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The Editor's Turn

Well, January may not have been a great month as far as mundane news was concerned, with the loss of the *Columbia*, economic gloom, and a world that seems poised on the brink of war. And in the local region, we did have quite a few northeast days, and days of rain. But one nice thing about flying is that it gives us a chance to forget about newspapers and TV and concentrate on the things that are really important. And those days of rain can mean frontal passages, like the one we had this weekend.

So let's hear about those flights! Has anyone gotten any decent airtime this year? And what about trips to Florida, Mexico, Australia, or Brazil? Send in your story, and you could win a Nifty Prize in the *2003 Flight Line Hang Writing Contest!* Brazil has always seemed like a particularly dangerous place to fly. I know quite a few single male pilots who have gone to Brazil to fly, and come back married. So your editor reserves the right to... uh... 'edit' any stories about trips to Brazil. He also wonders if the **USHGA** Safety and Training Committee should add a special skill to our rating system for pilots who are considering a trip to parts of the Southern Hemisphere. The Ipanema sign off? Which includes such important lessons as how to say, "Um... er... gee... let me think about this for a few moments," in Portuguese?

Speaking of hang writing competitions, we really need some more photo entries. If we don't get them, I may have to drag out more old photos from my own archives. And we don't want that. Trust me...

We have new club officers. The results of the 2003 **WOR** Elections were: President, Phyl Hamby; Vice President, George Morford; Treasurer, Don Herrick; Secretary, Paul Clayton; Flight Director, Juan

Laos; and Membership Coordinator, Carmela Moreno. So congratulations, folks, thanks for volunteering to serve in some tough jobs, and good luck after you take office in March. The other club news is a proposed amendment to our Bylaws. It doesn't seem like it should be in any way controversial, but according to our Bylaws, the proposed amendment must be posted in the newsletter for discussion and debate, so check it out in this issue of the *Flight Line*.

Finally, there is a teeny chance this issue may be late. My excuse, such as it is, involves a business trip the Germany from which I only just returned. But I'll do my best to get the electronic issue out before the meeting, and if I fail, please feel free to blame it all on a bug in my operating system...

Proposed Amendments to Section 5 of the WOR Bylaws

by Steve Rodrigues

The **WOR** Executive Board has moved to make the job descriptions for Vice President and Flight Director both gender and aircraft neutral. The current job descriptions are as follows;

"Vice-President- The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and perform the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President and perform such duties as delegated to him by the Executive Board."

"Flight Director- The Flight Director is responsible for keeping the membership advised of all matters pertaining to flight safety and flying activities at sites in current use or contemplated for future use by **WOR** members. He is responsible for recommending

WOR policy in all matters relating to safety, training and instruction. He reviews all rules and procedures for site operations and competition undertaken by **WOR**. He investigates and reports to members on significant accidents. He must be a **USHGA** Observer or Instructor holding an **USHGA** pilot proficiency rating of at least Hang IV or Hang V.”

The following changes are proposed;

For the description of Vice President, strike the words “to him” from the last line, to read;

“Vice-President- The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and perform the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President and perform such duties as delegated by the Executive Board.”

For Flight Director, In each occurrence, replace the word “He” with the title “Flight Director”. In the last line, replace “Hang V” with “Para IV”.

The proposed wording would read;

“Flight Director- The Flight Director is responsible for keeping the membership advised of all matters pertaining to flight safety and flying activities at sites in current use or contemplated for future use by **WOR** members. The Flight Director is responsible for recommending **WOR** policy in all matters relating to safety, training and instruction. The Flight Director reviews all rules and procedures for site operations and competition undertaken by **WOR**. The Flight Director investigates and reports to members on significant accidents. The Flight Director must be a **USHGA** Observer or Instructor holding an Advanced or higher **USHGA** pilot proficiency rating.”

The club bylaws may be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the membership present at a meeting. A vote will be taken at the club meeting on February 18, 2003.

January 2002 Meeting Minutes

by Paul Clayton

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS

Ann - P1; Mike Mudd - H3, flies a Falcon; Mick - P4; Skip Wagner - flies a Falcon; Ali - H2; Richie - P4; Klaus - P4; VJ - P3; Ron Thompson - P4.

GREAT FLIGHTS

Steve Delayo - has been flying Diablo.

Tom Mook - flew in Mexico.

Mike Foy - flew for nearly 2 hrs at Ed Levin today.

Phyl Hamby - flew at Quest Air

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

Tonight is election night. Nominees are needed for some offices (there must be at least 2 candidates for each office).

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT - George Morford

Nothing to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Don Jones

Revenue is coming in from renewals.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Carmela Moreno

So far we have 189 members for 2003.

FLIGHT DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Mike Vorhis.

There is a rumor of an accident, but no details are known at this time.

ED LEVIN SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Phyl Hamby.

The windsock at the 600 ft launch has been replaced. Phyl and Nick removed a slide that was blocking the road.

MISSION PEAK SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Rodrigues

The mast for the windsock at launch needs to be replaced. The east launch will be open soon. A site intro will be required for all pilots wishing to fly the east launch. The gate at launch is gone.

MT. DIABLO SITE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Delayo.

The windtalker was down, but the anemometer has been replaced, and it is working again.

SITE ACQUISITION - Gene Pfi-
fier

Flying at Coyote Lake is in the master plan for the park. BAPA will share the cost of site insurance for Coyote Lake.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE - Mark Mullholland

There will be a league meet this year.

NEWSLETTER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations were accepted for 2003-2004 officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held for 2003-2004 officers. The following officers were elected:
President: Phyl Hamby

Vice President: George Morford
Treasurer: Don Herrick
Secretary: Paul Clayton
Flight Director: Juan Laos
Membership Coordinator:
Carmela Moreno

Pat Denevan announced that there will be an Instructor Certification Program in April and a Launch and Landing clinic in February. Contact Mission Soaring for details.

An amendment to the Bylaws was proposed to change the qualifications for flight director to include paraglider pilots. The text of the revised bylaws sections will be published in the newsletter prior to a vote being taken.

Prized were raffled.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Driving s Little

Secret

by Mercury Freedom

Here's the article you've all been waiting for - the confidential and revealing inside scoop of the little known but actual rules all drivers need to know and abide by when driving to launch at Ed Levin Park. — And cutting straight to the chase:

1) It is the driver's responsibility to know that all passengers that are pilots have:

- a. A USHGA card on their person showing current membership and
- b. A WOR proficiency sticker on their helmet, the color and shape of which correspond to their current USHGA rating..

Steve Pittman covered these requirements in an article in the September newsletter, but some spot checks have been made recently and quite a few pilots

have been found to be out of compliance, We're therefore wanting to bring to everybody's attention the driver's responsibility to insure the compliance of their passengers. The rule in question — from the site procedures, #10:

“A. A pilot is in violation if he/she flies without current USHGA membership, a fully executed Parks Department approved waiver, the appropriate WOR proficiency sticker meeting the appropriate proficiency requirements for the launch used, or while on suspension from a previous violation and the pilot will be suspended for a minimum of four months.

2) A pilot who transports another pilot (who is in violation as above) without assuring him/herself that the other pilot has a sticker, meets appropriate proficiency requirements and has a sponsor if appropriate, will be suspended for a minimum of two months.”

We will find ourselves with some regularity having opportunity to give a ride up to advanced H2s so let's pull out a couple of specifics from that last rule. The driver has responsibility to insure the H2/P2 in question has:

- 1) a log book signed off by an Observer or Advanced Instructor stating, “O.K. for 1750' launch” - and a sponsoring blue sticker pilot, or
- 2) is sponsored by an Observer or Advanced Instructor.

A few other items to keep in mind regarding driver's (and blue sticker pilot's) responsibility:

- 1) All non-pilot passengers must be 18 yrs. or older - and have signed a waver.
- 2) It is the driver's responsibility to confirm that anyone recruited to drive back down the hill:

- a. Knows procedures/combos for opening and relocking gates.
- b. Is instructed to yield to cattle, horseback riders, & hikers and try to keep dust down when passing them.
- c. Is instructed to obey the 5 MPH sign past the ranch houses.

Fly high, fly safe - and pay attention to those little known rules when driving to launch at Ed Levin!

One Morning in February of 2003

by Paul Gazis

Like many people in our club, I was shocked and saddened two weeks ago when I turned on the news and learned about the loss of the space shuttle Columbia. The was our first shuttle, I still remember the party that was held in the Aero/Astro Department at MIT in celebration of it's first flight, and it always had a special place in my heart. And it was impossible not to think, as I watched that terrible video of the ship breaking over Texas, of the seven flight crew who had succumbed so suddenly to the merciless laws of physics.

It may lie outside the range of content for a hang gliding newsletter, I do not like to include my own writing in these columns, and it may not be particularly well-composed, but just this once, I'd like to exercise my privilege as an editor to offer the words I composed that sad morning in 1986 when the Challenger was lost:

*High in the morning
White petals blossom and spread
Sea and sky are empty*

Like every brother and sister who have fallen from the sky, they will live forever in my memory.

Year 2003 Mission Ridge Key Re-Allocation!

It is time for the annual Mission Ridge key reallocation. Advanced rated pilots who are interested in becoming Keyholders and current Keyholders who wish to maintain their Keyholder status must submit an application package. This package consists of a completed application form, proof of current vehicle insurance, and copies of current USHGA and WOR memberships. The application and site procedures may be found on the web at “wingsofrogallo.org”.

****ATTENTION!** The vehicle insurance form must show a minimum limit of \$500,000.00 Liability/Bodily Injury/ per incident.

Application deadline is Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

Non-renewing Keyholders should notify the site committee chairman of their intentions so as to expedite key re-allocation, and refund of their key deposit.

Decision Criteria for Key Allocation:

1. 4WD vehicle with rack capacity for at least 4 Hang Gliders, and room for 5 persons. *The rack system must pass inspection by the site committee.
2. Current vehicle insurance, Minimum limit of \$500,000.00 Liability/Bodily Injury.
3. Fire abatement equipment, i.e.: shovel and/or fire extinguisher (Minimum 5 lb. recommended).
4. USHGA and WOR member in good standing throughout keyholder tenure.
5. Frequent site usage during preceding year.
6. Good record of contribution through work parties and/or site/club administration.
7. Good record of giving rides to launch.

The key swap will occur at 7:00 PM, just before the March 18th WOR meeting. Selected applicants will be notified prior to the meeting. Bring a \$20 key deposit, or your old key if applicable. Failure to return your old key will require another \$20. The locks will be changed that evening.

If you have any questions, please contact Mission Ridge site committee chairman Steve Rodrigues H-(415) 467-2226 before 9:30 PM please, or email missionchair@wingsofrogallo.org

The Year 2003 Mission Ridge site committee members are;

Pat Denevan

Mike Galvin

Mark Grubbs

Juan Laos

Dan Maguire

Steve Rodrigues, Chairman

2003 Mission Ridge Keyholder Application

Please print legibly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone * H) _____ W) _____

*Keyholder phone list will be published in the Flight Line newsletter.

E-mail Address _____

WOR Membership # _____ Exp. Date _____

USHGA # _____ Exp. date _____

Vehicle Year / Make / Model: _____ / _____ / _____

Vehicle color: _____

Vehicle License # _____

Vehicle capacity: # of Hang Gliders: _____, # of passengers: _____

Fire abatement equipment (circle one): Shovel / Extinguisher / Both

Site usage (circle one): Midweek / Weekend / Both

Application must include copies of current USHGA and WOR cards, and proof of current vehicle insurance showing minimum of \$500,000.00 Liability/Bodily Injury/per incident.

I am applying for a key to Mission Ridge. I understand the gravity and responsibility inherent in receiving Keyholder privileges. I understand and will comply with the Mission Ridge Site Procedures and Regulations. I will maintain the required vehicle insurance and memberships in both USHGA and WOR during my entire tenure as Keyholder. I will comply with all requirements and rulings deemed necessary by the site committee. I understand that I may be subject to the loss of key and/or flying privileges, or other punitive measures, if so deemed by the Site Committee.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003

Return completed applications to: Steve Rodrigues
386 Alvarado St.
Brisbane, CA 94005

Please do not write below this line. Site Committee use only

USHGA Advanced	_____	Vehicle ins. / \$ amt.	_____
WOR member	_____	Vehicle rack/capacity	_____
Site fees paid	_____	Key deposit	_____
Fire abate equip.	_____	Old key returned	_____
Site contribution	_____	New key issued	_____

Checked by _____

WINGS FOR SALE



Wings for Sale

(Ad policy: ads are marked by date run for 6 months, then are cancelled automatically unless they are renewed. Ads are free to WOR members)

Rigid Wings

ATOS 146. 10 hrs, like new w waterproof bag & cam helper. See <http://home.pacbell.net/gpesaven/tos.html>. Contact Gerry (530) 219-1954, or gerrypez@yahoo.com (8/02)

2000 Ghostbuster. Exc cond, about 50 hrs. Includes spare down tubes and custom XC bag. \$7000. Contact Steven Wertheimer at (415) 385-0423. (01/03)

Flexwings

Airwave Klassic 155. for sale. Contact Eric Hinrich 831 335-4292 (10/02)

Altair Saturn 167. 1999, one owner, 68 hours. White, red, & black; extras. \$2,100. Contact Bernhard at (925) 820-9682 or BernhardBoeSter@CS.com (8/02)

Dream 220. Black /spectrum colors, w storage tube, \$900 with stripdown or \$500 without. Contact Rudy Visaya at (510) 579-4661 or email for pictures at rudyvisaya@attbi.com (01/03)

Seedwings Topless Sensor 144. Very low hours, still crispy, mostly used for a couple of speed gliding meets. Excellent performance and handling. *Name your price!* Contact Mike: (510) 770-0544 mike@vorhis.com. (12/02)

Wills Wing Eagle 164. 1 yr old, less than 28 hrs, like new because pilot switched to a K2. Contact

Stan Boehm (408) 946-1328 (10/02)

Wills Wing Falcon 225. Orange, blue, white. Good condition, new wheels, extra parts for tandem. Includes large wheels and streamline downtubes. \$1200. Contact Gordon (415) 310-6602 (10/02)

Wills Wing Raven 229. Exc cond, great beginner to intermediate or tandem glider. \$500 obo. Contact Paul Sussman (650) 994-8215.

Wills Wing Sport AT 167, very good condition, white sail plus lime, blue, red colors on LE and underside, \$1000 obo. Contact Bob at 408-732-4471. (01/03)

Paragliders

Advance Epsilon 3/30. Large (DHV 1/2). Blue with gray leading edge. about 40 hours. One flight since last annual inspection which puts the wing as new. Package includes wing, backpack, speedbar + bag. \$1500 obo. Contact Alex Chattaway at 408 2307388, bapa@chatty.org (01/03)

Equipment

20-gore Conical Reserve Chute: Never used. \$50. Contact Kevin Cameron at 408-922-7325 (w), 408-978-9209 (h), kcamer@broadcom.com (01/03)

Finster Wheels: One complete set of Finster Wheels, with axles and corner brackets. Contact Paul Gazis at (408) 736-0764 or gazis@best.com (12/02)

High Energy Pod Harness. 5'5" to 5'11", great cond. \$75 obo.
Robertson Cocoon Harness. great

cond, \$60 obo. Other harnesses also available. Contact Paul Sussman (650) 994-8215.

Rotor Harness. Single suspension. Simple but effective body angle control. Sleek and aerodynamic yet has sufficient storage for XC. \$300. Contact Kevin Cameron at 408-922-7325 (w), 408-978-9209 (h), kcamer@broadcom.com (01/03)

Wanted: New or used **Thin Air** or **Vapor Harness** by ThinRed-Line. Contact Rudy Visaya at (510) 579-4661, rudyvisaya@attbi.com (01/03)

Vehicles

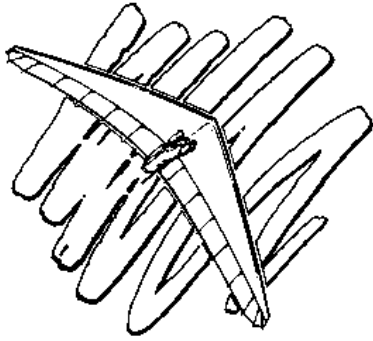
1993 Ford Exploerer XLT with **great rack:** 4dr, 4WD, rare 5-speed stickshift. 107K miles, dark green, a great truck, will give a steal of a deal. Name your price. Contact Mike, (510) 770-0544 or mike@vorhis.com. (10/02)

Front Rack Mount for Isuzu Trooper. \$150 obo, Contact Paul Gazis at (408) 736-0764 or gazis@best.com. (02/03)

Lost and Found

Found. A blue soft lunchbox/mini-cooler container, with a note pad inside containing notes, names, phone numbers, etc. Owner can claim it by calling Mike at (510) 710-5394 or with an email to mike@vorhis.com. (12/02)

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The next Wings of Rogallo Meeting will be... or.. uh... was held
Tuesday, February 18.

at the Summit Point Golf Club in Milpitas near Ed Levin Park

Check the Wings of Rogallo WWW Page
<http://www.wingsofrogallo.org/meetings.html>
for details and directions.

Entertainment at the meeting will be Great!