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MEETING NOTICE

The March meeting of the MHGA, Inc., will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the 17th, at 7pm sharp, in the ME LOUNGE on Rt. 47 in Hadley Ma. Since this is St. Pat's Day it is mandatory that members dress in the traditional SKY BLUE associated with this holiday.

The new Regional Director will be present; Chas' trip to the recent USHGA Board of Directors Meeting in L.A. will be detailed for us, as well as the significance of certain USHGA policy refinements.

Several organizations and individuals have made/pledged funds to our new Director to help defray the costs he incurred representing the Region on this trip. The motion will be made at this meeting that our organisation make such a donation. So far, these clubs/people have committed themselves:

CONNECTICUT H G CLUB	\$43--	WINDWARD CLUB	\$25--
UNIV. of LOWELL H G CLUB	\$25--	JAMES BURRILL	\$10--

Phil Mancuso, who recently moved to Rochester, N.Y., sent the MHGA a \$25-- donation recently, our hat's off to you, Phil. THANKS!

Director Chas La Versa extends his thanks for your continued support and input. His appreciation is also extended to those who made the extra effort to attend the meeting he held prior to the USHGA meeting: THANKS!

SITE REPORTS

Due to the receipt of recent inquiries about our club sites, a listing and update of data on these, and on another popular site, seems to be in order.

MT. HOLYOKE (SKINNER STATE PARK) Exit Rt. 91 in Northampton,

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Ma, onto Rt. 9 headed East towards Amherst, and then connect with Rt. 47 and turn South with it, towards South Hadley. Within mere minutes you arrive at a nicely shaped NW facing ridge with a 750' (seven hundred and fifty foot) vertical drop. This site, open to qualified pilots, offers a lot of good thermal soaring, as acres and acres of agricultural land lie generously upwind of its cliff launch. Pilots MUST: 1) be current USHGA members holding valid rating 3, INTERMEDIATE, or higher; 2) sign a state park waiver form annually; 3) SIGN IN each and every day one flies the site 4) obey all rules and regs, copies on display in the sign in book. Experienced NOVICE, hang 2, pilots meeting all requirements AND under the direct supervision and in the presence of a REGION 8 Examiner, Observer, or Advanced Instructor who is familiar with the site may be allowed to fly; the senior pilot assumes ALL responsibility, problems/incidents will reflect upon his/her rating review. Pilots should: 1) get familiarized with the site by local pilots, 2) have some experience flying at altitude, cliff launching, and making approaches, 3) learn where the airport is, as we fly WITH airport approach traffic in our noseplates 4) call references A, B, C for other details, arrangements.

MT. GREYLOCK (STATE PARK) This ESE facing mountain has an unevenly eroded (ROCKY) shallow launch that places one 2200' above a spacious privately owned LZ. A mere glide here is a 10 to 15 minute ride of wonder, and the soaring, while not frequent, can be quite spectacular. Reached by road from Rt. 2 just west of North Adams, or by Rt. 7 in Lanesboro , this ADVANCED 4 site is the highest in Mass. ID, RATING 4, and daily sign in required. VERY experienced INTERMEDIATE 3 pilots may be allowed to fly with proper supervision. Turnaround via No. Adams is about 30 to 45 minutes, depending on traffic (fall foliage viewers can clog the narrow mtn roads). For additional info, arrangements, contact references D, E, A, B, C.

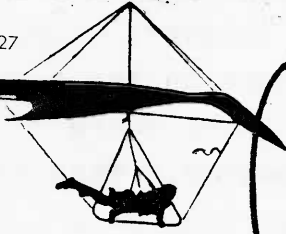
MORNINGSIDE RECREATION AREA (HAINES HILL) This pilot owned/operated flight park offers flying from lesson level to soaring on its spacious acres . The 400' plus ramp launch faces approx. West, and the short but nicely shaped ridge is often flyable even in some cross from either side. A NUMBER of launch slopes are available varying in height, directions near west, and launch type (slope, ramp, cliff). Very reasonable use fees depend upon

whether you just fly; or stay and camp in the always improving campgrounds. Nice folks, a very nicely kept site (sites?), camping, sales, and repair facilities, and much more contribute to the popularity of this easily reached site. Exit off Rt 91 where Springfield Vt. is indicated. Do NOT GO to Vt. however. Take the left where the off ramp ends, and you'll cross the river on a private toll bridge (15¢, please!). After paying the toll take an immediate left onto Lovers Lane, then another left onto Rt. 11 when Lovers lane ends. About 5 (five) miles down Rt 11 you'll find an ideal site on your right set back about 1/4 mile from the road, and if it's dotted with gliders you picked the right day! Just after you pass the site a little road goes right and cuts back to it, all easily visible. For additional info, arrangements, call references F, A, B, C. (Ratings required vary on the part of the park you intend to fly; there is something for every level.)

OTHER SITES---- The local pilots here have limited use of some "guerilla" sites, ranging from Intermediate to Advanced only. One site features a two mile ridge, one thousand feet descent from an often tricky cliff launch, after the 45 minute (gruelling) walkup. Complete with TINY (PLEASE look up the definition, so you won't be too dissappointed looking for it from the launch; "it's easy to see, right between the house, the wires, the neighbors pool, and those trees right there." "yes, THAT front yard!!") landing zone, and almost nothing but sheer rock face, this cookin' site can stir up nerve-jangling thermals!!! Another guerilla site is a 600' ridge with a small WSW face and a small SW bowl. Cliff launch thru small brush after a 40 minute mellow walk up. A third site is a ten mile ridge where the launch (750' above lz) is a small ledge. The main ridge is 1800' vertical descent. WNW facing, with good thermals and lots of lz's out quite away from the ridge, but only a couple within reach on a calm day or in an older glider (L/D of 6:1 or less). THESE PRECEDING 3 SITES are NOT open sites, we just go berry pickin' with long wierd baskets on our shoulders and somehow " those crazy guys are out there flying them things again, Chief, but they ran too fast and I couldn't catch up to arrest 'em." Call A, or D about these. Call references in the order they were given after sites please. A= Chas La Versa @ 413-536-7132
 B= Matt Chapman & Mark La Versa @ 413-586-1067
 C= Jim Burrill @ 413-665-3261 D=Brooks Ellison @ 413-458-3020
 E= Bob Vicari @ 413-743-0642 F= Jeff Nicolay @ 603-542-4416 (Morningside Recreation Area, Claremont, N.H.)

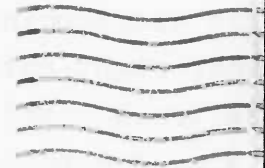
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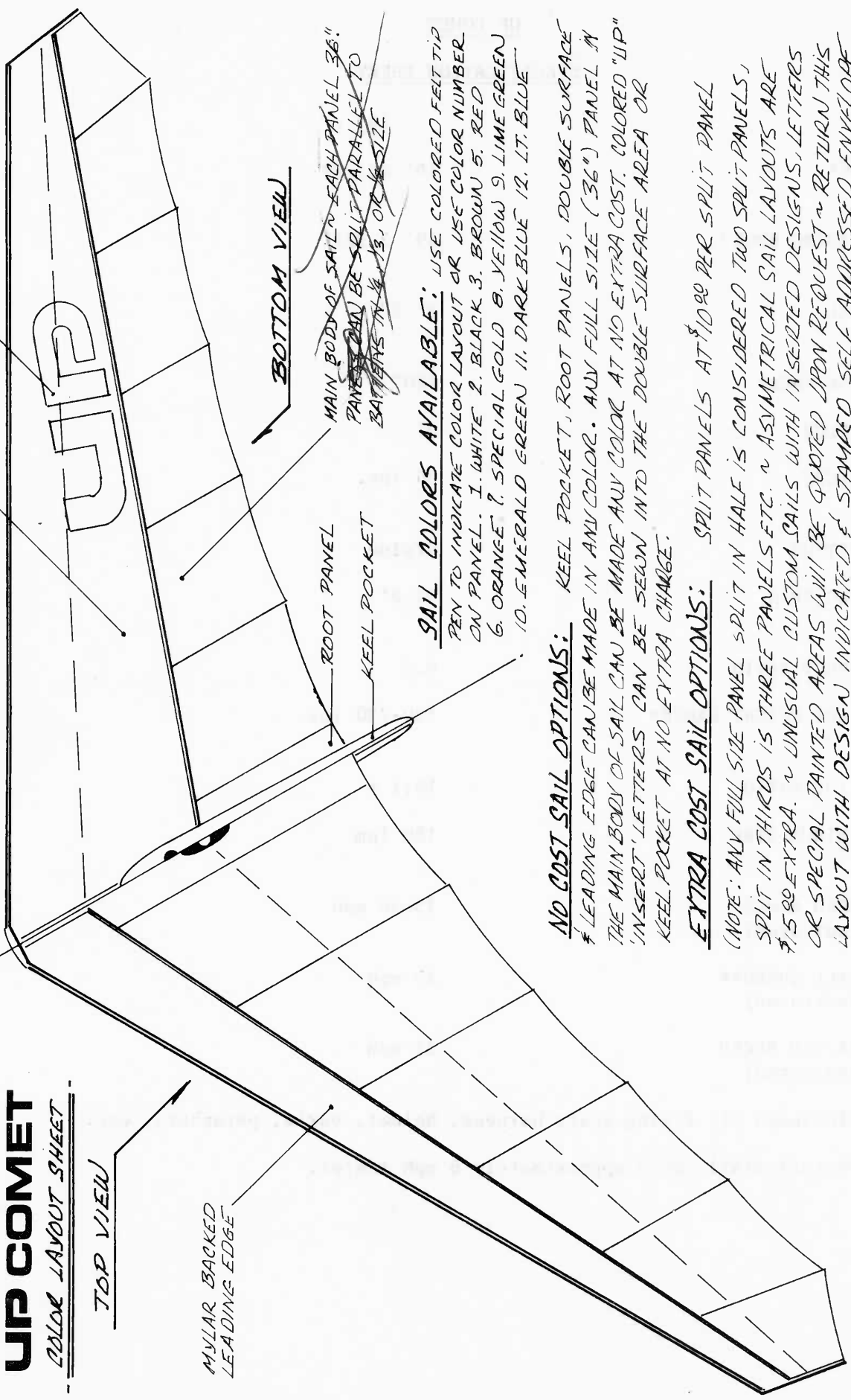
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NOTE: PRODUCT LIABILITY INSURANCE IS UNAVAILABLE TO HANG GLIDER MANUFACTURERS ~ YOU ARE REMINDED THAT YOU FLY ANY GLIDER AT YOUR OWN RISK - THE LIP COMET IS H.G.M.A. CERTIFIED.

DOUBLE SURFACE COLOR ACCENT "LIP" INSERT LETTERS ~ OPTIONAL NO EXTRA COST

LIP COMET COLOR LAYOUT SHEET



BOTTOM VIEW

MAIN BODY OF SAIL ~ EACH PANEL 36" PANE CAN BE SPLIT PARALLEL TO BARRERS IN 1/2, 1/3, OR 1/4 SIZE

ROOT PANEL
KEEL POCKET

SAIL COLORS AVAILABLE: USE COLORED FELT TIP PEN TO INDICATE COLOR LAYOUT OR USE COLOR NUMBER ON PANEL. 1. WHITE 2. BLACK 3. BROWN 5. RED 6. ORANGE 7. SPECIAL GOLD 8. YELLOW 9. LIME GREEN 10. EMERALD GREEN 11. DARK BLUE 12. LT. BLUE

NO COST SAIL OPTIONS: KEEL POCKET, ROOT PANELS, DOUBLE SURFACE * LEADING EDGE CAN BE MADE IN ANY COLOR. ANY FULL SIZE (36") PANEL IN THE MAIN BODY OF SAIL CAN BE MADE ANY COLOR AT NO EXTRA COST. COLORED "LIP" 'INSERT' LETTERS CAN BE SEWN INTO THE DOUBLE SURFACE AREA OR KEEL POCKET AT NO EXTRA CHARGE.

EXTRA COST SAIL OPTIONS: SPLIT PANELS AT \$10.00 PER SPLIT PANEL
(NOTE: ANY FULL SIZE PANEL SPLIT IN HALF IS CONSIDERED TWO SPLIT PANELS, SPLIT IN THIRDS IS THREE PANELS ETC. ~ ASYMETRICAL SAIL LAYOUTS ARE \$15.00 EXTRA. ~ UNUSUAL CUSTOM SAILS WITH INSERTED DESIGNS, LETTERS OR SPECIAL PAINTED AREAS WILL BE QUOTED UPON REQUEST ~ RETURN THIS LAYOUT WITH DESIGN INDICATED & STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

DEALERS NAME: _____
ADDRESS _____

PILOTS NAME _____
TELEPHONE _____

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UP COMET

SPECIFICATION SHEET

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AREA	165 sq. ft.
LEADING EDGE	19' 2 3/4"
KEEL	8' 2"
NOSE ANGLE	120°
BILLOW	0°
WEIGHT	64 lbs.
BATTENS	9/side
WING SPAN	32.8'
ASPECT RATIO	6.5
PILOT WEIGHT RANGE*	130-230 lbs.
GLIDE RATIO	10:1 +
MINIMUM SINK	180 fpm
SPEED RANGE (Indicated)	15-50 mph
STALL SPEED** (Indicated)	15 mph
MAX L/D SPEED (Indicated)	21 mph

*Includes all flying gear: harness, helmet, vario, parachute, etc.

**Actual stall speed approximately 6 mph faster.