

Central Arkansas Mountain Pilots

Fall Update

9/15/10

We fly and maintain landowners relations at the following sites: Nebo (H-3*/H-4), Magazine (H-3*/H-4), Short (H-2), Jasper (H-2) and Petit Jean (H-2).

Greetings fellow C.A.M.P. members. Walter has asked me to write up something for the newsletter (again) so please bear with me while I write about a few things that are on my mind.

Patrick Bovine has recently moved back to Arkansas and decided to take up hang gliding again after exclusively flying airplanes professionally for several years. He let his USHPA membership lapse while he was not flying hang gliders. He was a H-3 before and had several flights at Magazine and Nebo. Now unfortunately, USHPA has a new rule "that pilots who let their membership lapse for more than three years have to either go through the training process all over again or find an advanced hangglider instructor to sign them off". Patrick has proven to me that he still remembers how to fly well and even passed his intermediate test. We thought that he would be able to get his H-3 back based on my recommendation (I am an observer). That did not happen though. He is currently unable to fly H-3 sites until he meets the ridiculous requirements of USHPA. I don't think that there is anything the club can do to help Patrick out but it is good to let the local pilots know of the situation.

Someone drove over a banana plant while retrieving a hangglider pilot out of the racetrack field (access from the NW corner) during the Nebo fly-in. The owner contacted John Jenkins who with the help of Jim Kerns, bought a new one from a nursery and planted it the next day. Please be careful when

driving on other people's property. The driver probably never knew that the plant had been run over.

It is conceivable that an out of town H-3 pilot might sign into Mt. Nebo and decide to fly even though there is no H-4 pilot to mentor him off. That is against the rules but very difficult to enforce. Please do not lecture the girls working at the visitor center if you discover that this might have occurred. They do their best to inform the new pilots of the rules but they do not have time to go to launch and make sure that the pilots obey the rules. I will try to create some sort of letter to give to the new pilots which explains the rules a little better. Also, the staff at the park may give the visiting pilots phone numbers of local pilots to call for assistance.

Speaking about mentoring, Mike Baldwin expressed an interest in becoming the C.A.M.P. president for 2011. If there is anything that you want him to change in the club please give him a heads up so that he can start working on it early. The wheels of progress do not move very quickly for this club!

That is all for now unless Walter has recommendations for me. Fly safely all of you!

Phil Morgan
C.A.M.P. Pres.

There have been reports on the Region 6 digest of Pipeline possibly being opened back up. May need some work parties. This is a NW facing site.

Dave Dunning writes:

Nothing scheduled as yet. Would like those interested in helping to just

keep it in mind. We need a definite freeze or two to knock the ticks down a bit. October sometime? DD

Allen reports the club balance to be \$561.16 (17 pilots have paid for '10).

This year we paid BMF \$313.34 to insure Nebo and Magazine (\$156.67 per site). Albrights Driveway maintenance for the year was \$100.00 again. (reminder of why we have a club)

Going over my meeting notes from our meeting 3/13/10 would like to give some updates on some of the things discussed.

A revised release has been sent to the Magazine LZ owner, Still no response.

Steve P. had put forth the idea of an LZ fund. Have not heard where this is at. The thought was using the left over monies.

Reminder – Mike K. has secured the domain name

["centralarkansasmountainpilots.org"](http://centralarkansasmountainpilots.org)

for the CAMP'ers web site. Feel free to send him some text content as well as some photos that can be used on the web site. This is your chance to shine.

Dues for the Current year are \$20, additions donations gladly accepted (Albright drive maintenance, Nebo N.E. dirt fund, etc.) and applications can be had at our group site, under "Files" section, here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/campnebo>

Look at the "Database" section for a list of the current members.

Applications can also be found here:

<http://www.ouachitahanggliding.com/>

under the “Clubs” section. Maybe this can be added to our new site?

Take the time to fill one out and mail it off to Allen.

Region 6 discussions and (and sometimes cussin’s) can be found here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Region6/>

Other useful info:

<http://www.adptfoi.com/Parks/Park%20Operations%20Manual/PD3075%20Hang%20Gliding%20and%20Repelling%20Rules%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

http://www.ushpa.aero/forms/pkt_Chapter_Application.pdf

<http://www.ushpa.aero/documents/SOP/SOP-06-01.pdf>

Did everyone get a chance to see the T-shirts that John made for the fly-in? Looked good to me.

Roy has asked about a toilet at the Magazine launch. If anyone has a clue where this is at, what it would take, if it is even doable – drop us a note. Guess someone could ask the Rangers next time they are there.

!!! Regime Change !!!

Remember, Phil, Allen and I won’t be running next spring. Looks like Phil may have a successor. The club hinges on your involvement. Contact one of us for the office you might be interested in. We can keep an eye over your shoulder, kind of nudge you along? The treasurer deposits the money in the bank, keeps the ledger and

writes the checks. These newsletters are mostly cut and paste – just have to remember when they are due (3/6/9/12) no biggie.

Walter Jordan
C.A.M.P. VP/Sec.