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FESTIVAL DATES SET

The dates for the 8th Annual Westport Kite Festival have been set. The festival will run from Thursday June 24 through Sunday June 27, 1993. As always this Westport Kite Festival date was determined by the tides. Since Westport is one festival where spectators as well as participants are encouraged to drive and park on the beach it is very important that the dates be set when there will be a maximum amount of time with good beach access.

Richard Soulier of Pic-A-Patch Kites studies the tide books as soon as they come out calculating the best four days for the festival. To get a jump on setting the date he got a high/low tide printout from the Coast Guard and was able to do his voodoo dance and set the date much earlier this year.

The 8th annual festival will follow the same general plan as this year's festival. Thursday will be handcrafted kite competition. Friday will be stunt kite competition. Saturday will be camp display day and children's day. Sunday will be Fighter Kite and Rokakku Challenges and mass kite flying with record attempt for number of kites flying.

This should be a fantastic four days of fun and great kite flying. Remember it's not too early to get your reservations in for these June dates.

See you at Westport June 24 thru 27, 1993.

ROKAKKU MADDNESS

Don Mock did it again. He put on one fantastic class and instructed about 50 Windriders in the fine art of Rokakku Kite making.

After the October 24 Windrider potluck the tables were cleared and the class began. Don came prepared with 50 kits for making a "Tyvek" Rokakku. Tyvek is a non-woven, non-porous, usually white material that is used for kites. These kites are usually not sewn but are assembled with reinforced strapping tape.

Don began the class with a good general overview on making Rokakkus, including plans for conventional sewn ones. He had many tips for sewing and bridling kites, how to scale the pattern and other great kite making tips.

The actual making of the "Tyvek" kites was great fun and a real learning experience, especially for those of us who had never made a kite before. There were about 9 tables around which about 50 people crowded as Don walked everyone through the steps in assembling a "Tyvek" Rokakku kite. Some tables had two kites being assembled and others only had one. It was a group effort on each kite with from 2 to 6 people working on each kite. At the end of the class about 15 "Tyvek" Rokakkus were assembled and ready for the owners to complete by

adding their own designs with paints, magic markers, crayons or any combination thereof.

This was a great experience and everyone who was there had a great time building a kite. It was suggested that Don come up with another "Tyvek" kite for us non-sewers to assemble and decorate.

At the November fun fly and potluck everyone who made a kite is supposed to bring it back and show off the decorations and possibly have a Rokakku Challenge.

It should prove interesting to see how the different people go about decorating their "Tyvek" Rokakku kites. Several of the Windriders bought more than one kit so there should be a good showing at the November potluck. Don says there is a possibility of over 30 kites showing up next month.

Those who missed this class missed a lot of fun and a chance for a good kite.

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WELCOME

NEW KITE FRIENDS

Edward & Dians Burton	Kirkland
Don, Annie, DT &	
Sam Beaver	Seatac
Wesley Buckel	Sumner
Jerry Champoux	Tacoma
Linda Cole	Monroe
Owen Laughlin	Aberdeen
Doris Melchinne	Tacoma
Jim Miller	Bellingham
David Mingels	Seattle
Eli Pearson	Shelton
Mike Peterson	Monroe
Jerry Rehn	Bainbridge Is
Barb Sproge	Tacoma
Harold Stage	Port Orchard
Marla Timmons	Bainbridge Is

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Chuck

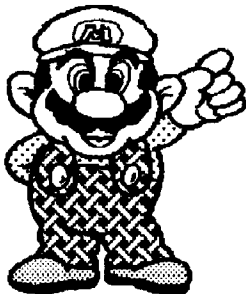
I received the two nice get well cards from the Windriders Kite Club with many get well wishes from the friendly kite flying friends.

I am feeling much better with all the encouragement.

Please put in a couple of lines in the paper for me to thank everyone for the nice encouragement.

Thank you.

Your kite flying friend,
Larry P. Chinn



LET US KNOW ABOUT IT

KITERS KWIZEEN



RECIPE for AMERICA

submitted by Jane Jones
via the Cowpat Hill Journal

Jane's Banana, Raisin and Nut Loaf

Ingredients

4 oz margarine
8 oz self-raising flour
2 oz sugar
3 oz raisins
1 oz chopped mixed nuts
2 medium bananas, mashed
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk

Method

Melt margarine in a small pan (or in the microwave). Place the flour, sugar, raisins and nuts in a basin and mix together. Add the bananas, the egg beaten with the milk and the melted margarine. Beat until the ingredients are well mixed.

Place the mixture in a greased 2lb loaf tin. Bake in the centre of the oven (350 deg F/180 deg C/Gas Mark 4) for 75 minutes or until risen and firm to touch.

Turn the loaf out onto a wire rack to cool.

SEND IN YOUR
FAVORITE RECIPE

END OF SUMMER POTLUCK

Reports received on the End of Summer potluck on September 26th were that there was "Tons of food, all of it good, and no one went away hungry" and there were 90 + people in the hall having a grand time.

Sonny Kersh was the master of ceremonies and auctioneer for the evening as Chuck Reese was vacationing down at Lincoln City.

Door prizes were won by the following: **John Reich** won a "Flutterby" donated by **John & Kay Gittings**. **Ron Miller**, **Vickie Parson** and **Chris Berry** won kite bags donated by **Pic-A-Patch Kites**. **Tom Holland** won a cutting board, donor unknown.

In the special drawing winners were: **Floyd Chapman Jr** won a windsock donated by **Allan & Darlene Cook**. **Jim McSparran** won a kite winder donated by **Bill Deatherage**. **Linda Kellogg** won a beautiful afghan made and donated by **Ruth Hogg**. **Rose McSparran** won a bird kite donated **Dean Steiner**. **Linda Kellogg** won a bird kite donated by **Jamie Alford**. **Pat Kersh** won the "Caterpillar Kite" made and donated by **Larry Chinn**. **Rose McSparran** won a kite pin donated by **Steve Millsbaugh**.

In the auction there was bidding for the following: An "English Poster" and "Hotpoint Kite" donated by **David Robinson** of the White Horse Kiteflyers. A Kite pin donated by **Ron & Marla Miller**. A kite pin from England donated by **Jody Hagaman**. Yard mushrooms donated by **Loren Schmidt**. A license plate donated by **Paul Durant**.

WESTPORT KITE FESTIVAL 1992 (and other things)

by Doug Jones

This year (1992) Martin Croxton, Dave and Janet Robinson, myself and one hundred teddy bears went to Westport for the June kite festival.

The journey started at Heathrow where we had our first problem - the bears had not paid their fare. L60 was handed over and we were allowed to board our flight for Seattle. Dave and Janet kept awake, my camera was packed away so they must have had an eye on my champagne. We visited the cockpit to see what happens - not a lot! The water in the aircraft ran out so there was no coffee or tea. Disappointingly, we had to survive on beer, wine, whisky, orange juice etc. It was an uneventful ten and a half hours.

On arrival at Seattle we were greeted by the Mocks who had volunteered to help us by taking our equipment and the teddy bears off us until our arrival at Westport. It was fortunate that Don and Jeanne were there for they were able to take us to the Motel that I had booked without realizing that it was a different one from last year. Our first day was spent in Seattle. We went to the Boeing Museum of Flight to see the Hargrave, Ra-Ra-Ra and Chinese Dragon Kites. The fact that there were aeroplanes there was a coincidence. Wrong Way Corrigan's aeroplane is there (he flew the Atlantic instead of across the U.S.).

After the museum, it was a look around the city buying jeans, cherries, kite line etc.

We had a trip on a Melbourne Tram. Later I was re-minded of Wrong Way Corrigan when we tried to find the airfield for a flight around the city - it turned out to be a seaplane and we should have been looking for a lake!

Next day it was our trip to Mt. Rainier which is the second highest mountain in the lower 48 states (those south of Canada). It is a volcano some 14,400 + feet high and can be seen over 150 miles away. We started with a train ride, behind an old steam logging locomotive, through a forest with spectacular views of the mountain. Afterwards, we drove up the mountain, again with fantastic views and unusual fauna. At the Interpretive Center (English=Visitor Centre) it seemed that we must have been very high as there were Tibetan Monks there - I have photos to prove it. The journey back to the motel was a bit on the hairy side. I lost our way, not realizing that we had not gone quite far enough to turn on to the Interstate (Motorway). Even with my mistake (is) was still 2 miles shorter on the return journey.

After a night's rest it was off to the wild and woolly North, to Vancouver, to find Art Ross and Ray Bethal (2 kite fliers of note). The first thing that happened concerned our accommodation. Nearly everywhere was booked up due to a water engineers' convention. Eventually, with a concerned look, the lady in the agency obtained somewhere for us. Only when we arrived at the boarding house did we realize why the reason for her concern. The house was well decorated, the fabric of the bedrooms was expensive. The odd thing was the proprietors - two men.

We went all over Stanley Park looking for Art Ross and Ray Bethal but all we found were a couple of raccoons, a black squirrel and a lot of Canada geese. Martin and I went across the Capalano Suspension Bridge and then up Grouse Mountain, which has spectacular views of Vancouver, whilst David and Janet went into downtown Vancouver to spend their pennies. The Capalano Suspension Bridge is frightening and I would advise anyone who is contemplating crossing it to take a clean set of underwear with them.

The next day we found Art and Ray in Vanier Park. Had I looked at my souvenir calendar of Vancouver earlier, I would have seen Ray in it and we would have known where to go in the first place. Art was flying the Red Baron - some 1200 square feet of parafoil and quite awesome. Ray was flying his stunt kites. We were very highly honored by Ray as he stopped flying for 2 minutes to say hallo. Ray does not do much kite flying, only 11 hours a day 365 days a year (this year is a leap year so he must do something else).

After leaving Ray and Art it was back to Tacoma, one night there in the same motel and then a look around Tacoma, Olympia and a trip over the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (which didn't fall down for us - please see Pathe Video for 1940). We eventually found ourselves at Don and Jeanne Mock's house, in Aberdeen, where we stayed for two nights.

The kite festival was about to start so we were kitted out with Windrider T-shirts and Westport pins in readiness.

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The site, being down on the beach, has plenty of logs etc. to tie down to. Al and Creda Axton were there flying trains of Trlbys. Doug Hagaman was able to give Martin and I a good deal of help launching our parafoils. I even saw Dave and Janet fly a kite - but don't spread is around too much or they will lose their reputation. The organization was very good indeed, stunters being kept well away from single line kites.

Eventually came the time for the teddy bears to do their bit. Apart from a small snag at the start they all jumped safely. One of the final things we had to do was to show the Americans how to fight with Rokakkus. They were sporting about it all, especially when they had to look in the forest for an hour to find their kites.

While we were at Westport we were entertained every night and the hospitality was excellent. We went to a party in the Veteran's Hall and the next night in a hotel. Then is was bonfire night with a barbecue.

It was a pity that it was all over much too quickly and eventually it was time for us to go home. To try to mention everyone would be difficult and in no way casts anything on them because everyone was just great. Pic-a-Patch Kites with Jeri and Richard must have special thanks though, for organizing everything and for the accommodation.

Reprinted from the Autumn Quarter 1992 Cowpat Hill, the kite journal of the White Horse Kite Flyers

Reserve your place now! The TENTH ANNUAL Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference promises to be the best yet. It will take place March 5th, 6th and 7th, 1993 at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, Washington.

Master designer Randy Tom and England's Martin Lester will be the keynote speakers. New teachers and new ideas will be there along with returning favorites such as Rick Brown, Dan Kurahashi, Greg Greger, Don Mock and Kathy Goodwind.

There will be a banquet Saturday night, open to everyone; you must register to be included. Classroom space has been expanded so more and longer classes are planned.

Come join us for a weekend of learning and sharing, renewing friendships, making new friends, having fun and creating kites.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Contact Julie Gantt at (206) 784-2127 or attach a note to your registration form. Register now, as space will fill fast.

by
Charmayne Cornell

**SEE
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**MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS
EARLY DON'T BE
LATE**

Review a Kite book? Sure you send me a copy and I'll look at your book. That was my feeling until I received a copy of "KITES - A PRACTICAL HANDBOOK" by Ron Moulton and Pat Lloyd in the mail.

This is a book that I had to look over from cover to cover before I put it down. It is a well written book with lots of pictures, many in color, drawings, plans and good information. This book is published in England but covers kiting world wide. The Westport and the Windriders are in the book with pictures by Creda Axton. Included in the pictures are Doug Hagaman and Don Mock kites. It has a great Appendix of Kite Clubs by country. Yes the Windriders are there too.

This book would make a great X-Mas gift for any kiter and it is supposed to be available locally soon from Pic-A-Patch Kites in Westport or The World Kite Museum in Long Beach. If you can't find it locally contact the publisher, Argus House, Boundary Way, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7ST, Phone (0442) 66551, FAX (0442) 66998.

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FORT WORDEN KITEMAKER'S CONFERENCE 1993 REGISTRATION FORM

It's time to sign-up for the 1993 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference being held on March 5th, 6th and 7th at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, Washington. Remember to register early or we may run out of space.

FLASH!...we are attempting something new this year - a BANQUET. It will be held on Saturday night and individual tickets will be available as indicated below. Sign-up for the FUN!

Accommodations included in the conference package are dormitory style and primarily single rooms with only a limited number of doubles available. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis to registrants who are paid in full.

Campsites and Officer's Row houses may be available and can be reserved by calling the park office at (206) 385-4730. Contact the Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce, 2437 Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA 9838, for information about accommodations in town.

Please Note: There will be additional fees for materials/kits for some of the classes. Information about these fees will be included in your registration packet and will be payable at the conference.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$45.00 CONFERENCE FEE.
To Register, please enter the information requested below:

No. of Attendees: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name(s) of Attendees: _____

Contact Address: _____

_____ No. Conference fees at \$45.00 per person = \$ _____

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(Meal package includes Banquet + 5 meals)

_____ No. of Banquet tickets at \$15.00 per person = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

_____ No. of double rooms requested (if available)

Send registration form along with check payable to "Fort Worden Kitemaker's Conference" to:
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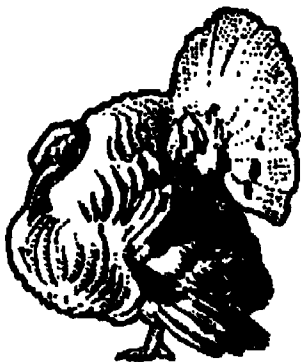
For registration information call Bob at (206) 888-2812.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING KITING EVENTS

Nov 28: Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, call (206) 268-0877 for information.

Mar 27: Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, call 206-268-0877 for information.

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**NO WINDRIDERS
POTLUCK IN
DECEMBER**

Jan 1: Avoid the Bowls Kitefly, 20th Annual, Golden Gardens Park, Seattle, call 206-624-6886 for info.

Jan 23 - Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6pm Lions Hall Westport City Park, for information call 206-268-0877.

Feb 27 - Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 6pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, for information call 206-268-0877.

Apr 24: Westport - 5th Annual Trilby Party, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 7pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, for information call 206-268-0877.

May 22: Westport - regular monthly fun fly, Twin Harbors State Park, Westport Windriders potluck, 7pm, Lions Hall Westport City Park, call 206-268-0877 for information.

June 24-27: 8th Annual Westport Kite Festival, Twin Harbors State Park, 4 big days of fun, competitions and flying, for information call 206-268-0877.

(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 evening. The Westport Windriders Newsletter will be published 6 times a year on odd numbered months. Information to be included in the January 1993 Newsletter should be submitted by December 10, 1992.

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

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