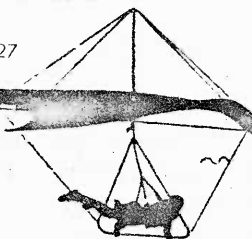


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MEETING NOTICE

The August meeting of the MHGA, Inc. will be held on the third Wed. of the month, the 15th, at the MOOSE LODGE in Northampton. The meeting will commence at 8:00 pm, so if you don't know how to get to the Lodge on Cook Ave. start early so you can be on time.

On the agenda are reports from various members on current projects, such as T-shirt sales by Sue McGuire, plans for the Greylock launch improvements by Brooks Ellison, and discussion of plans for the coming Club Fly-In, with Jim Finkowski.

We need to arrange for one more work bee at Skinner, also. Roger Ward, Head Ranger at Skinner, has a chain saw and if we'll notify him ahead of time he'll come out to the launch and flush cut the few remaining stumps that are in there. All we need are a couple volunteers to go help him remove them.

Also, this is a good time to discuss MHGA participation in the Northern Berkshire Annual Fall Foliage Festival. There is a week long celebration that includes everything from beauty pageants to parades and carnivals, and it gets LOTS of regional coverage.

Is there any interest in a parade float, competition or Fly-In, or just marching gliders in the parade? They would LOVE to have us.

PRESIDENTS JOURNAL

Hi! Well, we've gotten some relief from the summer doldrums. Though I think it a little too optimistic to believe Fall is here.

Either way, I logged 1 1/2 hours Monday, and 3 on Wednesday, all in the company of other local pilots who've also noted a change for the better in local micrometeorology! The launch is looking better, and one brief session with Roger will finish that off. The slot is looking rather well, too, many thanks to Chuck, Paul, Doug, Jim, Jim, and anyone else who helped with the cleanup and pruning at the Work Bee.

Matt Chapman will preside at this August meeting in the absence of Mark and I; we oughta be in California by Wed. nite, soaring them western ladies thermals. (sorry- one track mind!)

My camera will assure you of some good slides in Sept. Cousin Gloria has some good films for the August meeting. Well, gotta go pack. Fly high and safe.

Pres. Chas

VP's RAMBLIN'S

So, it's gettin' to trip time, and Chuck and I want to thank all you people who wished us well, and even those who didn't (?!). The T-shirts are selling, but not at the pace that people ordered them, so if the members and friends who ordered them and haven't purchased yet would please do so the club treasury would love ya. We've sold very nearly enough to cover the price, so get to pushin' 'em out, 'cause from here on it's all PROFIT FOR THE TREASURY, YAY!

There has been little in the way of submissions this month, so this UPDRAFT is short, but lets try to fill six or seven pages this next month. Please mail articles, questions, etc. to me at 386 Pleasant St. Northamp.

SECRETARYS REPORT

The weather, as Chuck noted, is indeed improving. The last week has provided fuel for a real roundhouse of war stories for the coming meeting, and the films from Older Times that Gloria Zannett will screen at the meeting will fill that bill as well. I believe there are even a few feet of me flying a standard in there. For those who have chuckled with delight at some recent events that prove I'm still human (!!) this should be quite entertaining! In other words, if you'd love to see me flub it, and missed my recent sell out performances at the LD meet, then DON'T MISS THIS!!!! I hope to leave them with more serious things on their minds in CA. however. There's nothing for your confidence that's better than watching someone else show they can be dumb as the next guy! So bring the popcorn, and enjoy.

If anyone has new ideas for club projects and fundraisers, bring them in, because we can do these things as a nonprofit corp. now.

Oh, before I forget-- for those of you who missed the LD Meet, it was a real blast. The weather was cooperative, brushing us with only a few brief light showers while the rest of the world got deluged. The meet was based on the two best flights of each pilot, with each getting a practice flight first. Good thing, 'cause my practice flight was the only good one I got!!

Here's the results:

- 1st- Chuck La Versa
- 2nd- Doug Weeks
- 3rd-Lenny Shott
- 4th-Murph Kulisuskis

The winner shared his spoils, a case of beer, with all, and the others recieved a Pagen Book and Velcro wallets for their efforts. Murph, his sister, Lenny, and some friends whose names we didn't get (very sorry) did a hell of a job setting up a great LD course, and making sure we all had a super time. We could've been home watching it rain, and instead we most of us were flying. Keep tuned, because we're going to have another this fall, we hope.

Well, hope you all get good air in large quantities while we're out west. BE GOOD, or at least keep happy.

Later, birdie, later,
YER VP, (harpo) Mark

IN Matts absence Doug Weeks took the minutes. (Thanks muchly, Doug) Wednesday, July 18, 1979, MHGA meeting.

Chuck started attendance sheet so we can keep stats on flight activity in the club. Last meetings minutes were read. Jim Finkowski reported on our rainedout flyin. Murph can do photo t-shirts at \$4.00 each. Chuck reported on the meeting with GADO office head and Doug, Matt, and himself. Will draft letter to FAA and EAA voicing our negative reaction to the Tenn. Commision, and their NPRM (boooo). A call to Washington confirmed that NO SUCH NPRM IS IMMINENT, OR BEING RUSHED TO COMPLETION, as some idiots keep trying to convince us otherwise. The Tenn. Com. is responding to their local problem with a forced "solution" for everybody else to choke on.

In an effort to assure that there is entertainment at meetings, Chuck asked for a volunteer program director.

Mt. Washington is insured for f flying now by Jack Meagher of Windward (YAYYYY WINDWARD). We donated the required \$10.00 club fee to help insure it, so our members, and all pilots, can keep this open.

Murph reported the lodge purchase price at \$14000.00.

Jim Burrill absent, so no Norht Sugarloaf report. Site Book. Chuck is the only reporter so far, about Mt. Tom. A very precise and articulate report.

Chuck will talk to a N.Y. sailplane org. since Berk. sailflights and Pilgrim are defunct. The after Labor Day outing to Greylock looks good, sign up.

Suggested once a month LD meet or some thing for club outings. USHGA chapter Requirements revealed.

Murph broughtin the \$6.00 profit from the LD Meet.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm, after a unanimous vote to continue to meet at the MOOSE LODGE.

FOR SALE: 1977 Seahawk 190. Includes large control bar, prone seated rigging option, and multicolored sail. Best offer. Dave Scheumann @ 739-3088.

FOR SALE: 1977 UP FIREFLY 174. Red and yellow sail, rigged prone. Comes with a lesson from a certified USHGA instructor. Matt Chapman @ 586-1067.

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