2021 HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING FATALITIES

PARAGLIDING FATALITIES

March 6, 2021 – Gavrila Ray Moldovan

Gavrila Ray Moldovan (60), a P2 pilot who was an expired member who suffered a fatal accident while doing advanced maneuvers over water.

August 3, 2021 – Ryan Rockrow

Ryan Rockow (40), a P2 pilot and USHPA member suffered a fatal accident while paramotoring. No further information is available.

August 4, 2021 – Mark Matsuyama

Mark Matsuyama (31), an unrated, non-member suffered fatal injuries while executing 360 degree turns on a mini wing.

September 16, 2021 – Daniel Leonardo Guevara-Simon

Daniel Leonardo Guevara-Simon (23), a P3 pilot and USHPA member since 2020, suffered fatal injuries during a flight while flying a mini wing and executing a 360-degree turn, close to terrain.

October 4, 2021 – Leif Swanson

Leif Swanson (62), a P4 pilot and USHPA member since 2010, suffered fatal injuries during a flight. He was flying a paraglider and suffered a malfunction while making a descent to landing using 360-degree turns.

HANG GLIDING FATALITIES

May 30, 2021 - Oscar Cohen

Oscar Cohen (61), an USHPA member since 2021, suffered fatal injuries during a flight. The circumstances of the accident are under investigation. Aero tow accident at Florida Ridge during launch, H2 pilot popped off cart early, base tube hit ground, no wheels.

SPEED FLYING FATALITIES

March 13, 2021 – Sam Broaddus

Sam Broaddus (42), an unrated, non-member suffered fatal injuries while flying a speedwing and attempting a 360 at low altitude.

November 25, 2021 – Zach Steele

Zach Steele (age unknown) an unrated, non USHPA member, suffered fatal injuries during a flight. He was flying a speedwing and had a collision with a tree.