



GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

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

Website: www.torreygullsgulls.org

Editor – Dale Gottdank dgottdank@gmail.com

Inside This Issue

- 1 Message from the President
- 2 Message from the President (continued)
- 3 What do **YOU** think?
 Yahoo Forum
 TPG Facebook page
- 4 Newsletter Update
 Club Meetings, Contests and Activities
- 5 News from the Slope
- 6 News From The Slope (continued)
- 7 News From the Slope (continued)
- 8 Club Competition Activity
- 9 Club Membership
- 10 New Members...Welcome!
- 11 Club Sponsors – Thank You!
- 12 Photo of the Month Contest
- 13 Photo of the Month Contest (continued)
- 14 Photo of the Month Contest (continued)
- 15 2015 Club Officers & Contact Information
- 16 2015 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)
- Quote of the Month



Dan Cummins
 President

Message from the President

May was another epic month to be a glider pilot!

Our 22nd Edition of the International Hand Launch Glider Festival launched the month. By all accounts, it was yet another exciting event worthy of international attention. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who stepped up to make this event happen.

While I know that not everyone is in a position to devote the time to serve on the Board of Directors, I hope that you will consider volunteering to help out at other club events and functions. It can be a rewarding and fun experience, and you will know that you have helped out your fellow gliders, while learning something along the way. Finally, I would like to thank all of the competitors for traveling out and supporting this event.

On the third weekend of May we hosted the TPG hosted a fun “Foam” fly at the Torrey bluff on Saturday and the monthly TD contest on Sunday. This months TD contest marked the halfway point for the 2015 season, and the Fun Foam Fly turned out great! We had just under twenty pilots flying that day, and four pilots received their Torrey rating. At one point, we had nine (9) foam 2 meter KA-8 flying at once. It was quite the spectacle, but the planes were perfect for the day's conditions that started off a little cloudy, but cleared to be a picture perfect Torrey Day. Additionally, TPG was able to donate eighteen cans of nonperishable food to the San Diego Food Bank thanks to the generosity of TPG pilots at the event that day.

(continued next page)

Message from the President (continued)

To finish out the month (Memorial day weekend), a contingency of TPGulls headed north to participate in the Power Scale Soaring (PSS) Festival hosted by the Inland Slope Rebels on the 22nd thru the 24th. Pilots gather at the top of the Cajon Pass to fly scale warbirds every year, and this year did not disappoint. All three days yielded near perfect conditions of 25 to 30 mph straight in. This year's ISR group build subject was the B-17. Nineteen built B-17's made it to



the event. At one point we had 12+ B-17's doing 350 ft pumps (hammerhead stall turns). Lots of fun that weekend, and surprisingly very little carnage! The B-17's were only a small part of the festival. Nearly fifty (50) talented builders built a wide variety of PSS works of art and flew well. A couple of our very own TP Gulls competed and placed in the judging (beauty) contest....If you haven't been to a PSS Fest, I suggest you try to attend one in the future!

So now as I write, the month of May is wrapping up a great month of flying as we head into our summer break. Coming up in June, Torrey Pines will be hosting the Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In at the Gliderport. In July we are tentatively planning another fun fly at one of the TPG sites (TBD). Over the summer, TPG will continue to host the monthly DLG and TD contests. I encourage you to check out as many of the events as you can.....Watch the website dates and times for this summer's events.

That's all I have for now; have a great summer!

Fly more often, fly safe, and build something cool!

R,

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2015 President

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.

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.torreypinesgulls.org/forum.htm>

Also you can follow the **YAHOO FORUM** link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over **TORREY PINES GULLS** next to **LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP.**



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>



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

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

Please send 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.

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



Ray Pili

May Showers bring spring wind!

The May 16th Foam Fun Fly at the Gliderport was a great success. Weasels, Moths, M-60s, Gulps, Libelles, Super Scooters, Alulas, Wings, Ka-8's, as well as less foamy ZUPAir, Ridge Runts, and Oranator Shrikes took to the air.



Foamy Fun Fly (Ian Cummings)



RC pit area and lots of foamy variety (Ian Cummings)



Marty D., Ray P., Dan C., Phil D., Greg H., Nick T., Cam P., Mr. Kim, Matin T., Pete R. (Ian Cummings)



Greg Houck and Matin Taraz (Ian Cummings)



Libelle Show and Shine – Bruce M., Gary M. and Ray P. (Ian Cummings)

(continued next page)

News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

The new world record of 9 Ka-8's in the air at Torrey at the same time was set that afternoon; A record that may not ever be surpassed in modern times.

These weren't just stock Ka-8's out of the box. Most of them were modified. Speaking of modifications, many people spent hours reading and reviewing the assembly manuals, researching best practices for the specific airframe and test fitting components for exacting fitment; Past Gulls President Marty Dine had none of that nonsense and completed his plane, including custom paint and extensive MW modifications in a mere 15 minutes!



Launching Ka-8's with Shelby the Slope Dog (Ian Cummings)



Ka-8 Foam Overcast
Photo by Kim. Check the video at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=159&v=d7yyCnsdQMk>



Ian Cummings captured fantastic in-flight video with his Ka-8. Take note of the pilot at: <https://vimeo.com/128071731>

Event Giveaways



Will takes home the NCFM M60 kit, flanked by Ray Pili and Dan Cummins (Ian Cummings)



Carl takes home the ARF Dream-Flight Libelle DLG (l) Dan Cummins, (r) Ray Pili (Ian Cummings)

We had three new members sign up and performed 4 pilot ratings.

I would like to thank the new and existing members, guests; NCFM and Dream-Flight for producing fantastic flying machines. Big thanks also goes to the Cliff Hanger Café, the Gliderport Crew that enforced the window rules and the folks that donated 18 cans of food, which President Dan Cummins donated to the San Diego Food Bank.

(continued next page)

News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

TP Gulls Member Will Buschnell is returning to his east coast home after a short 1 year work vacation. Will flew the Gliderport over 100 days and will be missed.



Will Buschnell (Ian Cummings)

Safety reminder:

All AMA members should be familiar with the AMA Safety Code. Copies can be downloaded here: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>

Note:

B. RADIO CONTROL (RC) 1. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.

Keep this in mind, even when flying lightweight foamies.

The next event at the Gliderport is:

the **Katie Martin Tribute #5, Saturday June 6.**

See Bob Martin's thread on RC groups;

[http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2319512.](http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2319512)

Don't miss this great event!

Blue Skies,

Ray

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration



Mark Canfield

Winchmaster – 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

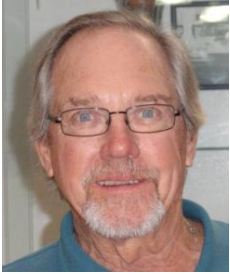


Tim Traver

DLG Coordinator – 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. and in this RCGroups thread: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2318718>

Club Membership – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

Our membership continues to grow. We're now standing at 89, thanks to some new members last month. 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

New Members...Welcome!



Chang Kim – who flies at Torrey regularly.



Bruce Mcauineu – who's a retired pilot. He flew Torrey 30+ years ago and has lots of slope history and pictures.



Eric Metzdorff – who also flew Torrey 30 years ago. He's a fantastic glider builder, and has several more under construction.



Pete Rissman – who's an excellent photographer and videographer. You may know him as PGR on RCGroups.

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)

(continued next page)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



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



May Co-Winner – Ka-8's over Ellwood at this year's WeaselFest in Santa Barbara (Dan Cummins)



May Co-Winner – Brian Laird's P-51B Mustang at the 9th Annual Dave Kellogg Memorial Fly-In at Dave's Beach (Greg Houck)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Dan Cummins' lightweight P-51 at Cajon (Greg Houck)



June Winner – Ka-8's flying over Torrey at the Foamy Fun Fly (Ian Cummings)



Matin Taraz's B-17 dropping lifeboat and paintballs at PSS Fest (Cajon Pass) 2015 (Greg Houck)

Club 2015 Officers & Contact Information

President	Dan Cummins	TPGulls@gmail.com
Vice-President	Marty Dine	mdine@quattroglf.com
Past President	Marty Dine	mdine@quattroglf.com
Secretary	Dan Cummins	dc812@cox.net
Treasurer	Don Lockhead	donloch@sbcglobal.net
Membership	Bill Eckles	tunabiker1@hotmail.com
Newsletter	Dale Gottdank	he4gott@gmail.com
Winch Master	Mark Canfield	mcanfield5@roadrunner.com
DLG Coordinator	Tim Traver	timtraver@gmail.com
IHLGF Coordinator	Mike Smith	mike@themapsmith.com
Thermal Coordinator	Mark Canfield	mcanfield5@roadrunner.com
Slope Coordinator	Ray Pili	rpili2001@gmail.com
Safety Officer	Ray Pili	rpili2001@gmail.com
SC2 Representative	Keith Finkenbiner	keithone@cox.net
Webmaster	Steve Hurd	steve@torreypinesgulls.org
Historian	Gary Fogel	gfogel@gmail.com
TP Soaring Council (TPG)	Martty Dine	mdine@quattroglf.com
TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled	



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

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. **Check the TPG Website for updates.**
The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: sc2soaring.com



Quote of the Month:

“This was intoxicating! I thought of the lark, so light and small of wing, hovering over the summer fields.”

— *Hanna Reitch, German test pilot*