

Massachusetts Hang Gliding Association

USHGA CHAPTER # 119

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MEETING NOTES

Well I trust that the number of you all present at the first meeting of the MHGA for the year of 96 was only an indication of the weather that we were going to experience over the next few weeks, POOR!! Like they say though, April snow showers brings May soaring, I think that is how that goes.

Now for those of you that by some chance missed the event, a brief review may be in order. The meeting was held as scheduled March 9 at Brickers Restaurant in Greenfield, attendance was light, The treasury report came through with \$ 873.86. We still have 21 of those world renowned T shirts, (so call me if you are interested they could go quickly).

Discussions were kept short regarding the first full year of paragliding in the Mass. State Park System, and it was decided to keep the trial period in effect for Paraglider pilots until further notice, It seems that the only problem encountered throughout the season was Paraglider pilots that were not signing in. We need to get the word out that there is proper procedure to be followed if they expect this sport to continue in the State Park System.

Gary Brunelle said he would work on our proposed new logo. He has a great possibility.

Now how about the Greylock Open you ask you know the distance contest from Massachusetts highest peak. It seems that the best we could do in 1995 was when Brooks flew up to just north of Manchester VT for a run of about 37 miles. Now what I am willing to do in 1996 is let that window of opportunity open for you all by forfeiting the prize money from the 95 season and combine it with the 96 entry fees to give you all a little incentive at going more than 37 miles from this beautiful mountain. Now with an entry fee of \$5 a season I can't see you going wrong. Please contact Brooks for more information on the contest.

While we are on the subject of \$ I must remind you all who have not renewed your membership that this will be your last issue of the Updraft, that being the oldest HG publication in New England. Just ask yourself, where can one get all the info regarding your favorite HG sites for a meager \$15. (That is the clue to get the checkbook out). All the news that is fit to print.

As far as the condition of the flying sites I have had a couple of nice flights on the Mohawk trail in march and there is still snow, but that is changing fast. Mt Greylock and Skinner wait until all the snow is gone. Greylock opens around May 15. Petersburg is always open. Work parties will be scheduled for last two weeks of May.

One final note is that May is election month, and with nominations still open you can get the right people in office to get the job done. Elections will be held at the May meeting which is scheduled for May 18 1996 at Gringos Mexican restaurant, half mile south of the RC field. 7:30 pm.

Since April 1996 The MHGA has sent \$75 to Randy Adams for representing region 8. (Congratulations should go to Randy for being elected as Vice President for the USHGA). Also \$75 was sent to Vermont club for work to be done at Jakes in West Rutland, It seems they had a tough winter up there this year. \$\$ Will be sent to Steve Arndt to help with the cost of printing a new site guide for 1996. Send your news and your dues to:

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