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Dec 30th at Big Sur. by Richi Mantilla (it did get much better)

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Steve Rodrigues will have Fort Funston stickers available at the January WOR meeting. Bring your USHGA card, and come early to get them before the meeting starts.

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Editors Turn:

A far flung project at the other side of the solar system is looking for help.

Actually they are looking to sell some raffle tickets to raise cash to to save their LZ. They are a bit pricey at \$100 each, but all prizes are worth more than \$100 with a couple of gliders up for grabs.

contact information is 801-870-0935 Adam Graham sadamg@hotmail.com.

Only donations of \$100 are eligible for the raffle, but any donation is welcomed to save this special place. Here is a link to the site bozemanparagliding.com/dayton.htm

On the home front the members section of the web site is finally getting some use. You should be able to check whether you're renewed or not. If you see any anomalies, just let me know. I noticed a minor anomaly when I updated the appointments. They all disappeared, including the people that actually issue them in the first place. It turns out that the USHGA wipes them from their DB each year and waits for re-appointments to come in. So this part at least will be controlled by a human (Dave Wills actually). Still work in progress, but definitely nearing completion.

If anyone has any articles they'd like put in print let me know. There must be some exotic trips being had at the moment.

There's a new tow club being set up in record time. Have a look at the article on page 7. This is a great way to get into the air without having a H/P4 or a 4X4. Dues are \$100 first year then \$40 each year thereafter (to pay for the winch etc). This seems like it's a lot, however, you need to put this into perspective. The only way of getting up into the air at this time of year is using a tow, powered harness, or tug. Guess which one is cheapest. Guess which one is easiest, but guess which one has the lowest altitude :-). I believe they are setting up to get tow sign offs and Pat and Wally are the local instructors that are certified to do so. This will even prepare you for flying at sites that can only tow into the air. It is just as easy to kill yourself towing as it is launching from a hill. In fact because of your proximity to the ground and the fact you're tied to something it's probably more likely. Hence the need for proper training. The group will start with H4s P4s and once they are comfortable as tow operators they will move into towing any qualified pilot that's a member of the club.

2005 is shaping up to be a << >> very good year. The last

time we had storms like this in the winter I got to 3800 ASL at Ed Levin and there were 30 people in the sky doing multiple golden eagles. We've lost two western Sierras sites, but appear to be well on the way to gaining more local sites. WOR has budgeted for a silent air show and possibly another 'big thing'. The membership is getting itchy to get into the sky that is for sure.

So the next time you're on the hill you'll probably find yourself stood next to someone that's done a great thing for the club. Help them set up or pack up. Find out what everyone has been getting up to.

Think not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for the club and free flight in general.

Paraglider pilots learn to pick up a hang glider with one of your club friends and learn what it's like to hook in, hang check and balance. Hang glider pilots strap on a bag and see if you can kite one of these things in the LZ.

Last year was the year of the doers, this year is the year of the flyers.

Most importantly for 2005 be safe and enjoy yourself. You only get one shot at this life of ours, make it count.

Ed

The following items are in the Ed Levin lock box. Unclaimed items will be disposed of two months after this publication date.

Green long-sleeved Nike hooded sweatshirt, logo "ACG".
Black fingerless Harbinger weightlifting gloves.
Green floppy hat with USGHA safe pilot pins.

Blue naglene H2O bottle.
White Icaro half shell helmet, size M.
Black jacket, "Weatherproof" brand, size L.
Brown Merrell women's hiking boots, size 8.
Blue cloth overalls, size 46, say "Rudy" on tag.
Olive drab Oakley sunglasses with bronze lenses.
Aluminum and cable speed step, for PG.
Clear plastic parts box with nuts and bolts and a car key inside.
Black flip-out car key for VW.

December 2004 Minutes

New Members/Guests

Urs Kellenberger Jr.
Tim Ellis

Great Flights

Ben Rogers - flew for 15 minutes at Ed Levin

Presidents Report - Phyl Hamby

The cows are out of the lower field at Ed Levin. The HG sail that was used as a turnpoint during the Silent Airshow needs to be removed.

Vice Presidents Report - Wayne Michelson Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report - Don Herrick

Income is coming in as people renew their memberships. Don requested that anyone seeking funding for an activity not included in the WOR budget submit a request to him 2 weeks ahead of the meeting at which the funding will be voted on. This will allow him to assess the impact to the club treasury. His e-mail is treasurer@wingsofrogallo.org.

Membership Services - Carmela Moreno

479 people were members in 2004. 2005 stickers and membership applications are now available.

Flight Directors Report - Pat Denevan

There were two injury accidents at Ed Levin this month. A HG pilot broke his humerus when he hung onto the downtubes during a hard landing. A PG pilot fractured a vertebra after his canopy helicoptered. The pilot regained control and landed on his feet, but hit the hill hard.

Ed Levin Site Committee Report - None
Steve Rodrigues has suggested a new lost and found policy to prevent items from accumulating in the lost and found box. Items would be listed in the newsletter and disposed of if not claimed within a certain time.

Mission Peak Site Committee Report - None

Mt. Diablo Site Committee Report - Robert Moore by e-mail
Not much flying being done; temperatures have been in the 30s.

Site Acquisition - Gene Pfifer

The Open Space District has been in contact with the Parks Dept. The Roop Road LZ may not be open for use until 2006. There will be a public meeting, probably in February. Ben Rogers has found a potential site south of Los Banos. There are many potential PG sites and at least one potential HG site. There is another site called Red Mountain, 20 miles east of Los Banos. Ben needs more information on Red Mountain; it is rumored that people have flown there in the past.

Old Business

Don Herrick reported the recommendations of the dues committee. A review of club finances showed that the income from the current dues structure is barely adequate and does not allow for any emergency or discretionary expenditures. The proposed dues structure and associated bylaws change is as reported in the November Flightline. The proposed structure is a single dues amount for all members, thus eliminating family memberships.

The following motions were << >> approved:

1. A single dues amount for all members was adopted.
2. Family memberships were eliminated.
3. A new pro-rating formula for people joining after the 1st quarter was adopted
4. The basic dues amount was increased to \$30 effective 1 February.

New Business

Officer nominations (cumulative including those from previous meetings):
President: Steve Delayo (tentative; nominated in abstentia), Colin Perry
Vice President: Wayne Michelson
Treasurer: Don Herrick
Flight Director: Pat Denevan
Secretary: Paul Clayton
Membership Services Coordinator: Carmela Moreno, Phyl Hamby.

(note that 2 nominees are needed for each position)

Urs Kellenberger reported that Mike Barber will present an X-C clinic on the 15th and 16th of January. Contact Urs for details. Pat Denevan reported that a trip to Big Sur will be held in January. Jim Maclow is the new Region 2 director.

Prizes were raffled.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Upcoming Events.

Jan 18th WOR Meeting

Jan 14th - 18th eparaglide trip to SoCal. Fly Marshal, Elsinore, Palos Verdes, Malibu & Kagel contact richifly@eparaglide.com 925-260-3370

Jan 22-Feb 5, 2005 Fly Tapalpa, Mexico with Juan Laos and Advanced Paragliding.. Four USHGA for personalized Thermalling and XC Instruction. Hanggliders welcome. Contact Juan@advancedparagliding.com (925)-377-8810

Jan 28th - 30th eparaglide trip to Santa Barbera Contact richifly@eparaglide.com 925-260-3370

Feb 14 - Mar 1 Fly Brazil. Rio then GV, contact Tim Kuenster at tim@gonetowing.com

Feb paraski clinic with Ed Stein cibtact Ed at EASPI@aol.com

Mar 25-27 2005 IP Clinic in the SF Bay Area. Juan Laos, IP Administrator of Advanced Paragldiding will host an Instructor Training and Certification and Recertification Clinc. Open to aspiring Instructors and Basic Instructors needing recertification. Register no later than Feb 15, 2005 Contact Juan@advancedparagliding.com (925)-377-8810

Letter from Big Sur

By Annie Rzepiela

Christmas was over and our thoughts turned to New Years and how we would celebrate it AND stay out of trouble. The annual pilgrimage to Big Sur came to mind but the weather reports were pretty disturbing. Regardless, we didnt want to appear like sissies so we shopped, prepared and packed all our things. A few brave souls agreed to come along. As we set out on Wednesday, we heard the news that Hwy 1 was closed just below Lucia due to a mudslide. Well, that was par for the course so we planned to drive in the back road through Hunter-Liggett Military base. It was an extraordinarily beautiful day with blue sky, large cloud formations, and shocking green everywhere. Our hopes soared as we came down Nacimiento Road to Hwy 1 and glimpsed the ocean reflecting blue skies back at us. We even saw whales spouting off the coast. It was perfect weather for setting up camp. We set up tents and a large canopy over our table and kitchen . Wayne Clingsmith, on his way back from Los Angeles, met up with us and



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Colombian-style whooping in the air, and there was Richi doing 360s above the trees! Wayne, Walter and Joe followed. They did it! They got the last flight of the year!! I

next morning. Some people you know you can count on! Another pilot, Joe, from San Luis Obispo, friend Sylvia and new pilot Kathe Olde also showed up. Wayne decided then that it would be a great idea to go up the road behind the campground and look for a launch site. Id had enough parawaiting and thought it was futile. I took a shower.

Suddenly I heard a familiar

was able to snap a few pics and headed over to Sand Dollar where they had landed.

We had a fantastic party that night and the weather was pretty and clear. We were joined by a young college student from Michigan named Nate, who was traveling the California coast on his school break. Saturday morning we all went for a hike as launch was completely clouded in. The weather was off and on rain, but we had good day hanging out, making soup and fajitas, and staying by the fire. On Sunday, the weather gods graced us with a clear period and even some sun so we could dry the equipment and pack everything up. We left around noon, having to head south to Hwy 46 as another slide closed Nacimiento Road. With Wayne as tour guide, we meandered on some back roads off Hwy 101 and finally made our way home. Thanks to everyone....Wayne, Debbie, Kathe, Liz, Walter, Sylvia, Joe, Nate and Terry...for being as crazy as us and celebrating the New Year in this very special place.

PS: We named the launch site Campsite 59e

set him up with some gear. Our friend Debbie was with us, Terry Dennison the local pilot stopped by, and we had a clear evening to cook and enjoy the fire. It began raining about bedtime, so we retired to our tents hoping the next day would present flying



opportunities.

Thursday it rained, rained and rained. We waited patiently for the rest of the people to show up. We knew Walter Langhammer and Liz Hern were coming and hoped some others might brave the conditions. I read an entire book that day, Richi and Wayne opened some beers, and we all went to bed way too early. No one else showed up.

On Friday, the weather broke a little and we went up to launch. We gave Terry a radio so he could tell us conditions from down below as launch appeared clouded in. We waited for several hours but it never cleared. In the meantime, Walter and Liz showed up at Sand Dollar and joined Terry. They had gotten in a pretty bad storm Thursday evening, the road had a slide and it was late, so they stopped along the backside of Hunter-Liggett base to camp out in one the small campgrounds there. They had to go back to Hwy 46 and come from the south the





Wings of Rogallo Application



USHGA # _____ exp date _____ rating _____ verified by _____

New Members: Please complete the Application in full. **All Others** – Enter first and last name and any other information that has changed.

First Name: _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial: _____

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

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

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Tel # (_____) _____

Birthdate: _____ Profession: _____

Today's Date: _____ HAM call sign: _____ USHGA Appointments: _____

Dues and Fees

Renewal (full year) dues must be paid if you have been a WOR member within the last 2 years.

WOR Basic Membership (Includes monthly Flight Line via <http://www.wingsofrogallo.org>) \$30.00 _____

*Email address (required): _____

New members or If NOT a member during the last 2 years Month

Jan thru June \$30.00, July thru Sept \$15.00, Oct thru Dec \$30.00 (Includes the following year) _____

Hardcopy of Flight Line via US Postal Service \$15.00 _____

Donation for stickers and site usage: \$3.00 _____ \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ Other _____

Total: _____

Sticker(s) issued (year stickers are issued automatically)

Hang Gliding

_____ Hang 1 (green)

_____ Hang 2 (red)

_____ Hang 3/4 (blue)

_____ Mission / Diablo (Silver)

Paragliding

_____ Para 1 (green)

_____ Para 2 (red)

_____ Para 3/4 (blue)

_____ Mission (Silver)

Other

_____ WOR ID # _____

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

Reason for sticker(s) _____

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

Important – The following should accompany this Application:

1. Verification must be done by person issuing sticker(s).
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)
4. *If you choose to download newsletter a valid email must be entered. Applications will be returned.

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

Address: Wings of Rogallo PO Box 361885 Milpitas, CA 95036-1885 email: Memberservices@wingsofrogallo.org

Mission Ridge Keyholder Application

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005.

Please print legibly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # * H) _____ Cell) _____

*Keyholder phone list will be made available to WOR members unless requested otherwise.

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 a 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 _____

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 _____

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News flash: New towing club by Ben Rogers

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In an effort to have more fun and get more airtime, tow club was recently founded in the bay area. The as yet unnamed club got its start when Urs Kellenberger, Ben Rogers, Don Herrick, and Tom White ventured to the Central Valley to buy a well built scooter tow set up. The rig includes a motorcycle powerful enough to tow tandem hang gliders, trailer, 4400' of line, and an excellent remote pulley mechanism.

The club is open to all paraglider and hang glider pilots. The first meeting was attended by 15 people and officers were elected as follows: President - Ben Rogers, Vice President - Rich Legget, Secretary - Terry Nygard, Treasurer - Don Herrick, Safety Director - Ben Dunn.

Immediate club concerns include becoming an official USHGA chapter, creating a tow certification program (operator and pilot), identifying tow sites, solving liability issues, creating a set of bylaws and rules that will promote safe flying and club longevity.

Club meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Membership is open to any intermediate pilot with the appropriate tow certification. Dues are currently set at \$100 for the first year and 40 thereafter. For more details about joining and flying, join the Yahoo group at the following URL
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/towplans/>



Plumbing

Pac Air MKIV 17 . Blue and white, good shape. asking \$500 for it, but any serious offers will be considered. I'm in Pleasanton. bjorn.jensen@thoratec.com

Wills Wing Eurosport 167. Blue and white, and modified to fly with a Mosquito harness, but it can still be flown unpowered. Make me an offer. bjorn.jensen@thoratec.com

ww falcon I 195 good condition, white, green and gray + training wheels. ivan cell (415)531-53-81 firm \$995

135 Extacy Less than 100 hrs. Blue/white extra bags and downtubes excelant condition. \$3000 or trade for Tandem Glider. e-mail cprice1@arkansas.net or call Chris Price 501-207-3935

WW Spectrum 165 Double surface intermediate glider in good condition. New leading edge with low hours still in outstanding condition. Asking \$700 but will entertain any reasonable offer. Call Brian or email if interested. 408.887.3876 brianb@apr.com

Classifieds:

Classifieds are taken from the classified section of the WOR web site for the 30 days prior to publication (whatever will fit). Non web submissions can be e-mailed to editor@wingsofrogallo.org

Classifieds are free, however non WOR member donations are encouraged through the Wings Of Rogallo web site donation page at www.wingsofrogallo.org/documents/donations.html

Packages

Complete used package for sale. Includes: Falcon (1) 170, white, teal, magenta; used harness w/ parachute, new helmet, wheels, new airspeed indicator and mount. Everything in exc. Derek Frank 818 8419799

Tools

Flytec windwatch, barely used, Yellow. This is the one that does average windspeed, peak windspeed, current windspeed, wind chill, temp.... etc. Retails for \$115. \$60 obo Jonas at 415-385-7687 or barbourjonas@hotmail.com

Charly insider Kevlar reinforced helmet, Size large, White, Less then 2 years old, have receipt (march, 03) VERY well taken care of, no scratches, looks almost new (except for a few stickers on back). \$95 obo Jonas at 415-385-7687 or barbourjonas@hotmail.com

Power

Mosquito harness for sale. I bought it new for \$4300 and have only flown it ten times. This is the model that came out right before the NRG, so it has the same size engine. I am asking \$2500, but will consider all serious offers. bjorn.jensen@thoratec.com

Editors note:

When you put an advert on the BBS please put contact information with it. There are ads that have no e-mail or phone number associated with them. Also a 2 page posting will not get into the flightline

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