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In Lieu of Meeting Minutes

Wings of Rogallo has not had a meeting in February.

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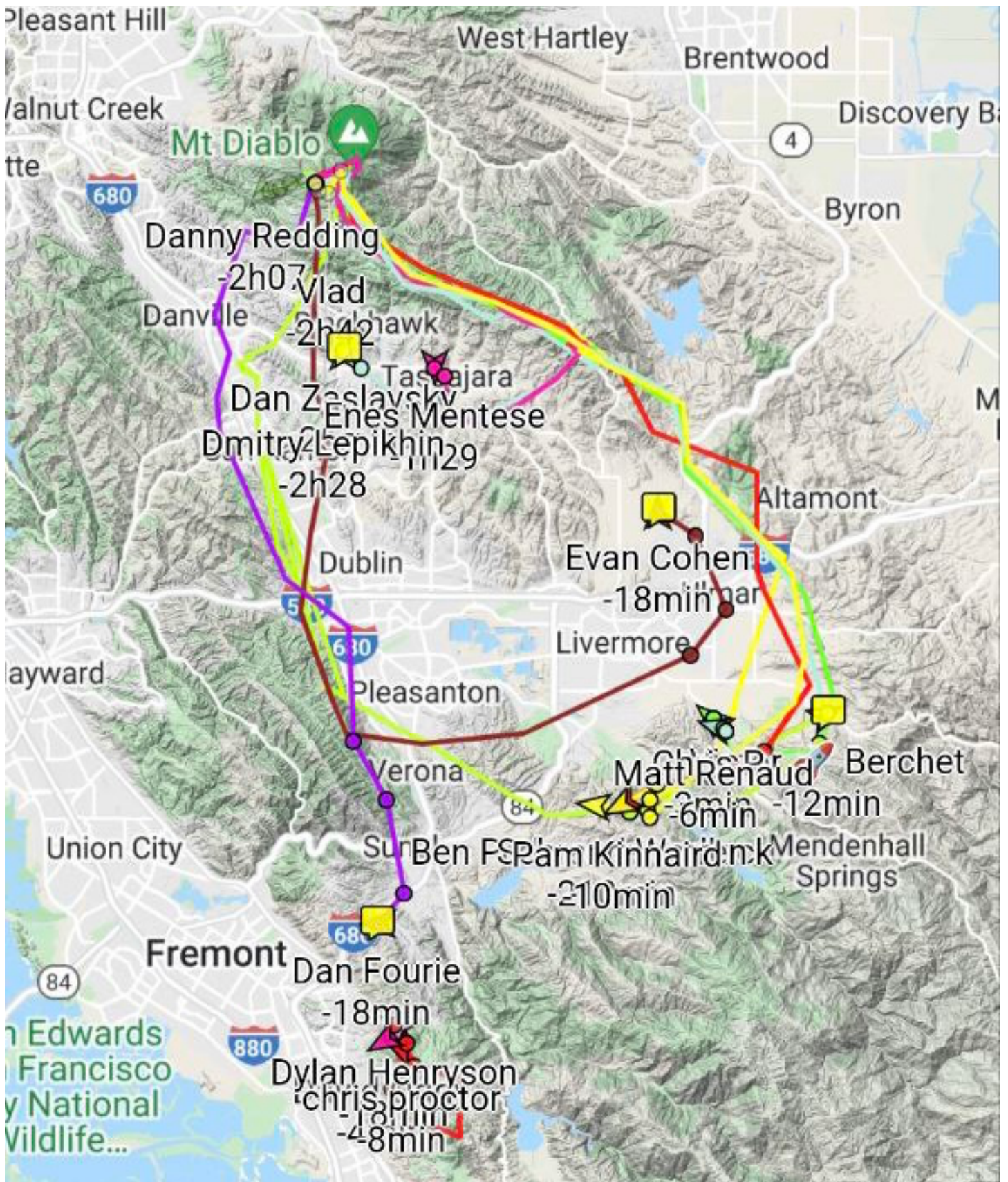
Big Diablo Day

Pam Kinnaird echoed comments seconded by Dan Fourie and recalled by your editor from reading through the chats:

“One of the coolest things about that day was seeing the different routes taken and meeting up with seemingly long-lost friends throughout the flight. Some pilots followed the higher terrain South East toward the Altamont and made a clockwise path around Livermore. A few others decided to head South West, either heading toward Mission or working on the counter-clockwise triangle.”



Enes Mentese captures a charming moment of pilots syncing plans on the big Diablo Day





Enes Mentese offers an example of Pam's recollection and what people found so special about the big Diablo day

Editorial March 2022

February certainly delivered what was hoped for Wings of Rogallo pilots as far as good conditions for free-flight. It was a very active and productive month as records were made on the best days and abundant so-so yet fun days in between. There was not as much precipitation as hoped for and more mishaps than preferred, but the best was made at all Wings of Rogallo Sites.

Ed Levin is in the groove right now, offering excellent flying conditions on most flyable days. As early as the first week, pilots were able to fly to Mission Peak as shared by Ismo Karali. There were sledder days, such as the 13th as well as some days with very high winds and others with flyable over the back conditions for the surest pilots and least risk averse. The 18th was good enough to go to Mission for some, back for one and half-hour flights for others with half of those conditions for the following day. The 25th was a good one as well before it started blowing over the back allowing Julian Lemoine to get over an hour and nearly 25 km.

Mission Peak has hosted some good flights over the last few weeks. Everyone loves Bob Posey's new Mission key lanyards, which are a truly pleasant design and robust quality. The 21st was epic according to Evan, who bagged almost two and a half hours, setting the Mission Flat Triangle record and Dmitry Khairullin who did nearly the same. The 27th was good enough for at least the hang glider pilots as at least two were seen circling well above launch.

Diablo got some love in February, as well as the logbooks of some 20 intrepid pilots there. On the 24th Ben, Pam, Enes, Sebrand, Matthew, Chris, Dan Fourie, Evan and Vic flew impressive tracks with the latter pair flying a big near-triangle almost to Mission Peak and then East and then back, the former hitting Altamont and then almost Mission Peak. Ben's was over four hours and almost 60 km, landing in the same field as

Sebrand and Pam who flew a bit further because they didn't clip a corner of the triangle. Dan Zaslavsky landed nearby after going the other way and nabbing the FAI triangle record for Diablo. Dan Fourie set the relaunch record from Juniper with four flights that day. The 24th was legendary.

Coastal flying certainly happened but is so often regarded as less noteworthy. Your lazy editor flew over The Stables on the 14th when it was progressively more Northy as the day progressed but not too bad at all. Several days during the month rewarded pilots showing up on marginal days with as much flying as they wanted. The work party at The Stables is still under development but expected soon.

Spencer headed up the volunteer work to mow the grass at the LZ after seeing some potential bad landings caused by tall grass hiding gopher holes. Any visit to the site will reveal the dedication volunteers have to the housekeeping. The Ed Levin combination gate locks were updated early in the month so that a master key is no longer needed to update them annually.

Insurance kicked in without any lapse in coverage. Close your eyes right before every launch to send silent thanks to the volunteers of the club that work together in order to make sure that the flight activities at these precious sites are compliant and protected. Louder thanks are welcome as well via the various contact methods.

It seems foolish to forecast anything other than stellar free-flight conditions for March. Reports of good conditions are welcome by all members and incident reports are urged by the club in digital form as soon as possible to maintain strong communication and favor with the powers that be. Please close your eyes before you launch to will into existence the flight that results in the former vs the latter.

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