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## Spring 2011 Flying Rumors and Stuff

June 19-25 RatRace  
July 1-4 Lakeview  
July 2-4 Hat Creek  
Aug 13-14 Dunlap

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### April 2011 Meeting Minutes

**New Members/Guests** None  
**Great Flights**

Mike Kellog, Mayumi Honda and Antoine did a Golden Eagle flight. Eric Froelich and Wayne Michelson flew Waddel Creek. Eric shot 3D video. Carmela flew McClure and got to 4500. There were about 30 people there that weekend.

**President:** Paul Gazis  
 Paul was approached by a 5 year old who was curious about hang gliding.

**Vice President:** Ben Dunn  
 Ben attended a screening of the animated feature "Rio" and handed out some USHPA fliers.

**Treasurer:** Don Herrick  
 Income is exceeding expenses as dues revenue comes in. The club's tax return has been filed.

**Flight Director:** Pat Denevan  
 A picnic is planned for Ed Levin on Saturday April 23rd.

**Membership Services:** Phyl Hamby  
 There are 299 paid members for 2011, almost as many as all of last year.

**Ed Levin:** Phyl Hamby  
 Nothing new to report.

**Mission Ridge:** Roy Spencer  
 A gate was left open on Sunday. Tandem pilots are required to sign in. A work party is scheduled for May 7th to spread rock on the road. Roy requested a budget for food for the work parties. Karl volunteered to organize the food.

**Mount Diablo:** Robert Moore by e-mail  
 Chris McKeon is holding his annual "Big Guy Fly-In" on May 21-22 at Diablo. It's not specifically a WOR event, but it has been publicly advertised by Chris, so all

qualified pilots are welcome.  
**Coyote Lake:** Jim Woodward and Gene Pfifer

The insurance policy is still an issue. The creek is still up, but there may be access to the launch in 2-3 weeks. The site may be open for test flights soon.

**Goat Mountain/Wild Ass:** None  
**Old Business**  
 A cost estimate is needed for the work on the Ed Levin roads and a plan needs to be worked out for cooperation with the Parks to get the work done. Phyl Hamby mentioned that he has fixed the phone line for the Ed Levin weather station, which came down in a recent storm.

Jim Woodward questioned the status of the appeal committee procedures for instructor authorization. Paul Gazis stated that he will write down a procedure based on a draft he currently has.

**New Business**  
 Pat Denevan mentioned that he is aware that the "windslammer" webcam is not pointed at the sock. He plans to adjust the camera, rather than put the sock on a taller pole. Prizes were raffled.

**End of Meeting Minutes**  
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### May, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**New Members/Guests**  
 None

**Great Flights**  
 Walter got to 1500 in a shear at Marina.  
 John Taylor waited out the rain at

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McClure; thermalled up to cloudbase and soared with a pair of golden eagles.

Eric Froelich and Wayne Michelson flew Wildass. Eric flew a bit further and met the manager of a ranch where he landed. The ranch might be a potential training site. Eric also noted that there is still water in the creeks and brush needs to be cleared at Goat. A work party may be organized.

**President:** Paul Gazis Nothing to report.  
**Vice President:** None  
**Treasurer:** Don Herrick  
 Income is dropping as renewals taper off.

**Flight Director:** None  
**Membership Services:** Phyl Hamby  
 There are 311 paid members for 2011. Phyl lost an 8G memory stick. If anyone has seen it, please contact Phyl.

**Ed Levin:** Phyl Hamby  
 Phyl met with park officials and was informed that the budgeted road maintenance has been deferred to 2013. There is a new ranger, whose name is John McClindon. Phyl is looking at options for improving the road and mentioned that WOR has some funds available, and BAPA may also contribute. Mowing of the LZ has been deferred until the cows are moved.

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

The gravel for the road upgrade was delivered on Thursday May 12. Karl and Dave W were at Mission to evaluate the need for a work party.

*May minutes continued...*

Mission to evaluate the need for a work party. They were fortunate enough to meet the new EBRPD Park Supervisor Gordon Willey. The previous Park supervisor Kelly Barrington has been promoted. Karl reported that they were able to discuss Hang Gliding operations and USHPA insurance with Gordon and that he showed a positive interest in Hang Gliding.

The Mission work party happened on Saturday and went well. The volunteers were Karl, Frank, Bruno, Jim, driver Bob, Rick Dumlao, and Roy. Many thanks to the volunteers and especially to Karl for bringing coffee in the morning and a nice lunch for after the work. Condition looked good, so we set up. Paraglider pilots Susan and Dave launched. Then I Launched. The flights were immediately interrupted by an emergency operation to rescue a hiker that had broken her ankle/leg and required a helicopter airlift. Thanks to Susan and Dave for landing and clearing the air space for the helicopter. The rescue operation continued for a considerable time. This allowed Susan, Dave, and I time to return to launch. Thanks to driver Bob. Back at launch I had an opportunity to meet the new Park Supervisor. The road maintenance seemed to be a positive event in the eyes of the Supervisor. Unfortunately, moments before starting my second flight. A paraglider pilot attempted to land right in front of launch, slipped, and dislocated her finger. The accident pilot was taken to a local hospital. Her injuries are not serious.

Note: The EBRPD special use agreement states: The District permits Licensee use of two launch areas and one landing area as shown in Exhibit B. The one landing area in Exhibit B is the bottom landing area.

Finally, some pilots had good flights and some elected to break down.

**Mount Diablo:** Robert Moore by e-mail

Site insurance documents have been submitted

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the Park, and I am awaiting comments on the proposed changes to the Site Procedures. There has been mention by Park staff of a possible annual fee increase, but nothing official to date.

**Coyote Lake:** Jim Woodward

There is a new ranger on duty, replacing one who has retired since efforts to open the site began. It is rumored that the fee for site insurance will be increased by \$100. Jim also noted that the creek bed is not considered a regular LZ, even though Gene Pfifer landed there once. The creek is currently low enough to allow access to launch. The special use permit still needs to be issued.

**Goat Mountain/Wild Ass:** None

**Old Business**

Paul Gazis stated that he working on an instructor authorization appeal procedure based on a draft he currently has.

Roy Spencer noted that his brother-in-law can embroider designs on shirts, etc, and showed a sample of his work.

**New Business**

Wayne noted that Ed Levin has 4 designated launch and landing areas, the top, the 600, the 300 and the LZ. There may be WOR members going to Indian Valley or the Owens Valley for Memorial Day. Prizes were raffled.

**End of Meeting Minutes**

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**Uncle Colin Speaks**

Hi kids! Lovely weather around here lately, eh? Don't ya just hate it when we get all these systems moving thru and making those big puffy clouds over Mission on a weekday when you are stuck working like the snivelling wage-slave that you are in your pathetic little clone-hive? Wish that you were out flyin instead?

Well, have I got great news for you. For a small hourly fee, you can hire a low-life semi-retired bum to go out there and fly your wing for you!!! My team of hang-bums and para-bums will even take video of the flight that you can download to your work computer to see how much fun your money is buying.

For the penny-pinchers amongst you, for a lower fee you could arrange for a phone call every time the flying looks great from afar, wherein I would call from the Mission parking lot or the ERLCP impact zone to inform you that it's actually blowing over the back at +200 knots, accompanied by hoards of locousts, volcanic pryoplastic flows, and occasional flying monkeys.

I recruit only the finest quality bums to work hard getting to cloud-base on your behalf, and your satisfaction is somewhat guaranteed. Call before midnight tonite, operators are standing by and their feet are getting tired.

News Flash! Our sport is in grave danger!!! The Japanese are planning to replace quake-damaged nuclear reactors with thousands of wind turbines, China and Hawaii are likewise moving towards this technology for producing electricity. This, combined with the upcumming election season that results in major number of blowhards expelling hot air from the direction of Washington DC, will likely further disrupt global weather patterns. The net effect of all this could be the reduction of westerly winds that reach our Funston shores.

That's all for now, gotta go fly....

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