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BenD looking down at EricF..... Photo by Ben

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Winter Flying Rumors and Stuff

WOR Club Meeting with Mission Keys & guest speaker !!
Coyote Howl - May 16,17,18
RioGrande DryCanyon Fly-In May 30-Jun 1
Spring Fling @ King May 30- Jun 1

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Feb 2008 WOR Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Ryan Goebel, Brian Spilem - a new H3, Steve ?, and Jackie from SF

Great Flights

Rumors of a Paul Clayton flight to Lake Elizabeth
Eric got a Golden Turkey flight from Mission to ERLCP and return

President's Report : Wayne Michelson none

Vice President's Report : Karl Allmindinger

Nothing to report, reluctantly taking minutes for Clayton who was absent

Treasurer's Report : Don Herrick
Many renewals are coming in. Balances are stable, income up ~\$800.

Flight Director's Report : Pat Denevan
chute clinic cancelled. The Quest project at Irvington High provided water bars on the road to the 600.

Membership Services : Eric Carlson
"This job is a lot of work!"

Ed Levin : Steve Pittman
NEW & IMPROVED LOCK TECHNOLOGY!! Lock opened by plastic membership card. This is still preliminary, Parks has OK'd trial on bottom gate at ERLCP. Mark Grubbs wants the club to keep intellectual property rights. Lynn proposed limited trial.

WindTalker is giving bad directions, when fixed it will read true vice magnetic.

Time for squirrelicide?
Phil to work with Jeff to get bid to grade the road to the top.

Mission Ridge : Roy Spencer
Steve Rodrigues got a standing ovation for his years of service.

Mount Diablo : MarkG for RobertM
new windtalker is in progress

Coyote Lake : Jim Woodward
Creek is too high. 5 flying days are possible between now and June.

Old Business
XC contest discussion will take place on the WOR BullBoard.
MarkM challenged BenD to a duel - over what was not entirely clear. See BB for further confusion. Mark cleverly avoids being volunteered.
Paul G. proposed new contest: longest flight from ERLCP, prize to be 9V battery.

New Business
Spring USHPPA directors meeting in C.Springs in March.

Peter Wenn volunteers to do PHP programming for Don H.
ColinP made a rambling speech about the slings & arrows of being newsletter editor. DaveW sorted out newsletter notification. And

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Roy Spencer to schedule guest speakers
WayneM to bring computer projector, club could buy one for \$600.
EricF to organize club trips.
Change format of the meetings to draw more attendance, maybe have more fun?? We could post the boring reports on the BullBoard?? Conduct more of the boring official business at executive meetings? Women want more social stuff at meetings. Hear! Hear!

Mentor program is being rolled out at national level, Wayne M working on training materials. Meta-mentors needed...

Long rambling discussions about entertainment, club trips, vicarious socializing, consumption of fermented-carbonated-malt-based beverages, rumors of random acts of sodomy, etc.
Mark Mulholland volunteers to drive for anybody and everybody for the next month or 2.

Bruce & Sarah Bousfield are moving to Reno soon, so we will all have a place to crash after flying Slide.

Raffle Results:
MarkG - tiny Pink shirt (gave it to Jackie): Carm - Blue t-shirt: EricC - Black hat: MarkG - black hat: DaveW - BIG knife: DonH - Blue hat : BruceS - blue hat

End of Meeting Minutes

Spur of the moment FUN spot landing.

By CarmelaM

If you have been following the latest thread on hang gliding you know that HG is in the declined. There are many problems but one can be that we are not keeping our younger pilots. They need our guidance to show them the ropes. I have been lacking in this department but I am hoping to change that.

I had planned a Big Sur trip this weekend with the younger pilots with the help of Eric F. The thread was started on the WOR board and we were in full tilt making plans. A group of H2 thru H4 had signed up to go. You can make all the plans you want but the weather has to cooperate. As the weekend got closer it looked to be blown out or over the back. We had to cancel the Big Sur trip but I still wanted to do something.

So I called a "Spur of the moment FUN spot landing".

No prizes, no handicap - Just fun and the respect of your fellow pilots for coming the closest. Most of the pilots that were going Big Sur came to Ed Levin. With a few exception like my co-sponsor and later he was spotted later at Mission. Thanks Eric!

I showed up at Ed Levin at 9:30am with bagels and cream cheese. A couple of trucks were already on the 600ft. and the parking lot was pretty full of pilots. We had a GREAT turn out for some crappy conditions. The winds were over the back on top so we were stuck to the 600ft hill. It was blowing ~ WNW 8-15mph. I knew it was going to be North West but I thought in the morning it would be lighter. Chris one of the observers was there for anybody who needed their sign off for spots.

First off the hill was Tim, a H3 going for his first H4 spots. Tim sets up a perfect approach and gets his first spot towards his H4. The bar was set at 15ft. Joe also a H3 was going for his second H4 spot. Well, what should I say? If you do not call your spot you do not lose it. That also meant the bar was at 15ft. when I head up the hill with a H2

and we get set up. I can not remember the last time I launched the 600ft.

A couple of younger pilots had launch to try their luck on the spot. Sorry I lost track what they did. It was my turn to launch, talk about pressure mostly what I put on myself to do well since I called the darn thing. I would look really bad if I did not at least have a good landing. I really did not care about the spot. I just wanted to do an L/L and would be happy if I came close. If I had to bet on who would win, I would bet against myself as would many of my friends.

Talk about being focus on doing good -I get launch. It is a little buoyant I make two passes but really it is not worth trying to stay up. I make way down to set up my approach; it is a gusty in the LZ to make things trickier. I setup my downwind keeping my eye on the spot (angle angle) I turn to make my final leg. Well, I did better than coming close, I nailed the spot okay will call it 6 inches! WAHOOO! I am in the lead with one pilot left-Tim. Tim going for his second spot towards his H4 he gets launch. He makes his approach to the spot. Did I mention it was gusty? He makes a lot of turns trying to get to spot and he over shoots.

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Hey I WON! Tim came in second and sorry to say he needs to start over with his H4 spots. He did have the longest flight at 4mins and the most turns.

7 or so pilots actually flew; it was a little gusty and cross - not ideal conditions at all. Thanks to the younger pilots Gary, Charlie, Brian and the others who showed up to make this "spur of moment fun spot landing" worthwhile! Big thanks to the advanced pilots - Chris, Karl, Doug and few others. They were ground support and we needed it. Getting around the corner to launch was pretty tricky. I truly appreciate all that they had made the time to come out to participate or just watch. That counts just as much in my book.

I hope to see ya on the hill.

Happy flying!

Carm



Beware of Gratitous B.S. in the ERCLP Impact Zone

Editor's Turn

Hi Kids!

Time once again for your semi-monthly dose of alternate reality from your Uncle Colin.

The signs of Spring are making their appearance, stirring a young fella's heart to flutter anew with visions of pretty-young-things and aviation adventures. And what better way to maximize the possibilities of both that to load up your wings & things and head out to the Impact Zone of your favorite HG/PG site, where you will doubtless be informed that "Ya shoulda been here yesterday" when wuffos were jacket-soaring and there were hoards of screaming teenage blue-eyed groupies literally begging to be allowed to drive for you. But alas, yesterday was a work day, and you and all your wage-slave cohorts were stuck at the clone-hive attempting to look busy whilst periodically sneaking peaks at the web-cam to see folks like me kicking rocks on launch and making up tall tales to spin next weekend in the Impact Zone.

Actually, us mid-week flyin bums do have better odds at getting the occasional BIG AIR days, least 5/7 more than the typical weekender. So your Uncle Colin's recommendation for more fun is as follows:

Max out a cash advance on all your credit cards and home-equity loans, borrow as much money as you can from family, friends, and co-workers, sell all your non-flying possessions, quit your job, change your identity, sleep in your car at the base of your local flying site, and get as much air as possible. At the end of the season (or next season iffen the money holds out), go on a 10 day drunk, then return to home and work as if only one day has gone by and claim alien abduction if asked.

Coming next month, Uncle Colin's practical suggestions as to how to improve your pathetic excuse for a love life.

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JuanL at 7K over ugly gray-brown terrain

WOR Cross Country League.

by Ben Dunn

2007 was a great year for the Wings Of Rogallo Cross Country league. We had 14 pilots fly a total of 3362.5 miles in 94 Cross Country flights! Many of the pilots were new to flying XC. A great time was had by all. The season got underway very early at Goat in February when Wayne had a challenging flight some 25 miles to the north, most of the flight was less then 2k above the ground! A Panamints trip, many flights from Walts point, a trip to Starr peak in central Nevada, Sweetwater and Lakeview were spectacular venues, as I am sure you will agree. I have seen some great photos taken, some interesting local culture were, er, experienced, no Karaoke this year (fortunately).

Gerry's winning flight, was pretty amazing. I was a pretty stable day in the Owens and indeed most of us sank out on or before crossing to the whites. Gerry pulled off a low save and slowly worked his way along the whites to Boundary peak. Ben Rogers as chase crew encouraged Gerry to continue on over Montgomery pass and a few other valleys and passes to Lunig. This was his longest flight ever at 140 miles. He was exhausted and elated. Here is Gerry receiving his award.



The flight gave him the points he needed to pip Bruce to 1st place by just half a point! Less than half a mile! Ben Rogers came in 3rd, wisely playing the points game and declaring goals and achieving



them. Heathers had some outstanding flights, one of which got written up in a local news paper and the esteemed WOR magazine. This earned her the best write up award.

Prizes were awarded at the WOR Christmas Party, which was great fun, thanks to Tom for hosting it.

WOR Cross Country League 2008

Now for 2008 ! The feedback I received in summary was most people enjoyed the format and would like to repeat it this year with perhaps a couple of changes.
 1. Flights flown in other competitions may be used.
 2. The longest/most points from Ed Levin or Mission will have its own award.

So I will update the rules and off we go! But wait Steve Rodrigues is already in the Mission/Ed Levin lead, with a flight from Mission to Ed Levin. The website will be on line soon.
 Happy and Safe flying.

Final 2007 Wings of Rogallo Cross Country League Results

Pilot	Total Flights	Total Miles	Top 5 Flights	Top 5 Miles	Top 5 Points
Gerry Pesavento	11	486.7	5	378	550.6
Bruce Bousfield	12	527.6	5	367.7	550.1
Ben Rogers	7	404.6	5	339.9	532.6
Ben Dunn	19	705.1	5	326.8	496.4
Wayne Michelsen	6	350.6	5	325.6	491.2
Heather Stoddard	14	262.1	5	176.1	417.3
Peter Wemm	6	90.7	5	85.6	256.8
Paul Clayton	3	179	3	179	250.6
Doug Hahn	2	60.5	2	60.5	181.5
Eric Froehlich	3	120.2	3	120.2	168.3
Joe Jackson	2	45.2	2	45.2	159.2
Brian Foster	4	63	4	63	151.2
Christopher Valley	3	26.8	3	26.8	64.3
Seth Dunham	1	30.4	1	30.4	60.8
TOTAL	94	3362.5			

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