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March, 2013 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Chris Coreo, a new H2

Great Flights

Ryan Goebel got to 1800 at Waddell and flew for 4 hours.

At Ed Levin Tuesday a week ago, about 20 people soared and got up to 2200 over launch.

Klaus and others soared the last 2 Sundays at Mission.

President: : Paul Gazis

An observer clinic was run last Saturday. 8 new Ed Levin observers and 6 new USHPA observers were qualified.

The insurance paperwork for WOR sites has been completed, thanks to Don Herrick.

Vice President: Eric Hinrichs: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: : Don Herrick
Income exceeded expenses last month; income from renewals is coming in.

Secretary: Paul Clayton

Minutes from last month are posted on the bulletin board

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

Pat recommended keeping a light grip on the control bar or downtubes. It should not be necessary to push out on launch to get airborne.

Membership Services: Don Herrick for Phyl Hamby

There are 217 paid members for 2013.

Ed Levin: Paul Gazis

The road still needs work. There is no plan in place to do any work in the near future.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

There were 750 sign-ins in the past year and no known incidents. Chris Valley is the new site chair.

An environmental impact study for the proposed parking lot is underway and is expected to be complete in late summer or early fall.

Mount Diablo: No official report

The Diablo windtalker is working since Chuck Knabel rebuilt the box.

Coyote Lake: None

Nothing has changed; insurance is still an issue.

Old Business

Mark Mulholland noted that he wants to use the lower bowl at the Mission LZ as a training site. Discussion of the proposal was tabled and will be continued by e-mail between Mark and the site committee.

New Business

Wayne Michelson mentioned that he may organize a trip to the Owens Valley on Memorial Day weekend.

Steve Rodrigues reported on the USHPA Board of Directors meeting. The premiums for USHPA insurance have doubled. There may be further increases, depending on claims on the

policy. PG speed gliding was discussed. Flying with a "mini-wing" is proposed special skill. Michel Rege volunteered to contact mini-wing pilots and report to the club.

There was discussion of proposed FAA regulations that may require ultralights to carry transponders. The proliferation of remotely piloted vehicle is leading the FAA to consider new regulations but so far none have been put in force. Steve also has    snag   carabiners available.

Mark Mullholland and Paul Gazis volunteered to arrange entertainment for future meetings.

Ryan Goebel proposed quarterly meetings rather than monthly. A straw poll was taken among the members present. About half were in favor. Don Herrick said he would check the by-laws and report back to the club.

Phyl Hamby will be stepping down as Ed Levin site chair. Bob Shelton volunteered to take his place.

Paul Gazis noted that he needs the passwords for the website from Roy Spencer so he can take over webmaster duties.

A trip to Dunlap has been proposed for April; details will be posted on the website.

Carmela Moreno noted that Al Small, a long time WOR member and Ed Tanaka, a retired Ed Levin ranger, recently passed away.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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16 April, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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New Members/Guests

None recognized

Great Flights

Paul Gazis flew Mission on Sunday. Cloudbase dropped and he walked up.

Bob Shelton flew Funston. There were 5 Atos's in the air at one time.

Eric Hinrichs flew McClure last Sunday; it was gusty.

President: : Eric Hinrichs Nothing to report.

Vice President:

Paul Gazis
Paul is taking over the website; contact him with your ideas for the website.

East Bay Regional Parks had a meeting last week at which the Mission parking lot was discussed. 3 options were mentioned; nothing, a lot next to the existing parking lot, and a lot next to RC hill. An environmental impact study is underway and will be a factor in the decision. Paul has maps of the proposed parking lots.

Treasurer:

Don Herrick by e-mail
Income exceeded expenses last month; income from renewals is coming in.

Secretary:

Paul Clayton
Minutes from last month are posted on the bulletin board

Flight Director:

None

Membership Services:

Phyl Hamby
There are 240 paid members for 2013, somewhat less than this time last year. One member receives a hardcopy newsletter.

Ed Levin:

Phyl Hamby
A new site chair needs to be selected. Phyl showed the site procedures and other information that will be needed by the new site chair. He also noted that the site procedures are available online.

The special use permit has been renewed and is good until February 2014.

There are a lot of rattlesnakes in the LZ.

The rangers are enforcing the site rules. Make sure the gates are closed correctly.

Mission Ridge:

Paul Gazis for Chris Valley
Paul noted that the option B parking lot is preferred. There will be public meetings later this year to discuss the parking situation.

Eric Hinrichs mentioned the possibility of training at Mission.

Mount Diablo:

No official report

Coyote Lake:

Gene Pfifer and Jim Woodward.
The site is on standby. Insurance is still an issue.

Old Business

Wayne Michelson mentioned that the launch at windy hill has been cleared. The Mid-Peninsula Open Space District sent 2 men with chainsaws.

New Business

Wayne Michelson is organizing a trip to the Owens Valley on Memorial Day weekend. A planning meeting is planned for May 1st. H3 and higher rated pilots are invited to participate. Check the bulletin board for further information.

There may be limited access to Goat Mountain and Wild Ass this year. There is an environmental impact study planned, due to the presence of asbestos in the area.

The access road is in poor condition and brush needs to be cleared at the launches.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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May 2013 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

None recognized

Great Flights

Colin Perry flew at the Coyote Howl fly-in at McClure and won a prize for most turn points.

Chris got enough airtime for a H3 rating by flying for 2:15 at Dunlap. According to his vario he reached 6900.

Mission was good last Friday, with several pilots getting 2+ hours and exceeding 3000.

President:

Eric Hinrichs
A prescribed burn and firefighting exercise is planned for the Ed Levin LZ on June 12th and 13th.

Vice President:

Paul Gazis
Paul is using Linux to update the website. Went to Dunlap last weekend but didn't fly because he was the only pilot there. Some of the landowners in the valley are unhappy with people who fly there due to damage done to fences, scaring livestock, parking issues, etc. Don't land in fields with livestock, especially horses, which are easily spooked.

Treasurer:

Don Herrick
Dues income is dropping, as is normal for this time of year, but the club's balances increased.

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May minutes continued...

Secretary: Paul Clayton

Minutes from last month are posted on the bulletin board.

Flight Director: None

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 267 paid members for 2013.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Phyl has contacted instructors who have been seeking authorization to teach at Ed Levin to let them know what is required to get authorized. Site regulations are posted on the WOR website, and prospective Ed Levin instructors should read them and become familiar with them.

Stan Boehm has been cutting weeds in the LZ using a scythe. He recently saw a rattlesnake, the 18th one he has encountered this year.

Eric Hinrichs mentioned that Bob Shelton has volunteered to take over a site chair. At this time a new site chair has not been appointed.

Mission Ridge: Chris Valley

Chris showed maps detailing 2 options for the planned parking lot. It is also possible no parking lot will be constructed in the near future. One option is below RC hill, and the other is adjacent to the existing parking lot. Comments from the public on the parking lot options will be solicited this fall.

With respect to using Mission as a training site, Chris sent the following memo to the exec board, and read it aloud at the meeting:

The Mission Ridge Site Committee has decided to not recommend a training site for pilots less than a H4 or P4 rating(s) at Mission Ridge. The Mission Ridge Site Committee encourages those interested in pursuing a flight training business at Mission Ridge to apply to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) for a separate Special Use Agreement (SUA) from what the Wings of Rogallo currently holds. This decision is respectfully submitted to WOR membership for approval by majority vote as allowed by Article VI of the Bylaws of the Wings of Rogallo Northern California Hang Glider Association. The WOR Executive Board may review this committee action as appropriate. The Mission Ridge Site Committee shall remain committed to preservation of our current SUA flight privileges.

Mount Diablo: No official report

Coyote Lake: Jim Woodward.

The situation has not changed; it is not known when or if the site will be opened.

Old Business:

Wayne Michelson plans to meet anyone interested in flying the Owens over Memorial Day at the Mt Whitney Cafe in Lone Pine on Friday the 24th. Details will be posted on the WOR bulletin board and Wayne will monitor 146.460 Mhz.

New Business:

Paul Gazis is organizing a trip to Dunlap on the weekend of June 15th. It is rumored that others are going to Hull that weekend.

Eric Hinrichs proposed a fly-in for July 27th

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on the bunny hill at Ed Levin. The idea is to have instructors bring training gliders and paragliders for people to try out and invite friends and family to participate. The club may fund a barbeque as part of the event.

Phyl Hamby proposed that the club appoint an "Activities Director". Names were mentioned but no appointment was made.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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Uncle Colin Speaks

All of you HG-type pilots who missed the MSLR coyote howl flyin this past weekend have absolutley no excuse for your pathetic lack of fun and air. I musta got me 30K of altitude gain, going from ~200 below to ~800 above launch at least 30 times and followed by heaps of fun & friends & food in the impact zone later.

Meanwhile, back in Oklahoma City past Monday, pigs were getting to 30K without even trying. Y'all shoulda been there.

Sad to learn that a former student (who tired of the george hamilton never-get-past-the-bunny-hill style of teaching) Bruce Rhymes is now past over to the other side in a powered aircraft accident which also killed his wife. And folks say hang gliding is crazy-dangerous?

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