

# NEASA NEWSBLAST



JOE DURIVAGE "FLIES" IN CALM SKIES BEFORE THE SIMULATED TURBULENCE THAT WILL PROMPT HIM TO TOSS HIS CHUTE AT THE TARGET AND CLIMB INTO THE CONTROL FRAME. GOOD JOB, JOE!

## 2016 Reserve 'Chute Clinic and Party

On January 30, 2016 over a dozen pilots gathered at the Mountain Wings hangar to practice throwing their reserve parachute before having them re-packed. Greg Black introduced the evening by explaining the importance of regularly repacking your reserve, as well as the principles and points of proper deployment and follow-up action. Then, one by one each of the pilots got into

their harnesses, hung in the simulator, and were hoisted to the rafters. While turbulence was energetically simulated they practiced throwing their reserve at a target before climbing into the control frame. After this critical practice session the pilots left their reserves with Greg to "relax" for a day or so prior to his expert repacking.

Then everyone enjoyed a party and potluck during the remainder of the evening.

An important task completed (repack), and important skill practiced (toss and climb into the control frame), and much fun was had!

### NeASA Club - Officers 2016

- Joe Durivage - President
- Greg Black - Veep
- Secretary - David Hurlebert
- Safety Officer - Rich Selgrad
- Treasurer/Power behind the throne - Carl DiPiero

NeASA is pleased to welcome back our still-glamorous editrix extraordinaire,

**Flarabella Goodlanding** ,

who this year is introducing an abbreviated format - the "newsblast" - to replace the quarterly NeASA Newsletter of former years. Please enjoy!

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Mark exploring the wreck of an Illinois dredge that sank circa 1930 about a mile off the eastern shore of Chicago.



## Mark Ten Pas, exploring the abyss while waiting for the chance to fly

Mark Ten Pas - Princeton alum, financial genius, and super nice guy, is an H2 pilot who trained at Mountain Wings and flew Ellenville for a number of years before returning to his hometown of Chicago recently. Since he's discovered that the midwest offers few opportunities for foot launched hang gliding

he spends much of his leisure time exploring shipwrecks in Lake Michigan instead. However, he hopes to buy a trike this summer and join us in Ellenville before the year is out.

**We miss you, Mark!**

*In the next issue of the NeASA Newsblast:*

Message from our President - NeASA plans for 2016