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Photo: Reindeer on strike, Santa trys flying solo. Photo by Shiggy

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22 Dec: End Of The World (or is it universe?)
23 Dec: Day After The End sale at Macys

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#### **Sept 2012 Meeting Minutes**

#### **New Members/Guests**

Janica Lee, H1

#### **Great Flights**

Roy Spencer made a good landing at Manny's in Indian Valley, in spite of a malfunction of his CG2000 harness.

Wayne Michelson attended the Bridgeport fly-in. The air was clear in spite of several fires in northern CA. He flew Sweetwater, Wolf and Copper. Some pilots got to 17000ft. Indian Valley was soarable all 3 days of Labor Day weekend and many good flights were had.

#### President: Paul Gazis

Paul and Karl Allmandinger went to a public meeting about the development of Mt Uhmunum. Progress is slow; the radar tower is the biggest issue at present.

#### Vice President: None

#### Treasurer: Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income in the past month. Dues income is flat. The Mission site fees have been paid.

#### Flight Director: None

**Membership Services:** Phyl Hamby We now have 355 members, about the same as last year at this time.

#### Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Phyl showed a pieced of stinkwort,

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an invasive weed that is spreading at Ed Levin. The park rangers have asked that we not put flying gear on stinkwort in the setup and landing areas, to avoid spreading the seeds.

#### Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

Karl Allmandinger attended a meeting in Oakland at which the Parks master plan was discussed. There was little discussion about Mission. A future meeting in Fremont may include more on that subject. Roy has purchased new windsocks.

#### Mount Diablo: None

**Coyote Lake:** Woodward, Gazis
The site is considered inactive and
does not need insurance or a USHPA
risk assessment.

#### Old Business:

There is still a need for windtalker parts and replacements and no source for them has been identified. Wayne Michelson volunteered to investigate potential suppliers.

The webcam at Mission is not pointed at the windsock.

#### **New Business:**

Roy Spencer noted that there is paragliding activity in the middle of town in Vancouver BC.

Prizes were raffled.

### End of Meeting Minutes

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# Oct 2012 Meeting Minutes New Members/Guests: None Great Flights

Carmela Moreno went to Octoberfest at McClure. There was a speed gliding contest. The site has been improved. It is now possible to land in the lakebed, which is exposed due to the low water level.

Pat Denevan flew Marina on his Atos VQ. It was sunny and the air was smooth; he saw sea otters.

Tom reported that he got to 700' tow at Hollister and his flight was voted best.

#### President: Paul Gazis

HAMs have been complaining about illegal use of 2m radio bands at Ed Levin. Penalties for unlicensed use are extreme. Karl noted that HAMs have direction finders that can be used to locate a transmitter.

Paul noted that there is a meeting to discuss the Mt Uhmunum park plan tomorrow night in Sunnyvale.

There is also a meeting about the Mission parking lot plans on November 13th [check the discussion board for more details] and the club should be represented.

Exec elections are coming up.

## Vice President: None Treasurer: Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income in the past month. Dues income is flat. The Mission site fees have been paid.

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Oct minutes continued...

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

Nothing to report, although others present at the meeting reported that a longtime HG pilot was injured in a launch mishap on the ramp at Dunlap.

**Membership Services:** Phyl Hamby

We now have 365 members. Renewals for the 2013 season are being accepted.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

There are numerous lost items in the lockbox.

Mission Ridge: None

**Mount Diablo:** Robert Moore by e-mail
The Windtalker CPU has been repaired, and is in-route back to us. Once we have it, it will be reinstalled and fully functional.

**Coyote Lake:** No official report Site insurance is still an issue.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

A volunteer is needed to organize the WOR Christmas party, if there is to be one. Paul Gazis plans to put an item on the discussion board. Prizes were raffled.

## End of Meeting Minutes

#### **November, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

New Members/Guests: None

#### **Great Flights**

None reported, although there have been some good days at Mission lately.

President: Paul Gazis

Nominations are needed for all club offices. Anybody wanna be an officer?

The parking lot a Mission will eventually be built, probably in the bowl west of the windsock in the LZ. We may not have much influence on what option is chosen, but we can very likely influence the parking lot design to keep hikers and HG/PG separate to avoid conflict.

Vice President: None

Treasurer : Don Herrick

Income exceeded expenses last month; income from renewals is coming in.

Secretary: Paul Clayton

Thanks to Karl Allmandinger for taking the notes on which this report is based, as I was not present.

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

The Ed Levin road is in bad shape. Rumor has it the road will be improved this year or early next year.

Membership Services: None

Ed Levin: None

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Mission Ridge: None

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore by e-mail

The Windtalker CPU has been repaired and reinstalled. After reinstallation, however, it was determined that the anemometer must also be replaced. A new anemometer has been purchased and should be installed in the next week. A notice will be posted on the WOR BB when the entire system is operational. [it was reported at the meeting that the anemometer was working as of the meeting day]

Coyote Lake: None

#### **Old Business**

The next meeting is the Christmas Party on 12/18, featuring free food? Free movie? There is a party budget to be spent.

**New Business** - None Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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