

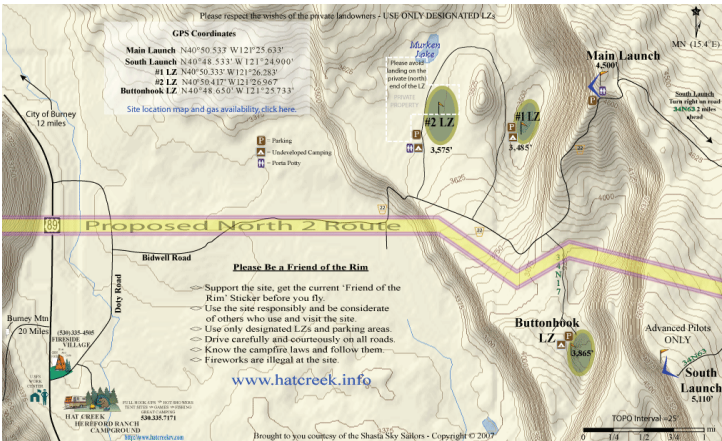
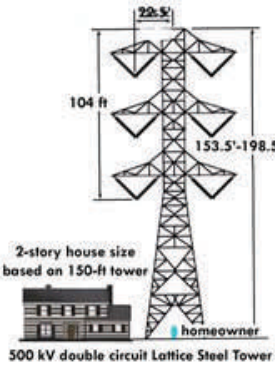
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TANC Transmission Line Project

The Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) is proposing to install new and upgraded 230-kV and 500-kV power transmission lines across California. One of the proposed Northern routes would split Hat Creek Rim in half! Not only would these power lines and towers be unsightly, they would pose a serious risk to pilots flying the Rim. Pictured to the left is the size of the towers that we're talking about. TANC has extended the public comment period for the proposed project until July 30, 2009, to accommodate requests for additional time to comment. Below is the "North 2 Route," one of the three proposed Northern routes. Two of the three routes would be used.



Please use the sample letter found on the website or write something similar, discouraging the "North 2 Route" and mail to:

Mr. David Young
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager
Western Area Power Administration
Sierra Nevada Region
114 Parkshore Drive
Folsom, CA 95630
Voice: (916) 353-4777
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You can also send the letter via e-mail to: TIPEIS@wapa.gov

Please help discourage the proposed "North 2 Route" to keep Hat Creek Rim beautiful and safer for pilots. There are other organizations that are opposing the entire project. One of them can be found here: www.stoptanc.com

Mike's Birthday Party

Some of us traveled over to Mount Shasta during the Memorial Day weekend to help celebrate Mike Hunter's surprise birthday party. Mike was turning 60, so Kimberley coordinated a 60's theme surprise birthday party.

There was great food, music, games, kegs of microbrew ale, and guests dressed up as hippies.



One of the games was "pin the mustache on Mikey," featuring a photo of Mike as a boy and little mustaches that resembled Mike's telltale handlebar mustache.



There was "stump tug-of-war" and "sobriety jump roping."



Above: Mike opening his gifts. Pictured to the left: Rex, Arlene, Karen, and Phil.

Kudos to whoever prepared the BBQ lamb, it was really tasty! I'll have to get that recipe. Thanks Kimberley for putting together such a great party and inviting us.

-editor

Memorial Day Weekend Flying

The weather was great all weekend long and pilots flew every day. A group of pilots were up from the Sacramento area and I had a new wing-mounted camera mount to try out.



Some of the gliders setting up.



Jeff giving me a side-wire assist.



View of launch and parking area from above.



Landing in the #2 LZ—the XC is proving to be a great landing glider :)

Like New Glider For Sale

Jeff wants to buy a new Sport 2, so he's selling his Ultra Sport 166. This glider is like brand new. It has less than 10 hours on it. Folks, we're talking ZERO blemishes on this glider! Here are some photos. Jeff has more photos if you're interested.



Price is \$1500 obo. Jeff can be reached at jt Wade01@comcast.net or 916-456-5034.