

Westport Windriders

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

JULY 21 - 22 - 23

By: Dave Christenson

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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THOUGHTS

World Kite Museum Needs YOUR Help!



The Northwest Folk Life Festival, May 27-29 at the Seattle Center will include a major exhibit put on by the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame. This exhibit, THE ART OF ASIAN KITES, will give the Museum and kiting excellent exposure.

The Museum is appealing to WKA members in the Seattle area to help hang the exhibit, act as hosts and hostesses during the exhibit and then, of course, take it down when it's over.

Hanging the exhibit takes place May 23-26 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Folks who work during the day can help in the evening. Three or four hours anytime during those hours will be a big help - more would be even better.

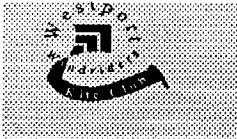
Exhibit days, May 27-29, we needs people from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This job entails making people feel welcome, answering questions or directing them to someone who can, working in the gift shop, and curtailing less than appropriate behavior.

May 29 and 30 is take down and pack to go back. This will last until it's done!

We wish our "perk" capabilities could be more generous but you will get a Museum pin plus our undieing gratitude. For two days or more you'll get a years subscription to the Museum's newsletter.

Please try to let us know ahead of time when you can work. This will greatly facilitate our planning. However, we will accept walk-in's! Send a post card to World Kite Museum, P.O. Box 964, Long Beach, WA 98631 or call 360-642-4020. THANK-YOU!

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- 25 PCKA Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Mainframe Kite Shop, Tacoma.
Contact: Dave Lord 206-848-0322
- 27 Westport Windriders Fun Fly at Bongee Road, Potluck Dinner Westport Lions Club, 7:00 pm
Contact: Pic-A-Patch Kites 360-268-0877

Whats UP ?????

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- 5 Sci-Fi Fun Fly, Marine Park and Boat launch, Marine View Drive & 10th Street. Potluck at 6:00 p.m. at 1401 Poplar, Everett, WA Contact: Mike Eason, 206-334-0362
- 10 North Coast Sky Painters Fun Fly, Illahee Beach Access in Ocean Shores. Potluck Dinner at 7:00 p.m., Ocean City Lions Hall. Contact Eric Halverson, 360-289-2982
- 10-11 6th Annual Yakima Valley Kiteflyers Kiite & Flight Festival, Fullbright Park, Union Gap, WA - **Contact:** Pat Teague, 608 S. 54th Avenue, Yakima, WA 989082, PH (509) 966-0814
- 17-18 3rd Annual Trlby Fly, Seaside, OR Contact: Bill Storey, 503-738-0783
- 18 The Seattle Kite Festival and 7th Annual Demo Day, Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA
Contact: Gasworks Park Kite Shop
- 17-18 World Kite Museum, Fighter Kit Making and Flying, beginning and advanced, \$5.00 fee
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- 21-23 **Mark Your Calendar Now For The MOST IMPORTANT Kite Event Of the Year, The Annual Westport Kite Festival Fun-Tastics Kites "95" Sponsored By Pic-a-Patch Kites and The Westport Windriders**
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Westport Windriders

At the World Kite Musuem they have kite making classes, kite flying, and other kite related activities throughout the year! Activitie take place at a variety of locations close to the Museum. Fees vary depending on the needs of each event. Pre-registration guarantees participation and materials. Those who register at the door "takes-your-chances"! In 1995 they have already had Kite Trains, Arches & Sky Ribbon classes as well as a Night Fly Techniques class. Coming up in May is the William Eddy Aerial Photography Weekend exhibition and contest as well as a Fighter Kite Making and Flying class in June.

Perhaps there is something that your interested in, so contact them! Let them know what future classes you would like to see.....

For more information write World Kite Museum, P.O. Box 964, Long Beach, WA 98631 or call the Museum at 360-642-4020 where someone returns calls daily. If you need lodging information, call 1-800-451-2542

Apple Kites, Apple Kites..... calling all Apple Kites

Photo Session, Photo Session, Photo Session!

Anyone who receives an Apple Kite at this years FUN-TASTIC KITES "95" FESTIVAL is invited to fly their kite on Saturday between noon & 1:00 pm. Each kite will have a number and if your number matches the one drawn you could win that surprise. But remember, you must be at the photo session to win the surprise! Note: Apple Kites donated by *Tree-Top*. Master of Ceremonies for photo session **Sonny Kersh.**

At this time Sonny would like to thank *Tree-Top* for donating these kites for the past few years. He would also like to thank all the wee elves for helping to put all these kites together, making them easier to hand out.

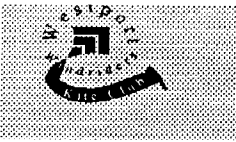
.... SEE YOU AT THE PHOTO SESSION!

CALLING ALL KITE FLYIN' COMPUTER CYBER SURFERS!

I know your out there because I have found a few of you..... Do you cruise the Internet, America Online, Compuserve or the dozens of others when you are not out there flying your kites?

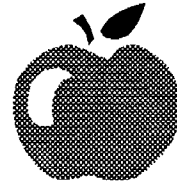
I've heard thru the cyberwaves that there is already or is going to be a place where all kite club newsletters can be posted and available for downloading from all over the world. WOW! Just think of where the Westport Windrider Newsletter may catch a ride on the cyberwaves tooooooo. And that's just the beginning.... there's MORE!

..... so tell us where you go to talk about kites in cyberland so that we can meet you there too. Westport Newsletter information can be addressed to: Kitefvr@aol.com



April Potluck Report

69 Kite Flyers in Attendance



Donated By	How Awarded	Item	Received By
Goodwind Kites	Auction	Wind Demon	Jim McSparren
Goodwind Kites	Raffle	Pattern for 6' delta	Bill Teethridge
Goodwind Kites	Raffle	Pattern for Wind Cheater	Nadine Walker
Goodwind Kites	Raffle	Pattern for xitr sport kite	Clayton Crites
Creda Axton	Door Prize	Barney Dragon Kite	Clayton Crites
Creda Axton	Door Prize	Star Trek Dragon Kite	Kajtia Maestas
Janice Maddy	Door Prize	Mini Rose	Marjael Robinson
Barry Crites	Raffle	Thunderwing	Dick Barr
Roger Maddy	Raffle	Quad Book	Rob Robinson
Richard Maestas	Auction	Wind Speed Indicator	Bill Walton
Frani Cowan	Door Prize	Hat	Evonne Miller
North Coast Sky Painters	Door Prize	Hat	Bill Deatheridge
N C Sky Painters	Raffle	NCSP Festival Pin	Bob Chaik
Hi Flyers	Auction	Cribbage Board	Floyd Chapman
Darlene Cook	Door Prize	Sled Kite	Kieth Haunsaker
Darlene Cook	Door Prize	Sled Kite	Katlynn McSparren
Darlene Cook	Raffle	Box Kite Pin	Frank Cowan
Darlene Cook	Raffle	Box Kite Pin	Patty Sweet
Barry Crites	Raffle	Stunt Kite Handles	Kyle Haunsaker
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Vic Eshpeter	Door Prize	GoFlyAKite Hat	Creda Axton
Rob Pratt	Raffle	Box Kite	Bob Chaik
Al & Joan Councilman	Door Prize	Wind Spinners	Harriet Stackbridge
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Westport Weekend Tides

Superman Windrider Gossip!

Date	High Tide				Low Tide			
	AM	HT	PM	HT	AM	HT	PM	HT
Sat 5/6	5:14	7.7	6:53	7.2	11:59	0.6		
Sun 5/7	6:16	7.3	7:47	7.3	12:22	3.4	12:53	1.0
Sat 5/13			12:53	8.3	6:19	-1.3	6:22	1.1
Sun 5/14	12:39	10.0	1:46	8.5	7:08	-2.1	6:22	1.1
Sat 5/27			12:54	7.4	6:19	-0.8	6:15	2.1
Sun 5/28	12:29	9.0	1:37	7.5	7:00	-1.1	6:57	2.3
Mon 5/29	1:05	8.9	2:19	7.5	7:38	-1.3	7:37	2.4
Sat 6/3	4:04	7.9	5:35	7.5	10:42	-0.4	11:00	2.8
Sun 6/4	4:49	7.5	6:18	7.5	11:223	0.0	11:56	2.7
Sat 6/10	11:40	7.3	11:18	9.8	5:05	-1.0	5:02	1.6
Sun 6/11			12:38	7.6	5:58	-1.9	5:56	1.6
Sat 6/17	4:27	8.8	5:41	8.6	10:47	-1.6	11:13	1.4
Sun 6/18	5:22	8.1	6:28	8.6	11:35	-0.6		
Sat 6/24	11:43	6.6	11:17	8.7	5:09	-0.4	4:58	2.5
Sun 6/25	12:32p	6.9	11:58	8.8	5:53	-0.8	5:45	2.5
Sat 7/1	3:10	8.3	4:27	7.7	9:38	-1.0	9:54	2.1
Sun 7/2	3:49	7.9	5:02	7.8	10:14	-0.6	10:39	2.0
Mon 7/3	4:33	7.5	5:39	8.0	10:51	-0.2	11:30	1.9
Tue 7/4	5:25	7.1	6:20	8.1	11:33	0.4		
Sat 7/8	10:18	6.4	9:56	9.3	3:44	-0.3	3:36	2.0
Sun 7/9	11:24	6.9	10:54	9.7	4:43	-1.2	4:37	1.9
Sat 7/15	3:20	9.3	4:25	8.9	9:#6	-1.9	9:58	0.6
Sun 7/16	4:11	8.6	5:08	8.9	10:20	-1.1	10:50	0.8
Fri 7/21	9:09	5.9	9:03	8.2	2:46	0.8	2:34	2.8
Sat 7/22	10:16	6.1	9:56	8.3	3:45	0.5	3:32	2.9
Sun 7/23	11:14	6.4	10:46	8.5	4:37	0.0	4:27	2.9
Sat 7/29	2:18	8.6	3:19	8.1	8:37	-1.0	8:53	1.5
Sun 7/30	2:57	8.5	3:52	8.3	9:12	-0.8	9:34	1.3
Sat 8/5	8:45	6.3	8:26	8.8	2:14	0.3	2:06	2.4
Sun 8/6	10:02	6.5	9:35	9.1	3:20	-0.3	3:16	2.4
Sat 8/12	2:18	9.6	3:10	9.1	8:28	-1.7	8:49	0.1
Sun 8/13	3:06	9.1	3:50	9.1	9:10	-1.7	9:36	0.1

Did you see Superman Windrider **Eli Williams** riding his moped on the Ocean Shores beaches all decked out in his Costume???? Well!! If you didn't get the opportunity look for the picture..... Yes Windriders, **Eli** was the superman of the weekend at the Ocean Shores Kite Festival in May. He got plenty of looks and he represented the club well..... Thanks **Eli** for being such a good sport about it!

AND Al Councilman, ohh **Al**.....yes you **Al** are the next honored Windrider to parade around in the kewl red white & blue.... at **Fun-Tastic Kites '95 Festival!** All three days of the kite festival no doubt..... I wonder if his wife has her tickets to Hawaii yet??

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Windriders

Kiter Profile

Name: Paul Conrad

Home Town: Centralia, Wash.

Years In Kiting: 12 wonderful years

How Did you Get Started: One windy April Saturday my brother and I thought it would be fun to fly a kite. We wondered what kind of kites they made these days.

Favorite Flying Places: I have flown in many places. However one time and place stands out, Memorial Day weekend 4-5 years ago at Cannon Beach Oregon. Sunshine, blue sky and perfect wind!!!!

Kinds Of Kites You Fly: I fly a stack of 16 Trlby's with 100' tails (I flew 32 with the 100' tails a few times but I needed 25+ wind to get all 3200' of tails off the ground, but oh what a sight!

Best Thing About Kiting: The best thing is... it is so very relaxing. I was delighted to read about the festival coming up in July. My work is stressful and competative. The last thing I wanted was a weekend of stress at a kiting competition. I have been avoiding such events for years because I simply love to fly..... so many things are turned competative I just wanted to keep a simple day of kiting at the beach fun. So we are looking forward to April 22 & July 21-23. We will be at this one!

We would like to feature you in the next profile!

Please send us your information.....

Thank-You Paul!

