



Newsletter

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

JAPANESE KITEMAKERS PUT ON A REAL SHOW

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

The 188 attendees of the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference received a real treat in March from the fantastic experience provided by the invited Japanese guests. **Mr. Masaaki Modegi, Mr. Hideo Matsutani, and Mrs. Tokuko Sato** conducted excellent workshops in their areas of specialty.

It was obvious from Modegi's opening presentation on Japanese kite history that the weekend would be an unparalleled opportunity to learn more about the kites of Japan. The knowledge of kites shown by Modegi and the display of various kites from different areas of Japan were fantastic. (Several pictures of the kites displayed are elsewhere in this *Newsletter*. - Ed.) After participating in this workshop, you had to have the urge to get to Japan to see Modegi's museum. The variety of kites was overwhelming.

Mrs. Tokuko Sato taught a very interesting class using the tsugaru dako. This kite is flown in high winds and therefore uses a heavy frame of hiba wood (similar to cypress). Class members outlined the figure on the kite with sumi ink and then painted the kites in the traditional way. For a non-painter, it was an eye-opening experience. I now have a greater appreciation of the techniques necessary to make such kites. It is also obvious

why it takes much time to be able to adequately paint a kite in the traditional way. Mrs. Sato is a very outgoing and engaging person and a great instructor.

Mr. Hideo Matsutani taught two separate sessions on the kakudako. In contrast with Mrs. Sato's class, here class members constructed the frame from pre-split and matched bamboo and Matsutani prepared all the graphics. Between sessions Matsutani could be seen sitting on the floor preparing washi for the next session. A very engaging and entertaining personality, Matsutani's skill and enthusiasm were quickly apparent.

Beyond the class sessions, Japanese culture was also presented to conference attendees on Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Modegi performed a small portion of a Japanese tea ceremony on the theater stage. Most Westerners have relatively little knowledge and even less appreciation for the intricacies of this ancient ceremony. Many years of study and practice

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are necessary to achieve a satisfactory level of performance in this ceremony.

Following the tea ceremony was a performance by the drum group Tsunami Taiko. The intensity of sound was a marked contrast to the quiet of the tea ceremony. The Seattle group is composed of 10 youths of Japanese ancestry, ranging from 10 to 18 years of age. Theirs was a quite remarkable performance, very well executed. They raised the energy level of the standing-room-only crowd.

This year's edition of the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference gave many kitemakers a new window into a different culture. This conference will not soon be forgotten. The organizing committees did a tremendous job in 1997.

W.K.A. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Amber Crites	Olympia	Linda Kellogg	Tacoma
Clayton Crites	Olympia	Doug Garza	Seattle
Kelly Crites	Olympia	Witchita Windjammers	Kansas
Michael Weinman	Federal Way	Alex Wittrock	Maple Valley
Courtney Weinman	Federal Way	Chuck Wittrock	Maple Valley
Lynn Weinman	Federal Way	Erik Wittrock	Maple Valley
Taylor Weinman	Federal Way	Sherry Wittrock	Maple Valley

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WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet Comparison As of February 28, 1997

	<u>Feb 28, '97</u>	<u>Feb 29, '96</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
SEAFIRST/REG	3,565.20	4,108.44
SEAFIRST/SAVING	5,360.93	3,278.88
Total Checking/Savings	8,926.13	7,387.32
Accounts Receivable		
RECEIVABLES	0.00	66.67
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	66.67
Other Current Assets		
INVENTORY	806.20	2,058.00
Total Other Current Assets	806.20	2,058.00
Total Current Assets	9,732.33	9,511.99
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>9,732.33</u>	<u>9,511.99</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Earnings	-1,318.47	6.18
Net Income	-300.62	435.10
EQUITY	11,351.42	9,070.71
Total Equity	9,732.33	9,511.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>9,732.33</u>	<u>9,511.99</u>

Editor's Note: This edition could not possibly include all activities at Fort Worden. Look for more information in the next issue of your *WKA Newsletter*.

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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:

Rod Beamguard
4104 N. W. 112th Way
Vancouver, WA 98685

The deadline for all submissions is January 20, March 20, May 20, July 20, September 20, or November 20. Material 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 (outside the U.S., 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.



Clockwise, from top left: Hideo Matsutani prepares washi skins for his workshop on the kakudako. Matsutani explains the process while Mary Yoshimi translates. Many figure kites were displayed by Masaaki Modegi. Modegi (center) makes the rounds during a workshop.



THE EDITOR'S ECHO

Now that the rush of income tax season is over, I can get on with really serious things like kiteflying and kitemaking, and organizing an edition of the *WKA Newsletter*.

As you have probably noticed by now, Mike Benedict has taken over the reigns as WKA President from Dave Christenson. All of us in the WKA owe Dave a tremendous THANK YOU for his years of leadership as president. He has done a fantastic job during his tenure. The amount of time and devotion given to the WKA is far beyond anything we should expect.

We should also thank Mike for volunteering his time for the next year as president. If you will look at the club officer list to the right of this article, you will also see that we now have TWO (2) vacancies in the club leadership. Stu Murphy also retired as club VP after being talked into one more year a year ago. Thanks for your efforts Stu. Do we have any volunteers out there? If so, you can contact any of the board members immediately.

I really enjoyed the Kitemakers Conference at Fort Worden this year. My wife and three of my four children also came. It was something of a family reunion since two of the kids are out of the nest. The exposure to Japanese methods and materials was great. I could not have asked for a better break in tax season.

A new flying season is upon us. I would like to encourage all WKA members to introduce a newcomer to kiting this year. Remember to be kind, cooperative, and considerate on the flying fields. The sky is for everyone and everyone can use the sky...with a little cooperation.

Have a great time in the sky. Hope to see you all on the beach!



Rod

WKA ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT FORT WORDEN

The only WKA general membership meeting of the year was held Friday night at Fort Worden. President Dave Christenson called his last meeting to order at 5:00 PM. There were 12 people in attendance, including a quorum of the Board.

A financial report from Treasurer Carol Lord was read by Dave. A note was made that the WKA is no longer receiving any grants from either the Washington State International Kite Festival or the Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference.

Tom Sisson reported that there will be a show of kites at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle during the month of April in 1998. The kites will be hung in the new wing being added to the PSC. These kites will be the first exhibit in the new Building 5A.

Sylvia Bernauer reported that WKA gained 50 new families as memberships in 1996. Most are very active in kiting. 100 members did not renew in 1996. This may have been due to lack of notification. It was proposed that WKA send notices to members nearing the end of their membership period. The renewal date for each membership is noted on the mailing label on each newsletter.

The change in officers was introduced. Mike Benedict will be the new President of WKA as Dave retires to the position of Past President, replacing Steve Millsbaugh. Stu Murphy has resigned as Vice President. All other positions remain the same.

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WKA OFFICERS

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Mike Benedict
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Needed

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Still needed

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Clockwise, from top left: Mary Yoshimi (left) acts as interpreter and demonstrator for Tokuko Sato in Sato's class on the tsugaru dako, made from hiba and washi. Doing the basic outline work with sumi ink. Jon Burkhardt (center) discusses applique technique. The students of Mrs. Sato's class pose with the finished products.





Clockwise, from top left: Wayne Hosking discusses kites from easily obtainable materials. Dan Proebstel's X-wing Cody class sews a variation of the Cody box kite. Rhonda Brewer introduces a 4 foot Tyvek rokkaku usable for rokkaku battles. This 8 foot rokkaku shows common Japanese construction methods.



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WKA Board Meeting

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Tom Sisson brought up the idea of creating kits of kites to be available for distribution in emergencies to displaced children. After several years of severe weather conditions here in the Northwest, an inexpensive diversion would be a real treat for children who are not able to remain in their homes due to natural disasters. The idea was well received.

Dave noted that only 7 or 8 ballots were sent back to WKA in the December elections. Does anything else need to be said?

Since Mike Benedict could not be at Fort Worden on Friday because of his job, Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.



MOTEL ALERT!

If you have reservations at the RIDGECOURT MOTEL in LONG BEACH, you need to check your reservation status. WKA has been alerted that for some reason the motel has been closed, hopefully just for remodeling. We would hate to see anyone encounter a problem with accommodations.

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BEN FRANKLIN KITE SOCIETY

Contact Greg or Margaret Greger at (509) 943-3951.

BRITISH COLUMBIA KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Box 755, 810 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC, CANADA V5Z-4C9.
Membership \$8.00 in a US money order only.

CAPTIOL 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, 5:00 PM, Friendship Park, 7200 block of N. Standard. Contact Bill or Connie Lester, 3524 W Kiernan, Spokane, WA 99205 or (509) 327-2829.

NORTH BEACH SKY PAINTERS KITE CLUB

Contact Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817. Fun fly and potluck dinner on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

NORTHWEST BUGGY PILOTS ASSN.

Contact Morrie Williams (206) 788-6355. Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, usually at Washaway Beach, Grayland. Check with Morrie for current location.

PCKA - PIERCE COUNTY KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

Contact Rob Ford (206)572-8761. Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Call for details.

SCI-FI - SNOHOMISH COUNTY INCREDIBLE FLYING INDIVIDUALS

Contact Mike Eason (206) 334-0362 or Four Winds Kite Shop (206) 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 Bary Crites ??????. Funfly and meeting/potluck dinner on the fourth Sunday of each month. Call for location and details.



EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL

APRIL 13, 1997

Spring Kite Festival, Noon to 5 PM, Leslie Groves Park, Richland, WA. Contact Greg Greger (509) 943-3951.

APRIL 13, 1997

SCI-FI Fort Casey Chili Fly, 10 AM - 6 PM, Whidbey Island, WA. Potluck chile and cornbread feed at 1 PM. Contact (206) 339-9334.

APRIL 20, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

APRIL 25 - 27, 1997

10th Annual Puffin Kite Festival, Cannon Beach, OR. Contact (800) 547-6100.

APRIL 26 - 27, 1997

Kiona Winery Barrel Tasting & Kite Fly, 10 AM to 5 PM, Kiona Winery, Sunset Road, 3 miles east of Benton City, WA. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 783-5769.

APRIL 27, 1997

City of Destiny Kite Festival, Vassault Park, Tacoma. Contact Mildred Smith (206) 597-7312.

MAY

MAY 3 - 4, 1997

Preston Winery Kite Festival, 10 AM to 5 PM, Preston Winery, 4 miles north of Pasco on Hwy 395. Contact Marleen Zilar (509) 627-6404.

MAY 3 - 4, 1997

Lincoln City Kite Festival, Lincoln City, OR. 541-994-9500.

MAY 17-18, 1997

Fighter Kite Workshop, Long Beach WA. Sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact WKMHF (360) 642-4020.

MAY 18, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

MAY 23-26, 1997

Spring Buggy Blitz, Memorial Day weekend, Alvord Dry Lake near Fields, OR. Contact Morrie or Kelcie Williams (206) 788-6355.

MAY 24-25, 1997

Sechelt 8th Annual Fun Fly, Sechelt, BC. (604) 885-1921.

JUNE

JUNE 6 - 9, 1997

Ocean Shores International Kite Challenge, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact Eric Halverson (360) 289-2982.

JUNE 14-15, 1997

Buggy Experiments, Long Beach WA. Sponsored by the World Kite Museum. Contact WKMHF (360) 642-4020.

JUNE 15, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

OR

Father's Day Seattle Kite Festival Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA. Contact (206) 633-4780, (206) 339-9334, or (206) 624-6886.

JUNE 28 - 29, 1997

Northwest Stunt Kite Championships, Long Beach, WA. Contact Genny Forsberg (503) 357-7557.

Phone your info to
Rod Beamguard at
(360) 574-8050 or
FAX to (360) 735-1613.
Please include, as a minimum,
the date, time, place, and the
contact person's name and
phone number.

JULY

JULY 5 - 6, 1997

North Coast Challenge, Lincoln City, OR. Contact Dave Gomberg (503) 996-3083.

JULY 11 - 13, 1997

Westport Kite Festival, Westport, WA. Contact Creda Axton (360) 491-3229.

JULY 13, 1997

Jetty Island Days Kite Festival, Everett, WA. Contact (206) 339-9334.

JULY 20, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

AUGUST

AUGUST 2-3, 1997

1st Northwest Clubs Super Fun Fly, Ocean City, WA. Beach access just north of Ocean Shores.. The PCKA and NCSP invite all Northwest clubs. Contact Rob Ford (206) 572-8761 or Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

AUGUST 10, 1997

SCF-FI Fun Fly and Hot Dog Feed. Dogs supplied, bring all else. 10 AM - 6 PM, Ft Casey State Park on Whidbey Island, WA. Contact (206) 339-9334.

AUGUST 10, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?



AUGUST 17-24, 1997

16th Annual Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach.. Contact (800) 451-2542.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1997

Up Your Winds Kite Festival, Pacific Beach State Park, Pacific Beach, WA.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

Fun Fly on Kite Hill in Magnuson Park, Seattle. 10:00 AM to ?

SEPTEMBER 20-21, 1997

5th Annual Washington State Sport Kite Championship, Ocean Shores, WA. Contact (206) 339-9334.

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 1997

WORLD CUP VIII, Long Beach, WA. Only the best by invitation. Contact Terry Yunker (360) 642-2229.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 15-19, 1997

AKA National Convention.

The WKA attempts to provide accurate and timely kite calendar information for its members. However, all listings are subject to change. We recommend that you call the contact listed to verify details.

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.

WKA Patch

Patches featuring the WKA logo are available for \$4 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

WKA Banners

Banner kits by Carla Fox containing precut material and instructions to sew a 12' WKA banner, \$35 each. Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E St, Tacoma, WA 98404.

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 three pin set is priced at \$15 including postage (\$16 outside the US). Make check payable to the WKA. Contact Susie Christenson, 3594 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

GRAYLAND, Northwest Buggy Pilots Association. Fun flies 4th Saturday of every month at Wash-Away Beach. Verify location with Morrie Williams (206) 788-6355.

OCEAN SHORES, North Coast Sky Painters. Meet and fly the 2nd weekend of every month (except December). Fly at Illahee Beach. Potluck following on Saturday night at the VFW Hall at Hogan's Corner. Ask for directions at local kite shops or contact Dee/Eric Halverson (503) 537-0817.

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 Rob Ford (206) 572-8761.

EVERETT, SCI-FI. 2nd Saturday every month. Fun flies or other events. General meetings often at 1 PM. Contact (206) 339-9334.

WESTPORT, Westport Windriders. 4th Saturday every month. Fun fly and potluck. Contact (360) 268-0877.

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).

Yes!

By becoming a member of the WKA you receive the *WKA Newsletter* every 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. Fill out this application and return it with a check or money order for \$15.00 (US) to:

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