



Monthly Newsletter – September 2019

From the President

As we approach the end of our regular jumping season, I want to take the opportunity to thank everybody for coming together to create a safer skydiving atmosphere and helping to build our club spirit. We have had a lot of opportunities over the last couple of months to display our pride in our club. To the volunteers that worked to keep our events running and those that work every weekend to clean, cook, mow, or whatever else, your work is deeply appreciated. We also, unfortunately, lost a couple of dear friends in our community but it was amazing to see so many people step up to make our home welcoming to everyone.

To all the members and friends, thank you and let's keep up our fantastic work.

-Travis Bader

Member Spotlight: Pat Slatt

Age: 28

Occupation: Solution Architect for Salesforce partner

What got you into skydiving? Wanted to get my A license as soon as I was back on the ground from my first tandem jump 2 years ago, and moving to Omaha was a great opportunity to work on it since there's not much to do in Nebraska



When did you make your first jump? Fall 2017 near Zion National Park. First solo was LSPC July 13, 2019

What does your mom/dad/spouse think of you jumping? We'll find out when they come visit. I'm bringing them by the DZ and signed my dad up for a tandem jump.

What can you do for your club? Salesforce has some non-profit tools that could help with a slick website, tandem sign-up, and customer tracking solution. I can also walk on my hands if that's helpful.

What do you like about the club so far? Bert

What do you think we can all do to improve as a club? Be more like Bert

Do you have any hot relatives? This is my cousin's linkedin account:
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/redlinesearch/>

Month in Review

September held the final turbine event of the summer. The one and only Dave Schwartz brought a twin otter for a weekend full of skydiving shenanigans. A high altitude jump as well as a slip n' slide in the landing area added to the fun. Big thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success!

The first week in October brought the second round of Paragolf, as well as the return of Club Comp. Jumpers descended into Lake Ridge Golf Course on Friday, October 4 for a round of golf followed by delicious dinner and prizes. The next day kicked off with rounds of canopy accuracy poker, followed by 4-way relative work scrambles. In non-jumping news, the September meeting saw the addition of three new club members. Also, board nominations are happening at the November meeting so start thinking about who you would like to see on the board of directors.

Calendar

- Friday, October 11, 6PM: Board Meeting
- Friday, October 11, 7PM: Potluck Dinner
- Friday, October 11, 8PM: Monthly Club Meeting
- Saturday, October 12, 6:30PM: Night Jumps
- Friday, December 13: Christmas Party

Below are the unabridged minutes from the board and monthly meetings on September 6, 2019. Enjoy!

Monthly Meeting 9-6-19

1. Attendance: Sonny B., Dan P., Mike B., Travis B., Greg H., Rick B., Lori B., Justin W., Bill L., Shave S., Abbey L., Melissa M., Joe V., Rod F., Tristan Z., Leah K., Jeff W., Grant., Jeff B., Bobbi Jo P., Bert T., Eric B., Jerry E., Joe I.,
2. Motion made to accept minutes as published; seconded; passed, meeting started
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. Including savings, checking and everything, we are doing well for profits and stuff; slightly better than this time last year
 - b. Received invoice from Fremont; it was more than the last plane so Cory will look into it
 - c. No FJC's scheduled after turbine event
4. Training
 - a. Goal right now is to retain students; focus should be to get students licensed before end of the season
 - b. Likelihood of FJC's is low due to low instructor turnout; generally, if we have a jumpable day, we do have a few instructors present
 - c. There are lights in the hangar; for anyone who uses it at night, check it out to see if you want more
 - d. Lee B. looked at it and mentioned he might like more outlets to eliminate some of the extension cords; Rod F. and Rick B. were looking into this
 - e. If you see a student just sitting off to the side and you're a coach/instructor, involve them in your packing process; helps for coaches/instructors to look at the proficiency card before coaching
5. Gear
 - a. Rig 10 still out; the other two that we lost PC's are back in
 - b. Aerodyne is taking their sweet time to send us replacement parts
 - c. Heavy magnet in tandem rig #3 was replaced; or was it rig #1?
 - d. Tandem supplies are in the drawer; Sonny ordered replacement parts for this stuff
 - e. Just a reminder, closing loops should have no more than 10% wear; supplies for fixing barbs on the static lines are in the drawer
 - f. We have a big supply of rubber bands now
 - g. At last boogie, tandem packers were using our supplies and closing loops; they were making money so they should be able to afford their own rubber bands...Do we charge them? Or make them bring their own? Put the red bucket behind the counter?
 - h. Sonny will take care of the rigs as they come in for repack
 - i. Big big big thanks to Joe V. for doing the laundry on all the student jumpsuits
6. Demos
 - a. One demo left on Thurs 9-12
 - b. Big thanks to everyone who participated in the demos, for jumping, ground crew, flying, everything
 - c. It's something we do that we enjoy and make money off of; could use some more cards; we'll get some more ordered
 - d. We are looking for more people to get their C licenses and PRO ratings; keep in mind, PRO requirements are changing on the first of the year; talk to Travis if you're interested

- e. At Sonny's standardization meeting, he noted USPA is making a lot of changes; you'll have to video your landings for PRO ratings and you'll have to submit them to the regional directors
 - f. USPA is raising the bar on everything; they will likely push harder to make sure we do our jobs better
 - g. Many instructors have been asking; apparently, static line jumps do count as freefall jumps
 - h. Tangent, tangent, tangent...
7. Building and grounds
- a. Could use more light and more outlets
 - b. There's now an outdoor smoke pot for the smokers and a dog crap bag dispenser so clean up after yourselves and your pets
8. Old clubhouse
- a. Board talked about it a month ago but decided it was a big ticket item and should be left up to the members
 - b. It's only being used a few times a year and as a bunkhouse, buffet line, etc.
 - c. Utility expenses need to be considered; also, it needs a new roof seemingly every few years; siding is not worth investing in, it smells funny
 - d. Some years ago, a proposal was made to demolish it, but it never happened
 - e. What exactly happened that year? Meeting minutes don't necessarily tell the whole story
 - f. Would it be possible to get rid of that old building and then make a new one? Having that extra toilet and shower is useful...Demo half of it and rebuild the other half? Having it is easier for people to stay and spend the night
 - g. If we do make a new one, Sonny is volunteering to keep it clean (just kidding); we went through a lot of growing pains to put the new building up, so should we keep it for a few years and then decide
 - h. Should we finish up the hangar, get the new building up and good, and then worry about it? Put power in the hangar first and fix the hangar door, and then worry about the building
 - i. Does that building add to our property tax value? Would our money be better spent building out the hangar?
 - j. Turn one half into the bunkhouse and use the other half for food and stuff?
 - k. If we keep it, someone has to take care of it
 - l. Motion made to keep the building for a couple years and work for future development; seconded; motion passed; keep it for a few years
9. Aircraft
- a. Goal is to burn the time on 539 because it has an overhaul at the end of the year
 - b. Could we redo some of the carpet padding in the planes; Garrett in Glidersports may have a hookup for this; this would help with the aesthetic and with functionality
 - c. Larry B. may have been looking at a material for Sonny to build a cover over and make it nice
10. Fuel tanks
- a. FAA had some issue with our tanks, namely the fuel filters and locking caps; proper filters and caps have been ordered

- b. Have ordered new nozzle for Jet-A tank so that the nozzle can't fit into Avgas tank
- c. Duncan aviation is offering a safe fuel handling seminar; could be good for people to learn about this
- d. Fire extinguisher certification; can we take our extinguishers in and have them checked for us? Probably

11. Marketing? Nope

12. Special events

- a. September event is completely filled; good thing for us, unfortunate for those who want to jump
- b. Xmas party is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH** at the SAC museum; also, please no cake fights
- c. We are bringing back the club competition; Saturday, October 5th; aimed at fun, dumb games; 4-way scrambles, accuracy poker, hit-and-runs for the newer jumpers, canopy flocking competition (every time you get within a foot or touch end cells, you get a point, but all four jumpers must land on the airport); it's for bragging rights and reskinned medals (foreskin medals) that Travis found in Sonny's basement
- d. Please sign up for a shift at the turbine event if you're planning on showing up; setup can be done tonight after the meeting; shower trailer is in place, really pretty easy; cashier is easier with only fun jumper payments and also with Square

13. Old business; none

14. New business

- a. Board elections are coming up and there are probably going to be some openings; start thinking about this now; it's an important job and we have a lot of history and the board does a lot to keep it going
- b. Night jumps? How much talk has there been? Someone take charge of this!
- c. Greg H. nominates Danxu to be a member, seconded; can bring beers; you can call her Mimi if you're her friend; she's an American citizen so she can't be deported; wants to be a member because she likes to jump jump jump; can clean up a math but doesn't do mess (?????); promises to bring beer; has 120 jumps 27~28 hours in tunnel; doesn't know the capital of Iowa, I don't know what to put here any more...her sister's a supermodel; voted, voted in, she's a member
- d. Joe V. wants to nominate Abbey Lacey for membership; sucks at talking in public, has 15 jumps, can clean toilets really good; can also bring beer; isn't from China, but has a hot sister; doesn't know the capital of Kentucky; voted, voted in, she's a member
- e. Travis B. wants to nominate Grant, but SOMEONE threw the wig behind the desk; just exists; works at First National Bank of Omaha, technology support; 10 jumps; can vacuum, clean bathrooms, mow lawns, prefers full frontal male nudity; doesn't know the capital of Louisiana; voted, voted in, he's a member

15. Motion made to close, seconded; meeting adjourned

16. Bill L. ACTUALLY won the ticket...**AGAIN**

17. Note: no board meeting today due to low attendance and little to talk about