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the swvhga newsletter

March 8, 1989

Hello everybody. It is just about time for our spring meeting. You know, the one we are supposed to hold by March 1. Well, the officers put the names of all SwVHGA members into a hat (excepting our own of course) and drew a name. After a few bomb threats and other enticements we got John Graham of Roanoke to agree to have the meeting at his house. The meeting will occur on April 1, 1989 at 7:00. There is a map to John's house attached and a phone number for those of you with no directional sense (like me). If you have a conflict with this date give me a call (Ken Frampton 703-953-1854). If too many people can't make the meeting then we can change it.

One other thing about the meeting. If anyone has some form of entertainment for the meeting please bring it. This includes videos, slides, pictures, stupid pet tricks or anything else interesting.

Now for some news that may interest you. There are a couple of cross country contests goin on now. The first one is the regional qualifier for nationals. This contest costs \$10 and occurs on weekends and Good Friday running from March 24 through May 21. This is open to anyone with a Hang III or better. For more information contact our Region 9 director at:

Pete Lehmann
5811 Elgin St.
Pittsburg, PA 15206
(412) 661-3474

The other contest costs \$5 and runs from February 1 to December 15. These flights may occur on any day from a region 9 sight (towing flights included). For more information contact:

Dave Dening
723 Kensington Dr.
Newport News, VA 23602
(804) 874-8317

Well, I'll see everyone on April 1 for the meeting. Happy Flying

P.S. THIS MEETING WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY
TO PAY YOUR DUES (\$5.00).

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June 1, 1989

Hello everyone, it's time again for some amazing news from the home office. So far it's been a good spring flying season for our club. If you will recall our spring cross country contest runs until June 30 of this year. The longest flight to date is about 38 miles by Randy Newberry. This flight took place at Big Walker when Randy nearly made it to Rt. 460. But, Randy is not without competition. Mike Schlegle and Paul Tidwell have 30 and 28 mile flights respectively. There is still one month to go so get out there and fly!

Next I'd like to mention Larry Hinton. Although he hasn't been an active pilot lately he is still an active Wills Wings dealer. Call him at (703) 989-7438 for a good deal on Wills Wings products. Due to Larry's good deals several pilots have bought new Sports only to leave their gliders for sale. I have listed them below along with there present owners. You can get their phone numbers from the roster.

- Wills Wings Harrier 150: Good beginners glider for small pilots. Excellent condition. Contact Wayne Sayer.
- UP Gemini 165: Good beginners glider for medium sized pilots. Excellent condition. \$700. Contact Paul Tidwell.
- ProAir Breeze 180: Good beginners glider for larger pilots. Good condition. \$500. Contact Ken Frampton.

So June is here. When the air gets hot, humid and worst of all... stable. So what are you going to do about your flying itch? Well maybe Steve

Booth can help. Steve has been working this spring on setting up a towing rig for his new boat. There have already been some successful days of towing at the Va. Tech airport (so we know the winch works). Anyone interested in doing some towing on the weekends should contact Steve.

Well for those of you who missed it the first not-so-annual Elon, VA Fly In was held on Sunday, May 28. The turn out was remarkable (considering the planning that went into it) and we had a lot of fun. Four hardy pilots participated in the two part competition. The scoring was based on flight duration and spot landing. Four points were awarded for first place, 3 for second, 2 for third and 1 for last. Ken Frampton won the duration portion of the contest after very skillfully blundering into a thermal while approaching the LZ. Fred Stoll took second, Bob Simonds third and Mike Schlegle fourth. The spot landing was taken by Bob while Ken and Fred tied for second. Ken, however, was forced to concede second place to Fred while he picked grass and dirt out of his teeth. Mike, again, took fourth. Below I have summarized the final results.

Pilot	Points
Ken Frampton	6
Fred Stoll	6
Bob Simonds	6
Mike Schlegle	2

Although there was a three way tie Ken Frampton claimed the first place prize of two beers while the rest of the pilots got a ride back to the top for a late day sled run.

If you weren't informed of the First Not-So-Annual Elon, VA Fly In don't feel bad... nobody was. The contest was organized on the launch ramp as we set up. It was Fred's idea and it made the day a bit more fun. But you must agree that it was a good idea and why don't we have a real fly in some day? Tobacco Row would be an excellent location and maybe we could add other events as well. Be thinking about this and we can discuss it at our next meeting.

Finally I have included the revised members list along with a guide to all of the local sites. Please be sure to call the club contact before going to any sites you are not familiar with. Fly safe and I'll see you at cloud base!

SwVHGA SITE GUIDE

Big Walker Mtn.

Bland, Va.

Specifications: NW ridge with a slot launch and 1000 ft. verticle. The LZ is a 5:1 glide away and is 5 acres small. The LZ can be very turbulet. It is a Hang II with supervision site. Waviers are required.

Contact: Randy Newberry 703-688-3703

Bonsack

Bonsack, Va.

Specifications: NW mountain with a shallow slope launch and a 700 ft. verticle. The LZ changes frequently so check with the site contact. You also must notify the Roanoke control tower(703-362-1866) before flying. This is a Hang III site.

Contact: Corby Overstreet 703-563-2600
John Graham 703-989-1737

Clover Hollow Training Hill

Newport, Va.

Specifications: This is an East/Northeast training hill with slope launches up to 275 ft.

Contact: Steve Conner 703-953-0644
or any other Blacksburg pilot

Fox Mtn.

Wytheville, Va.

Specifications: South facing mountain with a slot launch and a 700 ft. verticle. The landing field is a 6:1 glide with an alternate at 5:1. The main LZ can be hard to reach in strong winds. The alternate LZ can be turbulent.

Contact: Randy Newberry 703-688-3703

Peter's Mtn.

Gap Mills, W. Va.

Specifications: NW ridge with a 1200 ft. verticle. The main LZ is a 6:1 glide while there are some alternates much closer. It is a Hang II site with supervision. Waviers are required.

Contact: Charlie-Lewis 304-772-3456
Wayne Baker 304-252-6098

Raven's Roost

Blue Ridge Parkway, Waynesboro, Va.

Specifications: NW ridge with a cliff launch and a 1300 ft. verticle. The LZ is a 4:1 glide from launch. It is a Hang III site regulated by the National Park Service Vinton Ranger Station 703-982-6490. You must call the ranger before flying.

Contact: Roger Ritenour 804-973-2926

Roanoke Mtn.

Blue Rridge Parkway, Roanoke, Va.

Specifications: East mountain with a steep slope launch and a 900 ft. verticle. The LZ is a 6:1 glide with some obstructions. This site is also regulated by the National Park Service. It is a Hang III site and waviars are required.

Contact: Corby Overstreet 703-563-2600

Sour Town

King, NC

Specifications: This is a SE site with a ramp launch and a 1200 ft. verticle. The glide to the LZ is short but the field is small. It is a Hang III site and waviars are required.

Contact: Dave Kincheloe 919-376-3472 or 919-376-9601
Doug Rice 337-2650

Tobacco Row Mtn.

Elon, Va.

Specifications: This mountain has two launches. One faces NW with a slot launch and a 1600 ft. verticle. The LZ is large at a 6:1 glide from launch. The SE side has a ramp/cliff launch with an 1800 ft. verticle. The LZ is large and at a 6:1 glide. Both of these sites are Hang II with supervision sites and waviars are required. There is a Site Manual available from SwVHGA members which you should be familiar with.

Contact: Bo or Vickie Frazier 804-384-7916

12 O'clock Knob

Salem, Va.

Specifications: This is a west knob with a steep slope launch and a 1600 ft. verticle. The LZ is a 5:1 glide from launch. You must notify the the Roanoke control tower before you fly. This is a Hang III site.

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John Graham 703-989-1737

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