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The Editor's Turn

It seems like there have been quite a few blown hang glider launches at Ed Levin recently. It used to be that such things were quite rare, but now, every month I seem to hear about one, receive a picture of one, or even see one happen. This does not seem like a wonderful trend. And it's certainly not the kind of thing we can get away with for very long without someone getting hurt. So please watch it, folks... and with any luck, my new leading edge should arrive any day now...

On a more positive note, the spring flying season is here, and the fronts have begun to arrive, bringing awesome conditions for those of us who didn't break a left rear leading edge while trying to launch Ed Levin when it was blowing around 8,347 MPH. I've already heard rumors of some great days. But none of these rumors has been accompanied by a story for the *Flight Line*. This is great, because it saves me from having to buy Nifty Prizes for the 2003 *Flight Line Hang Writing Contest!* Or, I could write all the submissions, and give all the Nifty Prizes to myself! And heck, you never wanted any Nifty Prizes anyway. I mean... like... what would you do with that new flight suit... or that new GPS unit... or that new Toyota Forerunner...

On a final note, it looks like our club has finally entered the Electronic Era. As of this month, out of the several hundred members had renewed, less than 40 have chosen to receive the newsletter in paper form. This is a drastic change from previous years, when the majority of club members received the *Flight Line* as hardcopy. I will continue to do my best to get every issue out in hardcopy as soon as possible, but in view of this trend, I think it makes sense to spend a bit more effort to clean up the electronic version of the newsletter and make certain it gets posted to the

club Website in a timely fashion. There may be a few glitches along the way, so please bear with me. Thanks!

President's Report, March 2003

by Steve Rodrigues

Dear members,

This is my final report from the presidents seat. I have enjoyed my two terms in office, but feel that it is time to pass on the Big Gavel. I am confident that Phyl Hamby will wield it well. I will continue to chair the Mission Ridge site committee and lend a hand wherever needed, so you haven't seen the last of me yet!

I want to thank everyone for their support over the past two years. I know that I often have a different idea about how things should be done (OK, most of the time), and I appreciate everyone who worked with me to keep the club running. Most members have no idea how many hours are put in by the Executive Board, Webmaster, and Editor. Not to overlook Site Committee members, Observers, and numerous others. Our club is run by volunteers, and an amazing amount gets done, just for the love of our sport. Thanks to everyone for taking part, and making it possible for many hundreds of people to enjoy the beauty of flight. See you in the air!

[This just came in from Wally Anderson, **BAPA** Safety Director. It may be good advice for HG pilots too. -- Ed]

Chute Velcro Advisory

It has been brought to my attention that one of the clinic participants had trouble deploying a front mounted reserve due to the Velcro

becoming "friendly" over time.

If your reserve system uses Velcro & most do, at least for the handle, you should peel it apart 3-4 times a year so it will release easily if you have to deploy.

Yours truly,
Wally Anderson

BOD Report

by John Wilde

Hi folks, I'm just back from the USHGA BOD meeting in Colorado Spgs. It was a very busy session, but we got a lot done. At last count we have 9735 members

1/ Please everyone dig out your February issue of the magazine and read Bill Brydon's article on page 5 in PG, and page 12 in HG. There will be a membership vote this summer, on this subject, and Bill does a great job of discussing the issue.

2/ The Canadian HG/PG assn. has lost their insurance coverage, if they cannot replace it, we believe that they will join USHGA enmass. This could mean as many as 900 new dues paying members.

3/ There is some work being done on a "biwingual" logo, and although I saw some very good ones (my opinion), I didn't get a completion date. There is a new marketing director by name of Dan Nelson, very sharp guy, he will be the "go to" guy for image related stuff.

4/ The rest of the time was spent mostly tinkering with SOPs to streamline the operation the process.

That's about all for now, se ya,
Wildeman.

February 2002 Meeting Minutes

by Paul Clayton

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS - None

GREAT FLIGHTS

Ashley Groves - flew 30 minutes at a site in Morgan Hill and top landed.

Steve Rodrigues - Aerotowed at Mercy Hot Springs.

Juan Laos - Soared at Diablo this Sunday.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

Nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - George Morford

The Mission key application should specify a 3 hang glider capacity for PG pilots.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Don Jones

Revenue is coming in from renewals. The club is solvent.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Carmela Moreno

So far we have 300 members for 2003.

FLIGHT DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None

ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Pittman.

Mercury Freedom has written an article on protocols for transporting other fliers at Ed Levin. Thanks to Phyl Hamby for his maintenance efforts.

MISSION PEAK SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

Nick Mora has replaced the

windsock mast. The work on the fence at launch is still under discussion.

MT. DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - None.

SITE ACQUISITION - Jim Woodward.

Test flights at the potential sites in Gilroy are planned for April.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE - None.

NEWSLETTER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Changes in the bylaws (making certain sections wing and gender neutral) were approved as published in the January newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

John Wilde requested \$250 for travel expenses to attend the BOD meeting. This motion was approved.

Phyl Hamby announced that a picnic and fly-in is planned for 13 April in memory of Jody Lucas. A picnic site at Ed Levin is needed. People with names ending in A-M should bring appetizers and main dishes. Those with names ending in N-Z should bring salad and dessert.

Pat Denevan announced that Steve Koski may buy Dunlap flight park. The launch is leased by Connie Werk.

Ben Rogers talked about potential tow and foot launch sites in the Hollister area.

Eric Froelich presented awards to the winners of the 2002 X-C contest. A partial list is winners includes: George Morford, Eric Newman, Georg Ewald, Alec Chattaway, Richard Wang, Wayne Michelson, Ben Rogers, Charlie Nelson, Ashley Groves,

Mike Vorhis, Mark Grubbs, Vince Endtner.

Prizes were raffled.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Mission Report, March 2003 *by Steve Rodrigues*

The annual Keyholder reallocation will take place at the March 18 club meeting. Be prepared for a full house.

EBRPD superintendent Dan Reasor is still taking bids for the fencing contract that will eliminate the barbed wire along Mission Ridge. He will inform us when the fence can come down. Please be patient, our work party will happen!

Finally, thanks to Nick Mora for replacing the bent windsock mast at Mission launch.

The Issue of Powered Harnesses *by Paul Gazis*

Recently, several club members have raised questions about powered harnesses at club sites. It's a complicated issue. We can't launch or land under power, which seems reasonable, since our sites are located in parks and open space preserves that are reserved for non-motorized activity. There doesn't seem to be any reasonable way anyone could object to a high-altitude overflight by a pilot with a powered harness who launched and landed somewhere else, any more than they could object to overflights by general aviation - indeed, such things were common back in the days when trikes were popular. But obviously there is a large gray area between these two

extremes. Two of the relevant site regulations are:

Section 22, paragraph (e) of the Mission Ridge special use agreement, which states that, "*No motorized ultra-light aircraft will be allowed by Licensee in or about the premises.*"

Section X, paragraph F of the Ed Levin site procedures, which states that, "*Powered ultralights are not permitted to land or take-off from Ed Levin. Any such occurrence will result in the pilot having his/her privileges permanently revoked at Ed Levin Park, and the person(s) referred to the Parks Department for further action.*"

This is a big issue, which could cause problems if it is not addressed correctly, so I would urge any club members who are interested in powered harnesses to discuss this issue with the **WOR** Executive Committee, bring it up at a club meeting, or volunteer to serve on a committee to address this issue.

News Blips

Dunlap

As of this writing, the ultimate status of Dunlap remains to be determined. In the short term, Dunlap will continue to be operated as it has been in the recent past. Mission Soaring will continue to run Dunlap trips under the administration of a monitor, and pilots wishing to fly there when a trip is not scheduled should contact Pat Denevan at Mission Soaring to determine if they can serve as a monitor.

Dunlap Safari

There will be a Dunlap Safari April 12-13. Contact Mission Soaring for details.

Take-off and Landing Clinic

Pat Denevan will hold a Take-off

and Landing Clinic on Sunday April 13. Contact Mission Soaring for details.

Instructor Training Clinic

Pat Denevan will hold an Instructor Training Clinic April 26-28.

Wills Wing Demo Days

Wills Wing will be holding Demo Days in the Bay Area May 17-19. Here's your chance to check out all the new *Wills Wing* gliders, including the U2 [*When are they going to come out with the SR-71 - Ed*]. As usual, the sites and times will be chosen in response to weather conditions. In addition, Rob Kells will be at the **WOR** meeting May 20 to discuss the latest news and products from Wills.

The Lion and the Wild Boar *from Aesop's Fables*

In summer, when heat brings one thirst, lion and a wild boar went to drink at a little spring. They argued about who should drink first and their quarrel escalated into a life or death struggle.

But, stopping for a moment to catch their breath in the midst of their combat, they noticed some vultures circling overhead to devour whichever one fell first. So, putting aside their combat, they said.

"The heck with this nonsense! Let's go fly! It's soarable!"

"Of course," said the lion, "I fly a hang glider, so Ill kick you're butt on that paraglider!"

"Oh yeah," said the wild boar. "We'll see who laughs last when he's sinking out over bad terrain!"

So they fell to fighting again, while the vultures looked on in amusement...

WINGS FOR SALE



Wings for Sale

(Ad policy: ads are marked by date run for 6 months, then are cancelled automatically unless they are renewed. Ads are free to WOR members)

Rigid Wings

ATOS 146. 10 hrs, like new w waterproof bag & cam helper. See <http://home.pacbell.net/gpesaven/tos.html>. Contact Gerry (530) 219-1954, or gerrypez@yahoo.com (8/02)

2000 Ghostbuster. Exc cond, about 50 hrs. Includes spare down tubes and custom XC bag. \$7000. Contact Steven Wertheimer at (415) 385-0423. (01/03)

Flexwings

Airwave Klassic 155. for sale. Contact Eric Hinrich 831 335-4292 (10/02)

Altair Saturn 167. 1999, one owner, 68 hours. White, red, & black; extras. \$2,100. Contact Bernhard at (925) 820-9682 or BernhardBoeSter@CS.com (8/02)

Dream 220. Black /spectrum colors, w storage tube, \$900 with stripdown or \$500 without. Contact Rudy Visaya at (510) 579-4661 or email for pictures at rudyvisaya@attbi.com (01/03)

Seedwings Topless Sensor 144. Very low hours, still crispy, mostly used for a couple of speed gliding meets. Excellent performance and handling. *Name your price!* Contact Mike: (510) 770-0544 mike@vorhis.com. (12/02)

Wills Wing Eagle 164. 1 yr old, less than 28 hrs, like new because pilot switched to a K2. Contact

Stan Boehm (408) 946-1328 (10/02)

Wills Wing Falcon 225. Excellent condition, less than six hours air-time. Flies great. Includes free tandem lesson for buyer! Only \$1,995. Contact Steve Rodrigues 415-467-2226 (03/03)

Wills Wing Falcon 225. Orange, blue, white. Good condition, new wheels, extra parts for tandem. Includes large wheels and streamline downtubes. \$1200. Contact Gordon (415) 310-6602 (10/02)

Wills Wing Raven 229. Exc cond, great beginner to intermediate or tandem glider. \$500 obo. Contact Paul Sussman (650) 994-8215.

Wills Wing Sport AT 167, very good condition, white sail plus lime, blue, red colors on LE and underside, \$1000 obo. Contact Bob at 408-732-4471. (01/03)

Paragliders

Advance Epsilon 3/30. Large (DHV 1/2). Blue with gray leading edge. about 40 hours. One flight since last annual inspection which puts the wing as new. Package includes wing, backpack, speedbar + bag. \$1500 obo. Contact Alex Chattaway at 408 2307388, bapa@chatty.org (01/03)

Equipment

Finster Wheels: One complete set of Finster Wheels, with axles and corner brackets. Contact Paul Gazis at (408) 736-0764 or gazis@best.com (12/02)

High Energy Pod Harness. 5'5" to 5'11", great cond. \$75 obo.

Robertson Cocoon Harness. great cond, \$60 obo. Other harnesses also available. Contact Paul Sussman (650) 994-8215.

Wanted: New or used **Thin Air** or **Vapor Harness** by ThinRed-Line. Contact Rudy Visaya at (510) 579-4661, rudyvisaya@attbi.com (01/03)

Vehicles

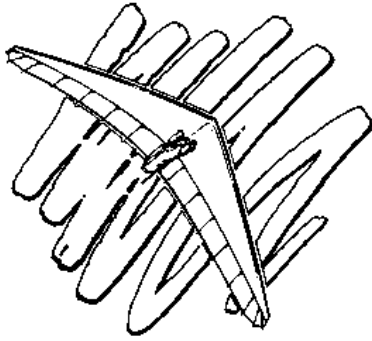
1993 Ford Explorier XLT with great rack: 4dr, 4WD, rare 5-speed stickshift. 107K miles, dark green, a great truck, will give a steal of a deal. Name your price. Contact Mike, (510) 770-0544 or mike@vorhis.com. (10/02)

Front Rack Mount for Isuzu Trooper. \$150 obo, Contact Paul Gazis at (408) 736-0764 or gazis@best.com. (02/03)

Lost and Found

Found. A blue soft lunchbox/mini-cooler container, with a note pad inside containing notes, names, phone numbers, etc. Owner can claim it by calling Mike at (510) 710-5394 or with an email to mike@vorhis.com. (12/02)

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Tuesday, March 18.
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 the
2003 Mission Key Distribution!
And that s always entertaining!