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Spring 2012 Flying Rumors and Stuff

Diablo FlyIn 28 Apr BG 925-four97-ten fivtynine
CoyoteHowl @MLSR 12-13 May

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January, 2012 Meeting Minutes**New Members/Guests**

None recognized.

Great Flights

Karl Allmandinger flew today; it was all thermals.

President: Paul Gazis

The Ed Levin road is still an open issue, as is the status of Coyote Lake.

Vice President: None**Treasurer:** Don Herrick

Income is exceeding expenses as renewals start to come in. The biggest expense in the past month was for the Christmas party.

Flight Director: Karl Allmandinger

No incidents to report.

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 138 paid members for 2012.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Repairs to the road by the Parks Dept. are planned for 2013. Phyl plans to organize a work party to make road repairs on the next Friday after a rain.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

This past Sunday, the lock on the launch road gate was not properly locked. The keyholder responsible has been warned. 13 keyholder applications have been received so far.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore by e-mail

The Diablo windtalker is down again. This time, it's the processor that's faulty. We've contacted Litek who has agreed to try to repair it. I hope to get it repaired in the coming weeks.

The Diablo XC Road Tour is scheduled for January 21st. We will be following the roads beneath the first 20 miles of XC from Diablo, examining bailouts and

discussing strategy. See my posting on the WOR BB for further details.

Coyote Lake: Jim Woodward

The situation is unchanged. Insurance is still an issue.

Site Acquisition - Wayne Michelson

Watch the bulletin board for meeting announcements pertaining to new sites.

Old Business

Stan Boehm was named an honorary member by a vote of the members present.

New Business

Officers for 2012-2013 were elected.

President: Paul Gazis

Vice President: Eric Hinrichs

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

Secretary: Paul Clayton

Brian Foster announced that a speed gliding meet will be held between February 18th and March 18th on a weekend to be announced on the bulletin board.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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February, 2012 Meeting Minutes**New Members/Guests**

Zack; working on H1 rating.

Tom Rudolf; has had 6 lessons.

Great Flights

Karl Allmandinger did a Golden Eagle flight.

Charlie Fiebig flew from Mission to Ed Levin and back twice.

Walter flew Funston on Sunday.

President: Paul Gazis

BAPA is organizing a First

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Responder clinic. Contact Susan Kent if interested.

Vice President: Colin Perry

Colin has renewed his membership.

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income is exceeding expenses as renewals start to come in.

Don is looking for proposals for site improvements, events, etc.

Flight Director: Karl Allmandinger

No incidents to report.

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 211 paid members for 2012.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

Repairs to the road by the Parks Dept. are planned for 2013.

There was an HG accident in which the pilot suffered a broken arm.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer

It was soarable this past Saturday and Sunday. 35 key applications have been processed.

The gate has been left unlocked and several non-members are known to have flown at the site recently. Also a vehicle without working 4WD has been driven on the road to launch.

Mount Diablo: None**Coyote Lake:** None

Paul Gazis plans to follow up

Old Business: None**New Business**

The window for the Speed Gliding meet is open. The contest date will be posted on the bulletin board on Thursday night prior to the date chosen. Carmela has volunteered to arrange ... *continued next page ...*

Feb minutes continued...

bagels and coffee for the meet days. The gate at Ed Levin opens at 0800.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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March, 2012 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Peter Selega: got his H2 in October; flies Dunlap
Dave Jacob: coming back to the hang gliding after a 6 year hiatus; has a T2C on order
Luke, who started flying last June

Great Flights

Chris Valley did a Golden Eagle flight last Monday.
Walter Whiteside flew in the Speed Gliding Contest and won his class. Thanks to Chris Valley and Brian Watkins for organizing the meet.

Steve Hoss (sp?) flew a PG across the Sierra last September and landed in King's Canyon after a 70 mile flight.

President: Paul Gazis

The USHPA insurance issue has been resolved.

Vice President:None

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Income is exceeding expenses as renewals come in. The club's balances are stable.

Flight Director: Karl Allmandinger

There was an incident on the 600' launch in which a hang glider rolled on its wheels into the rocks below launch.

There also was incident resulting from a stall and spin of a Mark IV resulting in the glider impacting the hill near the 600' launch.

Membership Services: Phyl Hamby

There are 266 paid members for 2012.

Ed Levin: Phyl Hamby

The county has regulations that restrict taking of pictures for profit in the park. Road repairs

are planned for 2013. New wind socks have been installed.

Mission Ridge: Roy Spencer by e-mail; essentially the same report was presented at the meeting.

There are 10 things I want to remind every key holder.

1. Please fly conservatively and safely at Mission. We had no significant accidents last year. A good safety record helps us to keep our flying access at Mission.
2. Pilots flying at Mission must be current members of the WOR with the exception of visiting pilots that have obtained a visiting pilot sticker.
3. Please make sure to properly lock the gate to the preserve. Tug the handle to make sure the lock is through both holes. Instruct your driver to tug the handle every time.
4. Only qualified WOR pilots and your driver are allowed to travel in your vehicle inside the preserve. Do not pick up hikers no matter how cute or cold they might be.
5. You must have your vehicle in 4-wheel drive at all times inside the preserve.
6. Please renew your WOR membership in December.
7. Please submit your complete Mission key application in January.
8. Your key application must include the car insurance pages that show your name, your vehicle description, policy date, and the liability amount.
9. Your key application status will be posted on the WOR bulletin board. You do not need to send me an e-mail. You do not need to send me an e-mail to apologize for sending me an e-mail.
10. Thank you for getting your application in on time and for the good safety record this past year.

Roy also noted that there were 900 sign-ins within

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the past year. The web-cam still needs a suitable location. Doug Hahn is organizing the effort to get it up and running again and distributed a url at the meeting that will be its web address.

Mount Diablo: Robert Moore by e-mail

The Diablo windtalker CPU has been removed and is with Litek for repairs. They have yet to determine if it can be repaired; we may have to find an alternative device.

Coyote Lake: None

The insurance policy is still an issue. The Parks Dept wants extra insurance to be supplied by an insurer of their choosing.

Old Business

Roy Spencer noted that the club still needs a webmaster. Contact Paul Gazis if you can help.

New Business

Steve Rodrigues noted that Josh Cohn and the other regional directors are concerned about the USHPA insurance carrier raising their rates. USHPA has appointed a risk assessment specialist and is looking for ways to reduce risk. There was an accident at Chelan in which a person was hit by a glider picked up by a dust devil.

Jim Woodward proposed that a fund be set aside so the club could waive the dues of indigent members.

Pat Denevan announced an instructor clinic running from May 4th to May 10th. Contact Pat for details.

Don Herrick noted that members should update their personal information on the WOR member database. Phyl proposed that the data field for "profession" be changed to "instructor name", a more relevant piece of information, in his judgment.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

Haiku

Charles Nelson
Redwood City
Windy Hill hang glider pilot

Following are Submissions to Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) and the publisher for inclusion in the District 40th anniversary coffee table book! The book has been titled: Room to Breathe, The Wild Heart of the San Francisco Peninsula.

the following artist's statement will appear:

Windy Hill footsteps, on many a winter morning, can be as crunchy as breakfast cereal. Heaved up a few inches, the trail-mud balances on myriads of tiny ice needles, and the Anniversary Trail edge crumbles. A man with a rolled-up glider on his shoulder approaches the summit, lips closed tightly, nostrils flaring against the acrid chill. Frost smoke is drifting uphill, obscuring his boot.

In order to be reborn, one might decide to learn hang gliding, achieve an adequate skill level through diligent practice, obtain a permit with the District, then resolutely and single-mindedly stand, at the Windy Hill summit, expecting to fly.

A few intrepid souls, members of our group called the Windy Hill Skyriders, have launched and soared, (yes, legally) on their hang gliders, peering down at the burrowing owls and lost cars of the Skyline Boulevard. Some flew alongside numerous white-tailed kites on Spring Ridge. Hang glider pilots at Windy Hill enjoy the olfactory pleasures of the troposphere.

Essence of redberry and madrone can be funneled upward and concentrated like flotsam, bobbing on the sky's surface. These Windy Hillbillies wish to thank the park and open space agencies for their assistance in achieving unpowered, silent flight above the preserve.

tunnel of arched bays
then a kink in the sea side
turquoise trimmed

coot with broken wing
paddles birch bark canoe
on stream of flight dreams

climb up through the clouds
beyond the limits of thought
lies truth and vertigo

redwoods from above
like to spin like furry tops
with their arms outstretched

wind floats us skyward
popping corn pilots
out the frying pan

white tailed kites strobe like
in fading sunlight wings beat
deep below the sky

drenching winter rain
floating redwoods clutch with roots
their liquid prize

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