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Dan Cummins

Message from the President

Howdy Gulls,

Welcome to 2017!

It's been a great year, and our club has continued to gain positive momentum in 2016. I am hoping we can carry that momentum thru 2017. The TPG Board objective remains to add membership value by providing more diverse opportunities to

compete and fly different disciplines throughout the year. In 2017, we will continue to host monthly TD contests, monthly DLG contests, slope flying events and competitions. This year, we have added more fun fly events and even more League of Silent Flight (LSF) task events & contests to provide members an opportunity to hone their skills in thermal duration, slope flying, and landing accuracy. In March, we have scheduled an LSF desert trip to learn about cross country and out-and-back competitive flying.....should be a bunch of fun!

Through the generous donations of our members, the club now has some buddy box setups available (Thank you Ed Blodgett) to help prospective members with their "RC Glider Pilot Experience". To make this a reality, we will need volunteer pilots to help out at fun fly and new pilot events to provide one-on-one help to new pilots. If you are interested in helping out new pilots experience their first slope or TD flight, please contact me or any of the board members to volunteer.

This year is shaping up to be a great year at the slope. This fall has been spectacular, with a couple great winter storms that have rolled through. Two of the storms provided 30+ mph winds at Torrey, and all the slopers brought out the heavies for a day of flying in some big smooth lift. Again this year, we are planning to

Message from the President (continued)

to host SCSR F3F racing in March with some of Southern California's fastest F3F pilots. So tune up your slope racing moldies and your 60" foamies and come on out to race!

I also want to give our new board of directors a shout out for stepping up for 2017. The election results are as follows:

President:	Dan Cummins
Vice President:	Ian Cummings
Treasurer:	Don Lockhead
Membership:	Bill Eckles
TD Coordinator:	Cliff Hunter
DLG Coordinator:	Tim Traver
Winch Master:	Mark Canfield
Communication Officer:	Dale Gottdank

Most importantly, I wanted to congratulate our Communication Officer, Dale Gottdank, for being selected for the **Torrey Pines Gulls 2016 Modeler of the Year!** Dale has been the driving force for pulling together the newsletter every month for the last three years, and has done a SPECTACULAR job.....so spectacular, other RC clubs have posted a link to our newsletter as an example of club newsletter excellence. So hats off and thank you to Mr. Dale Gottdank!

As always, please check out the TPG website for upcoming event dates and times!

Till next month,

Fly more, build something cool, and learn something new!

Cheers!

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2017 President



Mike Slean launching my Me-109 with me on the sticks on a great December 16th big-wind day at the slope (photo by Ian Cummings). See more in "News from the Slope" on page 5.

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 have morphed into competitive and non-competitive events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events in the Newsletter, Newsletter Calendar in this issue and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org> and
<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! 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've seen 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! **This month, we'll share a bit of our club's history, with more to follow next month.**

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>

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.

Check out the TPG Facebook Page

From John Blasko:

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page by clicking the links below:



RECENTLY POSTED:
Some nice photos from December

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**.

News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope



Ray Pili

Happy New Sloping Year!!!

The last month of 2016 had many Yin days and a couple of fantastic, hair raising, big-wind, Yang days.



“Yangday,” December 16th blew 30+ mph. “Yangday” Christmas Eve was another 30+ mph day. Mr. Kim was flying dawn patrol followed by the local slope trash. Godzilla had a chance to stretch his legs on the front side. George’s Oranator designed 2M Twisty was ripping it up. Pictures below.



Mr. Kim with his Gillette II (Ian Cummings).

News from the Slope (continued)



December 16th.



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News from the Slope (continued)



Godzilla (K2M Kinetic, 2-meter)– Christmas Eve



Steve and his dad.

Visiting sloper Steve Washington had his check out flight in these epic conditions. Here's a photo of Steve and his dad up above Lake Elsinore flying on a Santa Ana day.

News from the Slope (continued)

Keep an eye out on the TPGulls Website Calendar for the year's Fun Fly dates. We're adding a couple of new Fun Fly events ending up at a local watering hole for Happy Hour.

Also, Gary Fogel is working hard to get permits lined up for full-scale glider operations at Torrey. The Torrey Pines F3F Classic is back Saturday April 8th. This event is always fun to attend and more fun to enter the competition. The Katie Martin Memorial is scheduled for Saturday June 3rd. This event is always a great time.

If anyone has an idea for a gathering at the Slope, let me know and we'll try to make it happen.



La Niña is sure kicking El Niño's rain bucket off the lawn this season. It seems that SoCal drivers just don't put two and two together and drive more conservatively during our winter rains. Then again, when Torrey is off the hook, it's hard for some of us to slow down our GDV (Glider Delivery Vehicles – credit George C.) on the way to the slope, but we need to, else we may not make it.



So remember to keep your GDV in tip top shape; windshield wipers, headlights, brakes and tires, so you can safely make it to the slope in one piece.

Our friends at AAA compiled a great list of wet weather driving tips:

<http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/roadway-safety/wet-weather-driving-tips/>

**Blue Skies,
Ray Pili**

TPG History: The Trophy – Dale Gottdank with Gary Fogel



Being honored with the "Modeler of the Year" award got me wondering about the trophy that comes with it. First off, it's actually the "Mark's Models, Perpetual Award, Outstanding Member" award, as shown in the photo below. I find that comforting, as I haven't been doing much "modeling" in the last 4 years since becoming disabled (rest assured, I'm workin' on it). As shown below, the award was sponsored by Mark's Models. Gary Fogel, TPG Historian, sent me the following about Mark's Models:

"Mark Smith was amazing. He operated Mark's Models in Escondido and was a member of both TPG and Harbor Slope Soaring Society in OC. He used to donate considerable time and effort to TPG, especially in its formative years."

Here's a thread from RCUniverse.com in 2009, about Mark Smith:

<http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/golden-age-vintage-antique-rc-196/8607299-marks-models-history-welcome-mark.html>



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



The first recipient of the award, in 1971, was Jim Haldy. A cursory google search turned up...nothing. Do any club members have any information about Jim Haldy? If so, please let me know by email at dgottdank@gmail.com.

The second recipient was Kelly Pike. Gary shared this with me:

"TPG started in about 1969, mainly out of the effort of Jim and Kelly Pike. I am still in touch with Kelly Pike. He and his family live in Half Moon Bay. At the time, Kelly was a high school student and there was a growing group of RCers flying at Torrey in the early to mid – 1960s. Their idea was to pull them together as a club. Jim (his dad) passed away many years ago."

Our club is approaching its 50th anniversary! This is a testament to the (obsessive) commitment to our hobby and to the dedication of our members. In the coming months, with Gary's help, I plan to learn more about the Club's history and the other names on this trophy, so I can share it here.



Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration



Cliff Hunter

TD Coordinator – Cliff Hunter

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/thermal-duration-contest-January/>, check the schedule below, or contact Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net

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.

DATE	January 8, 2017	DAY OF THE WEEK	Sunday	CONTEST DIRECTOR	No contest 5-Day rain waiting per.
	January 28, 2017 Scale Contest?		Saturday		Larry Jolly?
	February 12, 2017		Sunday		Parviz Kamiab
	March 12, 2017		Sunday		Mark Canfield
	April 9, 2017		Sunday		Tom Watson
	May 7, 2017		Sunday		Cliff Hunter
	June 11, 2017		Sunday		Scott Condon
	July 9, 2017		Sunday		Mark Canfield
	August 13, 2017		Sunday		Keith Finkenbiner
	September 10, 2017		Sunday		Tom Watson
	October 22, 2017		Sunday		Terry Throop
	November 12, 2017		Sunday		Mark Canfield
	December 10, 2017		Sunday		Rain month if needed!

Hand Launch



Tim Traver

F3K Coordinator – Tim Traver

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following link 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=2580257> which should soon be updated for 2017.

Also, check out the upcoming International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) scheduled for late April, in this RCGroups thread: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2744337-IHLGF-2017-24th-Annual-International-Hand-Launch-Glider-Festival>

LSF Report – Ray Pili



January 2017 LSF Report

December 10th was the last LSF attempt day of 2016. We had beautiful, cool and sunny conditions, with booming thermals.

Gary Fogel (Dr. Fogel o you!), TPG Club Historian, teaches at SDSU (among many other activities) and a couple of his students came out to experience aerodynamics firsthand. Gary buddy boxed students off a high start and gave them a chance to discuss launch his DLG.

Larry Jolly and John Garber were schooling us newbies. What impressed me, was how much ground these guys covered searching for thermals.

Daniel M. was all smiles because he'd just finished finals week and was packed up and going home for Christmas break after flying Poway. Daniel was also the first to test my DIY "Thera Band Silver Hi Start."

I did get a nice XX min flight with my old Fred Sage Compulsion (XX 'cause I forgot to start the timer). This plane was flying nice clockwise turns all by itself. Turns out the rudder trim was WAY off.

Coincidentally, John (can't remember his last name) was at the field (worked on the Compulsion with Fred Sage back in the day) sharing stories.

It would be fun to have an old school bagged wing TD contest.

This was the last get together for the year. LSF Attempt days will be posted on the web page. This spring, we're planning a desert camping trip including distance task attempts.

Photos by Ian Cummings (Gulls VP):



LSF Report (continued)



Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

Here we are in January, and we are running behind my schedule due to software issues on my end.

However, several new members started last year with their memberships, giving them a head start on the year. We're expecting the good performance from last year to positively affect this year and spread through the club.

Yes, I'm late getting renewal letters out to all of you this year. I now have the materials to get renewals into the mail soon, and I will. Please respond quickly and I'll get your cards out quickly, too. Thanks for your cooperation and we'll have a great year together.

Best wishes for safe flying!

Bill Eckles
Membership Chairman



NAN Shadow at Torrey (Greg Houck)

Club Membership Update (continued)

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 such as field Insurance, etc.

Dues are as follows:

For the membership (calendar) year, 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.

Torrey Pines Gulls Apparel Store

The Torrey Pines Gulls Apparel Store is in business. We anticipate adding a DLG version of the logo soon, and we're open for any other additions down the road. Follow this link, <http://tpgstore.qbstores.com> or click on the images below to access the TPG Apparel Store. Choose from short and long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies!



Product ID: A312-237-3942
Digitally Printed Gildan Ringpun Crew Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$28.28



Product ID: A382-537-7660
Digitally Printed Gildan Hooded Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$38.44



Product ID: A325-998-9995
Digitally Printed Gildan Hooded Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$33.64



Product ID: A125-820-3814
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Tee

Your Price
\$20.62



Product ID: A295-262-7395
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Dark Tee



Product ID: A124-102-7033
Printed Gildan Ultra Cotton Tee



Product ID: A290-217-9572
Printed Gildan Ultra Cotton Dark Tee



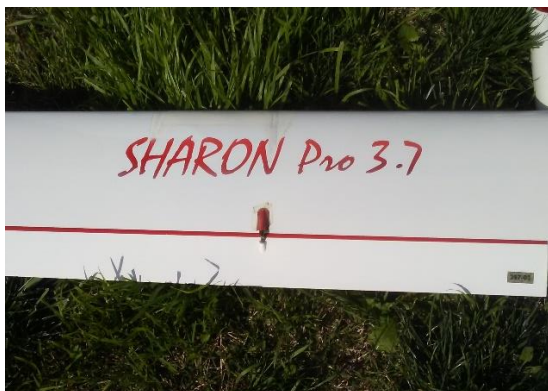
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Gildan Ultra Cotton Classic Fit Ladies Tee



For Sale

SHARON PRO 3.7M

- Red over white with red on bottom. This glider is RTF.
- Servos are JR 368s for aileron, flaps, and elevator. Rudder servo is a JR 3421. All digital.
- Battery is a 2100 NiMH.
- Always kept it in the bag when not in use, (Bag included). The wing tips have minor scuffing on the bottom from landing. Nylon V-skeg under the flaps.
- This is a nice glider for anyone looking to move up.
- Receiver is 72MHz. If you fly a Stylus, I can transfer my program to your radio.
- Asking \$1500.
- If you have any questions about it call Lenny at [619-246-2399](tel:619-246-2399).



Club Sponsors – Thank you!

The Torrey Pines Gulls members would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations and for supporting the 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.

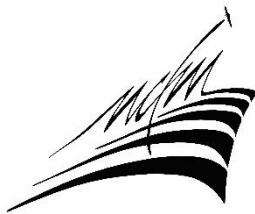


Photo of the Month Contest

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.



A blustery day in late November (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



NAN Shadow over Torrey (Greg Houck)



NAN Shadow over Torrey clouds (Greg Houck)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Nice launch at LSF attempt day (Ian Cummings)



January Winner – Torrey rainbow (Ray Pili)

Club Officers and Contact Information

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Dan Cummins
President



Ian Cummings
Vice- President



Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer





Quote of the Month:

“January, month of empty pockets!”
~Colette



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Marty Dine