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New Club Member

Please welcome our newest club member, Al Small. Al has been flying for 6 years and has been routinely visiting Hat Creek Rim the last couple of years from the Bay area.

Al came to the April work party and brought his new wing, a Wills Wing Sport 2. Al was a great help during the launch restoration and later that evening he and I got an hour or so flight.

After Al returned home, he did a great write up on the work party weekend and posted it on Wings Of Rogallo. There are **photos and a video link with most of Al's flight recorded on it.** You can see it at:

<http://www.wingsofrogallo.org/board/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=286>

Thanks for the write up, Al, and a warm welcome to the club!

- Brian

April 25th Work Party Photos

Since pictures are worth a thousand words, I'll let these photos do most of the talking:



Day one: Setting up camp in the rain and a visit from the Forest Service



Left: "Rick" from the Forest Service advises Brian and Steve about the 'No Vehicle' signs to be mounted at the setup area on launch. Right: Steve, Phil, and Phillip begin the toilet repairs.



Our toilet in the #2 LZ was cut in half for some reason. We stood it up, patched it, and painted it green to blend in with the forest better.

Work Party Photos, Cont.



Day two: Phillip, Jeff, Al, Phil, Mike, and Steve clearing the debris.



Left: Al carrying a load of brush

Right: The cleaned up setup area



Mike and Al help put the Forest Service rock barrier back in place.



From left to right: Mike, Al, Brian, and Phillip... holding up the rake?



The clean up crew and restored vehicle barrier.

Early Season Flights at the Rim



The weather Saturday afternoon was shaping up to produce good flying conditions. This was surprising considering the rain and snow we encountered the day before. Al and I set our sights on getting our first Hat Creek flights of the season.



Al and I setup behind the newly created wind block—nice!



My new Charly Insider helmet in action and landing in the #2 LZ.

Al and I got about an hour flight. Lift was abundant and it was easy to cruise around at a grand over. There were occasional thermals rolling through that we were able to ride up even higher. You can see Al's flight at:

<http://www.wingsofFrogallo.org/board/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=286>

BBO Cookout in the #2 LZ

Saturday evening, after the flying was finished, everyone enjoyed a great BBQ. There was steak, tri-tip, chicken, and salad. Of course there was plenty to drink also. Phil set up his new laptop and we watched the movie, *Big Blue Sky*.



Right Photo: Chad grilling up some awesome tri-tip.



Left photo, clockwise: Chad, Mike, Brian, Phillip, Steve, Al, and Jeff.



Beer or Vodka? Hmm... decisions, decisions....

It was a GREAT weekend!!!

For those who were able to make it up, thank you for helping.