



Las Vegas Valley Soaring Association

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Weekend Reports:

3 April, Rain out

4 April, Typical Spring Day. Lake bed and Valley floor is wet from Saturday's rain. Limited thermals over high, dry terrain. **Congrats to Wayne Burns, LVVSA newest Private Glider Pilot.**

10 April, Business meeting, Afternoon winds, 20G30, no afternoon flying.

11 April, As per usual, Sunday was much better for flying, I need to change my flying day.

17 April, Planned Auto Tow Weekend, rained out, winds at extremes for Sat only one tow made and an experienced tow pilot tied down the Pawnee. Forecast rains came late in the day. Not a good night to be on the lakebed.

Meet a Member, Paul Brooksbank. My first glider solo was at old Sarum Gliding Club, England in a Kirby Cadet MK3 at the age of 16. After a winch launch to about 1.1K, a flight duration of a staggering 3 minutes.

Then I was the proud owner of a full head of hair and recognizable abdominal muscles, but I now find that a shiny forehead and slightly round middle section provides less drag. I flew a few flights after my solo including a ride with an instructor who performed a loop immediately after winch release, open cockpit, 1K AGL !!

I came to the states in 1987 with thoughts of flying hang gliders more often than the Welsh weather would allow, but I ended up doing no flying. I became aware of the club during the summer of '87 while working constructing the Gold Strike Casino. It only took me 16 years to come and join the fun. I really enjoy the club atmosphere and hope to be around for a long time.

18 April, Record setting day, Spring thermals abound, visiting LS-6 to Searchlight and Primm cross country. All club equipment in heavy use, 30 flights were made.

24 April, Civil Air Patrol Day started at 8am, Thanx to Paul, Tim, Judd and Allie Gundersen, Bill, Jay, Chris, 8 CAP cadets flew the 2-33 and Grob before 1030am. By the last CAP flight the traffic pattern was "bumpy" as the lift started, by noon it was great to well above 9,000 MSL. Pilots' meeting then before lunch and then it was time to fly!! 28 flights in all.

Congrats to Paul Brooksbank,

first solo in the 2-33!



We Need Volunteers!! (Contact Jay)

**Sat Tow schedule has changed again since
Lex will be out of town until mid-summer.**

Updated: 4/19/04

Day	Date	Tow	FOO	Notes
Sat	May 1	Tisdale	Volunteer	Roach Dry Lake Autotows and Campout
Sun	May 2	Ratzin	Volunteer	Roach Dry Lake Autotows
Sat	May 8	Dvorchak	Volunteer	Monthly Business Meeting 10am
Sun	May 9	Madson	Cagle	
Sat	May 15	Holden	Burns	
Sun	May 16	Gough	Wynhoff	
Sat	May 22	Tisdale	McDaniel, R	
Sun	May 23	Felgar	Volunteer	
Sat	May 29	Dvorchak	Volunteer	CAP Orientation rides 8-12:00
Sun	May 30	Ratzin	Brewer	
Sat	Jun 5	Holden	Volunteer	
Sun	Jun 6	Madson	Volunteer	
<p>We request Tow Pilots scheduled on CAP flight dates contact CAP Coordinator, Paul Gunderson, if unable to support an 8am to Sunset tow day. This will allow us to plan a second tow pilot for the early morning show.</p>				
<p>CAP Orientation Rides are scheduled for the 4th Saturday of the month, 8-12am. Club members have priority for use of club equipment at all times.</p>				

Are you on the "E-List"?

New Electronic Distribution

The Club will be sending the newsletter regular postal mail to members that do not have an e-mail or Internet web access.

Of those that do have Internet access, 16 members opted to receive an electronic notification that the newsletter is available on the club.s web page.

Contact the Secretary at btiz2@cox.net if you prefer to not have the post office rip up your newsletter before you get a chance to read it. Get on the E-List !!

Gliders over the Prison

The airport manager received a call from the Jean Prison Guards that there were gliders overflying the prison one Sunday afternoon.

The prison is occupied again, so please refrain from overflying the prison.

Plan your altitude and traffic pattern to avoid flying over the prison.



Photo by: TIZ

Another Libelle, and look at all that lift in the clouds.



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