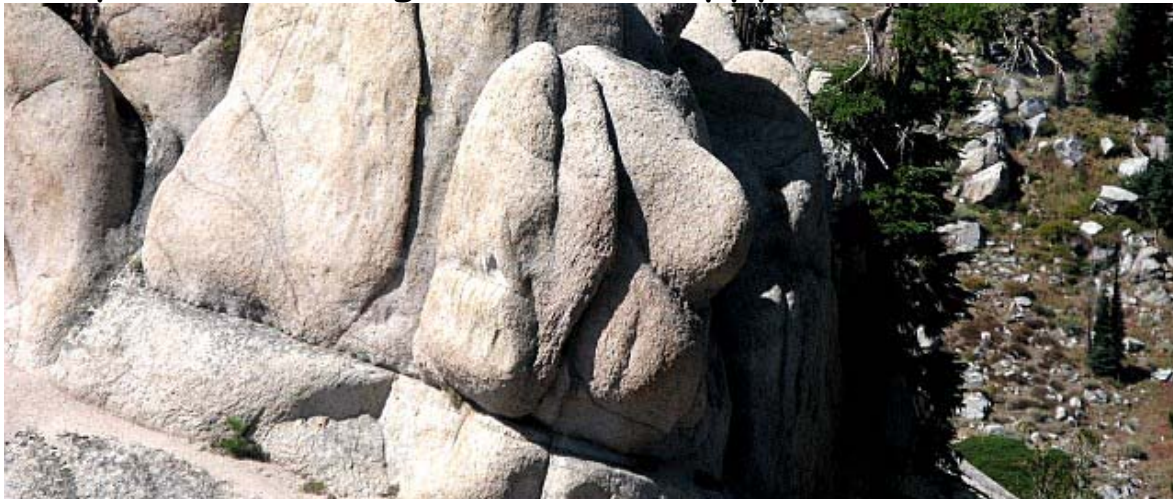


WooHoo Adventurers! Our goal today was to explore the Truckee area, and fly gliders. Success! We drove to Squaw Valley (20-min drive) and took the tram to the top...



On the way up we passed a rock formation known as *Dogs Face* can you see his big nose and floppy ear?



Approaching the summit...



Al & Susan at the summit-pool (heated!)...



Another view...



Where-to from here?



Hiking up to a sweeping overlook (Lake Tahoe in the distance)...



Al says "This is great!"...



In the distance is the **Northstar** ski area ("Mt. Pluto")...



Heading back down the mountain...



Below is the view of Squaw Valley, mucho terrific restaurants in the complex...



And now... Gliders! Couldn't resist getting "artsy"...



The above glider is my fav, a Schweizer 2-32.

Susan prepping for her 1st flight...



Ready-to-launch...



Seconds before launch ☺ ...



Off they go...



The above (and below) pics I took at higher resolution. The detail came out pretty well eh? Below... Airborne!



Susan high overhead...



Al manned the other training glider...



Below: Al is ready-to-go!



Off he goes!



While we were working the gliders of Soar Truckee, a club-owned DG-1000 glider called for tow. This is the worlds highest-performing 2-seat glider. 22-meter (70') wingspan!



On-tow...



Flying!



Susan comes in and makes a perfect landing...



In the below pic is the ultra-high-performance Schweizer 2-32

glider. It is a rarity, all-metal where lesser gliders are either "tube & fabric" or plastic...



Note the huge "bubble canopy" needed as this glider is used to train the boys who will become ***the men who will fly the fighter-jets needed to defend America!***

Below, here is my view "on tow" in the fabulous 2-32, where I demonstrate "formation-flying skills". The towplane is known as the ***Mighty Pickle!***



The view of the area (Prosser reservoir) where we will ride our dirt-bikes on Tuesday...



Hero shot!



Thanks to all of you for reading-along!

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