



# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

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

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Dan Cummins

## Message from the President

October is here, and I am just recovering from my slope orgy down under. I was fortunate enough to attend the 2015 Manilla Slope Fest at Mt. Borah, NSW Australia. For twelve days, my day consisted of air tow thermal flying and FPV in the flatland in the morning, epic sloping Mt. Borah in the afternoon 'til dark, and night flying in the flats in the evening...what a life! I've been back for a week now, and am slowly getting back to reality.

Lots going on for the Gulls this past month. We submitted a letter to the City of Poway City Council clarifying that our Poway field was not used for "Drones". We are working with the San Diego City Council regarding the upcoming re-compete of the Torrey Pines Gliderport lease.



We are trying to ensure that the city understands the importance of maintaining safe operations of the site to ensure future site use.

For our TD disciples, our Encinitas field got rebuilt winch motors and new high current batteries! This maintenance was overdue and should provide good service for years to come. In addition to our monthly TD contest, TPG is hosting the SC<sup>2</sup> October contest on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Many other happenings are coming up, so check out the TPG website ([www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org)) for other upcoming events.

'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](http://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. 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 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](http://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

Well folks...here we are in the third half of the year. (Sounds like a Yogi-ism...in honor of the late Mr. Berra). Anyway, to make this newsletter even better:

**Please Send Pictures! Or an article,** perhaps. It doesn'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](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com)) by the 25<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 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

### Happy National Pizza Month!

September was a quiet sloping month. The monsoonal weather pattern unfortunately kept the onshore breezes at bay.

During the summer a number of out of town guests flew the Gliderport. Martin, visiting from New Mexico, flew Torrey and Sunset Cliffs. Martin's wife took these pictures:



Martin flying at Torrey



Martin about to Launch at Sunset Cliffs

## Shelby the Slope Dog

Shelby has had a noticeable limp. We all love Shelby, as she keeps us company on the RC mound and we enjoy her antics as she runs for the Bluff when we launch our gliders. Lately she's been favoring her left hind leg. Robin told me that Shelby will be going under the knife in early October to help her leg.



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## News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)



### League of Silent Flight

A handful of Slopers will be working on LSF 1 (League of Silent Flight <http://www.silentflight.org>) in October once our paperwork arrives. I'll post on the Yahoo Groups, the Facebook page and on RCgroups when we'll make the attempt. The plan is to fly Poway in the morning, get the 5 minute thermal and the 5 spot landing requirements complete; then head down to Torrey and fly the 15 minute slope requirement. Being slopers, the Thermal task will be difficult but the most challenging will be the spot landings with the additional requirement of landing right-side-up and in one piece!!!

I just found out that the LSF 1 Voucher is tailored to the applicant. So, if you are interested in joining, please send in for a LSF Voucher, the cost is \$2 and the application and address is on the LSF Website.

### Katie Martin Memorial 2016:

Bob Martin is planning the 2016 Katie Martin Memorial tentatively scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016. I'll confirm with the Board this month.

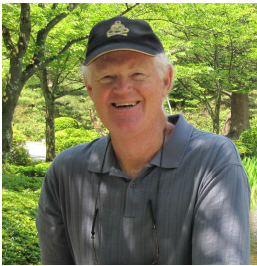
### **Safety reminder:**

Cliff rescues occur 3-4 times per year at Torrey. The Gliderport is frequently used as a landing zone for the Rescue Helicopter. Obviously we need to land our gliders to make room for the Heli. If you hear or see an ambulance or fire trucks at Torrey, be prepared for the Flight Director to ask all Gliders (RC, PG and HG) to clear the air for the rescue helicopter.



**Blue Skies,  
Ray Pili**

## Important Poway Field Notice – Don Lockhead



Don Lockhead

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Poway City Council passed a new ordinance, on an urgency basis, that bans the “*Launching, Operation and Landing*” of Drones within specific zones in Poway (our field is in one of the listed zones).

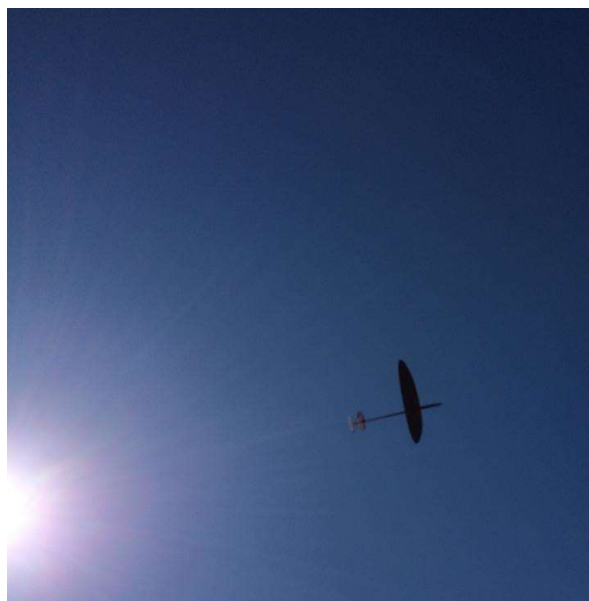
For the purpose of the ordinance a “*Drone is defined as an unmanned aerial vehicle, also known as remotely piloted aerial systems, used for either recreational or commercial purposes, which is capable of carrying a payload, including cameras for still pictures, video recording, or video streaming purposes, and is a fully-automated, powered, flying vehicle, in communication with the operator by way of external control, remote, systems.*”

The stated purpose for this ordinance and its urgency status was to respond to the concern that “Drones” could potentially interfere with fire-fighting within Poway.

The Club has submitted a letter to the Poway Mayor, City Council and City Attorney stating that we are in full agreement that any actions of any kind that interfere with firefighting are unacceptable. The letter also pointed out that TPG has over 25 years of history of safe and responsible flying in Poway and that we hope that in the future the Council will craft an ordinance that protects the public safety without imposing restrictions on the vast majority of RC pilots who fly responsibly.

If you fly at the Poway field please continue to respect the existing rules that limit our guest privileges to gliders only, no form of powered flight is allowed.

We will provide updates on the ordinance as they become available.



## Club Competition Activity

### Thermal Duration

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#### 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/october-thermal-duration-contest/>

or contact Mark Canfield at [mcanfield5@roadrunner.com](mailto: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

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#### 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](mailto:TimTraver@gmail.com)

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## SC2 Contest Announcement – Keith Finkenbiner



### TPG Invites you to the October 18, SC2 Contest

**Date:** Sunday, Oct 18, 2015

**Location:** Encinitas Flight Center, Encinitas, CA

Contest Director: Keith Finkenbiner

**Sign up:** 8:30 AM

**Pilots Meeting:** 8:45 AM

**Contest Start's:** 9:00 AM

**Field:** Mowed Grass/ Dirt

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 One Class or RES  
 \$20.00 One Class + RES  
 Free AMA Juniors & Seniors

#### AWARDS:

Expert – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>

Intermediate – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sportsman – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>

RES – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### TASKS:

##### 3 Rounds

For a total of 26 Minutes

##### Flight Order: In Order

Round 1: 6 Minutes for 975 Points

round 2: 10Minutes for 975 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 9072Points

**Landings:** Circles worth 25,15,5 Points

#### Rules:

Pilots must show AMA card

10 seconds to accept re-launch

All SC2 2005 Rules

No Flying over launch area below  
 launch height

No metal landing aids allowed

**Field Location:** 2099 Encinitas Blvd.

Thomas Guide: pg 1167-H1

Encinitas, **CA 92024**

Enter through gate County Landfill

Porta Potty at field

#### Call for additional information:

Keith Finkenbiner – (760) 216-6349

e-mail: [keithone@cox.net](mailto:keithone@cox.net)

#### Website:

[www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org)

## Club Membership – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

Our membership stands at just over a hundred as we enter 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](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.

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](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 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dave Kellogg Memorial Fly-In at Dave's Beach (Greg Houck)

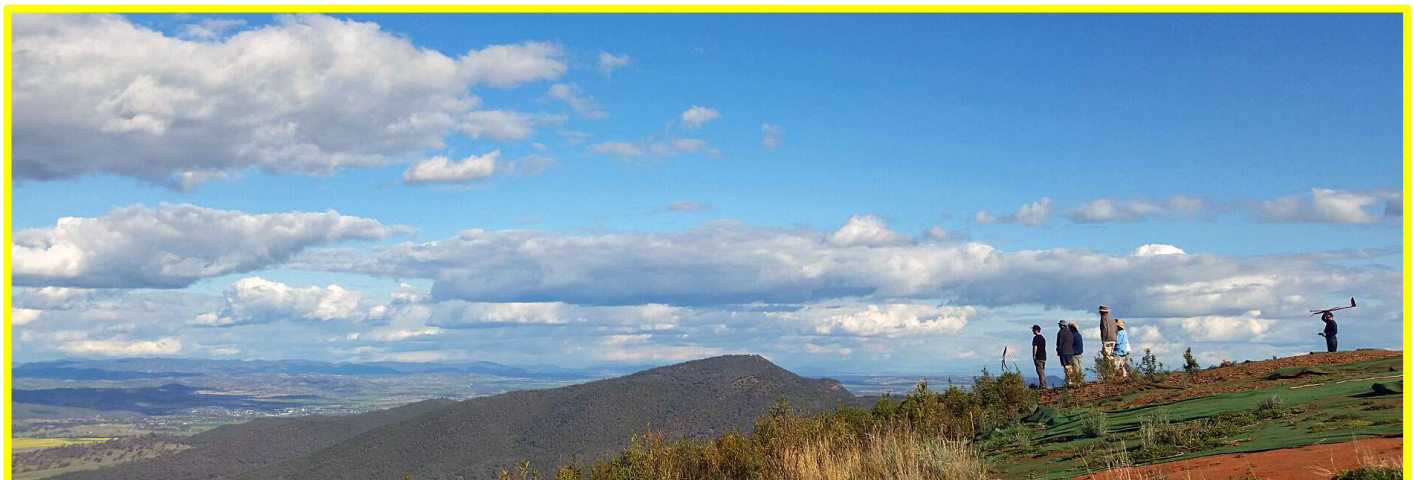
### Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



**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)



**October Winner** – View from Mt. Borah, New South Wales, at Australia's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Manilla Slope Fest (Matin Taraz)  
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## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



**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!



Owen Hedger's Cessna T-37 "Tweet" at the Manilla Slope Fest (Matin Taraz)

## Club 2015 Officers & Contact Information

President	Dan Cummins	<a href="mailto:TPGulls@gmail.com">TPGulls@gmail.com</a>
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TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled	



## 2015 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/ TD	CD	HLG	Slope Race	SC <sup>2</sup>	Other	Meeting
January (postponed due to weather)	2/ 1	Mark C.	31	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	25 DSH		
February	8	Mark C.	28	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	15 SWSA	21 & 22 Phoenix	21 Fun-Fly
March	8	Cliff H.	28	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	22 SULA	23-24 TPG Classic	12
April	12	Tom W.	25	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	26 SWSA	12-13 Fresno	9
May	10	Mark C.	30	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	17 VVRC	2-3 IHLGF	
June	14	Keith F.	27	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	28 HSS	8th Slope Race	22 Encinitas
July	12	Tom W.	18	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	19 ISS		
August	9		15	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	23 TOSS		
September	13	Keith F.	19	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	20 SULA		7 Torrey Pines
October		Steve C.	24	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	18 TPG	3-4 Visalia	
November	TBD	Mark C.	21	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (inactive)	15 Rain Date		12
December	TBD	Mike S.	TBD	<a href="http://socalsooperacing.com">socalsooperacing.com</a> (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](http://sc2soaring.com)



### Quote of the Month:

“Caution: Cape does not enable user to fly.”

— *Batman costume warning label, Wal-Mart, 1995*