



GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER - MAY 2016

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Dan Cummins

Message from the President

Howdy Gulls,

May is upon us!

This month flew by! We started off with a LSF day at our Poway field. A handful of us enjoyed some great conditions working on our LSF tasks. Mid morning, we were joined by Larry Jolly. What a pleasure to have a flying legend like Larry helping

all us TD newbies learn how to chase thermals. I think we were all better pilots by the last flight of the day with Larry's sage advice.

In the Middle of the month many of us participated in the annual Dave Kellogg memorial slope fly in at Dave's beach in Carlsbad. It was nice to meet up with some old friends and reflect on a great man who helped many get locals learn about slope flying, and many others become better pilots.

Mid-month a handful of us enjoyed a Fun Fly at Torrey Pines. Conditions were Torrey perfect with plenty of ceiling to fly whatever you bought. Conditions at Torrey have been great all month with a few EPIC onshore wind days mixed in. A little late in the "windy" season, but I'm not complaining.

Our monthly contests continue despite a few weather delays. Both contests welcome club members that want to learn what flying TD and F3K is all about. If you haven't made it out to one of the monthly contest, you don't know what you're missing.

Message from the President (continued)

Coming up the second week of May, Torrey Pines Gulls is hosting the 23rd annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival at our very own Poway Field. This year's field of world class pilots is already shaping up to be one of the largest yet. The Poway field is in great shape, so this year's fest should be epic if not at least less dusty than normal. Whether you participate or not, it's worth checking out. (see <http://www.ihlgf.com/> for details)

As if there isn't enough going on in May, a sizable contingent of TPG club members will make the annual pilgrimage heading up to the top of the Cajon Summit Memorial Day weekend for this year's PSS (Fake) Fest. This annual event is an orgy of Power Scale Soaring slope flying. This years the group build for the event is the CSD ME109. Many of us are scrambling to finish up our personal rendition of the ME109 in time to participate in group formation flying at the fest. Again, if you have never checked out the PSS Fest, you should add it to your bucket list.

Till next month.

Fly more, and build something cool, and check out the TPG website for upcoming events!

Cheers!

Dan Cummins
2016 TP Gulls President



My lightweight P-51 at the 2015 PSS Fest.

What do **YOU** think?

You can express your opinion at: www.torreypinesgulls.org.

We have a **QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS** link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over **TORREY PINES GULLS** next to **LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP...** If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. for the board, here's your chance.



Join the Yahoo Forum!

From Lenny Brzezinski:

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18th, 1999. There are over 200 members in the Yahoo Group. This group has many things to offer for the club. It is a way of communicating with each other. If you have any concerns you can post them here including other questions about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another person, and so on.

If you are new to the club, the website will give you a lot of information about the club. On the website there is a link that you can use to join the group. This group is moderated. Please use this group for flying related items. You can post on the Yahoo group files, photos, polls, members, and calendar. All of these sections are available to any member. I hope that your experience with this group will be great. On the TPG website, www.torreypinesgulls.org, you can follow the **YAHOO FORUM** link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over **TORREY PINES GULLS** next to **LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP.**

Check out the TPG Facebook Page

From John Blaske:

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/TorreyPinesGulls>



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

Is it May already?

Please contribute to our [GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER](#)

Please Send Pictures! Send an article, perhaps. It doesn't have to be a "novel," just a paragraph or two about something that interests you related in some way to RC soaring...even something interesting you happened upon on the internet. I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. If there's a project you're working on, don't just post it on RCGroups...share it with your club! **This month, we have the third and final installment of Ian Cummings' 2015 photos.**

To make the timely issue possible, I need the club members' support and help in providing me with recent pictures, articles and any upcoming events. If there are too many, we'll save some for the next issue.

Please send in your articles or photos (dgottdank@gmail.com) by the **25th** of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

As we did last year, TPG will continue to host monthly contests, fun-fly events, and onsite clinics. General meetings will coincide with non-competitive events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events in the Newsletter, Newsletter Calendar in this issue and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org> and
<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili

April didn't have many showers but brought nice on shore breezes.

Saturday April 23rd was the Foamy Fun Fly at Torrey. Conditions were Sunny 70's, 10-15 mph straight in, flying started at 11 am and was good till late afternoon.

President Dan, Veep Ian and I arrived at the slope about 10:30. Dan brought out the Hitec buddy cord and after a few minutes we got Dan's newer Hitec A9X to be the student box for my Ka-8/A9 combo. Worked like a charm. If anyone has questions on how to, contact Dan since the Hitec instructions do not address the new Hitec A9X.

Dan flew his U/L P-51, Shrike, others. Ian had his Ka-8 and ORCA. Phil brought out an armful of planes, Mike Lance had a giant 6 m Scalie. Robert and Cam came out later in the afternoon. A visitor who used to fly Torrey and with the Gulls, and was on the US F3B team back in the 70's stopped by to chat.

Had a good time racing on the bluff with some close NASCAR contact. Look out for a Man on Man Foamy race this summer.



RC Pit

News from the Slope (continued)



POTPG Dan and his Shadow Bailey, setting up his Shrike



Cam and Mr. Robert



Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lance

News from the Slope (continued)



Dan's Ultralight PSS P-51



Veep Ian's Orca



Lost: Ka-8 Canopy over Blacks Beach...

News from the Slope (continued)



Robert and Anne Scheidt came out April 15th from Pennsylvania by way of Arizona to fly Torrey and Dave's Memorial before heading out for a Car Show. Here's Bob after his Torrey Check Flight.



Bob and Anne at Dave's Beach. They were the lucky charms that brought great slope conditions.

Finally, Monday April 25th was some of the best conditions of the Month. 15-20 mph straight in clocking from South in the morning to just right around 1 pm. TPSSS was out in full force, TPG guys showed up later in the afternoon.



News from the Slope (continued)



Name this plane and get a hug from a stranger.
(Hint: one of the Condon bothers' plane.)



Mark your calendars for the Katie Martin Memorial Tribute, Saturday, June 4th at the Gliderport. Details, updates and shirt order info here:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2558251>

Safety tip:

Rattlesnakes are out and about. I'm afraid of snakes, plain and simple. In the past, Rattlesnakes have been found around the RC mound at Torrey. The County of San Diego has a nice brochure on Rattlesnake safety:

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/parks/MiscellaneousDocuments/RattlesnakeBrochure.pdf>

SD Poison control has a website with what to do if bitten:

http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/rattlesnakes_strike_again_in_san_diego_bites_more_toxic

Quote:

What to Do?

- If bitten by a snake, go to the emergency department or a nearby health care facility immediately.
- There are potential risks to applying ice, using a tourniquet or suctioning the wound. For the direct application of ice, the main concern is the risk of a frostbite-like injury. If tourniquets are applied too tightly, they will decrease blood flow to the affected area and might also concentrate the venom, increasing local tissue damage. Suctioning the wound is ineffective in removing venom because the venom is usually injected too deeply into tissue. When people use their mouths to suck the bite site, they can actually make things worse by introducing harmful bacteria.
- If in a remote area when bitten by a rattler, first immobilize the wounded area, especially for a hand or arm bite, then proceed slowly to a vehicle. Moving slowly will keep the heart rate low and help prevent the venom from spreading.

***Blue Skies,
Ray Pili***

Katie Martin Memorial Tribute – Bob Martin

JUNE 4TH, 2016
TORREY PINES GLIDERPORT

It is with my great appreciation to the Torrey Pines Gulls for hosting this annual event.

I would like to invite all of the Torrey Pines Gulls to join in and enjoy this annual day of remembrance of Katie Martin, one of the pioneers of slope soaring and soaring in general. This event is the HOME event with other Katie Tributes happening in Spain, Great Britain and Venezuela.

Who is Katie? For more than 25 years she was well known in our industry for her enthusiasm and charm at events and trade shows throughout the country. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman to fly RC in Costa Rica. She served as AMA Club President for two consecutive years, and secured a flying site for her club in the Santa Fe Dam area. She worked hard for various clubs in many roles including Newsletter Editor, and in 1988 was awarded the AMA National Newsletter Editor of the Year. She also was awarded the Hawk of the Year, an honor going to the member of the Desert Hawks Club that made the most impact on the club that year. She was also the inspiration that led to the formation of Bob Martin RC Models in the mid 70's when she asked for and received a Hobie Hawk. That same Hobie Hawk will be flown in the Katie Martin Tribute with a small amount of her ashes epoxied into the nose. Katie was all about having fun and enjoying the sport, therefore in line with that attitude, this event is open to all sailplanes regardless of manufacturer or type. It is an open fly-in, the only rules are those of safety.

Some of us will arrive on Friday, June 3rd to prepare for Saturday. The Dedication, Moment of Silence and the flying of Katie's Hobie Hawk solo will commence at noon. Open flying will be all day as conditions permit.

I look forward to meeting and talking with any of you that join us in celebrating the legacy of a great lady.

Bob Martin

Katie Martin Memorial Tribute – Bob Martin (continued)



Dave Garwood of Model Aviation Mag. handing Katie his transmitter. He asked Katie to fly his Coyote at Soar Utah as I watched. She was a very accomplished pilot.



Shot of Katie launching a Katie II proto-type



Famous shot of Katie launching a early SR-7....became a cover shot for RCM Magazine



Head shot of Katie at a trade show....circa 1980

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration



Mark Canfield

Thermal Coordinator/Winchmaster – Mark Canfield

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/thermal-duration-contest-march/>

or contact Mark Canfield at mcanfield5@roadrunner.com

More information may be shown in the F3X Vault site (<http://www.f3xvault.com>) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc.

Hand Launch



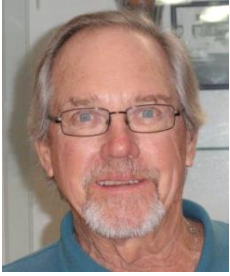
Tim Traver

F3K Coordinator – Tim Traver

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/> or contact Tim Traver at TimTraver@gmail.com

More information may be shown in the F3X Vault site (<http://www.f3xvault.com>) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc. and in this RCGroups thread: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2318718>

Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

We're currently at 86 current memberships, all of them super guys making up a super club. The board of directors is busy planning events and celebrations as well as grooming our three sites. We're active in three prime areas; thermal, slope and hand launch with good management of the contests in all areas. So, come out and get busy getting to know each other.

Thanks for all the support and keep it coming!

Bill Eckles, Membership Chairman

Every year we need a good strong membership to continue to provide the services we offer:

- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Quarterly (or thereabouts) fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, where members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling.
- ✓ A group of guys who can answer just about any question you might ask, and do it with a smile.
- ✓ Contests that bring out world class competitors from around the globe.
- ✓ Competition and help for you, regardless of your skill level.
- ✓ A holiday party that's the envy of most gourmands in Southern California.
- ✓ A website for current and past information www.torreypinesgulls.org
- ✓ An interesting monthly newsletter with current information to help keep members informed
- ✓ We are an AMA Chartered Club #129, with benefits - field Insurance etc.

Dues are as follows:

- ✓ Dues for the membership (calendar) year are as follows for submissions during.
- ✓ January through June \$60
- ✓ July through September \$30
- ✓ October through December \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Full-time college students \$30 per year
- ✓ Juniors under 18 years \$15 per year
- ✓ Receive a *credit* of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership". We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.

Note: TPG membership information will not be shared or sold and will only be used to contact members for purposes of TPG business

LSF Report – Ray Pili



LSF Accomplishments Saturday April 9th, Poway.

We've had a period of SoCal rains, which is desperately needed, these past weeks. Saturday forecast was for a partly cloudy morning window before the next batch of H2O.

Chrissy's forecast was right and we had a nice partly sunny morning that clouded over by noon. No rain till later Saturday evening.

Don L, Daniel Mc, President Dan C, and myself were working on LSF II or practicing finding thermals. Gary F was one of our mentors pointing out cloud formations drifting over the field formed by thermals. Mike Smith was there too. We had a surprise honored guest: LSF President Larry Jolly, who came out to see our gathering and stayed to mentor.

Early the lift was light, Don Gary and I were throwing DLGs. Daniel worked on his 2 LSF II landings (1.5 m radius). Lots of Launch Practice going on.

But late in the morning, and the overcast growing thick, President Dan hooked up a 30+ thermal with his trusty Ka-8 off a hi-start. Dan followed a hawk over the school and that was it, up, up and away.

Daniel grabbed his Sagitta and with Larry's coaching and a few hi-start launches, hooked up with a low thermal just over the tree next to the horse corral, and worked it up east over the foot hills. 5 min, 10 min, worked up to 15 min, no problem achieving his LSF 2 TD task; but Daniel kept going 20, 25, 30 min going from one thermal to another, and finally landing after 41+ mins. What a treat to listen to Larry's coaching and watch Daniel's flying. Larry signed Daniel's LSF voucher.

Ended up with a pretty good day, always learning. The field at Poway has kept lush with the rains. Photos appear on the following pages.

Next LSF event is Saturday June 11th at Poway. Stay tuned for news on a Man-On-Man Foamy Race at Torrey for LSFers that need a contest. Check the TPG Website/Facebook page.

LSF Report – Ray Pili (continued)



T-shirt Model Dan, working his way down from a 30+ min flight



Mike S. launching



Had to include a picture of Don L.

LSF Report – Ray Pili (continued)



Another Hi Start Launch. Photo by Dan.



Me. Photo by Dan.

LSF Report – Ray Pili (continued)



Larry Jolly launching Daniel's Sagitta. Don't know why the double image.

Ian Cummings – Slope Shots...take 3

Torrey Pines Gulls member Ian Cummings also happens to be an avid photographer. You've probably seen some of his images here in the newsletter. We asked Ian if he'd be willing to provide some of his favorite RC slope soaring photos for publication and he graciously provided quite a few great photos. This is the third, and last installment of Ian's 2015 photos. Needless to say, we're looking forward to seeing more of Ian's work this year.

While not out at the slope, he works at his commercial photography studio in Little Italy, shooting commercial assignments for all types of businesses. Ian also teaches photography at UCSD Extension and Cuyamaca Community College. You can see more of his work on his website at: <http://www.iancumingsphoto.com>



Mick Tinker launching at Laguna.



TPG former President Marty Dine flying Torrey.



Phil Davy, Steffen Peters launch. Shelby in chase.



Phil Davy getting ready to launch at Torrey.



Phil Davy catching a DLG.



Andy Grose flying a Ka-8. Shelby taking a swipe.



Marty Dine just after launch.



Craig Hanson flying a classic floater.



2015 Dave Kellogg Annual Memorial Fly-In at Dave's Beach, Carlsbad as seen from Ian's Ka-8.



And finally, another great shot of a trio 2015's ubiquitous Ka-8's over Torrey. **Thanks, Ian, for all these excellent photos!**

Club Sponsors

The Torrey Pines Gulls members would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations and supporting Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society. Without the support of these fine companies, the success of many of the Club events would not have been possible.

To our members, when you are thinking of buying a hobby-related item, please consider these outstanding companies first. Please click on vendor's logo to go to their website for more information.

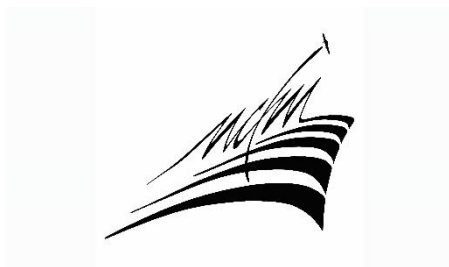


Photo of the Month Contest

Each month club members may submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a **winner** to be chosen by the Board of Directors.

A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (their photo will be used as the website and newsletter masthead AND will appear on the following year's club membership card). Needless to say, **horizontal format photos are preferred**. Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at dgottdank@gmail.com. Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.



New artificial turf installed at the Torrey Pines Gliderport picnic table/pit area by L-R: Ray, Kevin, Mike, Sean, Robert (Ray P. & Kevin B.)



January Winner - Mr. Robert (Peterson) & son Cam flying their Skua at Torrey (Greg Houck)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Plane mounted camera view from Phil Davy's Xperience Pro Carbon 3.3 at Torrey



Camera catches Phil flying the Xperience



Come to papa!



February Winner – Phil Davy's Xperience Pro Carbon 3.3 camera view flying inverted over Torrey

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Screenshot – Ka-8 DS'ing at Bill's Hill (Phil Davy)



Screenshot – Ka-8 DS'ing at Bill's Hill (Phil Davy)



February 6, 2016 Torrey Fun Fly (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Kat's Spirit Elite with seagull in pursuit at Torrey (Ian Cummings)



Kat's Spirit Elite with seagull at Torrey (Ian Cummings)



Kat flying his Spirit



March Winner – Sunlight under a Spirit Elite and a Torrey Pines Gull (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Launching foamies at the Torrey Classic Slope Race (Ian Cummings)



Launching moldies at the Torrey Classic Slope Race (Ian Cummings)



Tight turn at the Torrey Classic Slope Race (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Torrey Sunset (Ray Pili)



April Winner – Torrey before El Niño Squall (Ray Pili)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Winner – Shelby the Slope Dog at Torrey (Bob Scheidt)

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Dan Cummins
President

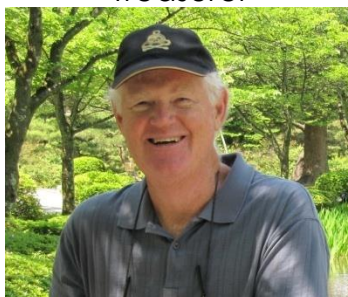


Ian Cummings
Vice- President



Secretary

Don Lockhead
Treasurer



2016 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/ TD	CD	HLG	CD	Slope Race	SC ²	Club Activity
January	10	Mark Canfield			socalsloperacing.com (inactive site)		
February	14		27	Tim Traver		28 @ SWSA	6 Pilot Rating/Fun Fly @ Torrey 13 LSF Attempt Day
March	13	Cliff Hunter	26	Tim Traver	13 F3F Race 13-14 Torrey Classic	20 @ DSH	5 Fun Fly @ Torrey
April	10		30			17 @ SWSA	9 LSF Attempt Day 23 Foamy Fun Fly @ Torrey
May	15	Tom Watson	14-15 IHLGF			15 @ VVRC	14-15 IHLGF
June	12		18	Tim Traver		19 @ HSS	4 Katie Martin Tribute @ Torrey 11 LSF Attempt Day
July	10	Steve Condon	16	Tim Traver		17 @ ISS	23 TWP/PNF Fun Fly @ Torrey
August	14	Tom Watson	20			21 @ TOSS	13 LSF Attempt Day 23 August Scale Fun Fly @ Torrey
September	11		24			18 @ SULA	
October	09		22	Tim Traver		23 @ TPG	8 LSF Attempt Day
November	20		12	Tim Traver		20 RAIN DATE	
December	11						10 LSF Attempt Day

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. **Check the TPG Website for updates / more info.**
The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: sc2soaring.com



Quote of the Month:

*“Rough winds do shake the darling buds of
May...”*

~William Shakespeare



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Marty Dine