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NEWS

FALL IN FULL SWING

Chilly skies have once again arrived in the Bay Area. In late August, unseasonable moisture in the air had local pilots spotting impressive cloud development around Mission Peak and Ed Levin. While some pilots made their way south to Dunlap and Tollhouse for Sierra air, those who stayed local were rewarded with above average conditions. Mount Diablo saw a few excellent flights in the latter half of summer, with some connecting Diablo to Mission and beyond.

A retrospective look at September flights indicates that it was flyable in the Bay Area more than half of the days of the month. Though smoky, conditions were reportedly buoyant (a Telegram search for “hard to get down” would return several comments from September). At the coast, Stables continued to deliver as a good option.

Since the beginning of October, winds have begun to shift East. Flying has remained possible, and success has seemed to favor those patient enough to wait into the afternoon. Windy Hill had a great couple of days serving as a starting point for longer flights. Right on time, murmurs of winter travel plans have begun to pervade the para/hang waiting scene.

WOR OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations are NOW OPEN for officer positions on the 2024 WOR Executive Board. The voting period begins **November 15** and ends **December 4th, 2023**.

Most of the current club officers are willing to serve for another term, however new applicants are always welcome, and the board is improved by having fresh and diverse perspectives. You can read the club's bylaws and reach out to any of the current officers to learn more about their respective roles, and what work is involved.

If you're interested in running for a board position, submit your nomination using this [nomination form](#). All nominations must be received by 11:59pm PST on November 13th, 2023.

Here are the guidelines for candidates:

1. Candidates must have a paid 2024 WOR Membership and up-to-date contact information on file in the WOR member database.
2. Members may only submit nominations for themselves. Please do not submit information on behalf of other members.
3. Members may only run for one board position in a given election.
4. Candidates for the Safety Coordinator position must hold at least an H4 and/or P4 rating, and must also be either a USHPA Instructor or USHPA Observer.
5. The Communications Director position is an appointed, not elected position. Candidates who wish to apply for this position should submit their statements using the Nomination Form, where they will

be reviewed by the incoming President and Board, however, this position will not appear on the ballot.

We will be using the ElectionBuddy platform for the election. **Be aware that the information you enter into the nomination form will be copied and pasted verbatim into the election ballot: this is your opportunity to communicate with members about your candidacy.**

If you wish to update information that you submit in the nomination form, you may do so up until the close of the nomination period. The current list of nominees can be viewed here.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER: ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Each year, WOR appoints a non-board member to serve as election administrator in order to facilitate a fair and unbiased election. If you're not planning to run for a board position this year but want to get involved, or for more information about the role, reach out to the current executive board.



ED LEVIN UPDATES



NEW SITE COMMITTEE CHAIR

WOR welcomes Mike Briganti as our new Ed Levin site committee chair! Mike can be contacted by email at edlevinchair@wingsofrogallo.org.

1750' ROAD

There are currently no updates on the 1750' road repair. Park officials previously stated that the project is on hold and no further information has yet been shared. Members are allowed to contribute to efforts to maintain the road to the 300' and 600' launches but are limited to using hand powered tools.

For further inquiries about the status of the road repair, please contact the site chair, who serves the club and helps maintain our relationship with SCCPD as a designated point-person for the park.



MEMBER SERVICES & NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Our long list of new WOR members is proof that late summer and early fall is a great time to learn to paraglide here in the greater Bay Area. While this season has been difficult to forecast for the good XC days, the flyable days for learning and developing our skills have been plentiful.

We hope all our new pilots are enjoying some nice flights at our WOR sanctioned sites, as well as the other local sites, this season. For new pilots, get connected with our community by joining the various telegram chats that interest you. [You can find the options here.](#) If you're interested in learning more about XC flying, we have a group of seasoned pilots willing to mentor and answer all your flying related questions on the Mountain Newbs chat. We also occasionally have newb get togethers to discuss topics selected by our new pilots.

If you have any questions about the club, the sites, or are looking to get more involved with WOR please [reach out to Jenn Lauritzen](#), our Membership Services Director, or any of our Site Chairs for more information. Welcome to the community!

NEW MEMBERS FALL 2023

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Ari Almarhoun

Hongyi (Stella) Ban

Olivia Bettaglio

Sam Buck

Colin Cahill

Jeff Caves

Steve Chen

Lionel Corbet

Emilie Cote

Nathan Greer

Matthew Jamison

Gia Kirk

Gordon Kirkwood

Steven Lee

James Liu

Dominic LoPinto

Jonathan Morales

Rajeev Nongpiur

Chitta Shirolkar

Jinghui Tao

Lauren Vallez

Floor van de Velde

Jiangzhen Yu

Tom Zhou

Emiliya Debrogorska

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Yong Li

Trevor Nesbitt

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Diana Sy

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WANTED: YOUR FEEDBACK!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE? The *Flightline* Newsletter invites all WOR members to comment on and contribute to club publications. This opportunity extends to pilots of all ages, levels of experience, and wing types. Do you have a story you'd like to tell or a topic of interest you'd like to see covered? Did you take a photo you're proud of? We'd like to share it!

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