

Flying the BIG ONE Kevin Cosley

Someone mentioned a while ago that we should start a Falcon Fun Flyers club. My immediate response was sign me up! I bought a 225 Falcon early this year for doing tandems and have been having a blast. It seemed to me that I've been flying it even more than my RamAir so I checked my log books and added it up. Since the beginning of the year I've flown the Falcon solo almost exactly as much as I've flown my RamAir (not including about 40 tandem flights).

For those of you who have not had a chance to fly one of these I'll leave aside the tandem bits and try to describe some of the things that make me choose to fly it solo so often.

I guess the main thing is it's SLOW. Flying the 225 solo is hilarious. There is almost no wind noise at all. I fly a lot at Tiger Mt. with paragliders and with this glider a can now talk back and forth with them in the air and hear what they're saying. When I slow it all the way down, some of them actually pass me up. I am able to work much smaller thermals in this glider.

The penalty for pushing out too far in the Falcon is negligible. When I try to turn too slowly in my RamAir I loose a bunch of altitude and sometimes the thermal. If you push out too much in the Falcon, the inside wing sort of hangs up but you don't loose much. You can use this to turn yourself very quickly back into the core. Throw one wing up and the bar out.

So little wind noise and so much vario noise. It's like being in a balloon sometimes. The climb and sink rate are right there with my high performance buddies when coring together. It's just those long glides where I get left behind.

Though it's a big glider it's surprisingly easy to handle. With the power steering, slow speed, and the

ability to degrade my glide, I feel like I can land this thing anywhere. Tom and I have a new game where we take off from his property above Farnum Canyon on Falcons, and see how many places we can find to land and relaunch on the way down. Way fun! Especially when we can thermal back up, land on top, and do it over again.

Going XC from Tiger is very low stress. All of a sudden there's LZs all over the place. Top landings at Tiger are, if not comfy, at least possible, and if I overshoot it's fun to reach down with one foot and try to touch launch as I float past. The slow landing speed is also very nice

**HALLOWEEN PARTY
at the Gelfan's
Oct. 31st
Dark:30**



when you're landing on rough terrain.

At first I thought I would not be flying this glider in strong conditions, but I have now flown it in pretty trashy conditions at Tiger Mt. and in 20 mph winds at the coast, with no problems at all. In fact if I was in scary air and could pick any glider to survive it in, I would probably pick a Falcon. It's usually the very light days though when I get this glider off the truck. Oh yeah and getting it off the truck, or even carrying it up a trail, is much easier with this 50 lb glider.

The high end glide of all the new



Kevin peeling off for another try at top landing the big Falcon at Tiger
Photo by Lon Chirico



6th Annual Women's Halloween Fly-In November 1-2

Where: Saddle Mountain
located in Central Washington

Meet at: 9:00am Saturday at
the Saddle Mountain Landing

Cost: \$18 before October 29 \$23 after October 29

Includes:

- * Camp ground rental * Costume prizes * Beer * Other good stuff

What to bring:

- * USHGA card * Potluck dish for Sat. dinner * Costume * Camping gear

T-Shirt is optional! We are making a T-Shirt this year, but only for those who want one.

The shirts are 100% cotton, X-tra Large & cost \$10.

Registration Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(____) _____

Address: _____

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Zip: _____

Yes, I want a T-Shirt (Add \$10 to your \$18 registration fee)

Pilot Information:

Paraglider Pilot or Hanglider Pilot

USHGA#, _____ Expiration Date _____

Rating _____

Note: Saddle Mountain is a regulated site. You must be at least Para II or Hang II and you will have to fill out a waiver prior to flying the site.

Mail your registration and check made payable to Inland Northwest Paragliding Club to

Kristin Janosky, 101 Wilson Creek Road #16,
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For more info: e-mail or CCS274@cwu.edu or call
Kristin Janosky at 509.925.2190
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E-MAIL ROUND-UP

A request was made to collect a list of e-mail addresses so that everyone possible can be included in the mailing of periodic important announcements. Send me an e-mail at cosley@eskimo.com and I'll make a list and then send it out to all. I probably have most of you already, so if you do not wish to be included (such as a work address that you don't want to receive HG e-mails) let me know this also.

Also Bill Bolosky is looking into setting up a local HG internet mailing list soon. We'll let you know when we get it running. By sending me your address you are not

List of Mt. Si Stewards

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"Airbag" Weekend for Hanglider Pilots, Oct 25/26

I learned to fly hanggliders in 1975, later paragliders in 1986. Both are fun. As we are teaching paragliding with Tiger Mountain & Chelan Paragliding School, I thought it would be appropriate to offer a basic PG introduction specifically for hanglider pilots.

So - we would like to offer to interested pilots 2 days of PG introduction in Chelan on the weekend of Oct 25/26. During these 2 days we will do:

- > basic theory (short and only PG related)
- > ground handling in the park
- > training hill flights
- > radio supervised high flights on day 2

Equipment, glider and harness from Chelan Paragliding. Normally \$ 250.

BYO helmet and radio Special CBCC/Chelan Flyers price \$ 150 per person in a group of 5-7 pilots.

While this could be cool already, it should still be sunny and a lot of fun. Please call me when you are interested and curious enough to fly an "airbag" yourself. They are fun wings to fly, and especially very practical during "sled ride" season.

Christian Mulack
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* Dog Bull *



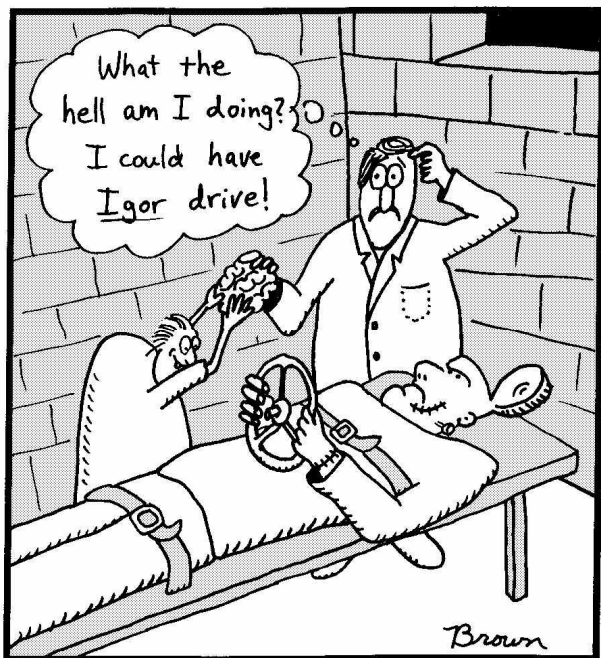
Thank you all for supporting Dog Mountain at the Mosquito Bite meet. The weather gods knew we wanted to fly sooooo..... I'm sure you all noticed the tree cutting that was done to make launch safer. We hope to have permission to cut the rest soon. The north ramp was fixed up and plans to improve other launches are in the works. A few good people pilots put out a lot of effort to make all this happen. Thanks Bob, Albo, Wayne, Tom, Larry, Tina, John, Kenny, Herb, Ralph, Richard and more.

New locks are on and new stickers/keys are available. The cost again this year will be \$30. Contact any of the following:

Bob Mcfee 360-494-2966
Jim Reynolds 360-357-5203
Larry Jorgenson 206-847-4595
Ken Strong 503-775-7186 Oregon

Please remember it is important to make sure anyone you let past the gate to fly has signed the waiver and eagle forms. Extra forms are in the box on the billboard at launch. Have visitors and non sticker holders fill out the form and put it in the locked container with the \$5 guest fee. If you let a Hang 2 thru the gate try to help them as much as needed. The Eagle plan "no fly zone" goes into effect 1 February

We plan on cutting the rest of the trees on top. To do so we must pay Champion International Corp. for them. It is important that each keyholder encourage others to purchase stickers/keys and pay their fees if they do not. We seem to be doing well managing a great site. A big thanks goes out to all you Dog Pilots and keep it up.



Chelan Fly-n-Bike Festival 97

55 registered pilots were from as far as Stewardson Illinois, Canada, Bay Area, Switzerland.

A very good turn out for a shaky weather forecast. Saturday Sept 27 was breezy with sunny periods. Sunday Sept 28 was sunny with breezy periods.

On day 1 only Ahren Stroming, son of Susan and Steve, flew his smaller paraglider and demonstrated skilled 360's and wing overs. Nobody else flew. But those interested in the bicycle challenge completed the course from Chelan Falls Park following the highway to downtown Chelan, across Chelan River, by the High school, junk yard LZ, and continuing on the old stage coach road back to Chelan Falls.

Sunday had mixed conditions ranging from smooth to gusty switching from S to SW before becoming breezy again by 3pm. Lee Crabtree was one of the last pilots to land. Most pilots who got up there early enough that day had 2, some even 3 flights. Another group of pilots was waiting on launch for conditions to improve. And while they never got to fly, wings, weather and life in general were discussed in depth.

Results

Ironman Award HG + Cycling Tom Johns Flight Suit, Chelan Paragliding School

Best HG pilot Bill Avirett Dinner for 2 at Goochi's
Darrin Fox, Paul Gallagher tie for 2nd

Best PG pilot Mark Heckler Dinner for 2 at Campbell's
Ian Porter 2nd Breakfast for 2 for 2nd place winners

Best Cycling time Phil Hinger Biking Shirt from Chelan Sport Shop

Good Sportsmanship Lee Crabtree/Jim Brown, Illinois.
Gifts from Chelan Sport Shop

A good time was had by all. Thanks to all that came in support of this Chelan Butte event, and thanks to all that helped. This event is one of the few annual events that help to keep the Butte open to free flying and free from fees. Let's assume that next year this event will be bigger, better and with more favorable flying conditions. Any support, suggestions and ideas are welcome by the CHELAN FLYERS and NWPC.

Andrea Mulack
for Chelan Flyers

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

1997 CBCC Christmas

CBCC Meeting minutes

When: December 13, 1997 6:00 - midnight

Where: Russian Community Center.
704 19th Ave E. Seattle
(maps to be published in Nov. news letter)

Who: CBCC members, paraglider pilots and other invitees of CBCC members.

General: A keg, soft drinks, and some food will be provided. Members are asked to bring a food dish of their choice, but not required to do so. A food theme may be published by a "food committee" to be formed at a later date.

Tickets: It is planned to pre-sell tickets to the event, at both the Oct. and Nov. meetings. Tickets may also be purchased at Club Meetings or ticket chairperson. Hall capacity is limited to 200 persons, so it is suggested to pre-purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door if not sold out.

Entertainment: Classic rock band "Atlantis" will perform from 8:00 to 12:00. The hall has a large dance floor. The band plays a wide variety of music from the past 5 decades. (See if you recognize any of the band members...)

Committees: At a minimum, we will need the following committees:

- 1- Set-up and decoration.
- 2- Food and beverage
- 3- Tickets and admission staff.
- 4- Break-down and clean-up.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A PHENOMENAL SUCCESS. IT WILL BE A BLAST.

Contact Keri Swepston, Mike Daily or Belinda Boulter for spec

**1997 CBCC Christmas Party
FUNDING PROPOSAL
(Voted on at next meeting)**

Shall the membership authorize the party committee the amount of \$2000 for the purpose of renting a hall, hiring a band, purchasing food, beverages and sundries for the 1997 CBCC Christmas Party. Monies expected to be recouped via an admission charge for all attendees at a rate of \$15 per person. Any excess monies generated by the event are

Intros: Kerie Swepston

Committee Reports: Xmas Party- Mike Daily gave an estimate of \$1735.00 for a band and hall etc. Discussion ensued to recoup the costs.

Newsletter: Need a new newsletter person for 1998. Step up to the plate!

Treasurer: Report given at the speed of light. Ask Davis Straub if interested.

Sites:

Dog: Citizens report out. 1) North field to stay as is. 2) Trees in the North field to be kept low. Mosquito Bite rainy but well attended.

Tiger: Cleanup #2 very successful. Thanks expressed to Collette and Mike Daily. New launch-West side tree clearing has created a longer launch.

Accident report: TRX failure on wing-over but deployment was successful.

Frailey: still closed.

Mt. Si: Open till November 18.

Tiger Mt. Launch Regrade

Tiger Mt. has undergone another makeover. Tree clearing, bulldozing, and soil improvement were done by the Paragliders at no cost to us. The North sloping launch is much the same but with a slightly more gradual slope and a few more trees cleared below. Standing on the West launch you will notice that trees were cleared in front and to the left of launch. Also the slope was regraded to a shallower incline that you can run a long way down. Paragliders plan to side land here and thus be able to avoid the crowd on top. The set up area is wider and there will be a picnic area in the shade. There's a 500 gallon water tank in the trees to water the grass in the summer and they're even planning on putting in a little putting green. (?) There were also some more trees cleared behind the South launch. It's pretty muddy up there right now, but it should be

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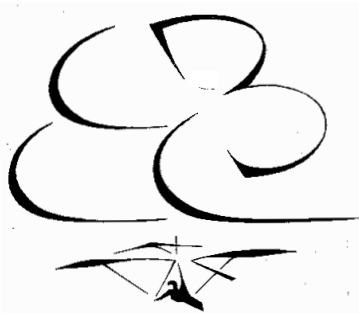
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Come to the edge, he said.
Come to the edge, he said.
They said:
We are afraid.
Come to the edge, he said.
They came.
He pushed them...
and they flew.



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