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In Lieu of Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo has not had a meeting in June.

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Editorial July 2022

June free-flight was a healthy mix of summer-like and spring-like days at Wings of Rogallo sites. Many lucky and dedicated pilots enjoyed it. The lion-share of the Wings of Rogallo officers are engaging comp-life after an excellent Spring season.

Mission Peak was the most used WOR site in June. Nearly every day was flown. 6/3 was a fun day with clouds and then then high cloud shut it down a bit. It was pleasant flying on 6/4 in 100% shade for a bunch of paragliders and it improved when the sun broke out at 3:45.

Three paragliders and three hang gliders flew on 6/5, getting 300 over at 1 and then the sun showed up more enticing a hang glider to do 60 degree turns coring thermals. Two hang gliders and two paragliders soared still after 6pm, when it was too rough for one, with bullet thermals 4m/s, and they met tiny drizzles at landing. The day was described as NNW very good low thermals in strong headwind for elevator flight with reports of bands of rain on the peninsula heading toward Mission. The next day was also a fun day.

Almost a week later, 6/11 was a nice Summer day for 9-10 paragliders with climbs to 2,800 in sharp thermals and plenty of lift. The next day it was reported to be exceptional for many paragliders until fog closed launch by 5 as a weak dry cold front came in, bringing bands of rain convinced a pg to land. Only 1 wing up at a wet 1pm who reported it was epic and hard to get down and the rain stayed away with cloud-base at 3,000 feet MSL and wind increasing for weather more suited to hang gliders but none were able to enjoy it.

For the third day in a row, 6/13, the weather expressed post frontal NW 8 at launch with nice thermals and really good to 3,500 feet MSL 1pm. Half a week later, 6/17, was amazing for ten hang glider pilots for over three hours, to Ed Levin a few times and 4,700 feet MSL cloud-base and strong winds with climbs +4m/s sustained.

Two days later, on 6/19, top of lift was 3,400 feet MSL with smooth easy climbs higher up. South-East of Ed Levin, the wind increased and started to pull thermals apart. Not much was reported about 6/20 except that it was a flying day. Paragliders reported 6/23 2 hours in thermals doming into the inversion. Cumulous clouds were above with almost overdevelopment and windy.com made a perfect forecast with top of life at 2,600 feet MSL.

Ed Levin presented 4 days resulting in discussion. The 4th and 5th had nice organized lift in NW wind working well at the 600 in the bowl at 2:25. The Sun broke out sufficiently at 3:45 and it got better. The later presented a nil-wind LZ at 10am, while 8-12 South at the 600 and South at the 300. It was an all paraglider day with a good flight from the 600 to Mt Allison in dynamic conditions, changing quickly. The 600 was working at 2, switched NE from SW and back by 1 at a surging period of thermal activity. Later, it was overdeveloped in the South bay and rain on the coast for a commonly described weird day.

There were reports of 6/12 being a flying day. On 6/19 flying started at 10:30 for an hour flight, parked in NW at 11. Pilots flew the 300 practice and were blown out by noon. Reports of semi-punchy thermals closer to the ground and big wide way up in higher winds with climbs to almost 3,600.

Diablo offered good flights near the middle of the month. On 6/18, a hang glider flew 120 miles. The next day was super clear day offering views of shining San Francisco and all the bridges while chasing clouds until they were no longer offering rides. One paralider went 35km/h. The third day in a row was a good day with retrieves by 4 and reports of running water at the summit.

The last month of Spring is in the past and we look forward to Summer flying at Wings of Rogallo sites. Many people are traveling to sites and comps far away. It is anyone's guess what the weather locally will bring for July as it relates to free-flight here.

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