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**March 2010 Meeting Minutes****Entertainment**

Brad Gushaw gave an illustrated talk on the origin and purpose of the rock walls and other features in the Ed Levin/Mission area.

**New Members/Guests**

Nate; P3 from New Mexico  
 Harrison  
 William Delay; PG pilot  
 Leonid, PG pilot from Russia and his wife Nadia.

**Great Flights**

None worth telling about.

**President** : Eric Froelich

A WOR policy for visiting pilots is under consideration. Tentatively, any pilot who is not a WOR member may fly 2 flights at WOR sites. USHPA membership is required to fly at any WOR site. Foreign pilots will be required to have a 30 day USHPA card.

A new mentor page will be added to the WOR website. Wayne Michelson is organizing the mentor program.

**Vice President** : Karl Allmandinger

Karl has been reading the History of Milpitas. It probably won't be soarable the next few days.

**Treasurer** : Don Herrick

Don will chair the committee on visiting pilots. Expenses exceeded income over the past month. Insurance premiums and Diablo site permit fee have been paid. BAPA also pays fees for Diablo.

**Flight Director** : Pat Denevan

Spring break, when gliders tend to get broken, coming due to stronger conditions.

**Membership Services** : Phyl Hamby

There are 215 paid members for 2010.

**Ed Levin** : Steve Pittman

The site documents have been submitted to the Parks. This year's site permit has not yet been issued.

**Mission Ridge** : Roy Spencer [e-mail report, essentially the same report read at the meeting]

Good news. The EBRPD has extended our Special Use Agreement (SUA) for another 5 years. I have processed 54 key applications. 24 applied by e-mail attachment. In 2009 we had approximately 770 sign-ins. That is 35 percent fewer than in 2008.

I will be revising the keyholder application instructions to address the most common issues that come up. The most common cause of incomplete application is car insurance documents that either do not show the insured person's name or do not show the liability declarations. Note that Allstate policies are printed on multiple pages. Key applications need to be signed by hand. In the future I plan to make even greater use of the WOR BB. I don't have time to answer each keyholder request to confirm that I received their application. So send your application and then check the BB after about 10 days. I would like to encourage keyholders to get their WOR membership renewed in December and make their key application in January. Being a Mission keyholder carries responsibilities. I will be asking people

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to show me their stickers when I am at Mission.

Keyholders are the only people that should be driving to launch. Keyholders cannot delegate driving to launch to a non-keyholder. Please make sure that the people signing in write their first and last name legibly. The WOR exec is working on a consistent policy for visiting pilots. When the new policy is ready, the Mission site procedures will be amended.

I am in the process of forming a new site committee.

**Mount Diablo** : Robert Moore [in person, essentially the same report as submitted by e-mail]

Robert noted that he has been site chairman about 10 years. A list of Site Committee members prepared to assist visiting pilots is now on WOR website. Site insurance documents and the annual Special Event Permit fee have been submitted to the Park, with the expectation of the permit's execution within this month.

Don Herrick noted that he plans to contact BAPA to see if some of the fees are duplicated.

**Coyote Lake** : Jim Woodward  
 Ranger Ken Silvera is working with Jim on the site permit. The club needs to submit a drawing of the access area and gate. The club will probably build the gate. Jim has made a drawing and estimated the cost at \$500 to \$900. Site procedures are still needed and are .... *continued next page*

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under development. The gate will probably have a combination lock.

**Goat Mountain/Wild Ass :** Wayne Michelson  
Wayne plans to lead trips to Wild Ass. Goat is currently not accessible. Wayne has submitted comments to officials in an effort to open the site again.

**Old Business**

Ben Dunn is organizing an X-C contest, to be based on way points.

Eric Hinrichs drove up Sierra Road to scout routes for X-C from Mission. There are LZs in the area, and also by Livermore.

Mark Grubbs suggested driving the route and checking out the LZs from the ground.

Ryan Goebel suggested that a Google Earth presentation on X-C routes would be good entertainment for a future meeting.

Pat Denevan pointed out that the Vallecitos Nuclear plant near Livermore should be avoided.

Mark Grubbs noted that the longest flight from Mission was 137 miles, in 1988.

**New Business**

Robert Burril has written a book about the history of Milpitas. Pat Denevan contributed information. Dave Kilbourne's early flights at Mission are described in the book. Robert shot footage of hang gliding in 1974 and read a passage from his book at the meeting. He plans to make a memorial film about the late Karl Groat, who was a pioneer flyer.

Dave Wills reported on the BOD meeting. Changes to the competition formats have been approved; aero and acro formats have been approved. A sanctioning manual has been written and approved. Sanctioned events are more complicated to run than ACE events. A speed gliding format has not been approved. Ray Leonard's IP administrator appointment has been revoked.

Eric Froelich purchased an LCD projector for \$830.

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Wayne Michelson is the mentor coordinator for USHPA. He asked for people to volunteer as mentors. Anyone interest should go to the USHPA mentor page and fill out the online application. The regional director and examiners appoint the mentors.

Mark Mullholland noted that BAPA is organizing X-C events and would like to organize a group of HG pilots (the events are open to all wing types) to fly in them.

Free booth space is reportedly available at the Watsonville airshow next month.

Eric Hinrichs proposed a swap meet.

Geever Tully showed his book "50 Dangerous Things You Should Let Your Children Do"  
Prizes were raffled.

**End of Meeting Minutes**

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**April 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Entertainment was the beginning of the movie "Big Blue Sky" about the origins of hang gliding. The whole film runs over an hour.

**New Members/Guests**

Eric Johnson, who is getting back into flying after an absence of several years.

**Great Flights**

Charlie Fiebig flew to Mission and back from Ed Levin, a Golden Eagle Flight.

Mark Mullholland flew the Freedom from North Wing.

Adrian DeLisser soared Ed Levin on a pre-frontal day, having launched from the 600 ft.

**President::** Eric Froelich

Eric has been updating the website, especially the instructor area. There are a number of new instructors. The new site will be on a new platform, based on a web 2.0 database back end.

**Vice President:** Karl Allmandinger

Nothing new to report.

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**Treasurer:** Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income over the past month. The Diablo site fee has been paid. Dues income is declining at this time of year.

**Flight Director:** Pat Denevan

There was a sprained ankle at Ed Levin. Ground squirrels are a problem. Pat suggests using dog feces as a repellant. At Hollister Pat uses a Rodenator and poison. Neither are permitted at Ed Levin. Instructors are especially at risk due to all the running they do on the hill.

There was an accident on involving an out-landing at Diablo. Details are not known, although there is a Google Earth image of the accident site posted on the discussion board.

**Membership Services:** Phyl Hamby

There are 215 paid members for 2010.

**Ed Levin:** Steve Pittman

The site documents have been submitted to the Parks. This year's site permit has not yet been issued.

**Mission Ridge:** Roy Spencer [by e-mail; no report was given at the meeting]

I have talked to the ranger about adding rock to the section of road between our parking area and the outhouse turn. The EBRPD ranger Neil agreed to pick up and deliver the rock for us. All we need to do is pay for the rock and have a work party to spread the rock on the day it is delivered. This is a good opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the park. I believe if we add rock to the road at this time we probably will not need to do anything more to that section of road ever again. I am still working on the details of forming a new site committee.

**Mount Diablo:** Robert Moore [by e-mail; no report was given at the meeting]

Along with the EC and other Site Committee Chairs, I have been involved in revisions to the club's Visitor

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A few weeks ago, we had the first significant HG crash from Diablo in the 15 years I've been flying there. The pilot has been in critical but stable condition since the crash, and has made very slow and steady improvements since then. I have been providing updates on the WOR BB, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The Tower Launch is currently closed, due to an extensive tower upgrade project. It's unclear exactly how long the work will go on, but I will post again on the BB when the launch has reopened.

**Coyote Lake:** Jim Woodward

Ranger Ken Silvera is working on opening the site. A work party is needed to install a gate. At the moment the creek is too high to drive to launch. PG pilots could walk up if they want to fly. It may be possible to drive up sometime in May. A parking area needs to be constructed. The club will need to pay for the gate and associated hardware.

**Goat Mountain/Wild Ass:** Wayne Michelson

The BLM area around Goat and Wild Ass has been opened to the public. Wayne plans to organize a trip there.

#### **Old Business**

Don Herrick mentioned that BAPA and WOR both pay insurance for Diablo. USHPA has fee schedule that may make it advantageous to combine the insurance policies for the various sites. BAPA pays insurance for 5 sites; WOR pays for 4. Don talked to BAPA about potential savings if the clubs split the fees. Don also suggested a \$5 fee for a visiting pilot sticker. He suggested that the sticker be marked off to indicate how many flights have been made by the visitor and that there be a limit of 2 flying days per site maximum. He also pointed out that other clubs have daily fees for non-members. Don will put an announcement of a visiting pilot committee meeting on the website.

#### **New Business**

Eric Froelich announced that the club will organize a trip to Dunlap and to the Owens Valley on Memorial Day weekend. There will be an evening site intro to the OV featuring graphics from Google Earth.

Pat Denevan announce a movie night on May 1st (Mission Soaring will have popcorn and beer, bring your own chair), an instructor training clinic on May 22nd-24th and a Tandem Instructor clinic June 5th and 6th.

Steve Rodrigues will be running a Tandem Instructor clinic in May, to be announced on the website.

Prizes were raffled.

#### **End of Meeting Minutes**

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#### **Hang Glide Lake McClure Coyote Howl on May 15 & 16, 2010**

Rush to the Motherlode. There's gold in them thar hills!

But today, the precious metal pilots seek may be found in one of Noman's custom made trophies. For others, the gold is found in the valuable airtime and good times spent with freinds and can't be measured with a scale. Come out and "get u some" at the Coyote Howl. Hope to see you. DanV.

Do you need some thermals and good HG pilot company? It will be that time soon at the Mother Lode Sky Rider's annual Coyote Howl Hang Gliding event.

As always, visiting HG pilots are most welcome at the "Howl". Because of all the skilled people on hand, many have found this event to be a good opportunity to fly MacClure for the first time. "Fun" flying is ok of course. The popular Speed Gliding event will be held both days at 9 am. The cross country competition, longest flight, highest altitude, and spot landing contest will be held Saturday only with award ceremony Sunday after the speedgliding

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A mere \$30 donation will allow entry to the fly-in, food and drinks, and provide MLSR with important fundraising for the club.

Directions: Take State Highway 132 east towards Coulterville. Go about 1/2 mile past the turnoff to Horseshoe Bend Recreation Area and look for the Landing Zone gate to your right. If you end up in Historic Coulterville, drive back down to the west a couple miles and look for the ImpactZone (IZ) near the lake. The gate to the IZ should be accessible for the weekend. Pilots normally meet in the IZ, load up onto a 4WD and head to the locked launch gate. Please don't hesitate to ask others (at the IZ) if you need a ride to launch or offer a ride if you have the room.

Saturday May 15, 2010 Schedule

9am Speed Gliding Competition. Snacks provided in the ImpactZone.

11:30 am "Competition" and Fun Flying begins.

4:00pm - 7pm Food & beverages in the IZ provided as pilots land.

The Rangers ask us to leave the impact zone area by dark.

Sunday May 16, 2010 Schedule

9am Speed Gliding, Snacks.

Award ceremony after the speed gliding, then free flying. More BBQ, food, and drinks.

Please clear out the "impact zone" area by dark.

Coulterville: The nearby town of Coulterville has a good restaurant and bar near the historic Hotel Jeffery. There should be rooms still available for these dates so visit their site or give them a call at 209-878-3471.

Camping:

There will no doubt be outbreaks of pilot camping complete with TIWTIWGTD stories around the camp fire this year at the Horseshoe Bend Campgrounds...

Some love the "no lights" camping areas of Horseshoe Bend Recreation Area Campground which have the feel of being in a remote area.

The nearest gas stations are Don Pedro Market and the one near the other side of Don Pedro.



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