

# **FLIGHTLINE**



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# winter 2012 Flying Rumors and Stuff

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## October, 2011 Meeting Minutes **New Members/Guests**

Tom Rudolf, at total newbie, not yet started on lessons; flies RCs, power and sailplanes.

#### **Great Flights**

Steve Inwards attended a Mission Soaring launch and landing clinic, the first professional training he has ever had; said it was good.

President: Paul Gazis

A spot landing contest and picnic is planned for October 29th. The event will include a glider setup contest and costume contest.

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Don Herrick was not present According to rumor the club is not only not bankrupt, but is doing better than many major financial institutions and some countries.

Flight Director: Karl Allmandinger No incidents to report.

Membership Services Phyl Hamby There are now 387 paid members.

#### Ed Levin Phyl Hamby

The Ed Levin road still needs fixing. A certain WOR member demands it be done immediately

Mission Ridge Roy Spencer

A new windsock has been installed. Doug Hahn is leading a crew that is working installation of the webcam at Doug's house. A certain WOR member wants the camera to tilt, zoom, pan and change the wind to a favorable condition on command.

Mount Diablo Robert Moore by e-mail There has been recent work at the Tower, which has made that launch

unavailable during the work period. It appears the work is now complete and the launch is again available.

Coyote Lake Gene Pfifer, et al

The Parks are not moving toward opening the site. Pat Denevan commented that the Parks Commission is the key. Gene mentioned that the Open Space District controls the launch. The insurance for the site is still an issue. Mark Forbes, the USHPA site insurance specialist has been in contact Flight Director: Karl Allmandinger with the Parks.

# **Site Acquisition**

None

**Old Business** 

None.

#### **New Business**

None.

20 people attended

Prizes were raffled. Eves and Denise Tall Chief were at the meeting and won a prize.

#### **End of Meeting Minutes**

# 15 November 2011 Meeting Minutes

[The meeting was held at Straw Hat Pizza in Milpitas, as Summit Pointe was closed1

# **New Members/Guests**

None

# **Great Flights**

Carmela Moreno flew Indian Valley with Ann from Belgium.

President: Paul Gazis

There was a fatality at Ed Levin on Sunday. A paraglider pilot was scratching close to the hill in a light northeast wind. Apparently his canopy collapsed due to turbulence from

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the lee side rotor. A memorial is planned at Ed Levin on December 4th, according to Phyl Hamby.

Vice President: None Treasurer: Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income over the past month. Revenue should start coming in as people renew their memberships.

There have been some soarable days recently.

**Membership Services:** : Phyl Hamby There are 18 paid members for 2012. There are 300+ paid members for 2011.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Phyl will be putting target circles this weekend; new cones are needed. He may also till the areas of the target circles.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

Roy flew this Sunday. He plans to send out reminders to keyholders to submit their applications for the coming vear.

Karl Allmandinger, Steve Inwards, and several other members are working on the webcam installation at Alan Deikman's house.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore [by e-mail1

There was a recent paraglider accident at Diablo, which called into question the status of our Site Procedures. The PG pilot clearly launched from a location not approved in the Procedures, but was generally considered acceptable in the PG community.

Nov minutes continued...

While PG at Diablo is administered by BAPA and not WOR, this is an important reminder for all pilots flying at Diablo to be aware of the Site Procedures details. The availability of Diablo for free-flight is not guaranteed, and can be restricted or revoked by the Park at any time.

Coyote Lake: Don Herrick

Insurance is still an issue. The county is asking for more insurance than the standard USHPA policy provides, based on a recommendation from a risk management specialist. Cost figures ranging from \$3500 to \$7500 have been reported. Mark Forbes from USHPA has been discussing the situation with the county. It is not clear what the issue is.

#### **Old Business**

Paul Gazis volunteered to act as webmaster to maintain the WOR web domain, which apparently has to be registered to an individual rather than an organization. Our previous webmaster, Scott Wildy has moved out of the area and the web domain is in danger of lapsing.

#### **New Business**

There will be a Ham Cram on February 12th.
The office of Vice President is vacant since Ben
Dunn has left the Bay Area. Colin Perry and Mark
Lilledahl were mentioned as possible replacements,
Colin may have been elected by acclimation.

The following nominations for 2012 officers were made:

President: Paul Gazis Vice President: Colin Perry Treasurer: Don Herrick

Flight Director [your name here]

Secretary: Paul Clayton

Membership Services Coordinator: Phyl Hamby [note that 2 candidates are needed for each office] Prizes were raffled.

Prizes were raπied.

End of Meeting Minutes

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# **December 2011 Meeting Minutes**

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

Many Guests, no new members recognized

#### **Great Flights**

None reported.

President - Paul Gazis

Thanks to Don Herrick for organizing the year-end party.

Paul raffled a 2012 calendar that was donated by Carmela Moreno.

Scott Wildy has secured the wingsofrogallo.org domain for the coming calendar year.

Vice President -None

Treasurer- Don Herrick

The club's balances are stable.

Flight Director - Karl Allmandinger

There have been some flights.

Membership Services None

Ed Levin - Phyl Hamby

Nothing to report

Mission Ridge - Roy Spencer

Mission has been soarable.

Mount Diablo - None

Coyote Lake - None

Site Acquisition None

Old Business None.

#### **New Business**

Phyl Hamby nominated Stan Boehm for Honorary Membership in recognition of his work in site maintenance.

Carmela Moreno was nominated for Treasurer. [to date the nominees are as follows: President, Paul Gazis, Vice President, Colin Perry, Treasurer, Don Herrick, Carmela Moreno, Secretary, Paul Clayton, Membership Services Coordinator, Phyl Hamby.]

Prizes were raffled.

# **End of Meeting Minutes**

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# **Uncle Colin Speaks**

tired & depressed, neither fun nor flights nor exercise nor sex for way too long. merely an unsurmountable mountain of boring crap that i gotta do stretching out beyond infinity, including but not limited to this newsletter that is unread and irrelvant. anyone want to buy my gliders and my van? no time to use them anymore. anyone want this thankless job of newsletter editor? i am lacking time and motivation to continue in this role.

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