

2022 HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING FATALITIES

PARAGLIDING FATALITIES

February 6, 2022 – Sean Marmion

Sean Marmion (53), an unrated (HG) pilot and member since 01/01/17 suffered fatal injuries while making an approach to landing in Mexico. No further information is available.

May 16, 2022 – Peter Humes

Peter Humes (68), a P5 rated pilot and USHPA member since 1998 (expired in 2020) suffered fatal injuries during a flight while in the Philippines. No other information is available.

June 15, 2022 – Shawn Knight

Shawn Knight (57), an USHPA member since 2022, suffered fatal injuries during a flight. He had a deflation after takeoff while transitioning from running to flying.

September 25, 2022 – Raffaella Monti

Raffaella Monti (56), a P3 and member since 2009, suffered fatal injuries during a flight in Chile. The accident was spiral oriented.

October 16, 2022 – Mathias Jakob

Mathias Jakob (56), a Canadian Citizen flying in the US, suffered fatal injuries during a flight. The circumstances of the accident are under investigation.

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03/03/22 – Ward Odenwald

Ward Odenwald (71), an USHPA intermediate (H3) pilot, USHPA member since 1980, suffered fatal injuries hitting a tree during a landing approach.

05/30/22 – David Jacob

David Jacob (58), suffered fatal injuries while giving a tandem flight, USHPA membership expired in 2015, the circumstances of the flight are still under investigation.

08/30/22 – Chi Tang

Chi Tang (53), suffered fatal injuries during a flight, the circumstances of the flight are still under investigation.

SPEED FLYING FATALITIES

August 30, 2022 – Zachariah Bolster

Zachariah Bolster (26), a P2 and S2 rated pilot and USHPA member since 2021, suffered fatal injuries during a flight. He was flying a mini wing and did not arrive at the landing zone. No other information is available.