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**April Fly-in**

No, this is not an April Fools joke! Hat Creek may not be working yet, but there will be an actual gathering of pilots and friends at the Hereford Ranch camp ground on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This is actually a get-together more than it is a fly-in, but you may want to bring your glider just in case (I'm bringing mine.) Camp spaces are available, call 530-335-7171 if you plan to stay overnight. You may also share space with someone who already has a campsite. The extra "guest" pays the additional four-dollar fee. There is already one such campsite available, so RSVP to 530-365-5022 if you want to take advantage of this option. Hope to see you there!

**First Flights**



**Proud Moment:** For well over a year my youngest son (now fourteen) has been asking me what it's like to fly a hang glider. He had the chance to find out for himself when we recently visited Dockweiler Beach for the Centennial Celebration of powered flight hosted by WindSports Soaring Center. To watch my youngest son fly for the first time, nearly 30 years to the month after I did, was a very rewarding experience... Special thanks to Joe Greblo and Paul Thornberry for making this possible. - *Phil Sergent*

**Off-season Glider Maintenance**

Just a reminder, now is the time to do your super pre-flight. This includes not only repacking your parachute, but inspecting ALL of your equipment, including your glider's airframe, especially if you've had any hard landings. It's so easy to put off repacking your chute and other maintenance once the flying season starts, so do it now.

**Flying at Mt. Tam**

Last month, (on Vanentines Day) a couple friends and I drove to Marin County and met some other pilots to go fly Mt. Tam. We stayed at the Tam Valley Bed and Breakfast and flew Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. About 15 pilots flew Saturday, including a couple tandem flights. Three of us flew Sunday, just before the pre-frontal conditions turned to rain. All of our flights were extended sled rides, but I was happy to fly at all considering that the forecast that week called for rain-storms. For me, it was the second time doing any coastal flying and the first altitude flight on my new glider. To my surprise, the glider needed a significant trim adjustment. I could barely turn the glider on Saturday until I realized the glider was flying at just above stall speed. I held the bar in about six inches and the rest of the flight was fine. The glider flew much better on Sunday after moving the hang strap forward. All in all, it was a great trip and I hope to do it again soon. - *Brian Bokkin*



**Classifieds**

- Glider Package:** Wills Wing Sky Hawk 188, Z-3 harness, vario, and wheels - \$1,500 Rex @ 530-378-1112
- Wills Wing Harrier 187** Tony @ 530-527-4291 or [anthonyemde@yahoo.com](mailto:anthonyemde@yahoo.com) for more info.
- '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](mailto:bigbird@vfr.net)

**Stories Wanted!**

Do you have a great hang gliding story to share? One of those "...and there I was...." Send it to me and I'll publish it in the next news letter. I've got a bazillion stories like that, but I'm sure that you would like to hear from someone else besides me. Maybe you know of some news that may affect our sport? Send it to me. I will continue to make the Shasta Sky Sailors' news letter as informative and interesting as possible and any input from the club members would be great. - *Editor*