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## **September 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Wings of Rogallo Monthly Meeting  
2020-09-XX

It was decided that due to the free-flight limitations caused by Covid-19, forest fire smoke, Summer heat block, inversion layer and marine layer, the September meeting would be skipped.

END

**Next Wings of Rogallo Meeting:** October 20th 2020  
7:30 PM with Zoom component emailed to members



## Editorial October 2020

Global warming eclipsed the Sun and even Covid-19 for days as the smoke from wildfires brought the apocalyptic outlook of our fossil-fuel gamble to the forefront with our new annual end-of-summer ritual of shame. The skies looked eerily reminiscent of Blade Runner 2049 and the thought that this fiction is reality in 2020 is disheartening and brings an overwhelming feeling of personal responsibility. The September week prior, San Francisco beat a century old record heat by 8 degrees Fahrenheit and Los Angeles reached a record heat of 122!

Mission was blocked for part of September due to the wildfires but has opened up allowing memorable flights of locals and visitors. Wings of Rogallo and the Telegram medium made it easy for visitors to connect with locals and get the waiver signed and even sticker up for short-notice flights. Ed Levin is still in the process of opening up, one instructor at a time. Free-flight pilots still visit but not nearly in the numbers seen in previous Septembers. It is important to remember the rules such as no smoking especially since we are guests and leaders of those who literally look up to us.

An angelic morning rain swathed Northern California, clearing the air and softening the soil for the following horseman of the free-flight apocalypse, the ground hogs. It turns out Wings of Rogallo pilots were not the only aviators with decreased flight activity at Ed Levin; the raptors, too, are not their usual selves as evidenced by the increased ground

hog activity. With Mike Jefferson leaving the area, there is less human effort going in to filling these holes of doom that have laid a hole pandemic across the whole landing zone and training hills at Ed Levin. Clark Frentzen vows to rototill and welcomes assistance.

It was during the Fellow Feathers board meeting last early September that your editor heard of "marginal" Mark Lilledahl's passing. A memorial was held at Mussel Rock AKA 'The Dumps', where Mark found camaraderie and peace during his life and people most touched by his presence honoured him after his long battle with cancer had come to an end. Diev flew a Sport in Mark's honour with such marginal conditions that he hooted and hollered with the joy of pulling it off during and for a while after the over-the-back downwind launch and landing.

The Wings of Rogallo have worked hard through the dim-aired start to Autumn. Debate remains lively as to the involvement WOR should have in the Park's approval of instructors at Ed Levin. Covid-19 has brought the moral question of how best to hand off the awards of service to Phil, Stan and Roy, sitting squarely in most targeted demographic.

Just like that, the Autumn season is pretty much over. The daylight diminishes and the early Sunset robs many of after-work flights. The best of us will take advantage of every second and start planning for the maintenance season. Get out there and fill some ground hog holes for the air hogs in the Spring! Skydancer

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