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Entertainment for the June meeting!

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The Editor's Turn

Memorial Day weekend was pretty good at Dunlap. About 20 pilots showed up. A few pilots got pretty high, and a few pilots got out of the valley on Saturday and Sunday. Your editor was not one of them... so he went home in disgust, determined to sell his glider, but a used A-4, an assortment of bombs, and a supply of 40 mm rockets, and begin a career as a mercenary in revolutionary wars in central Africa... until he called the Ed Levin weather robot on Monday morning to hear the magic words, "Hello, the temperature is 48 degrees..."

48 degrees? At the end of May? The heck with central Africa! Those illicit arms deals, international diamond smugglers, exotic courtesans, and disreputable bars in Kinshasha can wait! This sounds like a day for Mission!

And indeed it was! How many of you were out there? And wasn't it an awesome day?

The *Y2K Flight Line Hang Writing Contest* is over, and here are the winners and prizes:

Best Trip Report - Bernhard Sterling, with his description of last year's Wild West Regionals, won a copy of 'Fly low, Fly Fast', a history of the Reno Air Races.

Best Travel Report - Kim Galvin, with her description of a trip to Oluhuz, won a botha bag and a 9v battery, because you can never have too many 9v batteries!

Best Technical Article - Paul Clayton, with his article on Speeds to Fly, won a book about Red Tailed Hawks.

Best Photo - Bob Ormiston's photos of his Eurotrip won him a 9v battery, because you can never have too many 9v batteries!

3rd place was a tie between **Steve**

Keppel-Jones with his article about *Soaring Ed Levin* and **Eric Carlson's** lurid psychodrama, *Cabin Fever*. Steve won a copy of 'Hawks in Flight', and Eric won 'The Nealy Way of Knowledge' (which one must see to believe) and 'Astronaut Foods' (which seems appropriate, given the subject of his article).

2nd place went to **Nick Wesser** for his gripping PG saga, '. He won a copy of *Von Hoffman's Big Book of Sheer Goddam Manliness...* as well as a 9v battery... because... you can never have too many 9v batteries!

1st place went to **Daryl Fox** for his... interesting... tale, *Soaring the Safeway*. Daryl won the prestigious **PLASTIC TROWEL AWARD FOR JOURNALISTIC EXCELLENCE**, as well as 'Wild Blue, Stories of Survival from the Air and Space'. He also won a spiffy First Aid Kit... which might come in handy the next time he goes shopping.

Those of you who weren't around at the May **WOR** meeting should give your editor a call to pick up your prizes.

The *2001 Flight Line Hang Writing Contest* is underway. Here's your chance to win fame, glory, and spiffy prizes (I mean... like... hey... 9v batteries!). It's also your chance to give your editor material, because we all know what will happen if we run out of material: more... stories... about cows...

The New Silent Airshow has been postponed so that we'd have more time to prepare. Details will appear in the Flight Line and on the WOR Web Site as they become available.

The biggest news is the latest developments with site acquisition. It looks like we may have a real chance to open up some new sites here in the Bay Area. Check out the details in this issue of the *Flight Line*.

Site Acquisition Committee Report *by Gene Pfeiffer*

The **Sunnyvale Strategic Plan Steering Committee** meeting held on May 16 reviewed the public workshops held in the first part of May. Russ L., John W., another hg pilot, and myself were at the meeting. They reported that the turnout for the public workshop was light, but the meetings had good discussions on the issues. It was mentioned several times how well organized the hang gliders and paragliders were by having two or more at each public workshop. Thank you to all who attended the workshop meetings.

In June they are having a special meeting for the special interest groups that use the parks. The Steering Committee has listed 240 special groups in 15 different categories. *Luckily, they have made Hang gliding and Paragliding one of the categories with BAPA and WOR as two of the special interest groups in that category.*

The Steering Committee is not looking for specific proposals on sites, but a general idea of what the special interest groups would like from the parks department.

We need to decide what to propose to the steering committee. I will start with two ideas that I think we could present to the workshop. Please feel free to comment on the two ideas suggested below. The more we can refine and make it easier for them to adopt, the better chance we have of them accepting our proposal.

Idea #1

Put flying on the same basics as hiking, biking, etc. Allow P4 or H4 pilots to fly where and when

they feel it is safe. If a site seems to have merit, a team of 3 pg and 3 hg pilot will fly and evaluate the site for an appropriate ratings and requirements of P2, P3, H2, and H3. We have a good record of self-regulation of our flying community. We will be extending the self-regulation concept to the development of new sites.

Idea #2

Make the process easier to open new sites. **BAPA** and **WOR** to have a joint flying committee of 3 PG and 3 HG pilots to evaluate possible new flying sites. Notice to be given to the Parks and Recreation Department on what proposed site(s) we are investigating. Work with the local rangers on access to the proposed launch and landing zones. The committee will then report back to the Parks and Recreation on recommended ratings and pilot requirements appropriate to the proposed site. Give a report to the Parks and Recreation on what improvement, if any, would be needed. If improvements are required, give a report on what our organizations would be able to furnish.

By the time you receive this in the June **WOR** newsletter, we will not have much time to prepare our proposal. Please e-mail me at genep10302@aol.com with your suggestions on changing or expanding the above ideas.

Hopefully, by working from the top down we can make it easier to get approval in the future. We need to be placed in the same category that some of the other park uses are such as biking, horseback riders, etc. The Steering Committee is on about a one and half to two year time schedule. It is a major study for them and we need to be a part of it for our future vision of flying in Santa Clara County.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments. I would

like to put something out to worall/hglist/speedglidinglist soon. Thanks!

President s Report *by Steve Rodrigues*

Dunlap Fly-in update.

The *Dunlap Fly-In* for the Bay Area HG and PG clubs is being re-scheduled for a weekend in *September*. Please come to the next **WOR** meeting and vote for your preferred dates so we can coordinate with the other clubs.

Silent Airshow Update

The *Red Bull New Silent Air Show* was postponed. Mark Mulholland and Jody Lucas are working on alternative plans.

May Mission Ridge Site Report *also by Steve Rodrigues*

I submitted our revised proposal to the **EBRPD** for the opening of the East Side of Mission Ridge. Dan Reasor does not foresee any problems, and forwarded it to the **EBRPD** risk management folks for approval. Time will tell.

The gate relocation at Mission Launch is being delayed while we source alternative fence posts. The only ones found so far cost a total of \$600-, a bit steep for our budget. The gate committee will be working on it.

May 2001 Meeting Minutes *by Paul Clayton*

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS

Dave Wheeler - P4, Instructor
Rick Nowack - member for 20 years, but very rarely attends meetings; flies a Super Sport

GREAT FLIGHTS

Shankar - flew 18.6 miles from Mission to Mt. Misery.

Roy Spencer - flew 3 hrs. at Mission today.

Mark Mullholland - Went to Wal-laby Ranch and flew the comp; flew 620 miles X-C, and 35 hrs; now ranks 6th in US.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

The fly-in at Dunlap was postponed due to the weather. The Red Bull meet is now the main priority.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - John Wilde

Santa Clara County Parks is preparing a vision statement. Gene Pfifer and John plan to attend the county steering committee meeting to try to get our plans for new flying sites included.

TREASURER'S REPORT - None

Don Jones was not present.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT - Carmela Moreno

We have 439 paid members for 2001.

FLIGHT DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None

Mike Vorhis was not present.

ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Pittman

The walkover has been modified to prevent cows from getting out. There is a fishing meet on 5-20. More work is needed on the Silent Airshow. Parking will be an issue, as there are only 325 paved spaces in the park, and the event can be expected to attract more people than that. Jody

Lucas and Mark Mullholland gave some details of the airshow and distributed posters. They also circulated a sign-up sheet for people wishing to help run the event. (The airshow has subsequently been postponed).

MISSION SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

Modification of the gate at launch is still under study. The Rangers have requested some costly hardware, and more cost-effective solutions are being pursued. The east launch proposal is under consideration by the park rangers.

MT' DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - None

Newsletter - Paul Gazis

Prizes were distributed for articles published in 2000. The following people were awarded prizes in the following categories:

Best Travel Article: Kim Galvin
Best Trip Report: Bernard Sterling

Best Technical Article: Paul Clayton

Best Photo: Bob Ormiston

Best Article:

Tie for 3rd: Steve Keppel-Johns, Eric Carlsen

2nd: Nick Wesser

1st: Daryl Fox

COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT - Mark Mullholland

The 2001 X-C competition is underway. Some good rigid wing flights have been entered, but as yet no flew-wing flights have been reported.

OLD BUSINESS

Gene Pfifer reported that more meetings to discuss the future of Santa Clara Parks are planned.

NEW BUSINESS

George Morford reported that there are possible new sites at McGuire Peaks, primarily for paragliders.

Entertainment was a video of paragliding aerobatics.

COW COMMITTEE REPORT - Elsie

The Cow Committee is still working on finding ways to evole opposable thumbs as part of their plans for world conquest.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Medical Evacuations at Ed Levine *by Steve Pittman*

On Sunday, May 27, a paraglider pilot injured his knee very badly during a blown launch at the top. The injury was severe enough that a medivac helicopter was summoned. As prescribed in the Ed Levin emergency procedures, pilots placed the Dacron X from the LZ lockbox on the LZ spot landing target as a signal to pilots to (1) refrain from launching and (2) avoid the LZ or land immediately. A student and his instructor launched from the 300' in spite of the X. Both were suspended for one month.

Although flights from the 300' may have seemed safe with a helicopter at the top launch, such flights might have interfered with the evacuation had the helicopter pilot intended to transfer the victim to an ambulance in the LZ. If there is a large X visible in the Ed Levin LZ spot landing target circle, it is very important that pilots refrain from launching and avoid the LZ or land immediately for the safety of those with injuries, the medivac crew, and the pilots themselves. Helicopters are extremely dangerous to hang

gliders and paragliders. More than one pilot has been killed after being caught in the turbulence generated by a helicopter.

If you see an X on the spot but don't understand why, tune your HAM radio to 147.495 MHz for information regarding the emergency. But don't broadcast until you have listened for a minute or so to confirm that no emergency communication is in progress.

Regards, Steve.
(925)277-5080, 227-x5080

[*This just appeared on the Hang Gliding Mailing List. Mingus is an awesome site, your editor has gotten some great flights there, and this sounds like a cause that deserves some support — Ed.*]

Mingus Mountain Fund Raiser

by Jerry Dalen, Current President AHGA

Greetings everyone from the Arizona Hang Glider Association. As some of you on the list are aware, the **AHGA** has been working with the USDA Forest Service for the past couple of years on a camp ground on top of **Mingus Mountain**.

(A little history)

The Forest Service has restricted camping on **Mingus Mtn.** to a few established camp sites lower on the mountain, and some other dispersed camping sites even lower yet. Seeing as how we have been jumping off the mountain and entertaining not only ourselves, but also the multitudes of hikers and Church camp participants for over 25 years, the Forest Service has graciously allowed us our very own campground on top of the mountain, just a few feet from the launch ramp.

Yes. We have worked our way into

the master plan to include an exclusive, (Foot Launched Glider), camping area. So while everyone else has to pay \$6.00 per night to camp a mile away and below, we get to enjoy the beautiful views of the Verde Valley, the red rocks of Sedona, and the snow capped San Francisco Peaks!

Sounds too good to be true? Well it isn't, there's just one hitch. *We need to pay for all of the improvements needed to satisfy the Forest Service requirements for a campground.* The Verde Ranger District does not build substandard facilities. In fact they have a specific set of criteria which must be adhered to for all construction on the mountain. This is where the hitch comes in. We need to come up with several thousand dollars in the next few years. The first major expense will be restroom facilities. We currently have a toilet which is pumped out regularly by the Forest Service. This will need to be taken out and a new facility installed. Approximate price is two to three thousand dollars, and we do the work ourselves with donated materials.

That brings us to the subject of this post. We have acquired a mini vacation package valued at \$500.00 to be raffled off in \$5.00 tickets over the next thirty days or so. The package includes two nights lodging in beautiful Sedona. Your choice of two resorts, (one is on a golf course), and other amenities. The package is good for twelve months subject to availability, so the lucky winner will have plenty of time to schedule.

Just picture it. You win the package, you go check into your room. Drive the twenty some miles to **Mingus**. Launch and fly X/C to land at your room complete with hot tub and spa! Actually there is no landing on the golf course, but if you follow protocol, you can land at the Sedona

airport.

Mingus Mountain is a world class site [*They aren't kidding! The place is awesome! -- Ed.*]. Four thousand foot vertical with X/C potential or just sky out and boat around, then land at the Cottonwood airport down below. Cool pines in the summer and flyable for all but a couple of months in the winter. If you would like a chance at a nice weekend in Sedona and an opportunity to help the **AHGA** please send your raffle \$\$ to:

AHGA
P.O. Box 39013
Phoenix, AZ 85069-9013

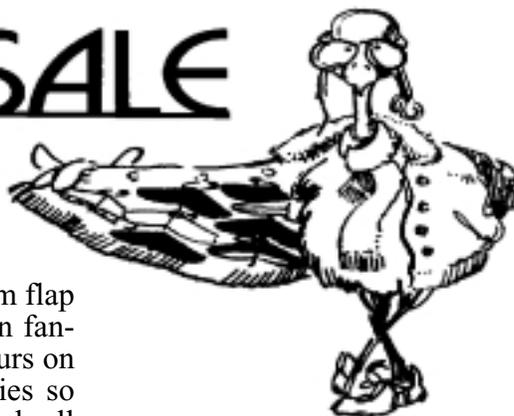
P.S. **Mingus** is a Hang III site. Hang II with sponsor. Paragliders have flown here, but be warned it is a lee side site [*They aren't kidding about that, either -- Ed.*]. **USHGA** membership required

Jerry Dalen

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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, incredibly fast, thermals like a dream too. Special comp mods make it easy to dial between world meet performance and stock config. Flown in Speed Worlds on gold medal team. One Half Hour total time! Owner is getting out of comp flying. Get yerself the steal of the century! This won't last. Glider is in Cupertino. \$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! First time ever to order a Sensor and have it started within a week??? Here's your chance, topless or kingposted. Offered for dealer's cost. Call Mike at (510) 744-1953.

Sensor. 1993 Sensor. Custom flap system (better than stock). In fantastic shape; less than 200 hours on it, mostly in Sunday air. Flies so well! -- surely you don't think all those great days and miles were skill. And I don't remember it ever being whacked. Great colors. I'd either sell this or the production slot (also listed here), and use the other for myself. Call Mike at (510) 744-1953 if interested, and tell me what it's worth to you. No wise-guys please, although I know that's asking a lot.

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) rohng3@aol-com

WillsWing Sport AT 167. Florescent 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.

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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 hours. Perfect condition. Weight range 95-115Kg. Have dropped below the min. weight 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

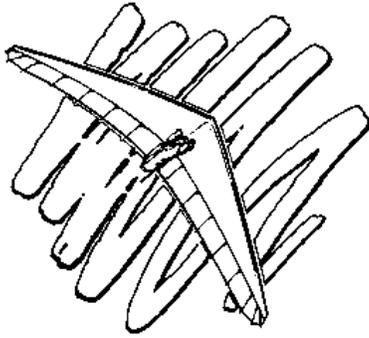
Tangent flight computer, \$500, Call Reto at (916) 804-4063, reto_s@yahoo.com

Wills Wing cocoon HG harness, for pilot abt. 6'3". \$10, **Open face helmet,** wht. \$5, **Pacific Windcraft HG chute** \$10. Call Paul (408)-246-2218.

Vehicles

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

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The next Wings of Rogallo Meeting will be held
Tuesday, June 19.
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 meeting will be a video taken by Rick Novack
[Rick, how the heck do you spell your last name? -- Ed]
of his flight onboard a B-17G!