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Photo : Some old stuff I found somewhere

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Summer Flying Rumors and Stuff

plenty of stuff nobody bothered to inform me about...
soembody send me an email dammit!!!

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18 May, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Entertainment was a talk about flying in the Owens Valley by Peter Lawrence.

New Members/Guests

Peter Lawrence, long time Owens Valley X-C pilot.

Craig Stanley, H3 who flies a Talon.
Aaron and Ella Schneider, H3s.

Great Flights

Colin Perry had an insignificant flight. A PG pilot reported flying in a shear near Muscle Rock. He climbed to 1300 and did a spiral dive to get down.

Paul Gazis flew Mission last week and circled directly above the north tower.

Walter Whiteside and Charlie flew Dunlap Saturday and Funston Sunday, and got to 1400 in the shear. Walter flew over McDonalds.

Dave took his parents from Austria to Funston, where they flew tandem.

President: Eric Froelich

There was a good turnout for the Dunlap trip. Wayne and Dave, a father-son team, has their first flights in the Sierras.

Vice President: Karl Allmandinger

Karl flew Mission today.

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income exceeded expenses during the past month. Dues income is continuing to come in.

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

Run-out landings are described in the OZ report. This can be a useful technique.

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 290 paid members for 2010.

Ed Levin: Steve Pittman

The new site procedures have been signed by Steve Pittman and Eric

Froelich. Red sticker pilots are required to have a sponsor to fly from the top.

The rangers no longer post the park closing time on the gate to the LZ. It is posted on the kiosk at the part entrance.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

Roy and Karl Allmandinger have replaced the windsock in the lower LZ.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore [by e-mail; report was read at the meeting]

The major construction work is complete at the Tower Launch Site. As is typical, sporadic work continues. We will be enacting the new Visitor Policy and modifying the Site Procedures when the Policy is adopted.

Coyote Lake: Jim Woodward, Gene Pfifer

A meeting is scheduled for Friday. It is hoped that the procedures can be finalized at that time. Coyote Creek may be crossable now. Vehicles belonging to the Open Space District have been crossing.

Goat Mountain/Wild Ass: Wayne Michelson

Goat may be open. This past weekend probably was good. Sailplanes were getting high.

Old Business

Dave Wills mentioned that the federal government has funds to do toxic cleanup at Mt Umumunum. The only LZ is a plateau partway down the mountain.

Don Herrick, chair of the visiting pilot committee, showed a draft of the visiting pilot sticker. He noted that pilots are not required to join the club to fly at Ed Levin and proposed a policy of requiring any pilot who flies a WOR site

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more than twice be required to join the club. The sticker has 2 symbols for each site covered by the policy. Don proposed to request a \$5 donation for the sticker. No action was taken on these proposals.

New Business

Roy Spencer proposed that rock be added to the road between the portapottys at Mission and the launch. A work party will be needed and the cost of the rock will be \$440 for 10 tons. Don Herrick took an action to look at the site maintenance budget. Further discussion of this proposal was deferred to the executive committee.

Pat Denevan announced that "Eye on the Bay" will feature Ben Dunn flying tandem with the host of the show. The segment is expected to air Friday at 7pm of Channel 5.

Phyl Hamby mentioned that he mowed the LZ at Ed Levin. Thanks, Phyl.

Mike Jefferson announced that he is resigning his appointment as an Ed Levin instructor.

A motion was made to have a separate meeting to discuss the concerns of several instructors about WOR instruction policies and appointments. This motion was approved and it was further agreed that the meeting will be open to all WOR members and should concern only policies at WOR sites.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

June, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Entertainment was an account of Eric Froelich's flight from Mission to Casa de Fruita, with Google Earth graphics.

New Members/Guests

Robert Booth, who has been flying since April and flies a Falcon.

Rickram, who has been flying the 50' hill on his Falcon

Great Flights

Walter Whiteside flew from Mazurka to near Lone Pine and soared with sailplanes on the Inyos.

Wayne and son Dave flew Slide. Dave got to 12.5K and flew across Washoe Lake to the Duck LZ.

Bruce Bousfield organized an USHPA ACE comp that weekend at Slide.

Paul Gazis flew Dunlap on his PG and got to 7K. He was the only pilot there that weekend.

President: Eric Froelich

The club organized a trip to the Owens Valley on Memorial Day Weekend. Wayne Michelson, Bruce Bousfield, Ben Dunn and many others flew cross country. Bruce had a 100 mile+ flight, and many other good flights were had. Everyone flew safely.

A committee meeting was held to discuss WOR instructor authorizations.

Vice President: Karl Allmandinger Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income exceeded expenses during the past month. Dues income is continuing to come in.

Flight Director:None

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 303 paid members for 2010. Use waivers from the lockbox when appropriate. Students are required to have a witness sign their waiver. All flyers must have a waiver on file. Waivers for drivers should be placed in the lockbox.

Ed Levin: Steve Pittman

The new site procedures have been signed by

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parties; copies are in the lockbox. The main change is the posting of the park closing time on the Kiosk rather than at the main gate to the LZ. Note that closing time for flying is one hour before the park closes. Phyl Hamby has been scanning waivers so they can be stored electronically. Steve plans to propose changing the site procedures to allow commercial instruction in the park.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

Roy plans to discuss gravelling of the road between the outhouse and the launch with the Ranger and get a price for the material.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore [by e-mail; report was read at the meeting]

The Diablo windtalker had been broken for the past two weeks. We made the repair (replacing the anemometer) last Sunday. The replaced unit lasted well over two years - a rare occurrence for Diablo. I will need to order another anemometer to have available for the next time.

Coyote Lake: Jim Woodward

The site procedures are being worked on. A fence will probably be needed around the parking area due to the cows. The gate and fence will need to be built at WOR expense.

Goat/Wild Ass: Wayne Michelson

This past Saturday may have been good.

Old Business

Don Herrick reported that the visiting pilot policy will soon be implemented. Stickers are on order and prototypes were shown at the meeting. Guest pilots are expected to display both a proficiency sticker and a visiting pilot sticker.

Paul Gazis, who chaired the committee meeting on instructor authorization, reported on the recommendations that came out of the meeting.

1.Establish an appeal process for instructors who have been rejected for authorization. The appeal board is to consist of the instructors who currently hold the authorization the applicant is seeking.

2.Set a maximum wait time of 3 month between an application for authorization and the required WOR instructor clinic.

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New Business

Wayne Michelsen announced that his is going to fly the King Mt. meet the 3rd week in July.

Rich Dumlao announced that he is going to Lakeview for July 4th weekend.

Peter Lawrence announced that he is going to the Owens for July 4th weekend.

Ben Dunn plans to fly in Italy and compete in the pre-worlds in August.

A motion was approved to appoint a committee to write a policy proposal for authorizing instructors to teach at Ed Levin. This proposal is to be presented to the club in time to be read and considered before a vote to be taken at a subsequent club meeting. The following amendment was added: If the proposed policy requires a change to the bylaws, the established process for changing the bylaws is to be followed.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

Editors psychotic ramblings

Hi kids. It's July already, had to cancel my Lakeview plans due to vehicular issues and it's bloody hot & blowin NorthEast here. Time to don the black leather & fire up the beemer & ride to the beach....

Some sad news today, it seems that I (and all of us) have lost yet flying another buddy. In past years this occurred all too frequently with a resulting smoking crater, more recently due to the cumulative ravages of time on our frail aging bodies. Tis the price we pay for long life, having to bury our buddies. Peace be with you Rex (aka Wrecks), I will miss sitting downwind whilst you fire a cigarette behind launch (breaking site procedures). Twas great hanging with ya while it lasted, my t-shirt from the '94 SunValley Spectacular where we first flew together will be worn in your honor.

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