



Westport Windriders

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Mass Ascensions - A New Thing for Us FUN-TASTIC KITES "95"

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Last year at the AKA Convention in Wildwood, NJ there was an event called "The Mass Ascensions". There was four mass ascensions spread out over the four days of the convention. The idea was to get a lot of the same types of kites together on one field and also put on a show of color for the public. The events were a smash hit with the public and they were also alot of fun for the flyers. Can you imagine over 100 soft kites of every size shape and color on one field that was 300'X300'. The same thing happened with a field of Rok's also deltas and last but still coloring the sky was the box's and cellular. Each class had over 100 entry's and the rok's had almost 200.

This year at the Westport Fun-Tastic Kite Festival we are going to try the same type of mass ascensions. There will be a slight difference between the national one and ours. The one at Wildwood was free and since we don't have the budget they have ours will be in the area of \$5 to \$10 for registration fees. This will pay for some of the pin costs, etc. Some people will say "Why should I pay to fly my kites?" You are paying a registration fee to collect some differnt pins and also to fly with other great flyers who are out to color the sky. If you don't want to register for the mass ascensions you don't have to but don't you want to show off your kites like the rest of the flyers on the beach?

As with any new event there will be a few simple rules. Such as you must pre-register if you want the pin. You must fly your entry inside the field boundaries, and simple things like that. All the rules are not final yet but you will be notified of them when the event happens.

Like all the festivals that happen at Westport, lets try to make this one the best yet. Lets have a lot of fun and show the non-flying public what fun they are missing. Remember to bring your kites for the Mass Ascensions and lets color the skies of Westport.

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Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way, We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.....

Charles Swindoll

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