

*Follow the adventures of this vigilant, superhero paraglider pilot on this, his never ending quest to keep the sport safe!*

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# The Adventures of Para Ranger!

## Chapter 1: The Pig Pilots

I am Para Ranger! Look out for me, for I will be looking out for you!



What's this?



Formation flying?



I must move in and investigate!

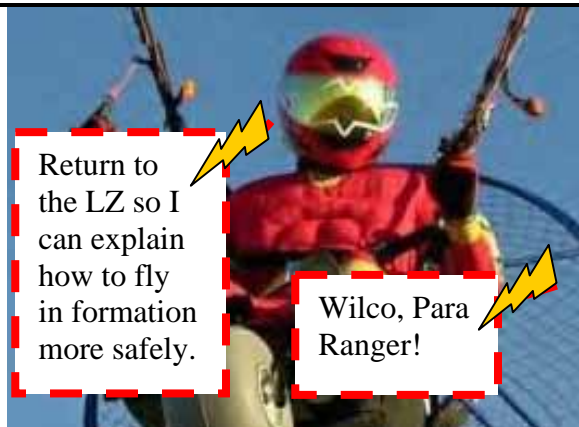


Pilots flying over the Rio Puerco,  
**THIS IS PARA RANGER! Over!**

Hi, Para Ranger!  
We're just  
"Flyin' the Pig!" \*

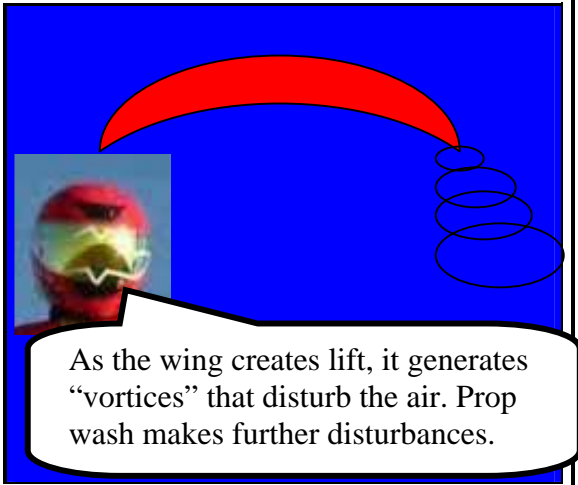


\* The Rio Puerco is Spanish for "dirty water". In New Mexico, residents call the arroyo simply, "The Pig".

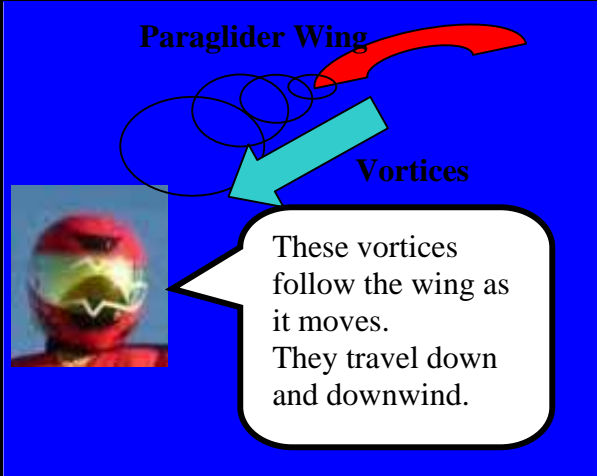


Return to the LZ so I can explain how to fly in formation more safely.

Wilco, Para Ranger!



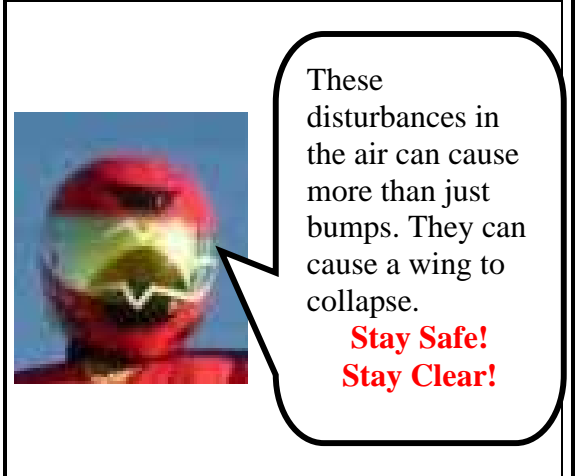
As the wing creates lift, it generates "vortices" that disturb the air. Prop wash makes further disturbances.



Paraglider Wing

Vortices

These vortices follow the wing as it moves. They travel down and downwind.



These disturbances in the air can cause more than just bumps. They can cause a wing to collapse.  
**Stay Safe!**  
**Stay Clear!**



I'm staying above the glider I'm following.



Another thing!  
**Clear All Turns!**

**Look Up,  
Down,  
Left,  
Right,  
&  
Behind!**



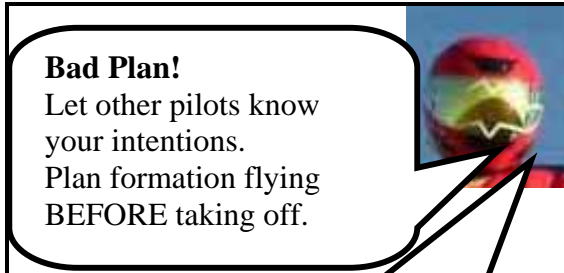
And there is still more to formation flying, fellow flyers!



COMMUNICATE!



I'll just sneak up.. & **BOO!**



**Bad Plan!**  
Let other pilots know your intentions.  
Plan formation flying **BEFORE** taking off.

Use Hand Signals & the Radio to communicate once in flight.



Flying the Pig with Friends, **Great!**

Doing it safely!  
*Priceless!*



**Thanks Para Ranger!**