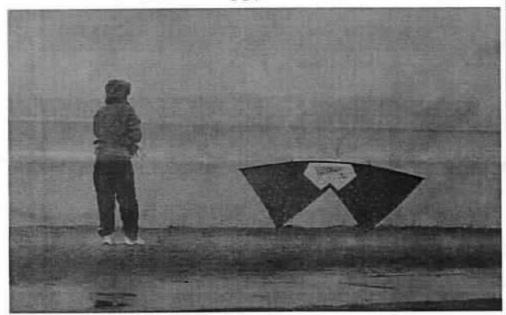


Newsletter

January - February 2005

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

2005 - Happy New Year!



Protest the Bowls and Amoeba Kite Fly!

Come celebrate the New Year with us and fly at WKA's annual Protest the Bowls & Amoeba kite fly. Anyone who's been to this fly can attest that its much more fun to spend New Years Day outside with friends than inside in front of the television. As always the event will be at Seattle's Golden Garden Park on New Years Day. The fly goes from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We'll be there no matter the weather. Its not a potluck event, but everyone usually brings snacks or warm drink to share. Last year (I think I was last year) we even had an impromptu barbeque out on the beach!

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Directions:

Take the 85th ST. exit off of I-5 and go West to the end of the street. Turn right and go down the hill all the way to the water. Then turn right again and go to the North end of the road.



Mike Mosman's Kichi Tako

AMOEBA Amblings Jerry Graham

Rule one: AMOEBA stands for Aerodynamically Maladjusted Orbitally Eccentric Balderdash Association Rule two: Any one-cell kite is an amoeba.

Rule three: The Association has no dues, the only officers are Puff Cow and Susie, Empress of the Universe, and meetings are whenever two or more are gathered together for the purpose of flying amoebas.

From the above, you can tell that we are not necessarily reverent toward flying kites. Now that you know the rules, come on out and fly your circo-flex, pop-cans, dice, triads, and any other one-cell kite.

We have a new addition to the amoeba family: Mike Mosman's *Kichi Tako*. This lovely kite was introduced at the American Kitefliers Association Conference in Seaside, OR in October. It opens from a flat disk to form a cellular kite resembling intersecting tacos. It flies indoors as well as outdoors. I was quite impressed with both modes.

If you go to Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference in March you can make one of them for yourself.

We can blame Stan Shelhamer for the existence of the AMOEBA, which is an off-shoot of WKA. He flies a Circo-flex and got me hooked on making them, too. We hold an "Official" Fly on January 1st, at the WKA Protest the Bowls celebration (Side thought: How come no one puts up bols in Golden Gardens?) In addition to this fly, we have a time slot at WSIKF. That was originally for Circo-flexes but expanded last year to include amoebas.

Currently we are establishing an East Coast bunch (group or chapter is way too formal) so maybe we can work up some kind of competition at WSIKF.

The President's Corner:

I know that with the approaching colder weather, that events and festivals will be few and far between for a while. This time of the year is limited to mostly indoor events, which are put on by the PCKA, as well as the WKA/PCKA Christmas party. All of these events are in this newsletter in greater detail. Contact Scott Davis at PCKA or myself here at the WKA if we can be of any further assistance to you concerning these upcoming events.

This last flying season was really amazing to look back on, and remember some of the thing's that went on. I was very impressed by the total amount of great talent present here in this state. The many different team's and individual's here that compete, is also amazing. What a group of multi talented people they are. I was also very impressed with the skill level of the younger fliers that are up and coming. Wow, it was almost scary to see these fliers competing. You "older" fliers should be keeping an eye on this new talent...LOL

I tried my best to make as many events as possible this year, but I couldn't make each and every one of them. I was very impressed with all of the events I could make, and I would like to say another big "Thank You" to all of the people who worked so hard to put these events together, and make them possible. It takes a lot of combined efforts to put on a event, and make it run smoothly. Thanks to all of the different clubs for putting on these events also. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely Yours Charly Whitaker

From the Editor:

Over the last few years, I have had a blast serving as a WKA board member. I've meet a lot of wonderful people and been involved in many fun events and projects. Its been a blessing to work and play together with all of you.

Unfortunately, I don't have nearly as much time available for kite related activities this year. I stepped aside this summer hoping that someone who has more time and energy would fill the void. That person has yet to be found.

We currently are in need of a few new board members. The positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor are available for the taking. These are all positions that I have held at different times in the last few years. So if you have any questions about the positions, don't hesitate to ask me. 206-285-8480

Please take a moment to realize that this club is what you make it. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact one of the board members (current board list on pg11).

Positions

Main Duties

Vice President:

acting president when president is absent,

Secretary:

overseeing club business and activities scheduling board meetings, taking the meeting minutes,

various correspondence with other kite clubs

Newsletter Editor:

getting the newsletter ready for

print, writing articles, or asking people to write articles.

It is helpful for the newsletter editor to have publishing software (I use Microsoft Publisher) and knowledge of kite related events.

UP COMING EVENTS

January

- Protest the Bowls & Amoeba Fly Golden Gardens Park, Seattle
- 13-16 AOK Kitemakers Retreat Rockaway Beach, OR. okr1@comcast.net
- 15-17 Windless Kites Festival Long Beach Elementary, Long Beach WA mirecat@drizzle.com (Scott Davis)

February

- 5 AOK Annual Meeting Wilsonville Community Center potluck at 12, meeting at 1
- 5-6 Up The River Indoor Kite Festival Arlington, OR hailragnar@honkernet.net

(Alan Cunningham)

March

- 4-6 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference www.kitemakers.org
- 23-26 Lincoln City Indoor Kite Festival. Taft High School, Lincoln City, OR 1-800-452-2151

Fort Worden 2005

Jerry Graham

Who doesn't want to have a kite that is personal, unique, and flies well? If that describes you, then skip to another article. If you would like to have one or more kites that are personal, unique, and fly(ies) well, keep reading here.

The 22nd Annual Ft. Worden Kitemakers Conference will take place 4, 5, & 6 March, 2005. The first thing I want to say is you don't have to actually be a kitemaker before you come the first time, but you probably will leave as a proud kitemaker, with your own kite made with your own hands. In other words,

don't be afraid to come. You will do just fine.

That said, let me try to describe what I like about Ft. Worden: The people are friendly, helpful, and won't laugh at beginners. The location is beautiful, set in a long-retired coastal artillery fort at Port Townsend, Washington. The price of the conference includes meals and rooms (room & board, if you prefer) and your registration. Day trippers are welcome (for a small fee). If you'd rather bring the motor home or camp out there is a great campground. Since Washington State runs the entire place, the accommodations are good.

Okay, so it's a nice place: what about the kites? Well, there will be 21 different instructors teaching more than twenty-one different kites. Your problem will be to choose what you want to make and sort out possible schedule conflicts. A lot of the students (especially when they are new) will try to do as many kites as the schedule will allow. I've learned from experience that is is better (at least for me) to concentrate on one or two larger projects and use the rest of the time to schmooze (a kiting technical term for picking the

brains of everyone else there).

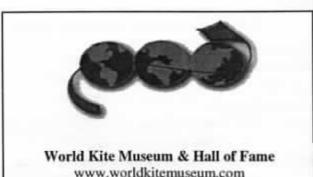
This year's conference will feature John Freeman's Lepidopterus Freemanicus (Freeman's Moth) (a kite my wife has lusted after for a couple of years now), Dan Kurahashi's Simple Edo, and an awesome collection of other kites. If your sewing skills are as poor as mine, you might consider Sam Huston's No-Sew Diamond Roller, which is assembled with an industrial strength adhesive. (And it holds up, too!) Not to be left out, Brooks Leffler will teach how to build a Kite Aerial Photography rig, teach you how it should be used, and put on a slide show of samples of aerial photography that is delightful.

Deb Cooley will teach a class on Yard Wrigglers, which, while they don't fly, are eye-catching things to amuse you when the winds are too light to lift a kite. And remember, if you sew like I do (or don't, really) you can take Gerry Pennel's class on how to sew kites and learn all kinds of useful techniques and skills

(and those skills apply elsewhere, too).

I'll be there. Just look for the big white hat on a short, fat old hippy. Oh, and if you can show up on Thursday, 03 March, you get to participate in the open house and get acquainted session. It makes a wonderful way to kick off the weekend!

To learn more and get your registration information visit www.kitemakers.org.



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Dear Kite Enthusiast,

You may be a devoted member of the World Kite Museum, a professional kite flyer or a weekend kite warrior chasing the perfect wind or a rookie. We even admit that some of you may be surprised that there is a Museum for Kites! It doesn't matter which camp you fall in. What does matter is that kites are important to you!

I want you to remember 2005, because it may be the most important year ever in the world of kiting. That's because the "new" World Kite Museum will open in 2005. Did you know that this Museum is the only kite museum in North America? We've operated for 16 years, but finally we can take our place as a "world-class" Museum. And that's why I'm writing you now. We need your help and financial support.

First a little history—The World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame began modestly in 1988. Organized by a group of local kite enthusiasts and kite nuts, the Museum quickly took flight and grew steadily over the years. We acquired a collection of 1,500 kites from around the world and an extensive archive of print materials, photos, videos, oral history tapes and slides. We also created numerous kite exhibits, kite-making workshops, special events and multicultural celebrations throughout the country. Last year, we reached 100,000 people through our programs. In short, the World Kite Museum has grown every which way except in space. After 16 years, we're still operating within a tiny cottage on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Our Capital Campaign Goal is \$1,000,000—To-date, we've raised \$800,000 of our goal from major State and Foundation grants, the Museum building fund and from individual donations, including the Museum's Board of Directors. This means we are nearly at our goal, which will cover the purchase of a 10,360 square foot building, the cost of renovation and funding for new exhibits.

As a member of the International Kiting Community, <u>your support</u> is critical to the campaign's success. Every donation—large and small—is very important to the Museum. We would love to have every kite flyer represented on our Recognition Wall, which will be on view to all future visitors to the World Kite Museum. For larger contributions, we offer special naming opportunities. Just imagine the thrill of seeing "your name or kite club's name" attached to the Grand Exhibit Hall, Education Center or Archival/Library. We are also planning a permanent slide show program in the new Museum, which will be available to Museum visitors.

Please join us in Creating a Legacy for the Future and help insure that the art, history, science and fun of kiting will live on.

Sincerely,

Kay Buesing Museum Director PO Box 964 Long Beach, WA 98631 Email: info@worldkitemuseum.com Kay Buesing – Museum Director

AKA GRAND NATIONAL RESULTS

Open Individual Freestyle

Open Team Train Ballet

AKA 2004 Sport Kite Grand National Results:

Individual Dual-line Precision Novice Experienced Masters 1st Todd Haymans Donald Ostev 1st 1st Ron Graziano 2nd Brian Davis 2nd Wayne Fu 2nd Joshua Gordon 3rd Ray Underwood 3rd Bruce Alleshouse 3rd Scott Davis

Individual Dual-line Ballet

Experienced Novice Masters 1st Ray Underwood 1st Zachary Gordon Ron Graziano 141 Todd Haymans 2nd 2nd Bruce Alleshouse 2nd Joshua Gordon 3rd Phelan McCall 3rd William Hendrickson Shawn Tinkham 3rd

Individual Multi-line Precision

Masters Experienced Douglas Coates John Barresi 1st 1st Dan Burnham 2nd 2nd Ron Despojado 3rd Wayne Turner 3rd Shawn Tinkham

Individual Multi-line Ballet

Masters Experienced Lst Alan Cunningham lst John Barresi Shawn Tinkham Ist Karl Berg 2nd 2nd Ron Despojado 2nd Lam Hoac 3rd Dan Burnham Lam Hoac 3rd 3rd Jerry Cannon

Pair Dual-line Precision

Masters Experienced EOS Wright Brothers 1st 1st Charles Stonestreet Ist Wing Nuts R.A.W. Power 2nd 2nd 2nd Ray Bethell 3rd Chaos Effect 3rd Wind Junkies 3rd Ulysses Villanueva

Pair Dual-line Ballet

Masters Experienced That's My Line Ist EOS 1st R.A.W. Power Ist Fly By Nite Odyssey 2nd 2nd KFAN 2nd 3rd Chaos Effect 3rd Wind Junkies 3rd Heaven Help Us

Team Dual-line Ballet

Experienced Masters Smitty 6th Sense 1 61 Lat & the Girls 2nd Team Cutting Edge Snowbirds 2nd 3rd AirZone Flight Team

Team Dual-line Precision

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AKA 2004 Rokkaku Battle Grand National Results:

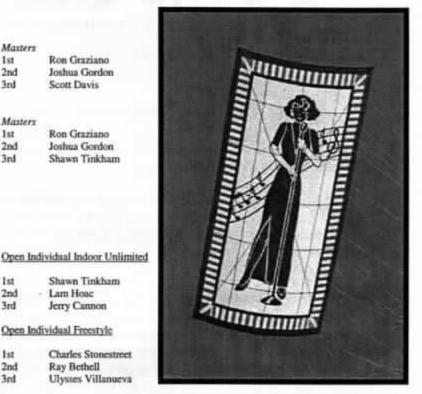
Individual Team 1st Glen Haynes Team Thunder Road İst 2nd Mery Cooper Team Rokode 2nd Steve Bateman Team Mona 3rd

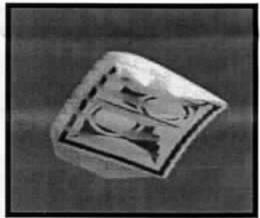
AKA 2004 Fighter Kite Grand National Results:

Skills Novice Experienced Aled Lewis 1st Brian Johnson 1st 2nd Carol Jarvie 2nd Ken Blain Fiona Lewis 3nd 3rd Andy Selzer

Line Touch

Novice Experienced David Gomberg 1st 1st Steve Bateman 2nd Vaino Raun 2nd Andy Selzer Fiona Lewis 3rd 3rd Brian Johnson







AKA 2004 Kitemakers Grand National Results:



Highest Score in Flight Cliff & Jerry Pennel - Edo - 8.55

Highest Score in Structural Design Ron Gibian - Cellular - 8.80

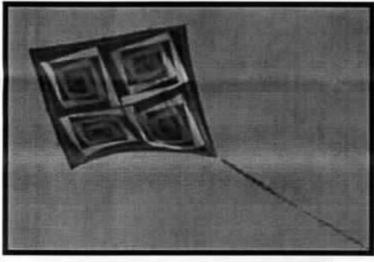
Highest Score in Craftsmanship Deb Lenzen - Bowed - 9.22

Best Use of Traditional Materials Jiehua Sun

Mixed Media John Pollock

Most Innovative Lee Sedgewick

GRAND CHAMPION John Pollock





FIGURE

1st Scott Skinner 2nd Mike Shaw 3rd Paul Fieber

BOWED

1st John Pollock 2nd Jose Sainz 3rd Paul Fieber

FLAT

1st Scott Spencer 2nd Deb Lenzen 3rd Gerry Pennell

SOFT & FLEX.

1st Sam Huston 2nd Bob Lockhardt 3rd Bill Farber

TRAINS

1st Cliff Pennell

DELTA

1st Sam Huston 2nd Doug LaRock 3rd Bill Farber

FIGHTER

2nd Bill Schumacher 3rd Andy Selzer

ROKKAKU

1st John Pollock 2nd Barry Poulter 3rd Ray Bojarski

STUNT

1st Lam Hoac 2nd Paul LaMasters 3rd Don Ostey

CELLULAR

1st Ron Gibian 2nd Sam Huston 3rd Ray Bojarski

ARCHES

1st Marzlie Freeman

SKY DISPLAY

1st Barry Poulter 2nd Sam Huston 3rd Mirriam Schaffer

UFO

1st Lee Sedgewick 2nd John Pollock 3rd Kathy Goodwind

COOPERATIVE

1st Cliff & Jerry Pennel 2nd David & Diane ButlerJohn & Marzlie Freeman

NOVICE

1st Doug LaRock 2nd Paul LaMasters 3rd Ray Bojarski

Advertisement for items relating to kites or kite fliers, 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.

Let There be Peace on Earth Glenda Kleppin

Fill the sky with kites
No room for planes or bombs
Rid the sky of terror
And leave no room for strife.

Beauty to replace The monster tools of war World Peace to draw us all Within it's loving arms.

Fill the sky with kites Don't hesitate or wait We need their shining shapes To show the joys of peace. One sky, one world, one peace There is no other way We need to redirect Our efforts, money, thoughts.

> Fill the sky with kites Lift all eyes to the skies Not with fear or horror— With joyful expectation.

Fill your hearts with love No room for anger, hate. Make the world a safer place--And fill the sky with kites!

From the PCKA,

I'd like to first take this opportunity to thank everyone again for helping to make the PCKA Orting KiteFest a big success. We sure had a good time! We will be doing it again next year with a stronger focus on getting the word out to the public that we are there. Yes, the Orting stew will be back next year, too.

Speaking of kite festivals without wind, the 3rd annual Windless Kite Festival is coming up! It's during the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday weekend in Long Beach, WA. A long weekend full of activity and show. A great Italian food potluck with a raffle on Saturday night. The proceeds from this event benefit the World Kite Museum. So, please keep in touch with your kite friends, make new ones, and I'll see you there!

Scott Davis Prez PCKA www.pcka.org WKA member



If you had watched "Joan of Arcadia" on November 19, you would have seen a very nice segment on the healing effects of kites. It was accompanied by music by Patty Griffin entitled "Kite Song." Patty explained, at one of her concerts, that the song came about after she visited a kite festival in Austin, Texas with a friend, who said to her "Wouldn't it be great if we all had kites that we were flying instead of bombs we're dropping or guns we're shooting?" Patty also learned about the One Sky, One World kite-flying for peace and she wrote her beautiful song to affirm this concept. Check out the lyrics, they go, in part:

"Everybody had a kite They were flying everywhere And all the trouble went away."

May all your troubles truely go away as you join with other WKA members and fly your kites in the coming new year.

WKA/PCKA HOLIDAY DINNER 2004





Another Holiday Party has come and gone. If you didn't get a chance to attend you missed a good time.

Susie and I arrived at the church gym finding Scott Davis and his crew already had the tables and chairs set up. They were playing Christmas carols on the PA and flying indoor kites. Talk about not wasting an occasion to fly.

About 80 people showed up by the time we started eating. As usual the food was great. While most of us rested for a few minutes after eating the last bunch of tickets made it into the raffle bags.

This year all the proceeds from the raffle went to the food bank and the proceeds from the auction went to the World Kite Museum. Even with the smaller turn out we still raised \$130.00 for the Kite Museum and \$639.00 for the food bank.

Thanks for your support and we hope to see you all on the flying fields this New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Dave & Susie Christenson







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meets every Tuesday at 4pm in
Friendship Park, Greta & North
Standard (7200 block) Spokane

Northwest Fighter Kite
Association
meets 3rd weekend of every
month, location varies. More info
on their website
www.fighterkites.org

Northwest Sport Kite League
Contact Bud Hayes
Email: bud@thehayesplace.com
Calendar of event on their
website www.nwskl.com

Peninsula Breeze Blenders
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Email: lisaryan@mail.com or
billrogers@earthlink.net
meets the 2nd Wednesday of every
month at the Fire Station on
Loxie Egan Blvd.
(behind the school on the corner
of National & Loxie Egan Blvd)

Pierce County Kiteflyers Assn.
Contact Scott Davis
Email: prez@pcka.org
meets at Summit Library in
Tacoma, 7 pm, the last Thursday
of the month.
Calendar of events on their web
site www.pcka.org

Seattle Kitesurfing Association Contact John Penxa johnpenxa@seattlekitesurfing.org www.seattlekitesurfing.org

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Whidbey Island Kite Flyers
Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
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meets the 3rd Saturday of every
month, call for location.

Westport Windriders
Contact Barry Crites
360-491-8605 or email:
bearkites@aol.com
meets the 4th Saturday of every
month @ Grayland Beach, followed by a potluck at Willapa
Grange Hall
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*Please note, there are many other international kite clubs not listed here.

Welcome New Members!

Deb Cooley & Ken Tumminia

Lincoln City, OR

Ronald & Valerie Ford

Federal Way

Jack Lattemann & Marnie McGrath

Seattle

Congratulations to "Diva" Deb and Ken for winning TWO membership drawings at the World Kite Museum Auction/Raffle and at the AKA convention at Seaside! She said that she put only one ticket into the raffle bag at Seaside.... It is just destined that they be members of the Washington Kitefliers Association!

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 (U.S.) additional for postage) to:

Washington Kitefliers Association

C/O Pacific Science Center

200 Second Ave. N.

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

WKA Newsletter

The Washington Kitefliers Association Newsletter is published six times a year by the Washington Kitefliers Association.

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The editor encourages your participation in your newsletter, and requests that you send your contributions pertaining to kite flying. 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:

> 200 Second Ave, N. Seattle, Washington 98109 or wkaeditor@hotmail.com

The deadline for all submissions is the 20th of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Materials received by these dates will be published in the following issues as space allows. All submissions will be considered for publication.

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Washington Kitefliers Association An affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association Membership Application

Senta men ini kuria na kuma ina ma

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 kite stores, a chance of winning a scholarship to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference and information about special events in the Northwest kiting community. WKA is a nonprofit organization.

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.

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