

An aerial photograph of a person paragliding over a vast, rolling landscape of dry, brownish hills. The paraglider is positioned in the lower center of the frame, with a large, bright yellow canopy featuring white horizontal stripes. The terrain below is a mix of dry grass, dirt paths, and scattered trees. In the distance, a valley opens up, showing a town and a large body of water under a blue sky with wispy clouds.

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WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBERS
WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

PHOTO FROM MIKE VERGALLA

WOR NEWS

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

GEORGE DU VICE PRESIDENT

RATING: P4

CURRENTLY FLYING: Gin Camino 2 XS

MAIN PURSUITS: XC

ON UNFLYABLE DAYS, FIND ME: In winter I do a lot of skiing, otherwise I might play some racket sports or video games.

IDEAL FLYING DESTINATION: Places with consistent cloud flying! Chelan is my personal favorite, and I hope to visit the Owens and Bir soon too.

POSITION GOAL: To learn more about opening and running our sites, keep dues low, and help the club run smoothly.

DOMINIC MONTAGU SECRETARY

RATING: P4

CURRENTLY FLYING: icky yellow-green Ozone Delta 4

MAIN PURSUITS: XC and new places

ON UNFLYABLE DAYS, FIND ME: maybe biking or kayaking. More likely working or procrastinating.

IDEAL FLYING DESTINATION: Hmm. Not easy! I loved the camaraderie in Cuba. The food in Thailand. The views in France. I'd love to go back to Columbia. Still looking forward to Switzerland and Austria and lots of other places. A combination of mountains and flats would be the dream.

POSITION GOAL: WOR is running really well these days. I'm pleased to be able to help keep flying safe and accessible for pilots in the Bay Area. "Don't F*** anything up" seems like my main order of business, as far as I can tell.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

Wings of Rogallo will be offering a Wilderness First Aid for Paragliding course this **April 26th and 27th** in Ed Levin County Park.

The course will be taught by Dr. Justin Grisham along with Dr. Tonia Fox, Dr. Carlos Enciso Lopez, and EMT Tyler Sell. Justin is an emergency medicine physician with a fellowship in wilderness and austere medicine. He was the chief medical officer for the Salt Lake County SAR team and is the safety director for the Red Rocks Wide Open, Utah PWC, Red Rocks Fly-in and multiple other paragliding events. His company, Paragliding First Aid, has been teaching free flight specific wilderness medicine courses since 2020. Justin travels the world teaching mountain medicine and mountain rescue for the UIAA Diploma in Mountain Medicine program.

The course will entail ~30 hours of online lectures that can be accessed any time prior to the course and then 20 hours of hands-on and in depth scenarios. The course is credentialed by OutdoorMed and exceeds all of the requirements for a wilderness first aid course and the USHPA instructor requirements. Students can expect small group hands on learning with instructors who practice emergency medicine on a daily basis (and are all pilots). We utilize fake blood and injuries and place patients in paragliding harnesses with wings and reserves to simulate real life paragliding accidents. More details can be found at www.paraglidingfirstaid.com and our instagram [@paragliding_firstaid](https://www.instagram.com/paragliding_firstaid)

Cost is \$350 and there is room for 20 pilots. To sign up please email grisham.justin@gmail.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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