

## Fourth Annual Mountain Flying Clinic

— *By Ann Sasaki*

“I looked up and realized that everyone was above launch!” marveled Tom Mook on the second day of the BAPA Mountain Flying clinic. I could imagine Tom on launch, like a maestro having smoothly integrated all the wings into a symphony in the sky.

And then it was time for Tom to launch and show other pilots how to cross over to Snow and proceed on to St. John’s. But once there, Tom cautioned others not to follow because it was not a good XC day. Tom had an impressive low save at St. John’s and made it back to

the Potato Hill LZ with perfect timing. The last of the clinic attendees were landing with huge grins on their faces.

We lucked out on the weather and flying conditions. Perhaps it was that little talk I had with a higher Being as I was driving in and the clouds and overcast looked thick and ominous. In any case, we had two days of super soarable conditions for our clinic. The lift was strong and so was the sink but everyone worked the thermals and got high, some to over 6000’ MSL. The air was fairly turbulent but eve-

ryone remained calm and didn’t lose their excitement at being above launch, admiring the view. Tom was pleased that everyone had clean launches with no aborts, well except that Sky Atis. ☺

Niall found some “parking lot” thermals that amazed him after spending so much time at Ed Levin trying to work small bullet thermals. He said that having thermals as big as a parking lot meant he

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### Worth remembering :

- Next Club Meeting is July 14 in SSF at the Round Table Pizza. After the meeting, Jeff Greenbaum will show a documentary about a group of French pilots flying in Africa. Please mark your calendars for the July 14th meeting!
- Dumps Radio Contact – 151.955 MHz
- Launch Code— <http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi>

# Potato Hill Summer Fly-In June 19-20 - By Ann Sasaki

BAPA is holding a fly-in at Potato Hill on June 19-20. Cheryl Cohen has generously offered to organize the event.

Most Bay Area pilots are familiar with Potato Hill as being one of our most consistent and convenient mountain sites. The drive is about 3 hours from San Francisco which makes a weekend trip fairly easy. The NE-facing launch means that morning flights are likely as the hillside heats up and the cycles start to come up the face. There is often afternoon flying as well if the LZ does not get too hot and turbulent. In the early evening there may be a nice, boaty flight if there is no prevailing west wind.

Most pilots camp at Dixie Glade which is the small campground close to the road to launch. There is no water at Dixie Glade so it's essential that you bring your own. There are fire pits, picnic tables and toilets but no showers. It's a good idea to bring some wood if you want to have a campfire.

From Dixie Glade, it's about a 10-15 minute drive down to the LZ to drop vehicles. Launch is about a 25 minute drive from the LZ. The road to launch is not too steep or rough but there are some big potholes so good clearance is important. While you could get a 2WD car up there, it's better to have 4WD and greater ground clearance.

There is a 10-minute hike in from

where you park to the actual launch. Watch carefully for poison oak which can be found along the trail. You don't want to brush your bag up against the poison oak and later get the oil on your hands.

Launch is fairly small with room for only one glider to lay out at a time. It's helpful if you organize your radio, vario, flightsuit, etc. before spreading your wing out so that you don't block the launch. Also, those who cleared their lines when they folded their wings take a lot less time clearing them again when they set up.

Potato Hill often offers long soarable thermal flights. There are a few house thermals, one in particular that is pretty reliable. If you aren't familiar with the site, be sure to get a site introduction from an experienced pilot when you are there. If things go well, you'll be able to soar around, maybe cross over to Mt. Snow and beyond. However, if you are sinking out, do not linger too long before heading toward the LZ. The slope is shallow and there is a small rise right before the LZ. If you get too low, you won't clear the rise and will have to improvise on a place to land. In addition, the main LZ can get quite turbulent so be prepared to fly your wing all the way in.

If you have any questions about directions or other items, please contact Cheryl Cohen at Cheryl\_ehm@msn.com. See you at the fly-in!

## BAPA Member On-Line Photo Gallery

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bers  
Only / Photo Gallery

Thanks to Niall and  
Raquel

## Late Breaking Fly-In Info

June 19—20  
Bapa Summer Fly-In at  
The Spud!

### Bay Area Wind and Weather

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Fort Funston	415.333.0100
Mt. Diablo	925.838.9225
Mt. Tamalpais	415.381.9463
Stinson Beach	415.868.1922
Marina / Sand City	831.384.3184

#### Internet URL's

Funston Webcam –	<a href="http://www.mindspring.com/~mlbco/webcam.htm">www.mindspring.com/~mlbco/webcam.htm</a>
Bay Area Wind –	<a href="http://sfbay7.wr.usgs.gov/~jonathan/wind.html">sfbay7.wr.usgs.gov/~jonathan/wind.html</a>
Mission Webcam –	<a href="http://www.bigfoot.com/~missionlive">www.bigfoot.com/~missionlive</a>
BAPA –	<a href="http://www.sfbapa.org">www.sfbapa.org</a>

### Accident Reporting Procedures

*Paragliding is a dynamic and evolving activity with inherent risks. Safety awareness and knowledge are vital to reducing these risks. If you sustain a paragliding injury you may help others learn from your first-hand experience by submitting an accident report to the U.S. Hang Gliding Association. If your accident occurs in the S.F. 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.usgha.org/emailacc.asp](http://www.usgha.org/emailacc.asp)

# BAPA CALENDAR, 2004



Updated June 15, 2004. BAPA Activities Director: Chip Sheppard (hsheppar@dhs.ca.gov) and  
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## JUNE

- 19 - 20 Potato Hill Fly-in. **Potato Hill**. See the article in the May/June Ridge Dancer for further details. Meet Cheryl Cohen at the LZ at 9:30 a.m. if you need a site introduction. cheryl\_ehm@msn.com
- 19 - 20 NorCal Social XC League. **TBD**. Reschedules fourth two-day comp in the Social XC League organized by Jug Aggarwal. Please contact Jug (jaggarwal@es.ucsc.edu) if you are planning to fly in the league or if you are available to be a driver. All pilots are welcome. Please see the league rules on the www.sfbapa.org website under XC League.
- 26 - 26 High-wind Launch and Kiting Clinic. **Dumps**. Jeff Wishnie and Tim Kuenster will conduct a clinic on high-wind ground handling and launch. This one-day clinic will be held at the Dumps and will be limited to 10 pilots. Contact Jeff Wishnie (jeff@pacskyways.com) if you would like to participate.

## JULY

- 14 BAPA Meeting in SSF at 7:00 pm. **Round Table Pizza, 2227 Gellert Blvd.** Social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be by Jeff Greenbaum - After the meeting, Jeff Greenbaum will show a documentary about a group of French pilots flying in Africa. This new film is entered in an international independent film competition. The pilots do not use vehicles for transportation to launch - they travel around, hike up hills, launch and go XC, meet the local people and generally get a unique view of the area. This sounds like a really interesting and fun adventure.

## AUGUST

- 4 BAPA Meeting in SSF at 7:00 pm. **Round Table Pizza, 2227 Gellert Blvd.** Social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment provided by Tim Kuenster. Tim will do a presentation on the East Coast Championships of Paragliding which he recently participated in. The comp involved towing up. Tim will talk about the comp and also about different types of towing - pay-in, pay-out and static towing.
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## OTHER CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

**Wings of Rogallo** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at the Summit Pointe Golf Club in Milpitas. Food/social hour at 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 8:00 pm.

**Sonoma Wings Hang Gliding Club** meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 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)

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## **BAPA Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2004—submitted by Pete Norlander**

### **General Members Meeting**

The May meeting was conducted by Ann Sasaki; President. Officers present were Stephan Schulz; Treasurer, Jeff Wishnie; Site Director, Chip Sheppard; Activities Director and Pete Norlander; Secretary. A total of 20 club members were present

### **New Members/Visitors**

Two visitors attended the May meeting; Andy Miller and John Balcomb. Andy is investigating paragliding with an eye to learning. John took an introductory flight in Hawaii. I think John may be hooked! We welcome John and Andy and hope to see both again as their paragliding careers progress.

### **Officers' Report**

President – Meeting called to order by

Ann Sasaki. Ann reported on the progress of the procedures for out of town pilots. They will be listed on the [www.sfbapa.org](http://www.sfbapa.org) website so that both visiting pilots and BAPA members can access them.

Treasurer - Stefan Schulz reported two new members joined BAPA in April bringing total club membership to 127. The membership count does not reflect those individuals who did not renew their membership. Stefan moved all non-renewals out of the database. The deadline for membership dues was March 31. A total of \$5,877.00 is currently in the BAPA account. Bruce Bebe made a generous donation of \$600 to BAPA in the sale of his paragliding equipment.

Site Director – Jeff Wishnie reported on rumors that Dunlap, with limitations, is now open again. Tollhouse is continues to be closed. Contacts close to the situation at Tollhouse state that it

will remain closed for at least a year. The access road is privately owned. Tim Kuenster reported on a potential new site near Placerville. It is privately owned. A few individuals have permission from the owner. Tim said he will investigate to determine suitability for paragliding and to see if it may be possible to expand accessibility.

Activities Director - Chip Sheppard reviewed the upcoming calendar of events and activities. June 26 has been set as the date for the kiting and high wind launch clinic by Tim Kuenster and Jeff Wishnie. A Wind Festival by the City of San Ramon is scheduled for the Memorial Day Weekend. An invitation was sent to BAPA. Anyone interested in representing the paragliding community at the festival, please contact Chip or Ann.

Safety Director – Wally Anderson discussed initial reports of a pilot in the

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driver of my car had parked right there on the other side of the wood railing. Better for Don to go in the ditch than land on the hood.

Equally as important as the flying, our debriefing session after flying was really interesting and allowed each person to describe their flight and ask questions that came to mind regarding how to handle different situations. After the debriefing, we had hors d'oeuvres and Tom covered most of his lecture on thermalling. The detailed information, carefully outlined on paper, was very useful and educational.

When we had talked so long we were tired, it was time for dinner. Chip and Fran brought a delicious seafood gumbo that absolutely hit the spot after a long day. We sat around the fire, enjoying the food and camaraderie. One added benefit of this clinic is meeting other pilots and being able to plan future flying trips with them.

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could really map the lift and the shape of the thermal. Chip shared some of Niall's thermals on his way up at the beginning of Chip's longest-ever thermal flight. Susan and Celia felt a little queasy after flying for a long time in the rock and roll conditions. Celia specked out shortly after launching and Susan went to Snow with Gregg. Peter also cruised to Snow and flew a really long time checking out the terrain. Taryn, Adam and Don all had long and lofty flights. Raquel said she was able to stay calm in the lumps and bumps and she flew so long she was freezing. It was a beautiful sight to see everyone in the air, getting into the flow. When we landed, we were all jazzed. I went first both days and had no trouble benching up straight away. It certainly helped that we had a fairly long flying window so everyone could set up, launch and fly long.

The LZ was somewhat challenging with cycles coming through and lots of lift as you approached the LZ. Most folks had to work patiently at getting down. Several were almost ready to come into the LZ but then got into major lift again and had to start over working off their altitude. Everyone landed safely. Don did spot land in the ditch before the parking lot but that was good because the

future flying trips with them.

Overall, the weekend clinic went really well. I think everyone enjoyed themselves, had some great flying and learned a lot. Tom did a spectacular job and everything just seemed to come together. Chip said, "What more could you ask for?"



*"I wonder if they are ever going to come down!"* - photo by Niall Doherty

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 :**

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 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 :**

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

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**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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## 2004 BAPA Paragliding Schools, Trips, and Tandems Calendar

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### APRIL Thru SEPTEMBER

Paragliding Groundschool at 7:30 pm. **San Mateo.** San Francisco Tandem Paragliding Offers free paragliding groundschool lessons on the Last Thursday of each month. The 2004 series will begin in February - Apr 29th, May 27th, June 24th, July 29th, Aug 26th, Sept 30th This groundschool will go over the basics of Paragliding. Via videos, discussion and whiteboard drawings, the basics of launching and landing, speed control, and steering will be covered. In addition, each lesson will include a specific topic. These include Ridge Flying, Right of Way Rules, Thermal Flying and various other flying related topics. There is nothing to lose here. It is also a good opportunity to meet me and get a feel for what I have to offer as an instructor. In the process you will begin the process of learning about Paragliding and get to see some great videos. Advance reservations are required, so make sure and save yourself a seat. To attend you need to make a reservation in advance (Call me at 415-310-7411, or email me at [gofly@sftandem.com](mailto:gofly@sftandem.com)). This can be a good way to help you figure out if this is something you want to pursue or you if you just have some curiosity. In the lesson programs, I do regular ground schools throughout the lesson program.

### JUNE

19 - 20 Tandem ICC. . Tandem Instructor Certification Clinic. Location TBD based on number of attendees. Contact [juan@advancedparagliding.com](mailto:juan@advancedparagliding.com) or 925 963 7802 for more information or to sign-up. Organized by Juan Laos at Advanced Paragliding.

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Northwest that experienced an equipment failure. The harness failed during a spiral dive. The result was severe injury. A sober reminder to pre-flight each component of our equipment before flying

## Old Business

### Minutes From Past Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April meeting as published in the Ridge Dancer. The motion was approved and carried by the membership present.

## New Business

Business cards with BAPA contact information were distributed to members present. The club officers were provided with additional business cards stating their name and office position. Generic business cards and brochures are available to all members. Please request them if you are interested.

A motion was made by Ann Sasaki to allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the reprint of the BAPA brochure. These are the informational brochures that are handy to offer to people when asked what paragliding is. The brochures were developed last year. The printing cost at that time was about \$500.00 for 500 brochures. In order to achieve economy of scale it was proposed that 1,000 brochures be printed if doing so will lower the unit cost. The motion was passed by a majority of the members present.

Ann provided an update on the status of the East Bay meeting location held every third month. The vote ran about 2 to 1 in favor of remaining in the Milpitas area as opposed to moving the meeting further north to the Alameda area. The new location, a pizza shop in Milpitas is no longer available; the store closed. Because of extended business hours during the summer months, Summit Pointe Country Club has agreed to waive the room rental charge for the next two meetings. The June meeting will be held there.

## Entertainment

Juan Laos brought his D.K. Whisper paramotor. He gave an informative presentation on the functioning of a paramotor follow by a question and answer session. If you did not learn everything you want to know about paramotors, it was because you did not ask. We thank you Juan for sharing your time and knowledge, hauling your paramotor and your patience answering a myriad of questions.

# BAPA Meeting Minutes of

**June 2, 2004**—submitted by Pete Norlander & Ann Sasaki

## General Members Meeting

The June meeting was conducted by Ann Sasaki; President. Officers present were Rolf Bienert; Vice-President, and Pete Norlander; Secretary. A total of 16 club members were present.

## New Members/Visitors

New member Bill Ricker was in attendance. Bill is an experienced pilot who has been a member of BAPA in the past. Welcome back Bill! Bill flies a yellow Octane. No visitors were in attendance at the June meeting.

## Officer Reports

Vice-President - Rolf Bienert reported that the visiting pilots regulations are now on the BAPA website. There is a Visiting Pilots link on the front page of the website. All BAPA sites are covered. The visiting pilots information explains what ratings and insurance pilots need to fly at BAPA sites. In the future we may have a link to information for WOR sites - Mission Ridge and Ed Levin County Park.

Treasurer - Stefan Schulz was not in attendance but informed Ann prior to the meeting on the club funds and the membership role. The current account balance is \$5,386.00. Two new members joined during the month of May bringing total club membership to 129.

Site Directors – Ann reported for Tom Mook and Jeff Wishnie on various items. Tom said that flying at Dunlap went well for the XC League event. Pilots need to join the local club administered by Russ Locke and Connie Work in order to launch at Dunlap. Membership is \$20 per year.

The new LZ at the high school across Mill Creek Road worked well for the XC League participants. The old LZ is off limits at this time. However, in an emergency, a pilot could land there and then walk out.

League participants camped in an undeveloped area off the road to launch. (The campground in the old LZ is also unavailable at this time per the wishes of the new owner.)

Jeff said that the San Ramon Wind Festival was a good PR effort. However, Pacific Skyways and Mission Soaring were the only wind sport-related organizations at the festival. Most booths were for items like wind chimes and windsocks and so forth. Jeff was able to demonstrate some kiting and one festival attendee tried his hand at kiting and actually got off the ground momentarily. Jeff

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and Tim passed out BAPA brochures as well as PacSkyways materials. Diablo windtalker – Bill Ricker asked if there was a possibility of fixing the Diablo windtalker so that it would be operational more often. The Diablo windtalker is often broken and does not report accurate windspeed and direction. Ann said she would consult with Bob Clem on this subject to see what, if anything might be done.

Mori Point permit – Dave Sondergeld thinks that in early July the GGNRA will allow a six member survey team to fly at Mori Point. The team consists of Dave Sondergeld, Dan Byrne, Ann Sasaki, Chris Jones, Stefan Schulz and Gever Tulley (all of whom either live in the immediate area or have flown Mori frequently, relatively speaking.)

After the survey period, the GGNRA will probably approve a permit for flying at Mori. Until the survey period is over, the site is not yet open to all pilots.

Mori is not the most soarable flying site but it works in northerly conditions, sometimes quite well in the winter. Mori is a hike-up site. The most important aspect to getting a permit here is that it helps our club and sport to have permission from landowners and land stewards to fly. The more permits and legal sites we have, the better for securing other sites in the future.

Activities Director – Ann reported for Chip Sheppard on the Potato Hill fly-in on June 19-20. Cheryl Cohen is organizing the fly-in and she will be available to meet with anyone who need a site intro in the LZ at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Chip will also probably schedule a fly-in at Hat Creek in July. At the July meeting, Jeff Greenbaum will talk about the Bionic 2 paraglider. At the August meeting, Tim Kuenster will do a presentation on the East Coast Paragliding Championships. This competition was all tow-up. Tim will also talk a little about the different types of towing rigs.

Safety Director – Ann reported for Wally Anderson that the pilot who had an accident recently due to a harness failure will recover but it will take many months of physical therapy and effort because his injuries were extensive. Wally encourages everyone to check their equipment regularly for signs of wear. This particular harness had a metal adjustment which after much use, frayed the strap until it failed. Modern harnesses do not usually have a main support with a metal adjustment piece. The harness in the accident was an older harness.

President - Ann reported on the Fourth Annual BAPA Mountain Flying clinic held in mid-May. The clinic was a huge success. Tom Moock and the other organizers did a great job providing information, advice, logistical support and food. Ann had the BAPA brochures reprinted and distributed some at meeting. The cost for printing 1000 was \$580. If any member would like some brochures, please contact Ann at [annsasaki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annsasaki@sbcglobal.net) The brochures are in color and they provide basic information on paragliding, BAPA and BAPA sites and where to find instruction and tandems. It's a good idea to carry a few with you in your harness when you fly so you can give them out to people who ask you about paragliding.

## **Old Business**

### **Minutes From Past Meeting**

The May minutes were not approved due to a delay in the publishing of the May issue of the Ridge Dancer newsletter. The May minutes and the June minutes will be published in the June issue of the Ridge Dancer and presented for approval at the July meeting.

## **New Business**

It was with great regret that the news of the passing of the legendary paragliding pilot Dixon White was announced. Dixon passed away from non-paragliding related causes. He was an author, instructor, mentor, enthusiast and guiding hand in the sport of paragliding. His influence upon the sport he loved was and will continue to be great. A collection was taken for the benefit of his family that he leaves behind; a wife and two children. A motion was made for matching BAPA funds up to \$250. The motion was approved. (Editor's note – individual contributions far exceeded \$250 so BAPA will contribute \$250 from the BAPA account.)

Susan Kent – The Sand City windtalker working again. The number is (831) 384-3184. The windtalker is located at Marina Beach just a few miles north of Sand City.

## **Entertainment**

Rolf Bienert gave a presentation on flying in the Swiss Alps. Rolf covered all aspects flying in Switzerland including transportation to flying sites, hotels, costs and local flying conditions. Thank you Rolf for an informative and educational talk. The pictures and power point presentation were great!

