



Newsletter

February-March 1994

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Doug's Life

by Jody Hagaman

Doug did many things in his short life here on earth. He was a fiberglass technician for many years. Discovered kites at an early age and decided to design his own parafoils after seeing Dom Jalbert's parafoils. He had made close to 100 custom order parafoils in the past 9 years. Being that he had flown shows for Catch the Wind on the Oregon coast, he then got invited to fly his Parafoils, Spinsocks, and Tubes in China, Japan, Singapore, and England. He had been to these countries at least twice. He also went to many of the AKA Conventions

He always felt the best winds were on the coast for flying his parafoils. So he spent numerous hours on the beach test flying & tuning each one. The sizes ranged from 5 to 300 square feet. The kite festivals he enjoyed the most were the ones that had the correct winds to throw all his kites and gear to the wind and Paint the Sky. When the winds were not perfect, he did enjoy wandering around the beach spending time talking with other kite friends & I know you must have heard him laugh at times.

He was a gentle, kind and caring person and worked very hard on the kites that he made. Because of going to college the past two years, he did not have as much time to spend working on kites. When his father became ill in December, he spent much time in Bellevue helping his mom take care of his father, who has since died on February 19, 1993.

The other things he loved and enjoyed were our many walks on the beach, finding agates, glass balls, sunsets, hiking, whale watching, and his favorite - bird watching. He could spend hours watching the shore birds, ducks, and other species. I thank him for knowing all the names of those birds and ducks, because I needed a lot of help. I have always loved birds and our favorite was the humming bird that visits our house.

DOUGLAS A. HAGAMAN

Douglas A. Hagaman, resident of Westport for the past 5 years, passed away Monday, December 20, 1993. He was born in Seattle on June 17, 1954. He leaves his wife Jody of Westport, his mother Margaret of Bellevue, brothers Steven of LA, Rick of Lake Chelan, and sisters Susan of Seattle, and Sharon of San Francisco. A "Celebration of Life" service in Doug's memory was held in Bellevue at the Eastshore Unitarian Church on the evening of December 30, 1993.

Doug was an active member of American Kitefliers Association, Washington Kitefliers Association, White Horse Kite Flyers Association (of England), and the Light House Society. He was one of the original founders of the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference and Westport Windriders Kite Club.

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

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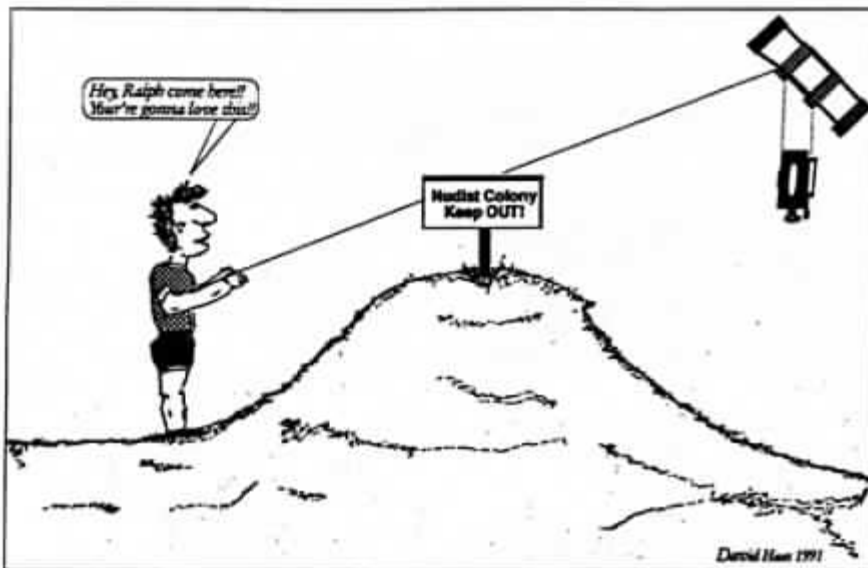
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The next WKA General Membership Meeting will be held Friday, March 4, 1994, 5 pm, at Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Contact Dave Christenson at (206) 471-9103.



Doug fine tuning one of his many custom parafoils. Photo courtesy of Creda Axton



Stu's Home

by Judy Millspaugh

Above is a copy of a card Stu Murphy received from Tom and Jean Sisson during his fourth stay in the hospital due to his health problems with his heart. He was recovering very nicely until one night while sitting in his living room with TJ, his heart stopped. Thanks to TJ performing CPR until the medics arrived, he is now back home and recovering from his "little detour". He is feeling much better, and he and TJ are hoping to see many of you at the February Westport Windriders Potluck. A comment from TJ: "If you don't know CPR, take a course; and if you have taken a class, review it-it saved Stu's life" ..

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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 Dave Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404. The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the issue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

I would like to take this space to say Thank You to Steve and Judy Millspaugh for coming over to my house and setting up the templates and styles for this newsletter. Without their generous help this newsletter would not be.

The Editor

Fort Worden Kite Display

by Steve Millspaugh

As those of you who have previously attended already know, one of the attractions of the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference is the opportunity to see a large variety of beautiful kites being displayed.

This year as in years past, we are asking you to bring along a kite or kite related item for display during the conference. We are especially looking for banners to brighten up the lawn and walkways. We particularly like to display items that were made or inspired during previous conferences or that relate to classes being presented. However, if you have a kite that you would like to display just because its one of your favorites, that's OK too (although handmade rather than commercial is preferred).

We will be providing double-sided tape, tacks, string, etc. We will also have lengths of rebar to provide support for banner poles. If you are bringing a banner, providing your own pole would be appreciated. Please be sure to mark all of your property with your name. We will have removable labels available for this purpose.

If you have any special needs or any questions please call Steve Millspaugh at (206) 885-0203.

Our Own International Representative

by Dave Christenson

One of our board members happened to be in RIO a couple of weeks ago. He said that he was going there on business (so he told us). I think he was looking for a new flying field. The following item appeared in the RIO newspaper.

Marco Antônio Teixeira



Bob Alford com sua pipa de nylon colorido

■ O americano Bob Alford foi atração ontem em Ipanema. Comandando uma pipa gigante de nylon colorido e fios de 50 metros, ele virou alvo de curiosos.

Todos querendo saber onde Bob comprara a maravilha:

— Em Seattle. Lá acontecem divertidos campeonatos de kite.

We've Missed You On The Flying Fields

LARRY CHINN

BOB HANNA

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU FLYING SOON.

Your Friends in the WKA

Thank You—Thank You

by Tom Sisson

The Washington Kitefliers Association wants to thank all of the people who lent their kites to be displayed at the Washington State Convention Center. It was a great show! Reporters and leaders from all the "Pacific Rim Countries" saw them and asked many questions, fortunately the Security People were able to answer these questions.

We are looking for a red bag that was misplaced and another kite bag with fiberglass sticks for a large delta!

Found, a tail or kite bag that is greenish blue and orange for a TRUE EDDY! If you know about any of these items, please contact Tom Sisson-725-3615. Sorry about the foul up.

Thanks also to Sam Houston who helped me hang these kites and also take them down.

Membership

To become a member of the WKA, send your name(s), address and telephone number, along with a check for \$15 per family (outside the US, please add \$5 US additional for postage) to the Washington Kitefliers Association, Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Avenue North, Seattle, WA 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.

Regional Reports

Capital City Flyers

Contact Leroy Peoples (206)456-4156.

Westport Windriders

Contact Chuck Reese (206)875-6385, P.O. Box233 South Bend, WA 98586. The Westport Windriders host a fun fly and a meeting featuring potluck dinner on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Ben Franklin Kite Society

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

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen(206)733-3777, 505 West Bakerview, No. 114, Bellingham, WA 98226.

S.F.Cody Kite Society

Contact Rick Brown (503)689-8175, 1082 Bethesda Street, Eugene, OR 97402. Membership \$10 for one year, or \$17 for two years, includes quarterly newsletter.

Associated Oregon Kitefliers

P.O.Box 25616, Portland, OR 97225. Membership \$7, includes bi-monthly newsletter.

British Columbia Kitefliers Association

Box 755, 810 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5Z-4C9. Membership \$8 (US-money orders only, please).

Yakima Valley Kite Flyers

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

Kite Group of Boise (kgb)

Contact David Bogie, kgb (208)336-2038, 1411 North 25th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals (SCI-FI)

Contact Mike Eason (206)334-0362, or Four Winds Kite Shop (206)339-9334

Pierce County Kitefliers Association (PCKA)

Contact David Lord (206)848-0322, or Penny Anderson (206)895-3672. Meeting the 4th Thursday of every month. Feb. 24th meeting titled "Everything you wanted to know about Spars". March meeting may be about those fancy stunt kite moves? Call for more information.



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WANTED

We have had several requests for kite plans to be included in our newsletter. After much thought (not really) we (I think everyone said OK) decided to add something new. Kite Plans and Etc. Since we have a lot of great kite makers out there in our membership, would any of you be interested in submitting your favorite plans? We would like to publish a different kite or line art plan in several upcoming issues. If you have something unusual or proud of please send them to me, Dave Christenson, 3594 East E St., Tacoma, WA 98404. All types of plans will be appreciated. Please make them as legible as possible for scanning or retyping purposes.

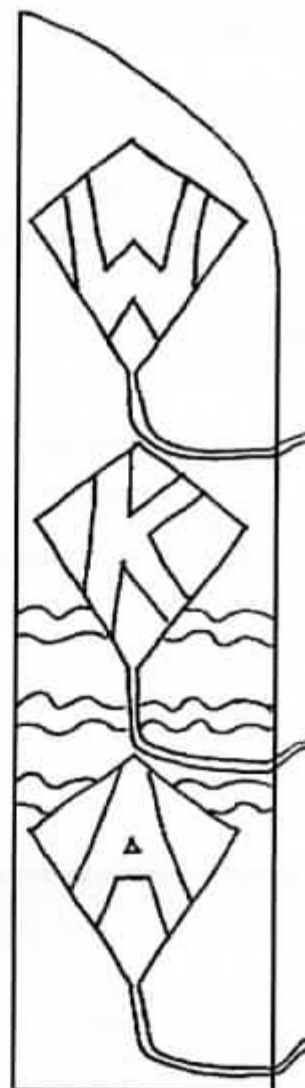
WKA Board Meeting Notes

by Bob Alford

Aboard meeting was held on December 22, 1993 in Kirkland. We were called to order with ten members present. After minutes were read and approved, Dave gave us our financial report from Carol. There were only two major topics discussed at this meeting: What about the Newsletter and the Fort Worden long term plans. As to the Newsletter, the lack of new Editor(s) has reached the crisis stage. If we are to continue producing our newsletter, we have to have someone(s) step up and take over. The other item was a discussion about the relationship between the WKA and Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. According to the bylaws of both organizations, the WKA remains the final authority to foster and protect Fort Worden. The overriding concern of both organizations must be that both groups need to remain healthy and growing.

We decided to order more membership cards and newsletter cover sheets. The July General Membership Meeting was moved to July 9, 1994, the September meeting moved to September 10, 1994 in order to avoid conflicts with holidays.

We adjourned at 8:30. It's been fun, the Alford's will see you at the beach.



Kitefliers Horoscope

Old CSM newsletters

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) You are humanistic and progressive. Take off those 60's headbands and wake up to the 90's. Your kite is big and colorful. You would lie to your boss to get a day off if the winds were just right. On the other hand you are inclined to be careless and impractical, causing you to make the same mistake over and over again. People think you are a jerk. Lose the tie dye t-shirt.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 21) You have a vivid imagination. In spite of your analysts help, you still insist that you are being followed by the CIA. Your kites are the best, at least the best you can find at garage sales and dime stores. Please don't ask to borrow my string any more and bring your own tape to repair those miserable kites at the next club event. Better yet just stay home, OK?

ARIES (Mar 22 - Apr 21) You are the pioneer type. In fact you hold most people in contempt. You are quick tempered, impatient and scornful of advice. Aries people's photographs are often displayed at post offices and they wouldn't fly a kite on a bet.

KITE CALENDAR

Normally the WKA publishes a yearly Kite Event Calendar in the first issue of the year. This year VERY FEW clubs or sponsors have sent in their schedules. I am sorry that there is not very much in the calendar. If and when the clubs and or sponsors send in there schedules of events I will gladly publish them. Editor.

FEBRUARY

February 19-20 (Saturday-Sunday), Kite Train Making, Arch kites 5 for \$5, Japanese style handpainted 5 kites for \$10. Contact: World Kite Museum, Long Beach, (206)642-4020, Preregistration Advised.

February 23 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7PM, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

March 4 (Friday), WKA General Membership Meeting, 5PM, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.

March 4-6 (Friday-Sunday) 11th Annual Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend. Contact: Bob Alford (206)888-2812 or Dave Weigand (206)948-4560.

March 26 (Saturday), 2PM Building the Worlds Best Kite, 7PM Asian Kites and Their Culture, World Kite Museum, Long Beach, Gallery Talks and Discussion with Carl Crowell, Helen Bushel (by Kay Buesing) Contact: World Kite Museum (206)642-4020.

April 9 (Saturday) Painting on Fabric, 1PM, Long Beach City Hall, \$20 includes fabric, paints, everything to make a handpainted kite, Instructor Lyle Morgan, Seattle Fabric Artist. Contact: World Kite Museum (206)642-4020.

April 27 (Wednesday), WKA Board Meeting, 7PM, Softchec, Kirkland. All WKA members welcome to attend. Contact: Dave Christenson (206)471-9103.



REMINDER Kite Calendar

Event organizers, please think ahead. Contact Dave Christenson (206) 471-9103 by the first of odd numbered months with kite calendar information. Please include, as a minimum, the date, time, place, contact person and phone number.

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The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.

KITE PLANS AND ETC. "THE TIP TURN"

By Dave Lord

This kite design resulted from characteristics I did not like about some low aspect ratio kites with a deeply notched trailing edge. The deep notch resulted in a low drag trailing edge that can be made relatively quiet. The kite is usually fast and tracks pretty well but the wing tips become very pointed and have little area. This results in having very little control at the wind window edges. In addition it is easy to pull such a kite out of the air during a quick turn. I kept the design pretty much the same except for the wing tip area. Also I made the sail a bit deeper to get back some of the tracking ability I was afraid of losing with the larger wing tips. The first cut of this design featured a second stand off from the lower spreader to the wing tip batten. This would allow me to set the amount of tip twist needed. Tip twist is generally set to provide a compromise between drag (loss of speed) and turning ability at the window extremes. On this design I discovered early on that if the outboard stand off was removed the wing tip was self adjusting. This gave a much wider window and provided a partial speed governing effect. And the really nice effect was that in turns the tip would twist back and make the kite virtually impossible to pull from the sky. Even with the clips moved up toward the nose for light wind conditions the turns are still relatively tight and stable. Most kites lose turning ability with the clips moved toward the nose. I think this kite is a kite that most people will like very much.

I originally designed two versions of this kite. The first version, dated 6/10/93, had a continuously curved trailing edge with a leech line in the hem. For the novice sewer this is not an easy thing. The second design, dated 7/15/93, is identical to the first except the trailing edge curve was converted to straight line segments and the leech line is omitted. The leech line version is a bit quieter and a bit faster but not by much. The second version is much easier to build especially by the novice sewer.

This kite can be made as a light wind kite if you use .250/2 wrap graphite spars, or as a higher wind kite using AFC 2540 pultrude spars. The battens and stand offs are made from AFC 1580 spars. Use standard construction techniques throughout. The only exception may be the batten treatment. I connected the batten to the leading edge with a small vinyl connector and to the sail tip with an elastic loop sewed down each side but with the end left open to insert the batten. For the stand off length start with a length of 10 1/4 inches. This will undoubtedly be too long. Trim the length to tighten the sail with out causing excessive bending in the lower spreader and spine. An inch or so of bending is all right. For heavier sparred units the stand offs can be longer with out the resultant bending. Just use your own judgment. Plans on page 8. Any questions, contact David Lord at (206) 863-8435.

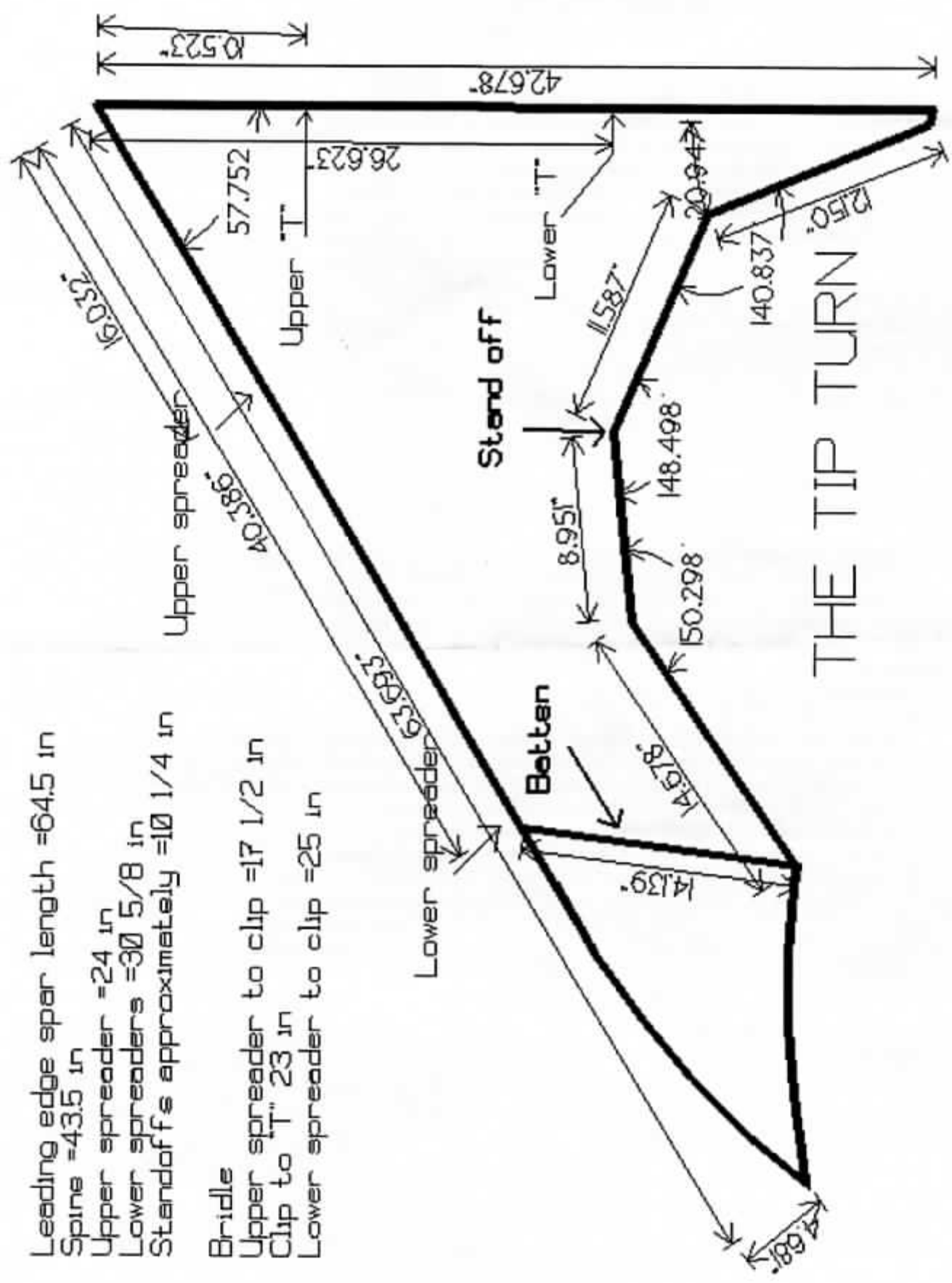
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 Upper spreader to clip = 17 1/2 in
 Clip to "T" = 23 in
 Lower spreader to clip = 25 in



THE TIP TURN



Some of the members that attended the November Potluck. Also Tom Sisson's Birthday cake. Photos by Carol Lord



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PRESIDENTS LETTER

By Dave Christenson

Its another new year already. Did everyone have a good year last year? I can't really complain about mine. I had a lot of fun, made a few kites and made some new friends. I hope that this year will be another good year also.

So far this year is shaping up to be a challenge for the WKA. As you can already tell we still don't have a newsletter editor. I have told anybody that has asked that we will have a newsletter. It may only be a few pages and it may be a little late but I will have a WKA Newsletter for our members. If you know of a person or team of people who would like to have a go at desktop publishing, please let me know.


Where were you on Jan. 1st? If you were at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle with us you had a great time and were with a great group of fliers. Our 20th Annual Beat The Bowls Fly was a great success. We had lots of fliers, lots of hot chile, hot soup and really great flying conditions. If anyone has seen the article or pictures that was to be published in the Ballard News Tribune, I believe about our fly, would you save me a copy please.

I know you have heard me say it several times but it needs repeating. The local kite shops, kite clubs and other organizations put on festivals, competitions, demos & fun flies through out the whole year. With out their help we would not have one of the greatest flying times and places around. So when some of them ask for help, don't just sit there and say, "somebody else will", get out and get involved. You will be surprised at how much fun you can have at these happenings.



Best Winds Dave





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Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference Raffle Donations Needed!

by Jim Umbowers

Maybe a line winder or spool, a kite pin, a yard of fabric, a book, a membership to a club or magazine or the World Kite Museum a Long Beach, or (!) even (!) a kite. Any of these things would be wonderful to win at the Ft. Worden raffle. Kite earrings or a tee shirt. A kitebag or line or bamboo or a Carol Thompson print or kite event memorabilia, line laundry, video tapes. The list of kiting paraphernalia is just about endless. We need anything you can think of and can donate to the raffle. not only does the variety and quality and quantity of "stuff" make the raffle more fun and interesting but it helps raise the money to continue to bring to the Conference the special teachers we've had in past years. Past raffles have allowed us to learn from kitemakers such as Martin Lester, Charlie Sotich, Randy Tom, and George Peters. The raffle money helps cover their expenses. The 1992 Fort Worden raised over \$1,100.00. 1993 raised a record \$2,000.00 with all the available tickets being sold! This would not be possible without wonderful raffle items. Search through your kite bags, etc., make a trip to the local kite shop, sit down and make something for us, help the raffle be wonderful again this year. You can send items in advance (or if you can't attend the Conference and want to donate anyway):

Bob Umbowers
c/o Lynden Incorporated
18000 Pacific Highway South, Suite 810
Seattle, WA 98188

Or just bring your kiting treasure to the Conference.

Thanks for your support.

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Classified Ads

WKA Pins

1993 WKA Pins, featuring WKA logo, \$5 each: \$40 for 10; or \$75 for 25. Make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404: (206)471-9103.

WKA Banner Kits

Kits (by Carla Fox) containing precut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$42 each. Make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404: (206)471-9103.

WKA Window Stickers

Three-color, 4"x4" removable window stickers featuring the WKA logo(see front of newsletter), \$3 each. Make checks payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404: (206)471-9103.

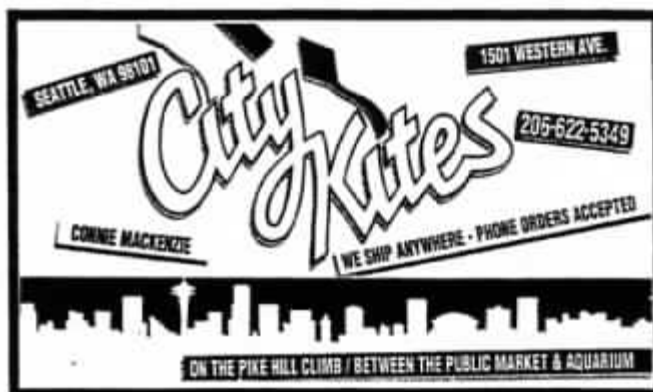
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Any items relating to kites of kitefliers, 10 cents a word (\$3 minimum) per issue. Lost, Found, Free or Stolen items listed free of charge, if under 30 words. Make checks payable to the WKA and send to Dave Christenson Editor, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

IDEAS

By Dave Christenson

Do you have any? Is there anything you would like to see in our newsletter? If you do, drop me a postcard, letter, phone call, fax anything because I'm open for new ideas.





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