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**In Lieu of Meeting Minutes**

Wings of Rogallo has not had a meeting in July.

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## Editorial August 2022

Wings of Rogallo free-flight sites were not as conducive to aviation in July as they were in June. Summer brought its typical thick Marine Layer inversion making for many smooth overcast days at the coast and some barely soarable days on the other side of the Peninsula. Outside of The Stables, Mission got most of the love.

The summer blockbuster is timely art as interest is piqued in how to best respect horses from the air and the ground when it comes to free-flight. Morgan Venable is transitioning into the site chair role for The Stables and Mori Point already building a strong relationship with the nearest neighbors at The Stables and sharing on the website a best-practices document for horses there. He found that half of the people going on guided tours at the stables have no riding experience and don't know best practices for keeping a calm horse.

Understandably, the hill is the most anxiety inducing part of the ride and "flappy fabric freaks horses out." Surprises freak them out too and the hills can obscure a free-flyer until abruptly appearing to a hill-goer. Chill, straight flight well over one hundred feet away from the horse is a respectful behavior. As part of the tours, a brief photo is taken at the beach and it is most helpful for free-flyers to avoid the area when they see this taking place. Stables intros are happening all the time as flying there gets more and more interest.

Mori trees are getting tall but no evidence presents people flying there. Emails of feedback about Mori offer a measure of interest. Please let the club know if you are enjoying the site as it will go a long way. Insurance for all sites is increasing in cost all the time,

adding to the other pressures decreasing ease of retaining sites.

Mission served the community as best it could in July, considering the weather. July 4<sup>th</sup> there were five paragliders finding pretty easy lift on an average day. Three days later, it was lively with easy winds at noon and thermals in the marine layer topping out at the peak. The next day offered good flying in the afternoon. The ninth, ride offers starting online before 9 for eta 11:30 and not much was reported following a popular day. The 15<sup>th</sup> featured 5-8 knots with nice cycles coming in. The 23<sup>rd</sup> was a good bumpy day. The following day offered summer thermals and short flights with very few having lots of fun staying up after launching at 2:30.

Ed Levin started the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the month with beautiful morning fog lifting ten after ten allowing an hour of boating around. Twenty-two days later, one hang glider flew while several peers drove down. It will be nice if August balances summer out with more flights here. There must have been more flights there just not reported in the regular channels.

Similarly, Diablo likely had flights, but your editor did not see evidence of it on the innerwebs. There were days in July when discussion of ride coordination happened but no reports make it seem that the conditions did not materialize. There were such great flights in the spring of this year from Diablo that it must be rung out.

Summer 2022 in the Bay Area has been full of pleasant air and climate. Free-flight is less available, but the conditions for similar activities could not be better. August is expected to offer an extension of this but it is not outside the realm of possibility to be pleasantly surprised.

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