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## **In Lieu of Meeting Minutes**

Wings of Rogallo General Notes

2021-10-1

- 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.

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## **Editorial October 2021**

The transition of Summer to Autumn has occurred and is accompanied by the regular trimmings. Wings of Rogallo pilots logged memorable flying days in September as the seasons changed. Here you will find a summary of dates and events from the month as observed by your editor.

California is still facing a serious drought with much of the Bay Area and surround region in 'exceptional drought' but we rejoice as a few drops of rain were dropped precisely into the rain meters of the area. A light precipitation event came with an atmospheric creek and helped clear the air. Even Mammoth got a dusting of snow with this system in the last week of the month. The water year ended yesterday and the outlook for this next year is poor expecting 40% of normal precipitation.

The offshore air flow condition has kicked off with pilots and non-pilots alike reaping benefits such as clear skies, warm dry breezes, stunning sunset displays and lenticular clouds for days. Luckily the winds have slowed which decreases vegetation drying rate. The first week of October should be warm and dry with a change coming late the following week, per NWS Bay Area.

Diablo does not seem to have had much interest in September, but Mission received lots of love. Several days featured excellent thermal conditions as well as consistent and hours-long ridge lift. The first, third, twelfth, sixteenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first and twenty-ninth were particularly good days at Mission with the seventh being 'meh'. One of the fresh helicopters were identified early in the month to try to minimize such close fly-bys. The eighteenth

was productive for paragliding cross-country flights netting some close in-flight shots of Mt Hamilton and Lick Observatory as well as the cover shot. The twenty-first, Evan flew over the back a ways and then over to Ed Levin and back. Two days ago, the paragliders reported super lifty easy-climbing conditions though the more cumbersome hang gliders were not able to enjoy the air. A note to prevent temporary unauthorized fixtures at Mission was added to the site procedures. A hike and fly is planned for today.

Ed Levin was good on many of the same days as Mission. Some regulars made the flight to Mission and back and others practiced take-off and landing. If you like the golden color of the hills, then get it while you can.

Stables was good on many days in September. The eighth was a good day with West wind at 12-13 and sunny skies. Three days later was a beautiful evening to fly the coast as well as two days after that. On the twenty-fourth, the damp air opened up right in time for clear sky coastal soaring while pilots were flushed out by ninety minutes to sunset on the twenty-ninth.

Dan started putting out feelers for interest in sharing knowledge between hang gliding and paragliding to enhance support on the increasingly frequent days that we share a hill. Many paragliders don't know that a hang-check is a simple thing to offer that could save a life and I could write a book about what I don't know about paragliding. Reach out to Wings of Rogallo if you have interest in such knowledge enhancements.

October is a great time of year to be a Wings of Rogallo free-flight pilot. Solar heating is decreasing but so are the fires and the marine layer is gone until May-Grey. Enjoy!

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