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Photos, from left:
 -Kū-ka'ilimoku was distraught when **Audrey Eldridge** displayed the Gater's report that King Kamehameha did not win the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii this year...again.
 -**Susan Stone and Geoff Weaver** are shielded by the Applegater from the winds at Cliffs of Moher, Ireland.
 -**Cathy Rodgers** gets in the zone reading the Gater while traversing the Panama Canal.



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■ PARAGLIDING

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Born from the ashes of the legendary Rat Race, the Applegate Open was conceived by the passionate members of the Rogue Valley Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (RVHPA) in 2018. Driven by a deep love for the sport and a desire to foster a thriving community, they took up the mantle, determined to keep the spirit of paragliding alive in the valley.

Celebration of community

The Applegate Open is more than just a race; it's a celebration of the paragliding community. Pilots from across the country come together to share stories, tips, and the camaraderie that binds them to this exhilarating sport. Whether you're cheering on fellow competitors or simply soaking in the atmosphere, the event promises an air (pun intended!) of excitement and friendship.

The Applegate Open organizers understand the importance of respecting



Gliders climbing out over the Woodrat Mountain launch.
 Photo: RVHPA.

local landowners and the community. They actively seek input and collaboration, ensuring that the event causes minimal

disruption and positively impacts the region. Landowners can reach out to have their property designated as landing zones

or no-landing zones, ensuring mutual respect and responsible enjoyment of the valley.

Business partnerships encouraged

Local businesses are encouraged to partner with the Applegate Open to reach a captive audience of enthusiastic tourists and their families. Special deals and promotions can be listed on the event website, creating a mutually beneficial relationship.

Come one, come all, and join the paragliding community in welcoming back the Applegate Open Paragliding Race to Goal 2024! It's a week of adrenaline-fueled competition, breathtaking beauty, and a celebration of the human spirit that takes flight.

Ready to soar or volunteer to help? Visit the official Applegate Open website at WingsOverApplegate.org for more information, registration, and volunteering details.

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