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Happy New Year!  
Ed Levin, January 1, 2003



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## The Editor's Turn

It's the beginning of the year: time for the traditional *Forms Issue* of the *Flight Line*. **WOR** Membership Renewal forms! Instructions! Keyholder Application forms! Exuberant and vibrant expressions of the freedom of the air! Traditionally we give everyone a one-month grace period to renew their membership, so get your renewals in now!

We have some good news from Gene Pfeiffer regarding *Coyote Lake*. Read all about it in this issue of the *Flight Line*.

The 2002 *Hang Writing Competition* has one more month to compete for a Nifty Prize, which the attractive media figure of your choice may present in the privacy of your own home. Then it will be time for the 2003 *Hang Writing Competition*. So send in those stories and photos, and seize your chance for glory, fame, and immortality!

Speaking of photos, thanks to Bob Ormiston for this month's cover shot, and I hope you all have glorious flights in 2003!

## Coyote Lake

### Update

by Gene Pfeiffer

On December 19, 2002 the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors approved hang gliding and paragliding on the front ridge to be included in the Master Plan for Coyote Lake. The LZ off of Roop Road is already in the Master Plan. The final master plan will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in June of this year. Jim Woodward and I will be meeting with the Park Department to work out the details for flying on the western front ridge.

I want to thank Jim W., John W.,

Stan B. and many others for attending the many meetings over the last 2 years. It has been a lot of work for a small flying site, but it will give us experience of the site for the future when we try to open the launches on the higher eastern ridge behind Coyote Lake. The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is at least 2 years away before they begin their study of the uses of their property.

## December 2002

### Meeting Minutes

by Paul Clayton

#### NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS

Allen Roth - flies a Falcon; recently made his first flight off the top of Ed Levin.

#### GREAT FLIGHTS

Bob Ormiston - Flew Waddell Creek for the first time. Also made his first flight with his new booster.

Eric Froelich - aerotowed with Paul Splann.

Pat Denevan - Flew Funston between rain squalls today.

Steve Rodrigues - Flew tandem at Ed Levin on December 1st.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Steve Rodrigues

Steve acknowledged the many volunteers who make the club run.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - George Morford

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - None

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** - Carmela Moreno

We have 543 members for 2002.

**FLIGHT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - None

## ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Pittman

Sticker checks at Ed Levin will continue. There have been no incidents at Ed Levin this month.

## MISSION PEAK SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

The gate at launch is gone. Removal of the fence by launch will begin in January. Volunteers to help remove the fence will be needed. The windsock at launch is leaning.

## MT. DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Various.

Wind at launch registered 125mph on Monday.

## SITE ACQUISITION - Gene Pfifer

There was a Board of Supervisors meeting today, in which the potential Coyote Lake site was discussed. The Parks Dept made a presentation that included flying on the front ridge at Coyote Lake. The Board approved this proposal. Another potential launch was located during a site survey. There are several potential launches with varying walk-in distances.

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE - None

## OLD BUSINESS

The collection for the family of Jody Lucas totaled over \$4000.

## NEW BUSINESS

Pat Denevan reported that Russ Zimmerman is willing to teach a first aid course on a Monday and Tuesday. Dates are TBA.

Doug Prather reportedly had an accident while flying an ATOS with a power unit. He was using a 20 gore conical parachute,

which resulted in a high descent rate. He was seriously injured.

Gene Pfifer was authorized to obtain temporary site insurance for test flying at Coyote Lake.

The following nominations were made for 2003 WOR officers: President; (your name here); Vice President: George Morford, Mike Gomes; Treasurer: Don Herrick; Membership Coordinator: Carmela Moreno, Rex Runyon; Secretary: Mike Foy, Paul Clayton. Note that two nominees are needed for each club office.

Prized were raffled.

Entertainment was a slide show and discussion by Bob Ormiston, showing flying with power boosters, and other subjects.

## END OF MEETING MINUTES

## January 2003

### President's Report by Steve Rodrigues

Elections for the **WOR Executive Board** will be held at the next club meeting on January 21, 2003. This election could really shift the direction of the club, so please come and participate! Nominations for office began at the December meeting. At least one person accepted nomination for each Executive Board position except club president. Since I have reached my personal 2 year term limit, we need someone to take over the *Big Gavel!*

If you are inclined to run for President, or any other office, please come to the next meeting and nominate yourself. If you have any questions about the duties of an Executive Board member, please feel free to contact me directly.

Happy New Year!

## The 9th Annual Tollhouse Spring Fly-in by Splain Air

When: **March 22-30**  
Where: **Tollhouse**

Besides *Great Flying*, there will be *Great Food*. (Dinner will be served March 22 and 29).

\$100 for the first 'Hangie' to make it from Launch to Landing via turnpoint in under 1.5 minutes.

'Baggies' will need to come up with their own ideas, we'll come up with the prize!

### Directions:

*From the south:* 99 north to 180 East/Kings canyon. 168 east towards Clovis/Huntington Lake. 2-1/2 miles after Auberry Turnoff is a STOP sign, go straight on Lodge Road. Travel on past Sierra High School. Turn left at Tollhouse Road, at Sierra Elementary School. The Tollhouse Post Office is 1 mile. Turn right at Gibbs Ranch Road. Right on Oak Tree Lane. First gate on your right. Follow the road to the camp site

*From the north:* 99 south. In Madera, follow the signs to Millerton Lake Highway 145 East. Continue to Roiad 206, right onto 206. Cross over the bridge, turn left toward Shaver Lake. Pass Table Mountain Casino. At STOP sign, turn left on Auberry road. 2-1/2 miles after Auberry Turnoff is a STOP sign, go straight on Lodge Road. Travel on past Sierra High School. Turn left at Tollhouse Road, at Sierra Elementary School. The Tollhouse Post Office is 1 mile. Turn right at Gibbs Ranch Road. Right on Oak Tree Lane. First gate on your right. Follow the road to the camp site

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: \_\_\_\_\_ HAM call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues and Fees**

(Full year (FY) amounts must be paid if you have been a WOR member within the last 2 years. Choose only 1 membership option.)

WOR Basic Membership Option 1 (Includes monthly Flight Line via <http://www.wingsofrogallo.org>) FY - \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (required): \_\_\_\_\_ (NO HARD-COPY NEWSLETTER)

If Not a member during the last 2 years - \_\_\_\_\_ months at 1.00/month \_\_\_\_\_

WOR Basic Membership Option 2 (Includes a hardcopy monthly Flight Line via US Postal Service) FY - \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

If Not a member during the last 2 years - \_\_\_\_\_ months at 2.00/month \_\_\_\_\_

WOR Family Membership FY - \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mission/Diablo Renewal FY - \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

If Not a member during the last 2 years - \_\_\_\_\_ months at 1.00/month \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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.**

## **Year 2003 Mission Ridge Key Re-Allocation!**

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 Tuesday, March 4, 2003.**

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 (Minimum 5 lb. recommended).
4. USHGA and WOR member in good standing throughout keyholder tenure.
5. Frequent site usage during preceding year.
6. Good record of contribution through work parties and/or site/club administration.
7. Good record of giving rides to launch.

The key swap will occur at 7:00 PM, just before the March 18<sup>th</sup> 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 chairman Steve Rodrigues H-(415) 467-2226 before 9:30 PM please, or email [missionchair@wingsofrogallo.org](mailto:missionchair@wingsofrogallo.org)

The Year 2003 Mission Ridge site committee members are;

Pat Denevan

Mike Galvin

Mark Grubbs

Juan Laos

Dan Maguire

Steve Rodrigues, Chairman

## 2003 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 TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003**

Return completed applications to: Steve Rodrigues  
386 Alvarado St.  
Brisbane, CA 94005

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

# WINGS FOR SALE



## Wings for Sale

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

### Rigid Wings

**ATOS 146.** 10 hrs, like new, 73 lbs, withwater proof bag & cam helper. Details at <http://home.pacbell.net/gpesaven/atos.html>. Contact Gerry, 530-219-1954, or [gerrypez@yahoo.com](mailto:gerrypez@yahoo.com) (8/02)

**2000 Ghostbuster.** Excellent condition, about 50 hours of air time. Includes spare down tubes and custom XC bag. \$7000. Contact Steven Wertheimer at (415) 385-0423. (01/03)

### Flexwings

**Airwave Klassic 155.** for sale. Contact Eric Hinrich 831 335-4292 (10/02)

**Altair Saturn 167.** 1999, one owner, only 68 hours. The perfect intermediate glider White, red, & black; extras. \$2,100. Contact Bernhard at (925) 820-9682 or [BernhardBoeSter@CS.com](mailto:BernhardBoeSter@CS.com) (8/02)

**Dream 220.** Black /spectrum colors, w storage tube, \$900 with stripdown or \$500 without. Contact Rudy Visaya at (510) 579-4661 or email for pictures at [rudyvisaya@attbi.com](mailto:rudyvisaya@attbi.com) (01/03)

**Seedwings Topless Sensor 144.** Very low hours, still crispy, mostly used for a couple of speed gliding meets. Excellent performance and handling. *Name your price!* Contact Mike: (510) 770-0544 [mike@vorhis.com](mailto:mike@vorhis.com). (12/02)

**Wills Wing Eagle 164.** 1 yr old, less than 28 hrs, like new because pilot switched to a K2. Contact Stan Boehm (408) 946-1328 (10/02)

**Wills Wing Falcon 225.** Orange, blue, white. Good condition, new wheels, extra parts for tandem. Includes ;large wheels and streamline downtybes. \$1200. Contact Gordon (415) 310-6602 (10/02)

**Wills Wing Sport AT 167,** very good condition, white sail plus lime, blue, red colors on LE and underside, \$1000 obo. Contact Bob at 408-732-4471. (01/03)

### Paragliders

**Advance Epsilon 3/30.** Large (DHV 1/2). Blue with gray leading edge. about 40 hours. One flight since last annual inspection which puts the wing as new. Package includes wing, backpack, speedbar + bag. \$1500 obo. Contact Alex Chattaway at 408 2307388, [bapa@chatty.org](mailto:bapa@chatty.org) (01/03)

### Equipment

**20-gore Conical Reserve Chute:** Never used. \$50. Contact Kevin Cameron at 408-922-7325 (w), 408-978-9209 (h), [kcamer@broadcom.com](mailto:kcamer@broadcom.com) (01/03)

**Finster Wheels:** One complete set of Finster Wheels, with axles and corner brackets. Contact Paul Gazis at (408) 736-0764 or [gazis@best.com](mailto:gazis@best.com)

**Rotor Harness.** Single suspension. Simple but effective body angle control. Sleek and aerodynamic yet has sufficient storage for XC. \$300. Contact Kevin Cameron at 408-

922-7325 (w), 408-978-9209 (h), [kcamer@broadcom.com](mailto:kcamer@broadcom.com) (01/03)

**Wanted:** New or used **Thin Air** or **Vapor Harness** by ThinRed-Line. Contact Rudy Visaya at (510) 579-4661, [rudyvisaya@attbi.com](mailto:rudyvisaya@attbi.com) (01/03)

### Vehicles

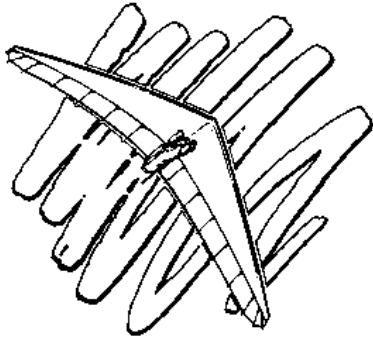
**1993 Ford Exploerer XLT** with great rack: 4dr, 4WD, rare 5-speed stickshift. 107K miles, dark green, a great truck, will give a steal of a deal. Name your price. Contact Mike, (510) 770-0544 or [mike@vorhis.com](mailto:mike@vorhis.com). (10/02)

**Front Rack for Isuzu Trooper.** Two parts: socket bolts to bumper mount + upright. \$200 obo, Contact Paul Gazis at (408) 736-0764 or [gazis@best.com](mailto:gazis@best.com). (01/03)

### Lost and Found

**Found.** A blue soft lunchbox/mini-cooler container, with a note pad inside containing notes, names, phone numbers, etc. It has apparently been riding around under the seat of my truck since late August or first week of Sept, when I gave a few people a ride up to the top of Ed Levin. Someone must have pushed it under there with the old french-fries and unwashed sweatsocks. Owner can claim it by calling Mike at (510) 710-5394 or with an email to [mike@vorhis.com](mailto:mike@vorhis.com). (12/02)

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The next Wings of Rogallo Meeting will be held  
Tuesday, January 21.  
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.

This is the Election Meeting, so be sure to come and vote!