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End-of-Year Party



This years' end-of-year party was great! Mike was an awesome host, sporting an entourage of food, including turkey and a spiral ham. There was much drinking and hang-BSing. The stories were proportionate to the amount of alcohol drank (of course.) Thanks Mike, for making the party so great!

Lost and Found



Phil lost his RC about half way down the rim this summer when he temporarily lost sight of it. I was soaring above the rim and radioed back the position of the lost glider. It was given up for dead until the next day when a group of us got the silly idea to hike up the face of the rim and retrieve it. What a climb! Mostly rock and very steep. We got to see what was left of the guy's vehicle (behind Phil in right photo) who committed suicide a few years ago. He attempted, unsuccessfully, to fly his vehicle by driving off the main launch. The car lays about half way down the rim and was completely flattened from the impact. We found the RC about 50 yards above the car. Must be a popular place! -ed

Soaring Society Convention

Fellow aviation enthusiast:

I am a Director of the Soaring Society of America and am writing to ask your aid in promoting our upcoming national convention, to be held at the Ontario, CA Convention Center, Feb 10-12, 2005, and open to the public from 9am to 5pm. Of special interest to hang glider pilots, Moyes America and Wills Wings will be among our 70 exhibitors.

This year, in addition to the exhibit hall displays of 30 state-of-the-art sailplanes and historic gliders, we have attracted over 50 speakers that will be of interest to the entire aviation community. Bill Liscomb will be presenting a talk about the history of hang gliding in southern California.

Other notable speakers are: Paul MacCready (of Gossamer Albatross and Helios fame), Einar Enevoldson (former NASA SR71 pilot and part of Steve Fossett's Perlan project to take a sailplane to 62,000 ft.), Russell Lee (curator of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum), and giving the keynote address on Saturday evening, SpaceShipOne pilot Mike Melvill.

I have attached a one-page flyer that would be suitable for your bulletin board and also a smaller ad that should work in most e-newsletters, or for posting on your web site.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Please reach me with any questions.

Regards,
Jim Skydell, Soaring Society of America

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Merry Christmas to all!!!