

# Westport Windriders

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### THANKSGIVING FLY STORMY

#### By Jeri

It was inevitable, living on the Washington Coast, a storm would try to spoil our party. A first time in our not so lengthy history nary a kite hit the sky or was even pulled from cover in the kites vehicles. This sky was too busy belching rain and chasing winds up to 60 MPH for this activity.

But a hearty group of Windriders still managed to fill the Lions Hall for our regular Saturday potluck.

Missing lots of regulars, even Chuck our spokes person and auctioneer who was stranded in South Bend surrounded by flood water. We found a capable replacement in **Sonny Kersh**. He was the first person to ask "Who's doing Chuck's job?" and was promptly told "You are". We couldn't have made a better choice. Well done Sonny and a world of thanks.

A door prize of a clever and appropriate table decoration, a reindeer, donated by **Andrea Masters** was won by **Al Axton**.

The Special drawing for a Christmas doll made by **Rose McSparren** was won by **Connie Wiltman**. A Christmas Swag created by **Ronaye Delano** was won by **Marla Conners**. A beach cabana donated by **Dennis & Ronaye Delano** was won by **Jim & Rose McSparren**.

The crowd of 55 persons was treated to a slide show by **Doug Hagaman** of his recent trip to Japan for a Cultural Exchange for a new kite museum in Japan. An

excellent way to spend a stormy Saturday night sort of traveling some where else.

Guests from **Cloud Nine Kites** in Ocean Shores were **Scott Chapin** and his finance **Joan**. Two new couples, **Bill and Gail Schroeder**, **Joe and Colluil Shevles** attended their first potluck. **Bob Chiak's** mother from South Dakota enjoyed the potluck with us also.

Thank you **Sonny, Doug, Rose McSparren** and the **Delanos** from Portland for making it an interesting and special meeting on a disagreeable stormy weekend.

On Sunday there were some brave souls out flying stunt kites. They took advantage of some strong winds and endured the showers.

### KITERS IN THE WINTER

What do kites do in the winter? Some are like bears. They hibernate and don't come out until it's Spring and everything is warm and cozy. Some are like penguins. They are out on the beach flying kites having a great time indifferent to the cold, rain, ice and snow. Some are like Beavers. They stay inside but are busy repairing or building kites. Some are like Chickens. They stay inside when it's nasty and talk over the good and bad times, what they are going to do when the weather clears, but always with an eye on the outside just incase the sun comes out and they can run out and fly their kites.

What kind of an animal are you? Most of us are a combination of all of the above. We would like it to be warm and sunny when we go kiting but once it gets in your blood you are always wanting to get out there.

You always seem to have to go try it out just for a little while even though we know the chances are slim on even getting out of the vehicle.

We spent hours thinking up different ways to make bigger and better displays of our kites. Many are deep in construction projects, making kites we hope will really "knock their socks off" at the next fly-in or the first festival of the year.

Speaking of festivals, which we all love, winter time is great for planning which one to go to next summer. In our area we are lucky to have some of the best festivals around within an easy driving distance. Our own Westport Kite Festival June 20th - 23rd is one of the best. The Long Beach International Kite Festival in August is one of the biggest. These should be two musts on our planning list.

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WESTPORT WINDRIDERS KITERS PROFILE

JIM McSPARREN

Jim lives in Snohomish and has been into kiting almost three years. Jim started at Westport and Westport continues to be his favorite place to fly.

He says he has over 52 kites, maybe he quit counting there. Jim's first kite was a Trlby, he now has a stack of at least 25 Trlbys as well as a Cloud Cutter, F-85, a stack of Hawaiian Team Kites, Deltas and many others. Jim is part of the Westport Trlby Team which flies stacks of up to 25 Trlbys in team patterns. A great sight to see, also they have some great mix-ups of kites on occasion.

Jim belongs to the Westport Windriders and WKA. Jim and his wife Rose are among the core supporters of the Windriders. Rose is the creator of some beautiful dolls that have been part of the special drawings at the Windriders potlucks. They are always there helping out and doing things for other people. This is a natural for Jim because he says what he likes about kiting is "meeting people".

Jim has attended festivals at Westport and Long Beach. At the Westport festival he is a tireless worker always there doing something to help out and make things work.

He likes to make his own kites and is willing to try making anything that will fly.

He lists no "pet peeves" about kiting or kites and that is easy to understand because he is so out going toward people. Jim is a great help on the beach and a good friend to all kites.

You usually will find Jim out on the beach where the action is. He is one to get involved and have a good time and helping others.

DONALD SOLOMON

Don lives in Federal Way and says that he started in kiting "45 years ago in Nebraska with a home made kite".

When asked how many kites he has Don answered "fifteen to twenty". His collection includes a Fire Dart, Crystal, 3 pack of Trlbys and lots of one line kites.

What Don likes best about kiting is "to see new and different kites". His most memorable kiting occasion was "the first time to fly a stunt kite".

The only kite club Don belongs to is the Westport Windriders. He joined the club last year and has been a staunch supporter of the club and the potlucks. He must like us or at least likes our food to keep coming back.

When asked where you have attended festivals he lists Westport, Long Beach and Ocean Shores.

Being a more laid back kiter Don says he has no "Pet peeves" about kiting or kites. He is a mellow guy and good to be around on the beach.

IF YOU HAVE FILLED OUT A WINDRIDERS PROFILE FORM OVER A YEAR AGO THE NEXT POTLUCK YOU COME TO PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW FORM AS THE INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE UP-DATED TO HAVE A GOOD PROFILE IN THE NEWSLETTER.

AL AXTON

Al lives in Olympia and says he "always" has been flying kites but started seriously in 1987 at Ocean Shores. A big surprise is that his favorite kite is a Trlby. Al is well known for his Trlby flying, especially in large stacks of 50 to 100. Pictures and articles have appeared in magazines about Al's Trlby Flying.

When asked what was your first kite Al says "any diamond kite until I turned 40 then my first was a snowflake". He numbers his collection at 120 plus including Trlbys, Hawaiian Team Kites, Spinoffs, Felixfoils, Cyborgs, Deltas, Snowflake, Griffith, Vertifoil, Cody, Icarus, Wah. Roller and Cloud Cutter.

Asking Al if he attends festivals is like asking do you walk? He and his wife Creda in their motorhome have been everywhere to festivals in Washington like Copalis, Ocean Shores, Seattle, Richland, Long Beach and Westport. In Oregon they have been to Rockaway, Cannon Beach, Agate Beach, Newport, Seaside and Lincoln City. He also attended the AKA conventions in Hawaii and Seaside.

Al belongs to the Westport Windriders, WKA, AKA, AOK and GDVKS kite clubs. He is very active in the Windriders being at all the potlucks and working on the Westport Kite Festival really hard. Al is one of the ones who gets up early and helps set things up so that the festival can run smoothly.

Al says that what he likes best about kiting is "the challenge of the pull". When he is flying those stacks of Trlbys he must be really getting challenged because sometimes it takes two to four guys to hold him down. On occasion they have lost their hold on him and he has gone down the beach being dragged by his Trlbys. If you ever have any idea that a little Trlby has no pull just ask Al and he will set you straight.

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## HAGAMAN PAINTS THE SKY AT SEASIDE

By Sheba

WOOF! WOOF! After leaving me & my sisters in Bellevue for Ma & Pa Kettle to baby-sit my masters were off to Seaside for the American Kite Fliers Convention. This is what I heard when they returned. First to the City Hall in Seaside to see and talk with the city manager Larry. Reason for seeing Larry was to arrange for ground anchors for all the large kites that would be flown. After a quick lunch Doug was off to the beach to work with the city crew to place the anchors in the beach. Jody went off to the nearby Safeway for my favorite word food. They had place to stay at the Hillcrest which has reasonable prices, friendly managers & is close to everything. Especially the Shilo & Convention Center. After putting the groceries away she then met up with Creda & Al Axton to go to the Shilo to meet with kite fliers from all over the world. WOOF! WOOF! Rubbing elbows with all those TAKO KICHI (Kite Crazy) people. A wonderful surprise when Doug showed up looking for his registration file was that our "PAINT THE SKY WITH HAGAMAN PARAFOLS" pins had arrived & he was wearing one. You know who got the first one. Of course it was David Gomberg, the new president of the AKA, organizer for the convention & also winner of the pin challenge with 269 pins, this we believe is the correct number but don't quote me on this figure.

Wednesday was a lovely day with sun, wind and fellow kite fliers. Jody took a day off to rest up for the "Fly Market". She watched Doug fly four parafoils with spinsocks & fish. Catch the Winds had Steve Lund fly a 90' spinsock.

Jody attended the "Pin Challenge". She was selling pins faster than she could make change. PINS are in if you are a true kite flier

and want to challenge the winners. So if you haven't started collecting I suggest you start now so you can be a winner or place 14th like Al Axton did. I believe Marleen Zilar placed in the top five. There is a lot of money & miles invested in these pins. We applaud all who had been in the pin challenge. THANK YOU Larry Zilar for being in charge of this difficult task & all the people who helped count all those pins. Windriders prepare for battle with your pins for the next Westport Windrider Kite Festival in June 1991. Al may win so you better get busy if you want to win or place in the top five. PLEASE NOTE!! Jody has a few of Adrian Conn's pins to sell. These are collector's items, there were only 100 made. Hagaman Parafoils will also be having 100 collector pins made. The price for both of these pins is \$20.00. So if you want one of these pins place your order with Jody now.

Kay Buesing of Long Beach Kites had a great display of a few of the Japanese kites hanging on the walls during the pin challenge. THANK YOU Kay for making a special trip to be there that night to let us enjoy part of the Dave Checkley collection from the Long Beach Kite Museum.

Thursday was up early on a bit of a chilly day with a lovely blue sky but the winds were light. Doug flew his parachute, the one he calls his work horse, with 60" and 80" spinsocks on the line. Larry & Marleen Zilar flew their patch work parafoil and a beautiful crayon kite. We hope they will come to our festival & show off their wonderful creations. Al was super busy working hard to collect more pins. His collection will soon be larger than David Gomberg's, so watch out David.

Jody was busy along with Kathy Goodwind, Gas Works Kite Shop, setting up their booth for the fly market which was to open that night. Ed & Carol Thompson were

also busy setting up their booth. We might add that when Ed was unloading you could only see his rear. The welcoming & opening reception for the fly market was bumper to bumper with people. Special thanks to Darryl Stephison, Tom Sisson and Ron Button for all their help with setting up and helping the vendors so they could sell their goodies with a touch of class. There were many wonderful things to purchase like kites, earrings, t-shirts, pins, postcards etc. etc... I might add that Jody had to have some hand made earrings from Priscilla from Hawaii and one of Charlie Henderson's beautiful hand made wood winders. All in all the fly market was a huge success for all.

Friday and Saturday were busy days with running the fly market and trying to rest up for the auction & awards. So needless to say Jody only had time to watch the Rokakku Challenge. She did enjoy it and Creda & Sonny worked very hard to win. I do have a photo of their team which will be going to Jeri to put in her photo album. The loud auction is not Jody's favorite, she enjoys the silent auction. She bid on 3 items & received 2 out of 3. Giving in to Bob Hanna who wanted the lighthouse for Margaret. She wrote in Jody's little book, that she had been getting friends to sign, that some day Jody could have it. THANK YOU Margaret. The awards were pretty neat, they were plexi-glass that you could plug in & light up. THANK YOU Sandy Lamb for working so hard on the trophies.

Well Christmas arrived with lots of cold weather, hope you had a Happy Christmas. Santa brought me a new house. We moved but not too far so I can still have my daily walk on the beach.

We will see you in 1991. Stay busy repairing kites or designing new ones for all the up coming festivals in the new year.

Sheba

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1: Protest the Bowls Fly - your favorite place - start the new year outright. Golden Gardens Park has a good crowd & good food too.

Jan 16-20: Dallas, Texas - Kite Trade Association Convention.

Jan 26: Westport - Regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6pm, Lions Hall Westport City park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Jan 26: Westport - Wedding Reception for Denise and Shannon, Lions Hall Westport City Park, hosted by the Westport Windriders. See invitation enclosed.

Feb 23: Westport - Regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders Potluck, 6 pm Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Mar 2-3: Port Townsend, WA - Fort Worden Kitemaker's Retreat.

Mar 23: Westport - Regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6 pm Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Mar 28-Apr 12: Weifang, China - Weifang International Kite Festival, Join the Lincoln City Delegation, call 800-452-2151 for details.

Apr 7: Richland, WA - Tri-Cities Spring Fly-In, Leslie Grove Park in Richland, call Larry Zilar at 509-586-2664 for information.

Apr 27: Westport - Regular monthly fun fly and 3rd Annual Tribby Party, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6 pm Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Apr 27-28: Richland, WA - 5th Annual Kiona Vinyards Winery Tasting and Kite Fly, call Larry Zilar at 509-586-2664 for information.

May 4-5: Pasco, WA - Preston Winery Kite Festival, Wine tastings, model car and boat races, concessions, call Larry Zilar at 509-586-2664 for information.

May 11-12: Lincon City, OR - Lincon City Spring Kite Festival, call 800-452-2151 for information.

May 25: Westport - Regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders Potluck, 6 pm Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Jun 15-16: Oregon State Stunt Kite Championships, conducted according to AKA rules, call 800-452-2151 for information

Jun 20-23, 1991: Westport - 6th Annual Westport Kite Festival, Four Fantastic Days, for information call (206) 268-0877.

Aug 20-25: Long Beach, WA - 10TH Annual Washington State International Kite Festival, biggest on the West Coast, make your reservations now!

(Editors Note: The information on coming events is accurate to the best of our knowledge. Changes do sometimes occur, and it is best to call the sponsor or contact number to verify details.)

Thanks to all who have contributed to the calendar. If you have information on upcoming events in kiting share it with the readers of the Westport Windriders Newsletter.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please submit articles for the newsletter and information on upcoming events in kiting to: Westport Windriders, P.O. Box 233, South Bend, WA 98586 or call Chuck Reese (206) 875-6385 in the evenings. The Westport Windriders Newsletter will be published 6 times a year on odd numbered months. Information to be included in the March 1991 Newsletter should be submitted by February 10, 1991.

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THE SPECIAL DRAWING AND AUCTIONS AT THE MONTHLY POTLUCKS ARE OUR ONLY FUND-RAISING EVENTS. PLEASE ATTEND THE POTLUCKS AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

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*"May the breezes always be at your back in 1991"*

**KITERS KWIZEEN**

This issue's recipe is submitted by Dave Christianson

**BROCCOLI SALAD**

- 2 - 3 Lbs Broccoli
- 2 - 3 Cups Cheese - grated
- 2 - Cups Mayonnaise
- 10 - pieces Bacon - cooked
- 2 - Tsp Vinegar
- 6 - Pkg Equal Sweetener

Cut up broccoli into small pieces, cook bacon crisp and crumble, grate cheese. Add cheese and bacon to broccoli.

In a small bowl put mayonnaise, vinegar and Equal, stir until blended. Add to rest of mixture and stir in until all the broccoli, cheese and bacon are covered. Serves 6 - 8 people.

**HEARD ON THE WESTPORT WINDS**

Jeri and Richard on their annual trek down South. Jeri got a taste of the cold weather here in December and just couldn't wait to be gone. She said it will take a week there to thaw out.

Jody & Doug Hagaman and Sheba have a new home. Congratulations!!!

Terry Yuncker and Ocean Kites putting out a neat catalog. If you didn't get one give Terry a call.

Creda & Al Axton hosting a great Christmas Party at their home. Thanks from the Windriders for your hospitality.

The Windriders received their copy of "1990 Directory and Handbook of Kite Organizations in North America". Thanks Victor Walton of the Connectkites for the copy. This book will be at the potlucks for you to enjoy.

**WELCOME NEW KITE FRIENDS**

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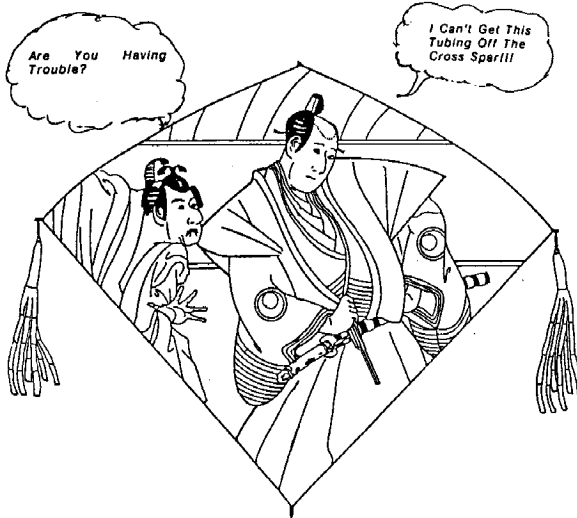
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It takes 3 Things  
to fly my kite.  
The kite - the Wind and me.

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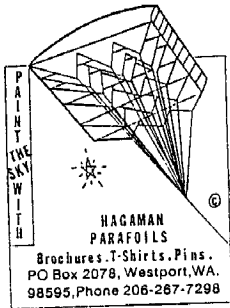
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