



# Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

## ICETREK-SOUTHPOLE- QUADRIFOIL KITES

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

The World Kite Museum, Long Beach, WA, is monitoring the adventures of three skiers bound for the South Pole and back, propelled during part of their journey by steerable Quadrifoil kites.

Termed "the ultimate polar traction", the pillow-like kites are composed of inflatable nylon cells, their four lines operated with two handles. The kites are clipped into a special harness designed by team members Eric Philips, an Australian who organized and led a traverse of Greenland's icecap using Quadrifoils.

The two other IceTrek team members are New Zealander Peter Hilary, whose father Sir Edmund Hilary, made the first successful ascent of Mt. Everest, and Australian Jon Muir.

The trio set out Nov. 4 on what is termed the longest unsupported ice trek of the century. They will ski nearly 1875 miles to the pole and back over a route that includes the never-traversed Shackleton Glacier. Because of wind direction the kites will be of the most use on the return journey, the men believe. Each skier will carry three Quadrifoils of different sizes.

Those who'd like to share The World Kite Museum's interest in the expedition can follow the skiers on the World Wide Web. The web site [www.iridium-icetrek.org](http://www.iridium-icetrek.org).

Quote from Monday November 16, 1998

"Getting the kites up was a real blast and a morale raiser. Unfortunately the weather deteriorated slightly and the wind shifted direction so we reluctantly pulled the kites down and continued plodding along."

By Marge Cockrane

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# The President's Prose

Well since the last time I wrote you, we had the AKA national convention in Ocean Shores and the PCKA/WKA holiday party at Fife. Both events went off extremely well and were a great deal of fun.

At the AKA convention the WKA along with several other local kite clubs hosted the Early Bird reception on the Monday before the official convention started. About 170 kites from all over the world attended the reception. The food for the event was catered by the International Deli in Ocean Shores who did a delicious job. We were able to recover 70% of our reception costs with a raffle featuring kites by Northwest kite makers. Bary Crites did an outstanding job as the raffle coordinator. I also want to thank the following clubs for their support of this reception, Pierce County Kitefliers, Westport Windriders, North Coast Sky Painters, Lilac City Windchasers, Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference and the Northwest Buggy Pilots. Without their help we would not have had such a wonderful event. Thanks to all the worker bees who set up the hall, sold tickets and then cleaned up afterwards, Great Job!

The AKA convention itself was a wonderful time. This was the second convention I have attended and they seem to get better each time. From the first class seminars (coordinated by Robin Haas this year) to the mass ascensions and competitions (field set up attended to by Jim Barber and crew) the convention was non-stop there was always something to do or see. The banquets were fun even though I was coming down with a cold. The Great Kite Auction as always was something to behold and this year I had the privilege being one of the kite builders from Fort Worden asked to make a kite for donation. The 9 kites donated by the Fort Worden group accounted for 27% of the total amount raised for the AKA, pretty impressive. As for the awards portion of the week, I think that our region held our own in all forms of competition from handcrafted to the flying events, congratulations to all competitors for a job well done.

The PCKA/WKA holiday party at Fife was another great success there was lots of food, great company and wide variety of raffle items. The party was early this year due to a conflict in the Senior Center schedule, but a great time was had by all. Especially the raffle winners, although I do fear for a certain flier's life if he wins anymore of Bary's Revolver kites. This holiday party is more than just another Kite flier's potluck. We have donated 100% of the raffle proceeds to the Fife Food bank, this amount seems to average about \$800 every year which means in the five years this event has been held we have donated over \$4000 to the food bank. I think you all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

Season Greetings  
Rob

## 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:

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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.

# W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Rodger Clark	East Olympia	Richard Miller	Montesano
Michael Boyd	Seattle	Evonne Miller	Montesano
Karen Johnson	Seattle	Terry Miller	Montesano
Herb Carpenter	Long Beach	Heather Miller	Montesano
Karen Carpenter	Long Beach	Jon Miller	Montesano
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Jamie Delgado	Puyallup	Jenna Miller	Montesano
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George Delgado	Puyallup	Fred Ogle	Gig Harbor
Thomas Gardner	Shelton	Kay Ogle	Gig Harbor
Linda Gardner	Shelton	Rob Robinson	Pacific Beach
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Greg Harmon	Burien	Susan Ruuska	Seattle
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Mary Ann Krenzke	Maple Valley	Earl Williams	Yacolt
Wendy Krenzke	Maple Valley	Duana Williams	Yacolt
Ronnie Krenzke	Maple Valley	Mary Tomlinson	Kennewick

## Thank You All

by Dave Christenson

This years PCKA/WKA Holiday Gathering was attended by approximately 110 people. They came all the way from Canada to the coast and Olympia. With all the bad weather going on we had a excellent turn out and fun was had by all.

I would like to say a Big Thank You to all the people that brought items for the raffle. Along with them and all the people that bought tickets we were able to raise almost \$800.00 for the local food bank.

Next year the Holiday Gathering will be back in December on the 11th. So until next year have a Safe and Fun Holidays.



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# SILVER AT GOLDEN GARDENS!

**January 1st, 1999**

Come gather for the W.K.A.'s oldest kiteflying tradition -- the 25th Annual "Protest-the-Bowls" (New Years Day) Kitefly! Dave Checkley, a founding father, originated this event in 1973 as an alternative to endless T.V. football, and to celebrate the New Year as kites do in Japan.

The traditional location for this kitefly is Golden Gardens Park, in northwest Seattle, where any clouds will be silver-lined, the Sound will shimmer, and the sky will shine with color! So bring plenty of kites, friends and family, snacks to share, boots, layers, and a full hot thermos -- from 11:00 a.m. to "freeze-up"! A sterling day is guaranteed, as this kitefly has been rained on but NEVER rained out!

Questions?: call Ken or Suzanne @ 206 624-6886 or 206 527-5184.

## Kites On Ice

On the weekend of February 12-14, 1999, Madison Festivals, inc. will host "Kites on Ice" on the ice in front of and within Madison's new Frank Lloyd Wright designed Monona Terrace Convention Center.

We have 24 internationally renowned kites or groups participating in the festival including: Peter Dolphin, Scott Skinner, S.T.A.F.F., David & Susan Gomberg, Ray Bethel, Robert Trepanier, Sandra & Ron Gibian, Chicago Fire, Anne Harris, Yves LaForest and Anne Clemont, Janene Evard, Lee & Sue Sedgwick, Steve Shapson, Craig Christianson, Brook Lefler, Bruce Jarvie, Charlie Sotich, Craig Wilson, Margo Brown, Roger Chewing, The Decorators and George Peters, Roger and Janice Maddy and Nelson Borelli. A few of these people/groups have requested experienced volunteers to help them during their flies.

We are a new festival, just trying to get on our feet. We are unable, this first year, to supply rooms or payment, but if you will be here for the festival and would like to volunteer some of your time to these kites, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact us by telephone at 608-831-1725, fax 608-831-1727, E-mail: madfest@madfest.org or by mail at 7818 Big Sky Drive, Suite 205, Madison, WI 53719.

Whether or not you can volunteer we encourage you to come and enjoy the festival on Saturday and Sunday, February 13th and 14th. Please bring your kites and your long underwear and join us.

You can find more information about the festival on our website [www.madfest.org](http://www.madfest.org).

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# WKA at AKA

By Sylvia Bernauer

For the first time AKA held their annual convention in the state of Washington. Many of us were there and had a great time at so many events we had to choose which ones to attend--or miss.

The AKA Grand National Competitions in Kitemaking, Sport Kites, Buggy Racing and Fighter Kites took place on the beach at Ocean Shores. WKA was well represented in the final tally of winners!

In order to compete in sport kites, the fliers had to accumulate enough points from earlier competitions this year to qualify for the Grand Nationals.

## **Sport Kite Competitions:**

Fred Marchand--3rd in Experienced Individual Quad and 3rd in Intermediate Individual Precision; Penny Lingenfelter--3rd in Masters Individual Quad Ballet; Jim & Monica Barber, Mike Benedict "Don't Panic"--1st in Masters Team Ballet and 1st in Masters Team Precision; Mary Bos & Art Rathjen "BumperKites"--3rd in Masters Team Precision; Our Editor, Bill Rogers--2nd in Novice Individual Ballet and 1st in Novice Individual Precision; Judy & Mark Stockslager "Wind Dancers"--3rd in Open Team Train Ballet.

## **Kitemaking Competitions:**

Charmayne Cornell--2nd in Trains and Centipedes, 3rd in Rokkaku and 3rd in Figure Kites; Sam Houston--2nd in Flat or Bowed and 2nd in Cellular or Dimensional; Cliff and Gerry Pennell--3rd in Cooperative; Ron Button--1st in Arch Trains and Ribbons.

## **Fighter Kite Competitions:**

Our Secretary, Jeannette Mandanis--1st in Novice Skills and 3rd in Novice Fighting; Chuck Lund--2nd in Novice Skills; Brian Johnsen--1st in Experienced Skills; Bruce Lambert--2nd in Experienced Fighting.

The above results are from the AKA web site.

Another important part of AKA is the Workshop Seminars. Our thanks to Sam Houston, Margaret Greger, Kelci Williams, Jeannette Mandanas, Rob Pratt & Bary Crites, Kathy Goodwind and Ken Conrad for leading these sessions.

Congratulations to all of our talented builders and fliers!

## WKA Membership Contest

Looking for a *different* Christmas gift -- or a Great Way to start the New Year?

Why not give the gift of a WKA membership to that friend or relative that would enjoy kite flying. It can be a great stress reliever and is fun to do.

The *25th Anniversary Year Membership Contest* goes until The Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference. Just add a line to the membership form listing your name and that you are referring or gifting a new individual or family membership in WKA.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST CREDIT FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

(WKA Member's Name)

## Editor's Echo

Well, this month marks a year that we have been doing the newsletter. It is hard to believe it has been that long already. It has been fun doing it, and I want to thank all those that have contributed over the last year. This is your newsletter, so if anyone has any ideas or articles send them our way.

I have a commitment to do another interview, with Tim Benson of the Box of Tricks fame, and if anyone has any questions they would like me to ask Tim send them to me. I am going to be doing the interview by email soon, and hopefully have it in the next newsletter.

We have had a great time going to the competitions/festivals this year but it is nice to have a break for a while now. I have been able to just play around with some kites for a change. I have a goal over the winter of learning to fly my Rev 1.5 too. I've had it for close to a year so I guess it is time.

We hope you all have a great holiday and happy new year!

Bill and Jeannette Rogers

## Great Winds Kite Shop

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2 of the rainbow kite:

This rainbow-colored revolving kite was built by former AKA President, Pete Dolphin, pictured second from the left. Also looking at it are Robin Haas on the left and Patty Sweet on the right.

(Second picture is up in the air with tube tails swirling.)

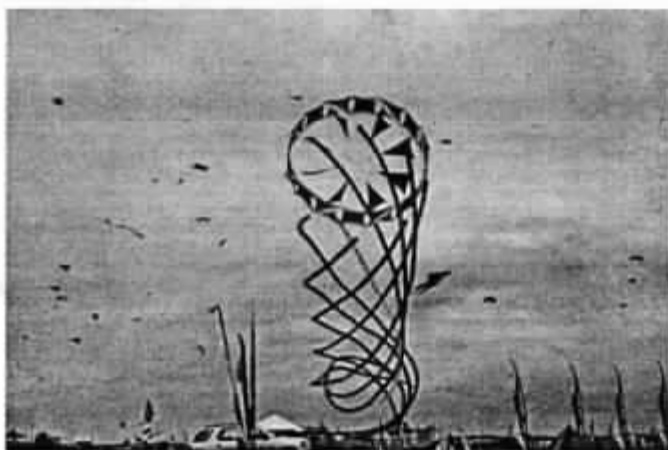
## Pictures From the AKA

By Sylvia Bernauer



The "Loon":

This photo was taken at WSIKF with builder Sharon Musto of Winnipeg, Manitoba on the right. The kite won Masters Class for Rokkaku at WSIKF. Dick Barnes of Coupeville is also holding the kite. Sharon was not able to attend AKA, so Elain Genser acted as her proxy for her beautiful "Loon". At AKA it won 1st place for Rokkaku and also won the Peoples Choice award. A very excited Elain accepted the awards for Sharon.



## Kite Calendar

Event organizers, please contact Bill and Jeannette Rogers at (360) 697-2917 or [billrogers@earthlink.net](mailto: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).

### JANUARY

#### January 1, 1999

Beat the Bowls Funfly, location to be determined. Call Great Winds Kites (206-624-6886) in November for location, 10:00 AM until whenever.

#### January 15-17, 1999

Treasure Island Sport Kite Competition, Treasure Island, FL. Fun fly, banquet, competition, kite auctions, candy drops, bol & bucket rides, mayor's challenge, kite making classes. For more information contact: Kitesville USA, (800) 762-5483.

#### January 22-24, 1999

6th Annual Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Rockaway Beach, Oregon. For information contact the OKR Committee at message phone (360) 699-4871 or E-mail: [Orkitemkrs@aol.com](mailto:Orkitemkrs@aol.com)

### FEBRUARY

#### February 13-14, 1999

The Long Beach Wave or Bargello Quilting in the Sky. John Freeman, experienced Bargello quilter and kitemaker, says this work-

shop will produce a 3'X 5' wow the spectators kite. The cost of \$40 includes all fabric, graphite rods, fittings, bridle lines and tail. If you can sew a straight line you can make this kite. Participants need to bring sewing machine and regular sewing stuff (scissors, seam ripper, thread-poly black and white, pencil, imagination.) Also, if you have them: roller cutter, long straight edge, weights and biggest cutting mat you can get your hands on.

Classes start at 10 am. Call the World Kite Museum at 360-642-4020 or email [jkite@willapabay.org](mailto:jkite@willapabay.org) for more information.

### MARCH

#### March 19-21, 1999

Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference at Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, Port Townsend, WA. For information and registration contact Bob Alford at 425-888-2812 or email [balford@cnw.com](mailto:balford@cnw.com).

#### March 27-28, 1999

Dragon's With a Distinctive Design. Heloise Lockman of White Bird Kites will teach the sky-striking serpent dragon made famous in this country by their company. You will complete a 35' dragon kite from bolts of nylon taffeta in colors of your choice. Heloise will create a special workshop design for the

head that can be used for you may provide your own artwork. You will need to bring a sewing machine, scissors, and thread. All other materials will be supplied.

Classes start at 10 am. Call the World Kite Museum at 360-642-4020 or email Jody at [jkite@willapabay.org](mailto:jkite@willapabay.org) for more information.

### MAY

#### May 15-16, 1999

Hagaman Pocket Parafoil. This kite not only will give you a piece of the famous Hagaman Parafoil design; it will fit behind the seat of any vehicle or in a backpack so you can fly anywhere. Terry Shields has perfected this 5 square foot kite by making it many times. The class, which will cost \$20, includes the fabric, bridle lines, and rings. You will need to bring a sewing machine, scissors, and thread.

Classes start at 10 am. Call the World Kite Museum at 360-642-4020 or email Jody at [jkite@willapabay.org](mailto:jkite@willapabay.org) for more information.

## 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.

### For Sale

Brand new Prism Eclipse, Purple, Teal, Black \$150.00 or offer. Like new Rev I and handles Hot Pink & Grape \$115.00 or offer. Contact Dave Christenson (360) 268-1123 weekends or [buggyone@juno.com](mailto:buggyone@juno.com)

### 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 \$10 including postage (\$11 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, PO Box 8357, Tacoma, WA 98418.

### 25th Anniversary Pin

The new pin is green with a red, blue or yellow kite in it. It is our 25th anniversary pin. The pin is priced at \$5 including postage. 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

### BRITISH COLUMBIA KITEFLYERS ASSOCIATION

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](http://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 Kierman, Spokane, WA 99205 (509) 327-2829 [blester@ix.netcom.com](mailto: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@nwlink.com](mailto:windzup@nwlink.com). Our web site is <http://crabble.olympic.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](mailto: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) 956-9480 [Aderc@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

**Washington Kitefliers Association**  
*an affiliate of the American Kitefliers Association*  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**YES!**

**25th Anniversary Year!**

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:

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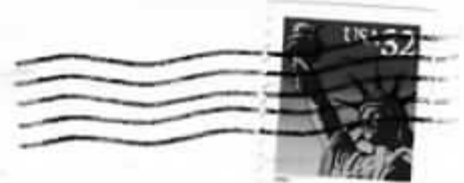
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