



Red Rocks Fly-In

Sept 30 to Oct 5, 2013

540 S. Main
Richfield, Utah

There will be low-pressure competitions, informative clinics, and fun flying activities, as well as non-flying entertainment for members of the family who want to help drive on some days, but need some "on the ground stimulation" sometimes.

The Competitions

***Unofficial Ridge soaring task competition.** The first ever of it's kind. The launch window will run from 5:00 PM till sunset each evening the task will be to fly from cove launch as far away as you can make it, and still get back to the Cove Landing Zone. The ridge above Cove is 7 miles long so there are some excellent possibilities for beautiful flights overlooking mountain lakes and fall colored trees. There will be bonus points for altitude (On Cove on a good day you can climb in ridge lift up 3000 feet). You will be penalized for flying less than an hour. So the scoring will be based on distance in ridge lift, climb in ridge lift and air time. Nate Johnson has graciously volunteered to score the competition; track logs will need to be emailed to him before midnight of each day you want to be scored.

***Mountain Spot Landing competition.** A different hill each day, with a portable spot scoring in feet up to 100 feet away from the target. The spot landing competition will be held in the mornings at one of the following sites:

Cove (with a top landing on Deerhawk, and a regular landing at the Deerhawk LZ);

Monroe (with top landings at Monroe 10, Monroe 9, Monroe 8, Monroe 7, **Monroe Training Hill**, and a regular landing at the the Monroe Training LZ);

Mt. Edna (with top landing at Revenue Ridge; or Gold Gulch depending on the wind);
Regular landing in their respective LZs:

Poverty Ridge,

Uranium Ridge,

12 minute,

Venice Hill,

Parker Ridge, or

Big Flag launch.

***Thermaling longest length of time competition.** For those who want to fly in those fall rising air bubbles and enjoy extended periods free from the planet, but don't want to worry about retrieves or back country hike outs. You will launch from Cove, Monroe or Mt Edna - fly for as long as you can and land in the assigned LZ. Scoring will be in total minutes of airtime.

***Distance competition.** For those who want to go big or stay home. *Spot Devices are required for this competition.* Regular distance scoring.

***Race to goal.** Similar to the sprint at the Rat Race where tasks are designed to not take you too far into bear country and you should be at goal after about 2 hours of airtime. *Spot Devices are required for this competition.*

There will be trophies for the winners and glory and honor, but each of these competitions is unofficial and doesn't count towards any national ranking or appointments to national teams. My hope is to keep things fun and friendly.

Non-Competitive Flying

Each morning there will be an excursion to Monroe Peak for the Ultimate sledder. A 6000 foot sled ride from the launch with the biggest vert of any USHPA insured site in the lower 48.

Ken Hudonjorgenson has graciously agreed to conduct thermaling clinics each day for a very reasonable price of \$100, so if you want to be mentored by one of the great pilots and great teachers in paragliding, please schedule with Ken before the beginning of the competition. His website is <http://www.twocanfly.com/> or twocanfly@gmail.com

We are still working on hosting Brad Gunnuscio to do maneuvers clinics at Piute reservoir or Yuba Lake. Please contact Brad if you are interested. I am sure the number and early requests for his expertise will be a factor in whether he can join us. bradgunn@hotmail.com

If you don't want to be in a competition, but just fly for fun, that is what we are all about, you may tag along with any of the competitions and just enjoy the flying without worrying about scoring or reporting to judges. For example if you want to go up and ridge soar Cove in the evening, just sign up for the ride up to Cove, but don't sign up for the competition. Or just get with other like-minded pilots and car pool to the site you want to fly.

If you have never flown from Mt. Edna (Utah's highest drive up launch at 11,700 ft.) you don't want to miss it. The view from launch, especially that time of year, is enough to make the whole trip worthwhile.

Want to be in more than one competition? The **spot landing** competition will be in the morning and the **ridge soaring** competition will be in the evening so the two would be a perfect match for someone who wanted to do more than one comp. The other 3 competitions will be during

the day so you could pair any of them with the spot landing or ridge soaring, but there would probably be some overlap. Choose which one you want to be competitive in or just participate for fun.

Headquarters

We have rented the Quality Inn convention center where the fly-in's headquarters will be located, and will be conducting all sign-ups; score posting; info clinics; and just hanging out with awesome people. Quality Inn has offered Paraglider Pilots who reserve early a substantial discount on motel rooms. It would be very convenient to stay at the motel where the Fly In is headquartered. Their website is <http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-richfield-utah-UT014>

I hope the Red Rocks fall fly in will become one of the must do's on the paragliding calendar in years to come, This first year come and enjoy, relax, fly safe and enjoy the beauty of one of the great paragliding destinations our country has to offer.

The Fly In was scheduled to coincide with the National Spot Landing competition at the point of the Mountain and offer pilots who came from far away a chance to experience some of the mountain flying Utah is so noted for.

No preregistration is required. I would appreciate an email at some point and a confirmation the week before, so I have an idea how many shirts to order. So just show up at the convention center **540 S. Main Richfield Utah** on Sunday night or Monday morning, and we'll do the paper work and get you registered.

The cost is \$60 for the fly in. Clinics with Ken Hudonjorgenson or Brad Gunnuscio are \$100 extra. If you have a vehicle that can transport pilots please bring it. If you don't please plan on donating \$10 per ride to whoever is providing the vehicle. We can always use extra drivers, and volunteers to help with the fly in. Please plan on helping everyone get launched, land safely accounted for, and back to headquarters; including rides to retrieve launch vehicles. If we all work together to make it a fun and festive fly in, everyone will get the most flying fun for the weather conditions.

Let's all work together to get our feet off the ground. It will be awesome.

Thank you,
Stacy Whitmore