



Newsletter

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

KITE WORKSHOP

A Winter workshop for all kite flyers who are interested in judging, field work and league competitions will be held at the Ocean Shores Community Club. In addition we will have a round table discussion for preparing precision and ballet routines. The Anticipated dates are April 1st and 2nd. The workshops will be held indoors on Saturday and weather permitting on the beach Sunday.

Cutting Edge Kite Shop will sponsor two one day events this coming Spring and Fall. In addition we would like to discuss the possibility of additional one day events in other locations.

It is extremely important that every sport kiter attend this event to communicate their thoughts and ideas. Let us know if you are planning to attend. If you are unable to attend, we are still interested in hearing from you with your ideas.

We will confirm the date as soon as we receive input from you (the flyers) and confirmation from the head judges.

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

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Tom Sisson Memorial Fly

Jan. 1, 1999

*Our Annual "Beat the
Bowls Fly" will be combined
to include a Memorial Fly
for Tom Sisson a long time
patriarch of the WKA who
passed away at 11:20 am, 2
Dec. 99. Please plan to
attend and fly a kite in his
honor. The fly will be at
Golden Gardens Park in
Seattle. Time: 11:00 till ?*

The Presidents Letter

Hello again, as the year comes to an end I want to take time to thank all of the volunteers who make the many fine events in the Northwest happen. From the people who set the fields up to those who clean up after an event, you all have a lot to be proud of. I think that we have some of the finest kite events in the nation, from the smallest to the largest and we owe it to those people who take time out of their schedules to plan and execute these events. So from the rest of us I want to say thanks for all your hard work through out the year.

Speaking of events we will be starting out the kite flying year once again at Golden Gardens park in Seattle with the Beat the Bowls kite fly, there is more information on this event elsewhere in this newsletter. And I would be remiss not to mention both Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference and Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, both excellent events. If you are interested in learning how to make kites either one of these events would be worth your while.

I want to wish all of you happy and safe holidays and I'll see you at a kite festival next year.

Rob Pratt

WSSKC Update

Washington State Sport Kite Championships will be returning to be held along with the Whidbey Island Kite Festival in 2000. It is tentatively scheduled for the third weekend in September.



An outstanding collection of kites, kite building supplies, books, accessories and other flying things...

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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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Poulsbo WA 98370
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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

Thomas Adams	Bellevue
Jerald Graham, Glenda and Susie Kleppin	Sumner
Cameron Parish & Jay Painter	Seattle
Bob & Nancy Rygg	Bothell
Ben & Barbara Warner	Lake Forest Park

FLY 2 K !!!

Be sure to mark your new 2000 calendar on New Years Day with the first Kiting event of the year -- the 26th Annual "Protest-the-Bowls" Kitefly. It's the W.K.A.'s traditional alternative to endless T.V. football, and it's good fun! ...and this little festival has been rained on, but NEVER rained out!!! Plan to bring family, friends, kites, snacks to share, conversation, and a full, hot thermos to Golden Gardens Park in Seattle. Join other W.K.A. members for part or all of this relaxed, colorful, day-long (11:00 a.m. to "freeze-up"!) celebration of the New Year.

Questions? Call Ken or Suzanne at (206) 624-6886 or 527-5184

Funny Story

By Lisa Root

My husband Bud was at Ft Casey flying his kite when a couple ladies appeared to watch. He attempted ..and did....an number of axel takeoffs, some cartwheels, etc. and takeoffs and landings. Finally he figured he had dazzled and entertained enough so he packed up and left the field.

Shortly after Dick Barnes from Pizazz arrived at the field to fly. The ladies saw him unpacking his kites and approached him to ask if he was going to fly. "yes" he replied. "well," they said "we sure hope you do better than the fella who was here before you...he kept getting his kite twisted and going in circles and couldn't keep it up in the air!!!!?"

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EXHIBIT in
May



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Sad News

(Posted to Rec.kites Dec 2, used by permission)

I just got word that the kiting community lost yet another of its long time stalwarts this morning. Tom Sisson, one of the patriarchs of kiting in the Pacific Northwest passed away at 11:20 this morning. Tom has been seriously ill for a while now with pancreatic cancer, but had recently bounced back a bit, and even managed to make an appearance at the Everett Kite festival in August, where he was honored for his many accomplishments and contributions over the years.

Tom was an Ediken award winner, one of the founders of the Washington Kitefliers Association, held the still-standing record (with two other fliers) for longest duration indoor kite flight (over 39 hours at the Kingdome here in Seattle), and most importantly introduced many, many youngsters to kite flying over the years. He was also the backbone, the spirit, the shining light of the WKA since its inception.

He created opportunities for public displays of kites at places like the Pacific Science Center, The Washington State Convention Center, various malls and other sites. He travelled to countless schools holding kitemaking workshops for kids of all ages. Last year, just for the heck of it, he decided to count how many kites he made in a 365 day period, and came up with over 2200 March to March.

There will be no public services, but we should all take an opportunity to fly a kite in his honor some day soon, and especially to take the time to help a kid learn the joys of kiteflying some time, because I think that was his primary legacy.

It's never easy to pass on such news, but this loss hits particularly hard to my wife and me, as Tom was a true inspiration to us in kiting and in life. He will be sorely missed.

Steve and Judy Millsbaugh <sparks@netcom.com>

Editors note:

If you would like to share some of your memories of Tom with others, send them to us and we will put them in the next newsletter.

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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).

DECEMBER

December 31, 1999

BLACK TIE ONLY Millennium Party for the Quintet Kite
Who will win The Last Great Kite Raffle of the Millennium?
The Museum Board of Directors plans an early evening champagne and nibbles event for Museum members. The highlight will be the raffle drawing for the exquisite cellular Quintet kite designed by Jan Pit and made and donated by Til Krapp.

Everyone must wear a black tie! Any kind of black tie! (Check Museum Membership page for how to be included)

FEBRUARY

February 4-6, 2000

Kites on Ice, Madison WI. For information contact Madison Festivals, Inc. at 608-831-1725.

February 12 & 13, 2000

Workshop with Bary Crites.
For more details and registration call The World Kite Museum (360) 642-4020 or e-mail the Museum at jkite@willapabay.org

MARCH

March 10-12, 2000

Fort Worden Kitemakers conference, Port Townsend, WA.
For registration and more information contact Sam Zeiler at 206-368-9569 or kitemakers@netscape.net

APRIL

April 22 & 23, 2000

Workshop with Debra Cooley.
For more details and registration call The World Kite Museum (360) 642-4020 or e-mail the Museum at jkite@willapabay.org

JUNE

June 17 & 18, 2000

Workshop with Georgan Curran. For more details and registration call The World Kite Museum (360) 642-4020 or e-mail the Museum at jkite@willapabay.org

Editors Echo

This newsletter is a bit sparse. Since we are a bit off season that is too to be expected. This will be the first time since we have been doing the newsletter that it has been less than 10 pages.

If you have any funny stories to send in (like Lisa Root's) please pass them on. Also if you have remembrances of Tom we would like to have them for the next newsletter. If you are a competitor you will be very interested in the meeting at Ocean Shores (see front page). If you know of other competitors that are not members of the WKA please pass on the information.

Good flying to you all.

Bill & Jeannette Rogers



Stu Murphy, Tom Sisson and Dave Christenson getting ready for one of Tom's many fund raisers.
photo by Dave C

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.

WKA Patch

Patches featuring the WKA logo are available for \$4 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 2112, Westport, WA 98595.

WKA 3-Pin Sets

The new WKA pins are a 3 pin set that, when put together, form a Fokker. 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 2112, Westport, WA 98595.

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 2112, Westport, WA 98595.

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 KITE-FLYERS 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.olympnet.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.

SCI-FI - SNOHOMISH COUNTY INCREDIBLE FLYING INDIVIDUALS

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

SQUALICUM KITE FLYERS

Contact Don or Shirley Allen (360) 733-3777. 505 West Bakerview #114, Bellingham, WA 98226.

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 or bearkites@aol.com. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the 4th Saturday 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 that's what we do. Information about membership should be directed to Bruce Lambert (360) 704-7280, fax: (360) 704-7282 or brucel@cco.net. 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 or bearkites@aol.com.

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)



Season's
Greetings

Washington Kitefliers Association
an affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES!

25th Anniversary Year!

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:

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



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