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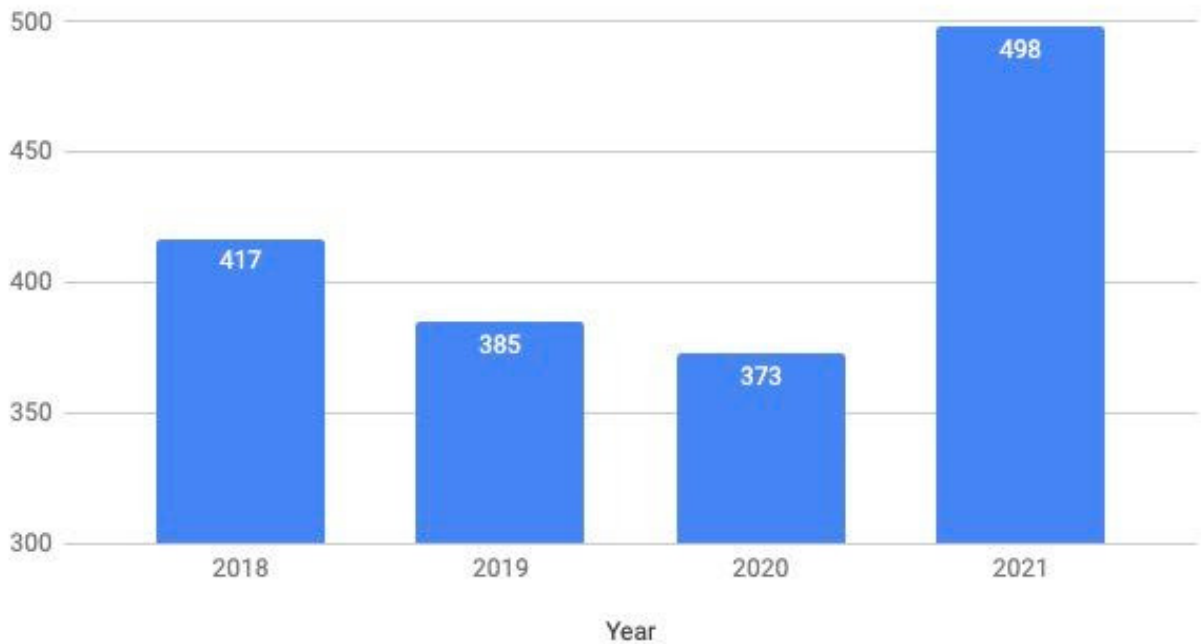
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Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo Annual Meeting
2021-11-16

- [Ben] President's address
 - Lots of donations
 - Ed money
- [Tristan] Treasurer's report
 - Overall expenses are down this year, despite adding 2 sites.
 - Increased membership and donations (thanks!) primarily drove the balance sheet growth.
 - Eye toward future strategic investments in easements.
 - \$29,258 in the bank, +64% from 2020.
 - \$10,288 operating income, +264% from 2020.
- [Richard] Membership services director's report
 - 500 members

Number of WOR members



- [Evan] Election / nomination recap
 - Same board as 2020 minus Pam plus Chris
- [Dan] Upcoming safety clinic
 - Dec. 11 Brightworks SF
- Site reports
 - [Spencer (absent)] Ed Levin
 - Road update? Should be fixed soon
 - [Steve (absent)] Mission
 - Special use agreement renewal with EBRPD in progress. Lease agreement between City of Fremont and EBRPD nearing completion
 - [Robert] Diablo
 - Special event permit for Diablo renewed
 - Robert is working on running a clinic at Diablo in the new year
 - [Pam] Stables and Mori Point

- Discussions with GGNRA about the following:
 - launch conditions
 - site procedures
 - non-commercial tandem
 - HG access at Stables
- Upcoming work party
- [Ben] Coyote lake
 - Beginning discussions with Santa Clara Parks. Franco is reviving the efforts. No progress yet.
- [Evan] RRRG site renewals
 - Happening soon.
- Q&A
 - Roy Spencer asked about vehicle access to the Mission LZ.
 - Evan (in place of Steve) responded that the EBRPD park staff have explicitly asked us to not drive along the hiking trail to the LZ, due to increased park usage. This was previously communicated to all club members, most recently in June 2021 when the updated Mission site procedures were published.

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Editorial January 2022

The years shortest days seem to have concentrated the free flight action into some of the biggest turnouts in months. Pilots carefully studied the forecasts and shared their outlooks to an eager crowd. There has been no shortage of fronts offering small windows of free-flight.

Mission Peak and Ed Levin were good free flight centers in December as fronts passed through. Franco shared that the 4th was nice but turbulent from 1pm to 3pm as he launched from the 600. Lijian posted his practice flying from Ed Levin on the 5th on YouTube with gorgeous footage of cumulous clouds popping in and out of existence at launch height. Many bombed out on the 9th although those pilots who launched in the 15-minute window before 3pm got up.

Possibly the most magic day of the month, the 11th, with ambitious forecasts of 4,000 feet top of lift, delivered flights over 1 hour and close to 3,000 feet. Evan shared his flight path tagging Mission Peak from Ed Levin and Dave shared a video of his flight at Mission likely from this day. Sky Pirates reported 40 to 50 hang gliders.

The 19th at Ed Levin was perfect for a hike and fly with boaty conditions as reported by Peter Kunkel, who flew for a half hour under the clouds. Lionel Marks said the first lift started around 1:30 pm with decent climbs to 2,600 feet. Franco pointed out that the Windy skew-t was accurate. Another hike and fly was performed at Ed Levin on the winter solstice.

The 26th was wet and muddy inter-frontal at Ed Levin but many got some flying in, although Jenn and Jason chose to cut their hike short to save a newborn calf from a pack of coyotes. The 28th was a nice sky party with a dusting of snow

on Ed Levin launch and snow weighing down the trees at Mt Hamilton. Some didn't make it as the launch window lasted twenty minutes and then cloud-base made its way down the mountain. The Windy skew-t was accurate this day too.

Diablo and The Stables were not reported on but adjacent sites provided rare winter flying days. Andy Balk shared some videos on YouTube flying at Marina on the 24th going North in choppy winds some reported as 30 plus miles per hour. Spencer and a few others flew Funston that same day which presented as strong North West conditions as reported in Diver Dave's YouTube. He shared a narrated flight to Devil's Slide landing out. He also seemed to find soaring conditions there on the 9th, likely the same day that Avi's videos were set.

The Wings of Rogallo worked on improvements. An Emergency Evacuation Plan by Dan Zaslavsky can be found under account - emergency contact on the website. The Stables work party is tentatively set by Pam for January 22nd. Chapter renewals are now open with RRRG to be completed by mid-January. A section of the Mission Peak keyholder road squished by boulders is now open. Though the days are short, please drive slow to show our appreciation as guests on the land. The Free Flight First Aid Workshop that Tonia hosted was successful and sold out with hopes to set up another in the near future to share this excellent presentation with more Wings of Rogallo members.

The new year's free flight offerings is anyone's guess. The winter forecasted to be dry has set records in the Bay Area as the wettest in decades. As La Nina goes neutral to make room for El Nino, pilots hope for a lifty 2022.

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