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June 2020 Meeting Minutes

President's report

Thanks everyone and to the site committee for managing the club during the health crisis, and trying to reopen sites.

Treasurer

Storage locker cleaned out and being forfeited, saving \$75 / month.

Site reports

Diablo

Business (almost) as usual.

While the Juniper Campground is still closed to driving/parking, it's readily accessible from the main parking area at nearby Summit Road. The Tower launch access is back to normal. It's great to be soaring Diablo again!

Mission

Renewal of SUA still in limbo due to EBRPD lease renewal. Will have month to month extension of SUA. Incorporated the Intermediate pilot exemption into our Site Procedures.

Updated the Mission Web page to incorporate the intermediate pilot program, top landing area, visiting pilot exemption, and Social Distancing Protocol.

Revised the 2020 Mission Risk Assessment and submitted it to the RRRG web page to address feedback from the USHPA and include the intermediate pilot program and top landing area.

Created a Pilot Introduction Checklist document. Sent the Site Insurance paperwork to the EBRPD for 2020-21.

Met with the EBRPD Park Supervisor to discuss the upcoming renewal of our Special Use Agreement. Created a Mission Social Distancing Protocol as required by the EBRPD and distributed that document to the WOR membership, posted it on line, and placed a hard copy on the Mission sign-in lockbox.

Completed and submitted two Social Distancing Protocol Appendix A forms as required by the EBRPD and Alameda county.

Placed hand sanitizer in the Mission lockbox.

Distributed all of the Mission keys by paper mail.

Performed site introductions for several Intermediate pilots.

Documented the top landing area as LZ2 in our site procedures and proposed Special Use Agreement appendix.

As part of the negotiations for renewing our Special Use Agreement we have modified the SUA wording and illustration to document the Top Landing area as Landing Zone 2. If successful, we will have 2 officially recognized landing areas. Please land in the officially recognized landing zones.

All of this took a lot of work. Please thank your Mission Site Committee members!

Ed Levin

Permit has been renewed but wanted to formulate a special set of rules with a special addendum. Flying protocols were posted at the park without notification. As far as we know, flying is not yet allowed but we expect a limited reopening on weekdays only this week.

Website updates

New website ready for Beta testing.
beta.wingsofrogallo.org

Goal:

Easier navigation

Electronic waivers

Electronic membership cards

Once testing is done, we'd like to gain park agreement to use electronic membership cards as the de facto method of verifying membership.

Mark: weather?

Bylaws

Draft in progress. Goals: Formally allow for online meetings and voting, update language to be gender-neutral and wing-agnostic, enable the board to operate more efficiently.

Draft is being reviewed by counsel for compliance with 501(c)7 state and federal laws, and will be opened to the membership for comments before a final draft is published and voted upon.

RRRG and USHPA

Chapter renewals are done

No objections or follow ups to everything that's been submitted.

Epic flights

Several PG and HG had good XC flights from Diablo last Sunday. HG went to Patterson! 2 PG went to Tracy. 2 PG flew to Livermore on their first flights ever at Diablo.

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Next Wings of Rogallo Meeting: July 16th 2020 7:00 PM with Zoom component emailed to members

Website:

A new Wings of Rogallo website is under development, and is ready for beta testing!

<https://beta.wingsofrogallo.org/>

Please try it out, and provide feedback to webmaster@wingsofrogallo.org. Please provide feedback only on functionality, usability, and structure, and not on content. A separate project is underway to update all of the site guides and information. User feedback will be requested separately for that project.

If all goes well, we'll plan to transition to the new website within the next 2 months.

One consequence of launching the new website is that this forum will need to be retired when the new site goes live. It is running on an ancient version of the phpBB platform that has not been updated in years, and is not supported on any modern web servers. Content will be archived for historical reference. Official club announcements and newsletters will continue to be communicated via email; other updates will be shared informally on various unofficial social media channels.

If any tech-savvy users want keep running this forum on their own web server, please reach out to webmaster@wingsofrogallo.org.

Thanks,

The WOR website committee

Windslammer:

Thanks to Don B and Takeo E the top launch windslammer station is again operational; but, not yet included at the WOR Ed Levin weather page.

<http://windslammer.hang-gliding.com/WindSlammer/>

Classifieds:

Glider Rack

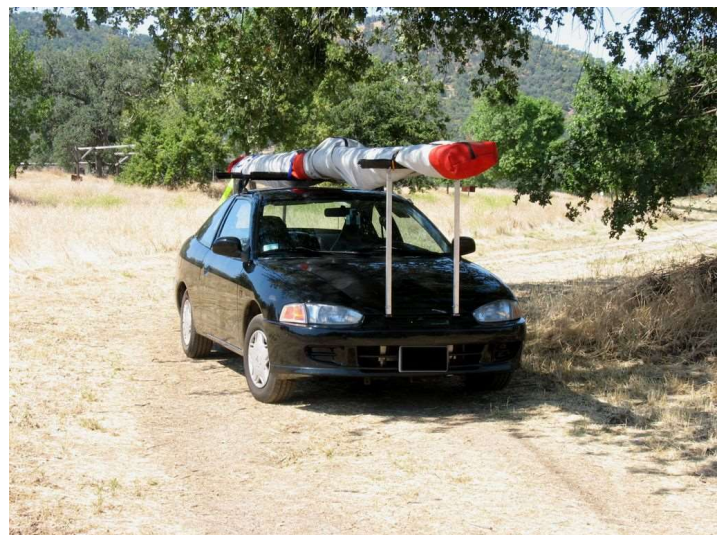
It's time for a new owner for the rack seen here.

I no longer have the car but maybe with some tinkering you can adjust it to yours.

It's made of a front and rear receiver than can be mounted on the car semi-permanently and front and rear support towers on which the glider sits; along with a Yakima crossbar. A steel cable keeps it all together. Many miles on it and easy on the glider, especially with the upgraded AGX shocks I had on the car.

Thanks for looking,

Oleg





Spot II

Giving away my no longer used Spot II locator to someone who might put it to good use.

The device is now deactivated, but can be re-activated for a new user.

Technical information about the device can be found here: <https://www.findmespot.com/SPOT/media/Downloads/SPOT-Satellite-GPS-Messenger/SPOT-Satellite-GPS-Messenger-User-Guide.pdf>

Service plan options can be found here: <https://www.findmespot.com/en-us/products-services/service-plans>

Contact Chris if you're interested, at speedglidinchriss (at) gmail (dot) com.

Thank you.

~CRV

Sport 2

Wills Wing Sport 2 155 \$1,995-. Excellent condition with crispy sail! Hydranet leading edge and 210c trailing edge upgrades. Comes with extra downtube. Contact Steve Rodrigues: steve [at] skypuppy (dot) us



Spork Too

Got a spork too to go with the Spot II and the Sport 2.

Skydancer

Editorial July 2020

As much of the uncertainty from Spring remains, welcome clarity has characterized the start of Summer. The weather has been good for flying and though there are novel restrictions to get used to, people are as active as ever throughout the Bay Area. Wings of Rogallo pilots have leaned into the eased restrictions and logged hours of free-flight.

Though all sites have allowed some form of free-flight for weeks, Ed Levin and professional instructors have been hit hardest as it is officially not allowed due to COVID-19 at the site. As with all sites, the California laws dominate with social distancing and masks a must. This has proved to be quite polarizing.

Lack of trust in institutions meant to serve the public is a phenomenon prolific today. Manifestations of this are rejections of institutional wisdom and attempts to reset the status quo. Many ideas and behaviours that were taboo or controversial months ago are mainstream today. Such rapid cultural Sea Changes rarely occur and galvanize their place in history. Progress is rarely anything other than a mixed bag.

Wings of Rogallo is making progress every day to open Ed Levin for instruction. For those with disposable

income, now is the best time to buy your friends tandem flight tickets, buy gear and even donate to the instructors that you hope make it through this challenge. No doubt there are larger causes where your donations can greater maximize their utility to underserved communities, but they might want to learn the art of free-flight someday so also help keep that option open for them by supporting the instructors too.

Even without instruction at Ed Levin, many an epic flight have been had in the Bay Area in recent weeks. Despite social distancing and mask restrictions, people are trying and admiring new gear, and wringing every last second out of trusty old gear. Wings of Rogallo is being represented in free-flight at sites hundreds of miles away from home for the last several weekends and weekdays in between. Many awesome flights, new gliders and memorable trips.

Though the characteristic of clarity is inherent to Summer thus far, the ambiguities loom. The new rules following any Sea Change offer clarity to move forward and progress, but it is wise to be vigilant about the blind-spots. Here's to things continuing to clear up for confident progress into Summer and beyond.

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