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Editors Turn:

You may have noticed a distinct lack of newsletter since early April. This is purely my fault as I've just had a manic three months with no sign of it letting off. There has certainly been no lack of activity in my abscence. The missing spring weather turned up I know there have been plenty of epic flights. On the way back from Folsom on the weekend of the 18th June I passed about 100 miles of perfect cloud street all the way to Diablo and kept my eye out for anyone and listened out on the radio to no avail I wished I was in it! Anyway the July Newsletter whould be on the stands before the end of August :-)

Help Needed

I have my finger in too many $\leq \geq >$ pies at the moment and the

newsletter and web site are the ones taking the hit. If anyone would like to help with the flightline please let me know. I'm looking for volounteers for the following positions.. solicit articles print and mail the newsletter. gather adverts from the bbs I can still edit and create the online and pdf versions. This is a great way to get involved with the club. editor@wingsofrogallo.org

Mt. Umunhum site acquisition update, by Steve Rodrigues.

I've had my eye on Mt. Umunhum for many years, so was very excited to learn that the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District (MPOSD) is developing a Master Plan for the area. Eric Frolich and I both attended the initial public meeting, and got Hang and Para gliding mentioned as a use possibility.

They led a walking tour of the peak last week, and while I was excited to attend, I was not encouraged by what I learned about the current situation. It seems that while the site could be an awesome albeit challenging place to fly, it is likely a very long term project.

We stand a fair chance of getting permission for a launch, but we would also need to negotiate an LZ with the Santa Clara Park Department. The MPOSD inherited some very limiting easements when they purchased this former Air Force Base. The access road crosses four private properties whose owners highly value their privacy, so getting public access to the peak will be a problem. The military was not very conscientious in regard to toxic materials, and the presence of lead paint, petroleum products, asbestos, probably PCB's create and an environmental hazard that currently prohibits public access. Getting the site cleaned up is a big priority, and when the time comes, the MPOSD will appreciate our help with a letter writing campaign to prod public officials into funding the clean-up. Please watch this newsletter for future announcements.

New site procedures for Mission Ridge By Steve Rodrigues

I am pleased to announce that the WOR and the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) have signed a new special use agreement for Mission Ridge.

We negotiated а number of improvements and I have incorporated the changes into our site procedures. I have attached a Word.doc for you.

The major changes include:

-Increase the total number of Keyholders to 55. (I will distribute keys to the top five applicants on the waiting list ASAP.)

-Increase the number of vehicles allowed on launch to 8. Note: Please park perpendicular to the ridge line to consolidate space. i.e.: TTTTTTTT

- Increase the number of vehicles allowed in the park to 10. (8 on launch, 2 in the LZ)

-Allow limited vehicle access partway up the East Side. Note: We need to install a metal pole with three "Trail Passes" before anyone can drive up the East Side. *DO NOT* drive up the east side until further notice.

Everything *EXCEPT* driving up the East Side is effective immediately. Please email or call me if you have any questions. Cheers! Steve Rodrigues Site Committee Chairman H-415-467-2226

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April2005 Minutes	Flight Director?s Report - Pat Denevan	<u>Old Business</u> << >> None.
New Members/Guests	An HG pilot preparing to launch at Ed Levin	
None	was pulled of the west launch by strong wind, but was not seriously hurt. A wire crew is needed on that launch in strong	New Business
Great Flights	conditions. Another HG pilot suffered a	Don Herrick reported that the NorCal
Steve Delayo - Pioneered a new LZ at Diablo and was approached by a curious cop who once took a lesson at Mission.	broken arm when landing at Ed Levin. This pilot has made 3 flights off the top. Ed Levin Site Committee Report - Steve Pittman	PG league organizer Jaghwar Atwal has requested \$300 to subsidize this year?s competition. A motion was approved to contribute \$200 with the stipulation that at least 2 events
Carmela Moreno - Flew McClure, reached 3500?, saw snow on the Sierras and thermaled with Shannon Raby.	An instructor has been suspended for taking a green sticker pilot to the 600 launch.	include hang gliders. A motion to contribute \$250 toward Regional Director Urs Kellenberger?s travel expenses for the upcoming BOD
A pilot reported that about 80 pilots from all over were at Big Sur this weekend. Mike Kellog - flew over Ohlone College	Mission Peak Site Committee Report - None	meeting was approved. It was stipulated that he solicit concerns from the membership prior to the meeting
near Mission and found a thermal over the power lines.	<u>Mt. Diablo Site Committee Report</u> - Steve Delayo	and report on it afterward.
President?s Report - Juan Laos	Diablo has been soarable. The windtalker	Paul Gazis reported that Russ Locke and Connie have been talking to Dan
This was Juan?s first meeting as president.	is out of order due to a broken anemometer.	Fleming about opening Dunlap to flying again. Dan owns the campground LZ, but there are other
Vice President?s Report -None	Site Acquisition -Gene Pfifer	useable LZs. Connie and Russ lease the launch.
Wayne Michelson was not present.	Flying days are planned for later this year at Coyote Lake. A permit from the Parks	Pat Denevan that Wills Wing demo daze are planned, along with an ICP
Treasurer?s Report - Don Herrick	Dept and insurance is needed. The water in the creek on the way to launch is	on May 21st and 22nd.
Income is exceeding expenses due to renewals coming in at this time of year.	presently too high to ford. Any advanced pilot is invited to fly, up to a limit of 10 pilots. Contact Gene if you are interested.	19 people attended.
<u>Membership Services</u> - Carmela Moreno	Steve Rodrigues has been in contact with the Open Space District regarding Mt. Umunum. The Open Space District has	END OF MEETING MINUTES
	been acquiring land in that area. Access to	

LZs may be an issue.

Jul 2 - 4 WINDS OF A HURRICANE FLY IN, Cedar Mnt. 130 miles NE of Las Vegas ghoag@brwncald.com

June 22 - 26 King Mountain 2005 Hang Gliding Championships Lisa Tate (208) 376-7914

Jul 4 - 8 Chelan Cross Country Classic (HG/PG) Tom Pierce, tommyp_25@yahoo.com

Jul 1 - 5 Annual Čreede 4TH of July Pilots Gathering Bill Lemon 505-280-3552 Jul 2- 5 Lakeview - Chamber of Commerce {541) 947-6040

Jul 10 - 16 Paragliding Nationals Chelan, Washington

Jul 22 - 23 St John / Potato Hill Fly in Matt Jagelka (707) 838-3594

239 people have renewed for 2005.

Upcoming Events. Jul 19th WOR Meeting

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May 2005 Minutes

New Members/Guests

Tim Sirianni - PG pilot from Minnesota.

Great Flights

Ben Rogers - flew Wild Ass with 5 PG pilots.

Tom Moock did a 20 mile X-C from Wild Ass.

Gene Pfifer - flew Anderson Flat. Mark Mulholland - flew the Pre-Worlds; did 50 to 100 mile tasks each day. Wayne Michelson, Eric Froelich and Ben Rogers flew the Panamints.

President?s Report - Juan Laos

Dunlap is open. There are 2 LZs suitable for PGs, Ranger Station and valley by airstrip available for HGs. The old campground LZ is closed to the flying public. Connie Werk and Russ Locke are collecting a \$20 annual launch fee.

<u>Vice President?s Report</u> -Wayne Michelson

Nothing to report.

Treasurer?s Report - Don Herrick

Income is exceeding expenses due to renewals coming in at this time of year. Revenue is less than last year at this time.

<u>Membership Services</u> - Juan Laos for Phyl Hamby

275 people have renewed for 2005, fewer than last year at this time. After some discussion of the reasons for the lower membership, Pat Denevan volunteered to look into it.

Flight Director?s Report - Pat Denevan

An HG pilot suffered a broken jaw at Funston. The same pilot has had several mishaps in the past. There was also an incident at the pre-world meet in which a pilot clipped a traffic cone at high speed and crashed. Pat said he would look into alternatives to the cones for use at Ed Levin.

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Mission Peak Site Committee Report -Steve Rodrigues

Steve has been working with the rangers to finalize the special use agreement. Thanks to ranger Neil Sparger for mowing the LZ and breakdown area. Steve reminded pilots that the LZ is longer when approached uphill.

Mt. Diablo Site Committee Report - None

<u>Site Acquisition</u> -Gene Pfifer, Jim Woodward

6 test flight days have been approved for the Coyote Lake site. There is a limit of 10 flyers and 2 vehicle for each day. Gene handed out waivers for pilots who want to fly on the test days. Jim Woodward attended a dedication of the Coyote Lake park. The park is expected to be open for flying in 2006. Mark Mullholland noted that he is trying to get permission to use a power pack with his Millenium at Reid Hillview airport.

Old Business

Wayne Michelson is considering various formats for a 2005 X-C contest. There is \$300 in the budget for competitions. A motion was approved to have a weekend long fly-in. Wayne Michelson, Ben Rogers (chair) and Eric Froelich were appointed to organize it.

New Business

Don Herrick is looking for an experienced PG pilot to help evaluate possible flying sites in the Piscenes.

Prizes were raffled.

Entertainment was a video of Ben Rogers, Eric Froelich and Wayne Michelson flying and 4 wheeling in the Panamints.

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END OF MEETING MINUTES

Speak of the Devil Robert Moore diablochair@wingsofrogallo.org

Diablo

Among those of us in the Bay Area regular occurrence during the springprobably the height of the season.

There are some things to know about paved roads to the top. XC flight from Diablo, and I am going however, a disclaimer.

years of XC experience at Diablo than mine. I consider myself a journeymanlevel XC pilot, and an admirer of those who have done it longer and better. to the subject with good authority.

OK, tip number one for flying XC at would like specifics on where to visit. Diablo: You gotta come out and fly some Diablo XC. An incredibly paltry percentage of those folks ever show XC?". We ended up flying to wants to get into XC. Livermore and beyond, and had a great time. It sounds like a no-brainer, OK, let's put this all together into a but it keeps a lot of pilots out of the scenario. You've called a Diablo Team dramatically increases your odds of up with us. You've looked at the XC flying XC.

often. The more you fly in the Devil's playground, the better he treats you.

Site familiarity makes a big difference to the summit. You listen your XC success rate, particularly if you carefully to the instruction don't have much experience in this activity. The Diablo Team is not shy in Cross Country Flying from Mount discussing our favorite techniques for leaving the mountain, and we are happy to share them with new members.

who ever even consider XC flight, The third most important thing in getting Mount Diablo is recognized as the to fly XC at Diablo is to be prepared. If place it happens most. The site you think you want to join us, call the record, held by Diablo Team member day before. Make sure your radio works Kevin Dutt, is 157 miles, and XC is a and is fully charged, and your cell phone, too. Get a map of the county thru-summer months. This month is and look it over. Ask the person who usually drives for you at Ed Levin if they want to visit a *real* mountain. One with

to share a few of them with you. First, Diablo XC happens in virtually every direction, but the most common are east and southeast. The terrain varies I am no sky god. There are others in in these directions from rolling hills, to the Diablo Team with many more vast tracts of housing, to open farmland. Having a general familiarity with the me. In the 10-plus years of flying the roads in these areas, and the potential site, I have had my share of XC for landing sites can bring confidence to adventure, but there are those with 20 those venturing out in these directions years and lots more XC miles than from the air. On those nonflying days, consider taking a nice drive through the country to explore what's out there. One to two afternoons of this pleasant Having stated this, I feel I can speak activity is all it would take to have a good working picture of your first 10-15 miles of XC flight. Contact me if you

Diablo. I have talked to so many pilots Don't be intimidated by the high who say, "Yeah, I really wanna get me percentage of rigid-wing pilots who fly Diablo. Great XC flights were being had long before rigids were in the air. Any up - or even call me. A couple of high performance flex wing of the last years ago, the Diablo Team held an 15 years can make cross country event called Diablo - 101. It was a site excursions from the mountain. I flew a intro course that included flying. On WWXC for a number of years with good the second day, I found myself at result. While the Eagle/Pulse/Sport type 7,000 with several newbies, and said wings will be fine for local flights at over the radio, "Who wants to go Diablo, an upgrade may be order if one

game; the act of showing up member, and have been invited to drive terrain from the ground, and think you can tell where you are when passing Number two: Consider flying Diablo over from the air. While setting up your H4 glider, harness and radio, you keep an eye on those fat cues forming over

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on altitudes to leave, what areas to avoid, and bailout procedures. After launching into a great thermal, you get high enough to see the cues streeting off into the Central Valley. Because your radio is working perfectly, we talk about when and where we are going, and you follow along. Skipping along the undersurface of the cloud street you marvel at how easy this seems. The scenery is fantastic, and the newness of it reminds you of how you felt on your first-ever soaring flight. Due to the confines of your harness, you can't quite kick yourself for not flying Diablo sooner, but you make a mental note to do so at the end of this glorious adventure.

Next month, I will make the case for Why Flying at Diablo is Easy.

The Walking Hills of Mission Peak

By Mike Kellogg

According to Indian lore, our local hills due to their inclination to move - were known as 'walking hills'...

Laden with heavy rains, on March 22, 1998, over 27 million cubic yards of Mission Peak 'walked' nearly a mile toward the peak's base.

According to City of Fremont Senior Civil Engineer Ron Fong, the slide is also a quarter mile wide and up to 120 feet deep, the largest in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. He said it would fill a row of dump trucks from here to Cairo and back. He noted that no homes were evacuated, and added that an entire grove of 50-foot-high eucalyptus trees 'moved' 17 feet!

For an excellent - and thorough! description of the slide, see geological engineer Dave Roger's Web site: http://tinyurl.com/7n2um

Much of my flying at Mission seems to be directly above the ever-widening cracks of our favorite thermal-producing slide. I've often pondered what would happen if the slide cut loose as I floated overhead. Super-hardened wall of air? XXL thermal? Shock wave o doom?! Continued on page 6...

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Thanks to Neil Yardley, Mission Peak mm (~13 inches) with velocities up to questions:

blasting out and down?

most. Certainly, the slide didn't move crack. fast enough to cause any violent disturbance in the air column.

FL: How big was the largest-ever slide at Mission?

RW: So far as I know, this is the The odds go up drastically, of course, if 1850), but there are a number of nearby Hayward or Mission Faults. prehistoric landslide scars that suggest much larger landslides in the FL: When the next big chunk falls, will it past 10,000 years or so.

since monitoring began?

monitoring a large (estimated volume Ninos happen a few times a century. of about 120,000 m3) block of rock above the headscarp (steep, bare MR: The blocks of rock perched above several-meter-wide crack. We use earthquake. surface extensometers with steel cables above ground and GPS FL: Please provide a brief description (if receivers to monitor movement. We don't monitor the main system works. part of the landslide, which extends down to houses on flatter ground. The RW: Again, I hope Mark Reid will give from slow creep to rapid motion that 2000. accompanies catastrophic failure.

the summer or fall. Over the wet cracks similar to crevasses. winter of 1998, it moved at least 350

Ranger, for referring me to USGS 40 mm/day. Between January and April experts Ray Wilson and Mark Reid, of 1999, it moved about 20 mm. During who graciously replied to the following late winter/spring of 2000, it moved about 70 mm with velocities ranging up to 2 mm/day. Over the subsequent 4 FL: Can you speculate on the degree years, the block has displaced only of turbulence in the air column above about 5 mm with small accelerations in and adjacent the slide when it fell, i.e., the winter or early spring of each year. any super-hardened wall of air It has not appeared to move much this winter/spring (2005). These data are preliminary and subject to revision. RW: Nothing so spectacular, I'm Over time, the large crack has widened, afraid. There might have a bit of a both from downslope movement of the breeze over the top of the moving block, and from thin slabs of rock on the landslide, a few feet per second at sidewalls of the crack failing into the

> FL: Any guess when the next big chunk will fall?

RW: The short answer is 'No'. Could be any time.

largest historic event (i.e., since there is a large earthquake on the

be as significant as the last event?

FL: How much have the monitored RW: Again, very difficult to say. In the cracks widened in 2005? How much case of a large earthquake, I would say that this is a distinct possibility. The next really wet El Nino winter could trigger MR: Since 1998, we have been something significant as well. The big El

rock face) of the landslide, near the the steep headscarp have a potential to ridge. Part of this block is defined by a move rapidly, perhaps during a large

ground possible!) of how your monitoring

area above the headscarp has had at you some information [see Mark Reid's least one previous large rock failure, answer to question #3, above.] You next to (north of) our monitored block. may also want to look at a poster that Part of the motivation for our Mark and his partner, Rick LaHusen, monitoring is to record the transition prepared for a technical meeting in The URL is: http://tinyurl.com/doply

FL: Is Mission Peak mostly seafloor The block has moved episodically sediment? Shortly after the slide since 1998, usually in the late winter happened, I recall seeing large areas of to spring. Typically, it doesn't move in gray clay in the debris flow, and huge

RW: There are two principal geologic



formations involved. The massive sandstones at the top are in the Briones formation, described by Rogers as marine sediments; the lower part of the landslide involves the Orinda formation, a nonmarine unit (see the Rogers Web site for details and further references).

FL: A long time ago at Mission, I met a USGS employee who was shooting a laser beam over at an adjacent peak at night. Do you know who this may have been? I d like to interview him too :)

RW: Sorry, I don't know. We do have some people who do long baseline surveys to track tectonic movements. I think most of them have switched from laser ranging to GPS satellite methods. You might be interested in the following Web site:

http://tinvurl.com/7et3v

Yes, Ray, we're definitely interested, and THANKS to you, Mark, and Ron for all the great info!!



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WW Eagle 164 \$2500 now or best offer 5" 'spoked' wheels, multicolored plastic, UltraSport 147 near new condition, 20 before 8/1/04 This glider was purchased mount on hubs with thumb screws (they direct from Wills Wing in 2001 and has split in half for removal while hub stays on colors. Plus Finster wheels, spare had less than 1 hour of airtime put on it control bar). Not sure the brand but you've It includes wheels, folding all seen them. Hub accomodates the VG or speedbar, bag, and all documentation. line. Cost about \$100 new from Pat D. Sail has teal leading edge, maroon Used but I'll mail em to you for \$50 total or Email for picture of wheels or info. Located in Miden/Gardnerville area of NV. jdleuck@onlinedotnet.com

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