

GullWings

Special IHLGF Issue

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society March 2007



Above: Colorful California Skies host combat wings in Poway.

We lcom e to th e 14th Annual International H and Launch Glider Fes tival

Don Richmond, CD

On behalf of the Torrey Pines Gulls, I personally welcome everyone interested in Hand Launched Gliders to the 2007 International Hand Launch Glider Festival. This will be our fourteenth year of hosting this highly successful contest with the help of our most generous sponsors. While this event brings the top hand launched glider pilots in the world to compete, you do



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Next General Meeting...

Tuesday March 13, 7:00 PM
San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

not need to be an expert to join the fun and enjoy this tremendous event. There have been many pilots over the years that have called and said they were not good enough to enter but would like to attend. We always ask them, "Can you launch, fly and land your HLG safely?" If the answer is Yes, then we do everything we can to persuade that pilot to attend...not because we need more pilots, but because of what we know the experience of that weekend will do for his confidence. He will never again wonder if he is good enough to enter any HLG/DLG contest and he will have had one of the most positive contest experiences ever. We even guarantee it. As a septuagenarian I can attest that if you can throw you are good to go. So after 14 years of doin' it, I can say with some authority that the IHLGF is not about winning or losing, but about the fun, camaraderie, and pure enjoyment of flying. This edition of the Gull Wings is dedicated to the IHLGF and within it you will find all the information you need to learn about and participate in the IHLGF 2007.

Whether you are planning on being a participant, a volunteer or a spectator, attending this great event is a must do. See you in Poway, California the first weekend in June.
Don Richmond, Contest Director

IHLGF 2007 Invitation

Ron Scharck, IHLGF 2007 Committee
Chairman

The Torrey Pines Gulls, and our co-host AIRTRONICS, invite you to participate in the 14th annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) on June 2-3, at the TPG Poway Flight Center, located in Poway (San Diego), California.

The international reputation that the IHLGF has developed over the years is due in great part to a combination of the competition format that the IHLGF has created and the wealth of championship caliber pilots from all over the world that gather each year in Poway to battle for the unofficial World

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success of the IHLGF would not be possible.**

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related item, please consider these outstanding companies first.**

Championship of HLG. You don't have to be a world caliber pilot to have a great time at the IHLGF. The sheer joy of two days (actually three or four for most pilots) of flying HLG's with a great group of pilots, combined with the "social" aspect of the IHLGF is what makes this "event" so popular.

As for the international aspect of the IHLGF, as of this date, we have commitments from pilots from New Zealand, Canada, and Japan. They may not be international, but for the first time we have a group of pilots coming from Hawaii. We love our international pilots! Not only are they great pilots but they are always great ambassadors for their countries.

The continuing goal of the IHLGF Committee is to further enhance the world-class reputation of the IHLGF. We believe that we have come up with a set of tasks and rules that will make the IHLGF 2007 a fun and challenging event. The IHLGF 2007 tasks and rules may be found on our website

www.torreypinesgulls.org. They are also spelled out in the back of this newsletter. Please review them, practice them and feel free to use them in contests you may be sponsoring.

There will be four classes of pilots this year: Open, Junior (15 and under), Senior (16-19) and Eagle (55 and better). Each class will have their own set of awards. Open class will have awards through 10th place and the Junior, Senior and Eagle classes will have plaques through 3rd place. Only Open Class pilots will be eligible for the Championship Fly-Off. All pilots will have the opportunity to compete against each other during the ten rounds of open competition. As such, each pilot must

launch his/her own plane. If you qualify (age) and wish to fly in a class other than Open, you must register as such on the entry form.

Once again we will have a "throw-out" round.

Your best nine out of ten rounds will be used to calculate your score. The top ten Open Class pilots will be in the Championship Fly-Off and will carry their adjusted scores into the Fly-Off.

One of the things that make the IHLGF so special is the social aspect. We begin Friday evening with a "Post Practice Social" which will be held at the Hamburger Factory.

Saturday evening we have an old fashioned "all you can eat" Pizza Party planned at Round Table Pizza in Poway.

The field will be available beginning Thursday, May 30, for practice. Toilet facilities will be available beginning Thursday. RV parking is allowed at field; however, there are no hook ups.

We look forward to you joining us for another great weekend of IHLGF competition and camaraderie. If you have any questions, please give me a call at: 619-913-4949 or email me at scharck@kw.com

Ron Scharck

H and Launch Contest of February 24

Drew Arnett

Thanks everyone for participating. Air was great; it left it all up to the pilot. Consistency was the name of the game. Bummer about

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
Mar	17	11	Scott Condon	25 SWSA	31 Fresno TD	13
Apr	21	15	Parviz Kamiab	22 Toss		10
May	12	20	Steve Condon	20 HSS	26 Sacramento TD	8
Jun	2-3	10	Don Richmond	24 EDSF @ ISS	2-3 IHLGF	12
Jul	14	8	Terry Troop			(no meeting)
Aug	18	12	K. Finkenbiner	26 SWSA		(no meeting)
Sep	15	9	Cliff Hunter	23 ISS		11
Oct	20	14	K. Finkenbiner	28 TPG (Poway)	6-7 Visalia TD	9
Nov	17	11	Parviz Kamiab	18 (Make-up Date)		13
Dec	1	9	To Be Determined			11

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2007 TPG Board

some of the equipment problems. A couple of guys were getting used to new planes, etc., but did a great job and learned a lot.

Thanks also to the guys who came in from out of town. The more the better. You're always welcome to come and participate.

I thought Geoff's poly Vandal that Tim flew looked great. How many of Geoff's planes will we see in June?

I'll soon post some proposals for future monthly HLG contests to get some feedback on what we may try to put on the schedule.

Club Mentors



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Poway Field



David Klein
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Contest Results:

Sean Porter 1000
Brad Willoughby 947
Geoff Jones 862
Mike Seid 852
Mike Parker 796
Drew Arnett 783
Scott Magner 759
Tim Tunnell 687
Steve Conner 546
John Hammond 175

The Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

A non-profit society whose primary purpose is to support and encourage the activities of its members engaged in radio controlled sailplane flying

President's Message for March

Cliff Hunter, President

March 2007 is here already; this year is moving fast. March is a little slower than February. Here is the schedule:

Cancelled: Full Size Soaring Torrey Pines Glider Port excluding March 25- April 8 (UCSD spring break) will occur only with strong wind conditions. Check Web Site for more details.

March 8 Club officer meeting 7 pm

March 11 Monthly Thermal Duration Contest

9 am to 1:00 pm Poway Flight Center

March 13 Club Meeting – 7 pm Larry Jolly guest speaker

March 18 Hand launch Contest 10 am till noon
Poway Flight Center

The Club Officers met on February 1, 2007.

The next club officers' meeting is open to all members as always and will be at Rancho Santa Fe Fire District Station #2.

Look in your mail box for a post card for the March 8, 2007 Club meeting at the Aerospace Museum starting at 7:00 PM. The program will be Larry Jolly with more tricks on building.

The second weekend of February was the 2007 Southwest Classic hosted by the CENTRAL ARIZONA SOARING LEAGUE, held in Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek, AZ. The weather was great for Saturday and Sundays the wind hit 25 knot's and the contest was called for AMA safety reasons. The following is a result of the "OPEN" CLASS six rounds that were flown and a list of our club members who competed:

Place	Name
3	Smith, Michael
22	Van Gundy, Don
24	Hunter, Cliff
29	Markiewicz, Arthur
42	Scharck, Ron
56	Richmond, Don
59	Finkenbinder, Keith
69	Malvey, Bill
75	Kamiab, Parviz
83	Hoffman, Eric
84	Leduc, Peter
93	Troop, Terry

Note: If I missed someone, sorry.

International Hand launch Festival June 2-3, 2007

Please sign up to help Dave Arnett, Ed Parrish, Ron Scharck and Don Richmond, CD with the International Hand launch Festival for June 2-3, 2007. We need more people to step up and help replace other club members who have been doing the International Hand Launch for the last 10 years or longer. Please contact Ron Scharck by email at scharck@kw.com to help out on this great contest. Remember the success of the IHLGF would not have been possible without the support of all club members and the sponsors.

Slope Combat

Drew Arnett

On March 3, there will be another combat day at the Poway slope starting around 1 pm. For more information, see: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=640665>

The turnout in February was great. I counted over 20 pins on the frequency board and had several photographs with 11 planes in the air at once.

March HLG

Drew Arnett

The next TPG HLG contest will be held at the Poway field on March 17, starting at 10 am with a pilot's meeting at 9:45 am. It's not too late to get some practice in before the IHLGF! Beginners are welcome and assistance will be available for them. The tasks can all be flown with no stress. Non-expert pilots (like me) will enjoy flying against the conditions with challenging tasks to improve skills. And, for the expert pilots, there's a lot of great new talent in this farm league operation. You might want to do some scouting before June!

Torrey Pines Slope

Mike Lance

I have been out of town for the last three months attending all the trade shows in the motorcycle industry and have not been able to do very much flying at Torrey Pines lately. The air at Torrey Pines has been off and on so a lot of aero towing has been the call. There has not been any trouble at the Cliff to report. On the 20th I went to Torrey and the wind was out of

the West at 8 to 12 and was so smooth. I was the only RC flyer there so I had the whole slope to myself. David Jebb's son, Gabriel, is in intensive care from a bad accident flying a hi-tech para glider. He broke all the ribs on one side, punctured a lung, broke his tail bone and both his collar bone and shoulder. He is expected to recover just fine. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Larry Fogel's passing was sad to hear. He was instrumental for so many things in our hobby and helping to keep Torrey Pines open for all of us to enjoy. We will all miss him very much.

If you have not got your new pass for '07 to fly at the Cliff you need to do that and make sure your membership is up to date with the TPG. You can just pay by the day if you do not fly at Torrey that often. Just make sure you have your current AMA card with you and your TPG card with your rating on it. Well I am looking forward to a great Spring and Summer. See you all at Torrey Pines and fly safe.

Larry Fogel's remembrance

Gary Fogel

Dr. Lawrence J. Fogel passed away early in the morning on February 18, 2007 of complications from renal failure. Among so many other things, Larry was a pioneering computer scientist and inventor, an accomplished musician, and he enjoyed his hobbies of radio-controlled soaring and sailing. His contributions to science and humanity were recognized internationally by professional organizations and individuals alike.

He is survived by his wife, Eva; sons, David and Gary; daughters-in-law, Jacquelyn and Joanne; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Skyler, and Sabrina. Please join the Fogel family as they celebrate Larry's life. The remembrance will be held promptly at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 4th at the:

Catamaran Resort Hotel
3999 Mission Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92109
www.catamaranresort.com

The remembrance will take place upstairs in the Aviary Ballroom on the 2nd floor.

Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in honor of Larry Fogel to "Scripps Health Foundation for the benefit of the Renal Research Collaborative," P.O. Box 2669, La Jolla, CA 92038.

The Torrey Pines Gulls

in co-sponsorship with

Airtronics

invite you to attend the

International Hand Launch Glider Festival 2007

June 2 and 3

TPG Poway Flight Center - West Garden Road, Poway, California

(15 miles north-northeast of San Diego)

Ten Rounds of Competition — Three Fly-Off Rounds for Open Championship Awards through 10th place — Open Class; 3rd place — Junior, Senior & Eagle Class

Pilot Check-in: 7:00 a.m. Pilots Meeting: 8:30 a.m.; First Round - 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$50; Junior Class (15 and under) - \$25 **No Entry Fee Refunds**

Lunch provided to pilots on Saturday and Sunday

Pizza Party Saturday evening at Round Table Pizza — Poway \$10 per person

Lodging: LaQuinta— 858-484-8800 / Ramada— 858-748-7311 / Country Inn—858-748-6320

RV Parking at field - no hook ups

CD: Don Richmond - (858) 539-0629 or e-mail — hilaunch@aol.com

Entry limited to 90 Pilots - Entries must be postmarked no earlier than APRIL 1

Please complete the following information, together with your **check made payable to TPG**, and return to

Ron Scharck
6005 Hidden Valley Rd.
Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92011

(619) 913-4949

Entries must be postmarked APRIL 1 or later

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
AMA #: _____

Class: Open _____ Jr. _____ Sr. _____ Eagle _____ Age: _____
Frequency: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
Tee-Shirts: M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____
Polo Shirts: M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Entry Fee (\$50/\$25) _____
Shirts (\$15 x _____) _____
Polo Shirts (\$30 x _____) _____
Pizza Party (\$10 x _____) _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

International Hand Launch Glider Festival 2007

Schedule of Tasks

Saturday

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
1	10	Unlimited	Total time – Three minute time limit per flight. Ten second penalty per throw after the first four throws.
2	8	Unlimited	Four longest flights - two minute max time per flight
3	8	Unlimited	Total time - two minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after four throws
4	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights - Three minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after three throws
5	10	Unlimited	A two, three, and four minute flight (any order). Ten second penalty for each throw after three throws
6	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights - three minute max time per flight

Sunday

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
7	10	Unlimited	The most number of flights in the following sequence: :15; :30; :45; 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45: 2:00
8	10	Unlimited	Five longest flights - two minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after five throws.
9	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights - three minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after three throws.
10	10	Unlimited	A one, two, three and four minute flight (any order).

Championship Fly-Off - Top Ten Competitors

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
11	10	Unlimited	Five longest flights, two minute max time per flight. Twenty second penalty for each throw after five throws.
12	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights, three minute max time per flight. Thirty second penalty for each throw after three throws.
13	10	4	A one, two, three and four minute flight (any order).



Torrey Pines Gulls

Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc.

Membership Application



Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc. (TPG) is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to support and encourage member participation in the hobby/sport of model sailplane flying. TPG is an AMA chartered club and therefore proof of membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is a prerequisite for TPG membership. An AMA membership card or a receipt of paid dues fulfills this requirement.

Membership in AMA provides liability and property damage insurance while operating model aircraft safely and with the permission of the site owner. Note: You are required by the City of San Diego to annually sign a liability waiver form before permission to fly at Torrey Pines Glider Park will be granted. You may also encounter a similar requirement to fly at various other sites.

I have read the above and will comply with TPG and AMA rules and safety measures.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____ RENEWAL [] NEW []

NAME _____ AMA # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ BIRTH DATE _____

PRIMARY INTEREST(S): SPORT [] COMPETITION []

TYPE: THERMAL ___% SLOPE ___% SCALE ___% HLG ___% 2METER ___% F3] ___% OTHER ___%

FM CHANNEL(S) USED: _____ AMA CONTEST DIRECTOR YES [] NO []

Current members may renew their TPG membership at or before the January general meeting for **\$35**. Please have your respective year AMA card available. New Open members may join at or before each monthly meeting at the rate shown below. Junior membership (age 15 or under) is **ONLY \$1**. Evidence of your current AMA membership card must be presented.

Jan-April \$40 May-Sept \$35 Oct-Dec \$35 (includes membership for next year)

- Family Plan: One membership at the open rate, others at the Junior rate. One newsletter per household.
- Bring application to club meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month) at the Aerospace Museum (rear entrance) in Balboa Park at 7pm. Or, send application, photocopy of AMA card, and check to the Membership Chairman. Application can also be submitted online at: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/Membership.htm>

Parviz Kamiab
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Make check payable to TPG. Be sure to enclose a copy of your current AMA card or other proof of AMA membership.

Fly Safely! Never turn on your transmitter(s) in the parking lot at any RC field! Do not operate your transmitter in the pit area without first checking that your frequency is not already in use.

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