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In Lieu of Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo General Notes

2021-9-1

- Diablo LZ Reminder: Please note that Arbolado Park is not an “official” LZ and that pilots should land in the official LZ next to it in Lime Ridge, per Robert Moore.
- See website for new Mission Rules
- No meeting occurred due to lack of discussion items.

END



Photo: Robert over Westlake one afternoon in August

Editorial September 2021

Summer Bay Area free-flight was lively despite the expected smoke from wildfires and looming pandemic. Luckily, forecasts are abundant, accessible and performing well, much like the vaccine. NWS Bay Area posts frequently on Twitter providing invaluable visuals and insights helpful in navigating the smoke.

Ed Levin was well worn despite the smoke and stable air in August. Cow relations were rocky on August 7th making for temporary high heart rate at least for three mammals and a good story for at least one. The 9th was a good day for some with a report of an Ed Alps task. The 21st was a breezy day with all paragliders and no hang gliders. The 28th was a fun day with many making it to Mission and back. The 31st was reported to be a good day.

Mission celebrates 50 years since the first free flight from the ridge soon. The most reverent pilots have vowed to hike their gear to launch to commemorate the date that the first hang glider pilot launched Mission Ridge fifty years ago on September 6th Labor Day. A frightening helicopter was spotted too close for comfort in August but not identified. August 5th was a fun day matching the forecast. On the 17th many sacrificed their time to the Mission Ridge with no airtime as hoped. The 19th was a decent day but air quality left something to be desired the higher one went where the smoke was concentrated. On the 21st, a few hang gliders made good use of the air, later in the day, even though mission was in the lee for much of the day.

Diablo tends to be avoided this time of year due to the lack of XC potential. Still, the

Telegram for Diablo was active with new members and discussion. We can expect this forum to heat up as the temperatures decrease later this year and we welcome less stable air and offshore flows.

The Stables is likely getting significant use as there have been abundant days with more Southern component and lighter conditions at the coast. The Marine Layer has been a frequent ceiling there typically kissing the peak of Westlake. Many good days are still in the wings for the remainder of the year and particularly soon as the previous few weeks have shown evidence of the offshore flow pattern starting and the Marine Layer disappearing. Though this can mean lighter conditions, it can also mean the “Shear Phenomenon” AKA “Convergence” AKA “Coastal Wedge” AKA “Coastally-Trapped Wind Reversal” is teasing big air, regardless of what you call it.

The weather these days features many still-raging wildfires and accompanying smoke, but also a chance to see the movement of otherwise invisible air from satellite images as the seasons change. Sites may be thermally shut down but your mind may still soar through enlightenment. Nevertheless, may those fires die soon.

In the works from your friendly and productive Wings of Rogallo are clinics for tree rescues and first aid specific to free-flight, so reach out to the club to help gauge interest and plan for head count. If you think you could spare a few hours next year, every member would appreciate it dearly if you volunteered to run for any position. Happy 50th, Mission Ridge!
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