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The Unknown Pilot soars again

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# ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO EAT !! 2007 Summer Flying Calendar & stuff

May - Dec ... Wherever you happen to fly

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## June 2007 WOR Meeting Minutes

#### New Members/Guests none

#### Great Flights

Steve Rodrigues flew Funston; did touch and goes.

Wayne Michelson and Ben Dunn flew Sweetwater and Copper in Sonora Pass and reached 12K.

Pat Denevan attended the San Ramon wind festival and did a bungee launch. Video may be on You Tube. Stan Boehm flew Hurricane Ridge in Zion Az on Memorial Day. Lee Gardner flew Marina and Goat; reached 7200 at Goat. Paul Gazis flew Potato Hill on his PG.

President's Report - none Vice President's Report - None

#### **Treasurer's Report -**Don Herrick Expenses exceeding income, mostly due to fees required by the parks.

Membership Services - none

**Flight Director's Report -** Pat Denevan. A paraglider pilot suffered a broken wrist after a canopy collapse at Ed Levin top launch.

#### Ed Levin Site Committee Report -

Steve Pittman by e-mail The site procedures are still in process. The pay phone is still a sticking point.

## Mission Peak Committee Report -

Steve Rodrigues \$1400 was disbursed for Park fees. The certificate of insurance needs to be turned in to the Park.

The grass is dry; fire danger is high. Site regulations may be changed to require a fire extinguisher rather than a fire extinguisher or a shovel. Someone launched a parachute at the peak, in violation of site regulations. There have been reports of unauthorized cars driving up the front road. The driver of one car said he was picking up a PG pilot. It is not known how they get in. Construction of a sports stadium nearby may result in airspace restrictions on NOTAMs. The restricted airspace would extend to the Stanford Ave parking lot.

#### Mt. Diablo Committee Report - none

#### Site Acquisition- Jim Woodward.

Gene Pfifer expects to get waivers for test flying Goat/Wild Ass The road to launch at Goat is closed due to road maintenance. Wild Ass is open.

#### **New Business**

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Don Herrick reported that an extra charge for voice mail was added to the Diablo wind talker phone bill. He believes this is an error. Apparently spammers have been messing with the WOR website. The road at Ed Levin needs grading.

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## **Classified AD Rates**

Members: \$3 per col inch (roommates, travel, for sale, lonely hearts, etc) Non-Members: \$6 per col inch Standard Business Cards: \$8

SWM seeking humanoid Female. Likes sunset flights at the beach, afternnon glass-offs at high desert sites, and 4X4 travel to remote mountain locations throughout the Western US.

GoodLookingRichGuy@HotMale.com

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## **Pilot Profile: Lee Gardner**

This month we proudly feature a guy with a lower USHGA number than myself, a fellow bi-wingwal old timer who has been a fixure at Marina since I started flying there many moons ago: Lee Gardner.

Q1: What got you into the sport?

A1: Skydiving..a friend and I heard of a new sport called HangDiving. We went and tried it after our morning jump one day some 30-odd years ago. The first couple of "flights" were in standards, by the end of that day were were getting short filghts on a Seagull.

CCP: Was that skydiving experience helpful when you started paragliging in the late 80's? LG: No way. We were using barely steerable round canopies back in those days.

Q2: Who/what was your main influence and why? A2: Dave the Skydiver, the guy I mentioned previous question.. He was former Golden Knight Exhibition Team Member and a fellow teammate in high school Gymnastics.

Q3: What was your most memorable flight? A3: So many flights and so little memory left..fading.. My last flight off Cone Peak in the Big Sur, in 1976?? It was blowing light from the East (backside), and we flew some light lift down to land at the Sand Dollar picnic area.

Q4: What are your favorite three flying sites? A4: Slide, Indian Valley, and Chelan

Q5: Any funny experiences that you might like to share?

A5: Stealing Luigi's car with Dick Cassetta at the '87 Nationals at the Original Andy Jackson Flight Park below Crestline...we gave it back reluctantly... laughed for hours! So did Luigi once he figured out how easy it was to find.

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Q6: Any not so funny?

A6: Watching Chris Price fail a loop at Dunlap and deploying .... very low.

Q7: What else do you enjoy other than flying? A7: Fishing some of the great spots in the beautiful areas we fly.

Q8: Whom do you admire most in free flight and why?

A8: this question implies someone currently alive?

Here's the answer if it was anyone << >> past of present in Aviation.

Q9: What does the future hold? A9: A new Rigid Wing Q10: What is your brand of toothpaste? A10: That's an easy one...Baking Soda...uses range from cleaning teeth/tooth to cleaning your driveway... Imao.



Lee with his paraglider trailing behind.

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