

Sandia Soaring: Monthly Flyer

October 2018

Benny and Ben Abruzzo working the excavator and loader, during an October storm. October saw the Peak Launch go from rocks to ramp due to these guys and our many dedicated members. —Photo Shawn Scott.

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE PEAK IMPROVEMENT. WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL OF \$5000. GREAT WORK!!

- The Foundation for Free Flight requires a 90-day update, which I will be getting on shortly, but for now, if you can send me pictures you have of the peak throughout its history, I hope to compile those for an article.
- We still need someone to head up getting/installing a sock and the weather station. Contact Dan if you're interested in helping.
- Any donation funds we end up not using on the Peak improvement, will be roled into La Bajada, and maintenance funding for these launches.
- Christening Party will be in November or December. It will be on a Saturday TBA so people can fly then eat, meeting will follow. Location will be the Big Sky LZ, unless y'all want a bonfire at Dan's place in Bear Canyon (send dan your thoughts and dates)

Flight of the Month:

No trophy or awards, but I thought we could note each other's cool flights here. Nominate a friend or yourself. Requirements are that the flight must be within our member area (New Mexico and Southern Colorado), and must be unique or meaningful to the pilot or organization in some way, like 100th flight, or a triangle at Farleys. Let Dan know your nominees for November. For now I have 2:

October 2018 FOTM1 is John Kear's poineering flight off his new Questa launch (**Almagrae**) with Bill Lemon's second, soaring and then making friends upon landing. New Site! Can't wait to hear more about that place. Thanks for the reseach and time cleaning John!

October 2018 FOTM2 is Max Montgomery's mysterious Farley's Triangle. I was ridge soaring (above him), when he disappeared to the nw, returning a while afterwards, he reported he'd gone over to La Jara, and returned via the subridge that heads south into the valley from LaJara, and then back to Farleys from there. Wow

• Remember **Member Dues** are collected in January.

- Additionally, when you get a new rating, let me know ASAP.

• **Income Taxes:** We still have not received notification that we are reinstated as a non-profit. Not good, but we are working on it.

• **Website** is ready, just waiting on Enrique to connect it. This is just a start, please email Dan feedback

• **Elections** will be held next meeting, Time and Place TBA. We need a VP, and it would be awesome to have a Outreach Coordinator. I'll send out an email for the voting before January.

John Kear about to open up Almagrae, Questa, NM. Photo by Bill Lemon



Photos of the month, pulled from Groupme.
Send your photos to Dan for our November
Flyer.

SANDIA PEAK

P4/H4

Launch: 10,378 feet (3,163 m)

Landing: 5,791 feet (1,765 m)

Thermic, high altitude mountain flying requiring

CL, FLTUR, HA, (and RLF for hangs)

Tandems must follow USHPASOP 12-12 and FAA exemption #4721

Miniwings are currently being evaluated, not allowed

SITE ORIENTATION REQUIRED FROM SSA APPROVED P4

PILOTS MUST READ THE SITE GUIDE AND BE AN SSA MEMBER TO FLY THIS SITE

Shawn Scott photo from September is our
Sandia Peak page headliner photo on the
new website.



Mario's pic of Black Mesa above the
Cottonwoods.



A new era begins.



Greg Clark watches Max launch
at Farleys, on a day where 8
pilots flew. Photo by Dolan Paris