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WESTPORT FESTIVAL HUGE SUCCESS

The 5th Annual Westport Kite Festival was simply great. It had great weather most of the time with great to adequate winds and people, people and more people. There was a mile of cars parked side by side and up to three deep the last two days of the festival.

This year's festival was extremely well run with the events coming off very close to schedule. There were events for the novice as well as the very experienced, with participation in the events well represented.

There was a great showing of the "big" kites filling the sky with color and the smaller ones flying every where down to the smallest flying on thread.

The handcrafted competition was marvelous with some of the most colorful creations even seen.

The stunt kite competition was very well run with lots of contestants entering, some of the very ones who traveled on down to Long Beach the next day and packed off the trophies there too.

There were some first for the Westport Festival this year including the first Rokaku Challenge, the first Fighter Kite competition, the first Wind Art on a pole and on a kite line competition and new types of children's contests. A great picnic bon-fire on the beach Friday night with a terrific night fly and the wonderful awards dinner on Saturday night really rounded out the festival. These new events added to the festival and made it an outstanding family affair.

It was evident that a lot of planning went into this festival along with lots of hard work by the

volunteers working to make every thing fall in place.

Jeri and Richard of Pic-A-Patch Kites and the members of the Westport Windriders who worked so hard on this festival should be proud of putting on one of the best festivals ever.

THANKS FOR TROPHIES

A great round of thanks is due the individuals and business's who donated trophies and awards that were given at the awards dinner.

Individuals who donated were: **Jim Maestas** - Trophies for Largest Kite - Single Line - 1st place and Individual Precision - Dual Line - 1st Place; **Richard Maestas** - Trophies for Individual Precision - Dual Line - Novice Class - 1st Place and Individual Precision - Dual Line - Intermediate Class - 1st Place; **Chuck Reese** - Trophy for Most Beautiful Handcrafted - 1st Place; **Carol Thompson** - Trophy for the Paint the Sky Award; **Sonny Hamner** - Trophy for Judges Choice Award; **Westport-Grayland Chamber of Commerce** - Trophy for Best Performance of Festival Award; **Grace Ann's Candles** - Trophy for Most Beautiful - Single Line - 1st Place; **T&J Charters** - Trophy for Most Unique Design - Handcrafted - 1st Place;

Thanks to the following Grayland merchants for their donations. **The Golden Cove**, - gift certificate; **Shorty's Mid Beach Grocery**, - gifts; **The Beach Shop**, - gift certificate; **Terry's Lamp Lighter Restaurant**, - gift certificate; **The Seastar Restaurant**, - gift

certificate; **Seabreeze Nursery** - gift certificate; **The Mutineer Restaurant** - gift certificate; **The Local Tavern** - gift certificate; **The Grayland Union Service** - gift certificate.

Thanks to the following Westport merchants for their donations. **The Beach Boutique** - gift certificate; **Grace Ann's Candles & Gifts** - gift certificate; **T&J Charters** - Gift certificate; **Clamity Jane's Restaurant** - gift certificate; **Dunes Restaurant** - gift certificate; **Westport Unical** - gift certificate; **Inn of the Westwind Restaurant** - gift certificate.

The support by these individuals and local merchants is greatly appreciated by all those involved in the festival. It is this support that helps the festival grow into a bigger and better one each year.

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YAKIMA FESTIVAL AND SEASIDE FLY-IN

By Shannon Beardsly

A good showing at Yakima from the Windriders with most of the camping spots taken by people from West of the mountains.

Saturday started early with hot air balloons, with these being able to fly with only minimal wind. It was not a day for kites until almost sunset. Along with a rain storm some hardy one's flew for awhile. Only one kite made the night fly because of lack of wind again.

The organizers had lots of vendors selling every thing from hot pot holders to kites along with food and soft-drinks.

Sunday was different. Creda Axton was up with the birds (5:30) camera in hand, off to watch the hot air balloons. But too much wind kept them from launching. Creda returned to the motor home to catch a few more zzzzzzz's.

The people on the East side were introduced to Trlbys as later in the day Al Axton put up 55 Trlbys and flew them until he broke his 500# test line allowing them to float across a tennis court, road and almost clearing a barb-wire fence. All were saved a little worse for wear. We rolled them up and stuffed them into Al's motor home, giving him something to do during the next week. Sonny Kersh demonstrated the correct way to be dragged across a field by 27 Trlbys: it sure is different flying on grass when you are used to sand.

Sunday's great winds saved the 1st Yakima Kite Fest. A grand time was had by all who made the trip.

The Seaside Fly-In was another good showing by the Windriders. This is a fun place with lots to do within walking distance of the beach.

Both days had a fair wind and

everyone was able to fly. Saturday night with all the hotels having flood lights to light the beach we were able to fly long after dark.

WESTPORT WINDRIDERS KITERS PROFILE

CRISS (AIGNER) OSBORN

Criss lives in Quinault and has been flying kites for 30 plus years starting in the open fields of Clearwater Valley in Idaho. She says she has no favorite kite "I love all of mine". Her first kite was a hand-made paper dragon. Criss has 48 kites including Grandmasters, Rainbows, Trlbys, Millistelle, Flexifoil, Ram Jet, Revenger, Hawaiian, Rainbow Star and several deltas.

Criss says she likes the fresh air and good people in kiting best. Her most memorable kiting event was "the first time I got the 6-pack of Rainbows up".

She belongs to the Westport Windriders and the WKA. Criss has been attending festivals at Westport and Long Beach for five years.

Criss says her pet peeves are "sky hogs & kevlar - especially when combined".

Criss is a real help at the festivals in Westport, always ready to work.

ERIC BOURLET

Eric lives in Yelm and has been into kiting for around 7 years getting started at Seaside, Or. His favorite kites are the Flexi's. He has a collection of 2 Cloudcutters, 2 6' Flexis, 7 Rainbows, 1 Avenger, 1 Jaibert 7.5 parafoil, 1 6' delta and 3 India Fighter kites.

Eric's first kite was a Rainbow and his favorite place to fly is Westport. He says the best field he has ever

flown on was in Victoria.

He has participated in festivals at Westport, Long Beach and Ocean Shores. Eric says his most memorable occasion was the "Long Beach 1989 Night Fly".

Eric belongs to the Westport Windriders and AKA.

WELCOME NEW KITE FRIENDS

Chris Beardsley	Lacey
Ken Tumminia	Lincoln City
Deb Cooley	Lincoln City
Rio Wilson	Seattle
Eric, Patti	Bremerton
Travis & Jeff Hembury	
Bill Hopper	Kent
Vic Eshpeter	Tacoma
Butch McCurdy	Westport
Steven, Marian	Tacoma
& Benjamin Gore	
Steve & Marie Black	Centralia
Robert & Marianne Sicks	Centralia
Dean & Cindy Haines	Kent
Keith McCandless	Kent
Eileen Frasher	Tacoma
Douglas Willis	Tacoma
Don Wilson	Centralia
Earl Hughes	Olympia
John & Linda Zilar	Kennewick
Dave & Judy Rossi	Alderwood Manor
Mr & Mrs Thomas Slosson	Maple Valley
Annette Kihwins	Seattle
Jeanette Wugand	Auburn
Linda Dagley	Port Orchard
Sharon & Ron Byers	Pella, IA
Wilbur Kapp	Stockton, CA
Penny Anderson	Port Orchard
Bill & Connie Lester	Spokane

WSIF COMING AUGUST 20 - 26

Don't miss the Washington State International Kite Festival at Long Beach. International guests are Jorgen Moller Hansen, Denmark, with 5 kite systems of parafoils and special kites; Pierre Fabre, France, with 5 kite systems of special sky art kites. Call (206)665-5744 for information.

