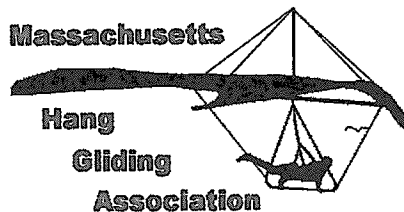


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## Meeting Notes

### Next Meeting:

Saturday,  
August 7 7:30 PM  
Holiday Inn  
North Adams, MA

### Meeting Schedule:

October 23, 7PM  
Greenfield

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### Old Business:

\$16636.53 in Treasury  
Winnings from last year's Greylock Challenge donated to Disabled American Veterans by Jack Hannus.

Progress report on July 10/11 competition.

Gary to check on location of First Aid box on RC building.

### New Business:

Vote to donate \$175 to RC Club to help them pay tax bill on LZ. Unanimous mail ballot accepts new bylaws.

MassHGA will not become a USHGA Chapter unless Cirrus Corporation wants insurance.

No nominees for offices. Next election, as per the new bylaws, will be by mail on November 30. Nominations will be sought from Sept 1 to Nov 30.

### Shameless Insurance Plug:

I went shopping for insurance. My insurance company wanted \$1600 per year PLUS \$14/mo premium on a \$100K Term Life policy to cover hang gliding. Northwestern Mutual Life came through with a \$15/month term policy, with no additional cost, due to my Advanced rating, the number of years experience, and the number of hours I fly to stay current. If you have a family, you really should be insured by a company that will cover a flying accident. Call Chris Ronkese at 413-748-6000.

Even if you are in another territory, he can direct you to a NWML agent near you.

## All the News that fits

### Public Relations:

An anonymous letter to the Editor of the North Adams local paper accused hang glider pilots of cutting down hundreds of trees and having all-night beer parties at the Mohawk Trail. The club politely responded by pointing out that no trees have been cut (in almost 20 years), and we are the ones cleaning up after the parties - we aren't the ones having them. We also noted land ownership in the valley. The paper followed up with a front page article featuring Gary Trudeau.

### Trophies still available!

Weather, contestants, and trophies just couldn't make a connection to have a fly-in/fun competition. We'll try something on a smaller scale later in the year. Many thanks to Gary Trudeau for the efforts. There was some flying squeezed out of those weekends, and there was a great hike to Eagle Rock and visit to Mass-MOCA, too!

### Help from our Friends:

The New England PG/HG Club donated \$50 toward the RC Field tax bill. Many Thanks!

### And Furthermore...

1993 HPAT \$1200 or Best offer  
1983 Magic IV \$500 or Best  
Call Cliff 978-544-3223

Correct your e-mail list: Phil Vangel's e-mail is [flygrandpa@aol.com](mailto:flygrandpa@aol.com)

Heads Up! Harry Sudwischer will be in town with his Millenium and family August 7th though 14th.

## Site Info

### Greylock:

Advanced HG/PG site. 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.

### 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 8PM. 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 State LZ.

### 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 harvested.

### 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.