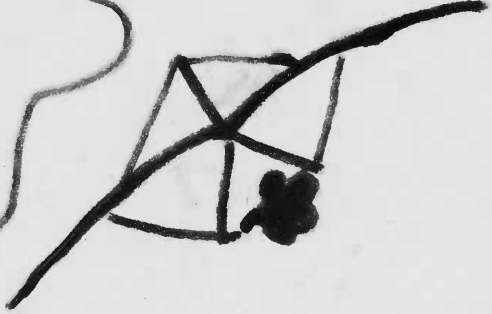


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MEETING NOTICE

The October meeting of the MassHGA will be held at the ME bar and Lounge on Rt. 47 in Hadley, two miles north of Skinner State Park. Date will be the third Tuesday of the month, October 18th. Time will be 8:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After some turbulence and sink, the MassHGA is hopefully back in some steady lift. I think one of the most important lessons to be learned from our past is that even though a president can get a lot done, he can't do it all. I need your help in making this club effective in matters concerning us. I view the task of the president as one of organizer (and maybe even a diplomat); a representative, not a substitute.

I also feel the club must be organizationally sound to take on the tasks and subsequent responsibilities site regulation and management. If we can not, the non-flying bureaucracies will do it for us. That will be our prime concern over the next year. If we can do it, site acquisition will be easier and less tentative than before.

We need input from club members to make this club go. (but if all you've got is criticism-get lost.) Let me hear

ideas you are willing to work for-at launch sites, meetings, letters, call me at home-just let me hear ideas.

This year didn't see lines of kites at Skinner or Tom the way it was last year. It seems those unemployed found employment, and those employed started on overtime (and some broke their heads, or their arms, or their kites). But if the quantity of flying has decreased, the quality sure didn't. Spencer Smith made the long-talked-about flight from Mt. Tom to Skinner, followed a few weeks later by John Dempsey, who also blew the back off of Skinner to land way over by Brunnel's Marina. Donny Raymond eased his kite up to over 4000 feet; etc, etc, etc. We haven't gone 102 miles like out West, but give us more flyable days like out West and we'll do it.

I'm looking forward to a windy Fall, high lapse rates and three-hour flights. Hope you'll be joining me up there.

FLIGHT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This month I'd like to tell you a little about Morningside Recreation Area on Hane's Hill in Claremont, NH.

I went there for the Region 8 Federation Meeting which was called off for lack of attendance. It seems someone would rather have a meeting when it's soarable and stay home when it's inclement. Oh well!

Anyway, the hill is super. It features a respectable, wide open, large landing zone training slope with a 50 foot grass ledge at the top for slightly higher flyers and the topper is approximately 300 ft. vertical cliff launch with ramp.

It's all complete with a truck to the top at a nominal fee and with-in view of Ascutney!

Seemed like the ideal area to have a club fly in to me.

Check it out, it's 1 1/2 hours North on Int. 91.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the September meeting new officers for our club were elected. Mark Droy is now President, Jim Burril is Vice President, and Sue McGuire, Sec.-Tres.

We congratulate these 3 people and wish them well in their new posts.

ADDED NOTE

MassHGA would like to send their best regards to Sue McGuire, who has been our Secretary-Treasurer. Sue has just returned home after a knee operation. Sue, we hope to see you flying soon!

SEC.-TRES. REPORT

There was an attendance of about 20 people at the September meeting. The balance in the club treasury is \$39.74. There are no new members coming into the club so there hasn't been any money coming in. Hopefully at the October meeting we can discuss ways of making money! The expenditures a month for the Updraft has ran about \$5.00.

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