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New Club Formed

by Morrie Williams

Welcome to the NorthWest Buggy Pilot's Association!

Here are a few highlights of what's been going on with YOUR club since its formation.

The NorthWest Buggy Pilot's Association was officially formed on August 3, 1995. The club's purpose is to foster and encourage enthusiasm for kite buggies, and to educate and promote safety in their use.

On August 7, 1995, an application for AKA Chapter Affiliation was sent to the American Kiteflyers Association. A decision on our application should be made at the next AKA board meeting.

An application for WKA Chapter Affiliation was sent to the Washington Kiteflyers Association on August 8, 1995. Our application was presented and approved at the August 16, 1995, Board Meeting.

A meeting was held on August 22, 1995, to discuss kite buggies and their continued (legal) use on Washington beaches. Several buggy pilots met with: Bob Petersen, Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Paul Malmberg, Southwest Regional Manager; Al Wolslegel, Administrative Assistant; Larry Chapman, Park Ranger; and Nabeil Shawa, Long Beach City Manager. The formal meeting was adjourned on a positive note, and everyone went to the beach for demonstrations and rides. By the time they left, each of the officials was very positive about his experience. They may contact us again for additional information, and will advise us as to the possibility of one or more permanent areas for bugging. We expect to have something finalized before spring of 1996.

On Friday morning, August 25, 1995, we met with a crew from KING-TV's "Evening Magazine" who filmed a spot about bugging. Fritz Gramkowski, from New Jersey, wowed them with his buggy agility. They shot footage of Fritz bugging and then filmed from both

single and double tandem buggy hook-ups (with the help of Steve Irby). The show should air on September 29, 1995, at 7:00 PM, and will be rebroadcast on October 6, 1995, at 12:30 PM.

The September "fun fly" was on Saturday, September 23, 1995, at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. This was in conjunction with the Washington State Stunt Kite Championships and the Whidbey Island Kite Festival. There were only a few buggiers including Dave Christenson, Mike Eason, Mike Sterling and friends, Cal Yuen, my wife Kelci and myself, and 2 unidentified flyers (I apologize for not getting their names). In addition, we met Pat Gates and his associate from GateSkate TrailSkates who make all-terrain skates. Pat showed us the prototype of a new hi-tech off-road skate system that can be used with kites.

October's "fun fly" will be at Wash-a-way Beach, south of Grayland, WA., on Saturday, October 28, 1995. If you're interested in attending this fly, and need information, please call Morrie Williams at (206)788-6355. We will decide where and when our next few flies will be at this meeting. This is the same weekend as the Westport Windriders potluck.

I've attached a current membership list. If there are any errors in the information, please contact me with the changes required.

NWBPA Organizing Meeting

by Morrie Williams

Present: Dave and Susie Christenson, Mark Davis, Mike Eason, Steve Irby, John Matteson, Steve and Judy Millspaugh, and Morrie and Kelci Williams

Initial Formation Meeting of the NorthWest Buggy Pilot's Association

Called to Order: 7:15 PM

The topics of discussion included:

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- 1) organization name
- 2) bylaws - purpose
- 3) insurance coverage
- 4) affiliation - WKA and AKA
- 5) meeting times and places
- 6) club pins and patches
- 7) election of officers
- 8) miscellaneous

Several names for the club were discussed. NorthWest Buggy Pilot's Association was chosen since it encompassed the whole northwest region including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Canada (B.C.).

Bylaws were drafted stating the purpose of the club - "..... to foster and encourage enthusiasm for kite buggies, and further, to educate and promote safety in their use." A complete copy of the bylaws can be requested from Morrie or Kelci Williams, 18030 NE 155th Place, Woodinville, WA 98072.

The best way to obtain liability insurance coverage was discussed. It was felt that if we obtained WKA and AKA affiliation and sanctioning, we could be covered under their (secondary) policies at a minimal cost to our members. This coverage would be in effect during our regular monthly meetings.

Both for recognition and insurance purposes, it was decided to seek affiliation status from both WKA and AKA. If our application is processed quickly, we will be the first AKA buggy club affiliate.

Club meetings will be held on the 4th weekend of each month, in various locations. The first meeting will be held during the WSIKF week, August 21 - 27, (date and time to be announced).

The group felt that we should produce a club pin initially, and possibly some patches at a later date. The initial cost of the pins would be covered by an equal contribution from each of the first 25 (or so) founding members. In return, the founders would receive a special rendition of the pin.

Elections were held with the following results:

- President - Morrie Williams
- Vice President - Steve Millspaugh
- Sec/Treas - Kelci Williams

Mike Eason agreed to publish a short newsletter for the group on an occasional or as needed basis. Cost of publication will be discussed later.

It was agreed that, at this time, things were to be kept

as simple as possible with no dues and only minimal organization.

The rules to follow during WSIKF were explained. There will be city, county, and state officials coming to the buggy area on Tuesday, August 22nd, to learn about buggying. We want to present a fun and safe example. If everything goes well, we hope to get more Washington beaches opened to buggying.

The topics stated above were voted upon by all present and approved unanimously.

NWBPA Bylaws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be:

Northwest Buggy Pilot's Association

Article II - Address

The address of the organization shall be:

c/o Morrie & Kelci Williams
18030 N.E. 155th Pl.
Woodinville, WA 98072

Article III Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to foster and encourage enthusiasm for kite buggies, and further, to educate and promote safety in their use.

Article IV - Membership

Membership is open to all persons who favor the purposes of the organization.

Article V - Membership Meetings

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Article VI - Elections

A. Elected officials shall serve a term of one calendar year.

B. Elections shall be held at the November membership meeting.

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C. New Officers shall take office on January first.

Article VII - Duties of Officers

A. Officers of the Association shall consist of:

1. President, who shall act as the executive of the Association.
2. Vice-President, who shall perform the duties of the president in that officer's absence, and such other duties as assigned.
3. Secretary/Treasurer, who shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members, and be responsible for all funds of the Association, receive monies due and payable to the Association and deposit such monies in a financial depository, distribute funds to pay the obligations of the Association, and provide regular reports of the financial status of the Association to the Membership.

Article VIII - Amendment of the Bylaws

Any proposed amendment to the bylaws of the Association shall be submitted to the membership, at which time it shall be adopted by the Association if it is approved by two-thirds of the members voting at the meeting.