



A VERY BURNER BIRTHDAY

Robb Hohmann

It so happened, thanks to the first summer Burner Day being rained out, that the make-up date fell a day before my [redacted] birthday. It also happened that my mom would be visiting, so what better way to celebrate than surrounded by real family and soaring family at the Shenandoah Valley's preeminent soaring retreat.



The Hohmann Clan was well-represented by my mother Lori, sister Melinda (and new beau Jed),

nephew Rhett, partner Jesica and her mother, Welda. Our dutiful Duty Officer Van Weezendonk made sure everyone who wanted a ride got one.



Sister Melinda Thomas



Mother Lori Hohmann

My mother's only experience in a glider was 30+ years ago which allegedly involved some un-planned aerobatics. Suffice to say, she was not too keen to be carried aloft in an engineless airplane again. Jesica's mother (who was my first glider passenger at Burner day '22)

gave her a gentle nudge in the right direction. I kept our flight short at 14 minutes, but she said she'd have been happy to stay up all day. This was also the first time I've taken my sister Melinda up in a small plane. Her response was all positive and she says she can't believe this is a thing we can just do every weekend. New Beau Jed got a 30 minute flight in some light thermalling, and nephew Rhett got a flight with Michael Bishton.

The day ended with cupcakes and an overwhelming sense of gratefulness and pride for the club and the sport. My thanks to the duty crew, my family for making the trip out, and the Burners for sharing with us their little slice of paradise.



SKYLINES for 2025

Have nice photo you'd like to see as the masthead for a newsletter in 2025? Bring it on!



CLASSIFIED ADS

Trailer Meister – Skyline Soaring has several trailers used to house and transport gliders. The club is in need of a dedicated member who will monitor the health and viability of the trailers. Duties include trailers are functional: tires inflated, inspections are current (for trailers with brakes), lighting works; and other needed maintenance and repairs. You may not necessarily do the repairs, but more importantly see that they are completed. Apply now to the club President.

Merchandising Meister – Skyline Soaring seeks motivated marketing person to produce other

income streams for the club. Duties include inventory maintenance of current merchandise (t-shirts, log books, patches, etc.) as well as keeping the drink supply current. New inventory items can also be suggested to increase the visibility of Skyline Soaring. Apply now to the club President.

Wing Runner – The Soaring Safety Foundation provides a Wing Runner course for all members. Got to the SSA website (SSA.ORG) and click on the Online Learning. On the left is a link to the Wing Runner Course. Complete the course and show your certificate to your instructor to get a Wing Runner Pin.

Assistant Duty Officer (ADO) – All members are expected to provide service to the club. Where to start? The club has a syllabus for ADO training, check with your instructor to get started.



CONGRATULATIONS – AGAIN! TO RON WAGNER

Yep, for the second time, Ron has been recognized by the SSA as the most active flight instructor in Region IV! Not to mention that he is ALSO the second most active instructor in the nation!!





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