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AMA Charter Club 129

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Quote of the Month



August 16, 2014 is AMA's 2nd Annual National Model Aviation Day:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/nmad.aspx>.

Along with other RC clubs throughout the US, the TPG is pleased to celebrate National Model Aviation Day with our monthly DLG contest at TPG's Poway Flight Center. As a part of these celebrations, the TPG would like to encourage participants to make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Foundation in addition to the typical contest fee. Last year, AMA was able to raise \$76,000 to support the Wounded Warrior Project's full range of programs and services for injured veterans and their families.

TPG will also be using the DLG monthly contest as one of its TPG "open houses" with a general club meeting, subway sandwiches, drinks, and perhaps most importantly in August some EZ-up shade structures. Bring out your DLG and help TPG enjoy this shared day of American aeromodeling. Additional information on the DLG contest itself will be posted soon at:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2070798>.

The monthly contests are specifically designed to help newcomers to DLG and include a break for instruction by one of our many regional DLG experts. So even if you have never competed with DLG, now is your chance to learn from the best!

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Gary Fogel
Contest Director
garyfogel@gmail.com

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Activities on page 3**

Join the Yahoo Forum! (reprinted 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>



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>



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

It's mid-summer, time for vacations. The World Cup is done; the All-Star game is history and what this has to do with RC soaring, I haven't a clue. Anyway, I'll ask again:

Please send some articles! 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...even something interesting you happened upon on the internet – 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. 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 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 increase 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 next event is August 16th!** 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 – Temperatures (and Thermals) ARE UP!

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. **This month's contest is part of AMA's 2nd Annual National Model Aviation Day. See page 1 for more information!**

For more information about Torrey Pines Gulls DLG, 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

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



Tim Traver



John McNeil



Gary Fogel



Mark Canfield

August TD Contest – Mark Canfield - CD

Sunday, August 10, 2014 - TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field;

\$10 for one class or RES

\$20 for one class + RES

Free for Juniors & Seniors

Sign-up at 8:30 am

Pilots meeting at 8:45 am; first round 9:00 am

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned (TBD) – AMA Cards

Tasks

The tasks are yet to be decided at the time of this publication, but Mark is promising to “mix it up a bit,” and trying to get it sanctioned “on line.” However it goes, you know it’ll be fun so come on out for a great contest!

Contact Mark at mcanfield5@roadrunner.com with any questions.



Keith Finkenbinder

July TD Contest Results – Keith Finkenbinder - CD

Sunday, July 13, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

Round 1: 6 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 2: 8 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 9 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Landings: 25 Foot tape worth 100 Points

Ten pilots showed up on Sunday, July 13, for the July club contest. Weather conditions were warm and windy with some thermal activity.

Winners:

<u>Master</u>	<u>Expert</u>	<u>Sportsman</u>
Scott Condon	Amardeep Dugal	John Blaske
Mike Smith	Brandon Condon	
Keith Finkenbinder	Steve Hurd	
Cliff Hunter		

All contestant scores are eventually posted on the Web Site www.torreypinesgulls.org under “Competition Results.”



Gary Fogel

August DLG Contest – Gary Fogel - CD

August, 16, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field Sanctioned AMA Contest
Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

Tasks – TBD - This month's contest is part of AMA's 2nd Annual National Model Aviation Day. See page 1 for more information!

Here's the link to the event registration:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=274

Contact Gary Fogel at garyfogel@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.



Tim Traver

July DLG Contest Results – Tim Traver - CD

July 19, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field Sanctioned AMA Contest/F3K Team Selection Qualification
Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

CD Recap

Thanks all for coming! It was a really great contest. I think we lucked out and got a "stormy" kind of weather that made it nice and cool for us, as well as having some not so easy conditions. The first round was last 3 3's and we only saw 3 people out of 15 be able to max them out. The rest of us had at least one flight that was tough. Even in the second round of 5 2's there were flights where people were having trouble just making the 2, which made it not just a turnaround task.

Then we got to poker...No one in group A was bold enough to call anything big, and I don't think anyone called anything more than a 2. Even then many missed calls like 145's or even 130's. I was doing 130's and when I finally got bold enough to call a 2 after flying around in something less than sink, I missed that 2 by 1 second. Ouch. Congrats to John McNeil that whooped us all with a 9:25, with the rest of us hurtin'...

Group B had some brave souls, and both Jun and Paul called a 9:58 with a read. I was timing for Seid as he was being relatively conservative with 1:30 calls. Right up until he told me 2 min, and then forgot that he was going to 2 minutes, so he had to do it again...Paul found his easy elevator ride, but Jun bounced around doing it the hard way. Ultimately, they both made it, giving everyone else in the group their drops...

The 4th round of Ladder turned out to be pretty easy, as 11 of 15 made the full times. After the break, round 5 consisted of last 2 4's which again most people had no troubles getting as the air was pretty active.

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(DLG contest CD recap continued)

On to the last round, which was pretty fun. I decided to do 5 All ups instead of the standard 3, hoping that it would get some distance in between pilots. Up to this point, Jun and Paul had perfect contest scores, and they happened to be in group A of round 6, so it worked out perfect as a duel between the two for the contest win.

First flight, no problem. Second flight was where it got interesting. A wave of sink came through, and everyone was fighting for scraps. I was timing for Paul, so I was watching him and Jun. It was neck and neck, but they were both sinking out. Paul landed at 2:05, and Jun managed to milk out 2 more seconds landing at 2:07. But wait, there were two other planes in the sky! Gregg landed another 5 seconds at 2:12, and low and behold, somewhere, Doug had hooked into something to get a few extra turns. Gotta love that feeling of everyone on the ground watching the only guy left up. Doug finally came in at 2:41 to put the hurt on everyone. But alas, there are three more flights, so you never know. But the last three flights turned out to be relatively easy, with everyone towards the top getting their maxes. Doug would take the round, but the results would lead to Jun winning the contest by those 2 seconds, that translated into 1.33 points...

Group B had some similar action going on. The first 2 flights were pretty uneventful, but then in came a decisive couple of flights. I went the wrong way and quickly fell out to score a lousy 1:37, but 4 others going the other direction held on for their 3's. I thought oh man, its over now... The next flight, that sink was still around, and this time I made a late call to head towards the creek. Cory and I were flying around in the same place until I broke off. Paul told me that no one else had anything better, so to keep working the little bubble I found. And work it I did. This time, I got to be the guy last in the air, as everyone looked while I made the 3. Cory took an unfortunate 1:39. The last flight actually saw Matt in the cat birds seat, as his low flight was only a 2:02. If he maxed the flight, he would win the round for sure. I don't know what happened, but he must have made a serious wrong turn, cause he ended up with a 1:33...Cory and I maxed our flights, and Cory ended up winning the round by yet another 2 seconds...2 seconds over 15 minutes of flying! just awesome

So Jun took the contest by his 1.33 point superior dropped score over Paul, and Gregg put in a solid third place performance flying strong all day. Just 20.8 points behind was Doug Cronkhite, and 30 points behind him is where I landed, just 9 points in front of Cory. Scores were close all the way around, and it was yet another super fun day for a contest! Thanks everyone!!!

Tim

Place

First Place	Jun Catacutan
Second Place	Paul Anderwson
Third Place	Gregg Bolton

All contestant scores are posted at the F3X Vault site at:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=eventview&event_id=273

Also check out the RC groups thread:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2070798>



Bill Eckles

Membership – Bill Eckles

Our membership Chairman, Bill, had a mishap on Friday, August 1st, while retrieving his M60 at Torrey Pines Gliderport (in the brush north of the pilot's box). Tripping in a gully, he unfortunately broke three bones in his ankle. Let's all wish him a quick recovery.

We currently stand at 93 members, slowly closing on that magic 100 number. We hope for a few new members as we enter August with our membership rate lowered to one-half what it was for the first half of the year. The reduction to \$30 seems only fair as the "big" days of January, February and March are passed and we'll need to wait for winter storm fronts this approaching fall. Keep tuned...we have a vital club and lots of good, active members eagerly anticipating new folks with whom to share the fun.

From last month:

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
- ✓ 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 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 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.



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Photo of the Month Contest

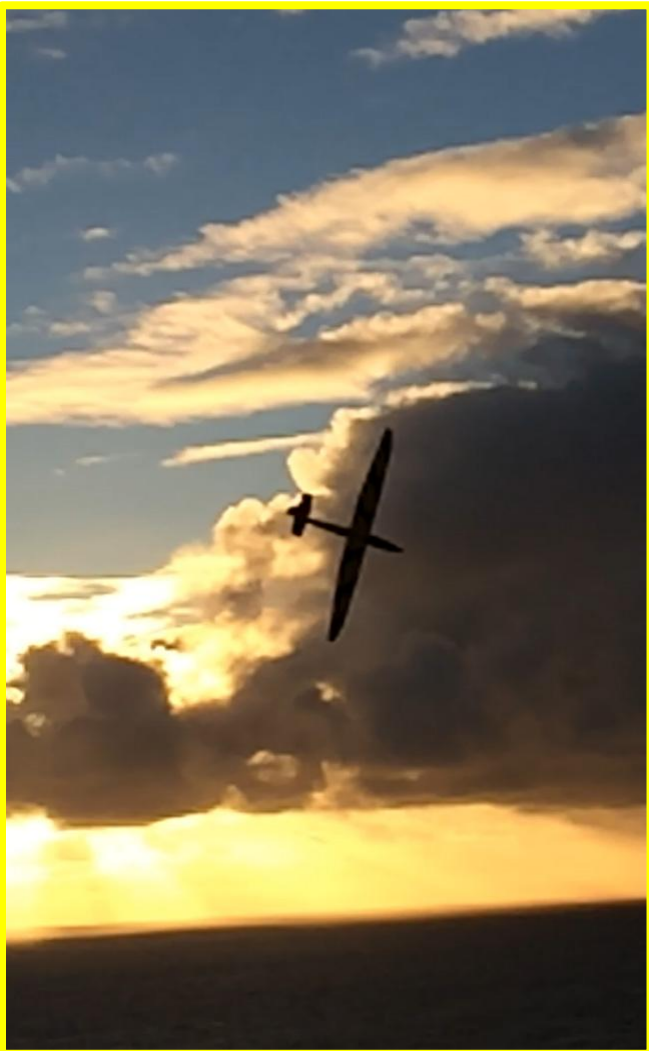
Each month club members (if they want to) can submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner to be chosen by the Board of Directors. A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (yet to be determined). Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at dgottdank@gmail.com. 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



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



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



June Winner (Dale Gottdank) Perfect CFIT (Pilot Unidentified) at Torrey



July Winner (Matin Taraz) Greg Houck's One Day Build Maiden At Dave's Beach



August Contest (Ian Cummings) Steffen Peters and Phil Davy Ready to Launch Mark Foster's 5m Arcus at Torrey.



August Contest (Ian Cummings) Steffen Peters and Phil Davy Launching Mark Foster's 5m Arcus at Torrey with Shelby Spotting



August Contest (Dan Cummins) Greg Houck with his Oran-Built Shrike at Torrey



August Contest (Matin Taraz) Sunset After a Day of Soaring at Cajon Pass

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



Quote of the Month:

If God had really intended men to fly, he'd make it easier to get to the airport.— *George Winters*