



# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)  
AMA Charter Club 129

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Marty Dine

## Message from the President And News... From the Slope!

Hello Gulls,

Welcome to the June edition of the newsletter. As we head into the lazy days of summer, yet another super-successful IHLGF is in the books, and we have been fortunate enough to get a few breezy days at the cliff! I hope that you are all getting a chance to get out and enjoy the good flying weather.

We have a special event coming up this month at Torrey Pines on Saturday June 7th. That is the Katie Martin Memorial Fly-in. Pilots from all over California and Arizona come to pay tribute to Katie Martin, one of the true ambassadors of our sport. Katie (wife of Bob Martin, maker of the hobie hawk among legendary planes) was an avid RC pilot, flying all of Bob's designs and lots of others. So, for the fourth year we will gather at the cliff and honor her memory. There will be lots of eye candy with pilots bringing out beautiful Hobies and lots of excellent Bob Martin planes. There will be a raffle and potluck, and lots of flying with all types of planes, so drop by if you get the chance.

That's about it for now. See you at the cliff!

Best,  
Marty

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Activities on page 3

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## Join the Yahoo Forum! (reprinted as a reminder to club members)

By Lenny Brzezinski -TPG Moderator

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.torreyпинesgulls.org/forum.htm>



## Check out the TPG Facebook page, too.

From John Blaske:

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page for more information, photos, videos, etc.

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

## Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank



Dale Gottdank

Last month we were all excited about the upcoming IHLGF and here we are a month later and it's just about summer.

Please keep the articles coming. They don't have to be a "thesis," just a paragraph or two about something that interests you related in some way to RC soaring – Remember, 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 ([dgottdank@gmail.com](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com)) by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Club Meetings and Activities

As previously announced, 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. 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>

## DLG – Small Planes...Big Fun!

Get your DLG's ready and don't miss another opportunity to hone your DLG skills as the DLG Clinic/Contest Series resurrected by Tim Traver, John McNeil and Gary Fogel continues this year with Tim Traver serving as DLG Coordinator. The regular May contest was not held due to the International Hand Launch Glider Festival (more about that later). **The next regularly scheduled event is June 21!**

For more information, including format, cost, schedule (and why this is such a great idea), check out the full announcement on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at



Tim Traver



John McNeil



Gary Fogel



Tom Watson

## June TD Contest – Tom Watson - CD

**Sunday, June 8, 2014** - TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field;  
Pilots meeting at 8:50 am; first round 9:00 am

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

### Tasks

6 minute, 8 minute, 10 minute and 10 minute flights

100 point tape landings

No winch retrievers will be used

Contact Tom at [TPGulls@yahoo.com](mailto:TPGulls@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## *Southern California Soaring Clubs (SC)<sup>2</sup>*



Keith Finkenbiner

## May TD Contest Results – (SC)<sup>2</sup> – CD Keith Finkenbiner

**May 18, 2014** – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

### Tasks

Round 1: 8 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 2: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Landings: 25 Foot tape worth 100 Points

Flight Order: Open

Rules:

Pilots must show AMA card No Flying over launch area below launch

10 seconds to accept re-launch height

All SC2 2014 Rules

No metal landing aids allowed

All contestant scores are posted on the (SC)<sup>2</sup> Web Site

[http://www.sc2soaring.com/uploads/2014\\_SC2\\_4\\_TPG\\_5-18-2014\\_Web\\_Scores.pdf](http://www.sc2soaring.com/uploads/2014_SC2_4_TPG_5-18-2014_Web_Scores.pdf)

TPG hosted the May (SC)<sup>2</sup> contest at the Encinitas Flight Center on Sunday, May 18. 41 contestants entered the contest which got started at 9AM and was finished by 12:30.

Larry Jolly of TPG won Expert Class

Mike Regan of TOSS won RES Class.

Amardeep Dugan of TPG won Intermediate Class.

Brandon Condon (beginner) won Sportsman Class.



Tim Traver

## June DLG Contest – Tim Traver -CD

**June 28, 2014** – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field Sanctioned AMA Contest/F3K Team Selection Qualification Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

**Tasks** - TBD

Here's the link to the event registration:

[http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event\\_view&event\\_id=272](http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=272)

Contact Tim Traver at [timtraver@gmail.com](mailto:timtraver@gmail.com) with any questions. Looking forward to a solid local turnout! Come enjoy fun in the sun and get some pointers from the pros.



International Hand  
Launch Glider  
Festival

## IHLGF Results – Mike Smith - CD

**May 3-4, 2014** – IHLGF, Poway Glider Field

The monthly TPG DLG Clinic/Contest was not held due to the IHLGF.

Congratulations to the winners of the International Hand Launch Glider Festival and kudos to all the contestants, CG and TPG volunteers who contributed to the effort!

### **Place**

<b>First Place</b>	Joe Wurts (New Zealand)
<b>Second Place</b>	Toby Herrera (USA – New Mexico)
<b>Third Place</b>	Oleg Golovodov (USA – North Carolina)

All contestant scores are posted at the IHLGF site at:

[http://www.ihlgf.com/scores/leader\\_board](http://www.ihlgf.com/scores/leader_board)

Also check out the RC groups thread:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2093771>



Mike Smith

## Articles of Interest

### Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In IV

From Bob Martin, RC Soaring Pioneer:

Hi Fellow Slope Flyers:

It's that time of year again to announce the 4th Annual Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In. The event in the USA will be hosted by the Torrey Pines Gulls at the beautiful Torrey Pines Gliderport slope near San Diego. I have not yet confirmed it but again this year, our good friends in Great Britain, Spain and Venezuela will probably be holding Tributes to Katie also. Last year was a truly international event and my sincere thanks to everyone, here and overseas that came together to honor Katie.

The date is June 7th at the world famous bluff of Torrey Pines beginning at 12 noon PDT. See attached PDF flyer and forward to your friends and family.

**International - KATIE MARTIN -  
Tribute Fly-In**

Hosted By  
**The Torrey Pines Gulls**

**Saturday, June 7**  
The 4th Annual event  
Kicks off @ World Famous  
Torrey Pines Glider Port

AMA  
IN MEMORY OF  
KATIE MARTIN

**2014**

**The QUEEN of RC**

[HTTP://WWW.RCGROUPS.COM/FORUMS/SHOWTHREAD.PHP?T=2071361#POST27123058](http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2071361#post27123058)

FUN-FOOD-RAFFLE-FLYING  
CELEBRATION-COMERADERIE

Venezuela 2013

Spain 2013

For more information and updates, check out the Katie Martin Tribute IV thread on RC groups at: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2071361>

## RC Soaring in the News!



Front page from the Local Section of the Wednesday, May 7, 2014 Issue of the San Diego Union-Tribune showing one of our most debonair local RC'ers doing what we all love to do...Enjoying a beautiful afternoon piloting our creations under San Diego's (OK...Carlsbad's) beautiful sky.

## GLIDING AT 'DAVE'S BEACH'



Oran Bloodsworth of Oceanside tosses his radio-controlled glider into the wind on the cool and windy beach cliff near the end of Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad on Tuesday. The area is known as "Dave's Beach," named for Dave Kellogg, who died in 2006. Kellogg was an expert radio-controlled glider enthusiast and mentor to local practitioners of the craft. CHARLIE NEUMAN • U-T



Gary Fogel

## **GARY FOGEL'S NEWEST AVIATION BOOK**

Images of America

# The Torrey Pines Gliderport

Gary Fogel hosted a book signing of his new book at the Torrey Pines Gliderport on May 18. From Gary's Facebook page:

*"Nice day for a booksigning at the gliderport today. Sold out of books! We'll be scheduling another booksigning there for early summer. Thanks to those who stopped by today."*

For more information and to order the book:

<http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/9781467131360/Torrey-Pines-Gliderport-The>

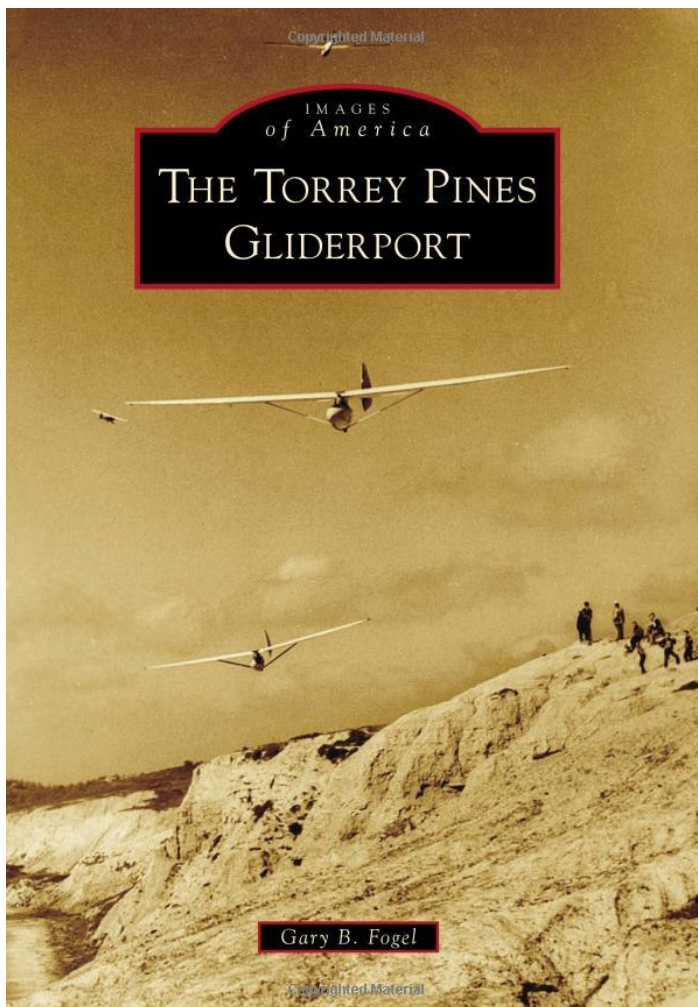
Also available at amazon.com:

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Also you can follow me on my author Facebook page as I will have regular updates there:

<https://www.facebook.com/GaryBFogel>

(the more "likes" the better!)



As "Air Capital of the West," San Diego boasts a rich history in aviation that began with glider flights by John J. Montgomery in the 1880s. By the 1930s, gliding experienced a renaissance as an inexpensive means to take to the skies. Gliderports dotted the West Coast with pilots testing their designs in the prevailing sea breeze. Locations such as Torrey Pines attracted pilots from all over the nation for their idyllic conditions, where humans could soar with birds over the sea. These early pioneers helped define soaring as a sport and left an indelible mark on American aviation. Of the coastal gliderports of the 1930s, only one remains today--the Torrey Pines Gliderport--an aviation landmark that has become famous around the world with aviators who share this unique resource through multiple forms of motorless flight.



Bill Eckles

## Remember to renew your 2014 Membership

### Club Membership - By Bill Eckles

Currently we have 87 members, closing on our budgeted number. We still should make it as we have several members from previous years who have not re-upped for 2014 and I do expect them to join the program. From last month:

I've asked several of the members who have responded negatively to the emails to "re-up" and, while not many, the responses are a bit humbling. I'm getting some mention that we, as a club, give off the airs of being "elitist." This doesn't surprise me in a hobby where technology is driving the higher caliber "toys" and the cost of this technology is pretty high. Similarly, even in the handcrafting of scale ships, time readily translates into money and the costs to buy an artisan's skills escalate quickly. To this, I offer that our shift to "fun flies" for our general meeting sites is right on target...perhaps we could make sure we reach out to some of the less gregarious new folks who may be silently seeking friendships more than flying experiences. I know that I really welcomed the helpful and friendly faces of the likes of Mike Smith, Aaron Valdez and Arthur Markiewicz (to name only a couple) a few years ago when we gathered at Poway. New faces are merely new vehicles to spread acceptance and knowledge, so let's all try to genuinely welcome newcomers to our club, helping wherever we can.

While we're at it, our Sunday competitions may be a little bit foreboding to new members. Let's make sure we publicize the "fun" in our fun flies and access to our more experienced members. We have world class competitors in our membership and I'm certain these guys are more willing to share their tips and knowledge to all. Perhaps groups can be taught at a fun fly. Or, at least, a member who demonstrates a lack of understanding can be comfortably and quietly made to understand the shortcomings of his actions.

While our membership is a bit smaller than we'd like, we still have a large group of participants. Let's all work to keep relationships good and assistance flowing both ways...to and fro. **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](http://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.

If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://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**

## 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 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 [dgottdank@gmail.com](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com). Please provide your name, location of photo and what we are looking at.



January/February 2014 Winner (Ian Cummings)



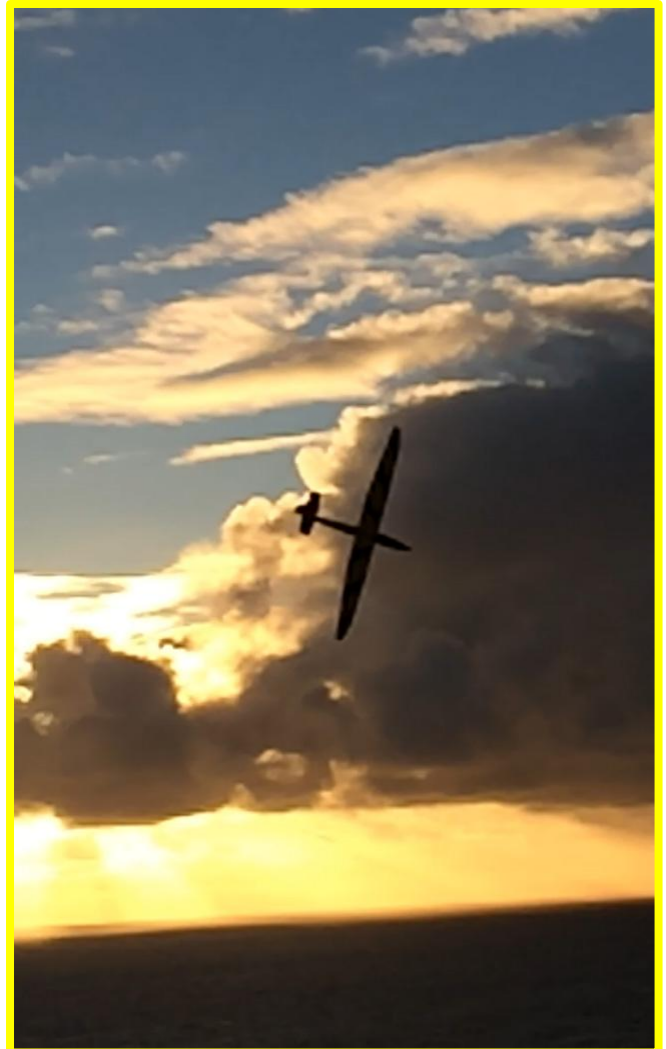
March 2014 Winner (Mark Canfield) F3J in the Desert



May Winner (Marty Dine) Big Pink Knockin' Down the Cans at Dave's Beach



Dale Gottdank – Mark Wood putting on the brakes for a perfect landing – June Contest



April Winner (Scott Condon) - 1/3 Scale L-213 at Torrey



Nice Launch



Watch that up elevator!



Dale Gottdank – Perfect CFIT (Pilot Unidentified) at Torrey – June Contest



Ian Cummings – Marty Dine Flying the Bluff at Torrey - June Contest



Ian Cummings – Marty Dine Flying the Bluff at Torrey - June Contest



Marty Dine – John Blaske getting his pilot check-out at Torrey – June Contest



Dale Gottdank – John Blaske getting his pilot check-out at Torrey – June Contest

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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		<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	
February	9	Parviz	15	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	23 SWSA
March	9	Cliff	15	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	23 VVRC
April	13	Steve	19	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	27 SULA
May	See SC2	Mark	17	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	18 at TPG
June	8	Tom	28	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	22 ISS
July	13	TBD	19	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	27 HSS
August	10	TBD	16	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	17 SWSA
September	14	Scott	27	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	21 TOSS
October	12	Tom	25	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	Encinitas
November	9	Mark	22	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	17 Rain Date
December	14	Mike		<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a>	Sula & DSH

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



### Quote of the Month:

The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport.

— Orville Wright