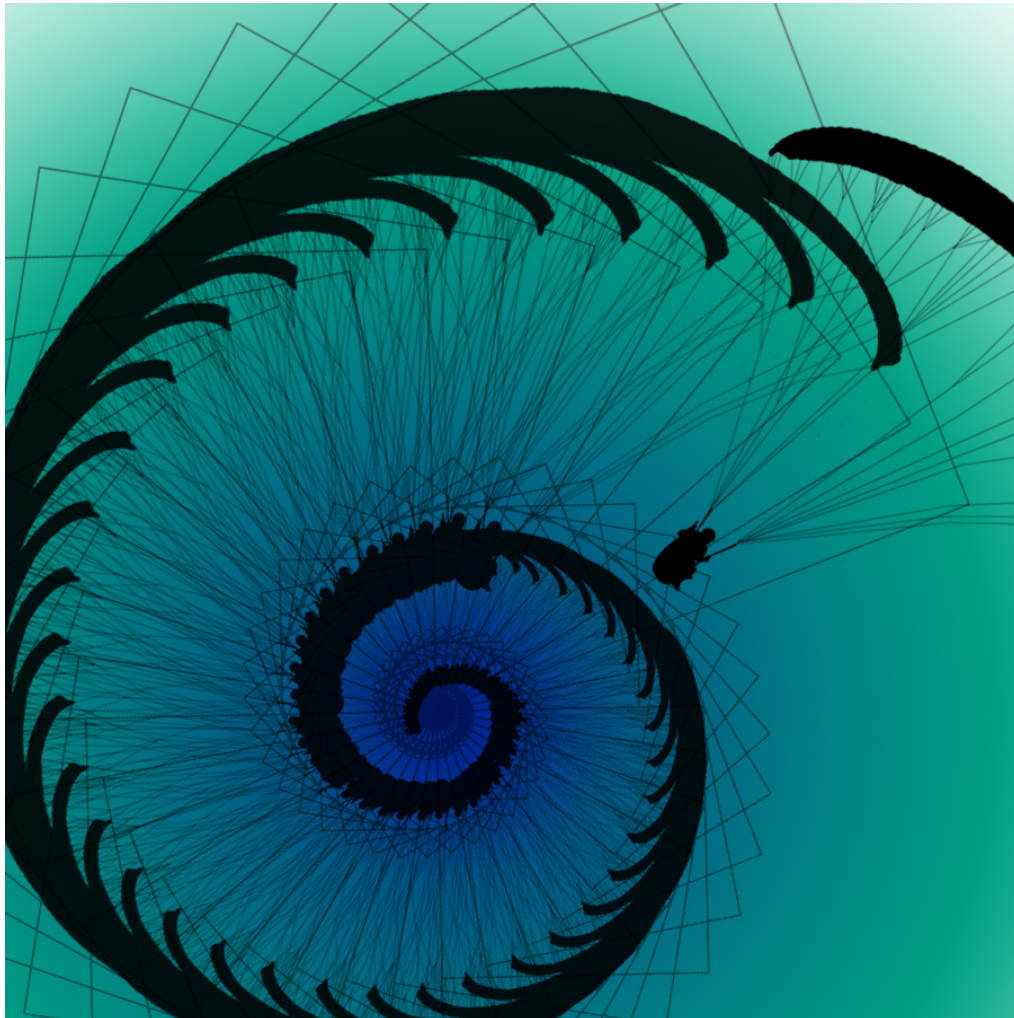




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- * WOR meeting 19 May
- * June 5 - 7 Yosemite with C. Valley and **FREE BEER**

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April 2015 Meeting Minutes

Entertainment

New Members and Guests

Mahu from Guatemala, an H2.

Great Flights

Patrick Pannese flew with Dave from Funston to San Pedro Point and landed at Montara Beach.

Saeed got high at Ed Levin.

Paul Gazis flew Ed Levin on a new paraglider.

President: Robert Booth

Tom Rust and other Fellow Feathers members have proposed creation of a central site for club renewals. A controlled burned is planned for Ed Levin. .

Vice President: Patrick Pannese
Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Don Herrick
Income exceeded expenses in the past month. The club's balances are stable.

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Member Services: Phyl Hamby

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Hans Truax was recently injured in an accident and Phyl has been asked to continue as Member Services Director. There are 307 paid members for 2015. There have been problems contacting some members who haven't updated their contact information on the website. The lockbox at Ed Levin is sometimes used as a mailbox; not the most secure way of communicating with the club. Phyl asked people who leave renewal paperwork in the lockbox to put it in an envelope.

Flight Director's Report – Ben Dunn, Paul Gazis

A pilot flew too far downwind of the LZ at Ed Levin and was unable to glide to the LZ. He apparently dropped into a wind gradient/rotor near the water tank and crashed. He suffered fractured vertebra, but is expected to recover. Paul Gazis proposed updating the Ed Levin site guide to caution pilots about flying too far downwind of the LZ, among other concerns.

Robert Booth mentioned that it might be appropriate to have another Ed Levin instructor's meeting.

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Robert Booth mentioned also that tutorials on fundamentals of flying at Ed Levin and elsewhere would be good topics for entertainment at future meetings. He also mentioned that pilots should clear the spot landing targets and move to the breakdown area promptly after landing.

There was an incident at Fort Funston in which a pilot did a 360 near the cliff and nearly hit it. The pilot had not been flying much recently and was flying an unfamiliar glider.

Secretary's Report – Paul Clayton

The March minutes have been posted on the discussion board.

Ed Levin – Phyl Hamby

A porta-potty has been acquired for the LZ. There will be a burn in the LZ with the intent of destroying Medusa Head weed. Fire season has not officially begun and more mowing in the LZ is planned. The cattle water trough in the LZ may be moved; the club has permission from the rangers to do so. Robert Booth appointed a committee to figure out where to put it and do the move, consisting of himself, Saeed and Jesse.

April 2015 Meeting Minutes

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Mission: Chris Valley

The environmental impact report is still being worked on - anticipated public review date has been pushed to late summer according to Park Planner, Michelle Julene.

All keys have been distributed to those that applied - no more keys are left. Ranger Marie Reil has the current key holder list and is looking forward to a safe year of flying - as are we.

Remember to carpool as much as possible before you arrive at the sign-in box / staging area.

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Remember to drive slow along Mill Creek Road and on Park fire roads up to launch - lots of blind corners and people using these roads as hiking trails.

Although we strive for safe flying season, there is a possibility for an incident to occur - In case of EMERGENCY, for fire, ambulance, police, or ranger dispatch, call 510-881-1833.

All flying and WOR-related incidents shall be reported immediately to the Mission Ridge Site Committee Chairman, Chris Valley, at 650-740-2690. Fly safe!

Diablo – Robert Moore by e-mail, Robert Booth

Robert Moore: I've agreed to step back in as Chair, to replace outgoing Matt Epperson. Thanks to Matt for his effort over the past two years.

The annual Special Event Permit documents and fee have been submitted to the Park and accepted.

Robert Booth reminded members that launches are not permitted in the Lime Ridge open space area, and to drive slowly on the road to launch and watch for bikes on the road.

Site Acquisition – Pat Denevan, Jim Woodward, et al

An engineering report on the access road is needed. The fee for this report (\$1100) is due when the forms for site access are submitted to the county. Robert Booth plans to appoint a site committee, to include Pat Denevan, Jim Woodward, Don Herrick, Ben Dunn and Tom Rudolf, and asked for a volunteer to be site chair. The details of the site committee are to be announced on the website.

Old Business Roy Spencer noted that an issue of Flightline has been published. The winners of the writing contest on the subject of "My First Flight" are Dave Jacob, Larry Fleming and Colin Perry. Original art is solicited for next month's issue. 3 4 5

New Business

Colin Perry has been appointed to organize club events.

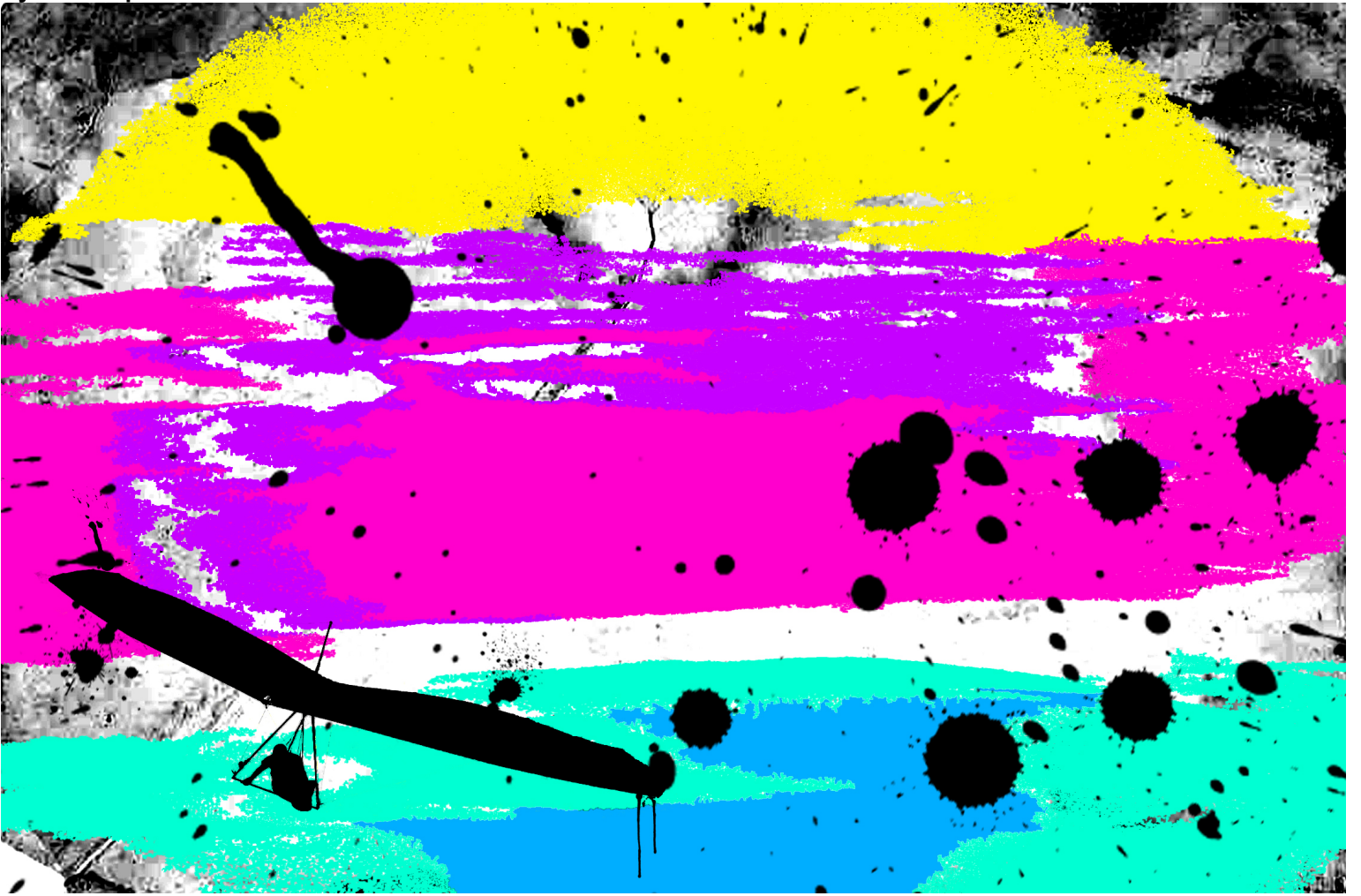
Wayne Michelson plans to organize a trip to the Owens Valley in May. Details will be posted on the bulletin board.

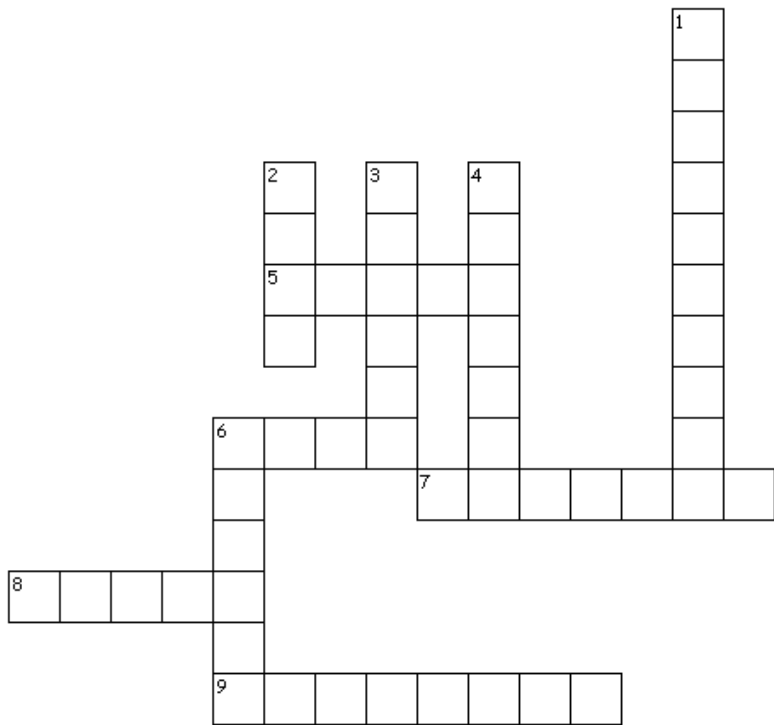
Robert Booth noted that the Coyote Howl will be in May, and Wills Wing and other manufacturers will be holding Demo Daze on 5-30 through 6-2 at Crestline. Zippy noted that the X-C ranch, near Andy Jackson Flight Park is open and features a koi pond and RV park.

Funds were collected to buy a gift for instructor and winch tow operator Harold Johnson, who recently suffered a stroke. Karl Allmandinger proposed a plaque commemorating Harold's contributions to the flying community

Robert Booth noted that the WOR facebook page is an un-official means of communication among members, and also proposed having meetings at other locations.

END of Meeting Minutes
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See if you can solve the puzzle using the hints below:

Across

- 5. Steve Miller said to fly like an _____.
- 6. Roy always lands next to the _____.
- 7. A PG pilot's term for a HG pilot.
- 8. The big club
- 9. _____ airspeed or brains. You need at least two.

Down

- 1. Best newsletter money can't buy.
- 2. Where George of the Jungle landed.
- 3. A HG pilot's term for a PG pilot.
- 4. A good thing to bump into in flight.
- 6. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a _____.

The solution will be published in the next issue of the Flightline.

Editorial #####

Once again it is time for Mr. Thinks He Knows It All's Corner

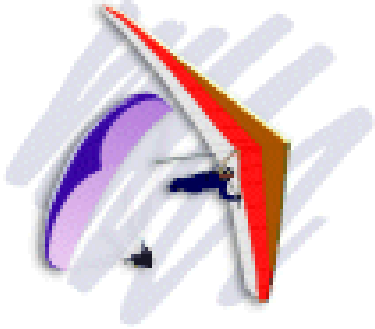
If you are reading this, it means I got another newsletter published. I hope you enjoy the original art and first ever (As far as I know.) Flightline Xword puzzle. Thanks to the people that are sending content. Next month you can red the article by Paul Gazis titled: A New Pilot's Guide To Ed Levin Until then, good lift.
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