

Westport Windriders

Winter 1997/1998

The President's Letter

Fellow Windriders

Another year has come and gone, and with it the first Westport Kite Festival completely orchestrated by the Windriders is in the books. Once more I would like to congratulate all involved on a job well done.

Now we turn our sights toward 1998, which will be a very exciting year. First, we want to expand our efforts and further develop our

own festival. I'm asking all committee chairs to please pitch in again and get this event on a solid steady course.

1998 also marks the first time the AKA National Convention has come to the Washington coast. We have been asked, along with the North Coast Sky Painters and WKA to help host

this event at Ocean Shores the second week of October. This means putting on the early bird reception on Monday evening as well as helping with staffing for some events. More information will be forth coming as this event starts to come together. Please plan to attend this event and possibly volunteer if you can, especially if you have never been to a national convention. It is truly an experience you will never forget.



Just part of the Rokakus flying in the mass ascension at AKA National Convention

Back to things a little closer at hand. Since most of you were not in attendance at the November potluck I'll relate an announcement I made there. A club member, whose identity I will not disclose approached me, this person informed me that in their opinion (and also that of some others) there was too much discussion of club business and other affairs at the general membership meetings. It is their opinion that this is what a board of club officers was elected to

deal with. The more I thought about it the more I began to realize that they were right. Therefore I pledge, if re-elected to serve as your president to hold regular board meetings, and at these meetings to deal with the majority of this business that is bogging down our potluck meetings. This

however, does not mean that you will have "No Say" in the way your club is run. It simply means our meetings will go back to being shorter, and a lot more fun. If you have any concerns about this or any other club issues please contact me or any of the other board members, we are here to represent your interests.

I'll close by wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a wonderful year ahead.

Bary

dropped onto the trailer, and whose carabiner had managed to drop INTO the trailer through a vent!!!! A Windrider to the Rescue!!!! I couldn't believe it!! I had no idea he flew so far!!!! But given the power of the suit, anything is possible! I ran to the scene, camera in hand and by the time I arrived, Superman (a.k.a. Rob Robinson) with the help of his Lois Lane, and several other friends had managed to free my kite!

So next time Superman's persona comes up for auction, remember the power that the suit hold as you bid for it....for far away in the desert, in a foreign land, you too may be in need of rescue, and who knows??? Superman maybe there to help you!!!!

Elain Genser
Nanaimo B.C.

1997 AKA Convention at Wildwood

Well at the prodding of Lil Vic I went to the AKA national convention in Wildwood NJ. What a great experience! Not just for the kite flying, which was amazing, but for the people. I am convinced the single biggest reason I stay with kiting is the people I meet and form friendships with. There were only two problems with the convention, one was the weather, which I couldn't do anything about the other, was there was too many things to do and see.



The convention is five days long, with the workshops in the morning and flying events in the afternoon. The first event is an early birds welcome party Monday evening this was hosted by several of the surrounding AKA regions. The mornings started with breakfast at one of the

local cafes, in Wildwood not much is open this time of year, so those places that were open were very busy but this was a great way of meeting new people by sharing tables. Lunch is provided on the flying field and was not too bad. After lunch was the flying events starting with the mass ascensions it was pretty spectacular watching 300 of the same kite fly on the same field. Next was either competitions or various fun flies these were sponsored by various businesses and there were giveaways of various items. I got 5 yards of fabric from north cloth and a water bottle from the kite loft among other things. Tuesday night there was the pin challenge



and reception. Guess whose collection was the biggest. After the drinks were served the AKA annual meeting commenced (I'll never complain about one of our meetings again!) this was a loud affair but was pretty entertaining to watch. The rest of the days were the same sort of schedule with minor variations for the evening entertainment. Wednesday evening had the sport kite symposium which was pretty calm for the most part. Thursday night was the first session of the Fly Mart this is where various kite shops, wholesalers and manufacturers set up booths with some outstanding bargains. Friday and Saturday nights are the banquet nights Friday was auction night with lots of silent and loud auction items going for a lot of money. Saturday night was awards with most of the major national awards being presented. If I were you I would do everything I could to be in Ocean Shores next year.

November Meeting Notes

At the request of some of the membership I'm going to print a brief version of the minutes of the last general meeting.

- 1 A suggestion was made that the club participates in the highway clean up program. Vic will investigate what is required from the state.
- 2 A superman pin will be made by the club to honor those who have and will wear the Superman Suit. The club will hold a design contest.
- 3 New kite club pins was discussed, ideas for a new design will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 4 It was decided that club members would be able to purchase festival T-shirts a large discount.
- 5 Several ways of members selling used kites at the club meetings were discussed. An auction with some proceeds going to the club for example

Requested Recipes

Here's another great recipe from Charlotte Wolland. These were gone very quickly for such a small meeting.

Pumpkin Squares

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| 1 cup oil | 2 cups pumpkin |
| 2 cup Sugar | 4 eggs |
| 2 cups flour | 2-tsp. baking powder |
| 1 tsp. Cinnamon | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 1-tsp. allspice | 1 cup chopped nuts
(Optional) |

Combine in order given and mix well. Bake in a greased and floured 12 x 18 pan for 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool cake.

Frosting

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| 3-oz. cream cheese | 1 tbs. Cream or milk |
| ¼ stick of butter | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 cups powdered sugar | |
- Mix all ingredients and beat well. May need to add a little more powdered sugar for spreading consistency.

Club Apparel Available

According to Creda, the Windriders have several items left from the 1997 Festival here's a list of what we had left as of the first of September.

Festival Items still for sale

- 7 Sweatshirts at \$25.00
 - 2 small
 - 1 medium
 - 3 XXL
 - 1 XXXL
- 30 T-shirts at \$15.00
 - 8 large
 - 22 XXL
- 68 Festival pins at \$5.00
- 17 T-shirts from 1996 at \$8.00
 - 10 large
 - 7 XL

If you would like any of these items please contact Creda at the next Windriders meeting in January

Scheduled Of Events

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| Jan | 1 | Beat the Bowls Kite Fly, Magnuson Park Seattle |
| | 10 | North Coast Sky Painter's Fun Fly and Potluck, Ocean Shores |
| | 23-25 | Oregon Kitemakers Retreat, Rockaway Beach Oregon |
| | 24 | Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Grayland Beach |
| Feb | 14 | North Coast Sky Painter's Fun Fly and Potluck, Ocean Shores |
| | 28 | Westport Windriders Fun Fly and Potluck, Grayland Beach |
| Mar | 5-9 | Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference, Port Townsend |
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The Knotty Page

The Bowline

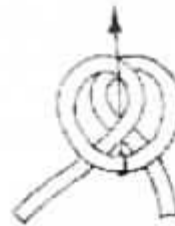


A fixed loop, very safe. You can use it when climbing and lifesaving etc.

If your life depends on this knot, you should do an extra knot to make it safer. Otherwise it will not be safe enough, especially if the rope is new. Often learnt by thinking of the end as a rabbit, and the loop as its hole, and as Elma Fudd would say:

"The wabbit gows up, out of his hole, wound the back of the twee, and back down into his buwwow."

The Fisherman's knot



I thought that this might be a good knot to try for attaching a tube or windsock to a line. A fixed loop. Quick to make. The name of the knot comes from the time when the fishermen could not write. Instead of a handwritten letter, the fisherman sent this knot home to his fiancée, with the two knots a bit separated. If it came back with the knots together, the answer was... YES!

Reports From Festivals Afar

SUPERMAN SAVES THE DAY IN AVI, NEVADA!!!

For the second year, the Avi Hotel and Casino, located on a reservation, close to Laughlin, Nevada has hosted a little known, but well attended kite festival. Organized by Kathy Plummer of Laughlin. I attended this year for the first time, and it turned out to be a meeting place for many well-known kitemakers and fliers. This was a totally non-competitive 'fun fly' kind of happening, and was a welcome relief from the competitive climate that normally attends large festivals. Without a list, I couldn't possibly remember all those who attended, but briefly, here are some of the names I do remember: Betty Street and Bill , the Imbachs, the Lindsays, the Houstons, the Gibians, Kathy Goodwind, Scott Spencer, Randy Shannon, Scott Hampton, Frank (Mr. Nasty) Kenisky, the Wind

Witches and the Power Squadron, Dawn Benedict, Don Mock and many more whose first names only I can remember. But there were fliers from Iowa, Minnesota, Texas, California, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Texas, and Colorado and with the addition of Mel Edlund and myself from British Columbia, we made the event International!

Oh yes....and SUPERMAN!!!

Little did I know that I would need such a spectacular rescue! I was flying my MockFlow (Northern Flights), and the winds were strong, and rather erratic. It was flying fine, and then BOOM, when I looked for it, it was gone from the sky. I frantically scanned across the sand field, over the wire fence to the parking lot about 100 feet away, and lo and behold, there was Superman, high on a small trailer, cape blowing in the wind, rescuing my kite, which had

Westport/Grayland Festival 1998

The only note that Creda had on the 1998 Festival at this time is that she still needs chairman for the following committees:

- Bonfire- Picnic
- Demos
- Festival Shirts
- Field Layout
- Fighter Kites
- Kids Events
- Pamphlets
- Rok Challenge
- Sponsors
- Stunt Kite Games
- Stunt Kites
- Theme Event

Please consider helping out, this festival will not work without your help.

The Windrider Arch Project

The arch is coming along and the center section will be done by the first spring festival of 1998. I plan on doing the lettering in black and the background in yellow. The rest of the arch, which will be completed by the members can be added in sections throughout the year. What I was planning on doing was putting together a kit that has the instructions; 6 sails and the materials for the spar pockets. I and some of the other kite makers will provide our scrap bags for the applique parts of your kites. The sails will be diamond shaped and approximately 18 inches top to bottom and side to side. So keep this size in mind when you are planning your design. The kits will cost \$10 this covers cost of the materials and an arch pin that you will receive when you have completed your 6 kites. What I will need from you is what colors you want your kites to be (Aside from the obvious choices A1 and A1) so that I can order the fabric. For this purpose I have put an order form below which you can send to me. I will not be at the January meeting so I will have plenty of time to get your orders together before the February meeting. Hopefully we will be able to have a workshop for the people who are unsure of how to start on the project. I will talk to Creda about collecting the money from you at a later date.

Name _____

Phone _____

Fabric colors 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

Send to: Rob Pratt
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January is Election Time

It is time for Windrider elections. We have an almost full slate of candidates except for board members at large. The nominations committee needs your help if you have a desire to hold this position or any others please be at the January meeting. Remember **be there or be President.**

Here's the slate of candidates up for election

President	Bary Crites
Vice President	Vic Eshpeter
Treasurer	Creda Axton
Secretary	Rob Pratt
Board Members at Large	Cliff Pennell Al Councilman

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