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Dan Cummins

Message from the President

2015 has been a great year for the Torrey Pines Gulls. Membership held steady, even when other clubs are dwindling in membership. I credit the contest coordinators and the TPG board with creating incentive for pilots to renew their membership and for new members to join the Gulls.

Both the monthly DLG and TD coordinators (Tim Traver and Mark Canfield) have been the driving force that make the monthly contests happen. They have both CD'd more than their fair share of contest this year.

Ray Pili has been instrumental as the Slope Coordinator in helping new members' introduction to flying at the Torrey Pines Gliderport. He has also found creative themes for four fun fly events and two LSF qualifiers this year, giving the slope flyer crowd reason to get out to the bluffs and fly again.

The efforts of the club members and the board keep the club viable year after year. The club always needs volunteers to CD monthly contests and to serve on the board. If you want to get more involved, just let me or any of the board members know, and we can help connect you with an opportunity to help make future club activities happen. Nominations for the 2016 board can be submitted to me or at the TPG Dinner on the 8th. We are especially seeking nominations for VP/Secretary for 2016.

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Message from the President – (continued)

I also want to remind you to RSVP for the Holiday Party coming up on the Tuesday the 8th of December at Phil's BBQ Event Center on Sports Arena Boulevard. I personally have already started fasting today to prepare for the feast on the 8th. You can RSVP at TPGulls@gmail.com or text me at 619-743-0602.

Finish the year strong and join me at  on the 8th to catch up with fellow Gulls and recognize fellow members' accomplishments.

Cheers!

Dan Cummins
2015 President



Me, my faithful companion and a very cool Red Goat (photo by Ian Cummings)



**Phil's
B.B.Q.**

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 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



**Phil's
B.B.Q.**

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

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) 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, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili



December is **National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month** so be safe so you can fly more.

November was fantastic for slope glider flying at Torrey. Each week in November we've had little storms blowing through, bringing nice winds from the high teens to the mid 30's. El Nino is good for slopers. *All Hail El Nino!* A couple of November photos:



New windsock...finally.



UCSD's Dan M's silver Spitfire after a 30 minute maiden flight

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News from the Slope (continued)



Ian Cummings captured Greg Houck's PSS B-17 at Torrey...and the smokejumper dropped by the B-17!

Safety reminder:

Now that we are almost at the deepest darkest depths of a typically brutal SoCal winter, some of us are busy building or repairing our models. Advances in Adhesives such as CA (Cyanoacrylate) have shortened the time to complete assemblies and repairs. Tasks that would have taken overnight to allow adhesives to cure or dry can now be completed in minutes.

Did you know that CA contains acid? Acid in CA is not dangerous, but CA fumes can be. Getting CA on certain parts of our body can be painful also. Luckily, Our Swedish friends published this informative paper on CA:

http://www.ipmsstockholm.org/magazine/2004/10/stuff_eng_tech_ca_glue.htm



**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/october-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

The end of the year is nearly here and we've actually had a pleasant surprise. **Our membership has grown** over the past weekend to 103! Three new guys have joined our force during a time when things have usually drifted to zero, so welcome to our new members.

The board met last month and we discussed membership dues. We decided to keep them the same as 2015...shown below.

We exceeded our budgeted number in 2015, so we're keeping the same membership dues into 2016. As usual, we'll look at things at the half way mark to see if any changes are necessary, but it seems really good so far. Thanks to all for the support. We seem to develop a stronger club each year with increased participation and an increasing caliber with each new member.

I look forward to seeing you all at the holiday party and at each of our three flying sites during the season

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 under 18 years \$15 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

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

League of Silent Flight Attempt Day



For all the aspirants out there: Block out Saturday, December 12th for LSF Attempt Day starting out at Poway with a pilots meeting at 8:30 AM. We'll work on the Precision Spot Landing and the Thermal Duration tasks for LSF 1 and 2. From our last attempt on Halloween, day we learned the following:

1. Bring multiple planes. We lost two planes; one on a Hi-Start and another on a winch.
2. The landing task is best done with a DLG.
3. Thermals are hard to find.

We'll head over to Torrey around noon and check off our slope tasks.

Below are the LSF tasks:

Requirements	Primary	Intermediate			Advanced
Level	I	II	III	IV	V
Thermal Duration	5 min.	15 min.	30 min	1 hr	2 hrs.
Slope Duration	15 min.*	1 Hr.*	2 hrs.*	4 hrs.*	8 hrs.
Precision Spot Landing	5 landings 3m (9.84 ft) or less	10 landings 1.5m (4.92 ft. or less)	None	None	None
Goal and Return	None	None	1km (0.62 mi.)	2km (1.24 mi.)	10km(6.2 mi)
Competition	None	6 contests** w/ 1 place or 3,000 pts	6 contests** w/ 2 place or 4,500 pts	6 contests** w/ 2 places and 1 win or 6,000 pts	6 contests** with 12,000 points including 3 wins

Ian Cummings – Slope Shots

Torrey Pines Gulls member Ian Cummings also happens to be an avid photographer. You've probably seen some of his images here in the newsletter. We asked Ian if he'd be willing to provide some of his favorite RC slope soaring photos for publication and he graciously provided quite a few great photos. This is the first instalment.

While not out at the slope, he works at his commercial photography studio in Little Italy, shooting commercial assignments for all types of businesses. Ian also teaches photography at UCSD Extension and Cuyamaca Community College. You can see more of his work on his website at: <http://www.iancummingsphoto.com>



Flight line at the Torrey Fun Fly

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George / Maiden Launch at Torrey / Shelby the Slope Dog in attendance

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Ray Pili F3B at Torrey Pines

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Paraglider over Torrey Pines

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Chuck & Ray DS-ing the backside at Parker Mountain (check the body English!)

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Bills Hill Gang at Parker Mountain

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Greg Houck launching his PSS B-17 at Torrey

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Steffen Peters launching 4 meter Nimbus

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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 and newsletter masthead AND will appear on the following year's club membership card)**. 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)



October Winner – Veiw from Mt. Borah, New South Wales, at Australia's 7th 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)

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)



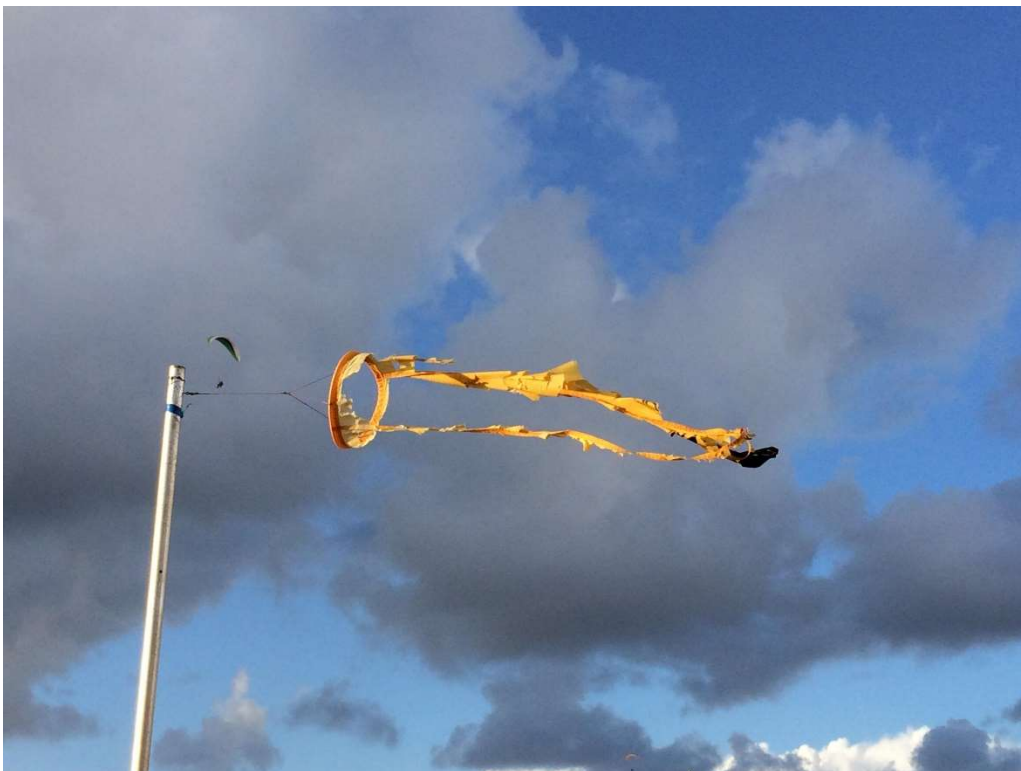
FA-18 at the Miramar Air Show (Pete Rissman)

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Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Dan Cummins, Greg Houck and an epic day at Torrey (Ian Cummings)



Overworked windsock at Torrey (Will Bushnell)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



December Winner – Johnny's Skywalker 3.8 at Torrey (Phil Davy)

PHOTO OF THE YEAR WINNER – IAN CUMMINGS

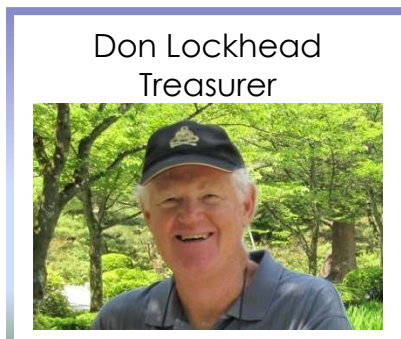
PHOTO OF THE YEAR WINNER – IAN CUMMINGS



2015 turned out to be the year of the Ka-8! When our friends at Horizon Hobby offered a limited time discount on this 2.25 meter foam PNP sailplane, TPG members responded quickly. Ian captured the club's enthusiasm from the camera mounted on his Ka-8 in this trio of Ka-8s over Torrey.

Club 2015 Officers & Contact Information

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Historian	Gary Fogel	garyfogel@gmail.com
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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 ²	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.	15	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:

“The design is perfect, the only flaw is that we have to rely on you to fly it.”

– *Flight of the Phoenix (2004)*