

And that's how Galvin Flying Services joined forces with the WKA.

WOW, beyond my wildest dreams, I could not imagine landing such a wonderful opportunity for our organization. I would like to thank all of you who continuously supported our campaign at the High School and Middle School in Fall City & Snoqualmie which urged me to continue the search for a place to fly in '99.

Anyone is welcome to come and fly with us. I would just ask a few things of you:

1. Call or e-mail me. I need to give a head count (you can also call or e-mail me for directions)
2. Be courteous & considerate when you go through the office. The desk attendant will direct you to the hangar.
3. Bring a chair.
4. Dress in layers. The floor is concrete & can be cold initially. Once you begin to fly you'll warm up & want to remove some the those layers.
5. Share the floor.
6. Come ready to have fun!

I've also suggested to bring a treat now & then for the Facilities Crew, I'm sure they'd appreciate it.

Thanks to everyone who enjoys the sport as much as I do & to all of you who wish to learn. Come One Come All! & Merry Christmas.

Windlessly Yours (tm)

Oregon Kitemakers Retreat

Rob Pratt

On The third weekend in January, the Twin Rocks Friends Camp comes alive with kitemakers of all levels. This year was the second time I attended OKR and the second time I had a great time!

The classes were varied and all well presented. The featured instructor was Stretch Tucker from Florida, you might remember him as on of the guests at WSIKF in 1998. Among the others teaching classes were Jose Sainz, Scott Hampton, Bary Crites, Sue Clark, Gerry Pennell and Mary Yoshimi. I took Stretch Tucker's Parafoil class and came out with a 15 square foot kite. Stretch's class was not all kite making he also provided some fascinating insights on the way Dom Jalbert designed the parafoil and how forgiving the design actually is. As it turns out Jalbert was not the most careful of kite builders, some of his methods were haphazard, but they worked. Boy does that make me feel better about some of the things I have done. I also took Mary Yoshimi's class on the Ohashi diamond train, this class used some traditional techniques along with modern, and the class was a great break from the intense sewing and thinking done in other classes.

Some of the other classes offered were Jose Sainz's Applique' methods; Scott Hampton taught a Banner class using his piecing technique; Bary Crites taught a version of his Sport kite; Sue Clark showed people various methods of choosing colors for projects; our own Tom Sisson taught a class on how to teach kites to children. There were also classes on no sew rokakus, kite bags, and wind socks.

One of the nice things about OKR is the size of the retreat, the smaller size allows for conversation time and getting to know the people you are with. The facilities are great, the camp staff is most helpful and they do a wonderful job on the meals. The OKR committee does a great job getting a variety of classes, and should be commended for having things run so smoothly. Great Job Guys!

All in all it was a great weekend and I highly recommend the OKR to any kiter, there is something useful for every skill level and a good time to be had.

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WKA Membership Contest

25th Anniversary Year Membership Contest to End Soon

You have until the "Friday Evening Welcome" on March 20 at the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference to submit your entries for this contest. Give the gift of a membership in WKA to a friend or relative that would benefit from your generosity - and would have a great time flying kites. The prize of a Free Year of Membership and a set of WKA pins awaits the member that refers the most New Individual or Family Households to WKA.

Your entries must be received by March 18 (by mail) or hand carried and delivered to a Board Member on Friday, March 20. The winner will be announced at the WKA General Membership meeting on Saturday, March 21.

KTAI Show - quick impressions

Editors note: This was taken from a recent posting to rec.kites.

Just got back from the annual Kite Trade Assoc. show in Clearwater. A few of the highlights-

- Flying Wings unveiled two new kites, both designed by Martin Schob, of "Tricktail" fame. The Utopia was the hit of the entire show. A curved tail, separate panels for the center section and wings, and a ton of adjustability. This kite is a light wind trick wonder. Wednesday nite, with almost zero wind, it was flying well. Also, the Ikon is a low cost kite with the curved tail of the Tricktail. Both kites are great values, and very attractive.

- Shanti was showing the new "B2", designed by Russ Faulk of the Chicago Fire. Nice graphics, reminiscent of the old "Fire Bee". A good flier also, the kite has a very taut sail for efficient flight.

- Level One showed the prototype of a kite with the working title of "V-Max". I spent a lot of time on this kite, it is wonderful. Very trickable, and awesomely precise. This one would make a great pairs or team kite.

- Lots of cool, inexpensive single-liners. Spectra Star has a new line of rokkakus that look pretty good, and are darned inexpensive. Go Fly A Kite has also expanded their selection of wind toys and single-liners... watch for them at your local kite store.

- Prism scored the surprise of the show, unveiling a foil! This dual-liner is noteworthy in that it is designed for easy stacking. After their very public way of unveiling the Prophecy, they sucker-punched everyone with this surprise. Those folks are marketing wonders.

This is by no means a comprehensive account of all that went on. We will have full coverage in the next KiteLife.com, starting on March 1.

Mike Gillard

<http://www.kitelife.com>

Follow up to above article:

Also take note of Spirt of Air's Rapier in the low end starter range, and my personal favorite The Paradox.

I'm a big fan of the SOA/Dodd Gross Omega XS and the Paradox is a very deserving sibling. Just as trickable and requiring less wind to move. The Mylar effects are awesome as well giving a very beautiful appearance in the sky. As always the workmanship is outstanding.

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Editor's Echo

The time to do the newsletter snuck up on me this time. I am sitting here getting ready to watch the Super Bowl and finishing up the newsletter. I should be out flying but...

I pulled an article out of rec.kites for this issue. It was suggested to me that I should do this on occasion and I thought it was a good idea. The one for this time is a write up and follow up from the KTAI that was just recently held in Florida. I am drooling over a couple of those kites, gotta have them!

Please send me the dates for the festivals coming up this spring/summer. It will be upon us before we know it. I can't wait, all this rain is getting old. I heard a rumour that Prism's new kite isn't ready yet due to all the rain.

Check out Jeannette Mandanas indoor article for an alternative to waiting for the rain to stop. It sounds pretty exciting.

Good winds to you all.

Bill and Jeannette Rogers



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Sisson Anniversary Celebration

KITEFLIERS: You are invited to share our celebration of 50 years of marriage April 10, 1999

WHO: Jean & Tom Sisson

WHERE: Renton Senior Center, 211 Burnett Ave N., Renton, WA (see map)

TIME: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

RSVP: Not necessary, but appreciated.

425-432-3976 - Daughter Diane or us at 206-725-3615

No gifts, just friendship!

Renton Senior Activity Center Driving Instructions

From I-5: Take I-405, Renton exit. Take I-405 for about 2 miles. Take Renton #2 exit onto Rainier Avenue. Follow Rainier Avenue for 7 signal lights. Turn right onto Airport Way. Follow Airport Way through 2 lights. Cross the Cedar River Bridge and immediately take a right into the Activity Center parking lot.

From I-405 (going south): Take exit #5. Follow Park Avenue N. for approx. 1 mile to N. 4th St. (AM/PM station on right). Turn right onto N. 4th St. (one way street) and get into far left hand lane. Go 4 blocks to Burnett Ave. No. Turn left, go 2 blocks. Activity Center is on the right.



Kite Calendar

Event organizers, please contact Bill and Jeannette Rogers at (360) 697-2917 or billrogers@earthlink.net by the first of odd numbered months with Kite Calendar information. Please include as a minimum the date, time, place, contact person, phone number, and email address (if applicable).

FEBRUARY

February 13-14, 1999

The Long Beach Wave or Bargello Quilting in the Sky. John Freeman, experienced Bargello quilter and kitemaker, says this workshop will produce a 3'X 5' wow the spectators kite. The cost of \$40 includes all fabric, graphite rods, fittings, bridle lines and tail. If you can sew a straight line you can make this kite. Participants need to bring sewing machine and regular sewing stuff (scissors, seam ripper, thread-poly black and white, pencil, imagination.) Also, if you have them: roller cutter, long straight edge, weights and biggest cutting mat you can get your hands on.

Classes start at 10 am. Call the World Kite Museum at 360-642-4020 or email Jody at jkite@willapabay.org for more information.

February 25, 1999

Change in PCKA Meeting Place. The meeting will be held at the Puyallup Branch Library, 324 South Meridian. This is located on the West side of Meridian just South of Pioneer Ave. There is parking on the street in front and a small parking area and street parking in the rear. Enter the building through the main doors.

MARCH

March 19-21, 1999

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference at Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, Port Townsend, WA. For information and registration contact Bob Alford at 425-888-2812 or email balford@cnw.com.

March 20-21, 1999

Fun Fly at Pacific Beach. An informal get together of kites to do your own thing. For more information contact Herb Andrews at 253-627-1653.

March 25, 1999

Change in PCKA Meeting Place. Meeting will be held at the Library Processing Center, 112th and Waller Road, Tacoma. There will be a Pot Luck dinner followed by Fort Worden show-and-tell. Meeting time is changed to 6:30 PM so you won't starve before arrival. Everyone bring a dish with about 10 servings to share. Main course dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, whatever you feel like bringing. Club will provide dishes, etc.

March 27-28, 1999

Dragon's With a Distinctive Design. Heloise Lockman of White Bird Kites will teach the sky-striking serpent dragon made famous in this country by their company. You will complete a 35' dragon kite from bolts of nylon taffeta in colors of your choice. Heloise will create a special workshop design for the head that can be used for you may provide your own artwork. You will need to bring a sewing machine, scissors, and thread. All other materials will be supplied.

Classes start at 10 am. Call the World Kite Museum at 360-642-4020 or email Jody at jkite@willapabay.org for more information.

APRIL

April 10, 1999

Jean & Tom Sisson Anniversary Celebration. You are invited to share our celebration of 50 years of marriage at the Renton Senior Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N., Renton, WA. Time is from 1PM to 4PM. RSVP not necessary but appreciated. Contact Daughter Diane at 425-432-3976 or us at 206-725-3615. No gifts, just friendship.

April 17-18, 1999

Fun Fly at Pacific Beach. An informal get together of kites to do your own thing. For more information contact Herb Andrews at 253-627-1653.

MAY

May 15-16, 1999

Hagaman Pocket Parafoil. This kite not only will give you a piece of the famous Hagaman Parafoil design; it will fit behind the seat of any vehicle or in a backpack so you can fly anywhere. Terry Shields has perfected this 5 square foot kite by making it many times. The class, which will cost \$20, includes the fabric, bridle lines, and rings. You will need to bring a sewing machine, scissors, and thread.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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 Bill & Jeannette Rogers Editors, P.O. Box 2393, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

For Sale

Brand new Prism Eclipse, Purple, Teal, Black \$150.00 or offer.

~~Like new Rev Land handles - Hot Pink & Grape \$115.00 or offer.~~

Contact Dave Christenson (360) 268-1123 weekends or buggyone@juno.com

WKA Patch

Patches featuring the WKA logo are available for \$4 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 8357, Tacoma, WA 98418.

WKA 3-Pin Sets

The new WKA pins are a 3 pin set that, when put together, form a Rokkaku. The center pin lists all of the kite clubs in the WKA. The 3 pin set is priced at \$10 including postage (\$11 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 8357, Tacoma, WA 98418.

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 the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 8357, Tacoma, WA 98418.

REGIONAL CLUBS

ASSOCIATED OREGON KITERS

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

BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

Contact Greg or Margaret Greger at (509) 943-3951

BRITISH COLUMBIA KITEFLYERS ASSOCIATION

Box 755, 101-1001 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, CANADA V6H4E4. Membership \$15.00 Canadian or \$10.50 US. Our website is www.bcka.bc.ca

kgb - KITE GROUP OF BOISE

Gary Self, 5403 Paulson Circle, Boise, ID 83704. Individual membership \$7.00 includes a quarterly (?) newsletter.

LILAC CITY WIND CHASERS

Meets every Tuesday (during daylight savings), 5:00 PM, Friendship Park, 7200 block of N Standard. Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane, WA 99205 (509) 327-2829 blester@ix.netcom.com.

NORTH COAST SKY PAINTERS KITE CLUB

Our club contact person is Secretary Jeff McArthur 425-228-3875 and e-mail at windzup@nwlink.com. Our web site is <http://crabble.oly.net.com/NCSP/index.html>

NORTHWEST BUGGY PILOTS ASSN.

Contact Morrie and Kelci Williams, P.O. Box 1358, Westport, WA 98595-1358 (360) 268-0318 williams@techline.com. Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually at Washaway Beach, Grayland. Check with Morrie and Kelci for current location.

PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLYERS ASSN.

Contact Dick Curran (253) 927-8779. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Call for details.

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Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (425) 339-9334.

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YAKIMA VALLEY KITE FLYERS

Contact Rod Yarger (509) 453-4679. 209 N 24th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS

Contact Barry Crites (360) 491-8605. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the 4th Sunday of each month. Call for location and details.

NORTHWEST FIGHTER KITE ASSOCIATION, NFKA

A club for fighter kite fans. Our mission is fly and have fun with fighters, so thats what we do. Information about membership should be directed to Bruce Lambert (360) 289-2717 brucel@techline.com. The membership fee is \$15 per person, paid one time. No annual dues. We meet and fly the 3rd Saturday of the month. Visit our web site at <http://www.eskimo.com/~johnsen/nfka/>

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 williams@techline.com

OCEAN SHORES, North Coast Sky Painters. Meets the second Saturday of every month except June, July and September at the Ocean City Lions Club 6PM Standard and 7PM Daylight Savings time. 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 Wesport Festival in masse in July and the Up Your Winds at Pacific Beach in September. Our club contact person is Secretary Jeff McArthur 425-228-3875 and e-mail at windzup@nwlink.com. Our web site is <http://crabble.olympnet.com/NCSP/index.html>

SPOKANE, Lilac City Wind Chasers. Fun flies every Tuesday, 4:00 PM until dark, at Friendship Park, 7400 block of North Standard.

TACOMA, Pierce County Kitefliers Assoc. Meetings on the last Thursday of the month at Summit Branch of Pierce Co. Library, 7:00 PM. Contact Dick Curran (253) 927-8779.

EVERETT, SCI-FI. Fun flies 2nd Sunday every month, 10th Street boat launch, Everett WA. Contact Four Winds Kite Shop (425) 339-9334.

WESTPORT, Westport Windriders. 4th Saturday every month. Fun fly and potluck. Contact Barry Crites 360-491-8605.

DO ANY OTHER CLUBS HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO LIST?

If so, send the information to the *WKA Newsletter* (address on page 2)

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25th Anniversary Year!

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200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109



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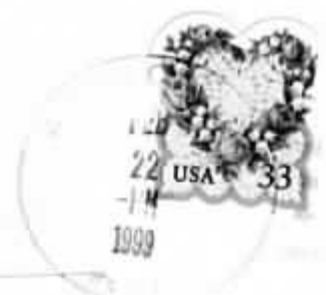
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