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October Meeting Minutes

By: Paul Clayton

NEW MEMBERS, GUESTS

Linden Eubank - flying since 1972
Don Cruise - PG pilot
John Leuck - from Santa Cruz
Jeff ?, Joe ?, Bjorn and Kristina Jensen.
Jim from New Jersey, working on H2. James
Aspinwall - recently flew from the 300 ft
launch

GREAT FLIGHTS

Paul Gazis - flew his new Millennium on
Sunday

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dave Boatwright

Thanks to Nelson Rodriguez for initiating a
program for e-mailing Flight Line to members
who request it in lieu of a hard copy.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT -

Steve Rodrigues- None

TREASURER'S REPORT - Don Jones

The club currently has 517 paid members, in-
cluding 10 new members. 5 people have re-
newed. More money is going out than coming
in at this time of year given that most people
renew in the spring.

FLIGHT DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

Geoff Loyns-None

ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT -

Don Jones

Two pilots were suspended this month, one for
flying without a helmet, and one for recruiting
a driver without asking the person to sign a
waiver, which are stocked in several lockboxes

in the park. Changing from a gate to a cattle guard
on the road to the top launch would cost \$1000. A
vote was taken and a majority was in favor of this
expenditure assuming arrangements can be made
with the Parks Dept. and landowner. A vote was
also taken as to whether the 600 ft launch road
should remain a 2WD road. A majority voted to
allow 2WD access for the time being.

MISSION RIDGE SITE COMMITTEE

REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

Negotiation to gain access from
the back of the mountain may take
a long time. A culvert has been added by the pond
and the road has been graded.

DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Dave

Boatwright

Eagle Peak has been working. Otherwise there is
nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Anyone with issues they would like raised at the
upcoming USHGA meeting should contact Scott
Gasperian.

NEW BUSINESS

A committee is being formed to study the cost and
feasibility of putting the newsletter on a Website
instead of e-mailing it. Contact John Borton if you
are interested.

Jeff Dubois distributed a survey on hang-
gliding.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

For Sale: Moyes SX4

In excellent condition. One year old with 25 hours
total time. Extra down tube included for only
\$3,500 or BO.

Phone: Phil at (408) 358-9861

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Ed Levin Closure !

As of 11/05/98 the greeting on the answering machine at the Ed Levin ranger office at (408)262-6980 says, among other things, that the Sandy Wool side of the park will be closed Monday, November 9 through Friday, November 13 for road construction. This is the latest available information and I assume it is correct. So, it sounds like the Sandy Wool area will be closed during road construction after all.

There is no word on whether the park will be open or closed the week of November 16. Remember that you can always check the answering machine greeting at (408)262-6980 for the most current information on Sandy Wool access on any given day.

ED LEVIN SUSPENSIONS

A Class 2 hang glider pilot was recently suspended for one month for flying from the 600' launch without a helmet. Forgetting to put on your helmet is like forgetting to do a hang check. This is the second pilot observed flying without a helmet at Ed Levin in the past six months. Please pay attention out there! And please meet all safety requirements documented in Section VII of the Site Procedures when flying at Ed Levin.

A Class 4 hang glider pilot was recently suspended for one month for recruiting hikers to drive his vehicle down from the 600' launch without first having them sign an Ed Levin waiver. Section VIII of the Site Procedures says, "All drivers and vehicle passengers must be at least 18 years old and must sign the appropriate waiver of liability prior to using the access roads." The pilot was not aware that there are blank waivers in the lockboxes at the 600' and 1750' launches. You can recruit hikers on launch to drive your vehicle down, but everyone in the vehicle must sign a waiver first. And make sure the hikers know the gate lock combinations and the route down from launch. They are, for example, not supposed to use Minnis Road. Return the signed waivers to the launch lockbox or put them in the LZ lockbox. You must keep signed waivers in your possession until they are put in a lockbox. You can not ask the hikers to drop them in the LZ lockbox on their way out of the park!

Regards Steve Pittman, Chairman ELSC
(925)277-5080, 227-x5080

Incident Report! To all W.O.R. Members:

The Ed Levin Park Incident Report form (available in the LZ lockbox) is used to "report possible activities or site hazards that threaten hang gliding safety, or the use of Ed Levin Park for hang gliding", including "violations of Site Procedure requirements or park rules" and "any other circumstances (that) constitute a threat to safe use of the site".

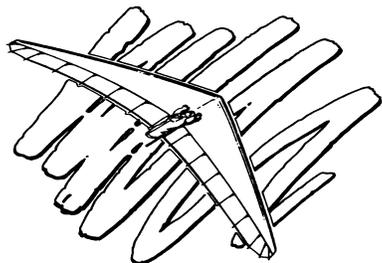
I strongly urge members to submit accident and incident reports when appropriate. In addition, I'm asking all members to submit an incident report for all "significant" safety problems associated with launching, flying and landing. This doesn't mean that every tweaked downtube should generate an incident report. But if the tweaked downtube is caused by some external situation, then maybe it should. For example, if you bend a downtube because you step in a squirrel hole, a report is important because we can do something about the situation. I also want others to learn from your mistakes, however embarrassing.

What's the purpose? The sole purpose is to improve site safety. We have a really good safety record, but I believe that we can do more to reduce the potential for injury.

Please submit an incident report if you are involved in or observe an incident that compromises safety, even a near miss where no accident or injury occurs. In most cases, pilot names are not important. (This is not true for Site Procedure violations that may result in suspension). I would prefer that you include your name and phone number in the report so we can ask follow up questions, but if you wish you can even submit anonymous reports. Please don't assume someone else will submit a form and allow that to inhibit you from submitting your own. Even if other reports are submitted for the same incident, your unique perspective may be important. Submittal by voice, FAX, U.S. mail and email are all acceptable.

The report should be submitted to the Ed Levin Site Committee Call: (925)277-5080, 227-x5080 For further instructions

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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, November 17th 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!

*Mission Soaring Center will be closed for the Holidays Dec. 24th through Jan 2nd
Last day open Wednesday Dec. 23rd 11- 9 PM*