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Sunset flying in Santa Barbara

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO EAT !!

2007 Spring Flying Calendar & stuff

- April 22 **Somewhat annual WOR Picnic & Flyin**
Get out to ERLCP on Sunday the 22nd for food & flying & fun.
Be there else be square!
- May 18-20 **Lake McClure Coyote Howl flyin**
- April 27-29 **BubbleHead return to the Panamints**
- April 27-29 **Mt Saint Helena SonomaWings Flyin**
- May 4-6 & May 26-28 **BubbleHeads attack the Owens**
- May 12&13 **The Northern California Cross Country League**
- May 18-20 **StarPeak/ Rye Patch expedition**

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March 2007 WOR Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Nick Mora's son and wife.

Great Flights

A PG pilot flew Valle de Bravo in Mexico with Jeff Hunt.

Wayne Michelson, Ben Rogers, Ben Dunn and Bruce Bousfield flew Goat on a pre-frontal day, went 25 miles.

President's Report - Wayne Michelson
A new webmaster is needed. This could be you! Think of the POWER, the Prestige, the hoards of screaming teenage blue-eyed groupies....

Vice President's Report - None

Treasurer's Report -None

Membership Services - Chris Valley
Chris urges renewing members to use paypal.

Flight Director's Report - Pat Denevan.
There were 6 PG fatalities and 0 HG fatalities in the US in 2006. One of the PG incidents occurred in Hawaii due to high winds. This is the time of year for the "spring break", incidents caused by strong conditions and weak skills.

Ed Levin Site Committee Report - Steve Pittman

The site procedure changes are still in process. WOR has permission from the rangers to roll the LZ. Pat Denevan will check on conditions tomorrow.

Nick Mora proposed a work party to trim the trees at the parking lot and announced he is available to observe tasks if he is called before 11 AM. He plans to post an announcement to that effect on the WOR bulletin board. The road to launch may be graded, but no plans have been made to do so at this time.

Mission Peak Site Committee Report

- Steve Rodrigues
All keyholders and other Mission pilots are urged to review the site procedures. Use high beams when driving on Mill Creek Road. Steve presented a gift certificate to ranger Neil Spargur in recognition of the outstanding work he does in support of flying at Mission. The LZ area is to be sprayed to kill star thistles.

Mt. Diablo Site Committee Report

- Mark Grubbs
Nothing new to report.

Site Acquisition- Jim Woodward, Ben Rogers

Ben Rogers reported that the Goat Mt. fly-in was a disappointment due to poor weather, but spring flying is usually good. The road to launch at Goat has been improved. Wild Ass is considered a more advanced site; it has a 10:1 glide to the main LZ. Jim Woodward reported that flying days are planned for Coyote. H4 and P4 pilots can contact Gene Pfifer if they are interested in flying. The creek is down; launch access should be OK.

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Old Business

None.

New Business

Mark Mullholland reported that he displayed his HG and gave a talk on hang gliding at a middle school where his son is a teacher.

Lynn McLaughlin announced that the WOR picnic is to be held on 4-22-07. Paul Gazis reported on the USHPA regional director's meeting. There is a new USHPA logo (*see below*), and a new instructor insurance program. The FAA has instituted a sport pilot program that will include tug pilots. European airspace regulations introduce new requirements that may eventually affect the US.

WOR's newsletter won the USHPA best newsletter award. Congrats to editor Colin "Scruffy" Perry. *Actually, I stuffed the ballot box.. ed*
Ben Dunn will be administering the annual X-C competition. Rules are TBA.

END OF MEETING MINUTES



New USHGA Logo

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So you want to be a Hang IV?

By Eric H

Session 1 - So you want to be a Hang IV?? I'm here to help! Safety, Spots, and Soaring will be the focus on May 18-19. We'll start out with a discussion on the evening of Friday the 18th in Redwood City and I'll share some of my best soaring strategies, deciphering the sky, decision making, approaches for consistent, safe, spot landings, and much more. The next day, Saturday the 19th, we'll be flying at Ed Levin and we'll practice these skills, fly different approaches, and sign off spot landings.

Session 2 - So you want to go XC?? The discussion on the evening of Saturday the 19th will focus on beginning cross country flying - leaving, managing altitude, picking LZs from the air, approaches and landings, hazards, and of course - soaring and safety.

The next day, Sunday the 20th, we'll meet in the morning and explore a few bailout LZs for flying XC out of Ed Levin or Mission, then we'll go fly and practice our thermal, approach, and landing skills at one of those sites, and if the weather happens to be good enough, we can go XC. Sunday night if anyone needs it we'll have a study group for the hang IV test, administer the test, and sign off any special skills or ratings.

Pilots of all skill levels welcome to attend, we'll adapt the focus according to the pilots participating.

\$60 for one ground school session
1/2 price for any after that

There is no charge for anyone who would just like tasks observed on Saturday, or that would like to check out the LZs Sunday morning. Come learn something new and get the most out of this upcoming flying season!

Contact Eric Hinrichs at 408 482-2745 to register or if you have any questions. There will be a limit to the number participating so call soon!

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High 5 at the new Marina ramp.....photo by PiroSR

Editor's Psychotic Ramblings

Hi kids! Your uncle Colin here to report that Spring is off to a flying start! In the past 3 weeks since the Vernal Equinox I have managed to get major airtime at ERLCP, Mission, Marina, and Funstone. Some of this has actually even occasioned on weekends, when all you wage-slaves have no excuse to be missing out on the fun. Given that we had a mild winter and my ski season was cut short, it shore were fine to get all this wonderful air.

BTW: Previous issues have included mentions of foreign flying adventures. This was NOT meant to be an endorsement of that trip, and all potential travelers are advised to investigate any tour operators prior to sending any money.

So ya wanna be a Hang V??

You're in luck, 'cause Uncle Colin is a fixin to sell y'all some class. For a reasonable quantity of cold fermented carbonated malt-based beverage I'll learn ya all the finer points, such as:
* pimping someone's already set-up wing
* whining for assistance carrying your wing
* calibrating conditions by convincing other pilots that "I'd launch if my glider was set up"
* scamming his girl and/or driver and/or beer after he believes you and launches into sink
* somehow managing to luckily fly into **BIG** lift and gain **GOBS** of altitude & **HEAPS** of airtime
* somehow managing to luckily **NOT** go XC and land in bumfuck hot stinking nowhere, but instead land as close as possible to my van and its cooler full of cold fermented carbonated malt-based beverage .

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