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**In Lieu of Meeting Minutes**

Wings of Rogallo has not had a meeting in October.

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## Editorial November 2022

October was an active month for the pilots of the Bay Area as the harvest season offered flyable days for pilots to can the memories into their logbooks for reminiscent enjoyment during the darker days of winter to come. There was a 5.1 magnitude earthquake mid-month just South of Mount Hamilton. Mission had the lion-share of activity but Ed Levin and Diablo also had flight reports.

As expected, Mission Peak had the best days of October. The first of the month was better than expected as Mission saw six paragliders with many low-saves to ridge-height. The next day was a little bit more wind and a little bit more Southy. The fifth was almost soarable with birds making a go of it and free-flight pilots only getting lift in half-turns.

The seventh saw a new windsock in the LZ installed by Spencer. The weather of the twelfth left a pilot up top forced to take a night hike down with the coyotes singing in the trees. The fifteenth was windy and soarable as the still morning air changed to ten to fifteen straight-in buttery air for ninety-minute cloud-thermallings. The next day was similar with good lapse-rate and plenty of lift to thirty-one hundred in overcast skies under the Marine Layer. Nineteen gliders flew and Andrew reported frustration that the down feathers leaking from his jacket out-climbed him.

The twenty-second was NW seventeen gusting twenty-two in the afternoon when several hang glider pilots flew tagging Monument Peak and some landing at Ed Levin. The next day Northy with WNW at ten in the LZ letting pilots get a sledder in. The day after was nice light NW with sharp erratic thermals all the way to the LZ and cool and crisp air above three-thousand with top of lift to

three thousand six-hundred. There was nice ridge-lift on the North face that day too. The twenty-eighth presented a still windsock at noon and small South cycles every couple of minutes leading to a nice soarable afternoon from one to four with top of lift about three thousand. The next day was similar with eagles at their rock and most pleasant from two to four allowing pilots to soar to Ed Levin.

Ed Levin had several good days and featured the Halloween party in the always-lively LZ. The second of the month offered thermals from the South blowing NW with air good enough to hang out between 600-700 feet and a 40-minute flight from the top. Pilots enjoyed extended sledders the next day. The fifteenth was soarable with some sinky turbulence reported. The twenty-fifth was a sledder day with a lot of opportunities for expert pilots to stay up. The day before Halloween, great folks gathered at Ed Levin to celebrate their outfits, candy and company.

Diablo conditions seem to be shaping up starting this Sunday when four pilots launched and stayed up for an hour or two. There are forecasts that there might be good conditions tomorrow. Let's hope so.

An example arose of the importance in watching your gear like it is your child a few days ago as a paraglider wing was discovered between the fender and a front tire of a pickup truck. It is election season and our institutions need our input. You may be too late to vote for USHPA, but there are other important elections that beg your attention in November.

November started out with a nice drop of rain today starting North and sliding South around noon. Some suggest that the big California floods will happen next year. Many local pilots will plan their trips to Mexico, Colombia and Tahoe while others will enjoy the warmth of home.

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