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End of the World party Nov 11 at 11:11:11 PM

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August, 2011 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Jim Pyle, PG pilot
Pat Dumlau, Rick's wife

Great Flights

Eric Froelich flew Chelan and crossed the Columbia river for the first time to fly on the flatlands. Tractors were kicking off dust devils. His best flight was 73 miles; he placed 2nd in the flex wing class.

Ben Dunn flew King and placed 6th out of 58 pilots. It was windy all week; Ben flew 6 of 7 meet days.

Pat Denevan's son James is pictured in this month's Sunset magazine.

President- Paul Gazis

There was an informal club trip to Hull. 3 people flew.

Vice President- Ben Dunn

Ben reported that he has been travelling to meets, etc. and was recently interviewed by the SF Examiner.

Treasurer- Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income for the past month.

Flight Director- Karl Allmandinger

Karl recently put a post on the WOR website under the "Safety" section.

Membership Services - Phyl Hamby

There are now 370 paid members, 30 more than for all of last year. Instructors have been signing up a lot of new members.

Ed Levin - Phyl Hamby

Phyl has been investigating the possibility of installing a restroom at launch at Ed Levin. Ideally this would be a permanent restroom on a foundation like the new one at Mission. The cows have been moved out of the LZ.

There are a lot of rattlesnakes; 6 were recently sighted by PG students in one day. A dead cow was recently discovered on the hillside. Report any dead cows to Park officials. Phyl plans to cut branches on the roadside tomorrow and solicited volunteers to help. The weather robot is currently not working due to a failed power source.

Mission Ridge - Roy Spencer

George Morford is moving out of his house at the base of Mission peak and consequently the webcam needs a new home. Alan Deikman has volunteered to host the camera at his house and needs technical support from someone familiar with webcams. He plans to place the camera outdoors, which will require an enclosure of some sort.

Mount Diablo - none

Coyote Lake - Jim Woodward

A USHPA representative is working with the county parks officials to resolve the insurance issue. The parks dept has proposed a policy with an insurance company of their choosing, and they want \$7K per year. Phyl Hamby noted that a similar issue came up for the Mission site and was resolved.

Site Acquisition

Mount Umunum and Bald Mt were discussed. Among other challenges, a suitable LZ is not presently identified.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Funston Air Races are this coming weekend.

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Doug Prather is back in the air. Pat Denevan reported that he launched in a wheelchair at Funston and has been recovering some function in his legs. Pat also mentioned that the Funston launch is much improved.

Eves Tall Chief is in the hospital recovering from a triple bypass. \$100 was allocated to buy him a bottle of champagne as a get well gift. Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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Sept 2011 Meeting Minutes

New Members/Guests

Wes Finley; who is coming back to the sport and needs a glider

David Duke, a PG pilot who has also flown HGs

James and Jen, a PG instructor and student

Great Flights

Carmela Moreno reported that some good flights were had at Indian Valley over Labor Day weekend. One day there was virga and cloud suck caused by a cell, which also created a gust front in the valley near Dave Clement's place. Some people encountered severe turbulence, and Victoria Knight shot video of her flight, in which she bounced off the apex of her control frame.

President- Paul Gazis

A spot landing contest and picnic is planned for October, probably

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Sept minutes continued...

toward the end of the month. Details to be posted on the discussion board.

Vice President- None

Ben Dunn was not present.

Treasurer- Don Herrick

Expenses exceeded income for the past month, which is normal for this time of year. A budget for the coming fiscal year will be presented in October, the beginning of the fiscal year.

Flight Director- Karl Allmandinger

At Indian Valley, a pilot broke a downtube by impacting the ground during his launch run, but was able to fly and away and landed safely. Several pilots encountered severe conditions when flying through virga and a gust front generated by a cloud.

Membership Services - Phyl Hamby

There are now 381 paid members.

Ed Levin - Phyl Hamby

There are a number of lost items in the lockbox, including glasses, cell phones and gloves. Any items not claimed within 60 days will be raffled.

Phyl has been working with Jeff Cousins from the County Parks Dept to obtain an outhouse for the launch.

The road is still bumpy, but trees that were overhanging the road have been trimmed. The dead cow on the mountainside has been reported numerous times. The cow died in the same area where wild boars are dumped. Vultures are often seen flying nearby.

Mission Ridge - Roy Spencer

Roy contacted George Morford and asked him to return the webcam. Volunteers are needed to get the camera running in the new location, at Alan Deikman's house.

Mount Diablo - Robert Moore by e-mail

The Site Procedures have been revised and accepted by the Park staff. Among the revisions is the inclusion of the consolidated Visiting Pilot procedures, and the addition of the Lime Ridge LZ as one of the official landing zones.

Coyote Lake - Jim Woodward

Gene Pfifer has e-mailed the Parks officials in an ongoing effort to resolve the insurance issue. Mark Forbes of USHPA has also been working with the Parks.

Site Acquisition

None

Old Business

Paul Gazis reported that the instructor appeal committee procedure is completed. To date it has not been used.

New Business

Colin Perry requested \$200 for a best photo/best article newsletter contest. Don Herrick stated that there is a budget item for that purpose, so no motion was needed to allocate the funds. Colin also suggested that the Hiller Aircraft museum might be a good place to have the December meeting. The cost of renting the museum for our event was discussed. No exact figures were available but it may be more than the club is willing to spend.

Organization of a Christmas party was discussed. A volunteer or volunteers are needed.

20 people attended

Prizes were raffled.

End of Meeting Minutes

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Uncle Colin Speaks

Hi kids. Hope y'all been gettin ya some this summer. I've overheard tales of dust-devils & cloud-suck & gust-fronts & virga & all manner of exciting stuff. My summer has been a tad more sedate than that, the most trouble I've had is trying to get them damn tip-wands into my new kite every time I try to fly. Why is it that "new & improved" usually entails a huge increase in the hassle factor?

This just in..... Announcing the new year-long WOR FlightLine challenge. Up to \$200 in CASH prizes available for the taking, divided between the best picture(s) and best story(s) published in this here rag. Theme for this event is "Most fun I ever had with my pants on". Stories must exceed 140 characters, not exceed 3 pages, and have not been previously posted on the outernet. Photos and stories must be R rated or less, stories need not strictly adhere to historical facts nor must photos be lacking in enhanced effects applied post-exposure. Judges will be carefully selected based upon the quality & quantity of beer that they buy me over the next 12 months. Winners to be announced at the Dec 2012 WOR meeting. So get on it, send in your best stuff ASAP.

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