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Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

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Message from the President, Marty Dine



Saturday October 19th marked our first general meeting held at the Torrey Pines Gliderport, and it was a resounding success. While the "meeting" portion of the event was short and informal, the idea was to get in some fun flying and ratings checks for anyone who needed a checkout or refresher. We did that, and more. Although the winds were light, we got in a really nice afternoon of flying and served up a lunch of sub sandwiches slope side interspersed with a swap meet, and TONS of slope head BS'ing. We got a number of check flights done and now there are at least five newly minted qualified pilots ready to ply the lift at our world-class slope site. Congratulations to all of those guys!

It was great to see and meet several new members, and it was a real bonus to see and hang out with our friend and Gulls member Dale Gottdank out at the slope. Dale has been doing (and winning) a battle with some health issues for the past year or so, that have kept him away, but with a little help from Mark Wood who lent him his Gentle Lady glider, we got Dale flying again. By far, the best part of my day was seeing Dale and Mark smiling and giggling like kids as they took turns guiding the Gentle Lady up and down the cliff at Torrey.



Thanks to everyone who attended. I think the flying site meetings work pretty well, and we will be planning to do more of them in the future.

Marty

November 12, 2013

General Membership Meeting

**7 pm at the
Automotive Museum at
Balboa Park**

Meeting Schedule 2013

Hello Everyone,

Halloween is past, and we find ourselves in the holiday season already! The year is quickly winding down to a close. Having said that, there are several club events upcoming in the next few weeks. First up is the **monthly Thermal Duration contest on Sunday 10 November**. Then, our **annual election and general meeting slated for November 12th**. At that meeting we will be electing board members to serve terms in 2014. If you have any interest in becoming a board member, please contact me. Otherwise, please plan to attend the election meeting to elect your board and check in on what the club is up to.

Finally, mark your calendars for the evening of **Tuesday, December 10th for our Annual Christmas Party Feast and Awards meeting at the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.**

Lots of events upcoming, and we hope to see you all there!

Marty

November 2013 General Membership Meeting/Board Elections Tuesday 12th November @**Automotive Museum**

December 2013 Meeting/Awards **December 10th** @**Automotive Museum**
Holiday Party Tuesday

Torrey Pines Gulls Holiday Party Mark your Calendars-Please

WHO: TPG club members and family

WHAT: Holiday party and 2013 year end awards

WHEN: December 10, 2013

WHERE: Automotive Museum

TIME: 6:00 pm 9:00 pm

DONATION FOR THE MEAL - \$1.00

Please RSVP Steve Hurd webmaster with the number of people coming to steve@torreypinesgulls.org by December 5, 2013!



November 10, 2013 - TPG Thermal Duration Contest CD Mark Canfield

When – Sunday 11/10, Where – Encinitas Flying Field Pilots Meeting – 8:45 am, starting round 1 by 9:00 am

Tasks

5 minute, 8 minute, 10 minute, and 10 minute

Scoring 900 points / flight time, 100 points / landing

October SC2 contest results for TPG Members Open Class

Master – 1st Tom Fitzgerald, 2nd Mark Canfield and 3rd Steve Condon

Expert – 1st Cliff Hunter, 2nd Steve Hurd

Col. Robert Thacker

From Chris George gracers31@gmail.com - CVRC, November 3, 2013

Below you will find a link to an interview given by Col. Robert Thacker to a Fresno radio station. The name of the program is called Home Town Heroes.

The program weekly interviews WW2 vets from around the local community.

Col. Thacker has been around modeling for many years and at 95 years young can still be seen at many events around the state.

As close as Judy and I have been to the Col. over the years, we learned some things we didn't know.

Hope you find this interesting and also learn a little more about a fellow modeler and a **real AMERICAN HERO!**

http://www.kmjnow.com/pages/podcast_hometownheroes



Cliff Hunter

Newsletter Editor - Cliff Hunter –Please read!

Newsletter Editor Update!

We need a NEW newsletter Editor for 2014!! Please email Marty Dine at mdine@quattrogolf.com or cfhunter@att.net if you have an interest in doing the newsletter for 2014!

Thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter. Just a reminder the newsletter is published by the **first of every month or every other month in the summer.**

Please send in your articles by the 20th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. Email to Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net

The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls Web site at <http://www.torrey-pines-gulls.org>

Thanks,
Cliff Hunter

**SC2 Winner October 27, 2013
Larry Jolly**



**SC2 Winner October 27, 2013
Steve Condon**



Club Sponser for the Photo Contest for 2013! Please support them when buying soaring products!

SoaringUSA.com

Lost Stop Watch – A lesson to be learned by Cliff Hunter - September 2013 -TD Contest

What not to do!! I was looking for a sailplane that landed off field. My stop watch neck cord was hanging out of my pocket and the cord, caught a scrub branch taking stopwatch out of my pocket. Below is a picture of my stopwatch after I found it retracing my footsteps looking for the sailplane. To prevent this from happening again it is my recommendation that you keep your neck strap or your stopwatch in your pocket securely or around your neck securely. It was a lucky find. I actually



thought Arthur M. had taken my watch by mistake, sorry Arthur. I took this picture as a reminder for me to keep my stopwatch more securely on me!

Great Sunset - Visalia October 5 & 6, 2013 Photo By Cliff Hunter



Club Sponsors for 2013

To our Club members and friends, 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 web site for more information.



ACTION PHOTOS! Do you have any great successful flight photos to add to the action; photo page send them to: cfhunter@att.net



Visalia October 5 & 6, 2013
Photo by Cliff Hunter

Visalia October 5 & 6, 2013
Photo by Cliff Hunter



Rick Shelby landing his Aspire sailplane
Visalia October 5 & 6, 2013
Photo by Cliff Hunter

Update - 2013 Membership to TPG today!



Memberships - By Bill Eckles

Here's an update for the memberships of 2013.

We gained a couple new memberships this past month putting us at 108 for the year. This will likely be our final number as requests for membership are very few and far between. We'll be getting out the forms for 2014 memberships in late November or early December, so get your AMAs updated and renew your commitment to the Gulls, far and away the best club in Southern California!

For those of you, who haven't renewed your memberships, don't miss the great days. It's like the stock market: you may not get a great day when you sign up, but when they come, it's only those who are ready who get the rewards! Don't get caught short. The 2012 locks will go away in about a week and you'll need your new key to get into the TD fields and you'll need your new card to use the Gliderport.

Thanks for the support so far! Now, let's go for a new record membership. It's a great club!


- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Frequent meetings at Balboa Park to schmooze with each other and promote good friendships. Great speakers at club meetings, on all subjects
- ✓ 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 web site 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.

The dues remain at \$60 for the year and you can even get credit as much as \$20 for two half day work sessions if you want to help at club events or field maintenance.

Dues are as follows:

- ✓ Dues for the membership (calendar) year are as follows for submissions during.
- ✓ January through June are \$60
- ✓ July through September are \$30
- ✓ October through December are \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Juniors age 15 and under \$5
- ✓ Receive a *credit* of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

We will send out renewal letters, consider them invoices, in the next weeks with all you need to know and even postage paid envelopes to send your information in with.

Also, if you don't want to do paper you can use  to speed your membership along. Go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership". We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.

New ID cards and keys will be sent for the new locks at Poway field & Encinitas field as soon as you renew your membership. Don't miss a thermal!

SoaringUSA.com

Photos of the Month Contest

All members can submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner. The winners will receive a gift certificate from Soaring USA. email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net . Please provide your name, location of photo and what we are looking at. Photos will be displayed and voted upon at the holiday party by those in attendance to determine the winner.

WINNER JANUARY 2013

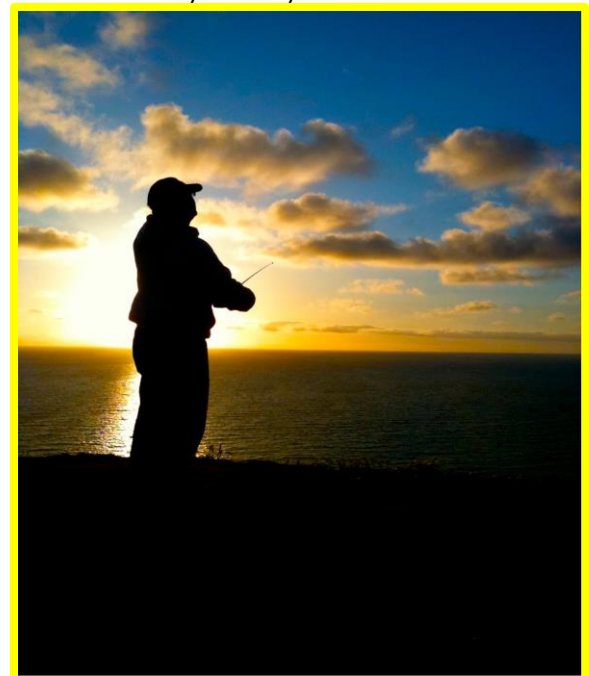
By Sandy Hunter



Visalia 2 day contest 2012 Sunset

WINNER FEBRUARY 2013

By Marty Dine 2013



Torrey Pine Glider Port

WINNER MARCH 2013

By Mark Canfield



WINNER APRIL 2013

By Marty Dine



Photos of the Month Contest June/July 2013 Continued

WINNER May 2013

By Dan Cummins



WINNER June 2013

By Mark Canfield



WINNER July 2013

By Steffen peters



WINNER OCTOBER 2013
By Cliff Hunter



2013 Cub Officers and Contact Information

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Marty Dine
President



Mark Canfield
Vice- President



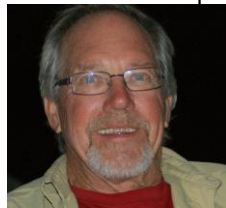
Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer



Bill Eckles
Membership



2013 Contest and Activity Calendar

| Month | Dates | CD | SC2 | Other Contest | Club Meeting & Board Meeting |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| January | 13 | Keith Finkenbiner | 20 th Sula | | 8 |
| February | 10 | Mark Canfield | 17 th Swsa | 21 st & 22 nd Phoenix | B-12 |
| March | 10 | Cliff Hunter | 17 th Vvrc | 23 rd & 24 th TPG Classic Glider Port | C&B-12 |
| April | 14 | Scott Condon | 21 st TPG | 6 & 7 Fresno 26-28 IHGF | B-9 |
| May | 19 | Parviz Kamiab | 19 th Toss | | B-14 |
| June | 9 | Tom Watson | 15 th & 16 th Sula MOM | 8 th F3F TPG Glider Port | C & B-22 |
| July | 14 | Cliff Hunter | 21 st HSS@swsa | | Summer Vacation |
| August | 11 | Scott Condon | 18 th iss | | B-13 |
| September | 8 | Keith Finkenbiner | 15 th vvrc | | C&B-7 |
| October | 13 | Tom Watson | 27 th Downy @ TPG | Visalia 5 th & 6 th | B-8 |
| November | 10 | Mark Canfield | 17th Rain Day TBA | | C&B-12 |
| December | 8 | Mike Smith | | | Christmas Party 10 |

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. Check the Calendar often at www.torreyпинesgulls.org for updates. The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check Website: <http://site.sc2soaring.com/>