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January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Post by Karl_A » Fri Jan 31,
2020 1:17 pm

Wings of Rogallo No Meeting Minutes
Vito's Famous Pizza
1155 Reed Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086
Date __ January 21, 2020 __

It seems that no one checked if Vito's Famous Pizza would be open, nor was anyone notified that Vito's would be closed for remodeling (reopening soon) so there was no meeting, only 2 attendees, Vice President and Secretary, but there were 3 reports.

New Members, Guests

Significant Flights

Mission was soarable 4 days in a row - Saturday through Tuesday, January 11-14.

President's Report - Randee Azzar

Vice President's Report - David Egli present

Site Committee chairs to revue site risk assements in preparation for RRG insurance renewals. Ed Levin site insurance cycle is from March to March. Current Ed Levin Special Use Permit expires midnight March 31, 2020.

Secretary's Report - Karl Allmendinger present

The minutes have been posted!

Treasurer's Report - Paul Clayton phoning it in!

New and renewal memberships (with revenue) coming in. Not much in the way of expenses except for the Christmas Party food.

Membership Report - Phyl Hamby

Have you renewed your membership for 2020? It's easy to do online, Renew Membership is under Options on the left.

<https://www.wingsofrogallo.org/memberdb/login.php>

Flight Director's Report - Paul Gazis

Webmaster's Report - Don Herrick

Ed Levin Report - Soham Mehta

Diablo Report - Robert Moore

Mission Report - Roy Spencer

Coyote Lake Report - Andrew Gentles

Pleasanton Report

Old Business

New Business

WOR SITE PROCEDURES VIOLATION

On Friday, 31 January, two WOR pilots violated Ed Levin Site Procedures Art. X VIOLATIONS, Sec. D “exceeding site closing time”. These two pilots have been suspended from all flight activity at Ed Levin for a minimum of one month (S.P. Art. X, Sec. D “...exceeding site closing time.)

Ed Levin Site Procedures Art.II Site Description:

“Flying activity at Ed Levin Parks permitted from opening time at 8:00 AM until the posted flying activity closing time, which is about one hour before sunset. The posted flying activity closing time for the day is posted by the Park Ranger on the vehicle entrance gate to the landing area. Flying activity includes glider breakdown, loading of equipment on to vehicles, and moving vehicles off launch access roads and out of the landing area. Pilots must not start up the hill if time will not permit them to be completely loaded up and out of the landing area by this time. The Parks Department considers it extremely important that all pilots adhere to the posted flying activity closing time. The remainder of the Park is open to non-flying activity approximately another hour.”

An Ed Levin Ranger confronted both of these pilots on Friday regarding the above violation. Fortunately, E.L. Ranger management is allowing WOR to administer this rules violation action.

Ed Levin Rangers have authority to issue a citation regarding the above violation which can lead to a Misdemeanor Criminal conviction. Ask the pilot that recently had this conversation with a ranger prior to Friday’s incident.

It is in all our best interest that WOR members abide by the posted flight activity closing time (Posted at the walk-through between LZ Parking and LZ)

I request that these suspended pilots respond promptly to their notice of suspension so WOR can continue to administer this violations action.

Fly Safe,
WOR VP
WOR Site Committee Member

2020-2021 Mission
Keyholder Application
Status 12/21/19

The keyholder exchange meeting is March 17 2020. Bring your old key or \$20 deposit for a new key 17 keys allocated. In alphabetical order, they are:

1. KARL ALLMENDINGER
2. DON BURNS
3. PAT DENEVAN
4. RON HANFLAND
5. ERIC HINRICHS
6. SUSAN KENT
7. WAYNE MICHELSEN
8. STEVE RODRIGUES
9. RICHARD SIBLEY
10. MICHAEL SODERSTROM
11. ROY SPENCER
12. ED STEIN
13. JASON THOMAS
14. STEVE TONEY
15. SCOTT UNTIEDT
16. CHRIS VALLEY
17. STEVE WELCH

Mission Ridge Site Open to Intermediate+ Pilots

The Mission Ridge Site Committee has received permission from the East Bay Regional Parks District to allow Intermediate-rated pilots, who meet some additional requirements, to fly Mission Ridge.

In addition to the requirements for all pilots, an Intermediate-rated pilot must meet the following requirements to fly at Mission:

- Document in their log books an additional 20 hours of flight time beyond the minimum flight time required for the Intermediate

rating.

- Successfully complete and document in their log books their Advanced landing skill spot landing task.
- Receive a site introduction from a Mission pilot approved by the site committee to sponsor Intermediate pilots.
- o The Sponsoring pilot is responsible for verifying that the Sponsored pilot has the necessary requirements.

Logistics:

- A Site Intro Guide is available to Sponsoring pilots on the WOR Web Site to help ensure consistent and thorough site introduction. <https://www.wingsofrogallo.org/sites/mioGuide.pdf>
 - Pilots interested in being sponsors can contact the Mission site committee using the following e-mail aliases:
 - o missionhgintro@wingsofrogallo.org (for HG)
 - o missionpgintro@wingsofrogallo.org (for PG)
- Intermediate-rated pilots must be sponsored for the first 5 flights by an Advanced-rated Mission pilot who is approved by the site committee to sponsor Intermediate pilots.
- A list of pilots approved to sponsor Intermediate-rated pilots is being maintained by the site committee.
 - The list of Sponsor pilots can be accessed from a link on the WOR web site on the Mission Site page.
 - Intermediate-rated pilots can contact approved sponsors using the following e-mail aliases:
 - o missionhgintro@wingsofrogallo.org (for HG)

o missionpgintro@wingsofrogallo.org (for PG)

- The Sponsoring pilot must be Advanced-rated on the same wing type as the pilot being sponsored.
- The Site Intro and five sponsored flights can be performed by different sponsors.
- Sponsored flights must be logged in a paper log maintained in the interior combination lock box in the Mission sign-in lockbox. The paper log is accessible to Site Committee members and Sponsors.
- After the sponsored pilot completes their required 5 sponsored flights, they receive the left-half of a Silver WOR Sticker and are required to have the half-sticker in their possession when flying at Mission.
- Pilots who want to be sponsors can contact any Mission Site Committee member to request to be approved.

Roy Spencer
Mission Ridge Site
Committee Chair
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Signs at Ed Levin say it may be closed to HG and PG for Helicopter Rescue Training Sunday 2/23/2020.



NorCal Falcon League?

Postby RMoore » Fri Jan 24, 2020 1:08 pm

Over the past year, I've been occasionally flying a Falcon 225 at various sites. My goal has been to fly locations not necessarily well-suited to my main glider, a rigid wing. I've taken to visiting some modest hike-and-fly PG sites, and it has enhanced my airtime capacity as well as opened up my mind to possibilities I haven't before considered.

I'm wondering if other pilots would like to join me in starting a "NorCal Falcon League" similar to one informally organized in SoCal. The overarching goal would be to get Falcon (or single surface) pilots together to fly at suitable locations - some possibly being suitable only for Falcon HG's. Some of the sites would be well-known for such gliders, while others might be novel. One such site might be Potato Hill - made popular by PG's but avoided by HG's due to the relatively easy downhill hike to launch. Most sites, if not all, would be within just a few hours drive from the Bay Area.

We could communicate electronically, and set a monthly flying site to gather as seasonal conditions allow. No competition; no track logs; no big time commitments; no fees - just birds of a feather flocking together to enjoy what Falcons do best.

Any interest?

RM

PG Events 2020 Flying in Greece

Olympic Wings paragliding team est.1995 professionally organize and offer paragliding holidays & flying tours for pilots from all over the world, all-year round. In addition special paragliding projects & events.

Here are Dates for Paragliding Events 2020 in Greece which you may find interesting!...

07.03 to 14.03.2020 - Flying Guide Workshop
Important knowledge & what it takes to Become a flying guide.

01.04 to 11.04.2020 - Tandem Pilot Course
Our very successful course for pilots in Tandem Paragliding at Mount Olympus.

01.05 to 10.05.2020 - Flying Tour East West Greece
Fly the top, most scenic, mountain & coastal flying sites of the region.

20.05. to 24.05.2020 - SIV & Performance Training
Safety & Performance training course for pilots.

July & August - XC & Thermal Camp
Pilot's summer gathering for flying at Mt Olympus & Mt.Voras.

March, November & December - Camper & Fly Tour
Paragliding holidays for pilots travelling in campervans

For more info visit --

> <http://paragliding.olympicwings.com/seminars>

Reach us by email at info@olympicwings.com

Feel free to contact us with any question and share your thoughts.

More Flying in 2020, Happier Pilots!

Paragliding School & Center est. 1995 Mount Olympus Greece

FLYING GUIDE Workshop
Pilot training in guiding
07.03. to 14.03.

TANDEM PILOT Course
Course in Tandem Paragliding
01.04. to 11.04.

FLYING TOUR East & West Greece
Mountain & coastal
top flying sites
01.05. to 10.05.

SIV & Performance Training Course
20.05. to 24.05.

XC & THERMAL CAMP
Summer flying at
Mt. Olympus & Mt. Voras
July - August

CAMPER FLY Tour in Greece
Flying for pilots
traveling in campervans
March - November - December

Information & Bookings at: info@olympicwings.com

Beginner & Advanced Pilot Courses - Performance Training Courses & Seminars - Paragliding Holidays & Tours

PARAGLIDING
SPECIAL EVENTS
2020
IN GREECE

OLYMPIC WINGS

MORE FLYING MORE HAPPY PILOTS

Mission Front Gate Access

To all WOR members accessing Mission Peak Regional Preserve.

I received a report from the East Bay Regional Parks that on 1/12/2020 three vehicles accessed the Mission preserve through the front gate for the purpose of performing a site introduction.

Pilots must not access the preserve through the front gate for any purpose other than retrieving their gliders.

If you need to access the landing zone for a site introduction, it is a short walk. Do not drive in.

Additionally, the road at the front of the preserve is more likely to be unusable due to wet road conditions than the road to launch.

Thanks
Roy Spencer
Mission Site Committee Chair

Classifieds:

Sport2 155- \$2000

By [jthomas](#) » Wed Jan 29, 2020 9:05 am

Selling my sport2 155.

See more pics and video below

<https://www.hanggliding.org/advert/2012-sport2-155/>

Jason Thomas

ushpa 91813

ATTACHMENTS



HES Quantum QS440 Parachute: \$350

□ by **WMichelsen** » Fri Jan 31, 2020 11:56 am

HES Quantum QS440 Parachute: \$350

For hang-gliding (not PG?), with longer bridle and para-swivel.
Fresh and complete inspection and repack by High Energy Sports.
The D-Bag in the picture is from my Rotor harness. I have a standard D-Bag also.
I had to down-size to a smaller parachute for my competition harness.



Price drop: Nice condition ATOS

□ Sun Feb 09, 2020 10:16 am

ATOS N (146). Icaro manufactured for A-I-R. Frame and D-cells in excellent condition. Includes A-I-R tail.

Sail in good condition, white with blue. Flies nicely. Extras. Located in SF Bay area. Reasonable delivery considered. \$2900

A 'walk-around' video showing the current condition of the glider, including the A-I-R tail. :

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/soisi3m0vlhhr ... 9.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/soisi3m0vlhhr...9.mp4?dl=0)

Detail pictures of the ATOS assembled and disassembled:

<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AriWlpJW03DrixGe0KzChZNeEsC8>

The ATOS on the rack on my SUV:

<http://www.donherrick.com/VC5.htm>

Contact Don at dbherrick at gmail dot com

Editorial February 2020

Nearly three thousand miles away from Milpitas, Punxsutawney Phil forecasted an early spring. In the first weeks of the 2020, the activity at Mission Peak and Ed Levin shows an indication of an active flying year if the early days are any guide. Many students in paragliders and hang gliders paired with dedicated instructors, mentors and observers have been photographed by generous video editors. Experienced pilots have shared their videos of their 'shake-off-the-dust' flights in their trusty gliders.

Across the bay, this year has seen 30 glider days at the setup area in Fort Funston. Pilots watch the forecasts closely to find niches of overlap between their life-schedules and the right conditions for flying. Marginal conditions are acceptable if not tailor-made

for getting back into the groove even if to only set up the glider and pre-flight. It's never too late to verify adherence to maintenance manuals and order parts or update gear, but doing it now will be considered early when you are prepared on that epic day ahead.

In this last month of winter, many pilots come out of hibernation like the bears in the forest. Several non-hibernating pilots are returning from migration to warmer climates and sites more conducive to winter flying, sharing their images and videos with those ground-bound locals waiting for the right conditions to come to them. The 2020 flying season in the Bay Area is starting off nicely whether or not the weather is ideal, even ahead of the old groundhog's sunny forecast.

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