

Bay Area
Paragliding
Association
(BAPA)

P.O. Box 1809, Pacifica, CA, 94044-9998

Ridge Dancer

BAPA Member Survey – by Ann Sasaki

Please fill out the Member Survey that appears in this issue of the Ridge Dancer and return it to BAPA, P.O. Box 1809, Pacifica, CA 94044. Or, send an email with the questions and your answers to Ann_Sasaki@forecross.com.

The purpose of the mem-

ber survey is to give BAPA members the opportunity to suggest activities for the coming year. Among the activities are fly-ins, social events and presentations at the (boring) BAPA meetings.

This is another way to express your opinion and to make useful sug-

gestions. It is also a way for you to get involved by volunteering to work on a specific project or effort.

Thanks for your participation!

Entertainment at Dec 6 BAPA Meeting – by Ann Sasaki

At the next BAPA monthly meeting on December 6, we will show the first half of the Bob Drury, Rob Whittall Himalaya trek video. This video segment will be approximately 25 minutes long.

The video will start

promptly at 7:00 p.m. so that those who came early to eat dinner and socialize will have had a full hour to enjoy the company of their fellow pilots.

The second half of the video will be shown at the first BAPA meeting

of the year 2001. This will provide yet another compelling reason to attend the meeting.

And you thought BAPA meetings were boring!

BAPA Meetings Accused of Being Boring - by A. Sasaki

Starting at the December 6th BAPA meeting, there will be a SOCIAL hour preceding the meeting. BAPA members are encouraged to come to the Round Table Pizza on Oceana Boulevard at 6:00 p.m. to eat gourmet food, drink a few beers and socialize with their fellow pilots

At 7:00 p.m., the monthly BAPA meeting will start and anyone who doesn't want to sit through all the paragliding business, should leave at this time after having enjoyed the fun and camaraderie of the social hour.

As a side note, I would like to commend the BAPA faithful who regu-

larly attend the meetings and do the hard work of opening, maintaining and preserving flying sites, who address membership and USHGA issues and who disseminate and discuss safety and education information. The entire paragliding community benefits from these efforts. Keep up the good work everyone!

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Worth remembering :

- Next Club Meeting is Dec 6th @ 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza, Oceana at Manor Drive in Pacifica
- Dumps Radio Contact – 151.955 MHz
- Coast Guard Emergency Phone 415.331.8247
- Your 2001 Dues are due !

Trips and Stuff - by Jerry Schimke

On November 4-5, Gene and Joann Pfeiffer once again managed to provide all the makings of a wonderful fall trip to Anderson Flat. Given the early storm that allowed the Boreal Ridge Ski area to open in October, there was some initial concern that perhaps another winter storm would close Anderson Flat to flying. Not to worry! As it turned out the flying at Anderson Flat was great.

A leisurely Saturday breakfast at Gene's cabin and speculation that in the cool fall morning it would take longer for the site to start working, made us arrive at launch later than we might have. Our speculation proved somewhat faulty since the sunny 60-degree weather had light cycles already coming up the hill. Nobody else was making haste to occupy the launch, so I volunteered to be the wind technician. Waiting for a brief lull to pass, I launched into a nice cycle that took me right up to 6500 feet (1200 over launch). I went exploring west toward the lookout on Pilot Peak and then back down the ridge to the eastern end of the valley past Five Corners. Somewhere down there to the east I caught a nice thermal up to 7076 feet and looked over the eastern ridge into Yosemite Valley. All this time I had the air to myself, and couldn't imagine why nobody had joined me yet. Flying back to launch I noticed there were no cars in the parking lot (still don't know why) and there were no gliders laid out ready to fly. I radioed down with the query "Where is everybody." Some kind sole informed me "we're untangling a glider," with no further details. As it turned out, the advanced pilot on a borrowed wing who attempted to follow me off launch failed to become fully airborne prior to landing in a nasty tree. Everyone (except yours truly who was in the air clueless about the problem) paused to untangle the gear and clear the launch for further flight operations. In the mean time, I'm logging an hour of airtime before another glider joins me in the wonderfully buoyant air. By

the time I got tired of flying around the valley and over the mountain to the south of the LZ and landed, two hours and eight minutes had passed. Many other folks had hour-long flights before we called it a day and retreated to Gene's cabin. In the evening, sixteen folks shared much eating and drinking, celebration of Jules' birthday with chocolate cake and merriment, a game of Bocci Ball, and good times around the campfire before fading off to bed. Overall, a very good day.

On Sunday we decided to be on launch earlier and make the most of the day. Conditions were different. There appeared to be very little wind in the parking lot. At launch, the consistent thermals of Saturday were nowhere to be seen. What came up the hill seemed pretty to be small, unpredictable and cross. From time to time it appeared to be blowing over the back. We enjoyed several hours of great parawating and spotted some really unusual and beautiful clouds that none of us could really explain. Most pilots hiked up to Pilot Peak lookout and proclaimed there was no wind there. I decided to call it a weekend and went back to my car. But with one boot on and one off, I began to think that we had talked ourselves into believing conditions were more hostile than they really were. Getting back to launch, I followed the Tin Man into the air. By that time, cloud cover had pretty well shut down the main thermals and I was humbled with a 17-minute flight. Tin Man chased the sun on a different track and had something over half-hour. Some of the later launchers had more sun to chase and I think Tom Moock had an hour and got up to 6700 feet using 50-100 feet per minute thermals. Nice flying, Tom. So once again Anderson Flat provided good flying, and we all owe Gene and Joann Pfeiffer a great debt of gratitude for their hospitality. Thanks much!

That's pretty much a wrap on the scheduled activities. I hear people have been enjoying great flights at di-

verse locations including Slide Mt., Mt. Diablo, Dunlap, Mission, the Dumps, etc.. George Morford put up a good boast on the list when he skied out over Mission and flew to Ed Levin and back with lots of altitude to spare.

HOLIDAY PARTY -- December 9 at 6:30 PM marks the start of the BAPA Holiday Party at Cheryl Cohen's house. Everyone is invited to bring their non-flying "significant other" along to diversify the crowd and provide some companionship to others who don't fly. It has been said that when pilots get together they talk only of Paragliding and flying. Hard to believe, isn't it? Anyhow, I'm planning to be accompanied by my non-flying wife and am confident that there will be conversational resources in which she can join the revelry. Please mark your calendar and show up. Contact Cheryl (650) 593-7458 for details on what to bring. Anyone who's been to Cheryl's holiday party knows what a grand time it has had by all.

BIG SUR -- And what a way to end the year. Camp, watch the ocean, and fly at Big Sur. Depending on your desire, start early on Friday December 29, or wait for Saturday. But be sure to stay over the long weekend and enjoy January 1, 2001 camped by the sea.

If you have future flying events scheduled, or if you desire to have specific events put on the calendar, please let me know.

Have Fun. Fly Safe.

BAPA Holiday Party - by Cheryl Cohen

This year's festivities will take place Saturday, December 9th, at 6:30 pm. Same site as the past three years – my apartment in San Carlos.

It's a potluck, so bring food to share (appetizer, main course, side dish, or dessert) and whatever you want to drink. Be creative and amaze all of us with your culinary skills. Call me if you need suggestions, or call me anyway to let me know what you're bringing so we don't end up with 25 bags of chips.

Family members are welcome, along with non-BAPA or even non-flying friends (do they exist?) who might need to be convinced what a fun group

we truly are. Bring flying videos in case we need real entertainment.

Please RSVP if you can (cheryl_ehm@msn.com or 650-593-7458). Directions below. Look forward to seeing everyone!

Cheryl Cohen, 404 Portofino Drive #3, San Carlos, CA 94070 (650)593-7458

From Hwy 101

Take the Holly Street exit and go west to El Camino Real. Turn left on El Camino, go one block and turn right on San Carlos Avenue. From San Carlos Avenue, turn left on Alameda de Las

Pulgas (4th stop light). Turn right on Melendy Drive (1st stop sign) and go up the hill. The first left past the 2nd stop sign is Portofino Drive

From Hwy 280

Take the Edgewood Road exit and turn east at the stop sign. From Edgewood, turn left on Crestview Drive (left turn lane) and go up the hill. The first right past the second stop sign is Melendy Drive. Turn right and go down the hill. Turn right on Portofino Drive.

My apartment (404 #3) is on the top left hand side of the third building on your right.

New Year's Eve at Big Sur - by Kim Galvin

Save the date!

The second annual New Year's Eve bash at Big Sur will take place New Year's Eve 2000 weekend (the true millennium).

Info on the site and directions to Pacific Valley can be found at <http://www.flyzephyr.com/bigsur.htm>.

Information about reserving the group campsites at the Plasket Creek Campground can be found at <http://www.parksman.com/plskt.html>. Individual campsites are on a first-come-first-serve basis.

There will be a group potluck dinner and party on Sunday night, New Year's Eve. Flying and partying is expected throughout the weekend.

Ask anyone who was there last year how good the flying was and how much fun they had. Don't miss out on a New Year's celebration to remember.

Accident Reporting Procedures

Paragliding is still evolving as a sport. Safety awareness and knowledge are vital components for avoiding accidents. If you sustain a paragliding injury, please help to raise the awareness of your fellow pilots by submitting an Accident Report to USHGA. If your accident occurs in the Bay Area, please also send a copy to :

BAPA Safety Director
P.O. Box 1809
Pacifica, CA 94044-9998

Contact the BAPA Safety Director to Obtain an Accident Report form. Forms are also available online at : www.ushga.org/emailacc.htm.

Bay Area Wind and Weather

Wind Talker Phone Numbers

Ed Levin	408.946.9516
Fort Funston	415.333.0100 or 415.584.9891
Mt. Diablo	510.838.9225
Mt. Tamalpais	415.381.9463
Stinson Beach	415.868.1922

Internet URL's

Funston Webcam	– www.sirium.com/~mlbco/webcamx.html
Bay Area Wind	– sfbay7.wr.usgs.gov/~jonathan/wind.html
USHGA	– www.ushga.org
BAPA	– www.sfbapa.org

BAPA 2000 PARAGLIDING CALENDAR

Updated November 13, 2000 by Jerry Schimke

DECEMBER

- 6 BAPA Meeting.
7 7:00 P.M. at Round Table Pizza in Pacifica
9 BAPA Holiday Party at Cheryl's
Contact Cheryl Cohen for details (650) 593-7458
30-1/1/2001 New Years Eve at Big Sur . Come and Camp
Contact Mike or Kim Galvin for details (510) 748-0451

YEAR 2001

JANUARY

- 1 Big Sur (see above)
3 BAPA Meeting.
7:00 P.M. at Round Table Pizza in Pacifica

MAY

- 26-28 Starthistle Fly-In
Woodrat Mountain, Ruch, Oregon
Contact Chris Wick
wickz@uswest.net



The Octane !

- photo by A. Sasaki

OTHER CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

Wings of Rogallo meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month, but currently the traditional meeting place (Omega Restaurant in Milpitas.) is out of commission. Location to be determined. Social hour @ 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 8:00 pm.

Sonoma Wings Hang Gliding Club meets every 3rd Monday of the month at the Round Table Pizza, Hwy 12 and Stonypoint Rd. in Santa Rosa at 7:00pm.

Marin County Hang Gliding Association meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Round Table Pizza in Corte Madera. (Come early to start on your pizza)

BAPA Club Officers

President	Chris Northcutt	415.584.5610
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	Kathy Wilde	650.556.1320

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Ed Levin	Dave Bingham	408.923.0394
Ed Levin	Claudia Lehman	510.893.4787
Ed Levin	John Wilde	650.556.1320

Ed Levin paragliding observation by appointment, contact :

Kathy Wilde	650.556.1320	wildeblu@aol.com
Kim Galvin	510.748.0451	kim_galvin@mpsh.com

The Bay Area Paragliding Association (BAPA) is an organization of paragliding enthusiasts. The charter of the club is to promote and encourage the sport of paragliding.

BAPA is a registered chapter of the United States Hang Gliding Association (PC006).

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spease@interserv.com. Classified advertisements are free for BAPA members*

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BAPA Meeting Minutes of 11/1/00 – submitted by Cheryl Cohen

President Chris Northcutt called the meeting order at 7:15 pm. Eighteen members were present.

Notable Flights

Chris Jones had a 1 hr 25 minute flight at Elk. Jerry had a great flight at Diablo.

Officer Reports

Activities Director

Jerry noted that the Anderson Flat Fly-in is next weekend (Nov 4-5) and the Holiday Party will be December 9.

Site Director

Wally asked pilots to be sure they are stickered to fly Mt. Tam. Dave would like to plant more grass on the launch at the Stables. A motion was passed to reimburse Dave up to \$100 to purchase grass seed.

Safety Director

The City of Daly City is concerned that drains at the Dump might become clogged and requested that carpet be limited to the launch at Walkers only.

Treasurer

Pam reported that we have \$4200 including money earmarked for the Bob Ost memorial. The possibility of a plaque honoring Bob to be placed on the board at the Stables was discussed.

Secretary

Cheryl has received the list of Region II members from USHGA. Chris will print labels and a letter will be prepared and mailed to non-BAPA members inviting them to join.

Vice President

Ann will show a video of Rob Whittall's Himalayan trip at the next meeting.

Old Business

A motion was passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Jules is still working on the design for the T-shirts. Jules has talked to John Wilde about coordinating a swap meet with Wings of Rogallo.

New Business

Dave wondered where pilots could have repairs/inspections for their wings. Billy Anderson at Point of the Mountain, Sonny Compton, and Wally Anderson were sug-

gested as solutions.

A motion was accepted to allow \$100 to Cheryl for Holiday Party expenses and cleanup.

Nominations for BAPA officers for the next year were as follows:

- Activities – Chris Jones, Jerry Schimke
- Treasurer – Pam Brenner
- Secretary – Cheryl Cohen
- Site Director – Gene Pfeiffer
- Safety Director – Mark Boudoures, Phil Neri
- Vice President – Eric Reed, Ken Davis, Peter Warren
- President – Ann Sasaki

Kim suggested we change the meeting time to start one hour earlier to allow for more social time.

Chris Northcutt reminded pilots that John Wilde is running as a write-in candidate for USHGA Region II director.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

BAPA Member Activity Survey

11/09/00

Please answer the questions below and either mail the survey back to BAPA at P.O. Box 1809, Pacifica, CA 94044 or send an email which includes the questions and your comments. This page is designed to be a self-mailer. Thank you for giving your input!

1. Which of the following events or activities would you like to see BAPA sponsor in the next year?

_____ Informal fly-ins at _____

_____ Skills clinic on _____

_____ Flying video night

_____ Holiday party

_____ Presentation at BAPA meeting on _____

Who would be a good presenter on the topic that you have suggested? _____

_____ Other suggested activities: _____

2. What projects would you like to suggest AND participate in next year? _____

3. What constructive goals would you like to see BAPA pursue and how would you suggest achieving these goals?

4. Other suggestions regarding the future direction of BAPA and your role in it: _____

5. Items you would like to see BAPA create:

_____ (Another different) T Shirt

_____ Sweatshirt

_____ Baseball cap

_____ Other items (e.g. coffee cup, etc.) _____

Your Name (so we know who to contact re: suggested activities) _____

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Bay Area Paragliding Association
P.O. Box 1809
Pacifica, CA 94044-9998
Attn : Member Survey

Bay Area Paragliding Association
Membership Application & Renewal Form



Instructions : Complete and mail this form, along with your payment, to : BAPA, PO Box 1809, Pacifica, CA 94044-9998. Forms may also be given directly to the Treasurer at the monthly BAPA meetings. Make your check payable to: "Bay Area Paragliding Association".

Member Information :

Name _____ Street Address _____
Home Phone _____ City, State, Zip _____
Work Phone _____ Email Address _____
FAX _____ HAM Call Sign _____
USHGA Number _____ USHGA Rating _____ Expiration date _____
First Aid Rating(s) _____
Other interests _____

- * Check here if you do not wish this information to be published to other club members []
- * Check here if the information above has changed since your last renewal []
- * Check here to reduce club costs by electing to receive our monthly newsletter, "The Ridge Dancer", by e-mail (.PDF format) []

Membership dues (based on a calendar year) :

Dues Renewal - \$25.00 per year	\$ _____
New Members - \$2.00 per month	\$ _____
from application date until end of year	
Club Donations	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Site Sticker Information :

To obtain a sticker to fly a BAPA administered site, you must apply in person at :

Mission Soaring
1116 Wrigley Way
Milpitas, CA
408.262.1055

You may also obtain stickers, as well as additional site information, by contacting the following Site Administrators :

The Stables
Dave Sondergeld
650.756.5430
dsonder@slip.net

Mt. Diablo
Bob Clem
925.825.4979

Mt. Tamalpais
Wallace Anderson
415.456.3670
tipvortx@thegrid.net

Site Sticker Renewal :

To request a sticker renewal for the current year, please send BAPA a photocopy of your current USHGA membership card, write your sticker number on the photocopy and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Mail to: BAPA, PO Box 1809, Pacifica, CA 94044 9998. Please indicate which site(s) you wish to renew your sticker(s) for :

The Stables [] Mt. Diablo [] Mt. Tamalpais []

Your donation will help to defray site maintenance, insurance and sticker costs - ENCLOSED \$ _____

Additional Site Information :

**Ed Levin &
Mission Ridge
Point Reyes**

Stickers and info available by contacting Wings of Rogallo, PO Box 361885, Milpitas, CA 95036-1885.

Permits are available at the Bear Valley dispatch office on weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Flying without a permit is a \$200 fine.

Pacifica Dump

The dump is an unregulated site. BAPA recommends that you speak with an experienced local pilot for a site intro. prior to flying this site.

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Ridge Dancer Receives USHGA Recognition

I've been active in a number of volunteer efforts over my years. Those of you who have assisted in any of these know that, for the most part, they are a toil of love or masochism. Rarely are the efforts recognized except for the occasional "Thank you" or "We really appreciate your efforts." So imagine my surprise when I received a formal letter from the USHGA advising me that the Ridgedancer had been selected as the USHGA Newsletter of the year !

According to Jan Johnson who is the Chair for the Awards Committee, the Committee looks at "several criteria when selecting recipients for this award, which includes, layout and design, support and information to members, focus on safety, and promoting positive images in the community." Further, Jan advises me that some kind of award "will be presented at a ceremony to be held in conjunction with the USHGA Board

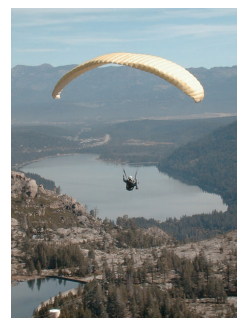
meeting in February. " I don't know if I'll be able to attend and accept on behalf of BAPA, but I'm sure we can find someone who will.

Certainly this award has far less to do with the efforts of the editor than it does those of you who toil month after month to provide the all important content. In particular, Jerry Schimke and Cheryl Cohen come to mind as regular suppliers I have come to depend on. Without Cheryl's reporting of BAPA minutes and Jerry's Calendar and Trips and Stuff articles, some of these issues would end up being almost non-existent.

Ann Sasaki also deserves thanks for the prolific contributions of article content (just checkout this issue). Ann is also a regular in contributing all important photos !

Chris Northcutt owns a big piece of this award (as do any of the R/D editors to date). I didn't invent much of the "boilerplate" content that makes each issue. There's a lot of good stuff buried in the design and layout of your newsletter – most of it has been thought of and handed down from editor to editor over the years.

So – congratulations to all of you that really own this – Chris, Ann, Jerry, Cheryl, and all who contribute to the Ridge Dancer – sometimes your contributions are recognized . When they are it sure feels good !!!



2000 Flying Season in Pictures – People and Places to Remember



2001 membership dues are due. Please renew your BAPA membership by mailing a \$25 check to P.O. Box 1809, Pacifica, CA 94044-9998, or bring a check to the next BAPA meeting. Dues are used to pay for site insurance, site improvements, club sponsored activities and our monthly newsletter, the Ridge Dancer. Please complete the enclosed membership application/renewal form indicating any changes in our address, phone number, email or other vital statistics, to help us keep the BAPA database current

BAPA DUES ARE DUE!

