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**November 2009 Meeting Minutes
New Members/Guests**

Victoria Knight, flies sites in the Sierras; trained at Ed Levin.

John Borton, first meeting in a long time.

Great Flights

Steve Rodrigues flew Funston with the cast of Mythbusters. He is featured in the "Rocket Man" episode, to be shown on the Discovery Channel on Nov 18th.

President: Eric Froelich

Changes are planned for the WOR website. A mentor page is to be added. A new pilot information kit is planned. Karl Allmandinger has created a quick reference sheet to explain the rules to new pilots.

Vice President: Karl Allmandinger

Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income exceeded expenses for the past month. Phyl Hamby is in Florida, so Don has been processing applications. There are 378 paid members for 2009. 2010 applications are being accepted.

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

According to the Oz report, there was a fatality at Wallaby. The glider touched the trees, stalled and fell to the ground. If it is necessary to land in a tree, choose a tree that is likely to hold the glider so that it doesn't fall to the ground.

Membership Services: None

Phyl is out of town. See Treasurer's report.

Ed Levin: Steve Pittman

The gate combinations are to be changed on February 1st. The new combinations will be on the new membership cards. Reports of non-injury accidents are appreciated.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

The key application process is being changed. The application is available in soft copy and can be filled out on line. The application deadline will be enforced. Key exchanges will be made at the meeting only. If a key is more than 24 months overdue for return the deposit will not be refunded. The necessary paperwork can be scanned and e-mailed.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore by e-mail

There are fences and a chain blocking access to the RDS tower launch at Diablo. Robert has the combination to the lock.

Coyote Lake: Jim Woodward

Site usage has been approved by the county Risk Management office. There may be a work party at the site.

Goat Mountain/Wild Ass: None

Mt Umunum: Steve Rodrigues

Nothing new to report. **Old Business**
An event at Ed Levin is contemplated. No date has been set. Karl Allmandinger will pick at date. December 26th was mentioned as a possibility.

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New Business

Chris Valley, Brian Foster and John Borton plan to run a speed gliding meet at Ed Levin on the weekend of January 30th and 31st. There will be 3 categories, single surface, double surface, and topless. John Borton will set the course. Carm will be organizing breakfast. Helmet stickers will be needed for out-of-town pilots. Pat Denevan offered a prize for the slowest speed. John Borton suggested that the pylons be set up ahead of time so people can practice. There was some discussion of altitude control gates. Rules for flying through the gates may be different for the 3 classes.

Dave Wills reported on the fall USHPA fall BOD meeting. There was some controversy about meet formats. 4 subcommittees were appointed to discuss meet rules and formats for various types of meets. "Accredited" meets are planned. These meets are less formal than "sanctioned" competitions. A revised USHPA website is planned. The validity of the King Mt. meet was decided.

The December meeting is to be a party at Mission Soaring, starting at 7PM on the 12th. An Evite has been sent out announcing the event.

Nominations were accepted for next year's officers. The existing officers were nominated. [Note that 2 candidates are needed for each position]. Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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