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Memorial Weekend

The Memorial weekend this year was a great success. Many pilots came and flew and even more improvements were made to launch! Below is an article that better describes the continued improvements:

Dear Shasta Sky Sailors members,

Here's a quick update on the work that was done on the main launch at Hat Creek Rim recently.

First, let me just thank our insightful President, Jeff Wade, for changing the scope of the work to be done Memorial weekend from manual labor to labor via a combustible engine. Brian Bokkin and I arrived early Saturday at the main launch; I was amazed to see two enormous piles of gravel that the Forest Service had donated. My first thought and comment was; "thank God we aren't doing this by hand!!!" Not only was there a lot of gravel, 20 something tons in all, it was a significant uphill traverse to get the gravel where it needed to be. Despite my attempt to get another club involved, this project only netted 3 Shasta Sky Sailors volunteers. This would have left us VERY shorthanded had this task remained an all volunteer project. GREAT call Jeff.

Since pictures are worth a thousand words, I'll let the before and after pictures tell the rest of the story. The only clarification that might be needed is the rock barrier that is seen in the 'after' picture, which was done by the Forest Service to keep vehicles out of the setup area.

Great job Shasta Sky Sailors!!! This is just another example of what can be accomplished when the needs of a site are priority one.

Phil



End of Year Party

The end of the year party will be this month, October 30th. Mike Hunter has graciously offered his Mt. Shasta home as the party place. The party will commence around 6:00 p.m. and end ? Please bring some sort of dish to share and whatever else tickles your fancy. For anyone not sure on how to get to Mike's place, please email flyingbrian17@hotmail.com or call (530) 365-5022

New Club Members

Please welcome our newest club members, James Harris, Mike West, Steve Kozloff, and Rick Conger. We saw Rick on the way to launch sitting on a motorcycle near the entrance to #2. Thinking that he was just someone taking a brake, we proceeded to launch. Rick showed up a few minutes later and explained that he was camped out in #2 and had a dead battery in his vehicle. We rounded up some jumper cables and met him back in #2. When we got there, Rick had a membership application and joined the club. Let's all give them a warm welcome to the Shasta Sky Sailors!

Snake buys Helmet Sticker

The infamous sticker woman recently cohered a Ball Python to support Hat Creek Rim with a helmet sticker. Earlier this year, she had sold over ten stickers on launch before I could even set up my glider. She also tried to sell a sticker to a rattlesnake on launch.



We told her that it was'nt a good idea and she reluctantly complied. She amazed me even further later on when she sold a sticker to a store clerk and before she could show the clerk the sticker, the clerk was reaching for some cash and saying, "how much?" Can no one resist the selling power of the sticker woman? Who is this sticker woman, you may be wondering? Well, I'm proud to say that she is my soon-to-be wife, Shelly. All kidding aside, Shelly has done an awesome job of supporting Hat Creek Rim this year through helmet sticker donations. Thanks Shelly for the great work you've done!

- editor