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Meeting Schedule:

Saturday,
June 5 7:30 PM
Brickers
Greenfield, MA

August 7, 7:30PM
North Adams
Oct 23, 7PM
Greenfield

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1999 GREYLOCK CHALLENGE by Gary Trudeau

The Greylock Challenge is an annual contest for the longest distance flight off Mt. Greylock in Adams, Massachusetts during the flying season each year. The Massachusetts Hang Gliding Association sponsors this event.

1. The contest is open to all non-powered hang gliding or paragliding pilots.
2. Qualifying flights must occur between April 1 and November 1 (inclusive) in the year of the contest.
3. Pilots competing must pay a non-refundable \$5.00 entry fee per year before a qualifying flight. Pilot must also give name, address, and telephone number.
4. Entry fees must be paid to a Massachusetts Hang Gliding Association officer before the flight takes place. (Officers may not accept their own payment!)
5. Distance will be determined by straight air miles between launch and landing locations.
6. Minimum distance required is 5 (five) miles.
7. All eligible flights must be reported to any MHGA officer within 1 (one) week of flight with landing location on map or with GPS (global positioning systems) coordinates.
8. Reporting of flight may be

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Skinner Work Party
Saturday, May 15
8AM - 12 Noon
Meet at gate or later on
Launch. Bring clippers.
Rain Date 16May. Call Droy

Fun Hang Gliding Competition

Date: July 10 and 11, 1999
(Rain Date July 17 and 18)

Location: Mohawk Trail or
Mt. Greylock, North Adams
Massachusetts.

Format: Fun competition involving Hang 3 (with special skills AWCL, TUR, RLF and X-C) and Hang 4 flying as 3 pilot teams or individuals in a four event competition. (Duration, Bomb Drop, Spot Landing and X-C Pylon). Pilots will have the opportunity to score points in all four events per flight. The pilots' two best scoring duration, bomb drop, spot landings and pylons will be added together for their point total for that day. Team pilots will have their scores added together to determine team scores. The most points at the end of the competition wins. Trophies

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Site Info

Greylock:

Advanced HG/PG site. Opens 15May. Sign in with the Bascom Lodge Staff before flying. Be familiar with State rules. Landing area is the radio-controlled airplane field off of Route 8. Needs some work on launch.

Prospect:

Advanced HG only. Sign in with the Bascom Lodge Staff before flying. Be familiar with State rules. Land by airport or over the back at RC field. Work party pending for some brush-cutting. Not launchable in calm air.

Skinner:

Intermediate HG/PG site. Open until 4PM. Sign in with the Park Rangers before flying, even if they are hard to find on weekdays. Vehicles should be outside the gates 30 minutes prior to closing. Be familiar with State rules. Land in large hay field across Rt47 west of launch.

Mohawk Trail:

Advanced HG Site. Hang 3 with sign-offs. Route 2, North Adams. Launch is north of towers above hairpin turn. Usual LZ is the RC field on Route 8. Bailout is Cirrus Corp field in front of launch.

Petersburg Pass:

Advanced HG/NovicePG site. Has about a 8:1 glide out to the HG landing area, can get tight on a dead glide with headwind. PG can land in parking lot or small clearing below launch.

Route 2, just past the New York border.

Pocumtuck:

Intermediate HG site. The road to the launch has been widened and regraded, and has a new gate with a new combination lock.

Deerfield MA, behind Eaglebrook Academy off Route 10. Launch is north of the radio towers. Landing is across route 10, and it's better if you land in the back fields after the crops are in.

Common Courtesy:

Be respectful of landowner's property. Avoid landing in crops or trampling hay. Break down off the field. Remember that we are guests - sometimes uninvited guests - and that first impressions last a long time. You represent the sport. Be smart.

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done by telephone, in person, or email.

9. In the event a MHGA officer (who is entered in the event) has a reportable flight he/she must report it to another MHGA officer in the same time frame.
10. In the event two pilots report flights of approximately the same distance, you may be asked to show your exact landing location. GPS coordinates will be sufficient.
11. All entry fees collected that season will be awarded as the winning prize to the pilot of the longest distance flight of that season.
12. The MHGA guarantees a minimum of \$25.00 prize money.
13. In the event that no flights over the minimum distance are reported that season. The prize money will be rolled into the following season's prize money. Rolling of prize money may occur for as many years as needed to determine a winner.
14. In the event the prize money is rolled into the following season, a pilot must re-enter the contest the following season to be eligible to win.
15. The winner will be determined by the MHGA officers after November 1 and no later than the next MHGA club meeting after that date.
16. The winner will receive the prize money after being determined by the MHGA officers.

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will be awarded to the top three scoring teams and the top scoring individual. The top scoring individual can also be part of a team.

Registration: July 10, 1999 between 8 and 9AM at the bail out landing field (Cirrus Corp.) for the Mohawk Trail flying site. YOU MUST SHOW YOUR CURRENT USHGA REGISTRATION CARD AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

Entry Fee: \$ 45.00 per team of three pilots
 \$ 20.00 per individual pilot

Camping and lodging nearby. Free camping also available in the LZ (no facilities).

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Meeting Notes:

Old Items- 1) Need First Aid Boxes at Cirrus LZ and RC Field...2) Need windsocks at Mohawk Trail and more streamers/socks in Cirrus Field...3) Skinner and Prospect need trimming.
New Items: 1) Special Use Permit to get up Greylock Road before gate opens - Brooks for Action...2) Gary presented written Greylock Challenge Rules...3) Gary presented Fun Competition Proposal (See Page 1). Lots of discussion about liability, prizes, ratings of entrants, area interest. Gary granted \$150 spending limit until next meeting...4) dates set for next meetings - 5 June, 7 August, 23 October...5) bylaw changes, finalized last season, to be voted on by mail ballot...6) Nominations for club officers - so far, only the incumbents are nominated so far...

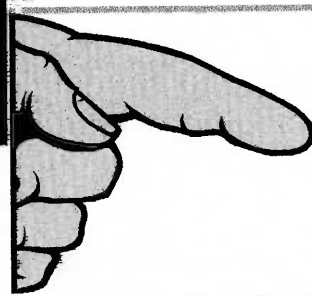
Bylaws Vote and Nomination Form:

Members will find attached a copy of the bylaws worked out last season, and a voting form/Officer Nomination form. The Nomination form is to nominate officers under the old bylaws. A vote will be held at the June Meeting. If the new bylaws are approved, they will require another nomination period and vote for officers later in the year.

More News:

Saturday July 31 - Party at Talcut with CHGA. 1200' maxAGL
Your Regional Director - Doug Sharpe dsharpe@tiac.net
1999 R8 Regionals being run by Bob Corbo 802-263-9265

A pilot contact sheet is included. Please notify Mark Droy if anything requires corrections.



For Sale:

255 Falcon, Harness, Chute, Vario (Package Deal Only). Glider is new condition. Very bright colors. \$2500
Glenn Pugh 860-668-7065

1999 (Spring) Membership List

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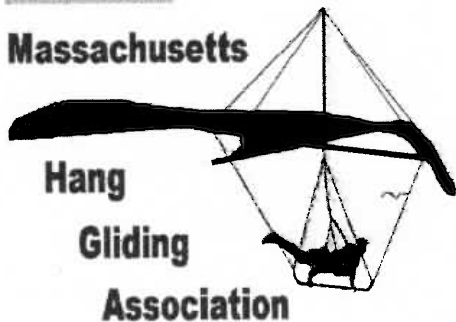
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Next Meeting:

Saturday, June 5, 1999, 7:30 PM

Brickers -at the RT 2/91 rotary- Greenfield MA