

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSN.  
Newsletter of March, 1976:

Kite club meeting of Feb. 25th:  
John Dusenberry did a fine job of leading it in his first appearance as new president. It was very evident that our new system of public relations or communication is working well; at least ten people showed up who had heard of the meeting on radio or in a newspaper. A big thanks to Debbie Medley! She's doing a real good job from her vantage point at the kite shop at Pier 70. We also got a better idea at the meeting of the help we might count on for our Science Center Exhibition on March 13-14th with sign-up sheets.

"Assessment" - or "contribution"? We need kites to exhibit. So get to work, will you all? We will be phoning but in case you are missed, please, please drop a couple off at the Science Center Office, 200 2nd N., on Friday, March 12th, evening included, for hanging. Be sure to have a 3x5 card attached with your name and a description. And - don't be modest! We need kites!

At the meeting, Debbie also reported on the LaConner festival Feb. 7th: no wind at all, not even any, on Saturday. And then it blew past the kite sonic barrier the next day. That's February for you.

A Japanese couple from Ocean Shores showed up at the meeting looking for help. They had a box of kites straight from Japan -

with no bridling instructions. Four of us "experts" gave them four different instructions!

A unanimous vote eliminated Discovery Park from our weekly Fly-in schedule. Parking is indescribable. Golden Gardens is under a sea of fill dirt. So our schedule looks like this:

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March 7th: Stan Sayers Park  
March 13th & 14th: Science Center exhibit -  
March 21st: Gig Harbor -- The Toy Cupboard shop downtown at 1:00 pm for an hour's instructions and up to Skandia Gaard meadow about 2:30 for flying.  
March 27th: Seattle Center contest  
March 28th: Seattle Center again.  
April 4th: Field north or Univ. of Wash. stadium parking lot; N.E. 45th and Union Bay Place N.E.  
April 11th: Gasworks Park  
April 18th: Stan Sayers Park  
April 25th: Bay View Park, north of the Pier 70 parking lot.  
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At the Pier 70 Kite Contest, Sunday, Feb. 29th, we kept our consecutive record intact: WKA has never been weathered-out of a big event! It rained on one side and snowed on the other of our time slot, enough to scare out KING-TV's "How Come" program cameramen, but the news men were there. Look at Monday's P.I. The southwest wind was the velocity for Cobras and Boxes, but Jan Whitman's ripstop nylon, patchwork delta took the Highest Flyer event. Dave Whitman's 300 ft. non-water-soluable tail won that event. It stayed up the required two minutes before landing on the roof of the pier. A

young fellow -- "intrepid" -- rescued ~~it~~ at least three from there. At least two came out of the bay but Dusenberry's parachute kite is gone for good.

By the time of the "Most Uniquely Creative" event, the wind had swung around due-North and was gentle enough for the tissue paper creative-specials to make their appearance. Some really unique/creative kites were crowded together over the end of the pier. Whitman unveiled a masterly-painted and pointed winged box kite. ~~xxxx~~ Van Gilder had solved the aerodynamic problems of his new Thunderbird delta. But the prize went to a young unknown by the name of Stefan Schinzinger.

Stefan is from Olympia, where he's a college student and worthy successor to Dave Van Zandt in imagination. His triangular-shaped flat kite had variously-colored tissue in various, mostly-triangular shaped groupings. The thing that really impressed me, a loser, was how he had solved an aerodynamic problem: it nose-dived. He bowed an eighth-inch dowel at the bow, or head, causing a slight pocket to form, creating a perfect airfoil shape. The darn thing flew like a bird, straight up and beat out the ol' pro's handily. Dave Checkley, head judge, needed all his artistic acumen for this one.

I must grump that the kite had a drawback: it wouldn't roll up. It wouldn't even fold up.

Television: If there is any reason in the world you would want

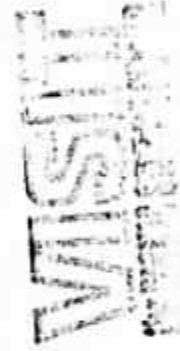
to see Busenberry and Vanholder  
on the tube, try Channel 7 at  
about 7:45 am, Monday, Mar. 8th  
and again Mar 9th at about 9 am  
on Channel 5.

Seattle Center Contest: Postponed  
one week to March 27th. Reason:  
LOVE has reared its beautiful  
head and Howard Gutnecht, P.R.  
manager of Seattle Center, who  
has been running this event for  
three years, is turning it over  
to his former assistant, pretty  
Marty Dimock. He then moves to  
Chicago for work and marriage.

DUES: If an application blank is  
enclosed with this letter, this  
is your second notice that dues  
are due. \$3 for the year.

CLASSES: We will be attempting  
two-a-week classes starting March  
16th, Tuesdays 7 to 9 pm and also  
Saturdays 10 am to noon, starting  
on the 20th, for six sessions, <sup>AT THE</sup>  
We'll have various ol' pros from  
WEA ranks as instructors, each in  
his specialty. \$5.00 includes  
material for first kite. WKA mem-  
bers are urgently invited to sit  
in as visiting experts and opinion  
dispensers. A kite or kite gadget  
is your admittance ticket. We need  
you! Phone Science Center; 624  
8140 for reservations. We have  
only 20 more spaces in each class.

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