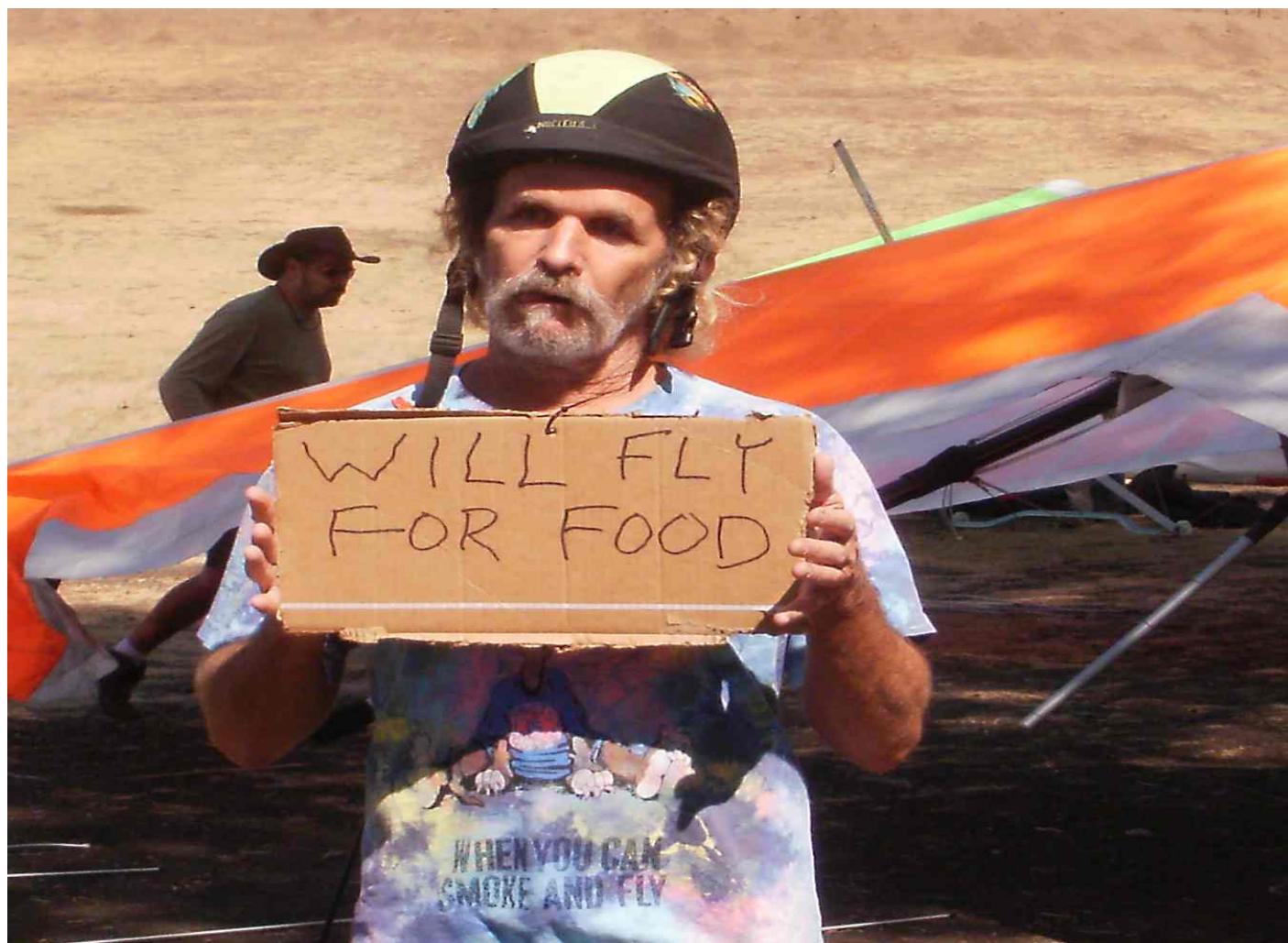




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### Meeting Minutes July 15th 2014

#### Entertainment

Pat Denevan demonstrated how to test a sail for UV degradation and showed an apparently sound sail that had lost most of its strength. Members were invited to rip a piece of the sail.

#### New Members and Guests

Rick Hawkins, former member, flies Funston.

#### Great Flights

Pedro Enrique flew Hat Creek; got his first hour flight.  
Paul Gazis went to Hull, but didn't fly.

#### President: Paul Gazis

Nothing significant to report.

#### Vice President: None

#### Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income slightly exceeded expenses this past month. The club's balances are stable.

#### Member Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 328 paid members for 2014.

#### Flight Director: Ben Dunn

No incidents to report this month. Ben noted that pilots need to watch out for pedestrians, especially at Funston, where there are a lot of people walking in areas used for hang gliding. USHPA regulations mandate 100' clearance between gliders and pedestrians.

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#### Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

It is rumored that the roads at Ed Levin are to become hiking trails. If this happens, drivers will need to drive slower than most do presently. Phyl and Stan Boehm have been working on the road at the top, which is now in good condition. The other roads may receive maintenance later this year, after the Parks Dept finishes a project at Mt Madonna. Wayne Michelson mentioned that the tower launch needs smoothing as it has developed a divot.

#### Mission: Chris Valley by text message

Chris has been in touch with the principal planner for the parking lot project, who stated that a geotechnical study is in progress regarding the various options. Roy Spencer mentioned that parks officials want our inputs on the parking lot.

#### Diablo: None

#### Site Acquisition: Pat Denevan

Pat talked to an official with the county parks dept; she has plans for the parking lot, which is to be on the site of the old Drift Inn tavern. The special use permit should be issued soon.

#### Old Business:

Pedro Enrique noted that he needs pictures and videos to decorate the web pages of the new website he is building. Roy Spencer proposed that Pedro be made official webmaster.

#### New Business

None

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### Meeting Minutes Aug 19 2014

#### Entertainment

Ben Dunn presented an illustrated talk on using instruments for soaring and cross country flight.

#### New Members and Guests

Hans, H2; flies a Falcon II  
Imanchu, new H2; flies a Falcon IV  
Lauren, new H3  
Brent Atkinson, new H3

#### Great Flights

Patrick Pannesse flew the Big Spring Texas meet and did 106 miles in 4 hours in one of the tasks.  
Wayne Michelson flew the St John fly-in, where there were 32 gliders on launch at one point. Several pilots made it past Pasquenta. Wayne also flew at the Dan Murphy Memorial Fly-in at Funston, and did some ridge racing with Ben Dunn.

Pedro Enrique got an hour flight at Marina.

Paul Clayton flew 102 miles, from Walts Point to Janie's in the Owens Valley.

#### President: Paul Gazis

Nothing significant to report.

#### Vice President: Eric Hinrichs

Nothing to report.

#### Treasurer: Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income this past month. The club's balances are stable.

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Aug minutes continued...

**Member Services:** Phyl Hamby

There are 337 paid members for 2014.

**Flight Director:** Ben Dunn

No incidents to report this month.

**Ed Levin:** Phyl Hamby

There were a couple of incidents this month, including one in which a paraglider was landed in an oak tree on the Green. The pilot was not injured.

**Mission:** Chris Valley by e-mail

The District continues to work with its consultants on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Stanford Avenue Staging Area Expansion Project. After reviewing an administrative draft, District staff determined that additional geotechnical studies were needed to adequately analyze the potential environmental impacts of developing either staging area options in terms of geological and hydrological effects. These specialized studies are still underway. After they are complete, the District's engineer will reevaluate the conceptual designs for both Option A & Option B, then the EIR consultant will be able to complete the Draft EIR. District staff anticipates the Draft EIR ready for public review later this year.

Alan Deikman reported that the webcam will be back up and running soon.

**Diablo:** None

**Site Acquisition** - Jim Woodward, et al

Pat Denevan has been in contact with the county parks dept. There is a new person who is the point of contact. Insurance for "airport like operations" is still an issue and may affect other WOR sites. The county is paying the premium for this year. An environmental impact report may be needed before construction of the parking lot.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

Wayne Michelson reported that the Bridgeport Classic comp and fly-in is scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

Pedro Enrique requested that pictures for the website be e-mailed to him, rather than sent to his phone. He can shrink high resolution files to an appropriate size for the website.

Robert Booth proposed a meeting of Ed Levin instructors, to discuss some of the issues relative to teaching at the site.

Eric Hinrichs proposed a fly-in at Ed Levin for the end of September.

Roy Spencer showed a 45 second video, featuring a flying nose.

**end of meeting minutes**

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**Feral pilots occupy ERLCP**

Rumors of free food and beer at ERLCP apparently spread thru the indigent and feral pilot communities, as numerous scruffy unbathed pilots decended upon the impact zone last Sunday. Some attempted to pose as respected upstanding members of local flying clubs, but most merely shuffled towards picnic tables and coolers to consume as much free food & drink as possible before the hoarders could get there.

WOR club president Paul Gazis watched helplessly as the planned exclusive upscale event was overrun by the pungent plebian masses. "If I had known this event was gonna stink this bad, I woulda invited the Diablo pilots" he was rumored to remark.

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