

## - BASA BUGLE -

### Next Meeting Wednesday February 24.

The next BASA meeting will be Wednesday, February 24. **Wolf Weber** will lead a discussion of upcoming camps and other events. The main idea is to give less experienced/newer pilots an idea of what these various camps are about, which one might be right for them, and how to go about attending one.

- 1) Minden wave camp
- 2) Panoche weekend (Memorial Day)
- 2) Air Sailing thermaling camp
- 3) Air Sailing cross-country camp
- 4) Bishop encampment
- 5) Parowan and King Mountain safaris
- 6) Soaring NV cross-country camps at Minden

For each event, we want to cover:

- \* dates
- \* pre-requisites, who should attend
- \* what's it all about?
- \* what will I get out of it?
- \* how do I sign up?

Wolf will also talk briefly about the vacation reservation rules, and what is expected before a glider can be taken to a remote location.

The meeting will be at the IHOP, 5403 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Santa Clara (just off Hwy 280). We have the room reserved from 6PM, and the meeting will start around 7PM.



*Summer wave over Lake Tahoe.*

### **Flight Committee Chairman (Jim Britton)**

I spent last weekend up in Seattle at a Soaring Safety Foundation Flight Instructor refresher clinic. There were about 25 attendees. Most were renewing instructors, a few were future instructors like myself, and the rest were private pilots that were doing their bit to keep up to date.

There is a lot of material covered in 16 hours so some of it clearly has to be glossed over. Much of it concerned instructional methods but some of it will affect you even though BASA does not formally instruct. I'll outline the first 2 this month.

The first item was about the use of checklists. The main points for you to remember are:

- Use the checklists.
- If interrupted - start again at the beginning so nothing is missed.
- If anything changes to a checked item - start again.

The example often cited is a common occurrence in the summer: You have completed all your checklists and are ready to go when it becomes clear that it will be a few minutes before there is a gap in the traffic on the cross runway to allow the launch. You open the canopy

to keep from frying. When you think it's almost time to go you close the canopy again but get distracted and don't lock it. You've already done the whole checklist so you are OK right? You know what happens next.



*October in Panoche.*

The second item is the towplane rudder waggle signal. What was the first thing that came to your mind when you read that? If it was 'I must release now' then go straight to jail and do not collect \$200. This signal was introduced more than 15 years ago - but folks are *still* getting it wrong. One way that was suggested for remembering that signal is to visualize it as the towpilot slapping you around the head and shouting "close your airbrakes stupid".

Please take some time today to refresh yourself on the standard aerotow signals and be ready for them on every flight. You will certainly be tested on them at your next flight review. Which reminds me: A flight review is not a test - it's an "opportunity to train to proficiency"

Finally, your final reminder about plastic airman licenses. If you don't have one in your possession by March 31 then you will not be allowed to fly BASA ships. Period.

**Glider Locations**

As of February 15, glider locations are:

DG-1000 1CH	In service at Hollister. Annual inspection has been performed.
DG-505 5KM	At Hollister in trailer.
Grob 36L	In service at Hollister.
Pegasus 9JH	At Hollister in trailer. Replacement canopy has been

	ordered. Expect to have back in service around late March or early April.
Pegasus 1LV	In service at Hollister.
Junior 6DS	In service at Hollister. Looking to replace the transponder before June.



*February in New Zealand -- looks a lot like summer in Panoche.*

**Upcoming Events for 2010**

Here are some upcoming events to plan for:

**BASA Meetings:** Last Wednesday of every month. The February meeting will focus on upcoming glider camps and events. The March meeting will focus on spring cross-country soaring out of Hollister and the Hollister League.

**Wave Camp March 30 – April 3:** SoaringNV at Minden will be organizing a Wave Camp again this spring – we have a few BASA members interested in taking a BASA glider to this event.

**Panoche weekend May 29-30-31 (Memorial Day)**

**Air Sailing Thermaling Camp:** June 7-11

**Air Sailing Cross Country Camp:** June 13-18

**Bishop encampment:** June 23-30.

**Parowan safari:** Dates under discussion by Hollister / Byron pilots are around June 25 to July 4.

SoaringNV cross-country camps at Minden:  
June 21 - 26 and  
July 26 - 31.

Truckee BASH: July.

King Mountain, Idaho: August 14-22.

## **Reservation Rule Reminders**

This is a reminder that BASA reservation blocks at Hollister on weekends are "before 1:00PM" and "after 1:00PM". We have been seeing reservations on the schedule recently that run over that cutoff and therefore intrude into two blocks. We haven't been policing these carefully during the winter, but as we get into better spring weather we need to take seriously these and other reservation rules.

The best way to work within the rules is to pick the block you want the most (say, 10:00AM to 1:00PM or 1:00PM to 4:00PM). Then on the day of your reservation you are entitled to expand your reservation into the other block for that day if no one else has claimed it by 9:00AM. See the reservation rules at <http://flybasa.org/bugle/2006-res-policy.pdf> for more details.

