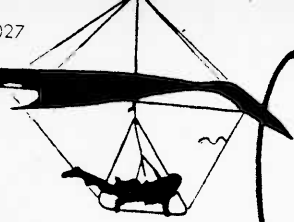


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EDITORS COMMENTS

Hi there! Be sure and read the meeting notice carefully, new day, time, and new place!! MHGA sends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Matt Seddon and his two friends. All three were lost in an unfortunate, no tragic accident when the light plane they rented crashed on the way back from the Chicago USHGA Board meeting in early August.

On a brighter theme, AOPA's (Aircraft Owner and Pilot Assn.) "PILOT" magazine for August has an interesting article of 8 pages with some super photos about you guessed! Hang Gliders! Some of it is well researched while other parts are a bit dated but all in all it is the first article this pilot has ever seen that skipped the sensationalism and the "semi-suicidal" inferences we have come to expect from ignorant authors of the past! When a pilots magazine comes that far the general public won't be too far away. So get ready gang, they are about to realize that we " came of age " several years ago!

To close, let me thank all of you who stuck with us through the thick and thin of the last few months and were there at election time, etc. Now we've got a hot new cabinet and a tight organization again! MHGA is back together again and we're, oh, so glad!

CALENDER

Aug. 16-17 Ellenville Fly-in
Aug. 19 MHGA monthly meeting
Aug. 23-24 WKGCC Cranmore Meet
Sept. 2 MHGA monthly Board of Directors Meeting, 8 pm, Chucks house.
Sept. 2-7 Masters Tournament, Grandfather Mtn., No. Carolina.
Sept. 13-23 USHGA Nationals at Ellenville.
Sept. 16 MHGA monthly meeting.
Sept. 20-21 MHGA outing to Ellenville for Nat's.

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The August meeting (and all meetings until further notice) of the MHGA will be called to order at 7:30 pm on Tuesday (August 19th or the third Tuesday of each month) at the ME BAR on Route 47 in Hadley, Mass.

AGENDA

This weeks meeting will be called to order Tuesday, August 19th, at 7:30 pm. The new location is the ME BAR on route 47 in Hadley.

Chuck La Versa will start things off with a twenty minute Hang Gliding logistics class which I'm sure will prove to be fun and educational to all pilots. We will continue this format going forward to all future meetings.

We will then hear from our fearless leaders. They will give us up to date developments pertaining to their respective positions.

Then of course we will hear the latest New Biz and Old Biz of the MHGA. This will include the dynamic details of this past months flights of all who came to share their experiences. There will also be discussion of our club get together at Ellenville this September.

Last but not least, Matt "long arm of the law" Chapman will preview his latest silver screen epic. (Academy Award material, no doubt)

Lots of things in store! See you there!

MASS. HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Name _____ Age _____ Date _____

Street _____ Phone# _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a member of the USHGA? YES NO member# _____

Dues are \$10.-- per year, with a \$2 discount for USHGA members. Dues include a subscription to UPDRAFT. Send check to:

Massachusetts Hang Gliding Assn. PO Box 652 Easthampton, MA. 01027

On The Calender

For Sept. 20-21 MHGA will go, en mass, to Ellenville to view the Nations finest battle it out. Given good weather, this last weekend during the contest should prove to be very exciting. Only the crème de la crème will still be competing. It is a must for all of us glider groupies who run short of time and money well before the luxury of contest chaiseing. Having it occur only 4 hours drive away is an opportunity that will make a fine club outing. Organization will be a topic of discussion Tuesday coming.

SKINNER PARK

Our new Flight Director, Matt Chapman, has smoothly taken the reins, in stride, of operations he has been highly instrumental in administrating in the past.

All flyers are reminded to sign into the log books at Skinner every day they intend to fly without excuses or delays BEFORE they fly. Anyone not complying with the rules faces possible arrest by State Police, revocation of their permit to fly, and/or revocation of their rating.

This is important to our access to the park as a flying site and should not be taken lightly as our enforcement of these rules, with the interest of all flyers in mind, will be given a great deal of gravity.

MHGA PICNIC

On Saturday August 9 the MHGA hosted its first annual picnic. At about noon, despite the near 40 mph gusts the eternal Hibachi was lit atop Skinner Park and shortly thereafter emissaries from far and wide bit into a super lunch. Drinking of alcoholic beverages was sharply curtailed by hopeful pilots with a keen eye on gradually diminishing winds. Believe it, (Ripley does) Murph drank one beer!!

The usual (and some unusual) pilot banter bounced between and among the crowd as we lazed in the sun and grass digesting. An awesome game of HackySack ensued among those not still

Chas was first off and landed last, at eight o'clock with the sun a red ball on the horizon. The sunset marked the beginning of the real partying as we moved to Phil and Karen's and another barbeque with a cooler that never emptied till the wee, wee hours!

Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and the day wouldn't have been better with a custom order. Another MHGA event goes on with great style, "slick as a bear"!

Election results!!!!!!

Congratulations to our new officers!! Best wishes and a throng of eager members to help you steer the ship!

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Sincere thanks to past officers for their hard work and dedication towards the realization of our goals as a club.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1980 Bennet Delta Wing LAZOR 2. 155 sq. ft. Not many hours, very good condition. Must sell, \$ problems; \$1295-.
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