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The Newsletter
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Meeting Schedule:

Saturday, July 20
8PM Gringo's
Adams, MA

Saturday, Sept 21
7:30 PM Gringo's
Adams, MA

Saturday, Nov 16
7 PM Bricker's
Greenfield, MA

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Looking Good so far!

Greylock Challenge Contest under way

This year's record-breaking winter slowed down the flying a little, but Spring arrived on time, with the Mohawk Trail seeing action by March.

By the time this newsletter went "to press", all sites were open and ready, with the weather cooperating better than it has in many years. Seven out of the eight days leading up to Memorial Day weekend were soarable.

The Greylock Challenge is being offered up again. Pay \$5 to Brooks and be the one to fly the farthest

from Mt. Greylock. The winning pilot will split the pot with the club, and the club guarantees a \$25 minimum prize. Non-members are also eligible.

Brooks won last year with a flight to Manchester, VT (on a day when others only had extended sled rides in a south wind!). He donated his winnings to the purse for this year. Thanks, Brooks!

Is MHGA trading newsletters with any other clubs you support?? We should BE!
Have your editor contact Mark Droy at 256-3487 or mongo@aai.com

Meeting Notes

The Numbers:

Members: 19 paid; (30 in 1995)

Money: \$866.66

Meeting Time and Place:

7:05-8:35 PM, 9 March 1996
Brickers, at the RT 2 Rotary in Greenfield

The Notes:

Discussions on last year's events, including the inclusion of Paragliding on a trial basis at Mt Holyoke (Skinner State Park). No action taken by NEPC for flying at Greylock. MHGA is ready to act as a liaison again.

Updates required for the sign-

in systems now that paragliding ratings are aligned with hang gliding ratings.

Discussion of the Region 8 meeting and the need for more club-to-club communications on site rules.

Tabled discussion on providing first aid boxes at major sites.

Discussion of club direction: More Newsletters, Officer elections in Fall, Rewrite the by-laws, more club activities.

Votes: \$25 to Regional site list mailing,

\$75 to Regional Director

Site Reports:

Greylock:

Advanced HG site. Sign in with the Bascom Lodge Staff before flying. Hang 4 site. Not open to paragliding. See the State Rules.

We need a work party to spread some gravel around the launch area.

Prospect:

Advanced HG only. Sign in with the Bascom Lodge Staff before flying. Hang 4 site. Not open to paragliding. See the State Rules.

Skinner:

Intermediate HG/PG site. Sign in with the Park Rangers before flying, even if they are hard to find on weekdays. Vehicles must be outside the gates by 7:30 PM. See the State Rules.

Mohawk Trail:

Advanced HG Site. Launch is in good shape.

Petersburg Pass:

Advanced HG site. Has about a 10:1 glide out to the landing area, can get tight on a dead glide with a little head-wind.

The trail up from the road, and launch itself is in good shape, with some work needed on the spur trail that cuts over to the setup area.

Pocumtuck:

Intermediate site. The road to the launch has been widened and re-graded, and has a new gate with a new combination lock. Do not attempt to drive around the gate! It may be possible, but will make negotiations for the combination harder. In the recent past, we had a key to the gate, but for the last two years, the old gate was unlocked.

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**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
For HANG GLIDING and PARAGLIDING at
Mt Greylock, Mt Prospect, and Mt Holyoke**

Minimum Rating Requirements:

	<u>Mt Greylock</u>	<u>Mt Prospect</u>	<u>Mt Holyoke</u>
Hang Gliding:	USHGA Advanced (Hang 4) or Sponsored USHGA Intermediate (3)*	USHGA Advanced (Hang 4) ONLY	USHGA Intermediate (Hang 3) or Sponsored USHGA Novice (2)*
Paragliding:	No Paragliding	No Paragliding	USHGA Intermediate 3 or Advanced(4) ONLY

Procedures:

Yearly: Each pilot is required to complete a PERMIT Form. The permit contains a waiver which must be signed and authorized. The permit stays in the site log book and will EXPIRE with your USHGA membership if you let it lapse. The permit must be renewed annually.

Daily: With each visit, a pilot must register on the DAILY SIGN-IN SHEET in the site log. You should have your USHGA Card and a Positive ID with you. Park personnel may ask you to produce your credentials at **any** time. If you are under 18 years old, you will need a signed waiver from a parent or legal guardian.

Site log locations are:

Mt Greylock/Mt Prospect : Bascom Lodge, atop Mt Greylock

Mt Holyoke : At the Gate on busy weekends, otherwise Maintenance office at the Half-way area or Summit House.

General Guidance:

No Pilot shall fly without current USHGA membership/insurance, and a valid Permit. Each pilot must read, be familiar with, and follow the park rules, USHGA Basic Safety Regulations (Part 100), and the State Regulations for Hang Gliding.

Fly with a local pilot if you are unsure of launch and landing areas.

No top landings are permitted.