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Winter 2010/2011 Flying Rumors and Stuff

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Feb 19 & 20 ERLCP Speed Colliding Contest
Jan-April Dirt Clod Kicking with NE winds Contest

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Dec 2010 Meeting Minutes

Entertainment

Food, drink, jokes, rain, moonlight, fire, tall tales, outright lies, gratuitous flagellation, more food, more drink, more etc.

There were several videos including one documenting Elsinore and the E-team.

New Members/Guests

No new members were recognized, but there were many guests given that the meeting was a holiday party.

Great Flights

None officially reported.

President Eric Froelich

It's Don Herrick's birthday. A cake was presented. Elections are next month.

Vice President - Karl Allmandinger

Nothing to report.

Treasurer - Don Herrick

The club is solvent.

Flight Director- Pat Denevan

Nothing to report.

Membership Services- Phyl Hamby

Nothing to report.

Ed Levin - Eric Froelich

Nothing to report.

Mission Ridge - Roy Spencer

Nothing to report.

Mount Diablo -None

Coyote Lake - None

Goat Mtn/Wild Ass - None

Old Business

Elections are next month. No new candidates were nominated. The slate of officer candidates nominated to date is as follows:

President: Ben Dunn, Ryan Goebel, Paul Gazis

Vice President: Erin ?, Ben Dunn

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Member Services Director: Phyl Hamby

Flight Director: Pat Denevan

Secretary: Paul Clayton

New Business- None.

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

Jan 2011 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Keegan Brown, H2, flies a Falcon

Bob Booth, flies a Falcon

Steve Murphy, has been flying for 6 mos, flies a Falcon

Chad Bagartis, has flown Dunlap

Great Flights

Bob and Robert Booth each flew for over an hour 2 days before Christmas at McClure.

Carmela Moreno flew Big Sur along with 25 or so other pilots New Year's weekend. Some people were able to soar. There were a record number of pilots on launch.

Carmela, Roy Spencer and several other pilots flew Mission on December 26th. Carm top-landed.

President- Eric Froelich

There was an executive committee meeting at which updates to the WOR bylaws were discussed.

Vice President - Karl Allmandinger

Nothing to report.

Treasurer - Don Herrick

Income is exceeding expenses as membership renewals come in.

Flight Director- Pat Denevan

A female pilot broke her humerus at Ed Levin. This is a common injury. It's important to maintain a light touch and let go of the downtubes if the glider noses in.

There was also a crash into the

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lake at Dunlap. The pilot was skimming the lake at high speed and contacted the water. The glider was destroyed and it took several people and a rope to get the pilot to shore. The pilot and rescuers were suffering from hypothermia by the time they got out of the water. The pilot was evacuated by helicopter. Karl Allmandinger read from a manual on floatplane flying. The manual stated that landing on glassy smooth water is a hazardous maneuver, due to the difficulty of depth perception.

Eric Froelich reported on 2 blown launches at Ed Levin. One occurred when a pilot practicing for the speed gliding meet attempted a no wind takeoff and tripped on a cow divot. He wasn't seriously hurt, but did destroy a carbon fiber basetube. The other blown launch involved a longtime pilot and resulted in another broken carbon basetube.

Membership Services- Phyl Hamby

There are 153 paid members for 2011 and were 342 for 2010.

Ed Levin Eric Froelich

The road needs work. Phyl Hamby and Stan Boehm have been working on it. A work party is planned. Jon Blome and Stan will organize the party. There is one rut that is about 3' deep. Phyl noted that it is better to open the 600' gate uphill rather than downhill. Phyl also requested that drivers not tear up the hill by trying to drive around the ruts.

Mission Ridge - Roy Spencer

Roy reminded people to renew their WOR membership and submit their

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key applications.

Mount Diablo -None

Coyote Lake - Jim Woodward

The creek is currently too high to allow access to the launch. The special use permit is being held up by the Parks Dept. Once the use permit is approved a work party will be needed to install a parking lot and lockbox near the LZ.

Old Business

Don Herrick has USHPA rack cards to distribute to new pilots.

BAPA and WOR are both paying for insurance at Diablo. It has been agreed that WOR will pay the premium and BAPA will reimburse WOR for 50% of the cost.

Wayne Michelson proposed that the Windy Hill site be brought under WOR administration.

Jim Woodward mentioned that Jon Blome has submitted a list of instructor appeal committee members to Eric Froelich. The appeal committee is to consider rejected WOR instructor applicants under the process developed by Paul Gazis. The appeal committee is to be made up of instructors and senior pilots, not site committee members.

Mike Jefferson brought up the subject of his suspension from instructing at Ed Levin. Eric Froelich stated that Mike was suspended for doing tandem flights at Ed Levin without proper equipment, liability waivers, etc.

Colin Perry offered to post links to instructor's websites in the newsletter.

New Business

The following officers were elected for the 2011-2012 term, to begin in April:

President: Paul Gazis

Vice President: Ben Dunn

Treasurer: Don Herrick

Membership Services Coordinator: Phyl Hamby

Flight Director: Karl Allmandinger

Secretary, Paul Clayton.

Prizes were raffled.

Editors Psychotic Ramblings

Hi kids! Your uncle Colin here once again, this time distilling the best story I could find as collected from the 3.8 gazillion monkeys down in my basement pounding on their 4.7 gazillion keyboards. It was previously a one-to-one ratio of monkeys to keyboards (as near as I could count without taking off my shoes anyway), but I guess that I shoulda feed them more often than I did. Anyway, the winning output from the monkey(s) follows, hope you enjoy....

The amalgamated intersection of aviation intentions with meteorological manifestations conspire to inhibit the actualization of those aforementioned intents. Wings and things mostly persist in their quiescent packed and folded hibernation shapes, molding and lonely in their damp dark storage lockers. The omnipresent impact-zone divots that proliferate during less easterly seasons fade to oblivion as they fill with debris and bovine excrement, but their resurrection may have temporal correlation with impending competition for shattered carbon fiber components.

Other effluent and/or affluent aviators commit sacrilege to the gospel of foot launched flight as they employ infernal combustion contraptions to tow-or-tug themselves aloft without the sacred rituals of mountain-top weather-mongering & rock-kicking & I'd-launch-iffen-I-was-set-up pontificating. That which is conceived via unholy means or methods can never hope to aspire to become wholly holy.

Yet hope springs eternal in the Spring, impending upper level low could induce lower level up. Or so the high priests of the BB claim. Alas, calendars conflict as dates proclaimed by the greeting cards printers to be precursory to gratuitous boinking may soon coincide and thereby conflict with impending lower level upence. To boink or to fly, that is the question for the cumming week, give that the planned boinking local is milli-klicks east from the preferred local bovine-excrement covered mountains.

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