



April 24<sup>th</sup> Fly-in

The April 24<sup>th</sup> Fly-in at Hat Creek Rim was a great success! Half the club was there and the weather was superb.

Hat Creek Construction was in the #3 LZ bright and early Saturday morning. They did a fantastic job of clearing out the vegetation that has grown up over the past decade.



A grader was used to do the clearing and to smooth out the LZ. There is a permanent windsock located at the west edge of the LZ and there is now a designated parking area. A requirement from the forest service before doing the clearing was that the club remove the star thistle growing in #3. Apparently, it is a noxious weed that they do not want to see spread.

Hat Creek Construction also brought in nine yards of road base to the front launch and the same grader was used to spread it out over the set-up area. There were rakes and shovels on hand to spread the road base, but thanks to Hat Creek Construction going the "extra mile" we had very little work to do by hand.



Thanks HCC!!! The pond at Hereford Ranch campground had just been stocked and everyone who camped out and fished there caught his or her limit of trout. The high-pressure system rolling through that



gave us the great weather also gave us prevailing north winds. Conditions were launchable, but not very soarable. About four para gliders got off and were able to soar a marginal lift band.

Memorial Weekend This Month

Remember, Memorial Weekend is the end of this month. Some pilots have already reserved camping spaces for the big weekend. Hope to see you there!!!

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Special Thanks

Special thanks to Liz Hern and Dave Hodgson of the para gliding club, Hat Creek Construction, the Forest Service, and members of our club (Mike Hunter, Jeff Wade, Brian Bokkin and Phil Sergent) for making the fly-in a success! Without their help, the improvements would not have been possible.

Glider Maintenance

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. The flying season is starting, so don't wait.

Notice From Forest Service

In addition to removing star thistle from the #3 LZ, the Forest Service has requested that we park in only one area of #3. They feel that vehicles driving around in the LZ are causing the star thistle to spread. Besides, we have it smoothed out really nice right now, so why go putting ruts and tire tracks where you may have to land someday? There has been a spot designated for parking (see arrow.) If you find yourself landing in the #3 LZ, be sure your retrieval knows where and where NOT to park! Do **NOT** go driving on the LZ itself. – editor

