

Central Arkansas Mountain Pilots

Summer Update

6/15/11

We fly and maintain landowners relations at the following sites: Nebo (H-3*/H-4), Magazine (H-3*/H-4), Short (H-2), Jasper (H-2) and Petit Jean (H-2).

Should we add Pipeline to this list? Rating?

The Prez Speaks

No message this time.

Mike Baldwin
C.A.M.P. Pres.

Treasurer Report

Allen reports the club balance to be \$577.16 (20 pilots have paid for '11) after payment of Insurance and Driveway fund. The Web domain name fee has been paid (\$25).

Members are giving extra monies beyond the dues. Would be helpful if they tell Allen how to apply the money (dues for next year, donation, dirt fund, etc.)

Reminder – Mike K. has secured the domain name

Web Site update.

Web Site is up, but very little has been done to fill in pertinent information. I am providing the server space, all I need is for a few of the C.A.M.P.er's to take on some tasks.

See the site at www.centralarkansasmountainpilots.org

Tasks

Flying Sites: For now I simply grabbed some of the info from my Ouachita Mountains Hang Gliding and drug it there. Just a rough idea or what can be presented. Would be nice if each site had all the pertinent info. Maybe there is a resource you all have been using that has most of the info, and I could just link to that, or provide me that info. Let me know.

Calendar: Upcoming Events! And nothing is posted for C.A.M.P. Who wants to update this? I have it as an easy to access file in the Google cloud and is shared between B.M.F. and C.A.M.P., so we get good cross posting. If you would like to take this on, let me know and I will grant you access. All I need is your e-mail.

Newsletter: Walter has provided archives of past Newsletters and they are active on the web site. One area that is working well.

Members List: This is another component in the Google Cloud. I have created the form and added a couple names. But I do not have the whole list, and this would be best managed probably by the secretary as that person would have info related to membership and updates and such. Some members may not want their phone number or e-mail out there, so that would need to be determined.

Bylaws: I have links going to current info.

Links Page: I have seeded this page with links to helpful information. What B.M.F. did was they made an effort to contact surrounding clubs to see about making link exchanges. We point to their site and in return they point to ours. This helps to improve the site search engine position. The more links you have pointing to you the higher you rise in search engine position. Anyone that would like to do this project can contact me if they have any questions.

Growing the Web Site: If you all take a look at the B.M.F. Web Site, (www.buffalomountainflyers.org), you will see quite a bit of good information. Still a lot to be done, but B.M.F. has duties parsed out. They also have a single individual that makes a final decision (not me) as to what should and can be posted on the web site. This is important as if I end up with individuals submitting to me various

ideas to post we will end up with conflicting and possibly even erroneous info. So kind of has to go through the clubs committee process before it is submitted to the web master for posting. I will only appoint individuals to specific tasks that have the blessing of the C.A.M.P. BOD. I will only present information on the web site that has been approved by the BOD or person designated as the web overseer.

Inspirational Speech by Mike Kelsey

I think most local pilots would like to see the interest in foot launched flight in our area grow and improve. These days a web site is essential in helping to promote any business or club or organization. The internet is now the main resource people turn to when seeking information. Indeed, despite the lack of info on the web site, I have been getting e-mails and phone calls. I guess this is because I am the only person listed on the members list with a phone # and E-mail contact. Eventually, what the club and web site needs is someone who would be willing serve as the on-line ambassador. There would be a Information Page and one or two individuals could be posted here. One might serve to answer questions about individuals looking to observe some flying, as well as how to become a pilot or member. The other ambassador might only deal with current pilots, visiting pilots and such.

People are looking for information! They are finding the web site! We just need complete information and proper contacts. This project does not need to be another site built by me. We already have the Ouachita Mountains Hang Gliding site. The C.A.M.P. site is the C.A.M.P.er's site. It should be built by the C.A.M.P.er's, and not just be another "Kelsey Project". My role is to provide the web space and to post info as presented, or provide links to resources as requested. It is the C.A.M.P.er's role to fill up that space.

Let's get busy!

Mike Kelsey

(Take a minute or two to look at these 2 sites. This is our site, so if you have info or photos to up load – JUST DO IT. I'd like the banner photo to change every month with tags, keep it timely. If we have

new folks or visitors to the site it would be good to show them. Mike has asked me to be the gatekeeper for the site, and as I understand it updates and modifications would go thru him but be defected to me (or someone else) for approval. – Walter)

Steve P. has written a letter to the State Parks about getting a toilet at the launch at Magazine. Here is his letter and response:

January 6, 2011

Richard Davies, executive director Arkansas Department of
Parks and Tourism
CC; Greg Butts, Arkansas State Parks Director

Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
1 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Sir's;

Myself and others were asked to attend and fly during the Mt Magazine Lodge opening ceremony in May of 2006. What a wonderful gathering of pilots and spectators from near and far and what a fantastic way to open things up on the mountain. As gliders were being set up, all with open ears were treated to a hang-gliding history lesson by 30 plus year pilot Dave Morton from Oklahoma. As the day went on it was I believe Mr. Davies that I asked why a toilet was no closer than the Lodge. With all the construction that went on why is there not a toilet at the parking area? If not able to get the lodge people will go in the trees beside launch and along the rim: pilots, spectators, rock climbers alike. A reminder that he answered, "the utilities are in place but how many launches do you have per year?" "50" we said. "OK. Call me when you have one hundred" And so sir, it is time that I call.

My copied papers were skewed a bit so the numbers if you check may be off 15 or so either way. These are sign-ins at the visitors' center not launches. Launches will be less but you can see the numbers have grown.

In 2006 we had approximately 152. '07 was 146. '08 there were 218. '09 we had 143, and in 2010 we had over 300. As our flying community continues to grow it will not only be us but all of the park patrons that would benefit from a permanent toilet in the parking area of the hang-glider launch at Mt Magazine.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Steve Prater
Po Box 43
Lawson, AR 71750

Final note: Just recently did I find our own Donna Stokes video at mountmagazinestatepark.com/adventure-activities/hand-gliding/ An awesome view from above the lodge.

Reply from the State:



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PARKS & TOURISM**
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Little Rock, AR 72201
501-682-7777
Arkansas.com
History Commission
501-682-6900 (TDD)
Ark-ives.com
Keep Arkansas
Beautiful Division
501-682-3507 (TDD)
KeepArkansasBeautiful.com
Personnel Section
501-682-7742 (TDD)
State Parks Division
501-682-1191 (TDD)
ArkansasStateParks.com
Tourism Division
501-682-7777 (TDD)

**Mike Beebe
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May 03, 2011

Steve Prater
P.O. Box 43
Lawson, AR 71750

Re: Mount Magazine State Park

Dear Mr. Prater:

Thank you for the reminder about the requested restroom at the hang-glider launch site. I apologize for not getting back with you sooner, but we were awaiting the funding results for construction projects from the general improvement fund for the legislative session that just ended. In addition we are awaiting the outcome of grant funding for construction projects throughout the state park system that will be finalized in May.

We agree a restroom is needed and we're evaluating a variety of possible funding sources with the goal of completing the project in FY12 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012). Once we have the funding and construction dates finalized, I'll send you an update. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to my attention at greg.butts@arkansas.gov

Sincerely,

Greg Butts, Director
Arkansas State Parks

Cc: Richard W. Davies
Stan Graves
Tom Stolarz
Becky Bariola
Jon Brown

Steve also sent this in:

Ollie sent in his payment of a P.T.T. system \$50.00 to C.A.M.P. for launch improvement. I just have to get it to Allen T.

(yea Ollie; yea Steve)

The comments about additions to the Magazine release – giving contact information and rules for landing field. Some thought it had been done, check next time you sign in at the Magazine Visitor Center to see if it has been done.

Thank you Card(s) update:

We sign “Thank You” cards each year to give/mail to launch and land owners. I sent one out to Lonnie last year and it came back, which is kind of bad ‘cause that is the address on the insurance form. The one for Petit Launch came back. I carry both of these in the truck to hand deliver.

Any one have an address for the Jasper L.Z.? Pipeline?

Mike B. and I delivered the Nebo State Park theirs.

Albrights (have address) - mailed
Rick’s (have address) - mailed
Wesley (have address) - mailed
Ware (have address) - mailed
Short L.Z. owner - mailed
Petit Jean L.Z. (Davies) – mailed

Have an extra – thinking of giving it to Magazine State Park

Can you believe next week is the longest day of the year and the days will start getting shorter. :-)

Walter Jordan
C.A.M.P. VP/Sec.

Region 6 discussions and (and sometimes cussin’s) can be found here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Region6/>

Other useful info:

<http://www.adptfoi.com/Parks/Park%20Operations%20Manual/PD3075%20Hang%20Gliding%20and%20Repelling%20Rules%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

http://www.usHPA.aero/forms/pkt_Chapter_Application.pdf

<http://www.usHPA.aero/documents/SOP/SOP-06-01.pdf>