

FLIGHT LINE

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Pilot: Unknown, Place, Ed Levin Park, Milpitas, Ca. Photo by: Nelson Rodriguez

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Editor's Turn

To all concerned: As your fateful Editor and Publisher for the last 30 months, this will be my last issue of Flight Line. Not to worry, there will be someone to take over for the April issue. Thanks again to all who contributed photos, articles, ideas etc. Fly save, and hope to see you in the sky! Nelson Rodriguez

Going to Press Policy

All change of Address request should be Emailed To: WORT@aol. com . Or WOR. P.O. Box 361885 Milpitas, Ca. 95036-1885. The Treasurer is in charge of all newsletteraddress changes.

Observer Schedule

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February Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Clayton

NEW MEMBERS, GUESTS

Ilan Ginsburg -PG pilot from France; flying 8 vrs. Rick O'Connel - from NY state: flies a Pulse

GREAT FLIGHTS

Mark Mullholland - Flew his new Millennium at El Mirage

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT -Steve Rodriguez

Dave Boatwright was unable to attend due to illness. Steve presided at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Don Jones

1999 memberships are being processed.

FLIGHT DIRECTOR'S REPORT -Geoff Loyns

There was a recent paragliding incident at Ed Levin.

ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT -

Steve Pittman

Steve wants to set up a meeting with the Parks DEPT officials to discuss site issues including road access and reporting of road status on the ranger's answering machine. He also reported on the recent paragliding incident, in which the pilot suffered a canopy collapse and crashed near the 300 ft launch. An advisory vote was taken on whether the club should pursue the use of the USHGA waiver in lieu of the Ed Levin waiver. Most members present were not in favor.

MISSION RIDGE SITE COMMITTEE REPORT -Steve Rodriguez

The special use agreement is currently being renegotiated. There may be an issue regarding insurance coverage. Key allocation will take place after the site use agreement has been finalized.

DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT -Steve Rodrigues

The weather robot sometimes freezes, resulting in inaccurate readings.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Jaime Sheldon announced that she will attend the upcoming USHGA meeting. Contact Jaime with any issues you want raised.

Pat Denevan announced upcoming events, including a Dunlap fly-in, an ICP, and demo days. Contact Mission Soaring for details. Linda Nelson that she has reserved the picnic area at Ed Levin for the picnic/fly-in on 15 May.

Bob Ormiston stated that articles are needed for the newsletter and proposed that the club run a contest for best article. The matter was deferred until a future meeting, because the new editor, Paul Gazis, was not present.

Don Jones announced that only members who have renewed for 1999 will receive the March and later issues of Flight Line.

Don Jones moved that club support a speed gliding contest to be held on 9-19-99. The motion was amended to state that the club should ask for a written proposal from Ray Leonard, who is promoting the contest, and that the proposal will be subject to approval by the site committee. The amended motion was approved. (continued on page 3)



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An advisory vote was taken on whether the Golden Eagle award should be revived, and what should be awarded by to those who receive it. The consensus was that both patches and helmet stickers should available.

President-elect Mark Mullholland requested volunteers to serve on the following committees: Marketing, Competition, Site Acquisition. Mark also led a brainstorming session to collect ideas for club activities and initiatives.

Entertainment was videos of John Heiney looping and other cool stuff, provided by Carmela Moreno.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

WOR Web Site is now available

Our new club web site is now in production. If you're already wired, point your browser to www.wingsofrogallo.org. If you're not yet wired, here's another reason to buy that computer.

Here's a summary of what's currently available on the web site:

Site Info

Characteristics of each of our 3 sites, links to site procedures, a summary of Ed Levin rules, and the mission key holders list.

News & Events

Club and flying site news (eg. work parties, shutdowns, etc.), Web site news and recent update tracking plus Club events (eg. the WOR XC contest). I'd like to add a club history and a section for member flying stories, so send me your favorite flight tales.

Photos

A photo gallery displaying club member photo's. We've currently got some great shots by several WOR pilots including our own cover boy, Bob Ormiston. Please send contributions in JPEG format to webmaster@wingsofrogallo.org, or snapshots to Greg Knepp, 924 Eden Ave, San Jose, CA 95117. I'll scan and return them. (Be sure to include a return address.)

Weather

The latest Funston web cam image, links to a soaring forecast resources page, the weather underground, the national weather service, a west coast satellite image, windtalker phone numbers, etc.

Newsletter

Strangely enough, it's an archive of newsletters. In Adobe Acrobat format.

Meetings

Day and time of meetings, plus a map showing the Omega restaurant.

Classified

Links to 2 free HG/PG specific on-line classified ads pages. Even though these are open worldwide, I'd guess 40-50% of the listings are for folks from California who want to buy or sell wings and accessories.

Forms and Documents

Skip those trips to Mission. Download and print original quality forms and documents from your own printer via Adobe Acrobat Reader (Free software that hooks into your web browser). So far we have the WOR application, Ed Levin and Mission Site procedures, and the Ed Levin Waiver and accident report forms, plus a few other miscellaneous documents.

For Sale: 40 Acres of Land at the base of Tollhouse. The property corners on the Sierra National Forest. Located at 2200', the property is below the snowline. Beautiful views of the Tollhouse ridge. Located about 25 miles NE of Fresno. \$110,000 obo. Contact Mark at (408) 929-1753.

Hang gliding & All occasions Videographer available! Call Nelson at 510-471-9347

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The next Wing Of Rogallo meeting will be held at the Omega Restaurant in Milpitas (corner of south Park Victoria and Calaveras Boulevard) Tuesday, March 16th at 8:00 PM Social hour begins at 7:00 PM. Come early and have dinner.

The Wings Of Rogallo Club Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of each month!

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S TO ALL!!