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Dan Cummins
President

Message from the President

March 2015 was another great month to be an RC Glider Pilot.

We all have a common passion to build and fly RC Gliders. As I have said many times before, our club is especially privileged to have access to world class flying sites that many around the world can only wish to have right at their doorstep.

This month, I would like to reflect on the importance of our flying site rules that enable us to continued access to sites like the Torrey Pines Gliderport. Club members past and present have invested countless hours convincing governing bodies such as the city of San Diego, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) that it is possible to safely fly remote control gliders within 3 miles of an airport and amongst other piloted vehicles such as paragliders, hang gliders, etc. We have demonstrated that with a governing set of rules and oversight, it is possible to safely fly at the Gliderport. Without the endorsement of these governing bodies, we would not be allowed to flight at the Torrey Pines Gliderport.....period.

That being said, the governing rules that enable us to utilize the Torrey Pines Gliderport flying site are straightforward, but non-negotiable:

- No powered flight (electric or other) period
- AMA membership (provides operation governing body oversight and insurance)
- TPG or Scale Soaring Society membership (local governing body and additional insurance)
- Daily sign-in at flight director office/shack with daily fee (additional governance and insurance)
- Blue sky rule....use it
- One time Check Flight with a club safety officer

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Message from the President (continued)

These six rules enable our club to fly at Torrey Pines. None of these rules limit our enjoyment of flying there, but a single violation of the rules could result in losing flying access to this magnificent flying site. It only takes one governing body to end everyone's access to Torrey Pines.

That being said, each and every member can help by becoming an advocate for the site rules that govern access to the Gliderport and help new or potential members understand the importance of the rules. More importantly, applaud the efforts of people like Gary Fogel, his father before him, and many others who interface (sometimes daily) with the governing bodies to ensure that TPG continues to have access to our world class flying site.

Till next month!

Fly safe, always sign in when flying Torrey, and build something cool!

R,

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2015 President
TPGulls@gmail.com

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. 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:

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

What do **YOU** think?

TPG is happy to announce a few new additions to our website at www.torreypinesgulls.org.

We now 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.

Under development, we'll soon have a TPG Forum Page where you can sign up and log in to join in discussions and check on the latest TPG news. There are currently three individual forums, The **Contest Forum**, **From The President** and the **General Forum**. Check it out at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/tpg-forum-page/>.



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

We're into Spring, enjoying a great 2015 for the Torrey Pines Gulls and remember, to make this newsletter even better:

Keep sending articles! They don'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!

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. **There are some great ones this month!**

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 during 2014, 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 and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

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

News from the Slope – Ray Pili

Hooray for Daylight Savings Time!



Ray Pili

March, the transition month between winter and spring, had many light but flyable days at the Gliderport. One of the better days had our President Dan maiden his beautiful yellow O-Shrike, and a remaiden of this white/red Shrikeron (stingeron fuse with a removable shrike tail/tailboom).



Before I forget...don't you forget that the **Dave Kellogg 9th Annual Memorial Fly-In** at Dave's Beach in Carlsbad is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25**. Check out the thread on RCGroups:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2376021>

Safety reminder:

Part of the process to fly RC Gliders at Torrey is to follow the "Flight Regulations"

(<http://www.torреypinesgulls.org/torrey-pines-glider-port/>).

With the help of Dr. Gary Fogel, the flight regulations located at the Torrey Pines Gliderport webpage <http://www.torреypinesgulls.org/torrey-pines-glider-port/>, will be linked to the Gulls website shortly.

There are 5 sections, General Rules, All Flight Operations, Hang Glider and Paraglider Operations, Radio Control Model Operations and Full Scale Sailplane Operations.

In the meantime, I'd like to reiterate the General Rules and the Radio Control Model Operations and highlight a few.

GENERAL RULES

1. This is a Gliderport. Only motorless, un-tethered flight is permitted.

Cliff Notes: RC Gliders only. No spinning propellers. Either tape folding propellers to the fuse or remove them completely.

2. Unauthorized spectators are not permitted in takeoff or landing areas or along the cliff edge.
3. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants is prohibited from flying. No alcohol or intoxicating substances may be consumed prior to or while flying.
4. All flight operations will be litter free.
5. Flying is prohibited when the site is posted as being closed. When the black ball flag, smoke or flares are used to indicate an emergency, all aircraft in the air must land immediately.

This also includes looking out for spectators walking on the dirt path between the RC Mound and the RC Pilots Car Park.

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

- There shall be no low altitude flying (less than 50ft) over the RC pit area, the launch area, or other pilots or spectators. There will be no flying within 500ft of any public, commercial or residential building.

Ray Notes: No flying less than 500 ft over the Gliderport Building or over the paraglider/hang glider pilots on the ground.

This also includes looking out for spectators walking on the dirt path between the RC Mound and the RC Pilots Car Park.

- Any accidents, incidents or disputes between pilots shall immediately be brought to the attention of the Flight Director.

RADIO CONTROLLED MODELS OPERATIONS

- Radio Control pilots must be AMA members. Before soloing each pilot must demonstrate their **ability to safely fly their aircraft** to the Flight Director or his designated representative.

Cliff Notes: RC Pilots must obtain a Rating for the glider they want to fly. The sticker provided during the rating review is the pilots record of their demonstrated ability to safely fly their glider.

- Beginning pilots are permitted to fly only with the assistance of an experienced pilot.
- Radio Controlled aircraft must be operated in accordance with the AMA safety codes. An experienced pilot must check new aircraft before they're first flight.
- All transmitters must meet current FCC and AMA guidelines.
- Only Torrey Pines Flight Authorization Cards are allowed on the frequency board (one card per frequency, the transmitter being turned on only while the card is posted on a proper frequency). Limit flight time to 15 minutes if another pilot requests your frequency.
- Radio controlled aircraft may be flown anywhere along the cliff, but have primary use of the Window area. Always keep "Blue Sky" between your aircraft and all other aircraft. Listen for whistles from hang gliders and paragliders. Give man-carrying aircraft the right-of-way. Do not fly at or near man-carrying aircraft.

Cliff Notes: Blue Sky Rule is paramount. But this does not mean RC Glider pilots have to live with PG/HG Pilots not whistling or giving audible signals when entering the window, or PH/HG Pilots not following the "One in the Window" Rule or the "No Turing or Loitering in the Window" rule. Sometimes a gentle reminder to the PG/HG Pilot is all it takes, but if need be let Robin know the rules are not being followed.

- All RC pilots must have a spotter/observer to monitor and inform the pilot regarding air traffic during full-scale glider operations. During times of heavy hang glider / paraglider operations the Flight Director may require RC pilots to have a spotter/observer. The requirement for having a spotter/observer must be conspicuously posted near the RC frequency board.

Cliff Notes: You as an RC Glider Pilot do not have to wait for the Flight Director to require a spotter. If you feel the HG/PG traffic is getting heavy ask another RC pilot to spot for you.

- When there are pilots near the cliff edge, all launches must be from the cliff edge except for test glides or hi-start/winch launches remote from the RC pit area. RC pilots shall fly their aircraft from a position where they can observe the hang glider and paraglider launching area, except when landing their aircraft in the eastern RC landing area. Hi-start/winch launches must be coordinated with other flight operations.
- RC models will NOT be launched or flown from any other location within two miles of the Torrey Pines Gliderport. This includes the UCSD Biological Reserve, Horizons (the Burial Grounds) and North Face.

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

Foamy Fun Fly (F^A3)

Mark your calendars for the **Torrey F^A3 (Foamy Fun Fly)** scheduled for **May 16th**.

Plan on a little Man On Man, F3F, HighStart and Foamy Acro action.

So tune up your NCFM and Steve Drake models, get your LEG PSS planes charged up, and polish the wings of your Ka-8, EZ Stlyers and Radians for a day of fun flying at Torrey.

TPG is providing free lunch for members and \$10 lunch for non-members.

The regular \$10 day fee is required for all pilots.



M60's MOM – Photo Credit: Greg



Ka-8 Goofing off – Photo Credit: Andy



G-V-60 – Photo Credit: Steve Drake



Radian



EZ Glider HighStart – Photo Credit: YouTube guy

Till next month, Blue Skies,

Ray

What the Hey?! (a slope story) – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

I'm one of those "sport fliers" who is grateful when my plane goes up after launch rather than down. So, when the winds registered light to medium, but coming straight in from the west, I felt obliged to bring a couple planes to the Gliderport tapping into the *recreational* aspect of our hobby. I would enjoy the Spring air, flaunting some lazing loops and spirals from my "Spirit Elite", an excellent flying model I would soon replace with a fresher, newer, prettier one I had just procured from another club member. To the bluffs I went joining a couple others enjoying the sunshine and the favorable conditions. Even *Shelby* was in a good mood and welcomed my presence with a few licks and feigned excitement. Things were good.

I put my plane together. I had marked its underside with some dark blue stripes to make it visible through the haze on days like this. In spite of a bandaged fuselage and patched wings, this plane flew well, especially at the bluffs, and today was just made for it. A check that the switch was on and the controls correct, a gentle pitch and she rose smoothly and gently in the slope lift.

Up the lip I went, gaining altitude easily. Some runs to the north face and back, rebuilt confidence from the rock solid breeze. Even *Shelby* lazed in the shade of the picnic table, simply enjoying the harmonies of sun, temperature, growing grass and just another beautiful day. I converted some of my altitude into speed through the window and following a lazy roll, minimizing the cork screw I so often produced, I flattened my course and headed straight toward San Clemente island. I checked around to see if anyone was nearby to interfere with my return trip. When my eyes returned, I could detect only a lot of light, gray haze and absolutely no outline of white and blue. I rolled right and pulled up a bit to enhance visibility of the colorful top surface of the Spirit. Nothing. I rolled left, hoping to lose altitude to the cleared air below. Still nothing.

"Ray, I've lost my plane. Can you see it. Straight out there, eye level, help me!" No luck! We continued to look. Ian joined us. We three discussed many of the possibilities that could occur, the most likely of which being a white splash in the ocean and Spirit would wash to shore later that evening, a waterlogged bundle of *Monokote*, balsa and fiberglass. After probably twenty minutes of six eyes searching, analyzing and consoling, we collectively decided my flight had ended and I should go home to lick my wounds. I would wish *bon voyage* my old standby.

It hurt, but it was necessary that I deal with actuality and the inevitable. Dinner involved two glasses of wine. TV occupied my evening and I retired immediately after the news at eleven. ...Not so pleasant dreams.

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What the Hey?! (a slope story) – Bill Eckles (continued)

At seven A.M. the phone woke me. "Hello, is this Bill? ...do you fly airplanes? ...did you lose one at the Gliderport?" **What the hey?!** I haven't been living *that* good a life! Could this possibly be? It seems M. A., from UCSD had left work early and cut across the parking area to walk home to Del Mar Mesa when she saw my "blue and white" nestled at the base of some coastal sage scrub. The model seemed little the worse for wear and had my name and contact info taped to the fuse. She hid it in a thicket over night to retrieve this morning when she returned to work. She gave me a call. Miracles do happen and this was one!

I sped down there as soon as I could and met this generous, considerate stranger who had taken the time and energy to bring delight to an old man playing with his toys. My plane had obviously drifted downwind, perhaps from my urging, and returned to the UCSD parking lot and landed gently. The goodness of strangers confirmed, she donated her \$20 reward to "Therapy Horses for Returning Military." A good day for all!



She doesn't look bad, considering her journey!

The Gator West F3B Contest March 20-22, 2015 – Perris, CA – Steve Condon



Steve Condon

“The Gator” is an F3B contest in its 5th year that has traditionally been hosted in Florida but for this 5th installment, it came to the West Coast to be held in So Cal at the Perris RC & Free flight field. This is a great site for flying F3B because it is flat and very wide open.

The weather for this 3-day event was phenomenal with calm mornings and HUGE thermal cycles during the middle of the day that made for some very exciting distance flying when the conditions were “on.” We saw many rounds with 30+ lap counts and one 35-lap run for TPG member David Klein. The current world record is 38 so that is an excellent result!

CD Tom Watson and the other organizers agreed to change the sequence of the tasks from the “norm” by flying speed first thing in the morning when conditions were predicted to be more “flat” which for the most part leveled the playing field and helped avoid the “thermal lotto” that can happen with the speed task—meaning that if you are the guy who launches with a giant thermal on the speed course, you have the “lucky” opportunity to go much faster than the guys that fly in flat or sinking air.

Flying duration at the end of the day (especially on Friday) proved much more challenging than anyone had anticipated with tough conditions and a number of contestants making long walks to retrieve their models. One upside to F3B is that you still get your flight points even if you land a mile away. On Saturday there was outstanding lift on the first couple of groups where the entire sky was going up...and we launched after 6pm! I believe we were the benefactors of the “adiabatic lift” that can happen toward sunset. It made for some awesome, low stress flights.

The organizers broke the 25 contestants into 5 teams of five pilots. We had a group of 6 pilots that made the trip from Chile so one of their pilots got adopted by another team. Everyone worked well together and great sportsmanship was displayed by all competitors and the goal of having fun flying arguably the most difficult soaring competition was achieved. Many first-timers and those “out of retirement” are enthusiastic to fly more F3B! We couldn't have had such a great contest without the help of the numerous volunteers that came out to help. Thank you!!

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The Gator West F3B Contest – Steve Condon (continued)



All the competitors along with CD Tom Watson. Everybody is (almost) standing with their teams and ironically, they are standing in reverse order of ranking from L-R: Team Chile (5th), Team MKS (4th), Team So Cal (3rd), Team USA (2nd) and Team Notorious (1st)

Open Class:

- 1st David Klein
- 2nd Kyle Paulson
- 3rd Mike Smith

Sportsman Class:

- 1st Warren Day
- 2nd Loren Mills
- 3rd Doug Cronkhite

Teams:

- 1st Team Notorious
 - David Klein
 - Mike Smith
 - Steve Condon
 - Doug Cronkhite
 - Lee Westerlund

- 2nd Team USA
 - Kyle Paulson
 - Mike Lachowski
 - Darrell Zaballos
 - Dennis Phelan
 - David Olson

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The Gator West F3B Contest – Steve Condon (continued)



Team Notorious

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration

Winchmaster – Mark Canfield



Mark Canfield

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following page on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://torreypinesgulls.org/upcomingcomp.htm> 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

DLG Coordinator – Tim Traver



Tim Traver

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following page on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://torreypinesgulls.org/upcomingcomp.htm> 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. Read Gary Fogel's CD report of the March Contest starting on the next page.

2015 International Hand Launch Glider Festival



The International Hand Launch Glider Festival is coming up soon..... May 2-3, 2015. Check out the link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website.

And, from Gary Fogel:

Here is a link to an article I wrote regarding the IHLGF that is being featured in the digital version of the Model Aviation magazine. Hopefully it encourages some additional participation in May.

<http://www.modelaviation.com/IHLGF2014>

Don't forget to register for IHLGF 2015!

Gary

March Hand Launch Contest Report – Gary Fogel CD



Gary Fogel

Nine competitors turned up on March 28 at the Poway Flight Center to duke it out with DLGs. Even at 9am it was shaping up to be a warm day. The contest consisted of six rounds:

- 1 "D" - Ladder (0:30, 0:45, 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2:00), 10:00 window
- 2 "G" - Five Longest flights, 2:00 max, 10:00 window
- 3 "I" - Three longest flights, 3:20 max, 10:00 window
- 4 "F" - Three of six, 3:00 max, 10:00 window
- 5 "E" - Poker, 5 self nominated targets, 10:00 window
- 6 "H" - Best 4 flights, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 max in any order, 10:00 window

I always have a challenge with Poker, so I made sure to add it in. True to form, it was a killer.

Just prior to the start of the contest, John Blaske realized that he had an inoperable aileron on his Snipe. John McNeil was kind enough to loan John Blaske his Salpeter so that Blaske could compete. We gave Blaske a bit of time to get a receiver on board and do a few flight tests. John did very well on a plane he had never flown before. And of course more than once during the contest it seemed that McNeil and Blaske were thermalling tight together in the same thermal, wondering if they would midair and managed to take out both of John McNeil's planes simultaneously.

Did I mention that it was hot? Halfway through the contest we took a water break, while Paul Anderson, Gregg Bolton and Chris Brooksby helped demonstrate throwing technique and answered questions about their strategy so far in the contest. This was very helpful to the other contestants and really gives everyone a sense of the contest also being a classroom. If we are going to help grow DLG this is the way to go. Thank you Paul, Gregg, and Chris for taking the time!

The last three rounds played very different from the first three. The winds came up and the air became quite challenging even for 1:40 flights. Paul dominated, taking 1000 in every round, including a 9:58 in Poker. Gregg Bolton also had some monster launches and was so far downwind that I think he was soaring somewhere over Ramona before making it back to the field in the 10 min window. Gary Litwak did a fabulous job in his second contest, taking Sportsman class. Final results are posted at www.F3xvault.com

Place	Pilot	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Sub total	Drop	Total	Percent
1	Paul Anderson	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	6000	1000	5000	100.00%
2	Gregg Bolton	1000	1000	801.34	924.07	1000	1000	5725.41	801.34	4924.07	98.48%
3	Gary Fogel	1000	962.77	1000	1000	644.44	687.37	5294.58	644.44	4650.14	93.00%
4	John McNeil	1000	998.27	884.87	1000	351.17	697.08	4931.39	351.17	4580.22	91.60%
5	Chris Brooksby	1000	825.86	888.31	1000	833.33	732.03	5279.53	732.03	4547.5	90.95%
6	John Blaske	771.42	993.23	750.85	955.5	351.17	739.58	4561.75	351.17	4210.58	84.21%
7	Gary Litwak	571.42	812.18	847.07	894.06	666.66	805.55	4596.94	571.42	4025.52	80.51%
8	Chuck Norris	1000	631.03	715.48	944.91	333.33	512.15	4136.9	333.33	3803.57	76.07%
9	Ray Pili	571.42	730.96	560.6	536.01	301	566.99	3266.98	301	2965.98	59.32%

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March Hand Launch Contest Report – Gary Fogel CD (continued)

During the contest we had two people come by just to check it out – one had flown RC soaring in the past and was just getting back into it and wanted to see what it is all about. Cool! Thanks also to John McNeil who helped with scoring and with F3KScore, which yours truly is still trying to get working on his laptop. We left the field around 1:15pm pretty hungry and enjoyed tacos together at Rubio's in Poway. Does life get better than this? Thanks everyone for attending.

The next DLG Monthly is scheduled for April 25, just a few weeks away, followed directly thereafter by the IHLGF on May 2-3. Don't miss either! And don't forget your sunscreen and water. Below are some photos from the event

-Gary



Club Membership – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

When March goes out, maybe, just maybe it will be as the lion who has yet to show up. Regardless, our membership continues to grow slowly. We're now standing at 85, thanks to some new members in the last few weeks. Still, we can benefit from a few more renewals hoping to get to the three-digit mark. The club's board of directors is doing a great job getting more value into the annual dues by providing food and drinks at fun-fly events as well as a reduced competition fee for contests.

Please, participate! You'll be glad you did, and the club will appreciate it as well. Meanwhile, urge that breeze to turn on-shore while spring is still on our minds.

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 age 15 and under \$5 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

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, newsletter and Facebook page masthead). 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.



January Winner – KA-8 at Torrey Sunset (Andy Grose)



February Co-Winner – Mike Smith introducing the next generation to RC Soaring (Doug Cronkhite)



February Co-Winner – Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine)



(March Winner) GoPro view trailing a Ka8 taken during the February Fun-Fly (Ian Cummings)

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Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Lazy day at the Bluff (Dan Cummins)



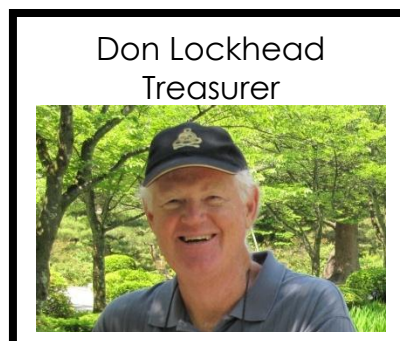
Craig flying the Windfree at Torrey (Will – Windsong on RCGroups)



April Winner – David Klein in front of a massive thermal at the Gator West World Cup (Steve Condon)

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2015 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/ TD	CD	HLG	Slope Race	SC2	Other	Meeting
January (postponed due to weather)	2/ 1	Mark C.	31	socalsloperacing.com	25 DSH		
February	8	Mark C.	28	socalsloperacing.com	15 SWSA	21 & 22 Phoenix	21 Fun-Fly
March	8	Cliff H.	28	socalsloperacing.com	22 SULA	23-24 TPG Classic	12
April	12	Tom W.	25	socalsloperacing.com	26 SWSA	12-13 Fresno	9
May	10	Mark C.	30	socalsloperacing.com	17 VVRC	2-3 IHLGF	
June	14	Keith F.	27	socalsloperacing.com	28 HSS	8th Slope Race	22 Encinitas
July	12	Tom W.	18	socalsloperacing.com	19 ISS		
August	9		15	socalsloperacing.com	23 TOSS		
September	13	Keith F.	19	socalsloperacing.com	20 SULA		7 Torrey Pines
October	11	Steve C.	24	socalsloperacing.com	18 TPG	3-4 Visalia	
November	8	Mark C.	21	socalsloperacing.com	15 Rain Date		12
December	13	Mike S.		socalsloperacing.com			10

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The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: sc2soaring.com



Quote of the Month:

“Don’t learn safety rules simply by accident”

— *Anonymous*