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From the Editor I will be happily continuing this year as the editor and publisher of our fine club's newsletter. So, Happy New Years and don't forget your significant other on the upcoming important date (Valentine's Day.) My New Years resolution is to get more soaring time in this flying season.

I have revamped the newsletter for this year and will be using envelopes from now on. This will allow more space and two-pagers on a single sheet of paper and hopefully will prevent the Post Office from the occasional "shredding" of a newsletter.

Other changes.... One more month and I'll be married. Shelly and I are tying the knot on March 5th. She promises that I can still fly though :)

My glider is up for sale, so if anyone wants a real good Moyes glider give me a call. I hook-in on the top end of the weight range and want something larger. Anyone want to do some trading? —ed

Work Party This Spring Block out May 28th, 29th, and 30th on your long-range calendar. This is Memorial weekend and is the scheduled time for Spring maintenance of Hat Creek Rim and assessment of the site.

We'll be restocking site-guides at the pilot bulletin board, inspecting roads, LZs, windsocks, set-up and launch areas, and performing any maintenance that is necessary.

The biggest job foreseen will be maintenance of the Buttonhook (#3) LZ. As you know, we paid Hat Creek Construction last year to re-clear the LZ of returning brush and left-over debris from the original clearing. To avoid future re-clearings and the expense involved, we need to get in there and give the LZ a "trim" while the new growth is still manageable. Any hand tools good for removing new brush growth will be helpful.

So come out and pitch in! Many hands will make light work. And remember to bring your wing.....it won't be all work, you know!

Coyote Howl Fly-in and Hootenanny Fly-in 5/19 to 5/22, Hootenanny Saturday night 5/21, Lake McClure, California. A fund-raising event; relaxed, laid-back flying with the spice of some competition thrown in. Prizes for the meet and the raffle.

The event is loosely structured from Thursday 5/19 through Sunday 5/22 with free flying and XC Thursday and Friday, and the organized meet on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 & 22. Pilot participation fee is \$20.00 for the event (free flying, speed gliding, XC, pylons, duration, etc). The meet director is USHGA Vice-President Lisa Tate. For meet info contact Shannon Raby at getusum@inreach.com or (209) 878-0249.

The daytime is made for flying and the nights are made for hooting, howling, and hollering. Bring your musical instruments, and we'll sit and pass the jug around Thursday and Friday night, invent new hang gliding songs and tell lies about our flying adventures. Friday night Mexican dinner at the LZ is \$5.00 (must RSVP). Saturday night dinner and hootenanny is \$25.00 (food begins 6:30pm at the Magnolia Saloon in Coulterville, show runs from 7:30 - 10:00pm). **ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE IS REQUIRED FOR THE DINNER & SHOW.** Music and entertainment by Doodoo Wah, Sourdough Slim, and the Saddle Pals.

A butt kicking, crankin' and bankin', get-high-go-far, sky-out vario-pegged rip-snortin' event to remember! Contact Reklai Salazar for entertainment tickets at reklai@hotmail.com or (916) 799-5231.

The flying is great at that time of the year, and the partying should live up to our normal high standards. More info at <http://www.mlsr.net/2005coyotehowl.htm>

Club Officers

President.....	Jeff Wade
Treasurer.....	Phil Sergent
Editor.....	Brian Bokkin

Hat Creek Committee Members

Jeff Wade ♦ Mike Hunter ♦ Brian Bokkin

Treasurer's Report Hat Creek Rim saw a very busy season last year. New ground cover was placed over the entire set-up area of the main launch, the Buttonhook LZ was re-cleared, and funds from helmet stickers, memberships, and other donations were phenomenal. Below is our treasurer's break-down of cash in and cash out for last year:



Photographer: George Phillippe

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2004 Fundraising/Treasures Report

The Hat Creek Committee, the club, and especially Hat Creek Rim prospered in 2004. A record number of stickers were sold this year, thanks to the hard work of Shelly Bokkin and the support of Fireside Village. Hat Creek Rim received major maintenance to the #3 LZ, and much needed improvement to the Main Launch!! New membership and donations were also up significantly this year! GREAT JOB!

Balance at the end of 2003 **\$2148.83**

Income for 2004:

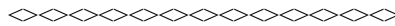
Sticker sales\$450.00 (a season record!!!)
 (\$315.00 of those dollars came from Shelly – awesome job, Shelly)
 Donations/Membership/Other.....\$733.07
 Web site sponsors (these are donations too)...\$216.00
 Account adjustment.....\$01.44*
TOTAL Income.....\$1400.51

*the difference between what I show and what the bank shows.

Expenses for 2004:

Porta Potty Pumping (X1).....\$130.00
 2004 Use Permit.....\$ 30.00
 Windsock Material.....\$ 20.00 (paid to Brian Bokkin)
 Labor for making stickers\$000.00
 April maintenance to Main Launch and #3 LZ.....\$1002.44 (paid to Hat Creek Construction)
 May gravel spread of donated gravel.....\$200.00 (paid to Hat Creek Construction)
 Mailing cost of club business.....\$000.00 (paid privately)
 Account Adjustment.....\$000.00

Total Expense paid.....\$1382.44



Petty Cash as of Today's Date.....\$110.00

Bank Account Balance as of Today's Date.....\$2056.90

Total Club Account.....\$2166.90

Thanks to everyone who supported the club, the committee and Hat Creek Rim.

Phil