



Newsletter

June/July 1998

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Applique' From the Champion

"Applique' From the Champion" was the headline in the Kite Museum 1998 event schedule. It turned out to be a blue ribbon weekend. The World Kite Museum at Long Beach has been offering workshops for several years. Bob and I have only been to a few but each one has been well worth the time and effort. Gail Lindsey and her husband Ed worked as a great team April 25th and 26th. 10 applique'd ripstop nylon hata kites were made. Most of us used Gail's Southwest Indian designs: sun, turtle, Kokopelli, and Ed's favorite which he calls Road Kill (a sweet frog). A dragon design and the Japanese Rising Sun were used by two kitemakers. Gail showed us her tricks and preferences for applique', mitered corners, hems, pockets, and reinforcements. Ed worked on bridles and sticks, passing on his hints and more of Gail's tricks as well.

After a quick hour on the beach, about 20 of us enjoyed a tasty potluck at Kay and Jim Buesing's home Saturday evening. Kay's BBQ chicken was delicious and we all know what good cooks in general kites are!

Sunday, Gail shared her techniques for making large projects easy to handle. She also gave us great ideas about colors, shading, intensifying color and so forth. The last few hatas were finished and most of us filtered out to find lunch and a spot of sky to fill. The afternoon just continued the wonderful weekend. Sunshine, clean wind, lots of room, wonderful company, new friends. A perfect day for kite flying.

From the great new hata kite to the conversations and food (including Anne Huston's delectable brownies), valuable information learned, seeing old friends and making new ones, and of course the kiteflying, it was truly a blue ribbon weekend.

Want to share in the next one? Contact Kay Buesing at the Kite Museum: (360) 642-4020.

Regards,
Bob and Charmayne

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

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Correction - The dates for the Washington State Sport Kite Championships was incorrect in the last newsletter. The dates should have been Sept 26-27. Sorry for any convenience.
Editor

W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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| George Boucek | Renton | Sandra Stoner | Bellevue |
| Karen Boucek | Renton | Ron Suyematsu | Kirkland |
| Rebecca Bryson | Bellingham | Don Volta | Redmond |
| Verlin Martin | Spokane | Jane Volta | Redmond |
| Carol Martin | Spokane | Gary Wolfstone | Seattle |
| Nick Spears | Auburn | Ann Nywall | Seattle |

The President's Prose

The WKA is off to a flying start for the season. We have had several events since the last time I wrote to you.

We had a terrific time at Lake Meridian Park in Kent, in conjunction with the Kent Parks department we had a day of making and flying kites for kids, we made approximately 150 of Tom Sisson's latest kite design. It was great to see the kids have so much fun. The Kent Police and Fire departments put on a display as well as a safety display from Puget Sound Energy. There was also an appearance of a certain purple dinosaur. Thanks to all the people who showed up to help and fly kites I hope you all had as much fun as I did.

Some of the other things that have been going on were another workday at Magnuson Park in Seattle, plenty of scotch broom was pulled opening up more flying space on kite hill. Thanks to Ken Conrad for organizing this effort. The Indoor flying that Jeannette is organizing is going strong at the High school and I understand an effort is being made to extend the indoor flying during the summer and most importantly people are having fun.

We also have plenty coming up to keep us busy, there is the Ocean Shore kite challenge June 5-7, Seattle kite festival at Gasworks Park on June 21st, the Westport Windriders kite festival July 10-12 and don't forget the WKA fun fly at Magnuson Park on June 20th and July 18th.

I hope to you as many of you as possible at these festivals.

Keep Flying

Rob Pratt

WKA Newsletter 1998

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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
PO Box 2393
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.

ATTENTION KITE AND PUZZLE NUTS

Starting with the last newsletter there will be a contest to test your skill at finding kite related words. The contest will consist of a word search puzzle. The first person to correctly identify all the words and mail their response back to me will win a Mini Catherine's Wheel. The rules are simple. 1. You must identify all words correctly. 2. There is a MYSTERY WORD in each puzzle that must be correctly identified. 3. If more than 1 person submits the correct answers on the same day there will be a drawing among all the correct first day entries. (Photocopies are acceptable as long as I can read them.)

This is the second and last puzzle, there was only six entries and nobody found the Mystery Word which was "ohashi" famous for his kite trains.

All entries must be mailed to new address:

Dave Christenson
PO Box 8357
Tacoma, WA 98418

Words

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| aluminum | fiberglass | sissors |
| breeze | fittings | sled |
| bridle | glue | swivel |
| camber | graphite | tako |
| cicada | hapi | tape |
| daka | museums | tensioner |
| dragon | rev | tetrahedral |
| edo | roller | tubing |
| facet | ruler | webbing |
| fano | sewing | (mystery word) |

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10TH ANNIVERSARY SEATTLE KITE FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce the plans for the **10th Anniversary, Seattle Kite Festival**. We are bringing the festival this year to Gasworks Park, June 21, 1998, 10:00-4:00. We are working with Boyer, a children's clinic for kids with disorders such as cerebral palsy. They have been instrumental in the planning of the Seattle Kite Festival with their future sights for introducing more people to kiting and a better understanding and awareness for the children living with these disorders.

We have also been so lucky to combine our festival with The Peace Concert series which will provide us with live music from 12:00-6:00. We will be sharing the stage with a five band concert. Special events and demonstrations will be announced during band changes. Games and kite making go throughout the day.

We are planning on games for kids, such as a bean bag toss, hole in one, and our favorite, "Float Your Boat" where the kids get to make a boat and then race down a gutter filled with water. Each game will have prizes for the kids to win.

As far as sponsors, we are collecting as we go. We plan on a "drawing" on which the public may purchase tickets to help raise funds for the Boyer Childrens Clinic. We are hoping for the support we had in the past such as Great Winds making kites, and Prism for demos. Mainframe & Four Winds Kite Shop for their contributions and great support. Thanks to all of the kites shops, manufactures and kite clubs, the Seattle Kite Festival keeps growing.

Many questions will be asked about some of the changes, but we feel we want to get more of the public aware of our wonderful world of kiting. The exposure at Gasworks Park is far better, along with parking, vendors and participation from other groups such as Boyer and The Peace Concerts. We are also working with Disney Radio which "may" make a live appearance. Flying fields for dual line will be sectioned off due to the area of the park. Single line flying will be a treat with plenty of room. We still are not permitting selling from the shops and manufactures at the park, but bring information, banners, etc. that will answer questions and bring them to your door. Thanks again and I hope to hear that we have your full support with the 10th Anniversary Seattle Kite Festival. If you have any questions, please call me at 360-435-3325. Hope to hear that you or your group will participate. Brochures will be available this week.

Sincerely,
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World Kite Museum Press Release

Don't Forget Monday & Tuesday of WSIKF

If you haven't joined the Roundhouse in the Sky by flying a kite train, listen to what you missed. The event begins with a dining car breakfast, Monday August 17th from 8:30-9:30, in the activities tent on the beach. The registrar moses around while your eating to get your registration information.

From 10-12, the judges hustle about visiting all flyers at their trains and arches. Sometimes they even have a memento for everyone. The usual prizes are given but more important, in their wise and devious minds, the judges conjure up awards at whim.

This event is a 'kick'. Don't miss it!

And what have you done on Tuesday evening of the Festival? Here's an opportunity. Attend the Museum's Wine Tasting event. From 7-10pm you can taste six of the twelve or so Northwest Wines in the banquet rooms of the Edgewater Motel. This casual evening with friends cost \$22. It includes scrumptious nibbles. For 4 more dollars you can purchase the 1998 Museum wine glass. There are wines of interest for beginners and the more sophisticated palates. Extra tastes are available at \$2 & \$3.

The Wine Tasting is a fund raiser for the Museum's building program. It's a great evening, out of the blowing sand and wind, enjoying old friends, meeting new ones.

The Antique Kite Challenge

"It didn't used to be like this. Remember when...." Do you sometimes yearn for the "good ole days." Here's a chance to experience the past by making and flying kites flown 50-100 years ago.

The World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame proclaims this the Golden Year of Kites. We hope you'll find our challenge a full-of-fun adventure.

Here's our proposition. In order to encourage a variety of antique kites to the skies at festivals, club flies and family get-togethers, the Museum offers a commemorative pin to all folks who make and fly a kite that was flown 50 years or more ago. AND how will we know? Aha! We want pictures of all of you folks flying your antique wonders to publish in the Museum newsletter.

It's not as intimidating as it may sound. Actually, not all antique kites were made of unbleached linen sheets and spruce! Ordinary folks used everyday materials adding their whimsical decorations.

Barn door kites, pear top kites come to mind immediately but other types exist. One of the most interesting types of kites found in Women's Home Companion magazines in the late 1800's, early 1900's and in the Chicago Park's Departments kite making publication in the 1920's were classified as plane [Chicago] or plain [WHC] kites. To get plans for these creative and humorous kites send a dollar and a self-addressed business envelope with a 55 cent stamp to World Kite Museum, P.O. Box 964, Long Beach, WA 98631, and we'll send you plans for six different plain/plane surface figure kites made of paper and wood sticks.

Then send us photos of you with your kite, photos of your group flying-maybe even in costume. We'll publish your pictures and send the pin/pins.

CONTACT: Kay Buesing [360]642-4020

Editor's Echo

It seems like I was just doing this and it is time to do it again. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter over the past 6 months though. Jeannette has been able to help me out a bit more lately, her business isn't as busy as it was. There wasn't a whole lot to put in this newsletter so it may seem a little short this time. If you have any articles or write ups for events this summer send them my way and we'll get them in the next newsletter. I have put in a few pictures on this page to fill space, they are pictures Sylvia Bernauer took at the Kent Fly and a couple from when I went to the KTA.

I have been busy trying to get ready for competition. The first one of the year will be over and done by the time you read this. It is going to be a busy summer with all the festivals. I am looking forward to meeting a lot of you at some of these.

I am planning on doing more "interviews" with some kite people in the future. I have a verbal commitment from Tim Benson to do one. He is not "on line" so I will be doing it by fax. Could be interesting.

Hope you all have a great summer.

Bill & Jeannette Rogers

P.S. I would like to thank Sylvia Bernauer for the Re-design of the membership form on the back page. I think it looks great!



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Kent WKA Fun Fly



*Bill Rogers, Chris Matheson
and Hunter Brown at the KTA*



Dodd and Jenny Gross at the KTA

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).

JUNE

June 20, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Ocean Shores, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at (360) 289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

June 20, 1998

WKA Fun Fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Rob Pratt for more info: 360-956-1513 or robcp@worldnet.att.net

June 20-21, 1998

Buggy Racing, Sunset Beach, OR. Contact Kurt Anderson at 503-861-3833.

June 21, 1998 *New Date*

Seattle Kite Festival. For more info contact Kathy Goodwind at 206-632-0301 or goodwinds@aol.com.

June 27-28, 1998

Northwest Stunt Kite Championships, Long Beach, WA. Contact Eric and Genny Forsburg for more information: 503-357-7557 gforsburg@msn.com

JULY

July 10-12, 1998

Westport Stunt Kite Championships, Grayland Beach, Cranberry Rd approach. For more info contact Creda Axton 360-491-3229 Aderc@aol.com or Rob Pratt 360-456-1513 robcp@worldnet.att.net

July 10-12, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Westport, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

July 18, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Ocean Shores, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

July 18, 1998

WKA Fun Fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Rob Pratt for more info: 360-956-1513 or robcp@worldnet.att.net

AUGUST

August 17-23, 1998

Washington State International Kite Festival, Long Beach WA.

August 17-23, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Long Beach, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

SEPTEMBER

September 11-13, 1998

Lewis and Clark Kite Exposition, Seaside OR. Contact Bill Story for information: 1-888-fly-4-fun or windance@aone.com

September 19, 1998

WKA Fun Fly, Magnuson Park, Seattle. Contact Rob Pratt for more info: 360-956-1513 or robcp@worldnet.att.net

September 19, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Seattle, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

September 26-27, 1998

Correction

Washington State Sport Kite Championships, Fort Casey Conference Center, Whidbey Island, WA. Contact Four Winds kite shop at 425-339-9334 or fourwinds@eskimo.com for more information.

OCTOBER

October 10-11, 1998

Showdown at Rockaway Beach, Rockaway Beach OR.

October 13-17, 1998

AKA National Convention at Ocean Shores.

October 13-17, 1998

NFKA Meeting/Fly, Ocean Shores, WA. For more info contact Bruce Lambert at 360-289-2717 or brucel@techline.com.

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 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 \$15 including postage (\$16 outside the US). 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

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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

CAPITOL CITY FLYERS

Contact Leroy Peoples (360) 456-4156

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@nwlinc.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 Creda Axton (360) 491-3229 Aderc@aol.com or Rob Pratt (360) 456-1513. 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 that's 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 Creda Axton (360) 491-3229 Aderc@aol.com or Rob Pratt (360) 456-1513.

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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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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