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Newsletter for Fall 1993

MEETING NOTICE

The next club meeting will be Saturday, 20 November 1993, 6:30 PM at GRINGO's in Adams. Among the top items to be discussed are meeting times and places for next year; USHGA Director's meeting results; and membership. Be there.

DUES are due 01 January 1993. Pay now while you're rich...

President's Report

As the sun sets slowly in the southwest and the remaining 16 leaves on the tree out front seem permanently attached, it appears that the Fall flying season is drawing to a close. This season is ending on a similar note as the last few, with cold to early winds-a-plenty and just not enough flying in general. I believe I say this on an annual basis - weather or not (Welcome to New England.) Now, with an inch of wet and sort of white stuff all over the yard, it's time to look forward to winter and reflect on the year '93. In flying terms, it was OK. Some superb flights were had by many, some incredible looking days never panned out, and personal goals, I'm sure, were met by all.

It seemed that the overall use of our sites was up from previous seasons without incident. As usual, on Columbus Day weekend, Mt. Greylock delivered a fine day of soaring to 10+ pilots who entertained the 3000+ hikers participating in the annual Greylock ramble. Group these people with the above average number of leaf-peepers due to peak foliage, and it looked like a pretty busy afternoon from my vantage point.

As far as Petersburg Pass goes, it was a busy season, with people landing all over western Mass. There have been no problems with land owners or the state. Remember, this is an ADVANCED site due to the landing areas being so far out front. I know of one paraglider pilot who feels they can use the old landing area below, but it still looks pretty hairy down there from my standpoint.

I think a few POBs are in order for several region 8 pilots. First to Barb Cramer and Collette Carson, who will

be representing the U.S. on the Women's World Team. Also, congratulations are in order for Nelson Howe, who will be on the Men's World Team. I feel this says a great deal about New England pilots. Best of luck to these people. I would also like to credit Randy Adams for all the work he did to get the USHGA Board of Directors meeting in the Northeast.

Secretary's Report

Old Business:

-Discussion of Site regulation at Skinner/Greylock/ and the trail.

New Business:

- Rules and procedures for Western Mass sites need to be reviewed prior to a reprint of the Region 8 Site Guide.
- The Connecticut club has offered to have a number of their members join our club. We should investigate a rate structure for members of other clubs.
- N.Adams Airport Commission has not scheduled a meeting for the remainder of this year. Need to meet with them to discuss a towing clinic.
- The state may be trucking in gravel in the vicinity of launch on Greylock. Brooks will follow up.

Site News

The Trail: The Landing area directly below launch is OK to land in again. Brooks, Bob V. and Jack H. have cut a number of saplings out of the area. Possibility of Intermediates flying in some conditions with a number of restrictions. Details to be worked out.

Petersburg Pass: Discussions are being held to re-cut a launch to the south of the parking lot.

Rutland: Paragliding rules are being formulated. Most interesting is the recognition that Hang Glider pilots are not Paraglider pilots, and if only one Para-pilot shows up, he should consider himself alone. Good rule, given the different judgement calls required. Also of note is a requirement of para's to carry a USGHA-band radio...