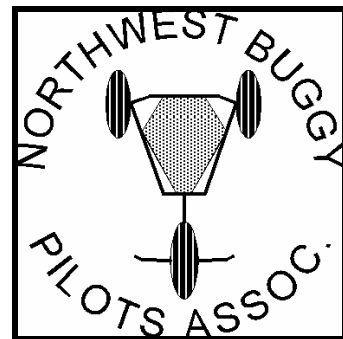


NWBPA News

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It's Do or Die Time...The Future of the NWBPA is in Jeopardy!

by Kelci Williams

Back in 1995, Morrie and I met with several other local buggies to discuss the formation of a new kind of kite club, one devoted to the sport of kite bugging, and so the **NorthWest Buggy Pilots Association** was born. Since then the club has grown and thrived and boasts not only local but countrywide and international members.

For the last five years, since the club was started, Morrie has served as your President and I have been the Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, we have also been the newsletter editors. There have been two Vice Presidents during that time, Steve Millsbaugh and then Steve Irby. We have also added a Racing Chairman and a Safety Officer to the roster.

It's been a great five years and we've enjoyed meeting and communicating with people from all over the world who are interested in this fun sport. But, along with the fun, it has been a lot of work too. So, as stated in the last newsletter, it is time for a change. Morrie has decided to step down from his duties and take a break. We put out a call for volunteers to run for the NWBPA officer positions but have not received one response. That leaves us, the members of NWBPA, with two choices—either come up some new blood willing to take over the reins or dissolve the club.

Personally, I would hate for it to be the latter. We have a unique club—I believe it's the only one in the country devoted to this great sport. But, since this is supposed to be a democratic club (i.e. for the people and by the people) as opposed to a monarchy (i.e. ruled by a single person for life), we need some other folks to step forward and help out.

I'll even offer you a deal. If some of you would throw your hats into the ring to fill the President, Vice President, Racing (if still applicable), and Safety positions, I'll agree to stay on for another year as Secretary/Treasurer. And, to sweeten the pot even more, if you all agree to supply the material to fill up each issue of the newsletter, Morrie and I might even be convinced to stay on as the editors. Contributions can sometimes be scarce as you can see from

this issue. So, if we continued, it would be with the understanding that the length of the newsletter would depend on the material received by the dates outlined in the "Publishing Policies" section and without us pleading and prodding you to submit material every couple of weeks or so.

Think it over and let us know by phone or e-mail if you are interested in running for office. A final decision will have to be made at the annual meeting that will be held at Sunset Beach on August 24th, 2000. See you then.

Kelci

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Springtime at Alvord

By Dana Dumond

Date: Memorial Day Weekend (Pick a Day)
Place: Alvord Dry Lake, Oregon

We arrived at 2:00 AM on Saturday morning and the wind was up. I knew then that we would be in for some good flying. At 7:00 AM the alarm in my head went off. It was time to get after it, but first things first—saying hello to friends I had not seen for a while. Then it's on to the task at hand—buggying.

We had great wind all day Saturday. There were some fantastic speeds reached by the land sailors and some of the buggy pilots as well. Eddy Petranek hit 58 MPH, Tim Cleveland 45.8, and I set a new personal best speed of 64.2. I still don't know how? I don't normally try to do that type stuff.

After that, it was off to the hot tubs to remove the dust and the burn from the sun. I was able to remove the dust but not the sunburn.

On Sunday, Tim and I made a four hour tour of Alvord Dry Lake. It took half an hour to get to the far end of the lakebed and three and a half to get back. It was great buggying in a lot of different wind conditions. We used everything from a 2.5 meter kite to a 5 m. The wind was up late enough to buggy well after dark, but no one went out—no moonlight.

Monday rolled around and everyone seemed to be packing up. There wasn't much wind at that point so we did the same. Alvord is one of the best places to buggy (Big Lake and a Great Bath Show)!

Thanks for the invite and see ya' all next time.

WSIKF 2000

By Morrie Williams

It's almost WSIKF time again! The Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach, WA, starts August 21st and runs through August 27th. Buggy demos will be presented on Wednesday, August 23rd. The (not-too-low 2.3 ft) low tide is at 12:55 PM so we'll try to set up between 9:00 and 10:00 in the morning and hope for good winds by 11:00 AM.

Once the wind is high enough that we can give rides, we'll close the beach to all but tandem buggies. We'll attempt to give as many rides as possible until either the tide or the wind stops us. Also, we'll have a can or box to accept contributions from those riders who wish to make them. All funds received will be donated to the "Tom Sisson Kids Kite Corner" at the World Kite Museum.

Even if you're not going to ride, bring your buggies down for the "buggy show" where the uninitiated can check out the different types of buggies and configurations.

Don't forget—we need a volunteer to take over the buggy demo duties for WSIKF 2001. Let me know if you're interested. Thanks for all of your help in the past, in advance for your assistance this year and, hopefully, your ongoing help in the future.

Another item to put on your calendar is our big bash on Thursday the 24th, at Sunset Beach in Oregon. Buggy your buns off until the tide comes in and then join us for a tasty B-B-Q and our thrilling and thought provoking annual meeting. The club will provide burgers, dogs, and condiments and we would appreciate your bringing side dishes and desserts. Give us a call if you have any questions. See you all there!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am sorry to report that there will be no kite buggies allowed at Burning Man this year nor any time in the foreseeable future.

Our appeal of the wind powered vehicles ban that was put in place in 1999 was reviewed by the Black Rock City Department of Mutant Vehicles and by the Burning Man Senior Staff.

After much discussion it was determined that "wind powered vehicles, regardless of design, fall under the general rules applied to 'Art Cars'. This includes a requirement for a mechanical braking system and vehicles must be modified, not to create an alternative form of transportation, but a visually stunning piece of dynamic art... Wind powered vehicles cannot be operated inside our perimeter fence during Burning Man."

Buggies are welcome to run outside of the perimeter fence but would have to be walked to the airport gate. This is a distance of approximately 1.5 – 2 miles across the desert plus whatever distance is necessary to clear the airport boundaries.

That's the final word, guys. No appeal.

Burn On!

Jon Reinschreiber
Black Rock City Dept. of Tethered Aviation

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	The purpose of this publication is to inform the members of the	
	NWBPA about what is happening in the world of buggying. We	
	consider all submissions to the newsletter based solely on their	
	relevance in this regard. We neither endorse nor condemn the	
	opinions of any individuals or groups, we simply publish the	
	information so that our members are aware of what is	
	happening.	

	Newsletter publication dates are the 1st of February, May,	
	August, and November. Articles, calendar information, and	
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	prior to the publication dates (i.e. the 1st of January, April, July,	
	and October).	

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Are You Due to Renew?

Don't lose out... Don't miss an issue... Don't be a buggy butt! Check your renewal date on the attached mailing label- NOW! If your date's gone by or is about to come up, send your renewal in FAST!

Labor Day at Alvord

By Morrie Williams

Our annual Labor Day trek to the Alvord Desert in Southeast Oregon is scheduled right on the heels of WSIKF. For those of you suffering from "buggy withdrawals" due to buggying being banned at Burning Man, remember that Alvord can be a very pleasant experience.

Amenities include a huge area with lots of varied terrain (on the eastern shore), hot springs to soak the days activities away, and a great bunch of buggiers and land sailors to socialize with during this last long summer weekend.

So, if you can take some time off around labor day, join us at Alvord. If you've never been there and need directions, contact Morrie or Kelci Williams at 360-268-0318 or e-mail williams@techline.com. We'd love to welcome some new faces to our little buggy Mecca!



Behold the vast expanse that is Alvord! Photo by Kelci Williams

President's Prose

In my last letter, I asked "Is our club willing and able to put on a sanctioned race here in the Northwest?". Since I didn't receive any responses to my query, I guess that there is no interest.

I also solicited your thoughts about how to conduct the buggy event at this year's WSIKF. Again, I didn't hear from anyone. You mentioned some good ideas last year. Have you changed your minds? Even if we don't do anything new, I'll need some volunteers to help set up the area, etc.. I'd appreciate your calling or e-mailing me if you can give me some assistance on Wednesday.

As mentioned on the front page of this issue, you will be voting for new officers at our annual meeting at Sunset Beach during WSIKF week. Someone needs to come forward and take the helm as this will be my last year being your President. I'm burned out and it's time for someone else to take control. If no one is willing to do it, you'll have to decide about whether and how to dissolve the club.

Add the job of Buggy Event Coordinator for WSIKF 2001 to the list of job openings. It's been great, but after being a WSIKF volunteer for the last 12 years in one capacity or another, I'm ready for a break.

Well, the future of your club lies in your hands. Please give these items some serious thought and let me know what you decide. I'd really like to see the club continue.

Summer is here and it's time to buggy—let's load the vehicle and head to the beach (or playa). See you there. Buggy On!

Morrie

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Newsletter ads must be received by the editors by the 1st of January, April, July, and October for publication in the following month's issues. Ads will only be printed **once** unless the sender specifically requests otherwise.

Mark your calendars for these events:

Aug 21-27 - Washington State International Kite Festival - Long Beach, WA. Contact Morrie or Kelci Williams - 360-268-0318 or williams@techline.com.

Sep 2-4 - Fall Buggy Blitz - Alvord Dry Lake, Fields, OR. Contact Morrie or Kelci Williams - 360-268-0318 or williams@techline.com.

Oct 2-7 - AKA Nationals - National Buggy Competition, Treasure Island, FL. Contact person TBA.

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BOOBS Banter

by Kelci Williams

I wanted to pass on some sad news even though it is not really **BOOBS** related. About two weeks after our last issue was published (the timing of which is unrelated, I'm sure), the infamous desert phone booth—the focus of Dean Jordan's article—was removed by the 'powers that be' who felt that it was causing too much of a disturbance (or something like that). Geez. They're always taking away our fun!

Until next time, remember **BOOBS** rule!

NWBPA Membership Application

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