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AMA Charter Club 129**

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Message from the President Marty Dine

Hello Gulls,

Welcome to 2014! As I write this the flying season is already under way and we have the first TD contest in the books. This year promises to be another hotly contested series, so get out and check it out or better yet, give it a try. It's a lot of fun! Given the lack of decent wind at the cliff lately, it's just about the only game in town. In other news, the club is really happy to announce that the DLG/Clinic series will be continuing this year. Tim Traver, John McNeil and Gary Fogel have been doing a great job resurrecting a popular club activity, so look for more on that soon, and get your DLG's ready!

We made our annual trip to the AMA convention a couple of weeks back, and it was terrific! There is always so much to gawk at (and buy) and this year's show didn't disappoint. It was definitely worth the trip up to Ontario. If you haven't made it to the convention yet, I highly recommend it! I was also fortunate to meet and fly with the Editor-in-Chief of the AMA magazine, Jay Smith just before the convention. It turns out that one of Jay's bucket list items was to fly at Torrey Pines, and we made that happen on a perfectly beautiful afternoon in very light air. We took turns flying a Multiplex Solius which handled the really light air admirably. Needless to say, he and his compadres were suitably impressed with our gem of a flying site.

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**Next General
Meeting**

**See new meeting
format
on page 3**

Message from the President (continued from page 1)

Finally, please welcome our new Newsletter editor Dale Gottdank. Dale is a long time member of the club and enjoys most all types of soaring. Maybe you've seen some of his beautifully crafted models at the slope; they're the ones with the zebra stripes always tastefully integrated into the color scheme. Thanks, Dale for stepping up and taking on this important job for the club. Dale is always looking for compelling content from the membership, so please make some time to do a write up on your latest cool soaring adventure, project, tip or trick and send it to Dale for inclusion into the newsletter at he4gott@gmail.com. By the way, cool pictures are always welcome too!

That's about it for now. I look forward to seeing you all on the slope or at the fields.

All the best,
Marty

What is the Yahoo Forum? (reprinted from last issue as a reminder to club members)

By Lenny Brzezinski -TPG Moderator

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. 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. Click the link below for more information:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/forum.htm>



Dale Gottdank (R)
Mark Wood (L)

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

Happy New Year!

I will be the newsletter editor for 2014. I hope to have the newsletter published by the **first week of every month**. To make the **usual** timely issue possible, I need the club members' support and help in providing me with pictures, articles and any upcoming events.

Please send in your articles (he4gott@gmail.com) by the 20th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter.

The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

Dale Gottdank, Editor

Club Meetings and Activities

The schedule for general membership meetings has been changed from monthly to quarterly (or thereabouts) in an effort to get more attendance, and make the meetings a bit more "special." Consisting of a series of fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. The first event planned is the "Season Opener" Pilot Ratings/Fun-Fly at the Torrey Pines Glider Port on Saturday, February 22nd. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org> and <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar.htm>



Tim Traver

DLG returns to TPG

Get your DLG's ready as the DLG Clinic/Contest Series resurrected by Tim Traver, John McNeil and Gary Fogel will be continued this year with Tim Traver serving as DLG Coordinator.

For more information, including format, cost, schedule (and why this is going to be so much fun), check out the full announcement on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/handlaunch.htm>



Parviz Kamiab

February Thermal Contest – Parviz Kamiab - CD

February 9, 2014 - TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field, Pilots meeting at 8:45 am first round 9:00 am

TASKS: Sanctioned AMA Contest

1 ST Round	7 Min. Precision Duration
2 ND Round	7 Min. Precision Duration
3 RD Round	8 Min. Precision Duration
4 TH Round	10 Min. Precision Duration

Landings will be 100 Points with 25 foot tape.

Last month was the last contest with the old keys so make sure to have your new membership and key this month. Remember the keys open the gates to the Encinitas and Poway fields.

Contact Parviz at 760-415-0374 with any questions.



Keith Finkenbeiner

January Contest Results – Keith Finkenbeiner - CD

January 12, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

TASKS: Sanctioned AMA Contest

1 ST Round	5 Min. Precision Duration
2 ND Round	7 Min. Precision Duration
3 RD Round	10 Min. Precision Duration
4 TH Round	10 Min. Precision Duration

Landings: 5-foot tape, graduated from 50 to 0 points in 10 point sections

All contestant scores will be posted on the Web Site

www.torreypinesgulls.org

<u>Place</u>	<u>Master</u>	<u>Expert</u>	<u>Sportsman</u>	<u>Novice</u>
First Place	Darwin Barrie	Cliff Hunter		
Second Place	Mike Smith	Amardeep Dugal		
Third Place	Larry Jolly	Mark Canfield		



Over Torrey Pines
San Diego, CA

From the Slope!

As the wind starts to pick up, look forward to another great year at our world-famous soaring venue. Marty Dine has graciously agreed to serve as Slope Coordinator (in addition to his duties as Club President and Safety Officer). Thanks Marty!

For those of you that are new to the Torrey Pines Gliderport or would like to know what's necessary to fly your radio controlled glider at this world class site, here is a link with all of the information:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/flyingtorrey.htm>

The first scheduled event at the Slope is the “Season Opener” Pilot Ratings/Fun-Fly at the Torrey Pines Gliderport on Saturday, February 22nd. Be on the lookout for details and scheduling for this, and other upcoming events on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

For an overview and some great photos of a Torrey Pines Gliderport Fun-Fly from a few years ago follow this link:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/TorreyFunFlyBBQ%20Report2012.pdf>

Suggestions for additional events are always welcome. Hope to see you at the slope!





Dan Cummins

Articles of Interest

HOW TO TRIM PERFECT SERVO COVERS FOR YOUR MOLDED PLANES, by Dan Cummins, January 29, 2014

Today's molded planes tend to come with un-trimmed covers that need to be fit to the wing servo recesses (Fig 1). You can measure and trim with a ruler, but it seems they never come out quite perfect. Well, there is a failsafe and easy process you can follow so that your next set of servo covers fit perfectly:



Figure 1

1. Mark the servo arm high point on each side of the servo opening and arm/pushrod drive centerline. (Fig 2)
2. Using masking tape, tape off outside edge of servo recess ensuring that your piece(s) of tape are longer than your rough cut servo cover. (Fig 3)

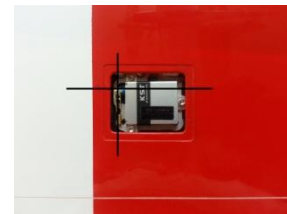


Figure 2

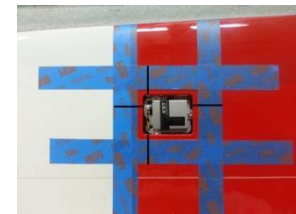


Figure 3

3. Mark servo cover bump spanwise and fore/aft center using a fine tip sharpie, and locate your rough trimmed servo cover onto the opening ensuring that you line up the marked centers on the cover with the marked centers on the tape installed on wing. (Fig 4)

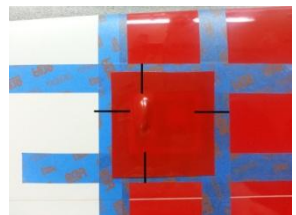


Figure 4

4. Using the (blue) tape laid down on the wing as a guide, tape down the servo cover such that the cover tape edge lines up with the wing tape edge. Do this for all four edges of the servo cover opening.

5. Carefully peel the tape & cover from the wing ensuring that the cover tape stays in place. **The edge of the cover tape now accurately marks the location of the edge of the wing servo recess perfectly!** (Fig 5)

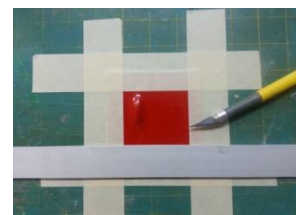


Figure 5

6. Now you are ready to trim your servo cover to size. Using a straight edge **and** a **NEW** Xacto blade, trim the cover by making multiple passes along the edge the tape.....use only moderate pressure when cutting ...let the blade do most of the work. Even thick covers will be cut though in 3 or 4 passes. (Fig 5)
7. After all four edges have been trimmed, you will want to smooth the edges with a high quality 220 grit sanding block. (continued next page)

HOW TO TRIM PERFECT SERVO COVERS FOR YOUR MOLDED PLANES (continued)

8. Check the longitudinal fit and spanwise fit as you smooth/sand the edges to ensure that you don't over trim the cover. (Fig 6)
9. When the cover fits well in both directions, you may need to round each corner to get to a flush final fit. (Fig 7)



Figure 6



Figure 7

**Quote of the Month:**

“When a prang seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity, as slowly and gently as possible.” - Advice given to RAF pilots during W.W.II.



Remember to renew your 2014 Membership

Memberships - By Bill Eckles (reprinted from January 2013)

It is time to get serious about new memberships for the 2014 flying year that started in January! Not only will the thermals be popping for you Sunday competitors, but we'll soon be getting into those strong on-shore winds that make sloping at the Gliderport so thrilling. 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 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 have sent out renewal letters, consider them invoices, with all you need to know. to send your information in with. Also, if don't want to do paper you can use

PayPal® 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.

Our slate of directors is eager to have you join us, so send back the membership information as soon as you can. New ID cards and keys will be sent for the new locks at Poway field & Encinitas. Don't miss a thermal!

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 in 2013.

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 web site for more information.



Photo of the Month Contest

Each month club members (if they want to) can 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 (yet to be determined). Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at he4gott@gmail.com. Please provide your name, location of photo and what we are looking at.

Series of photos from a day at Torrey from Ian Cummings



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TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled		

Marty Dine
President



Dan Cummins
Vice- President



Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer



2014 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/TD	CD	HLG	Slope Race	SC2
January	12	Keith		socalsloperacing.com	
February	9	Parviz	15	socalsloperacing.com	23 SWSA
March	9	Cliff	15	socalsloperacing.com	23 VVRC
April	13	Steve	19	socalsloperacing.com	27 SULA
May	11	Mark	17	socalsloperacing.com	18 DSH at TPG
June	8	Tom	21	socalsloperacing.com	22 ISS
July	13		19	socalsloperacing.com	27 HSS
August	10		16	socalsloperacing.com	17 SWSA
September	14	Scott	27	socalsloperacing.com	21 TOSS
October	12	Tom	25	socalsloperacing.com	Encinitas
November	9	Mark	22	socalsloperacing.com	17 Rain Date
December	14	Mike		socalsloperacing.com	Sula & DSH

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