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A Great Labor Day Weekend

This month's Labor Day Weekend was one of the best I can ever remember. The flying was spectacular every evening and one of my flights was a personal best for me at Hat Creek Rim.

High above the Southern portion of Hat Creek Rim

The winds were consistently straight in everyday and there was even some headwind while landing after the tree's shadows covered LZ #2, which is unusual. Launches and landings were great!

Sunday night, after most pilots had their fill of great flying, the campground came alive with festivities. There was plenty of food and some of the boys from Sacramento put on a live band performance for everybody's enjoyment.

The gazebo with live band and BBQ to the right (Mother-in-Law in foreground)

F l y i n g ñ S o u t h e r n ò H a t

Saturday night provided one of the best flights I had ever had at Hat Creek. As mentioned before, the winds were consistently straight in and launches and landings were great. Flying "Southern" Hat Creek Rim is probably more popularly known as going to the "back ridge." Actually, the "back ridge" is really the main portion of Hat Creek Rim, geographically speaking, and altitude gains there have sometimes been phenomenal.

The parking area and launch/set-up area shortly after launching

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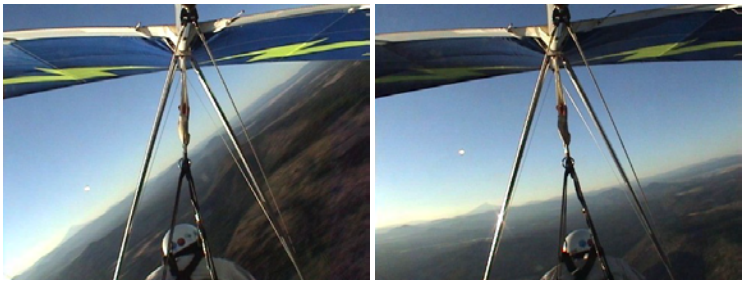

Working some lift on the South ridge *Heading back towards the main launch*

Pictured above is LZ #2. I couldn't believe how many pilots had already landed. But then again, if I were still struggling for space over the main launch, I would have probably landed too. There were well over 20 gliders on the "front ridge" at one point. I left for the South ridge with a thousand over and gained another 1500 feet on the Southern ridge. The new digital camera worked great and it was an awesome weekend!

- editor