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In Lieu of February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Some posts from the forum:

On Meetings and Volunteering:

Hello WOR Members,

Many of you may be aware that our January general membership meeting did not happen because we were surprised to find our meeting place, Vito's, closed for remodel. A location for a February didn't happen and next week's March meeting was cancelled to protect our health.

The term of office for WOR's current officers ends at the end of March. With the exception the President, who resigned to spend more time flying, current officers have all agreed to remain in their positions until an election is held. Your club has members volunteering to make this election happen ASAP. So, for the time being, we still have PIC's.

If any of you are interested in volunteering time to support your club, please contact me to discuss the possibilities.

Fly Safe,
David Egli
WOR VP (Acting President)

Hi David and WOR members,

I am volunteering to help out WOR in anything that needs to be done. I have the time, and lots of experience from being a past President of BAPA.

One thing I would like to try to organize is a reserve toss clinic for both hgs and pgs, Sonoma Wings just had one, and we might be able to borrow their set up for hgs so local hg pilots can practice tossing. We might have to wait until late April or May when the virus has passed. The Sonoma Wings set up can swap out the hg hang system for pgs, so we might be able to do both and perhaps have repacks available.

Susan Kent

On Elections:

Hello WOR Pilots,

I have created a new committee, WOR Election Committee.

Isaiah Clapp, our Newsletter Editor, has accepted appointment as Chairman of this committee. Thank you very much Isaiah for taking this position on an important committee.

The election committee will conduct the WOR Election of Officers and others votes.

Fly Safe,

David Egli
WOR VP (Acting President)

On Leadership:

It was a honor to serve as your President for the past year. I've made a few mistakes and I am glad that they were not damaging to anyone, all in all it was a good year for safety with-in the WOR flying site's. "Please stay that way!" I am stepping down from my Volunteer position as President of Wings of Rogallo. I will be pursuing my own flying endeavors, flying and working on powered ultra lite's and the Dragonfly / Rancher (quite the flying machine's!). I hope everyone continues to fly safely. Please contact me if you need any assistance.

Your X President
Ranee Azzar
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I enjoyed working with Ranee as a WOR officer and wish her the Best in her future flight activities. I have learned the importance of volunteers in making our club successful and encourage others to participate in growing our club and Free Flight.

David Egli

On Mission Keyholders:

Mission 2020-2021 Keyholders

Regarding the key exchange for the 2020-2021 flying season.

If you are brave enough, I will conduct a live key exchange Saturday March 21 in the Mission parking lot between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon. After which it will be soarable.

If you want to use postal mail, send your key to me. Make sure you wrap your old key so it does not rip out of the envelope. Also include a Self-addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE), which I can use to mail the new key in.

If you are a new keyholder, send the SASE with a \$20 key deposit and pictures of your rack.

My address is on the key application

Roy Spencer
Mission Site Committee Chair
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FYI

As of March 15, Mission preserve remains open. Public events of 50 or more are cancelled.

<https://www.ebparks.org/news/releases.htm>

On Virtual Meetings:

It's been suggested this topic be raised here, instead of only with the Executive Committee (who have the authority to call a member meeting).

I am writing as a long-time WOR member, and member of the Mission Site Committee, to strongly encourage us (WOR) to use the current health recommendations of the CDC and doctors around the world as an opportunity to explore two common contemporary communication forms:

- 1 - Online officer elections
- 2 - Online meetings

Wings of Rogallo's membership is widely dispersed geographically, particularly if you factor in typical commute challenges. I believe it is currently an organization that does not reflect large numbers of its members, since participation is often restricted to in-person activities. In particular, due to the requirement that voting in officer elections be done strictly in-person at a weekday meeting.

Many other organizations (including USHPA and other USHPA chapters) use online elections. Election Buddy is used by both USHPA and BAPA, and the only issues I'm aware of have been user-error (the software has performed as required).

Historically the Mission Key Exchange meeting has been robustly attended, and is a great opportunity for pilots to meet face to face. Again, though, the geographic and logistical challenges make this forum very difficult for many members to participate in. Roy Spencer has been extremely accommodating, allowing members to use a self-addressed, stamped envelope to swap their keys. Jack Diaz has offered to help with the administration of the key-swap if needed, so that members are encouraged to use this format this year with the need for social distancing.

Finally, while the debate and conversation in an in-person meeting can be quite lively, companies have long shown that a lot of work can be done without being physically co-located, and many people in the Bay Area are getting plenty of first-hand experience this week. BAPA will be doing their meeting online-only tonight.

*** I volunteer to coordinate and administer the online WOR meeting.

Again, please, please, please can we have online officer elections and an online meeting for WOR this month?

Thoughts?
Julie

Many people like the idea... but...

IRS:

[https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profi ... cial-clubs](https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profi...cial-clubs)

"An essential earmark of an exempt social club is personal contact, commingling and face-to-face fellowship."

While true that the meetings don't have to be in Santa Clara County, they do have to be somewhere. The club bylaws were written to comply with this IRS requirement, and others. You'll need to take it up with the IRS if you don't agree.

Don

On Flag Poles:

Notice to pilots.

On 2/27/2020 a pilot was attempting to erect a 15-foot bamboo pole near the parking lot at Mission.

The Head Ranger had to stop the pilot and explain to him that he cannot erect poles inside Mission Peak preserve.

All pilots need to remember that Mission is a regulated site. Read the Site Procedures. The Site Procedures identify what we are allowed to do. If the Site Procedures do not say a thing is allowed, it is not allowed.

For example:

We are not allowed to rearrange the site without first making a proposal to the EBRPD and getting the change approved.
Pilots cannot just land wherever they feel like.

Mission is not an unregulated site out in the middle of the desert.

Netedtec

On Mission Back Gate & Uber:

Due to a recent incident, I need to remind pilots that we must not take rideshare rides to the Mission back gate and access the preserve. Access through the back gate is only allowed when a keyholder key is used to open the gate.

Thanks

Roy Spencer
Mission Site Committee Chair

On NorCal Falcon League:

Eric,

Sure, any single surface flexwing would be welcome. So far there is still plenty of room for more participants. I'm not on FB and would likely communicate by email and phone.

Who else is interested?

RM

Editorial March 2020

Nature has offered a mixed bag for humans in 2020 and free-flight pilots are not exempt. Flying conditions are stellar and the local soaring sites are filled with pilots. A new form of life now wreaks havoc on our species, currently at a fever pitch. How to cope with the lot responsibly will require balance.

It is the beginning of the season and the first flight for the majority of pilots. The exuberance to get airborne tends to out-roar the sage advice lingering from seasons past. Conditions are still wild as Winter sings her swan song.

While life is a wonder to be celebrated, the most unpopular is a new strain of a hostile virus. Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is spreading fast through close contact with people. Governments from the macro to the micro level recommend avoiding social gatherings, local businesses are shutting down and large

corporations are asking people to work from home. Individuals are urged to act in any way they can to decrease the spread of the COVID-19.

With healthcare providers following this guidance, the industry has been impacted heavily. Phone and video appointments are recommended over physical meetings in order to minimize exposure but also to streamline processes for efficiency. As much as it hurts to write it, recreation with high risk for injury is not the most responsible thing to engage in during this pandemic due to the chance of injury and demand for extra healthcare.

Lockdown is not a term often associated with free-flight, but it may soon become the reality if we cannot slow the spread of the virus through social-distancing. Greet with elbows, keep your distance, stay home if ill and review CDC website for up-to-date information. Winter's final blows are going to hurt.

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