

Flight Line

Wings of Rogallo Membership Newsletter April, 20 2020 - Special Edition!

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Letter from the President

First and foremost, I want to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in our recent online election! We really appreciate the record-high voter turnout, and I'm honored to have been elected as your next WOR President. We wouldn't be here today without the tireless efforts of the previous Executive Board and club members, many of whom have served in various WOR capacities for innumerable years to keep our flying sites open. So it's with deep gratitude that we wish to recognize the outgoing board members: David Egli, Randee Azzar, Phyl Hamby, Paul Clayton, Paul Gazis, and Karl Allmendinger.

Your new board members are committed to following in their footsteps, with the primary goal of keeping our flying sites open and making membership-focused improvements to the way we operate.

Thanks!

Juan Laos
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Status of Flying Sites

As of today, April 18, 2020, here's the status of our flying sites:

WOR Sites:

Ed Levin: The park itself is open, but is closed to all flying activities. Estimated open date unknown.

Mission Peak: Closed to all flying activities due to the closure of the Stanford Ave Staging Area. The next update will be on April 21st after the East Bay Parks has another board meeting.

Diablo: The entire park is closed to vehicle access. Flying is technically permitted, though it is obviously logistically complicated.

Other local sites (not managed by WOR):

Mendocino National Forest Sites (Including Potato, Hull, St. John, Elk, etc.): The Forest Service has closed Off Vehicle Trails. Technically you could still fly, but the spirit of the closure is to prevent usage and protect nearby towns and residents from COVID-19. More information available here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino/>

Mussel Rock (PG): The parking lot is closed, but the people are parking near Cheetah and walking in. The park is open.

Vallejo sites: Currently open but the locals are asking people to not park or land near Irene Park when flying Blue Rock to minimize people in the neighborhood. Park at the College and land in the main LZ below Blue Rock instead. Please chain the gate shut so cows don't escape!

Ft. Funston (HG): GGNRA has locked the gate and Fellow Feathers is asking people to not fly. Estimated open date unknown. Check with <http://www.flyfunston.org/> for further updates.

Mt. Tam: All parking areas and access roads are closed at Mt. Tamalpais State Park, Stinson Beach and our beach landing zone. Trails are open only to those who can reach them on foot or by bicycle. This means our flying site is essentially unavailable. MCHGA supports the shelter-in-place order, and hopes you will stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. Check with <https://www.mchga.org/index.shtml> for further updates.

Our Path Forward

Your newly elected board members are currently in the process of getting the tools and materials needed to run the club from the previous Executive Board. There's a lot of behind the scenes work going on while we transition into our new roles. This includes things like gaining access to the website, setting up email addresses, transferring bank accounts to the new treasurer, and each of us learning our roles. This process often takes months, but please know that we are working quickly to get everything in place so that we can start rolling up our sleeves and getting to work.

High on the agenda is doing a review of the bylaws, and making modifications to support our current operating environment. This will include changes such as allowing us to continue online voting for future elections, making club business and meetings more accessible, and allowing us the resources to be more responsive to your needs. The current bylaws haven't been updated since 2005 and much has changed since then. Once we have a consensus on how to proceed,

we'll be opening up the changes to public comment, and ultimately having a membership vote to approve these changes. This will be a very important step forward. Our goal is to be transparent with the process, and allow for membership participation as much as possible since, ultimately, we're a member-centric organization.

Additionally, the club is exploring a number of other initiatives, such as upgrading the website to make communication and renewals easier, setting up an ongoing newsletter such as this one, and installing a full-service bar in the Ed LZ. Maybe not the last one, but we are dreaming big, and hope you'll stay informed and engaged with the club!

Distractions

USHPA Lecture Series

<https://www.ushpa.org/member/lecture-series>

USHPA has started a lecture series with Bay Area pilot, and meteorologist Honza Rejmanek. In this video, Honza talks about stagnation zones, weather model terrain resolution considerations, convergence, and much more!

Security In Flight II - PG SIV

<http://www.jockysanderson.com/escape/v2/tutorial-sif.html>

Jocky Sanderson has made his SIV videos available for free during the current pandemic. In this series, he goes through the common paragliding SIV maneuvers.

Hang Gliding in Rio

<https://www.flyingmag.com/story/pilot-proficiency/taking-wing-fly-like-an-eagle/>

Flying Magazine recently did a great article on two airline pilots who went tandem in Rio during a layover. Reading this article will stir up the emotions and excitement of when you first stepped off the hill.

And if you're really bored - 6 hours of Chriegel flying in the Alps:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzE_a6dIKEI

We hope to see you in the sky soon!

Your 2020 WOR Executive Board Members

Juan Laos, president

Susan Kent, vice president

Ben Wedlock, treasurer

Evan Cohen, secretary

David Oddy, membership services

Bob Posey, flight director

Isaiah Clapp, newsletter