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Although **Matt Herron** from Marin County in California (San Rafael) is unable to attend many of our major reunions, that doesn't mean he's not a traveler. A sailing voyage down the west coast of Africa, for instance. Involved primarily in photography, he is also a highly skilled glider pilot. How would you like to be up there alone at 27,000' (only 2,000 feet shy of Mount Everest! - and at age 85!) with no engine in your aircraft or no place to plant your feet? I urge you to visit the Class Website to read about Matt's entire adventure. Briefly – Matt found an ascending mountain wave and soared his glider to 27,000 feet over Minden, Nevada, a final requirement for the highest reward in soaring, the Diamond Badge. Visit our '53 website. Congratulations, Matt! Shades of **Pete Conrad**.

As I write in October it is the season to remind us of our athletic teams. Although we may decry the occasional football loss, Princeton's overall athletic results have topped the Ivies most years. **Chip Sibbers** contacted Life Member of the "Varsity club" **Ed Matthews** to reminisce about the 1953 wrestling team (captained by my roommate **Les Wilson** and starring former captain **Brad Glass**) and to touch base with classmates: *"I'm 84, and after 7 spinal ops an 80% couch potato. Because of my bad back I only wrestled 2 ½ seasons. However, I cherish my memories of those times, being part of a great '53 team"*. Our best to Chip!

Here's a picture of Matt and his glider:

