



Newsletter

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Washington State International



Kite Festival

Come to WSIKF -- There is LOTS to do!!!

Washington State International Kite Festival, better known as WSIKF, is a full week of kite activities. And this year, the fun promises to be non-stop (provided that the weather cooperates).

Monday will, as usual, feature arches and trains. It will also be the day we host events for "special friends", helping them build and fly kites. These are children from area special needs programs, who come to share our fun.

Tuesday is one of the busiest days at the Washington State International Kite Festival. As in previous years, teams compete for points throughout the day in an effort to win the right for possession of the "Terrific Tuesday Top Team" banner for the coming year. Teams represent kite clubs, or groups of clubs, or groups of people formed for the specific purpose of

pursuing the banner, or . . . In past years, groups have pooled their resources to assure success. Teams are limited to 10 people, including the captain.

The first event of the day is called "Totally Tubular". As the name implies, this is a competition for tubes -- anything that attaches to a kite line and inflates and is semi-round. Categories include "The Tail Wags the Dog", "Spin Me Around 'til I'm Dizzy", "Trick Tubes", and "Go Figure".

This will be followed by the individual Rokkaku battle. Rules will be printed in the program for the festival.

Club Camps, an event which allows teams to show off their ground displays, will be judged before lunch. This change in schedule will allow

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the inclusion later in the day of a team rok battle.

After lunch, there will be a "Circoflex Roundup". Then "Pun Fun" begins. This year's categories include "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend", "Delta Dawn", "Dragon the Line/Hapi Together" (which is a combination of dragon kites and wearing a hapi coat), "Saturday Night's All Right for Fightin'", and "Crazy", and a new one 'Fallin' to Pieces", for quilted kites. Some categories will include "extra credit" items. This promises to be a lot of fun, as usual.

There will also be a new event, the single-line show-off, in the afternoon. The final event of the day is a team Rokkaku battle.

Wednesday's events will include the children's events in the morning, as well as the senior fighter kite fly. Afternoon events will include the fighter kite showcase and the senior ballet.

A new event this year is "Paint Me Patriotic", featuring red, white and blue in every possible form - kites, camps, line art, etc. More details will be worked out before the festival.

Thursday is handcrafted day. This is an opportunity for all kite builders, of all skill levels, to enter their work and be judged by a skilled panel of kite making experts. The categories and rules

follow the AKA rulebook. This will also include a record attempt for the most kites bigger than 252 square feet.

Friday begins the mass ascension events. The first one will be deltas and derivatives, and later in the day cellular kites will take to the air. Other events for the day include a quad line demo, a bargello mass fly, "Hot Tricks" which features sport kite fliers, and the memorial fly, to honor those who have passed on during the year. The day ends with a night fly and fireworks.

Saturday begins with mystery ballet, followed by the mass ascension for flat and bowed kites. Then comes the pin challenges, the rokkaku challenge, and Showtime, our parade of colors down the boardwalk and around the field. Not least, the final event of the day will be the Cody fly, an attempt to field the most Cody kites in one place at one time. Fireworks will again light up the sky at dusk.

Sunday will see the final mass ascension, for soft sparless kites. Later in the day, we all begin to say our goodbyes, and take our tired bodies and sand-covered kites home, to get ready for next year.

If you have questions or want more information, contact me at (541) 736-1757 or judyb7@mindspring.com.

Judy Brown, Tuesday Day Coordinator

Kiting Safety Tips of the Month

August

"Wear your Sunscreen, The Kite doesn't give much Shade"

September

"When flying your Stunter, Make Sure you have plenty of Room, Them things are hard to control"

"Keep Up the Spirit"
Larry "Ben", and Mary Zilar

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WKA SPAGHETTI FEED

While at WISKF, don't forget to drop in and have a good time with us at the annual WKA Spaghetti Feed and Raffle on Wednesday Aug. 21. Same as always, it will be located at the Long Beach Grange Hall, doors open at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 a person.



Volunteers are wanted to help during the Spaghetti feed. For more information contact Courtney Hanson at courtney_a_hanson@hotmail.com. Feel free to arrive early and lend a hand.

We will have a Limited Edition Spaghetti Feed pin for the first time this year (pictured above). There will only be 50 Gray pins & 50 blue pins available. The kites will be red, yellow and blue. Cost will be \$5.00 a piece. They will be sold on a first come basis, so make sure to arrive early.

As is the tradition, the spaghetti feed will be followed by a raffle. If you have a kite bag bursting at the seams with kites you haven't flown in ages, donate some to the raffle! Or if you have anything kite related that is just taking up space, bring it on in! But don't worry, all that extra space you'll create by donating will be filled right back up with the new goodies you'll bring home from the raffle. The raffle will also feature several items our merchant liaisons have collected straight from the kite shops. I am pleased to announce that the Tom Sisson parafoil, which is raffled off yearly, is back with a new addition! The latest holders of the kite have started a festival pin collection to travel along with the kite and it's flight log book. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door 4 for \$1.00.

WKA/SISSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2003 FORT WORDEN KITEMAKERS CONFERENCE

Don't forget to send in your entry for the 2002 drawing for a scholarship to next year's Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of this conference and special things are being planned.

In Tom Sisson's honor, the WKA will send one member to the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference annually. The winner will receive a fully funded registration to the Kitemakers Conference to include: Registration, room & board in the dorm, pin, and \$50.00 toward class fees. The winner will be responsible for transportation to and from the conference and any remaining class fees.

This is a FREE benefit of membership. Here are the rules:

1. **Entry must be a current member of the WKA.**
2. **Person wishing to be in the 2002 drawing must submit their Name, Address & Phone Number on a Post Card.**
3. **Entries must be received by the WKA Membership Director before midnight, August 15th. All entries received after this date will be entered in the next year's drawing.**
4. **One entry per member, per year.**
5. **Drawing to be held at the WKA Spaghetti Feed during WSIKF.**

Mail entries to our mailing address.

INTERESTING KITE FACT

This past June 15, 2002 marked a Very Famous Anniversary.

250 Years Ago, in 1752, Ben Franklin and his son William flew their Kite with a Key attached to the Kite String and Ben Discovered that Lightning was indeed a Discharge of Electricity. 3

Liberty Remembers: A Kite Fliers' Tribute

September 7 & 8, 2002

Liberty High Spirits Of 14B will have the opportunity to host the largest, most patriotic, and heavily media covered kite event in the history of kiting at Liberty State Park and perhaps the country. I can't believe I just wrote that. But yes it is possible!

This event is the opportunity for kitefliers from everywhere to pay tribute to people who lost their lives or lost someone in their lives in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. You may participate by flying whatever kites you like. Although red-white-and-blue would be appreciated, the colors are not a limiting factor.

The idea is to fly kites in tribute and, hopefully, to tap the power that some say kites have in healing and soothing the soul, as well as beautifying the environment. This display will be a contrast to what the skies looked like approximately a year earlier to date. This is a grassroots effort, not a competition or money-making event.

We will need sport kite ballet demos, single-line kites, flow forms, air forms, etc. Liberty State Park has plenty of room for all. In the past few years, the park has expanded its lawn area tenfold. Situated directly across from lower Manhattan, the park boasts large grass fields, free parking, restrooms, and 360 degrees of unobstructed wind. Come join in this historic moment!

Kurtis Jones
Liberty High Spirits Of 14B
201-489-7186

If you can't make it to the above event, WKA will be having a fly in remembrance of September 11th at Golden Garden Park in Seattle on Sept. 7th.

Kite Festival in a Bag

For \$5 you too can have a chance to win a fabulous prize, a KITE FESTIVAL IN A BAG!

AOK is starting a raffle. Many kite makers, such as Deb Cooley, Ken Tumminia, Jeremy Colbert, Judy Brown, John Freeman, Rod and Cindy Thrall, Catch the Wind, Ronda Brewer, Lindsey John, Gomberg Kite Productions, Andy Tauber and many more are donating kites and other accessories.

And as you are all generous Kiteers, I know that you would like to help by donating more things for the goody bag. If you are not a kite maker, but you do other kite related things, we'll need new spools of line, hats, gloves, hapi coats, banner poles, a beach hammer, new sand bags, etc.

And you can help by selling tickets. I don't get to go to all of the kite festivals. So call me and I can send you a packet of tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets, send a check to:

Associated Oregon Kiteers
Deb Cooley, Raffle Coordinator
PO Box 1235
Lincoln City, OR 97367
Phone 541-996-4627.

The drawing will be held at the Lincoln City Fall Festival September 22, 2002. You need not be present to win. All proceeds support the Associated Oregon Kiteers.

WKA 25th Anniversary Pins
On sale now
\$3.00 a piece
To purchase, contact Susie Christenson
susiec@techline.com

FANTASTIC FATHER'S DAY FLY



As the title suggests, this Father's Day Fly was truly fantastic! The winds were strong from lake Washington and the sun shown for... well... part of the day! At least there was NO RAIN!!! Wonderful multi-line demonstrations were performed on the upper portion of Magnuson's Kite Hill by Team 6th Sense, Jerry and Marcia Cannon, Penny Linginfelter, as well as several other talented flyers. The entire lower portion of Kite Hill was filled with brightly colored one liners and flow-forms. Still more kites could be found flying all the way to the shores of Lake Washington and down several walking trails. At the bottom of Kite Hill, Ken & Suzanne Conrad, along with their helpers, made lots of kites for the children to fly. Among the many amazing kites to be seen were the Ft. Worden Arch, a row of the new Prism windmills and Rodger Maddy's twelve line kite. It truly was a site to see!!!

Ribbit Ribbit!!

The Harold Writer kite raffle took place during the festival. The winner was Greg (and Lori) Paris of Bellevue. Greg brought the form from the newsletter to the festival with him -- all ready to buy his tickets! He was very happy to win! Sylvia informed Linda Writer (daughter of Harold Writer) and she was very pleased that the kite was won by someone who had wanted it so badly.



A little morning fly before everyone arrived.



One of Prism's new windmills.

WKA would like to thank Prism Kites, North West Stunt Kite League, Pierce County Kiteflyers Association, and all the other groups who's efforts helped make this father's day fly a tremendous success! For those who didn't attend this year, this is an annual event. So, add it to your festival list, and try to make it next year. You will have a blast!!!

The Ben-Franklin Kite Society

Greetings, Again, from the "Ben Franklin Kite Society" located in South Eastern Washington where the Snake, Yakima and Columbia Rivers meet. We hail from the Tri-Cities of (Richland, Kennewick and Pasco) and surrounding parts. Greg and Margaret Greger have been working with the McNary National Wildlife Refuge in Burbank, Washington, which is an area between where the Snake and Columbia rivers meet. Greg set up a fun fly and local event called "Things that Fly". He and Margaret assisted about 25 school-aged children constructing "Conover Eddy Kites". The sky filled with enough Eddies to make the Geese take notice. A few of our other Local Flyers attended but found the winds too light at this location and opted to return to Columbia Point Park in Richland. As always, Gusty Winds and lots of Sun. Linda and Glenn Garman are putting together a web site for the Ben-Franklin Kite Society. Should be operational soon.



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Longbeach, WA 98631 jkite@wiliapabay.org

"Keep Up the Spirit"

Larry "Ben", and Mary Zilar 5

President's Report

As some of you may know, your new president had to have major surgery soon after he was elected. My healing up from that surgery has made me Realize just how important having volunteers around really was. Many of the other WKA board members jumped in, and helped take up the slack my absence had caused. They did a wonderful job while I was healing up. They pulled together, and worked out the details for the National Kite Month fly, as well as the Seattle Celebration of Kites / Father's Day events. Which brings me to this issues topic. Volunteering.

The WKA, as well as all kite clubs, need volunteers for their events. And it always seems there is a shortage of needed volunteers to help at these events. Oh sure, there is always those who gladly help out, but they are usually the same group at these events, who show up and help out time after time again. These volunteers give countless hours of their time to support the sport of kite flying. There is always something that needs to be done, and these people show up, and help out. A lot of time is spent setting up an event. There is a ton of stuff to get done just to schedule an event. There are permits, press releases, working with sponsors, and planning out the event. Then they show up, and help set up the event. There are tables and chairs to set up, canopies to set up so others can man them to hand out free kites to kids, or to hand out information to the public as they show up at the event. The field needs to be laid out for the event, and the competition or display areas need to be set up before the event. The sound system needs to be set up and tested. And so on.

I feel there is a big need for more people to step up and volunteer their time to support this sport. The WKA and all the different kite clubs are all none profit groups, and can't afford to pay others to come out and help at their events. We all rely on the kindness of those who volunteer their time freely to help support this sport. It is usually the same group of people who always step up and help out. I feel it is time for others out there to give back a little of their time to support the sport we all enjoy so much.

I urge you to come to any event and help out in any way you can. Just contact the WKA or the club who is hosting the event, and offer to help out if you can. Come spend a day helping the kids build and fly their kites. You will be over whelmed by the joy and delight in their eyes as their kite takes shape, or flies for the first time. Come out and offer to help set up the field for the event, or maybe offer to help with first aid if needed or something if that is your field.. Anything helps, and is very highly appreciated by all there. Your acts of kindness will touch others many fold over.

Sincerely,
Charly Whitaker
WKA President

August Events

- 4-5 Annual Pacific Rim Festival, Vanier Park, Vancouver B.C. Contact www.bcka.bc.ca for more info.
- 17-18 Cutting Edge Kites Summer Heat Festival, Ocean Shores, WA (Chance Approach). Stunt Kite Comp. on Sat., fun fly on Sun. Contact Jim at flying@cuttingedgekites.com for more info.
- 19-25 Washington State International Kite Festival (WSIKF), Long Beach, WA
- 21 WKA Spaghetti Feed, Long Beach Grange, starts at 5:00 pm.
- 29 PCKA Meeting 6:30 will be a fun fly at Brown's Point
bring finger foods to share.

Board Meeting Minutes

Seattle, WA- July 11, 2002

Board members in attendance:

President, Charles Whitaker
Secretary, Courtney Hanson
Membership, Sylvia Bernauer
Education, Ken Conrad
Webmaster, Tom Mallard

Business

Secretary's report

Courtney handed out copies of the current bylaws and gave a disk to Tom Mallard with updated calendar info, club list, and father's day pictures for the web site.

Membership report

Sylvia found missing the membership form, which was misplaced at the Science Center in June. Membership levels are at 187 family memberships.

Member involvement

The issue of membership involvement will be discussed in the president's report to try to encourage new people to volunteer.

WSKIF Spaghetti Feed

Charly handed out copies of the spaghetti feed info. We will plan to serve about 200 people. We discussed changing the sauce from mushroom to a garden variety, keeping noodles and sauce separate until served, and using olive oil instead of vegetable oil. We will need several roles of raffle tickets and 300 or so lunch bags to put tickets in. Raffle tickets will be sold 4 for \$1.00. Sylvia found the whereabouts of the Tom Sisson parafoil and logbook set which are raffled off annually at the spaghetti feed.

Fun Fly

We will have a fun fly on September 7th at Golden Gardens Park in Seattle as a tribute to those who lost their lives or were affected by September 11, 2001.

Father's Day update

We all agreed that this year's Father's Day fly / Seattle Celebration Of Kites was a success. For next year, we would like to see earlier planning (fall or early spring), sponsorship and posters for the event.

September Events

- 2 Labor Day Fly, Garry Point Park, Richmond B.C. Contact www.bcka.bc.ca for more info.
- 6-8 Up Your Wind Kite Festival, Pacific Beach WA. Contact www.pacificbeachwa.com
- 6-22 PCKA Kite Display at the Puyallup Fair, Puyallup WA. Contact www.pcka.org for more info.
- 7 WKA fun fly in honor of Sept. 11, 2001. Golden Gardens Park, Seattle WA
- 7 Lewis and Clark Exposition (Stunt Kite Comp.) Seaside, OR. Contact Neal at pres@nwskl.org for more info.
- 14-15 1st annual Moses Lake Kite Festival, Moses Lake, WA. Contact BKA@mlfloral.com for more info.
- 21 Ft. Flager fly. Contact www.fighterkites.org for more info.
- 21-22 Whidbey Island Kite Festival, Coupeville WA. Contact Marjorie Taylor at 360-678-9358

Sept. 30 - Oct. 5

2002 AKA National Convention, Ocean City, Maryland. Contact www.aka.kite.org for more info.

Kite Clubs

REGIONAL

Associated Oregon Kiteers

Contact Judy Brown
Email: judyb7@mindspring.com
P.O. Box 25616
Portland, OR 97298
Membership includes bi-monthly newsletter

Basin Kitefliers Association

Contact: Bill Walton
509-765-9111 or email:
BKA@mlfloral.com
Moses Lake Floral
115 W 3rd Avenue
Moses Lake, WA 98837-1930

Ben Franklin Kite Society

Contact Larry Zilar
509-545-6727 or email:
zilarlm@charter.net

Lilac City Wind Chasers

Contact Bill Cox
509-327-7974 or email:
cxbil@aol.com
meets every Tuesday at 4pm in
Friendship Park, Greta & North
Standard (7200 block)

North Coast Sky Painters Kite Club

Contact Monica Barber
360-289-5682 or email:
flying@cuttingedgekites.com
meets the 2nd Saturday of every
month at Ocean Shores Lions
Club.

Northwest Buggy Pilots Assn.

Contact Morrie and Kelci
Williams
360-268-0318 or email:

williams@techline.com
meets 4th Saturday of every
month, call for location

Northwest Fighter Kite Association

Contact Bruce Lambert
360-289-2717 or email:
kitefighter@yahoo.com
meets 3rd weekend of every
month, location varies. More info
on their website
www.fighterkites.org

Northwest Sport Kite League

Contact Neal Parker
Email: pres@nwskl.org
Calendar of event on their
website www.nwskl.org

Peninsula Breeze Blenders

Contact Bill Rogers or Lisa Ryan
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 Penny Lingenfelter
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

Snohomish County Incredible Flying Individuals

Contact Four Winds Kite Shop
425-339-9334

Squalicum Kite Flyers

Contact Don or Shirley Allen
360-733-3777

Whidbey Island Kite Flyers

Contact Allen or Marjorie Taylor
360-678-9358
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

INTERNATIONAL

American Kitefliers Association

Contact Mary Bos - Regional
Director 360-289-4940 or
Email: region10@aka.kite.org
Regional website:
www.aka.kite.org/region10
National website: www.aka.kite.org

British Columbia Kite-Flyer Assoc.

P.O. Box 755,
101-1001 W. Broadway
Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 4E4
Membership: \$20 (CDN)
www.bcka.bc.ca

*If you know of any other kite club and would like to see them listed here, send their info to:
courtney_a_hanson@hotmail.com*

WKA Welcomes new members

James Abbenhaus	Yakima
Maureen Hall	Renton
Gary & Donna Hawkey and Holden	Lake Forest Park
Susan Kruusi & Barry Tislow	Renton
Ellen Pardee	Portland, OR
James & Jenny Thompson and Jessica	Moses Lake

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.

Primary Contact/Editor

Position available

Mailing List

Sylvia Bernauer
425-822-4605

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

courtney_a_hanson@hotmail.com

The deadline for all submissions is the 15th 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.

Washington Kitefliers Association

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



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

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

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Seattle, WA 98109

Visit us on the web at
www.wkaonline.org

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone/E-Mail

Names of additional family members

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