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Spring 2016 Flying Rumors and Stuff

WOR meeting May 17, 2016

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March 2016 Meeting Minutes << >>

Entertainment

Brad Waldron from Kali Protectives gave a talk on Kali helmets and showed the internal construction of one of the current models. Robert Moore showed a photo montage of hang gliding with Kali helmets.

New Members and Guests None recognized.

Great Flights None noted.

President's Report – Robert Booth Insurance is to transition to the USHPA RRG on June 1st. USHPA officials Jugdeep and Tim Herr were at the meeting. A meeting is planned for April 23rd to discuss the instruction situation at Ed Levin and how to deal with commercial instruction under the RRG. Entertainment for next month will be a talk on the RRG insurance. According to ranger Brian at Ed Levin, the road to the 600' launch has been closed recently, so check with the rangers before driving up to launch. The Ed Levin emergency notification system is complete. No major roadwork at Ed Levin is planned in the near future.

Vice President's Report – Patrick Pannese

It was Patrick's birthday; a cake was shared. The flour bomb/spot landing is scheduled for 9AM on April 2nd. The event will include a barbeque. H3 and H4 pilots are invited to do the flour bomb and spot landing. H2 pilots will compete in the spot landing contest only.

Flight Director's Report – Paul Gazis

No incidents to report. An observer clinic is planned for the last weekend in April. Details will be announced on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report – Don Herrick

Balances are up about 10% over last month as renewals are processed.

Membership Services Report – Phyl Hamby

The website was down due to a cyber attack, but is now back up. Pedro Enrique is building a new website and the club will transition to a new ISP in August. Please renew if you haven't already.

Ed Levin Site Report – Jesse

The LZ has been mowed but will need to be mowed again after the rains stop. Don't park where your vehicle blocks the horse trail. The rangers have been giving speeding tickets and anyone who gets a ticket will be subject to a 3 month suspension from the site. The road to the 600' launch is currently closed.

Mission Ridge Site Report - CR Valley

Keys were distributed at the meeting; some were not picked up. 2015 was a good year of flying.

Diablo – Robert Moore

Robert noted that he has had 2 Kali helmets, one of which was displayed at the meeting.

Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition -

No Report

Old Business

None noted.

New Business

Jugdeep noted that the Norcal X-C league events are starting. A meet is planned in 2 weeks at Dunlap. See www.santacruzparagliding.com. HG pilots are invited to participate.

Jim Woodward mentioned a book about early foot-launched gliding describing the activities of John Montgomery and others and suggested that instructors should read it.

Clark noted that the Hiller Aviation Museum is currently displaying a flex wing HG from ~1980 and that a newer flex wing might be appreciated is anyone has one to donate.

Zack Majors announced that Wills Wing will sponsor Demo Daze June 3rd -5th, probably at Ed Levin.

Carmela Moreno noted that a memorial fly-in honoring Ken Muscio will be held at McClure on May 17th - 18th.

End of Meeting Minutes.

Meeting Minutes, April 2016 Guest's / New Members Great Flights/Other Events President's Report – Robert Booth Vice President's Report – Patrick Pannese Flight Director's Report – Paul Gazis Treasurer's Report – Don Herrick Membership Services Report –Jesse Meyer/Phyl Hamby Ed Levin Site Report – Phyl Hamby

Mission Ridge Report - CR Valley

The Park did some geotechnical boring this past week in the vicinity of the "Option A" parking area. The boring was done to determine soil conditions for that parking option area and does not mean the "Option A" parking plan is a "done deal". Hold tight on any assumptions at this point.

All Mission keys have a new owner - there are a few stragglers that may be expecting the Mission Site Chair hand deliver their key individually, but that won't happen.

Fly safe and make 2016 a good year at Mission Ridge!

Diablo – Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition – Ben Dunn Old Business New Business

End of Meeting Minutes.

Editorial March/April 2016

There was no April WOR meeting. This is unfortunate. There are probably many great flights to report.

I have discovered an obscure movie that features Hang Gliding. Quest Beyond Time

In this 1985 Australian-made movie a young pilot (He looks 15) launches from Stanwell Park and is sucked up into a time vortex. He lands in a primitive village in the year 2457.

He must save the village by taking a young girl tandem to an island and back to get medicine.

For his trouble, he gets a kiss on the cheek.

Finally, he takes flight again and is transported back to 1985.

The flying scenes could be entertainment at a future WOR meeting.

This month's cover photo was taken from high above Mission Peak on April 13.

I love Mission Peak.

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