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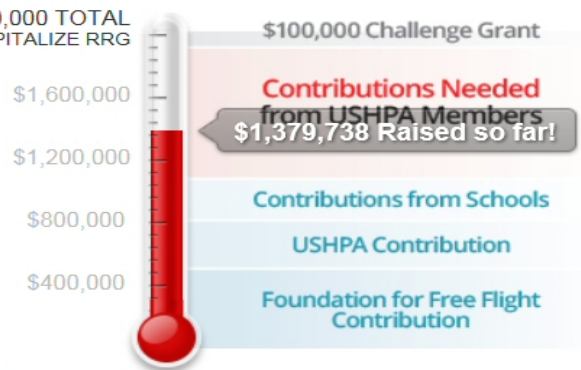
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AN UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT OUR SITES, SCHOOLS AND MEMBERS, AND ENSURE THE FUTURE OF FREE FLIGHT

The Future of Free Flight in the U.S. is At Risk!

The insurance landscape has changed rapidly, forcing USHPA to pursue self-insurance. At the beginning this requires capital to set up: We have raised \$1,379,738 to date, and must raise an additional **\$620,262 by March 1st, 2016** to continue protecting our sites, schools, and members. We have received a \$100,000 challenge grant from a member, meaning that once our membership raises \$520,262, this donor will provide the \$100,000 needed to complete the capitalization.

\$2,000,000 TOTAL TO CAPITALIZE RRG



We still need to raise \$520,262.
Make your tax-deductible contribution today!

Donate Now!

64 days left, 68% funded

Reminder by Roy Spencer

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Winter 2015 Flying Rumors and Stuff

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Dec. 2015 Meeting Minutes

New Members and Guests

None officially recognized, but Martin Palmaz from USHPA attended, along with numerous spouses and significant others.

Great Flights

None noted..

President:

Robert Booth

Robert announced that he will run for president again if nominated. Martin Palmaz is at the meeting to talk to the club about the insurance situation. Karl Allmandinger has made a new, more visible emergency X for Ed Levin. Dave is making progress on the Ed Levin emergency system.

Vice President:

Patrick Pannese

Patrick will run again if nominated.

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Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income from renewals is coming in and the club's balances are stable.

Member Services:

Phyl Hamby

There are 344 paid members for 2015, more than there were last year..

Flight Director:

Paul Gazis

There are 92 paid members for 2016.

Secretary's Report:

Paul Clayton The June minutes have been posted on the discussion board and had gotten 39 views as of the time of the meeting.

Ed Levin:

Phyl Hamby Nothing to report.
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Mission:

Chris Valley by e-mail

As of this report, 25 keys are still available for the next flying season - pilots are encouraged to get their applications in early. Remember the key exchange is at the March 2016 WOR meeting.

The Park would like to reduce vehicle congestion at the Stanford parking lot - we can help out by carpooling prior to our arrival to the sign-in box. Key holders can also park inside the parking lot vehicle gate to help reduce the number of HG and PG vehicles loading gear. Two vehicles max can park inside the gate when loading gear if necessary. But, the idea is to load our gear up quickly and get up the hill to reduce congestion.

Diablo – Robert Moore by e-mail
 Ben Dunn noted that landing near the North Gate is prohibited; parts of that area are privately owned.

Site Acquisition Coyote Lake – Ben Dunn

Nothing new to report.

Editorial#####

This month most of us learned that our USHPG insurance is will no longer be available. I did some quick math and concluded that if each USHPA member donated \$100 we can have this problem solved in time for the spring flying season. Seemed simple enough so I sent my \$100.

At the WOR meeting the USHPA Executive Director Martin Palmaz indicated that it is not likely that every USHPA member will put in \$100.

So I did a little investigation.

The WOR discussion board has an announcement and links. The BAPA web site is more concerned with holiday party plans. The Feathers discussion board has a post about insurance that quickly devolved into bickering about their clubhouse.

I talked to a pilot in Texas. He does not read the USHPA magazine in winter. So he was unaware of what I was talking about.

This is kinda Wilco Tango Foxtrot to me.

Please come to the next WOR meeting. When I ask for a show of hands for who has sent in their donation, raise your hand and be counted. Ed-

Dec 2015 Meeting Minutes Continued

Old Business
None

New Business

Martin Palmaz briefed us on the insurance situation. Commercial flying schools are no longer covered and site insurance will probably be terminated soon as well. The Risk Retention Group (RRG) is the best option for restoring coverage. Claims have increased, putting sites, schools and instructors at risk. Landing on vehicles and other property is a common cause of claims. USHPA needs to raise \$2M by March 1st 2016, at which time the existing policies expire. If that happens, all regulated sites will be shut down. Risks will need to be managed for self-insurance to work. The RRG will evaluate the risk management plan for each site.

The total to be raised from the membership would be realized if every member donated \$100. He noted that donations are tax deductible and that some employers will match contributions. If the RRG is not created, the deductions will be refunded, but the tax write-offs will then no longer be valid.

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Investors in the RRG are also needed. The minimum investment is \$10K.

Pilot and site insurance policies cannot be used for instruction. Flight schools will need to provide insurance for landowners.

A motion was made for WOR to match 50% of donations from members, up to a limit of \$5K. Don Herrick noted that to donate that amount without undue risk, the club should eliminate the budget items for door prizes and parties. With that proviso, the motion was approved.

Ideas for fund raisers were discussed, including a Silent Airshow or a Free Flight Film Festival. Robert Booth solicited other ideas from the membership. Joe Wyffels offered to donate \$1K if the \$10K total needed to meet the club's maximum of \$5K is met.

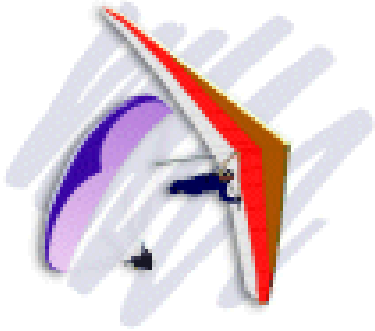
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