

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –

Greetings from your new president! I am honored, (and perhaps a little daunted) by the task of taking on the position of Club President. After years of being the Secretary, I have had the opportunity to participate in various Club activities. From Fun Fly's and Fund Raisers, to Sewing Retreats, Kids Kite Making Workshops, and helping to organize and participate in major festivals. I enjoy being part of a team of dedicated members who are as eager, enthusiastic, and passionate about kites as I am.

I look forward to working with our Executive members: Jeremy Perceval as Vice President, Leslie Kerr as Secretary, Joanne Lord as Treasurer & Membership Coordinator, Dianne O'Brien as Workshop Coordinator and Dave Hathaway as Website Coordinator.

A club is only as good as its collective membership, and my hope is to see this increase over the next year. I have worked with the above Team for many years, and I am quite confident that these dedicated members will help make the upcoming year's events a huge success.



As I am also currently wearing 'two hats', one being the Windsox Editor, may I present you with this latest edition of our newsletter.

"The Windsox, a Year in Review"

Enjoy!

Yours Sincerely, Cathie Jung

MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR 2015!

Financially, the Club has had a great year.

In an effort to encourage and retain membership, it was voted at the Annual General Meeting to waive the membership fees in 2015.

If anyone has paid their dues in advance, they may contact the Treasurer in writing for a full refund. If you know of any past or potential members, please encourage them to reconnect with the Club...their membership is important to us!

Upcoming Events In 2015

New Year's Fun Fly

January 1 – Garry Point Park

February Fun Fly

February 8 Garry Point Park

March Fun Fly

March 8, Ambleside Park, West Vancouver

April Fun Fly

April 12, Garry Point Park, Richmond

May Fun Fly

May 10, Garry Point Park, Richmond

2nd Annual Victoria Kite Festival

May 29, 30, 31, Victoria BC

Pacific Rim Kite Festival

June 13, 14, Vanier Park, Vancouver

Canada Day Fun Fly

July 1, Garry Point Park, Richmond

Parksville Kite Festival

July, 18 & 19, Parksville, BC

August Fun Fly

August 9, Garry Point Park, Richmond

September Fun Fly

September 13, Blackie Spit, Crescent Beach

One Sky One World

October 11, Vanier Park, Vancouver

Remembrance Day Fun Fly

November 11, Garry Point Park, Richmond

BCKA Christmas Party

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THE WINDSOX

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NEW YEARS BUBBLE FUN - GARRY POINT PARK

It's a yearly winter event at Garry Point Park in Richmond - the formation of a pond in the middle of our flying field. Sometimes it's actually cold enough that it freezes over! If you can't find a space to fly on the perimeter, or if your hands are too cold to hold your lines, you can always enjoy the formation of some very large bubbles thanks to our very own Bubble Queen Dianne O'Brien.

There's something about the weather at this time of year that makes for the perfect bubble. She'll tell you about the delicate intricacies of this scientific phenomenon, and you can try some out for yourself...or, you can just stand by with your hands warming nicely in your pockets and enjoy the show!



Dianne O'Brien AKA
The Bubble Queen



SPRING SEWING FOR SUMMER SOARING –

May 2014, Parksville

The 4th annual sewing retreat took place in Parksville from May 9th to 11th, hosted by Wayne and Jennifer Pattison. The instructor this year was Paul Horner from Quadra Island, who taught us how to sew and assemble a bol kite. He had seven eager students assembled in a large open room at the local community centre. We were all provided with strips of precut fabric which had to be sewn together according to the pattern – some sewing the black pieces in one direction and others sewing the black pieces in the other direction. This variation allows two bol flyers to fly next to one another without tangling the bridles. We each brought our own sewing machine and lots of black thread – Paul supplied the rest: his easy to follow directions, bridles, reinforcement materials and panels of precut fabric. He is a relaxed but detail oriented instructor – very approachable at all times.

As in the past, Jennifer and Wayne were most generous hosts. We were never without food or refreshments during the workshop. Our accommodations were very generous and the dinner on Friday was held at their home in Craig Bay, where we enjoyed the ambiance of the back pond and wildlife. Saturdays' dinner was held at the White Elephant – a local Thai restaurant of well repute. The workshop finished up by mid Sunday and we went home with two bol kites which fly very well. They were used at Victoria's kite festival a few weeks later for the "running of the bol's"

We hope that when the club holds the next sewing retreat, many more club members will take the opportunity to learn from the experienced kite makers within our membership.

Jeremy & Barb Perceval



A PROUD JEREMY FLY'S
HIS NEW BOL KITE



RHODO FEST- DEER LAKE PARK, BURNABY, MAY 4TH

You just never know what you're going to get as far as the weather goes this time of year. Sometimes it's hot, and you are in your sleeveless shirts enjoying the sunshine, and others you are trying to keep the wind from blowing the sled kite skins into the lake! This is what we experienced this year at the Rhodo Festival at Deer Lake Park in Burnaby. But this did not dampen the spirits of our dedicated volunteers. Dianne O'Brien, Cathie Jung, Colin Woods, and the high school students provided by the City of Burnaby set up their tent as usual, and braved the wet weather with determination and a purpose.

The BCKA has been on the Festival's event's schedule for several years running. It's an easy gig:

Set up your tent, train the volunteers provided, have fun making kites, and on your break, wander the festival and enjoy the free music, floral displays, purchase a few plants to test your "green thumb", and enjoy the city/lake views.

Volunteering your time at the Rhodo Fest is a great way to make connections in the community, share your love of kites with kids big or small, and help the Club earn funds to help run its own festivals. It's a win-win situation.

For information about how you can get involved in the Rhodo Fest, please speak to our Workshop Coordinator, Dianne O'Brien.



**COLIN WOODS HELPS MAKE
SLED KITES AT
THE RHODO FEST**



**YOUNG MARK BUILT HIS FIRST KITE
AND HAS A BLAST FLYING
IT AT DEER LAKE**



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VICTORIA INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL – MAY 30th to JUNE 1ST

I believe it was the summer of 2012, or thereabouts, that rumors of the Victoria Kite Festival came to my ears. I had first spoken to Terry Wiggle (Island Quad Leader) about this exciting news, and he put me in contact with John Vickers, the head Director of this inaugural event, which was scheduled for May 31-June 1, 2014. I was invited as the Workshop Coordinator for the BCKA, for the purpose of making kites with children (or anyone wishing to participate in this fun-filled activity). I would like to thank John and his organization, for sponsoring me to attend this wonderful inaugural event. Your kind hospitality was greatly appreciated.

I arrived at my designated hotel around noon on Friday. Since my room was not ready 'til about 3 pm, I simply registered and headed down to Clover Point where the festival was to be held. The weather forecast promised sunshine, blue skies, and moderate winds, and so far, it was accurate! Quite a few kite flyers were already 'doing their thing' when I arrived. It was great to see 'ole friends and meeting a number of new friends (That's always a wonderful & pleasant surprise to me!!). The organizers were busy setting up tents, equipment, etc., while the rest of us 'smoozed' about, and were treated to a wonderful B-B-Q of hot dogs, burgers, salads, and desserts, etc. Many thanks to Mario Delucca and his family for this "Fest on the Field", what a delicious treat for us all. We had been warned that a Bicycle Competition was also taking place near the area, and if any of us were still there at 4 pm on Friday, we would be unable to exit the area with our vehicles until after 8 or 9 pm that evening. That didn't seem to bother any of us, however, since the winds were 'light', but suitable for flying, and besides, we were busy socializing and renewing our camaraderie with one another. If you're going to be stuck in a place, then Clover Points' a good place to be, I figured. As time passed (way too quickly) and the winds were subsiding a little (common occurrence at this time of day), Mike Tracey (from the Seattle area), brought out a bucket full of Big Bubble Solution to entertain an ever-growing number of people who were gathering for the Night Flight of Kites. (There's a theory that a lot of kite flyers have established in recent years: If there's wind, we fly kites...if there's little, or NO wind, we create giant (and I mean GIANT) bubbles!!). The public and flyers as well, of course, were thoroughly entertained, while other flyers were busy checking out their light attachments for their kites, etc., as the sun was setting under a clear, and warm evening sky. As serendipity has it, the wind picked up a little at just the right time, so it was "away with the Bubble Show and onto the Night Flight" A feast for the eyes, to be sure, especially for the many who had never witnessed such a spectacle! I didn't get back to my hotel 'til around midnight, and quickly hit the hay feeling a little weary, but excited as I anticipated the fun happenings for this weekend in BC's beautiful capital city.

I arrived at the field early Saturday AM with more than 500 kite kits in tow, and assisted in setting up the workshop tent for the kite-making. I was given a list of volunteers who had kindly offered their services, and I began 'training' them in the art of helping children build and fly their very own kite (for a small fee of \$3.00 per kite). The field crew had set up 2 or 3 other tables near the workshop tent, where the children could "decorate" their freshly created kites with coloured markers. The workshop tent was a flurry of activity for the whole weekend, and I even had to call in a few of my kite flying friends to help, so a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who were willing to spend some time in the kite-making tent. You are valued and appreciated MUCH MORE than I can tell you, and it freed me up a little to join in the activities. We managed to do a total of 510 kites over that weekend, and I was over-joyed with those numbers, to say the least!!

Invited guests included our very own Multiple Kite World Champion, Ray Bethell, Amy & Connor Doran (mother & son), of the Dare to Dream Team, and winner of America's Got Talent TV Show; Dale Ray, who managed to paint the skies with his astoundingly HUGE Show Kites. Dale could easily fill the entire flying field with his beautiful Big Boys, I think. Ron Gibian, a well-known kite maker from the California area, was also there, and took 3 days to drive up from his home. Penny Lingenfelter had her very own Kid's Zone area, and was very busy getting the children involved in all sorts of fun activities. The children were having a great time, it seems, and I still have never been able to figure out where Penny gets all that energy...she truly is an amazing person!! There were various Kite Teams present, including the Victoria-based Island Quad Team, who always manage to WOW the crowds with their kite ballet performances, and smaller groups of team flyers, who performed their own special "routines". Cal Yuen was the M.C. for all these groups, and did a terrific job at letting the public know the 'who and what' of the performances taking place in the main staging area. Thank you, Cal!

Victoria's Inaugural Kite Festival was a HUGE success, and on behalf of all the kite flyers in attendance, I would like to thank John Vickers, and his Organizational Team(s) for his kind invitation, and hope that we have an opportunity to come back to Victoria next year, when we can do it all again, only BIGGER & BETTER (if that's possible!).

Best of Breezes to You All, Dianne O'Brien

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**FIRST ANNUAL
VICTORIA
KITE FESTIVAL –
CLOVER POINT**



**ISLAND QUAD –
QUAD LINE FLYING TEAM**



**FIRST ANNUAL
VICTORIA KITE
FESTIVAL –
CLOVER POINT**



MENTORSHIP IN ACTION! – THE STORY OF A NEW KITEFLYER

This spring, Dianne O'Brien and I were asked to do a sled kite workshop at Lord Byng Elementary school in Steveston. At the end of the workshop, we invited the kids to come out to Garry Point Park with their kites to fly and observe fellow kite fliers in action. An enthusiastic student, 11 year old Brian Yu, with his mom Ada in tow, took her invitation to heart, and paid Dianne a visit. With her usual enthusiasm, Dianne spent much of her time that day, talking to Brian, and demonstrating the dual line kite. Brian is a 'quick study', and a very bright and determined young man. He listened, watched, took in information, and within a short period of time, the two long lines were in his hot little hands. Over the course of the summer, Brian and Dianne would meet up regularly. Brian could be seen out in the field, with a dual line kite almost taller than he, patiently practicing launches, lands, and infinities for hours at a time. Dianne introduced Brian to some of our Club members. One in particular, Gerald Lokhorst, was especially generous, and gave young Brian his very own dual line kite. Here is what Brian had to say:

Dear Gerald,

Thank you for giving me my very own two-line kite. I love it. The color of it is beautiful and it flies really well. Also, the design makes it easy to fly even when the nose is pointing towards me. The long lines make it really easy to control. From, Brian

And from a grateful mom, (after Ray Bethel also gave Brian a pair of his signed kites):

Dear Dianne,

Thank you for giving us a call to go flying kites this afternoon. The weather was good and the wind was strong enough to fly a dual-line kite. Brian learned how to assemble the kite and fly it with your help. You are wonderful to guide Brian through the steps and coach him how to fly and land it nicely on the ground. Ray's kite is awesome, beautiful and sturdy for a beginner such as Brian to handle and practice with. Ray is so kind to give it to Brian. We appreciate his generosity and passion of flying and making kites. Many thanks to you and Ray! Ada, Mother of Brian

I had the privilege myself of watching Brian in action. Brian had become very proficient at launching the kite, flying patterns, and landing perfectly... but most of all having fun! He has mastered the skills of flying a dual line kite in a very short period of time.

What impressed me the most though, was when I observed Brian seeing a fellow kite flyer out on the field...probably a 'newbie', struggling to get his kite off the ground. With true kite flyers kindness and generosity, Brian put down his kite, and approached the 'newbie kite flyer' and offered his help...paying it forward, as they say, offering to share the skills he had learned.

The above story is a perfect illustration of what the British Columbia Kiteflyers Association is all about!

Experienced kite flyers, mentoring new ones; and sharing the joy of kite making and flying. As Dianne would repeat often when I was learning to fly: *"We Learn By Doing"*.

Thank you Dianne, for sharing your time, patience and experience with our new kite flyers. You are truly a wonderful ambassador of the Club, and your time spent sharing your passion of kites is very much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely, Cathie Jung



**Photos by:
Ada Tse**



**Welcome to the
Club Brian...
We wish you many happy
hours of kite flying!**



**ALLYSON & NIGEL ENJOY THE
BUTTERFLY KITE THEY BUILT
AT THE PARKSVILLE
SEWING RETREAT**

39TH ANNUAL PACIFIC RIM KITE FESTIVAL – JUNE 2014

This year's festival was an interesting one weather-wise! We experienced everything from clouds and sun to overcast skies with short downpours and thunder and lightning. However, this did not dampen the spirits of our committed members. We had great demonstrations of quad line kites from our Island Quad members; some dual line sport kite demos from Tristan Underwood; and a large array of white sled kites adorned the sky.

When the wind died and we were unable to launch the Teddy Bear Drop kite, we improvised and used a parachute on the ground. The kids were very happy...and as they say in show business "the show must go on!"... And it did.

This year the Club was fortunate to have had in attendance Mike and Fran Goddard from the United Kingdom. They put on a great display of hand crafted kites, artistically beautiful geometric designs, and floral photo images on large rectangles with organza ribbon tails; just stunning.

We were also very fortunate to have had not one, but *two* mascots. Our ever-popular Mr. Kite (aka Taran Sukert), kept the kids smiling as he wandered around the park. The other mascot came thanks to Tony Tung and Encorp Recycling. Not only did the Return- It Man promote recycling, he gave the Club a generous donation of \$2000.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this festival a huge success... Here's hoping next year will be even bigger and better!

Yours Sincerely, Cathie Jung



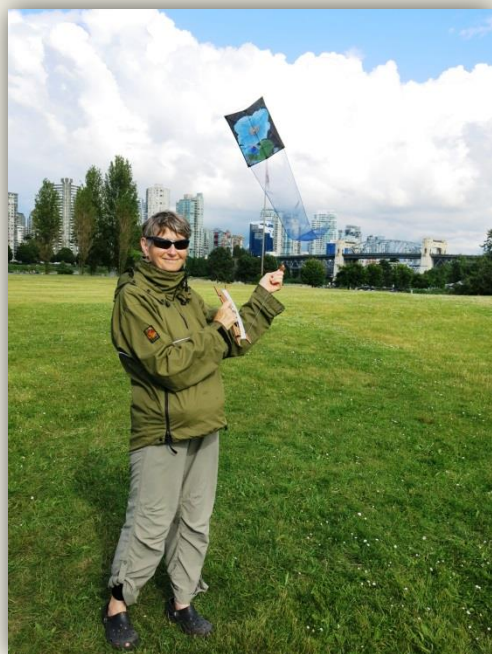
**OUR ALWAYS ON THE READY
VOLUNTEERS: VIVIAN, KATIE & SZERA**



MR. KITE & FRIEND ENJOY A 'HIGH 5'



**MIKE GODDARD EXPLAINS THE INSPIRATION
BEHIND HIS GEOMETRIC SHAPE KITE**



**UK VISITORS
MIKE AND FRAN
GODDARD
DISPLAY THEIR
GEOMETRIC AND
FLORAL KITES**



**THE TEDDY BEAR TOSS
WHEN THE WIND DIES...
IMPROVISE!**

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**SALLY FONTANA SETS UP
SHOP AT THE FESTIVAL**



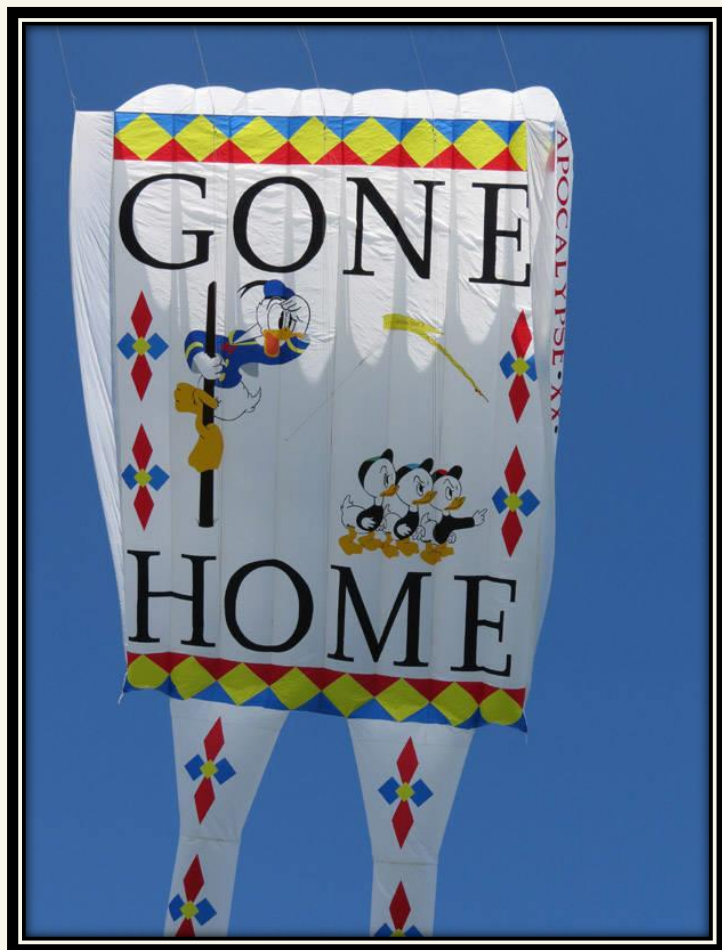
DIANNE TRAINS HER VOLUNTEERS



**TRISTAN UNDERWOOD
DEMOS A SPORT KITE**



**MASCOTS HANGING
OUT TOGETHER**



GONE HOME: APOCALYPSE XX
By John Vriend



John & Judy Vriend, Larry & Mary Zyler and Inga Ross enjoy the day at the Festival

GONE HOME: APOCALYPSE XX

Art Ross was born in 1924, and was a founding member of the BCKA. He had a passion for kiting for many years, went to many festivals worldwide, and was very visible with his large creations. He passed away at age 88, in August 2012 during WSIKF week, a festival he regularly attended.

"GONE HOME" is a kite built as a tribute to a master kite builder. Art has "gone home" to heaven, leaving his kites behind and his friends looking for him.

This kite is at least 75% Art's design. He made a drawing of Donald and his nephews, as seen on this kite, but never used. The dual tails are also his design, down to the diamonds and colors—again a design he never used. The yellow side-profile of a flow-form kite is a side profile of Apocalypse II, Hawaii 1989. This was still seen flying in France in December 2012.

Art called his flow-form kites the "Apocalypse" series, because he thought Apocalypse meant "big and beautiful". When he found out Apocalypse meant "big and catastrophic", he decided to carry on with the series name anyway. He made a total of 19 of the creations; that is why I have made this one #20. Of the 19 flow-forms, only 1 has dual tails. So when I found the dual tail pattern, I decided to use it as a tribute to him. The 19 flow-forms range in size from 200 - 1200 sq. feet. The biggest, "Gone with the Wind", #XI has dual tails that are each over 100 feet long. Most of this series are still flying. He built this series between 1987 and 2009.

"GONE HOME" is 500 sq. ft. (20 feet wide by 25 feet long). The tails are each 52 feet long. This kite took me about 400 hours to build, from conception to being ready to fly.

I am honored to be called his friend. I am honored to build this kite in loving memory of my friend, mentor, and fellow kite-flyer.

Art Ross, may you rest in peace.

Big John!!

June 2014.

10th Annual SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival – JUNE 21ST & 22ND

For some time now I have been interested in attending this kite festival in Saskatchewan. David Tuttle, who lived in Vancouver and was once the President of BCKA, had invited me to attend the festival for the last few years. Something had always got in the way so I could never attend, but this year after the Vancouver 'Pacific Rim Kite Festival' I left for Saskatchewan under very miserable rainy/windy weather. Driving into Swift Current there were huge billboards advertising the kite festival and in the town there were eddy kite shaped posters on most telephone poles pointing the way to the kite field. This festival is the best-run kite festival that I have been to so I would encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to attend.

I had asked Tony if I could borrow the banners that belong to the club and very pleased that the club agreed I could borrow them for the weekend. The wind was horrendous and unfortunately a couple of the banners were torn by the strong wind. Paul Horner graciously repaired these when I got home. I only put them up for about 2 hours before packing them up; otherwise they would have all been destroyed by the wind. My Canadian arch kite was ripped to shreds so I will have to sew another over the winter. The candy drop was done by Dave using a super large slingshot catapult. The children (and adults) love to see Dave stuffing the candy into the 8-foot slingshot.

The following article is from the Windscape Kite Festival website and really sums up how successful this kite festival is and how much it is enjoyed by all the parents and children who come out and support the many volunteers and kite flyers that put this great event on. I hope to return again soon, the drive there and back is well worth it. A PHENOMENAL EVENT. Despite two straight days of incredibly strong winds, the 10th Annual SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival 2014 on June 21 & 22 was a huge success.

With a different cast of Celebrity Kite Flyers each year, Windscape's 10th birthday celebration featured a unique sky full of beautiful clouds and stunning kites. Colorful banners were even more prominent this year with artists like Scott Hampton, Gill Bloom, Donna Taylor, and others making a beautiful statement that could be seen a mile away. Holland's Jan and Jolanda van Leeuwen filled the skies with kites shaped like school buses, tennis shoes, and little geisha, while Oregon residents David Gomberg and Ron Bohart had their hands full with huge kites and appliquéd foils. Festival attendees were entertained by acrobatic Rev performances by the 180Go team, as well as Canadian kite artist Normand Girard's incredible little kites. England's Gill and Jon Bloom showcased their talents with some truly impressive creations, and Barbara Freeberg Meyer's stunning hand-made kites looked beautiful up in the air.

Jean Lamoureux and Michèle Bérubé amazed the crowd with their colorful stack of deltas while Michael and Fran Goddard showed off their hand painted rip stop masterpieces, and Tom White demonstrated traction kites in the high winds. Grand Champion kite builder John Pollock featured his extraordinary painted art kites, alongside impressive creations by other artists including Sharon Musto, Wayne Pattison, and Don Quirk. Wisconsin's Craig Wilson flew kites with attached cameras to capture amazing aerial views of the festival and Swift Current, and color commentator Don King provided a fantastic narrative to accompany the performances. Swift Current's own Kite Doctor David Tuttle was busier than usual due to the extremely high winds, but without the weather, the festival wouldn't have been nearly as exciting.

Along with the fantastic lineup of kite artists and flyers, the SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival features a wide variety of activities for kids. With fabulous stuff to do, amazing stuff to see, and fantastic stuff to learn, kids can stay busy all weekend long. The TD Bank kite making tent was packed with kids of all ages making over 500 decorated kites to fly, and the busy volunteers at the Kiwanis juggling tent instructed more than 1500 kids, and over 2500 faces were painted. Throughout the weekend, the main stage act Gustavo the Impossibleist entertained over 1000 happy kids and smiling parents.

International festivals like Windscape can only happen with the committed support of government, sponsors, donors, volunteers, celebrity kite flyers, and great audiences willing to spend part of their weekends supporting the event. This year, Windscape hosted just over 9000 people, with guests coming from England, India, Mexico, Korea, Ireland, Australia, Belgium, Italy, Columbia, South Africa and France.

Wayne Pattison

WINDSCAPE Kite Festival – SWIFT CURRENT SASKATCHEWAN

Photos by
Wayne Pattison



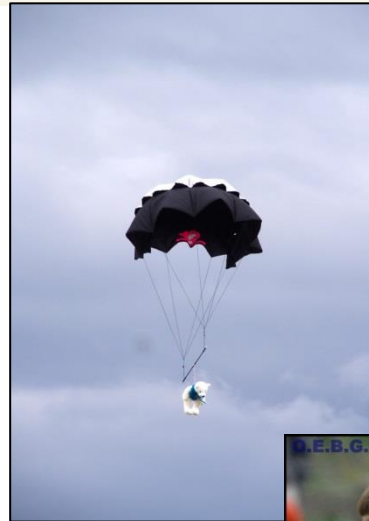
Club banners lean in the prairie winds



Dave Tuttle Launches
The Bon Bons

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PHOTOS BY
DAVE HALE



**Parksville
Lions Club Kite
Festival –
July 18th & 19th**



GANDER NEWFOUNDLAND FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT - July 31st – August 4th

In 2012, Jennifer and I went to the Gander Festival of Flight and had a fabulous time both at the festival and touring the eastern part of "The Rock." This year I was again invited to Gander to participate in their Festival of Flight 2014, and I jumped at the chance to return. Dan Kurahashi accompanied me and between us we donated approximately 500 kites to their Festival.

Their festival is different from most in that they have so many activities that compete with the kite making and kite flying, making it hard for the children and parents to decide which activity to choose from. There is everything from a car demolition derby to mid-way rides to kite flying---and kite flying unfortunately takes a back seat to the many other activities. We made kites in the ice-arena the first day and then the next two days we made and flew kites at one of the parks. University students assisted with kite making as well as the set up and in general helping Dan with his kite trains and me with the large flow form kites and line laundry. The organizers and town's people made us feel very welcome.

We decided before we left to experience some of the Newfoundland flavor and visit some smaller communities. We went to the west side of the island and one community was Burgeo. Canadian author Farley Mowat lived in this town and wrote the books "The Boat that Wouldn't Float" and "A Whale for the Killing". The second book is about an 80-ton whale that became trapped in one of the many small salt-water lagoons at low tide and could not find its way out of the small channel. As the village at the time was only accessible by sea, the people of Burgeo decided to shoot the whale and eat it. This really upset Farley resulting in so much bad feeling that the Mowat's left for the south.

The road to the town is very boring and long but the town is so picturesque. Both Dan and I were glad that we took the time to go there. While in town, Dan and I were told to go out to Sandbanks Provincial Park, which has a 7 km long sandy beach. He tried on two different days to put his kite train out but the wind did not co-operate. We also went to a small village, Ramea with only boat access over a long and turbulent ocean trip on a supply ship that was taking fuel to the island. We had a great time ---- good kite flying, met wonderful people, ate some strange newfoundland food like *cod fish tongue*, but mostly it was meeting the friendliest people in Canada.

Wayne Pattison



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Washington State International Kite festival Long Beach – August 18TH – 24TH 2014

The Washington State International Kite Festival (WSIKF) is a week-long kite celebration and competition held annually during the third week of August. Starting on Monday and ending on Sunday, this Long Beach Washington State vacation extravaganza boasts skies ablaze with color, high flying action and choreographed movement. Washington's kite festival draws famous kite fliers from all around the world, and tens of thousands awed spectators, many of which participate in the fun with their own kite flying adventures.



“WATCH FOR 2015 FESTIVAL INFORMATION ONLINE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2015”

While in Long Beach, visit the

‘World Kite Museum’

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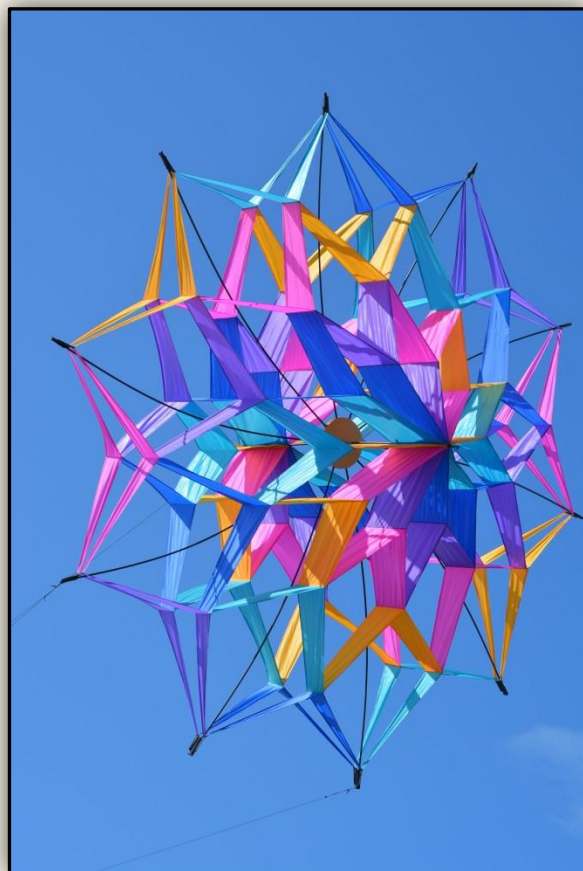
**Internationally
acclaimed kite flyer
Ray Bethel flies two
kites at once**



PHOTOS BY OF DAVE HALE



WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL
KITE FESTIVAL – LONG BEACH



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REMEMBERANCE DAY FUN FLY - GARRY POINT PARK, RICHMOND

It was a chilly November 11th with brisk winds off of the water. Barb and Jeremy Perceval, Tony Tung, Cathie Jung and Dianne O'Brien arrived first.

"To fly or not to fly"...and, what would fly in these heavy winds?

Dianne brought out her Delta Conyne Box kite and, with some strategic maneuvers and help from everyone in attendance; we took the kite from a jumble of rip-stop and spars and assembled it into a massive colourful spectacle in the sky.

The pull on the kite was incredible! Steve Pinter held the winder, while Rosie, Katie and Szera held onto Steve to keep him from getting airborne.

A great time was had by all!



**DIANNE SHARES HER 'IN FLANDERS FIELDS'
SLED KITE WITH VISITORS TO THE FUN FLY**



**WILL THIS JUMBLED MESS
OF RIP-STOP ACTUALLY
RESEMBLE A KITE?**

...SEE PHOTOS BELOW





**CAL & TONY
ATTEMPT THE LAUNCH**



**SARI
HOLDS
DOWN THE
TAIL**



**THIS DEFINITELY WAS
A TEAM EFFORT!**



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THE SNOW QUEENS ARE AT IT AGAIN! – GARRY POINT PARK, RICHMOND

The Snow Queens are a diehard bunch of kite flyers who love to brave the cool December winds. Apparently, while the rest of Vancouver was experiencing a deluge of rain, the sun was up at Garry Point Park.

These enthusiastic kite flyers come together every year at this time from as far away as Victoria, and even across the border! Complete with snacks, hot cocoa, hand warmers, and a sound system (Thanks Cal), these flyers set up around the pond to fly quad, sport and any other colourful kite they happen to have in their bags. The cold doesn't seem to faze these guys!



**DAVE HALE –
THE MAN RESPONSIBLE
FOR SOME FANTASTIC
KITE PHOTOGRAPHY**



**WHY ARE KITE FLYERS SO POSITIVE?
...BECAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS LOOKING UP!**





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**MARIO TRIES OUT
HIS NEW GLIDER**



FLYING INTO THE SUNSET

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THE BCKA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - ABC RESTAURANT, RICHMOND

The Club officially ended its year of kite flying with a Christmas dinner gathering at the ABC Restaurant in Richmond. The event was well attended by 28 members and guests, some coming from as far away as Victoria and Parksville on Vancouver Island.

A selection of great gifts were exchanged, and the Raffle brought in a total of \$210.00. Three cheers to our generous members!

Our youngest member, Brian Yu, pulled the winning ticket out of the 50/50 draw bag, and to his great surprise won \$65.00. Now that's beginners luck!

The Christmas party is a time for members to come together socially, swap stories of their kite flying experiences, and share ideas about kites, kite making, and upcoming events. There's a great wealth of experience and knowledge in the Club, as could be heard by the various tales being told throughout the evening.

On behalf of the Executive, I'd like to extend warm wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season, and all the best to everyone in the coming New Year!

Yours Sincerely, Cathie Jung



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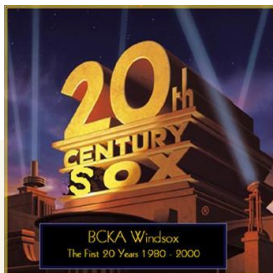
I'd like to extend a sincere thanks to our Webmaster, David Hathaway. He keeps our website current and is always very quick to add Club information and current events.

For submissions, please use:
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Patches, pins, bumper stickers,
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The British Columbia Kiteflyers Association would like to welcome our newest members: Sari Becker, Leslie Kerr, Aida Tse & Bryan Yu, and Dave Hale

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