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Cover Photo - Windy day in Greendale? By Lijian Liu

Thanksgiving (late) Edition

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A work party on Saturday, December 4 will remove weeds from the paved road through the LZ. Considerable progress was made prior to the Silent Airshow. The work party next Saturday will finish the job by removing weeds from the ditch up the hill to the Minnis Road gate. To join the work party, meet Phyl Hamby on the road at 8:30 AM. If you have them, please bring:

* Work gloves, hat, sun block, and water for yourself.

* Eye protection.

* Hoes, mattocks, digging bars/San Angelo bars with chisel tips, square-bladed flat (flat-nose) shovels, and weed whackers suitable for removing weeds coming up through cracks in asphalt. We need brush cutters to trim weeds beside the road, too, although most of that work has already been done.

Anyone who wants to drive to launch is expected to help (not fly) until 10:00 AM. Any one who walks to launch can fly during the work party. Steve Pittman Chairman, Ed Levin Site Committee

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Editors Turn:

The members web page should be ready for your renewal by the time this newsletter goes to print. That is I'd kind of decided to get that in place this month BEFORE the newsletter went out. So at your earliest convenience please log into members.wingsofrogallo.org.

Your username is your WOR member number and your password is your five digit zip code.

You will be able to modify your username to something you can remember, just not yet and you will also be able to change your password to something you can remember, just not yet.

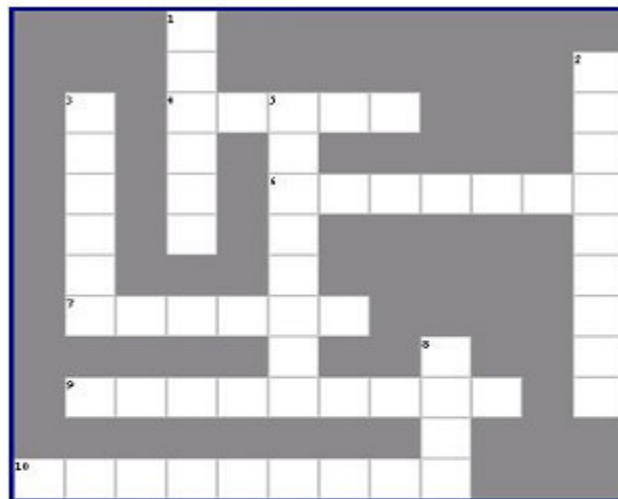
The address information came from the WOR_ALL data maintained by the membership administrator (Carm) and the rating information was drawn from the USHGA site as of about Nov 6th and will update itself.

You are required to accept the privacy statement before you can use the site, but bearing in mind I work for a data warehousing company and personally hate spam you can safely say that as long as I'm looking after this no-one will have access to your details except the execs you nominate to do so, and yourself of course.

There's a brief article on page 6 that should hopefully clear it up a bit. You should be able to renew using paypal. Any issues, just email me and I'll try to sort it out as quickly as I can.

There will be a quick poll on << >> whether or not you think

dues could be raised to pay for maintenance of the Ed Levin road and other such things. This is just a poll and will not affect policy other than giving the information back to the execs. If you don't use the poll then you can assume that you are for any dues change unless you go along to a meeting. Speaking of which the next meeting on December 21st there will be a members Holiday Dinner. WOR will pay \$400 towards the combined check for the meals of a members that show up. That is if the complete bill is \$399.99 then it's free, if it's \$500.00 and 1 person shows up then that person needs to shell out \$100. \$600 and 40 people show up and it's \$5 each etc etc. There will be a set menu of turkey or something I'm assured. Also back at the meetings there was chat of nominations for officers and surprisingly a number of officers were nominated. If you want to nominate someone, drag them along to the next meeting and nominate them. Execs are rarely shot for what they do in office. So the winds are from the East and it's that time of year everyone is looking for an east facing site, so not much in the way of flying probably. I even bumped into one of the other webmasters at Home Depot at the weekend so if he wasn't flying the weather must have been bad!



Across

- 4. Start again? (5)
- 6. What intelligent aviators do this time of year (7)
- 7. Online friend for wealth transfer (6)
- 9. Art of a Falcon said Hans Solo (9)
- 10. Next Months Pilot Profile Victim (4,5)

Down

- 1. Recently gobbled up (6)
- 2. Meet and sometimes you eat one (4,5)
- 3. realization of dreamy flight (1,1,4)
- 5. More Food Norman to get elected (8)
- 8. Used for next year mixed (4)

October 2004 Minutes

New Members/Guests

Mattias - from Germany; has been flying HGs for 16 years.
Kenneth - is interested in foot launched flying.

Great Flights

Steve Delayo - has been flying 30 yrs.

Presidents Report - Phyl Hamby

Everything running smoothly.

Vice Presidents Report - Wayne Michelson

The BLM is looking for some flying pictures for a pamphlet.

Treasurers Report - Don Herrick

Income was less than expenses this past month, which is normal for this time of year. The Silent Airshow accounts are almost ready to be closed. There will be funds to contribute to the charities.

Membership Services - Carmela Moreno

494 people have renewed their membership for 2004. 2005 stickers will be available at the next meeting.

Flight Directors Report - Pat Denevan

There were about 30 people in the air at the same time last Saturday. Remember that the lower pilot has the right of way. Pilots who are ridge soaring should give way to thermallers who climb through them.

Ed Levin Site Committee Report - Steve Pittman

Nothing to report.

Mission Peak Site Committee Report - None

Mt. Diablo Site Committee Report - None

No site committee members attended. Phyl Hamby noted that a plaque was presented to the head ranger commemorating 20 years of hang gliding at Diablo.

Site Acquisition - Gene Pfifer

Both HG and PG flights have been made at Coyote Lake. One HG soared above the ridge in spite of the overcast the day of the flight. There may be limited vehicle access next year. The ranger wants to open the site for flying. There will be a public meeting in January, which will require attendance by club members.

Silent Airshow - Mark Mullholland << >>

Some costs were incurred that were not accounted for. Unused airshow smokes need to be collected. Mark believes that the Rotary club lost money on the show and proposed that WORs net from the show be divided between the charities. A pizza party may be held for the volunteers.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Paul Gazis reported on USHGA board of directors business. There will be another vote on whether powered harnesses will be included in the organization. Ray Leonard has been dropped as a director; he has not been active recently. Another vote is planned on the proposed name change. A change in airspace rules in Europe is contemplated. That may eventually affect US flying.

Pat Denevan reported that he has ATOS glider available for demo flights.

19 people attended. Prizes were raffled.

END OF MEETING MINUTES

Upcoming Events.

Dec 21nd WOR Meeting

Dec 3rd - 5th eparaglide trip to So Cal contact Richi at richifly@eparaglide.com 925-260-3370

Dec 17th - 19th eparaglide trip to Big Sur contact Richi at richifly@eparaglide.com 925-260-3370

Dec 28th - Jan 2nd eparaglide trip to Big Sur contact Richi at richifly@eparaglide.com 925-260-3370

January 22-February 5, 2005 Come Fly Tapalpa, Mexico with Juan Laos and Advanced Paragliding. This will be our 6th consecutive year guiding tours to this area which boasts some of the best flying in Mexico. This is the site of the 2002 and 2004 PWC and is Mexico flying at its finest, without the crowds. Wide open launches, wide open LZ's long mountain ridges and escarpments for cross country flying with easy retrieves. We will be flying Tapalpa, San Marcos, San Juan Cosala, and Guadalupe. All are within approximately 1 hour of our first class lodging in the historic mountain town of Tapalpa. We will have four USHGA instructors on the tour for personalized Thermalling and Cross Country Instruction. Just show up at the Guadalajara Airport and we take care of the rest. The tour fills up fast so reserve early. Hanggliders welcome. \$1800. Contact Juan@advancedparagliding.com (925)-377-8810

March 25-27 2005 IP Clinic in the San Francisco Bay Area. Juan Laos, IP Administrator and Advanced Paragliding will be hosting an Instructor Training and Certification and Recertification Clinic in the San Francisco Bay Area. Open to aspiring Instructors and Basic Instructors looking for recertification. Registration must be received no later than February 15, 2005 Contact Juan@advancedparagliding.com (925)-377-8810

Coyote Lake/Timber Ridge test site flying

by Gene Pfeiffer

Last month in October five paragliders pilots and three hang glider pilots test flew the ridge behind Coyote Lake. Last year we test flew the front ridge, and this year we completed test flying Coyote Lake by test flying the back ridge. The launch elevation is 1920 feet, and the LZ is a little over 900 feet for an elevation drop of 1000 feet. The LZ is about an area of 20 acres off of Roop Road that was approved by the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department last year. The glide ratio is about 4.4 to one. Ed Levin is about 4 to one.

The test site pilots showed up in the first part of October only to decide that the wind from the NW was too strong to safely fly. Patrick Congdon, the director of the Santa Clara Open Space Authority, brought use up to the top of Timber Ridge to check out the conditions. On launch it was cross and only about 8 or 9 mph. This was what the forecast predicted. However, three of us hiked half way down the side of the hill to find that the wind was blowing up the canyon at about 18 or 19 mph. Jim Woodward says that there is a compression effect as the wind in funneled up the canyon. We now know that this launch is not for NW winds.

Three paragliders pilot launched again with the hang gliders and they were able to stay up a little longer from their morning flights.



Jim waits to launch while Lee Gardner soars the ridge

The end of October was our final test fly day (We had two approved test fly days). The sun was out from the early morning and the winds were light out of the south. We were expecting a good thermal soaring day. Most of us had longer flights than the first test day, but not by much. I had one disorganize thermal that gave me 440 fpm up and 420 fpm down. I lost it after only a minute of circling. Steve explored the ridge east of the launch for thermals without much luck. Shankar explored to the west of launch and we were not sure if he would make it back to the LZ. He found some lift and made it to the LZ. The hang gliders launched into stronger afternoon winds without getting above the ridge. Jim believes that if we could have gotten above the ridge we would have been able to work the thermals.

He has flown this canyon in the past << >>

and sometimes we was able to thermal out and other times he has had to land. On this same day pilots had better flights at Ed Levin and Mission. We still do not fully understand what conditions will give us good thermal flying. Hopefully, we will have limited access next year to fully fly the site. Spring thermal condition should be better that fall condition. Patrick is going to recommend limited weekend flying for advanced pilot next year to the board of director of the Open Space Authority. He is also going to try to have limited vehicle access to Timber Ridge, but there are several issues that need to be addressed. If we are approved for flying this site, the test pilots feel that after a couple of months of advanced pilots flying the site, the rating should be able to be lowered to H3 and P3. We have found out that the launch is safe and none of us had problems reaching the LZ. Most of us landed at the far end of the LZ without problems.

Patrick said it would greatly help the approval process with the Board of Director of the Open Space Authority if a large number of pilots attend the board meeting. The meeting should be in January. I will keep you informed.



Gene gets a flight-photo by Patrick Congdon

In the middle of October we went back for our first day of test flying. The winds were out of the south, and the launch faces the south. John Wilder was the first pilot to fly from the new launch site. He and the rest of the paraglider pilots had sled rides to extended sled rides under cloudy skies. A little after noon the three hang gliders launch into stronger south winds. Lee was able to ridge soar the ridge up to 300 feet above launch.



LZ view from Launch

Pilot Profile

Here's one I know you'll enjoy. Art Thompson is well known by most WOR members - but only if you fly a millenium :-)

Q1: What got you into the sport?

I attended the Silent Air Show at the prompting of Carrie the girl I was dating at the time. The announcer part way through the show had to apologize to the crowd for the pilots abandoning the pylon course / spot landing routine; because they were turning right and climbing well over the towers and turning into specks. My reaction was You can go up in one of those things? I thought they just flew down like skydivers. (we were currently involved with skydiving at the time. I have got to try that. After soliciting information from all of the schools represented we decided learning at the coast was missing the element of cow pies and signed up for a six lesson package each at Western Hang gliders / Kittyhawk west Carrie took only 5 of her lessons and went on to other things I on the other hand was hooked



Q2: What was your most memorable flight?

Probably my first successful thermal flight at a southern Cal site named Saboba. I had been soaring at the coast for about a yr. and had logged a hundred hours but had not flown inland Jim Johns the owner of WHG offered advanced instruction and held an annual tour of the southern cal sites... I shared that first successful with a hawk who upon my primal scream of glee turned upside down showed me his talons and dove away. I ended that flight of over two hours by misreading the wind sock and plowing in down wind grinning ear to ear.

Q3: What are your favorite three flying sites?

#1.Owens Valley #2.Telluride #3.Lakeview Oregon.

Q4: Any funny experiences that you might like to share?

Not too many what I would call funny things happen while flying; but I have met some genuinely funny (FUN) people. First prize would probably go to Michael Pelican Helms and honorable mention would probably go to our own Steve Rodriguez in his younger days.



Q5: Any not so funny?

A 26.5 mile flight from Sugar Mountain to Hunters Hot Springs that ended with me in the hospital after hitting my leg on a piece of iron jutting out of the concrete



pad that had at one << >> time held up the

drive in movie screen that was long since abandoned. We had been partying the on that very spot the night before and I had commented (some kind of weird premonition) to someone that I was surprised no one had removed them as they would be dangerous if someone were to fall on them. The day after my incident they were cut of flush with a cutting torch.

Q6: What else do you enjoy other than flying?

I have many varied interests but none would rank with flying.

Q7: Who do you admire most in free flight and why?

I have had many excellent mentors over the years who were all more skilled pilots than I am today. Anyone of them would qualify. The only one of them who is still actively flying more than me (that I am still in contact with) would be Ken Muscio of the famed Sierra Crossing.

Q8: What advice would you give to anyone thinking about starting hang gliding?

Just do it. And as much of it as you can get away with. And if you can do it on a Millennium all the better.

Q9: What does the future hold?

The future holds no guarantees so live for today.

Carpe diem !!! Dude

Welcome to the Wings of Rogallo Members Only site.

Is the greeting you'll get from the sparse new members only site members.wingsofrogallo.org

Believe it or not this is the end result of quite a lot of work and should make member administration a bit easier.

I still have to modify some of the interfaces and make a few more accessible.

When you log in with your WOR membership number as your username and your zip code as your password you'll be prompted to accept the privacy statement. This was created to pre-empt anyone using the data for personal gain and is necessary. The wording may change and if there's something you disagree with e-mail me and I'll present it to the exec committee, however if you don't accept it you'll not gain access. Once the privacy statement has been accepted you'll be put on the main member page. It currently lists your primary and secondary e-mail addresses. These are updatable, just change the text and click the UpdateEmail button. Emails are validated so if my validation routine fails you'll need to choose another valid address.

Your primary e-mail is used to let you know when a newsletter is available and

your secondary is used to let you know of announcements like when a meeting is imminent. You can turn of either or both if you don't want announcements. (of course you could also enter no e-mail address too, but personally I'd like to know when there's a free lunch). You can also update your postal address. This is not validated, however if you want to receive relevant snail mail from WOR you should make sure this is correct. The data came from the WOR_ALL data maintained by the membership administrator (Carm) and if it's not correct then you have the ability to correct it.

If your membership is about to expire or has expired there will be a link to a page that allows you to renew online. This page can only cope with current members.

Next you will see your various ratings and skills. This data comes from the USHGA site. They are currently only used for presenting a Mission / Diablo option when renewing, but will also be used to populate the observer / instructor pages in the near future. That is if your USHGA membership expires your WOR privileges expire with it. They are not updatable and will update themselves weekly round about the the same time as your USHGA

membership is due for << >> renewal.

There will be a button for you to populate the data on the fly, but not yet.

At the bottom of the page you'll see a poll for membership dues. This is another cool part of the members only site. You get a voice. Everyone gets one and only one vote on a particular poll. The member with the biggest voice does not win :-)

I'll be adding 'mugshots' soon too and you'll have the option of these being displayed in a member directory that you will also have the option of being in (opt-out by default), unless you're an instructor in which case everyone gets to see you're pretty face. I'd ask that pictures be no more than 640 x 480 preferably jpeg and they will be edited / resized before being posted.

Finally at some point I'll be adding other 'agencies', like FCC, FAA so you can be sent reminders of when they are nearing expiration if you like.

There will also be a log book for this inclined and I might even publish 3D images of tracklogs if I get round to it. Seriously though let me know if you see any errors or changes that need to be done. This was mostly done between the hours of 10pm and 2am and my brain kind of stops functioning around 8pm.

Address http://members.wingsofrogallo.org/members.php

You have reached the Members Area

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Welcome Alec! You have reached the private Members Area.

You logged in : 21:44:46

Inactivity will end your session in 14 minute(s), 34 second(s).

Log-off will be in : 0 hour(s), 28 minute(s), 26 second(s).

Classifieds:

Classifieds are taken from the classified section of the WOR web site for the 30 days prior to publication (whatever will fit). Non web submissions can be e-mailed to editor@wingsofrogallo.org Classifieds are free, however non WOR member donations are encouraged through the Wings Of Rogallo web site donation page at www.wingsofrogallo.org/documents/donations.html

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Plumbing

Supersport 163 has only 78 hours and not flown since annual inspection test flight in Feb 2004. The glider is in superb condition and comes with extra pvc bag, tail, extra faired down tube, 7 1/2" pneumatic wheels, and bar mitts all in great condition. The colors are orange and lime green. Glider flies great...just ask Mike at M.S.C. who test flew it. Asking \$1100 firm. Rick 408 224-4378 or Nowack@sbcglobal.net

Airwave K2. I upgraded last year, and would like to have the space back. Make a reasonable offer and its yours. Pick up in the bay area only. Test flight in the bay area possible. 650 331 0710

165 Dream-Single surface glider This is a good first glider for someone in the 100-140lb weight range. It is not as good as a new Falcon, but still a great training glider. This would also make a great dune glider for buzzing around Marina. \$500 OBO Henry 415-664-5989

small 109 Aeros Stealth. This is a high performance blade wing for a small advanced pilot. Full race configuration with mylar sail, speed wires, Carbon base tube, and zoom frame. Dont be intimidated by the size at 109 sqft. Its sinkrate is awesome, and it glides with the current generation topless gliders. Will ship in well constructed shipping container anywhere in US. \$1900 OBO Henry 415-664-5989

153 Wills Wing SuperSport. Maybe 2 hours on it, Maybe 10 flights. Crispy new sail. This glider was purchased new by a friend of mine, flown once or twice, and then stored in a garage in LA for 8 years.

Another friend brought it up to store it in my garage and I want it out of there. A great new hang III glider, or advanced hang II glider. \$700 OBO Henry 415-664-5989

Stealth 3 151 Excellent Condition \$950 Mylar sail, carbon cross bar, new wires, new VG line from WW, batten chart, manual, carbon Horner wing-tips, extra batten tips. Oleg Racer model, kickstand. Glider bag looks almost new. This glider is still in production by Aeros. Best deal anywhere on a Topless Stealth 3! Located in Crestline Ca. Contact: Marcus V. 858 764 1905, socalhangpilot@charter.net

Falcon 195 Good condition & flies great, Must see!! Speed bar,dwn the pads, sml,lrg whls. Will also include airwaive harness for quick sale. Im back in pwrd paragliding, lazy to drive to flying site. \$1650 obo Serious inq call (707)344-2840 or email joecruz100@hotmail.com

Moyes Xtralite 137 Overall, its condition is very good. There are a few spots on the leading edges where the mylar is slightly cracked (just the laminated surface), but those have been nipped in the bud with some handy-dandy clear vinyl repair tape. The tips are a bit soiled, but hey, it's seen its share of action. I upgraded the VG pully system so it's a breeze to pull, and pull, and pull. Moyes' VGs, in case you are unfamiliar, have a huuuge range. Nice. I have also modified the batten pattern to the CSX pattern on the recommendation of Ken Brown which gives it nicer handling on the ground and in thermals. I replaced all the flying wires about three years ago and have only flown it a few times since, so they're pretty much new. In case you're wondering, I've always stored it indoors and I don't live anywhere near the coast or the bay. I think the pictures I've included pretty much show its overall condition.

Call for price Michael hairball@rawbw.com

Packages

WW Ultra Sport 147, 170 hours, \$850. Asymmetric Black/Red, with tail, folding basetube, Finster wheels, batten chart, standard bag, and manual. Tracer Pod harness and regular bag, blue/black, for slim person 5'7" - 5'11", \$215. Has internal and external storage compartments. Comes with Hall windspeed indicator, Jack hook knife, and shoulder (Moyes) tow release. Kiwi Evolution full-face helmet, size Large, \$35 (the interior foam has been washed). Everything above for \$1000!!!

Would like to sell before December 13. Richard Wang San Jose 408-929-2486 rwang@yahoo.com

Tools

GPS Garmin 12 \$80. OBO It good to have an extra GPS for you driver so they can find you when you land out and give them your coordinates. Two GPS are better than one, and a lot more useful. Henry 415-664-5989

Tanget Flight Computer Highly sensitive vario Speed to fly \$250 OBO Henry 415-664-5989

Mobile DC adapter/charger (E-DC-12) for Yaesu FT11R Vlad 510-849-1579

New condition Flytec windwatch. I have a flight computer now with inducted airspeed so I don't use the windwatch anymore! Jonas. email at barbourjonas@hotmail.com or call 415-385-7687

Wanted

Javelin 208 I have a 167 in amazing shape, I like well, and would love to have a 208 in good flyable condition. I need a bigger 'boat'! If you have a decent 208 and pictures I can look at showing...Let me know at: airganisms@lycos.com

cheap 2M radio for sale? I have one already just wanted a backup. If you have one let me know. email me.....briggs@yahoo.com

Editors note:

When you put an advert on the BBS please put contact information with it. There are ads that have no e-mail or phone number associated with them. Also a 2 page posting will not get into the flightline



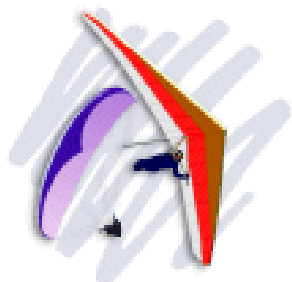
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