

# Mar 25, 2023 | UHGPGA Q1 Agenda

Start Time: 6:05 pm Sat March 25

Held over Zoom. Attendance approx. 15

## AGENDA

1. **Introductions:** Heather (President aka Facilitator), Neil McGarry (VP), Mallory (Treasurer) – not on the call, Bob Janzen (Secretary), Jordan Porter (Mini/Speed wing Safety Officer), Kevin Berry (HG Safety Officer), Mark (PG Safety Officer), Joey Jarrell:
2. **CLINICS:**
  - a. **Season-Opener** Last Saturday. Round Table: Flying the Wasatch Safely.
    - i. SOLD OUT - 50 people.
    - ii. Looking for photographer and videographer volunteers for future meetings. If you know someone or would like to volunteer, please contact Heather (415) 900-6822
    - iii. Recording of round table has been uploaded, but not yet shared. Neil M. will work with Heather to get the video and description posted. Phillip Bond volunteered as a photographer to help Heather get someone to help with future video needs.
  - b. **Next: Reserve Toss Clinic** April 8/9 (Easter weekend)
    - i. Sign-ups are live - Saturday is half full, Sunday is filling. Factoring 42/day. <https://www.uhgpga.org/events>
    - ii. Must be current USHPA and UHGPGA to throw - but come by, anyone can observe 10 am – 5 pm.
    - iii. Free to participants, but each is responsible for their own repack.
  - c. **Wilderness First Responder** - Airsports Specific April 15/16 (weekend).
    - i. If not enough sign-ups by Thursday March 30, it will be canceled, It is being put on by Justin Grisham.
    - ii. \$300 per person
    - iii. 2 days
  - d. **Kiting Clinic** April 29 (Saturday)
    - i. \$50 per person
    - ii. Details will be published fb, tg, email
    - iii. Congrats to Chad Pranger who won a free ticket at the Round Table
3. **SAFETY** – Mark, Jordan, Kevin
  - a. Once approved, the Safety Plan shall be emailed to all members with the meeting minutes.
  - b. Working on adding Cherry back to the sanctioned sites, so that it can be used for mountain site intros.

- c. Safety Officers proposed that if 20 people are flying on the NS lower bench, no additional pilots should launch until the crowd clears some. This will need to be approved, and information will be going out to club members for discussion. (See attached Safety Message)
- d. Who will make changes from here on to the [new site guides on the website](#) on the website? Jordan Porter and Bob Black will discuss.

#### **4. CAMS & WX STATIONS**

- a. Need volunteers, please contact Heather or Neil McGarry. (435)655-5169
- b. Northside Cam:
  - i. April 1st - new password to members
  - ii. Working on getting new router (~\$60)
- c. SS Cam: The current provider to the South Side webcam will stop supporting it, and will sell us the equipment, but we need help with taking over management of that. Jim Sharpe is evaluating equipment purchase. Jim is asking if anyone knows anything about solar (i.e. powering the SS webcam) Please contact Jim Sharpe. ([jim@sharpe.com](mailto:jim@sharpe.com))
- d. Steep Mountain Holfuy weather station: Broken due to high winds unfortunately. We can replace the broken part, but it will keep happening. It is currently only reporting temperature and radiation. We were on a 3G connection, but 3G has been sunsetted, so we have fallen back to 2G, which is not very reliable for the weather station. We will need to replace/upgrade it. A commercial grade weather station is being proposed. The Tempest weather station has been recommended to us by U of U Meteorology.
- e. Crawfords Weather Station: Will install station as soon as snow allows access. Kevin Berry will head this up.

#### **5. WINDSOCK COMMITTEE**

- a. Erik Miller is installing new basket and sock on SS. Erik has one new wind sock installed on South Side, and has been unable to install the new North side wind sock on the west end. Erik has the equipment, and just needs to get it done on a non-windy day. Need gorilla tape and new hose clamps to get that project done.
- b. Steep Mountain pole was frozen in place (Feb 19). Will re-attempt repair. Needs new basket.

#### **6. 2023 FLYING SEASON**

- a. Chris Santacroce Video - 2022 Incident Trends and Safety Tips Video. The video can be viewed here:  
[https://vimeo.com/809214275/32bf5ed10f?embedded=true&source=vimeo\\_logo&owner=5211471](https://vimeo.com/809214275/32bf5ed10f?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=5211471)

## 7. Three (3) Safety Procedures:

Introducing UHGPGA's **SAFETY PROCEDURES**

- 1 UHGPGA Radio Channel**
  - Download the Zello™ App:
  - Use QR Code to Join UHGPGA Channel
  - Push to Talk
  - Notify All Pilots of Dangers
  - Talk a Pilot Thru Blowback Procedure
- 2 Mid-Air Collision Prevention**
  - If You See a Smoke Canister on the Ridge:
  - This Means Risk of Mid-Air Collision is High
  - Don't Launch
  - Land to Thin the Crowd
- 3 Emergency Land Alert System**
  - If You See a Car on Launch with Alarm Blaring:
  - Land - Your Safety and/or Others' Depends on it
  - There May be a Helicopter Trying to Land
  - There May be a Dangerous Gust Front Coming

This is the QR code for the Zello app and to join the UHGPGA group:



8. **“Climber Coffee”** - Joshua Tree Natl Park has coffee get togethers once a week. Free to anyone, bring your mug, climbers come and socialize, and meet other climbers. Heather would like to implement this at the South Side in the mornings. How to be courteous to HG’s, mix with mini wings, how to get into the mountains, meet other pilots, etc. Heather would like volunteers to help with this.
9. **END-OF-YEAR PARTY** will be on Saturday Oct 21 (will no longer be in December) It will be held in a neighborhood HOA Ballroom in Lehi (near SS).

The ballroom has already been reserved.

10. **MEMBERSHIP ISSUE** - Discovered an issue with Early Bird Members not being transferred to new system (affected about 40 individuals that paid in December) Working on Resolution. Heather and Mallory are working on this issue.

## 11. FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE EMAILED

## 12. MEMBER MOTIONS

- a. **Motion to Add “Reserve Repack Skill” for PG and HG** - A motion to have re-packing of PG and HG rescue reserves to be a skill that needs to be signed off much like Aerotowing, Foot Launch, Cliff launch etc.. each pilot would produce a log sheet or info on who packed it last whether it was the pilot or other individual with the re-pack skill sign off.
- i. Great idea. Not Applicable to UHGPGA. USHPA’s purview. This is a great idea, but is under the domain of USHPA. There was some extended discussion on whether this is something UHGPGA can require.
- b. **Motion for North Side weather station.** Install commercial/research grade weather station able to withstand 80+ mph winds.  
<https://www.otthydromet.com/en/p-lufft-ws500-smart-weather-sensor/8373.U01> along with cellular datalogger. Cost \$4400 quote in hand.

Two years ago we implemented a Holfuy station, but it has not held up with the high winds. U of U Weather has recommended a commercial/research grade weather station. It is \$4,400. It is ultrasonic, so no moving parts, and should last through severe weather. It also has a cellular datalogger to communicate. Jim Sharpe highly recommends the commercial grade. This motion has been seconded. Neil M. will write it up.

Adjourned: 6:45 pm