

by John Lowery

New USHGA call sign

The FCC web site says they finally granted the USHGA their new business band license. The new call sign is WPRY420 (doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, does it?). The frequencies are 151.505, 151.625, 151.925, 151.955, 158.4 (two new frequencies) all for a maximum

of 50 watts FM.

This according to the FCC General Menu Reports, "http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/genmen/uls/uls_call_res.htm?db_id=19&callsign=WPRY420&type=L&application_id="



Proposed Health Insurance for RISK Activities

Attention Everyone! Go to the USHGA web site and read the article on proposed Health Insurance coverage for individuals participating in "risk" activities. The USHGA has made it very easy for you to

have your voice heard. Go to the site. Follow the instructions. Do it now. I would also suggest you send a copy of the letter to your Congressional representatives to let them know your views on the issue.



by Steve Scott

Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2001

Presidents Call to Order:

19:45 Jerry Dalen President
20:30 Meeting Ended

New Faces: Marge from California, Keith's Step Mom.

Old Business:

February 17, 2001: Parachute Clinic with Rob Kells of Wills Wing. Rob said that this was the highest failure rate on deployments that he has seen. The attendance was about half of the break even number or 30. It cost Rob money to come over here and give the clinic. Chad gave a \$110.00 check to the Mingus Relief Fund from the 11 paying attendees.

March 31st & April 1st: Via De Bravo, Mexico fly in.

April 10, 2001: APS Power Line Safety Course scheduled for this meeting.

The Thermal Flyer was sent by e-mail this last month. It seems to have gotten through OK. To get the Thermal Flyer by e-mail sent your e-mail address to Kim Shipek at ThermalFlyer@hotmail.com. Please have patience while we make the switch over. If anyone gets cut from the mailing list it is an accident and you need to let me know as soon as possible.

New Business:

Paul asked Jerry to cover the Mingus Relief Fund issue. He said that the club has been working toward having our own campground at the top of Mingus Mountain when the Forest Service puts its new plans of access into action. Parts of the negotiations say that the club will be responsible for the permanent restroom facilities at the top of the mountain. At first it was this federal nightmare of specified materials, structures and a whole lot more. At this point it has been negotiated down to a permanent structure with a pump able holding tank. Estimates for building it go

from \$3000 to \$10,000. Currently we only have \$850.00 in the kitty. Keith says that one of the issues that we may be faced with is the moving of staff within the Forest Service. Some of the folks we have been dealing with are retiring or have moved. The new folks are an unknown with regard to Hang Gliding.

This years club XC achievement awards were given out to the following people: Dennis Nelson for his flight from Oatman Mountain to Palo Verde Generating Station, Gene Irwin for his Mingus to Flagstaff flight (50 mile plus), and Bill Lemon for his Mingus to Aubrey's (50 miles plus).

Dan Schroeder put 10 streamer poles and flags up for sale at \$10.00 and said that we should think about replacing the 90 streamers that we have out at sites around Arizona right now. He also said he is still working on the positive hook in device. He will bring some next meeting and wants someone to try it out for several months to work out any issues.

Dustin said that there would be 3 classes of pilots in the XC contest: 50, 100 and Open. The entry fee is \$20.00. Chad has the XC forms.

We sold off all of the T-shirts from past fly ins and contests for \$16.00. Shawn J. still owes \$6.00. All this will go into the Mingus Relief fund.

Site Reports:

South Mountain: Good

Shaw Butt: Getting better and better.

Landing conditions are good.

Mingus: Still snowed in. If you want to hike it can be used.

Eldon: Snowed in

Craters: An out of state pilot by the name of Scott Strand piled in just off the face of the Sheba bench by the venturi. He has both head and upper body injuries. Chad said from eyewitness feedback that he lost lift

in a bank and never recovered. Lets all watch that laminar air flow through the venturi area and not end up in the same condition.

Oatman: Good XC. Dustin, Bill L. and Chad all had good flights this month. We will make an effort to contact the Users Association this month.

Turf Soaring: Always good at \$15.00 per 1000 feet plus \$1.00 per hundred on up on tow. Joe Pettit flying in an ESC fixed wing glider dropped off tow low and used thermals to climb to 3k AGL and glide around for 1.5 hours.

Yarnell: No report

Springerville: Aiming for a tow-in around July or August.

Platform Towing: Jim A. hasn't been doing any.

Awards:

Eagle Award: The nominees were: Dustin for the longest XC this season. Todd Peterson for his 4-hour flight. Lisa Cazzitte for her first flight in 3 years.

Todd Won!

Turkey Award: The nominees were: Shawn for flushing out while his student, Brian Becker stayed up. Gene Irwin for his blown launch and being human about his embarrassment. Gene Won!

Driver Award: Dustin's roommate. He Won!

Raffle: Mark Worful won the raffle of \$26.50. He donated it back to the clubs Mingus Relief Fund. The tradition continues. Thanks Mark.

Dealer Announcements:

Laura is still selling a wide variety of hardware parts for gliders. Shawn is instructing and selling WW parts and service. RickyD has a small full-face helmet and other odds and end. Chad will do annual inspection breakdown for \$125.00. He has WW and parachutes etc. Bill Holmes is observer and instructor and now Tows.