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Happy New Year!

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The Editor's Turn

Happy New Year! And isn't this year off to a strange start? We've had all these frontal passages. And many of them have even been soarable. In December! That's almost unheard of! It's a clear sign that the Final Days Are At Hand. So we should all get out, get tons of airtime, and have a great time, to thumb our noses at the gods!

There will be some changes in the *Flight Line* this year. Our printing costs have jumped almost 50%, so we have to do something to get the price down - it's either that or, ick, raise dues. Our first move will be to fiddle with the format, to see if we can reduce folding costs. With any luck, this will take care of the problem in the near term. In the long run, we may change the dues structure, to encourage pilots to get their newsletters in electronic form. If you have any ideas or comments on the subject, please let me know, or bring it up at a club meeting.

Speaking of club meetings, we have elections for club officers coming up. Our officers are important. They're the folks who organize activities, keep the club running, deal with the parks, county, and **USHGA**, and determine the very character of the club. They're also the folks responsible for keep our sites running, and coordinating airstrikes on giant mutant toads. You say you haven't seen many giant mutant toads around California? That's because our club officers are doing their job! So come to the meeting and help vote in some new ones who can keep our fine state free of radioactive amphibians.

Carmela is organizing a fly-in at Big Sur on Feb 2-3. This sounds like a good idea to me. In fact, it sounds like an awesome idea. Members of my tribe will venerate Carmela as a goddess, and offer her a tribute of 9V batteries. Details - about the fly-in, not the 9V batter-

ies - are in this issue of the *Flight Line*.

Finally, you may have noticed that we seem to be running low on pictures of... well... hang gliding. I mean, like, F-18s are all very fine, but they're not foot-launchable, and they don't break down for easy transport to the top of the hill. So I hope some of you can submit a few photos involving HG or PG or I may have to bring back Ram Man. And we wouldn't want that...

WOR 2002 Winter Fly-in at Big Sur

When - Feb 2 and 3 (Rain dates Feb 9 and 10)

Who can come - Intermediate site (All 3's and 4's. 2's call if you are interested)

What to expect - Typically not soarable but a 15min sled that's utterly beautiful.

The Site - Big Sur has two different launches - Wild Cattle and the Knob - with a semi-rough 2WD road to both launches and a *huge* LZ located in front of the ranger station.

Driving Time - Approximately 2.5 hrs from the Bay Area.

Directions - Pacific Valley is located 45 mins south of Big Sur. Take Hwy 1 south to Plaskett Creek campground-Pacific Valley. (Landmark Lucia 7 more miles.) Plaskett Creek Campground approx. mile pass the ranger station on left hand side.

Camping - No showers or hook-ups, running water yes- camping tents and RV's. \$16.00 a night. First come, first serve for camping. Should be plenty of campsites. Camping also available at Kirk Creek. Adventure pass

required to drive to launch. (\$5.00 a day or \$30.00 a year. You can get one from the host at the campground)

Campground is walking distance to beach.

There is a restaurant/store within 7 miles but it's pretty expensive. **WOR** will supply some beverages for the after flying fun!

WARNING: There is plenty of poison oak! Better to bring your own firewood!

Hope you can make it. Novice pilots call for details if you are interested in coming.

Carmela Moreno

Questions? email me at skyhigh-woman@yahoo.com or call 510-490-2398

Check the website or the WOR yahoo group email in case we cancel due to rain.

President's Report for January 2002

by Steve Rodrigues

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. The **WOR** is doing well, and we are gearing up for another great flying year. Here are a few of the upcoming highlights;

Monthly Raffle.

The monthly Club Meeting Raffle is back by popular demand! All **WOR** members are eligible to win prizes, so come to the meetings and grab a ticket!

Flying Trips.

We will be scheduling frequent trips to popular flying sites, where we can spend the weekend flying and camping. A senior **WOR** member will be on hand to do site introductions, and help with a safe flight plan. **WOR** will

provide beverages for the BBQ!

The Golden Eagle Award.

The **WOR** "Golden Eagle" is an award for flying from Ed Levin launch, making a turnpoint over Mission Peak, and returning to land at Ed Levin park. This task was conceived by Pat Denevan and Greg Shaw many years ago, before Mission Ridge was open to hang gliding. It is a great way to practice XC flying, and broaden your knowledge of the mountain in our own backyard. Hang glider and paraglider pilots who complete this task are eligible to receive a beautiful embroidered Golden Eagle patch, presented at a monthly club meeting. Watch for those pre/post frontal conditions and become a Golden Eagle Pilot!

See you in the air!

December 2001 Meeting Minutes

by Don Jones

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

35 members in attendance
Robert Schmitz - New member first meeting.
Ed Cline and Dean Rowland glad to see your smiling faces.

GREAT FLIGHTS

Pres awarded George Murford the Golden Eagle patch.

Bob Ormisted got lots of air time at Ed Levin during pre frontal conditions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres reported last year's budget ended positive.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VP suggested that club could

save money if more people got their newsletter from our website. Kinko's is expensive. Maybe there is an alternative.

TREASURER'S REPORT - None

SECRETARY'S REPORT - None

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR REPORT

Carmela can accept club renewals after the meeting. Forms were available.

ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Pittman reported that gate combos would be changed next month. We need volunteers with carpenter abilities to modify 150' walkover. Volunteers should contact Mike Hedblom at 415-753-0910 or Steve Pittman at 925-277-5080

600' cell phone is out of order. Gate is locked and launch is closed. Randy Tribe is working on the problem.

Discussion of placing a plaque in the LZ pay phone with emergency numbers.

MISSION RIDGE SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

Pres - Mission launch fence will be eliminated soon till then gate will be locked closed with same combo as LZ lockbox. There have been recent cases of gate being left open.

The LZ porta potty is history. New flushing toilets have been installed by EBRP.

MOUNT DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Grubbs is looking for volunteers for the annual shrub removal work party at Diablo.

Place USHGA Hang Gliding Card or temporary rating here and photocopy.

Keep Original for your records

Place USHGA Paragliding Card or temporary rating here and photocopy.

Keep Original for your records

New Members - Please complete the Application in full.

All Others – Enter only information that has changed or is different than USHGA card.

Mail to:
Wings of Rogallo
PO Box 361885
Milpitas, CA 95036-1885

First Name: _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Tel # : (_____) _____ Work Tel # (_____) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Tel # (_____) _____

Birthdate: _____ Profession: _____

USHGA Appointments: _____ Today's Date: _____

Optional:

Email address: _____ HAM call sign: _____

Dues and Fees (based upon a calendar year)

WOR Renewal (If a member during the last 2 years) \$18.00 _____

If Not a member during the last 2 years - _____ months at 1.50/month _____

Family Membership (Family members WOR#) _____ \$6.00 _____

Mission/Diablo Renewal (If Mission/Diablo rated in the last 2 years) \$12.00 _____

If Not a member during the last 2 years - _____ months at 1.50/month _____

Donation for cards and stickers: \$2.00 _____ \$3.00 _____ \$5.00 _____ Other _____

Would you like to receive WOR newsletter by mail? Yes _____ No, I'll download a copy _____ **Total:** _____

Check ONLY if sticker(s) required (year stickers are issued automatically)

Hang Gliding

Paragliding

Other

_____ Hang 1 (green)

_____ Para 1 (green)

_____ WOR ID

_____ Hang 2 (red)

_____ Para 2 (red)

_____ Hang 3/4 (blue)

_____ Para 3/4 (blue)

Note: Your WOR ID# will change
If a new ID Sticker is issued.

_____ Mission / Diablo (Silver)

_____ Mission / Diablo (Silver)

Reason for sticker(s) _____

(ie. new member, new helmet, sticker wore off, .etc.)

Important – The following should accompany this Application:

1. **Photocopies** – USHGA card (s) and/or temporary ratings.
2. **Waivers If not already on file** – Ed Levin Park and/or Diablo (legible, signed and properly witnessed)
3. **Self Addressed stamped envelope** (helps to speed up the process)

Note: Application not filled out properly will be returned. All pilots are required to have a proficiency sticker **BEFORE** flying.

2002 Mission Ridge Keyholder Application

Please print legibly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone * H) _____ W) _____

*Keyholder phone list will be published in the Flight Line newsletter.

E-mail Address _____

WOR Membership # _____ Exp. Date _____

USHGA # _____ Exp. date _____

Vehicle Year / Make / Model: _____ / _____ / _____

Vehicle color: _____

Vehicle License # _____

Vehicle capacity: # of Hang Gliders: _____ , # of passengers: _____

Fire abatement equipment (circle one): Shovel / Extinguisher / Both

Site usage (circle one): Midweek / Weekend / Both

Application must include copies of current USHGA and WOR cards, and proof of current vehicle insurance showing minimum of \$500,000.00 Liability/Bodily Injury/per incident.

I am applying for a key to Mission Ridge. I understand the gravity and responsibility inherent in receiving Keyholder privileges. I understand and will comply with the Mission Ridge Site Procedures and Regulations. I will maintain the required vehicle insurance and memberships in both USHGA and WOR during my entire tenure as Keyholder. I will comply with all requirements and rulings deemed necessary by the site committee. I understand that I may be subject to the loss of key and/or flying privileges, or other punitive measures, if so deemed by the Site Committee.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2002

Return completed applications to: Steve Rodrigues
3013 Arlington Drive
Aptos, CA 95003-3165

Please do not write below this line. Site Committee use only

USHGA Advanced	___	Vehicle ins./\$ amt.	___
WOR member	___	Vehicle rack/capacity	___
Site fees paid	___	Key deposit	___
Fire abate equip.	___	Old key returned	___
Site contribution	___	New key issued	___

Checked by _____

Mark attended the annual search-light ceremony on top of Diablo to commemorate Dec 7th. Attend next year. Old timer veterans have interesting war stories.

SITE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Gene Pfeiffer site acquisition reported that Jim Woodward attended County task force meeting. Jim reported that HG and PG usage had to be written in on usage permit. It is not automatically entered every year.

Rex asked if topo maps could be provided on new site location for member familiarization.

Mike Vorhis could use topo maps of Levin for speed gliding planning. Don Burns has the info. The park permit for the event has been applied for.

NEW BUSINESS

Pres- Golden Eagle patch has been redesigned. Greg Shaw redesigned WOR logo. T shirts will be done with WOR logo for both HG and PG. Maybe Golden Eagle would be best for both instead of WOR logo. Give Steve any ideas or input.

Robert Schmitz suggested a website for Funston that would call subscribers when flying conditions were ideal. Website "mywind.net" provides good info.

John Wilde suggested that maybe the stored data in the Levin and Diablo Litechs could be downloaded to a website.

Club Officer Nominations:
President- Steve Rodrigues and Art Thompson
Vice President- George Murford and Wayne Michelson
Secretary- Paul Clayton and Don

Herrick
Treasurer- Don Herrick and Mike Gomes
Membership- Carmela Moreno and Rex Runyon
Flight Director- Mike Vorhis and Art Thompson

USHGA 2002 calendar has picture of Vince Enter on cover taken during a flight at Funston

Raffle winners picked by guest two year old Emma Foss - Steve Pittman, Carmela Moreno, John Wilde and Ed Cline. Prizes provided by Pat Denevan.

Mark Mulholland showed video of Speed gliding in Spain. Next month's entertainment will be Paul Splan slide show of Toll house LZ and Alaska.

Respectfully submitted
Don Jones

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Year 2002 Mission Ridge Keyholder Reallocation

It is time for the annual Mission Ridge key reallocation. Advanced rated pilots who are interested in becoming Keyholders and current Keyholders who wish to maintain their Keyholder status must submit an application package. This package consists of a completed application form, proof of current vehicle insurance, and copies of current USHGA and WOR memberships. The application and site procedures may be found on the web at "wingsofrogallo.org".

****ATTENTION!** The vehicle insurance form must show a minimum limit of \$500,000.00 Liability/Bodily Injury/ per incident.

Application deadline is Sunday, March 3, 2002. Non-renewing

Keyholders should notify the site committee chairman of their intentions so as to expedite key re-allocation, and refund of their key deposit.

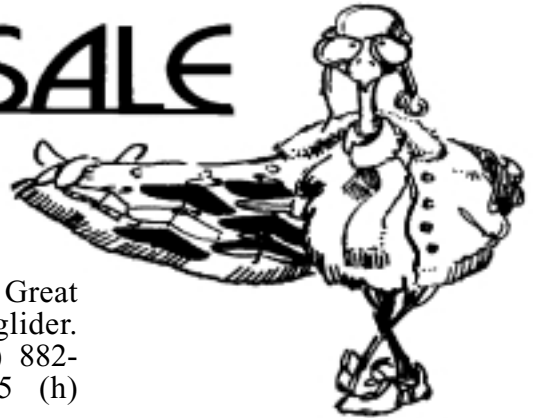
Decision Criteria for Key Allocation:

1. 4WD vehicle with rack capacity for at least 4 Hang Gliders, and room for 5 persons. *The rack system must pass inspection by the site committee.
2. Current vehicle insurance, Minimum limit of \$500,000.00 Liability/Bodily Injury.
3. Fire abatement equipment, i.e.: shovel and/or fire extinguisher (5 lb. Minimum).
4. USHGA and WOR member in good standing throughout keyholder tenure.
5. Good record of contribution through work parties and/or site/club administration.
6. Frequent site usage during preceding year.
7. Good record of giving rides to launch.

The key swap will occur at 7:00 PM, just before the March 19th WOR meeting. Selected applicants will be notified prior to the meeting. Bring a \$20 key deposit, or your old key if applicable. Failure to return your old key will require another \$20. The locks will be changed that evening.

If you have any questions, please contact Mission Ridge site committee chairma: Steve Rodrigues H-(831) 476-2227 before 9:30 PM please, or email mission-chair@wingsofrogallo.org

WINGS FOR SALE



Wings for Sale

(Ad policy: ads run for 6 months, then are cancelled automatically unless they are renewed. Ads are free to WOR members)

Flexwings

Aeros Stealth 2 151 (Fresno area) Excellent shape. 1 yr old. Pictures at: <http://www.geocities.com/sky-godmatt/stealth.html>. \$3000 obo. Call Matt Potter (559) 243-1831

Aeros Stealth 2 151 (late 1998), Matrix cloth, white LE, red and blue undersurface. Additional sail and 2 extra dtubes. \$2900 obo. Call Reto at (916) 804-4063, reto_s@yahoo.com

Aeros Stealth 3 Combat 151. Late 2000, matrix cloth, special comp mods. Flown in Speed Worlds on gold medal team. 1/2 hr total time! \$3500 or best offer. Call Reto at (916) 798-7156 or Mike at (510) 744-1953.

HP-AT 145. Approx 150 hours Good cond. Orange-light green-white. 6 hrs airtime since last pre-flight. Spare dtubes. \$800 obo. Call Weegie (510) 649-8181, weegie@lightroom.com

Sensor Production Slot available! Paid for over a year ago; this glider is ready to start building! Topless or kingposted. Offered for dealer's cost. Call Mike at (510) 744-1953.

Sensor. 1993 Custom flap system (better than stock). Fantastic shape; less than 200 hrs. I'd either sell this or the production slot (listed above), and use the other for myself. Call Mike at (510) 744-1953.

Wills Wing Spectrum 165. Excellent condition Includes UV bag,

ladder rack, straps, etc. Great beginner/intermediate glider. \$1950, Call Roger at (408) 882-0382 (w) (408) 224-1815 (h) rohang3@aol-com

Wills Wing Sport AT 167. Floresent green LE, black, yellow. Good condition. \$800. Call Roy (408) 985 2810 netedtec@pacbell.net

WillsWing Sport AT 167. Floresent green LE, black, yellow. Good condition. \$1000. Call Roy 408 985 2810 netedtec@pacbell.net

Wills Wing Super Sport 153. Very good condition. \$800. Call Mercury, (408) 353.2383. MercuryFly@aol.com

Wills Wing Supersport 163. Original owner, mint condition, many extras. Asking \$1200. Call Tom (408)747-0414 lv msg.

Wills Wing XC 155 Fair to good condition \$400. Call Russ (408) 737-8745

Paragliders

FreeX Spear (L), violet/white. Approx. 150 hours. Still covered by FreeX 300 hours guarantee. One of the most responsive DHV 2 gliders around. \$900 obo. Call Steve Thorpe (408) 435 2600 ext. 506 (w), (408) 260 7029 (h), thorpes@arklogic.com

Ozone Electron (L). DHV 1/2. Only 14 hrs. Perfect cond. Wt range 95-115Kg. Have dropped below the min. wt range. Great performance and handling. \$2000 obo. Call Larry at 650-248-5873, larry@tmpartners.net

Equipment

20 gore H.G. parachute with swivel. Never used and in excellent condition. \$100 or obo. Call Rick at (408) 224-4378, sport@onemain.com

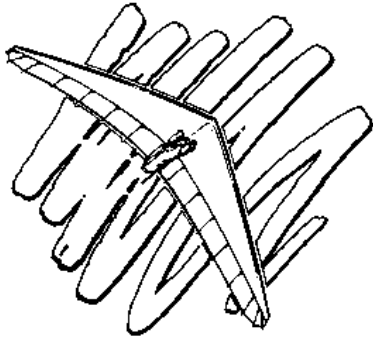
Apco Top Secura Harness with kevlar backplate and CO2 air-bag protection. \$200 obo. Call Steve Thorpe (408) 435 2600 ext. 506 (w), (408) 260 7029 (h), thorpes@arklogic.com

Tangent flight computer, \$500, Call Reto at (916) 804-4063, reto_s@yahoo.com

Vehicles

1987 Chevy Suburban 4WD, 350 V8 1/2 ton, excellent cond. Comes with glider rack and 2m radio, \$8000 obo. Call (408)-288-6607.

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The next Wings of Rogallo Meeting will be held
Tuesday, January 15.
at the Summit Point Golf Club in Milpitas near Ed Levin Park
Check the Wings of Rogallo WWW Page
<http://www.wingsofrogallo.org/meetings.html>
for details and directions.

Entertainment at the next meeting will be