



Happy New Year!

Greetings to all and Happy New Year. It's January, and for me that means the longest point between flying seasons. The upside is I'm no longer counting the time since the last season ended, but counting down the days until I start flying again. I've got a new glider and I'm really looking forward to this year. *The Feather's Point* will be published as often as possible, but I need your help to produce a quality and informative news letter for our club. So, please send articles, stories and any news to: *The Feather's Point* C/O 1585 Spruce Street Apt. B, Anderson, CA 96007 or email flyingbrian17@hotmail.com. Photos are also welcomed. Any photos used in *The Feather's Point* will be returned. This issue of *The Feather's Point* contains some important information, including an advisory from the FCC. Remember, anyone using a HAM radio needs to have an operator's license.



-editor

FCC Advisory

The following appeared in the WOR web site:

MCHGA (along with a dozen other Cal HG & PG clubs) has received an "Advisory Notice" from the FCC. The notice reads: "The Commission is receiving an increasing number of complaints that users of your facilities are operating ... hand-held radio transceivers, without a license." The notice goes on to warn of criminal penalties ranging from \$7500 to \$10,000! For information about obtaining an Amateur Radio license, visit the FCC.

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2003 Treasurer's Report

Ending balance December 2002	\$2298.83
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Income for 2003:

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| ○ Sticker sales (00 @ \$5.00 ea.)* | 00.00 |
| ○ Membership dues | 48.00 |
| ○ Donations | 7.00 |

TOTAL income.....\$55.00

*Helmet stickers were given free of charge in 2003.

Expenses for 2003:

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| ○ Porta Potty pumping X3 | 175.00 |
| ○ 2004 Use Permit | 30.00 |

TOTAL expenses..... \$205.00

Account Balance December 6, 2003	\$2148.83
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2004 Helmet Sticker

Contributions from the flying community and local clubs are the *only* source of revenue that we have to maintain things like the pilot bulletin board, site guides, porta-potties at launch (required by the USFS), permanent wind socks in the LZ's, road maintenance and any other expenses that may occur. The 2004 Friend of the Rim stickers can be purchased at the Fireside Village store at Hat Creek Rim. Or, by sending your donation to: The Hat Creek Project, C/O 1203 Sisley Road. Penryn, Ca. 95663-9631. Checks payable to the Shasta Sky Sailors Hat Creek Fund (no cash please). You will receive your sticker in the mail in 3 to 7 days.



Calendar of Events 2004

Memorial Day Weekend (5/29to5/31)

Informal gathering of 15 to 30 pilots. Pilots will be camping at Hereford Ranch and in the #2 LZ. The weather can be unpredictable and cool so plan accordingly. Burney Mountain will likely be snowed in.

4th of July (7/2to7/5)

Informal gathering of 15 to 30 pilots. Warm days and cool nights are the norm this time of year. Pilots will be camping at Hereford Ranch and in the #2 LZ. Burney Mountain is open to flying by now. If you plan on flying Burney, you must get on launch by 9am. NOTE: Campfires in the LZs (and outside all established campgrounds) will most likely be banned at this time of year due to fire danger.

Labor Day Weekend (9/4to9/6)

Informal gathering of 20 to 40 pilots. The weather is usually great. Pilots will be camping at Hereford Ranch and in the #2 LZ. Burney Mountain is still accessible for flying. Pilots wanting to fly Burney should arrive on top by 9am. NOTE: Campfires in the LZs (and outside all established campgrounds) will most likely be banned at this time of year due to extreme fire danger.

The Monster Mash (Early October)

Hat Creek Rim Flying Festival (2004 date to be announced)

Classifieds



'69 Ford F-250 with glider rack and extras. Runs great and smog exempt \$2000.00. Ball 651 vario – excellent condition \$150.00 OBO. Phil at 916-838-1064 or bigbird@vfr.net.



Send classifieds to *The Feather's Point* or email flyingbrian17@hotmail.com.

Pilot Resources

Fireside Village and Cafe

Great food, groceries, ice, Ham/CB radio repair & sales, propane, firewood, hang gliding and paragliding information and more.

Six miles from launch on the access road.

530-335-4505

Hereford Ranch Campground and RV Park

Great camping, grass tent sites, RV sites, games, swimming, showers. Six miles from launch on the access road.

530-335-7171

* Please visit the Hat Creek Rim Web site at <http://www.vfr.net/~bigbird/> Here you will find many more pilot resources, too many to list here!

Club Officers

President.....Jeff Wade

Treasurer.....Phil Sergent

Editor.....Brian Bokkin

Shasta Sky Sailors

This issue of the Feather's Point is being mailed to all SSS members (current and past) and supporters of Hat Creek Rim. Current members will continue to receive the Feather's Point as often as it is published. If your membership is currently expired (or expires soon) please renew by sending \$12.00 to Shasta Sky Sailors, C/O 1203 Sisley Road, Penryn, CA 95663-9631. For your convenience, a SSS membership form is enclosed. Almost all (90%) of the annual \$12.00 that is collected is used directly for the maintenance and security of Hat Creek Rim. Your contributions greatly increase our ability to maintain and improve flying at Hat Creek Rim. All members receive a current Friend of the Rim helmet sticker.

A New Years message to the flying community

As many of you know, the Shasta Sky Sailors had the privilege of pioneering Hat Creek Rim in the mid-seventies and now have nearly three decades of rewarding involvement there. For those who have been around since those early days, you know we've always welcomed visiting pilots and have continued to develop the site to accommodate the growing number of recreational pilots who fly there each year. We are extremely proud of our involvement and achievements at the site.

In 1996, the site began operating under a USDA Forest Service Use Permit issued to the Hat Creek Committee; a committee the Shasta Sky Sailors formed to work directly with the USDA Forest Service.

The Use Permit at the Hat Creek Rim is a legal document that carries with it very specific and binding requirements that include; keeping the site maintained and providing a toilet at the Front Launch, just to name two. In addition, it requires the permit holder to return the site to its natural condition should the permit ever be discontinued or revoked. Beyond that, the Shasta Sky Sailors have for many years voluntarily provided other amenities such as: the Pilot Bulletin Board, site guides and advisories, windsocks, etc.

All of these things require funding...

In 1998, the Shasta Sky Sailors initiated the "[Friend of the Rim](#)" fund raiser. The donations generated from the \$5.00 'Friend of the Rim' decal, along with any other donations we receive for the site, are used exclusively to cover the cost of operating the site and to fund maintenance and improvements there.

It's important that contributors to the site understand that every dollar we receive is meticulously accounted for and a detailed annual fund raising report generated at the end of every year.

Hat Creek Rim is a success story because of the support and generosity of the flying community. The Shasta Sky Sailors understand this and thank each and every one of you who have helped make Hat Creek Rim the success it is.

The Shasta Sky Sailors stay committed to our involvement at the site and ensuring that Hat Creek Rim remains open, well maintained, and fiscally sound.

Thanks again for your years of support,

The Shasta Sky Sailors
USHGA Chapter #57