



# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

**Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)**

**AMA Charter Club 129**

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

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Dan Cummins

## Message from the President

November is here, and it's time to nominate candidates for the TPG board of directors. The TPG board is the lifeblood of the club, and relies on members to step up, help with month to month administration and keep the club's vision alive. This year we are trying to find our next board Vice President and Secretary. I encourage all members to submit nominations this month to keep the TPG board and the club viable for the years to come. Members can nominate other members or themselves for board positions. Elections will be

held at the Holiday Dinner on December 8th. Nominations for the TPG board can be made at [TPGulls@gmail.com](mailto:TPGulls@gmail.com) or texted to 619-743-0602.

Speaking of Holiday Parties, we are going to have the TPG party at Phil's BBQ Event Center on Sports Arena Blvd. this year! Cost is \$5 per head. Doors open at 5:45, dinner at 6 pm, and award presentations will commence after 7 pm. We need everyone to **RSVP by December 4th** so we can give our host a head count. RSVP to [TPGulls@gmail.com](mailto:TPGulls@gmail.com) or rsvp text to 619-743-0602. Come enjoy some BBQ and catch up with fellow Gulls! See you there!

Lots of other stuff going on in the club....monthly TD and DLG....fun fly coming up next month.....LSF qualification event happening in December. Check out the website and newsletter for upcoming events!

Till next month!

Fly more and build something cool!

Dan Cummins

2015 TPG President

619-743-0602



*Howdy there Gulls!*

*I am happy to announce that this year's TPG Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday December 8th at the Phil's BBQ Event Center on Sports Arena Blvd.*

*Cost will be \$5 per person for members and guests payable at the door. Come hungry! There will be plenty of food!*

*Doors open at 5:45 pm, and the chow line opens at 6 pm. We will kick off the 2015 awards sometime after 7 pm.*

*Please rsvp by December 5th to [TPGulls@gmail.com](mailto:TPGulls@gmail.com) or text me at 619-743-0602, so we can give our host a head count.*

*Hope to see you there!*

*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, well into fall. 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 Standard Time!



Dave, an expat living in England, returned to fly Torrey in October. He flew Torrey back in the day before moving overseas.



Dave flying with TPG Membership Chair Bill Eckles



Dave's propless globetrotting 2M Plane



Dave with his Bird of Time



League of Silent Flight

Don, Ian and I have our LSF Level I Vouchers. Took a little over a month to get the paperwork but we're good to go. If you are interested in LSF you need to send in \$2 to the LSF people (<http://www.silentflight.org/>) to get your voucher. Apparently, you cannot record your flights for LSF Level I until you receive your LSF voucher.

You can track your LSF Level II flights after the postmark date of your completed LSF Level I voucher return letter.

We started the Level I process on Saturday, October 31 (see article). Saturday, Dec 12th is the tentative date for an LSF task attempt. Starting in Poway 9 am for the thermal and spot landing tasks, transferring to Torrey noonish for the slope and any remaining spot landing tasks.

An announcement finalizing this date will be published on social media.

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

### **Safety reminder:**

The building months are coming up. Sanding, cutting Balsa or composites may create dust that may cause irritation to your eyes, nose or lungs. Our friends at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia provided this nice information with risk management recommendations:



**Protection of eyes and throat from carbon fiber dust is paramount. Users must wear full goggles and a dust mask to prevent dust inhalation. Dust particulate masks must be fit tested to the individual. Protective clothing should be worn whenever dust is created (such as while machining). The use of elastic cuffs on the protective clothing will keep dust from getting inside protective suits.**

<https://www.monash.edu/ohs/information-and-documents/workshop-safety/carbon-fibre-composites-ohs-information-sheet>

Our other friends at Edensaw Woods have a nice document titled “A booklet on safe dust control, dust collection, dust protection, and wood toxicity”. I’d like to highlight a paragraph:

**Wood Toxicity and How to Protect Yourself. Woodworkers need to take precautions against dust when working with any lumber, whether the wood is domestic or exotic. Wood dust is no good for your lungs or eyes, and some wood dust can also react with your body. Possible reactions include skin rashes, watery eyes, respiratory problems, headaches, dizziness, or nausea. The degree and type of reaction depends on an individual’s susceptibility to certain allergies, as well as the concentration of dust and the amount of time exposed to dust. The same reactions from person to person are not always a certainty.**



[http://www.edensaw.com/MainSite/Store1/Content/SiteContent/1/Home/documents/working\\_safely\\_with\\_wood\\_final\\_draft.pdf](http://www.edensaw.com/MainSite/Store1/Content/SiteContent/1/Home/documents/working_safely_with_wood_final_draft.pdf)

**Blue Skies,  
Ray Pili**

## Poway Field Reminder – 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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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://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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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://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/>

or contact Tim Traver at [TimTraver@gmail.com](mailto: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 this fall season and 2016 Membership renewals will start later this month. The club's board of directors has done 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 gourmards 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**

## LSF (League of Silent Flight) Report, October 31, 2015 – Ray Pili

Ian, Bill, Eric and I met at the Encinitas field to attempt the LSF 1 thermal and spot landing tasks. Mark Canfield was there and gave us a rundown on the club winch. Ian tried winching the infamous Ka-8 and we decided the wings are too soft for winching, so we pulled out the Hi-Starts. Ian, Bill and I set up our Hi-Starts. We ended up using my Hi-Start (standard) for most of the launches since it was the longest. The attached photos are from Ian Cummings.



Mark Canfield demonstrating winch launch technique



Here's.....



How.....



It's done!



Mark demonstrating spot landings

We had a hard time finding a thermal. I got lucky, and after a short search, found a thermal that even I could gain altitude with and got my 5 min thermal task. Ian got some good flights: 3:10 and 2:45 minutes. Bill had one incident where the Ka-8 nosed down at launch with the Hi-Start and crushed the nose.

Eric tried getting better height with the winch and got a few good flights, but folded the wings after a winch launch and, surprisingly, flew about before landing.

Who would have thought LSF was so brutal to planes?!



League of Silent Flight

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## LSF (League of Silent Flight) Report, October 31, 2015 (continued)

Ian and I stuck around after Bill and Eric left and threw our DLGs. Ian suggested we start spot landing scores. We actually did pretty well with the landings, since our flights were short and within an hour we had our 5 spot landing task completed. Ian hooked up with one thermal for a 2+ minute flight.

So the first LSF 1 attempt was an eye opener. I thought we could knock this task off in one day, but our thermal skills need honing.

I'm getting the feeling that a DLG is perfect for the LSF I thermal and landing tasks. The fast turnaround is a plus. We can get fast launches without having to find the Hi-Start chute. On the other hand, some of the Hi-Start launches were beautifully graceful.

*The next scheduled attempt is December 12 Saturday at the Poway field.*



TPG members attempting LSF qualifications. Eric Metzdorff, Ian Cummings, Bill Eckles and Ray Pili at the Encinitas field

## 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** – Veiw 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)



Dust devil at the Poway Field (Michael Seid)

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### Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



**November Winner** – Tom Ramirez's Contender at Dave's Beach (Chip Greely)



Mario Scolari's Stemme during an epic day over San Jacinto (Scott Condon)



FA-18 at the Miramar Air Show (Pete Rissman)

## Club 2015 Officers & Contact Information

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

Dan Cummins  
President



Marty Dine  
Vice- President



Dan Cummins  
Secretary



Don Lockhead  
Treasurer



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

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

“Whatever good things we build end up building us.”

– Jim Rohn