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AMA Charter Club 129

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Dan Cummins
President

Message from the President

As I write this, the summer is almost behind us as we see fall coming in the distance, and I am packing my planes for a sloping safari down under in Australia. This summer has been textbook flying conditions all season with everyone getting in lots of fun flying and competitions.



Since May, TPG has hosted three monthly DLG contests, three TD contest, and three fun fly events. In addition to having fun of flying all those events, our members have donated over forty cans of food to the San Diego Food Bank, \$415 to the Wounded Warrior foundation, and \$2000 to the US F3K Team. This level of support to our community would not be possible without the generosity and support of our club members and sponsors.

So how can our club keep this momentum going? Simple....keep flying, keep building, keep competing in local events, and support local flying sponsors.

'Til next month, fair winds!

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2015 President

What do **YOU** think?

You can express your opinion at: www.torreypinesgulls.org.

We 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. On the TPG website, www.torreypinesgulls.org, 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

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

It's been a great summer for the Torrey Pines Gulls and fall is on the horizon. 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 last year, 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

It's the happiest time of the year – school is starting, which means uncrowded beaches!!! The Gull's hosted two wonderful Fun Flies at the Gliderport. Saturday July 11th was the PNF/TWF Fun Fly.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2449619>

25+ slopers from as far away as Temecula, Riverside and Tehachapi enjoyed the onshore breeze, the live band and the Cliff Hanger lunches. Here are a few photos:



Daniel (l) won the DreamFlight Libelle Kit with servos and battery. El Presidente Dan (r) trying to take it from Daniel



Gulls Members Eric and Scott



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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)



The Convict Lake contingent: Escaped convicts, Mark (!) and Jim ®



Mike Slone with his Pointy Nose Shark



Offspring of a PNF and TWF. (Photo by Dale)



Scott's Stubby Nose Limit



Ward's TWF Sirocco

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

The second Fun Fly on Aug 22nd featured Scale Gliders. A light onshore breeze welcomed 14 pilots from as far away as OC, Riverside and Quick from Florida (that's right his first name is Quick). Stephan flew his 5M Nimbus. Greg and Matin could not keep their planes apart, and at the end of the day they proved KA-8's can fly without the vertical stab. Here's the RCGroups thread:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2469060>

And some photos of the event:



Brian's (from Riverside) plane inverted
(Photo by Greg)



The usual gathering at the pit area.
(Photo by Greg)



Karen and Tom from OC on their Anniversary
(Photo by Greg)



Tom's DG-1000 (Photo by Greg)

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)



L-R Dan, Dave, Greg, Phil, Matin and his son, Nick) (Photo by Greg)

Finally, over the summer, we had a few out-of-town visitors enjoying our world-famous slope site:



Sam Bower from Connecticut visited his sister and flew 3 hours, till the sunset.



Oscar Weingert from Riverside brought his wife out to Torrey and flew this RE glider he's had for 30+ years.

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

Safety reminder:

The AMA has a “See and Avoid Guidance” document (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/540-D.pdf>) that outlines how RC Pilots should fly their aircraft. The first three bullets are:

1. The primary means to avoid collisions between all aircraft flying within our National Airspace System (NAS) is “See and Avoid.”
2. Vigilance must be maintained by each person operating an aircraft (whether model or manned) so as to “see and avoid” other aircraft.
3. Model aircraft must avoid manned aircraft. Our privilege to fly model aircraft in the NAS depends on our commitment to remain “well clear” of manned aircraft.

Please take time to review the link. There are 16 bullet points describing Pilots' and Spotters' responsibilities.

Blue Skies,

Ray Pili



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://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/september-thermal-duration-contest/>

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://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/>

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 stands at just over a hundred as we approach the fall season. Thanks for all the memberships. 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, enjoy the cooler weather and onshore breezes.

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

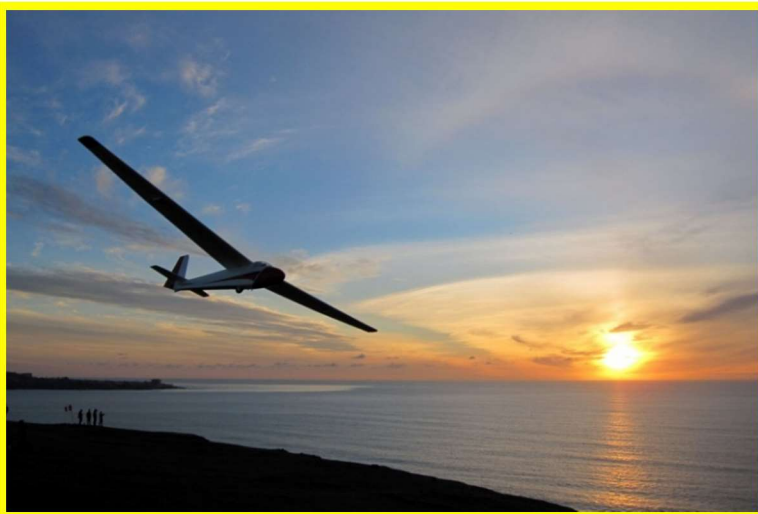
The Torrey Pines Gulls members would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations and supporting Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society. Without the support of these fine companies, the success of many of the Club events would not have been possible.

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)



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)



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



July Winner – Future DLG champion, Ellie Seid with Dad, Michael at Poway (Gregg Bolton)



Robert Peterson's Australian Skua 1500 at the July Torrey Fun-Fly (Dale Gottdank)

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Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Daniel Barlow/Oran Bloodsworth homebuilt at Dave's Beach, Carlsbad, CA (Daniel Barlow)



September Winner – Matin Taraz's logo designs for the 2015 MSF (Manilla Slope Fest) in Australia. Okay, it isn't a "photo," but it's definitely "art." Great work, Matin!

Club 2015 Officers & Contact Information

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Dan Cummins
President



Marty Dine
Vice- President



Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer



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 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 25 DSH | | |
| February | 8 | Mark C. | 28 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 15 SWSA | 21 & 22 Phoenix | 21 Fun-Fly |
| March | 8 | Cliff H. | 28 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 22 SULA | 23-24 TPG Classic | 12 |
| April | 12 | Tom W. | 25 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 26 SWSA | 12-13 Fresno | 9 |
| May | 10 | Mark C. | 30 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 17 VVRC | 2-3 IHLGF | |
| June | 14 | Keith F. | 27 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 28 HSS | 8th Slope Race | 22 Encinitas |
| July | 12 | Tom W. | 18 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 19 ISS | | |
| August | 9 | | 15 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 23 TOSS | | |
| September | 13 | Keith F. | 19 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 20 SULA | | 7 Torrey Pines |
| October | | Steve C. | 24 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 18 TPG | 3-4 Visalia | |
| November | TBD | Mark C. | 21 | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | 15 Rain Date | | 12 |
| December | TBD | Mike S. | TBD | socalsooperacing.com (inactive) | | | 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:

“Surrender? Don't be bloody silly, we're Australian!”

— *Anonymous*