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## **Spring 2016 Flying Rumors and Stuff**

WOR meeting March 15 2016  
Mission Key Exchange!

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**January 2016 Meeting Minutes << >>****Entertainment**

None

**New Members and Guests**

Dave Lafer; flies Ed Levin on his Falcon

**Great Flights**

Wayne Michelson got an hour flight at Windy Hill on New Year's Day and mentioned that the launch has been cleared.

Saeed and Eric flew Big Sur on Thanksgiving weekend; Saeed got at 2 hour flight and reached 6000'.

Chris Carrillo flew Santa Barbara and made out to the beach.

Zac Majors spent a month in Guatemala and flew from a 13000 ft volcano near another that was erupting.

**President's Report – None****Vice President's Report – Patrick Pannese**

Patrick asked if there was any interest in another speed gliding meet to be held this spring. He also would like to run a spot landing contest in April or May, when the hills dry out.

**Flight Director's Report – Paul Gazis**

No incidents to report; nobody has drowned.

**Treasurer's Report – Don Herrick**

Income from renewals is coming in. Member donations to the RRG have totaled ~\$30K from WOR members, and criterion for the \$5K matching from WOR funds has been met. As of meeting night, \$222762 is needed for the RRG to be fully funded.

## **Membership Services Report –Phyl Hamby**

There are 178 paid members for 2016.

## **Ed Levin Site Report – Phyl Hamby**

There have been incidents in which new pilots have launched from launches for which they are not qualified, i.e. H1s flying from the 150' and 300' launches. The roads are very wet.

**Mission Ridge Site Report - CR Valley** by e-mail [portions of the report were read at the meeting]

There are 9 keys left for the next flying season at Mission Ridge - get your applications in before the end of February. Remember, the key exchange is taking place at the March WOR meeting. Remaining applications, if any, will not be processed at the March WOR meeting.

No recent word on the parking lot options, and CRV has not heard back from the Park on logistics required to maintain our flying privileges if work is to commence - emphasis on "if".

The launch windsock needs to be replaced. CRV has a replacement sock and is seeking volunteers to assist with this task - preferably a crew from the Mission site committee.

Fly safe!

**Diablo –** No official report.

## **Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition – Jim Woodward**

No word on Coyote, but Jim noted that the county has recently acquired Nesbit ridge, which looks promising as a flying site. Paul Gazis proposed that a committee be appointed to look into the possibilities.

## **Old Business**

The following officers were elected for the upcoming flying season [beginning in April]:

President – Robert Booth

Vice President – Patrick Pannese

Treasurer – Don Herrick

Secretary – Paul Clayton

Membership Services Coordinator – Phyl Hamby

Flight Director – Zac Majors

## **New Business**

Zac Majors noted that he is working on a glider carrier that can carry a set-up glider to the 300' launch. The carrier is to be pulled with a standard ball hitch. This would greatly reduce the physical labor required from students. The glider would be placed sideways, reducing the obstruction of the road. Zac also mentioned that Wills Wing is planning Demo Daze for this spring, dates to be announced.

Carmela mentioned that her hang gliding calendars are available on Lulu.

**End of Meeting Minutes.**

## **Meeting Minutes, 16 February 2016**

### **Guest's / New Members**

None recognized.

### **Great Flights/Other Events**

Mike Jefferson and Saeed did 7 minute sled rides at Ed Levin this weekend.

Zac Majors and Kevin Dutt, flew Baypoint, a walk-up site north of Rt 4.

Ben Dunn flew Mission 2 Saturdays ago with his Dad.

The following day Patrick Pannese flew Mission and did several reverse Golden Eagles, then landed at Ed Levin.

Wayne Michelson attended the memorial for Ken Muscio at McClure.

### **President's Report – Robert Booth**

Robert also attended the Ken Muscio memorial and mentioned the importance of right-of-way rules. Karl Allmandinger is nearly finished making the X for indicating that the Ed Levin site is shut down. It is huge, and should be very visible. The X is to be stored in a bag mounted on a dolly, near one of the picnic tables in the LZ. Mike Connell has a strobe that is powered by a vehicle outlet; this may be worth considering for the club. Zac Majors suggested that smoke bombs might be considered to indicate the status of the LZ. Mike Jefferson has been mowing the LZ. Robert reminded volunteers who do site maintenance to log their time.

### **Vice President's Report – Patrick Pannese**

Patrick promised to send an e-mail blast prior to future meetings; turnout was light, possibly because that didn't happen this month.

### **Flight Director's Report – Paul Gazis**

No incidents to report.

### **Treasurer's Report – Don Herrick**

Club balances are down significantly due to the club's donation to the USHPA RRG. The RRG fund has reached \$2.2M. Balances are expected to increase as income from renewals comes in.

### **Membership Services Report –Phyl Hamby**

There are 212 paid members for 2016.

### **Ed Levin Site Report – Phyl Hamby, Robert Booth**

Robert noted that students who are not cleared for the 150' launch reportedly hiked to it and flew. All WOR pilots should report suspicious activity at the site. Blue sticker pilots are especially encouraged to monitor activities and talk to anyone violating the rules.

### **Mission Ridge Report - CR Valley by e-mail [the report was read at the meeting]**

All 55 Mission site keys have been applied for and are awaiting their new owner at the March key exchange. A good faith attempt

was made to contact current key holders of the application process with three emails, and the key application information was on the WOR bulletin board since early November. For those that did not get a key this year, please get your applications in early next year so you don't miss out.

No recent development on the parking lot scenario - the Site Committee Chair will contact the Park more about this after the key exchange.

CRV met with Park Ranger Marie a couple weekends ago - all is well with our use and conduct at the Park - big thanks to everyone for making this happen.

Fly safe!

**Diablo** – No official report.

It is rumored that the mountain is still there and that Robert Moore thinks it's a good idea to check the forecast before going to the site.

### **Coyote Lake / Site Acquisition – Ben Dunn**

Ben Dunn is back in town and building a website for Coyote. He would appreciate help with that task.

Windy Hill [not a WOR site but flown by some members]

It is rumored that the park will be building fences to reduce erosion near the launches. The fences will have removable sections to allow gliders to pass.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

There was some discussion of using funds that have been historically used for door prizes to buy an electric jackhammer for road maintenance. Don Herrick noted that the club usually rents such equipment given that those assets tend to go missing.

Patrick Pannese announced that he planning a “Barbeque and Bulls Eyes” event for Saturday April 2nd at Ed Levin. A motion was approved to run the event. This will consist of a flour bag drop and spot landing contest, with a picnic. The event will need to be self-funding, due to the club’s finances, and there will probably be an entry fee. Contestants will need to be H2 and above, with instructor approval for those who are not H3 or above, as the 600’ launch is to be used. Mike Jefferson, Zack Majors and Dave volunteered to serve on the committee organizing the event. Robert proposed incorporating a fire drill into the event, and noted that the club had promised the park administration to run such a drill.

### **End of Meeting Minutes.**

## Editorial January/February 2016

This Flightline is being published using a new process.

The old process involved using HTML code to format the newsletter, updating all the links, saving the HTML files as PDF, stitching the individual PDF files into a single PDF, then publishing the individual HTML files, index page, and PDF.

The new process is to author in MS word, save the document as one HTML file and one PDF, update the index page and then publish the files.

If all goes well, it should reduce the publishing workload and free up time to improve the content.

So far, there is still improvement to be made in the HTML output.

This is a test. If you have problems displaying the HTML or PDF, send me an e-mail and describe the problem and which browser you are using. [editor@wingsofrogallo.org](mailto:editor@wingsofrogallo.org)

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