

Westport Windriders

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'92 FESTIVAL DATES SET

The date is set, the die is cast, June 25, 1992 is the start of the "I LOVE MY KITES" Festival '92, the 7th Annual Westport Kite Festival. This great four day event will begin on Thursday 25th and run through Sunday June 28th.

The festival this year, as in past years, is set with particular attention to the low tides. As Twin Harbors State Park allows driving on the beach attention to the low tides is very important. It is great to be able to drive on the beach during the festival and be able to go from one end to the other very quickly, it usually covers about 2 miles of beach at the Bonge Road approach. It is also very important to those who have large displays of big kites and "tons of sky garbage". They really appreciate being able to drive to the place they are going to fly.

The line-up of events by day is as follows: Thursday is Handcrafted Day, Friday is Stunt Kite Competition, Saturday is Sky Art and Display Competition and Kids Day and Sunday is the grand finale with a MASS FLY, Fighter Kite Competition and the Rokkaku Challenge.

As always, this Festival is changing, there will be different twists and refinements to the competitions and festivities. Some of the changes are that the "Awards Presentation" will

be at the regular Westport Windriders Potluck Saturday night. For scheduling purposes the Thursday night "Pizza Party" will be limited to those signed-up before the party. Jeri is also planning other little changes and surprises.

We are sorry that there is a conflict with the Stunt Kite Competitions at Long Beach on these dates. That is one reason for the Stunt Kite Competitions to be on Friday. This will allow people to compete at Westport on Friday and still be able to make it to long Beach on Saturday and Sunday.

If you have worked at past festivals Jeri warmly welcomes your help again. If you have never worked at a festival this is your opportunity to volunteer. Working at a festival can be great fun and a chance to meet some of the greatest people in the world, kilters and their families. Contact Jeri at Pic-A-Patch Kites if you want to be a volunteer.

Now is the time to make your reservations for motel, RV space, or other accommodations if you are planning to attend the festival in June. If you wait too long many places will be booked up. When you make your reservation be sure to tell them that you are coming to Westport for a kiting activity. If you know that the business you are dealing with has supported kiting please thank them for their support. Doing these two things will help gain and keep support for kiting.

WELCOME

NEW KITE FRIENDS

Jim Bower	Yakima
Tanya Grunesferlder	Lacy
Dale & Sue Kowlton	Renton
D. Anne Lemche	Puyallup
Ralph Javins	Puyallup
Lynn Rambeau	Olympia
Richelle Ruder	Westport
Anna Smith	Seattle
Julie, Travis & Kendall Wals	Puyallup

We wish to welcome the above new members to the Westport Windriders. If you haven't had the chance, please make a fun fly and potluck with the Windriders at your first opportunity. It is at these monthly get-to-gethers that the real fun and fellowship of the Westport Windriders becomes evident. If you have already made a fun fly and potluck you know how much fun they are.

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WINDRIDERS KITERS PROFILE

BILL BUCK

Bill lives in Olympia and has been flying kites for three years. He got started at Twin Harbors State Park in Westport.

Bill says his favorite kites are Flexis and Trlbys and "I'm starting to get into single line kites". His favorite place to fly is Twin Harbors State Park. Bill's first kite was a "Trlby, of course".

Bill is one of those from the survey who doesn't know how many kites he has. His collection includes Flexis, Trlbys, fighter kits, a small Hagaman Parafoil and other single line kites.

What he likes best about kiting is "People, being outside, camping, and the opportunity to spend money." Bill's most memorable kiting occasion was "Helping at the Westport Festival." Speaking of festivals he has attended festivals at Westport and Long Beach and said, "I plan on attending more this coming year".

Bill belongs to the Westport Windriders and plans on joining the WKA and AKA soon. He says he doesn't make kites "yet". Sounds like he's going to take the plunge soon.

When asked about his pet peeve about kiting/kiters his reply was, "Inconsiderate people on the beach". Bill's ending comment was, "We have more fun with kiting than anything we do. It only gets better."

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW
FOR JUNE 25TH TO 28TH.
7TH ANNUAL WESTPORT
KITE FESTIVAL.**

WINDRIDERS KITERS PROFILE

ROBYN SWEET

Robyn lives in Westport and has been flying kites for about nine years. Her favorite kite is a Flexifoil. Her favorite place to fly is Hawaii. The reason for this is that her most memorable kiting occasion was "The AKA Convention in Hawaii".

Robyn's first kite was a Trlby and when asked how many kites she has she said she "Has too many to count". Included in this amount are Flexifoils, Trlbys, Deltas, a centipede and "a lot of others, too many to name".

Robyn belongs to the Westport Windriders, PCKA, AOK, WKW and AKA. She attends lots of Windrider potlucks and is always on hand to have a lot of fun. She attends festivals "Everywhere" and was a member of the Rokakku team that won the first Rokakku Challenge at Westport in '90.

Robyn said what she likes best about kiting is the "People". She doesn't have any pet peeves about kiting/kiters which isn't surprising as she is so friendly and gets along with everyone.

Robyn is one of those young people who have grown up with kiting and is part of a kiting family. It is great to see her at the potlucks, festivals and flying on the beach. She is a good example to others of her age to what good clean fun can be had in kiting.

**4TH ANNUAL TRLBY
PARTY APRIL 25TH
DON'T MISS THE FUN.**

HEARD ON THE WESTPORT WINDS

Don Mock making the winter edition of American Kite Magazine with a nice picture and a few lines.

Also in the same issue a picture of Team Ramjet. Congratulations to Mike Pederson, Mike Barclay and Rod Guyette on winning the Team Ballet in the American Kite final national standings.

Many of the Windriders saying "I told you so" after reading the article "Diamonds in the Sky" in Winter issue of American Kite. It's a great article on Trlbys.

Some of our good club members could use a cheery note to help them on their get-well path. **June Sweet, Larry Chinn and Ken Mark** would appreciate hearing from you with a happy card or letter.

Lots of Windriders in Olympia on Saturday Dec 7th for **Al & Creda Axtion's** Xmas party, a fun time was had by all.

Richard & Jeri are on their annual vacation in the sunny southland. This is their chance to get full of pep for the next kiting season.

Jeri had a good article on kiting and **Pic-A-Patch Kites** in the FOCUS magazine put out by Grays Harbor EDC. It's good to see articles like that in a magazine that is geared toward tourists.

In the latest letter from **Connie and Darrell Wiltman** they were in Texas and they were planning to spend the holidays with family there.

The Westport Windriders have applied for "official affiliation" with the AKA. The decision to do this was made at the November potluck meeting. Our first official move.

WINDRIDER OPINION POLL

At the November Westport Windrider potluck a very unscientific poll was taken. This was a fun thing to fill in for flying time we didn't get because of the weather. Although it was done for fun the answers are very interesting and give a fairly accurate picture of the Westport Windriders.

These are the questions and the percent of yes and no answers.

	YES	NO	NEITHER
(1) I FLY MAINLY SINGLE LINE KITES.	20%	53%	27%
(2) I FLY MAINLY STUNT KITES.	47%	20%	33%
(3) I OWN LESS THAN 10 KITES.		100%	
(4) I OWN LESS THAN 20 KITES.	13%	87%	
(5) I OWN LESS THAN 50 KITES.	47%	53%	
(6) I OWN SO MANY KITES I CAN'T COUNT.	60%	40%	
(7) I HAVE ATTENDED OR PARTICIPATED IN A KITE FESTIVAL.	100%		
(8) I HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO WORK OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT A FESTIVAL.	100%		
(9) I BELONG TO THE WESTPORT WINDRIDERS.	100%		
(10) I BELONG TO THE WKA.	80%	20%	
(11) I BELONG TO THE AKA.	67%	33%	
(12) I WOULD LIKE TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER.	40%	60%	
(13) I HAVE WON A PRIZE IN THE SPECIAL DRAWING AT A WINDRIDER POTLUCK.	87%	13%	
(14) I HAVE WON A DOOR PRIZE AT A WINDRIDER POTLUCK.	80%	20%	
(15) I HAVE DONATED SOMETHING FOR THE DOOR PRIZES/SPECIAL DRAWING AT A WINDRIDER POTLUCK.	73%	27%	
(16) I HAVE BEEN TO ONE OF THE ANNUAL TRLBYS PARTIES.	87%	13%	
(17) DO YOU OWN ANY TRLBYS?	73%	27%	
(18) ARE YOU UNDER 20 YEARS OLD?	20%	80%	
(19) ARE YOU UNDER 40 YEARS OLD?	33%	67%	
(20) ARE YOU UNDER 50 YEARS OLD?	60%	40%	
(21) ARE YOU OVER 50 YEARS YOUNG?	20%	80%	
(22) DO YOU KNOW HOW OLD YOUR ARE AND WERE YOU TRUTHFUL ABOVE?	73%	27%	

Come to future potlucks and you may be asked to participate in a Westport Windrider unscientific poll.



AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION • MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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- NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
 INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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NAME	SPOUSE
ADDRESS	
PHONE (H)	
PHONE (W)	
FAMILY NAMES	

- LIST AS MEMBER MERCHANT SEND MEMBER MERCHANT INFO

Your local Kite Club _____

Where did you hear about AKA? _____

- Individual Membership \$15.00 _____
(with Kiting via 3rd Class Mail)
 Additional Family Members, ea. \$ 2.00 _____
 for U.S. First Class Mail, add \$ 5.00 _____
 for Canada/Mexico, add \$ 5.00 _____
 Worldwide Surface Mail, add \$ 5.00 _____
 Worldwide Air Mail, add \$20.00 _____
 TOTAL REMITTANCE _____

**PLEASE! REMIT IN U.S. FUNDS.
 YOUR CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER MUST BE
 PAYABLE AT A U.S. BANK OR POST OFFICE.**

PENINSULA FLYERS VISITED

On Veterans Day weekend Denise and I headed to Long Beach for a quiet weekend. As always we headed down on the beach in the early afternoon Saturday for some flying.

There we met John Alholm. Later on Gary and Wanda Wagner showed up. Last but not least Dave Arnot from Ocean Kites arrived. We were soon invited to the newly formed Peninsula Flyers potluck at the Super 8 Motel.

About fifteen people attended. A small dinner by Windrider standards, but the friendly welcome and good food made up for size. We invited all to come join us at a Windriders potluck and promised to return.

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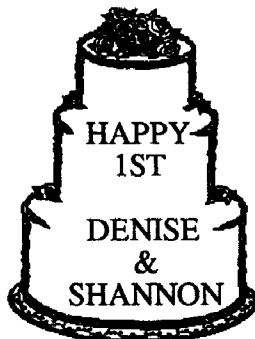
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Shannon & Denise Beardsley

Please help us celebrate our 1st Anniversary by attending the January 25th Windriders potluck.

Shannon & Denise



FAMILY FUN FAMILY SPORT

Looking for a sport that all of the family can participate in? Looking for a sport that gets you outside where you can get some exercise? Looking for a sport that you can get into without spending your life savings. Looking for a sport that age is not important? Looking for a sport where you can make friends easily?

Look no further because you have described the sport of kiting. It is a fun sport that the whole family can participate in.

From the youngest child to the senior citizen flying a kite is easy and fun.

Kites come in all sizes and shapes from the very simple inexpensive ones to the complex and more costly ones. There is a choice for everyone. There are single line kites that are stationary in the sky or follow you along as you walk on the beach. There are stunt kites, with 2 or 4 lines, that are maneuverable. They spin, dive and dart across the sky under your control.

Kiting is definitely a sport that gets you outdoors, it is very hard to fly one inside with no wind. You can get exercise to the degree that you want it. There is nothing like a stroll on the beach, enjoying the sun and gentle winds, while flying a kite. Nothing compares to flying a stack of stunt kites in a ripping wind for a real workout.

Kite flying can be calming or exciting depending on the type of kite you choose. There is a very calm and relaxed feeling that occurs when flying a single line kite on a day of gentle winds. It doesn't even have to be your kite to have this effect on you. For excitement there are the

many types of stunt kites that can get your blood to rushing. The thrill of piloting a stunt kite through all kinds of spins, figures, dives and crashes is something you have to experience to know the kick of stunt kite flying.

Kiting is a friendly sport.

Most kites are quick to answer questions, give a hand, pass on flying tips and generally just be friendly. Kite clubs are another facet of the friendly spirit of kiting. Many of the clubs are very informal and founded for the fun and fellowship of kiting only. Attending a kite festival is the way to find out a lot about kites and kiting people, the place to see kites of all kinds and every description, the place to see kiting competitions and just have a great time.

The best way to join in this family sport is to go to the beach and look for the kites in the sky. There will be someone there on the beach near these flying kites, go up to them and ask a few questions. In a few minutes you will be experiencing the friendship of kiting as the kiter you are talking to explains about the kite or kites in the air. The kiter will be happy to tell where a kite shop is that you can go to purchase your first kite. With the purchase of your first kite you are immediately a member of the FAMILY FUN SPORT KITING.

FILL OUT AND MAIL IN A WESTPORT WINDRIDER PROFILE. IT'S EASY AND WILL GET YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE NEVER FILLED OUT A PROFILE OR IT'S BEEN OVER TWO YEARS SINCE YOU DID, FILL OUT ONE NOW. SEE PAGE 8 FOR A PROFILE SHEET.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING KITING EVENTS

Jan 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.

Feb 22: 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 14 : Long Beach, WA - Peninsula Kite Flyers Assoc.- regular fly at 10th Street approach, Potluck 6 pm Super 8 Motel, for information call (206) 642-2202.

Mar 28: 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.

Apr 11: Long Beach , WA - Peninsula Kite Flyers Assoc. - regular fly at 10th Street approach, Potluck 7pm, for information call (206) 642-2202.

Apr 25: Westport - 4th Annual Trlby Party, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6 pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

May 9 & 10: Lincoln City, OR Lincoln City Spring Kite Festival, call 800-452-2151 for information.

May 23: Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck 7pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Jun 25, 26, 27 & 28th Westport, WA - 7th Auuual Westport Kite Festival, Twin Harbors State Park, Windrider potluck and festival awards 7pm VFW Hall Westport, for information call (206) 268-0877.



Jul 25: Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck 7pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

(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 1992 Newsletter should be submitted by February 10, 1992.

SEND IN ITEMS ON KITING HAPPENINGS IN YOUR AREA FOR THE KITING CALENDAR

The calendar is provided for your enjoyment and information. PLEASE be sure to call the number listed for more information and to confirm the dates and times.

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NOVEMBER FLY AND POTLUCK

The weather was nasty with rain showers in the morning on Saturday. The winter tides were high and access to the beach was mainly by walking. Most of the club members after an inspection of the beach retreated back to town to spend the afternoon at Little Richard's House of Donuts or browsing in Pic-A-Patch Kites. A few of the brave stunt kite flyers were out there in the late afternoon determined to have some kiting action. They were successful and fly they did enjoying themselves and showing to a few spectators that you can have fun flying even at the end of November.

The potluck was the warm spot of the day. Many of the Windriders gathered early and enjoyed themselves talking, playing cards and participating in the First Windrider Kiting Poll. The results of the poll are featured in this newsletter on page 3.

The potluck was attended by 42 people who enjoyed the great food and fun of the gathering. At a short business meeting the members present voted to complete and send in the application form from AKA to become "officially affiliated" with AKA.

After the potluck and drawing Doug Hagaman presented a slide show of their trip to England. The show was great with slides of Weymouth, the "Great Briton Kite Society Convention", the Swindon 1st Kite Festival, Bristol and London. Doug has some great slides featuring unique kites from Europe. His slide show was greatly appreciated by all who were at the potluck. If you missed this show you should ask Doug for a re-run.

Door prizes were won as follows: John Gittings and Kasey Maestas won Windrider Pins donated by the club. Creda Axton won an accent scarf made and donated by Kaye Gittings. Kaytie Maestas won a kiting bookmark from England donated by Jody

and Doug Hagaman.

The special drawings were won as follows: Floyd Chapman won a shark kite donated by Ocean Kites. Sonny Kersh won a fighter kite made and donated by Don Mock. "CJ" Kersh won the Santa doll made and donated by Rose McSparran.

In the auction there was lively bidding on a special numbered "Hagaman USA Parafoil" pin donated by Doug and Jody Hagaman and a beautiful large evergreen Christmas wreath donated by Marla and Ron Miller.

Jeanne Chapman brought a stack of Washington highway maps that were snapped up by club members. If you missed out on these great maps ask Jeanne if she can get you one.

DON'T MISS THE JANUARY POTLUCK. BE SURE TO BE THERE TO CELEBRATE DENISE AND SHANNON BEARDSLEY'S FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WINTER STORMS MEAN DANGER ON THE BEACH - WATCH OUT FOR LOGS AND LARGE DEBRIS IN OR NEAR THE SURF. DON'T GO IN THE OCEAN IN THE WINTER.

CORRECTED LOW TIDES FOR WESTPORT

01/01	3:13am	3.5ft	4:37pm	-0.1ft	02/01	4:41am	3.4ft	5:41pm	-0.1ft	02/29	3:29am	3.3ft	4:31pm	0.5ft
01/04	5:41am	3.5ft	6:40pm	-0.3ft	02/02	5:28am	3.1ft	6:16pm	-0.1ft	03/01	4:22am	2.8ft	5:43pm	0.3ft
01/05	6:24am	3.4ft	7:13pm	-0.2ft										
01/11	10:32am	2.5ft	10:11pm	1.9ft	02/08	9:57am	1.5ft	9:35pm	2.1ft	03/07	8:11am	0.6ft	8:03pm	1.5ft
01/12	11:32am	2.3ft	10:57pm	2.6ft	02/09	10:49am	1.4ft	10:18pm	2.7ft	03/08	8:49am	0.4ft	8:35pm	1.9ft
01/18	4:30am	3.4ft	5:44pm	-1.2ft	02/15	3:18am	3.4ft	4:34pm	-0.6ft	03/14	1:59am	3.3ft	3:12pm	0.1ft
01/19	5:30am	2.9ft	6:29pm	-1.4ft	02/16	4:22am	2.8ft	5:23pm	-0.9ft	03/15	3:13am	2.6ft	4:05pm	-0.2ft
01/25	10:58am	1.2ft	10:41pm	1.9ft	02/22	9:32am	0.3ft	9:23pm	1.5ft	03/21	8:21am	-0.6ft	8:13pm	1.5ft
01/26	12:02pm	1.3ft	11:33pm	2.7ft	02/23	10:24am	0.5ft	10:05pm	2.2ft	03/22	9:06am	-0.4ft	8:54pm	2.1ft

