



Las Vegas Valley Soaring Association

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Weekend Reports:

Your Newsletter editor missed a few weekends while on vacation. But some interesting reports have trickled in. Remember, as with the club operations, the best newsletter results when members contribute.

Some interesting weather and weekends, one weekend lost to extreme winds in the valley, exceeding cross wind capabilities on Sat and Sun. An attempted cross country distance record was thwarted when the ground crew's vehicle threw a belt and overheated climbing mountain pass on Blue Diamond Hwy. Luckily, cell phones and radio relays stopped the cross-country pilot at Jackass. Now as I hear it, the ground crew was driving the glider pilot's vehicle when it died and was saved by another club member coming back from an unrelated trip. After running into town to get a suitable vehicle replacement, the hapless x-c glider pilot was picked up after dark.

Two new members signed up in one weekend. Great fall weather thermals and light winds, UF is back in the air!! You'll never know where in the valley he may join you in a thermal, but look quick, because he'll be gone just as fast.

Future Events:

9 October, Monthly Membership Meeting, 10AM at the Jean Airport Events Center

16-17 October, Roach Dry Lake Ground Launch weekend. Pilots are needed to move gliders (aero tow) from Jean to Roach on Saturday and return on Sunday. Make plans now, claim your glider for the move, talk to your CFG. Get that Ground Launch endorsement!!

30-31 October, Discover Aviation at Jean Airport. EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) supports Discover Aviation weekends at local airports. Many young people will be flying on their first ever airplane flight!! And seeing their first air show! We expect normal control tower operations, charge up your batteries and learn how to work with a control tower.

Is there anything special you would like to do this next year!! More Ground Launch Days? Put your heads together, and stand up to guide the process. You won't be alone if you ask for help. Talk to the Board and see how it would work with the rest of the club schedule or if there are any legal or insurance concerns.

Think the club facilities need some attention? Pick up a broom, pick up some trash, pick up a paintbrush. This is your club, help keep it maintained.

A Strong Board

It's the end of the year and it's time to think about nominations for next year's Club Board. This year's Board has kept busy with issues of safety, taxes, maintenance, defending a lawsuit, by-laws changes, and all of the mundane issues that are necessary to keep your Club alive. It is work that mostly goes on behind the scenes of the weekend flying at Jean. Every year at this time each Board member looks back on the previous year and decides whether he/she has enough energy to consider running for position for another year. It's not an easy decision.

Chris Hanks has announced that he will not be available to run for an office for next year. That's a loss to the Club but I can understand the stress that he's been through in the past two years that he's served as our President. As Club President, he fielded most of the phone calls, complaints and otherwise, and spearheaded many of the tough issues that we've solved in the last two years. I'm sure sometimes it seemed that five percent of the members accounted for fifty percent of his workload but that's the nature of a club environment and his compassion and understanding have served us well. The Club will miss his hard work as President.

The rest of us Board members have worked just as hard in our areas on these same issues.

The position of Vice President may seem to have the least official duties but it is an essential voice on the Board and whoever holds it can make major contributions to the success of the Club. As this year's Vice President, Misti Roland has given innumerable hours of advice and work behind the scenes and has made a difference.

The Club Secretary is responsible for the majority of the paperwork that we produce to run the Club. Publishing a monthly newsletter consumes the majority of the Secretary's time. The Secretary doesn't have to write the articles, just coerce members into writing them and then organize and print them. Computer skills are very helpful in performing this job. Bill Tisdale has done the job well this year adding his own personal touch to each month's issue as well as working with the rest of the Board on all of its tasks, towing Club gliders and instructing.

The Club Treasurer keeps the books accurate and up to date. The job requires sufficient computer skills to keep track of all of the money, flight times, work credits, and other items that are necessary for the day to day business of the Club. It usually takes me 3-4 hours a week to keep up with the work. While there have been times this past year that I've said NO WAY will I do this again after reading some annoying email, I am now willing to run for this job again for next year.

If you want to give something back to the Club and get involved in one of these positions, get somebody to nominate you to the current Board at or before the next meeting (9 October). If you know somebody who you think would be good in one of these jobs or you want to see the incumbent stay on the Board, talk it over with them and nominate them. Your Club is only as strong as your Board.

Jay McDaniel

Nominations for next year's Board are due at the October Membership Meeting (9 Oct, 10am). If you are approached for a position, please give it consideration. If there is someone you feel would do a great job...talk to them, and nominate them.

We Need Volunteers!! (Contact Jay)

(CAP Flights at least one Saturday in October)

Updated: 9/24/04

Day	Date	Tow	FOO	Notes
Sat	Oct 9	Dvorchak	Brooksbank	Monthly Business Meeting 10am
Sun	Oct 10	Thistlethwaite	Volunteer	
Sat	Oct 16	Gough	Stave	Roach Dry Lake
Sun	Oct 17	Felgar	Cagle	Roach Dry Lake
Sat	Oct 23	Tisdale	Burns	
Sun	Oct 24	Holden	Gulewich	
Sat	Oct 30	Gundersen, P	Stave	
Sun	Oct 31	Thistlethwaite	Wynhoff	
Sat	Nov 6	Dvorchak	Brooksbank	
Sun	Nov 7	Felgar	Volunteer	
Sat	Nov 13	Gough	McDaniel, R	Monthly Business Meeting 10am
Sun	Nov 14	Holden	Cagle	
<p>We request Tow Pilots scheduled on CAP flight dates contact CAP Coordinator, Paul Gundersen, 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>Club members have priority for use of club equipment at all times.</p>				

Glider Maintenance Issues

Glider batteries are for the use of club members, preferably in club gliders. Please, if you use a battery, get it back on a charger. We currently have two chargers for 3 batteries and will be modifying the charger system. A member came out mid-week and could not find a battery to use.

Tweety was popping battery fuses last Sunday. Frayed wires were found between the battery box and the panel. Please be careful installing and removing batteries. A pinched air line found leading to the vario was repaired, but it did not seem to solve the problem. We have a mechanical vario to install.

Grob: do you know what air pressure is recommended for the tires? Saturday morning preflight found less than 10# of pressure in the nose tire and less than 25# of pressure in the main tire. Minimum 36-37# required. (2.5 bar x 14.7psi = 36.75psi)



Photo by:

Unknown

Days of Yesteryear, yes this is the same N33923, ask Jay about it.



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