



GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

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Message from the President

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Dan Cummins

Howdy Gulls!

October is here already. This fall has been fairly quiet for the club. The westerlies have been consistent most of September, so we have had quite a few great afternoons of flying. Many of the new and old regulars have started flying Torrey on Wednesdays, Fridays, and both weekend days. It's great to see lots of

active fliers at the bluff again. If you haven't been out to the Torrey bluff for a while, come on out and join us!

The TPG board has been busy planning for the end of the year. We are still on track to have our **Holiday Awards Dinner at Phil's BBQ next to the Sports Arena on Tuesday, the 5th of December.** Cost will be \$10 per person, and will include chicken, ribs, cornbread, two sides, tea, and lemonade. Should be a fun night with friends and great food.

I also want to encourage everyone to consider stepping up and participating on the TPG board. We can always use some new ideas to keep the club on track, and to plan for future sustainment. If you are on a tight budget, you can save some money on dues by helping keep the TPGulls going another year. If you have ever thought you might be interested being on the TPG board, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Del Mar Denny's at 6 pm.....stop by and check out how we make the TPG bacon!

Message from the President (continued)

Well, that's all I have for now. Be sure to check the TPGulls website calendar for upcoming events!

Till next month, fly more, host a flying event, and think about joining the TPGulls board.....we always need some new ideas!

Cheers!

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2017 President



Pres. Dan about to launch at Mt. Laguna, under the watchful eye of Bailey the Wonder Dog!

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

The Torrey Pines Gulls hosts monthly contests, fun-fly events, LSF (League of Silent Flight)) Soaring Accomplishment Program 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 and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

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



Newsletter This Month - Dale Gottdank



Dale Gottdank

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! It could be just a paragraph with some photos from a great soaring day ...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 have Part 2 of Will Bushnell's wonderful article about his introduction to the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

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. If there are too many, we'll save them for the next issue. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

It has been a very good summer, with some excellent flying at the Gliderport, contest activity in slope combat, hand launch and thermal duration, lots of individual activity "off-campus" and significant activity improving LSF levels.

We'll begin planning the New Year in October/November and back at recruiting new memberships in December/January. Enjoy the rest of the year and get some new building going for winter's down time.

Fly well and fly safely,

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.

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 Blaske:

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

<http://www.facebook.com/TorreyPinesGulls>



RECENTLY POSTED:

7th Annual Katie Martin International Tribute Fly-In link to Model Aviation article from Bob Martin
2017 Manilla (Australia) Soaring Festival from Steve Wenban

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**.

Club Flying Site Panoramas – Ian Cummings

Here are Veep Ian Cummings' immersive panoramas of our world class flying sites; the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport and the Poway Flight Center, where each year the club sponsors the IHLGF (International Hand Launch Glider Festival). Clicking on the pictures takes you to the Torrey Pines Gliderport during a recent TPG fun-fly event and the Poway Flight Center during this year's IHLGF. Enjoy! Stay tuned for Ian's panorama of the Encinitas Flight Center.

Click on this photo to visit the Torrey Pines Gliderport.



Click on this photo to visit the TPG Poway Flight Center.



News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili

It's almost October. **Don't forget the September 30th Fun Fly this Saturday!** We'll have photos next month.

September was a pretty good month for slope soaring, despite the extraordinarily hot days.



A few photos to share:



Veep Ian, UCSD Dan and a spectator in a Field of Sailplanes

News from the Slope (continued)



Oscar W. from Riverside getting some Torrey Time. He's got quite a résumé.

News from the Slope (continued)



Spotted at Torrey, a flying surfboard

The Torrey Pines Soaring Council is planning to meet at the Gliderport, 6 pm, Monday, October 16th. Attendance has been sparse and meetings have not had a quorum. Regardless, if you're interested in participating or have ideas to improve the conditions at Torrey, contact me at tpgslope@gmail.com and I'll keep you apprised of the meeting.

**Blue Skies,
Ray**

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration



Cliff Hunter

TD Coordinator – Cliff Hunter

For thermal duration contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

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-October/>, or contact Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net

Additional 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



Tim Traver

F3K Coordinator – Tim Traver

For DLG contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

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

Additional 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: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2820127-2017-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-DLG-Contest-and-Clinic-Series>

Poway Field Cleanup – Don Lockhead



(Ian Cummings photo)

In September, Treasurer Don Lockhead organized a weed clearing day at the Poway field. Here are a few photos from the workday.

Quite a bit of clearing was accomplished and another cleanup day is planned for October to finish the job.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to lend a hand.



(Ian Cummings photo)



(Ian Cummings photo)

LSF Report – Ray Pili



October 2017 LSF Report

Gary Z. visiting from New York, flew slope for the first time at Torrey this September. A couple of days later he completed his LSF I Slope task by flying over 2 hours. An overachiever, wouldn't you say?



If you're interested in a list of LSF achievers, LSF Secretary Skye posted this link on RCGroups:

<http://www.silentflight.org/images/M...e-2Aug2017.pdf>

LSF Report (continued)

Gary modified his plane for travel. The red wing tips are removable, as are the fin and horizontal stabilizer.



Detail showing the wing center panel-to-wing tip joint



Detail at the underside of the tail showing the through-bolt connection for the fin

LSF Report (continued)



Detail of the empennage, showing the fin, rudder and horizontal stab, all removable for travel.

Fall and winter is desert season. Shoot me an email at tpgslope@gmail.com if you're interested in a Goal and Return desert run. I need to complete a 1 km goal and return.

The next Poway LSF day is Dec 9th.

**Blue Skies,
Ray**

100 Days at Torrey Pines (part 2) – Will Bushnell

When Will Bushnell had an opportunity to temporarily relocate from the East Coast to San Diego in 2014, he embarked on a journey that would lead to an epic slope soaring adventure. He recounted his experience in an excellent article recently published in the September and October issues of *RCSD* (Radio Controlled Soaring Digest). This is part 2 of the article.

The first page of the article is reprinted here. To read the rest, click on the link below. Enjoy!

100 DAYS AT TORREY PINES PART 2

Will Bushnell, will.bushnell@gmail.com

At the close of part one I was facing a dilemma as January ended. I needed 39 soaring days to make it to 100 “qualified flights,” but was scheduled to leave San Diego in three months, the end of April — what I needed was one more month.

I had to make a pitch to my boss to stay to the end of May. What I had going for me was an assigned project that was very high priority to the company which extended well into the Fall. So, if I could make my case...

Turns out, luck was with me, my boss was fine with me staying an extra month, and hope lives - I still had a chance!

The first two weeks of February were as bad as January, but Torrey Pines started to deliver by the end of the month!

Trip to the beach

I showed up at Torrey Pines one evening to what looked like some solid conditions, enough to make me decide to put some ballast in the Pike ET. What I didn't realize was that the conditions were getting lighter and turning North.

Very quickly, the Pike got below the cliff level and I ended up scratching. At some point, I realized the wind was too cross and knew I was going to the beach.



This way to the Torrey Pines Gliderport!

[To continue, click here.](#)

For anyone who is not a current subscriber, you can be automatically notified when the next issue of *RCSD* is posted by becoming a member of the [RCSoaringDigestYahoo! group](#).

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: A325-968-9995
Digitally Printed Gildan Hooded Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$33.64



Product ID: A125-820-3834
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Tee

Your Price
\$20.62



Product ID: A295-262-7595
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Dark Tee



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



Product ID: A290-217-9872
Printed Gildan Ultra Cotton Dark Tee



Product ID: A324-432-8226
Gildan Ultra Cotton Classic Fit Ladies Tee

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.

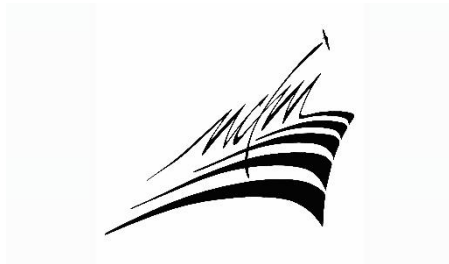


Photo of the Month Contest

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.

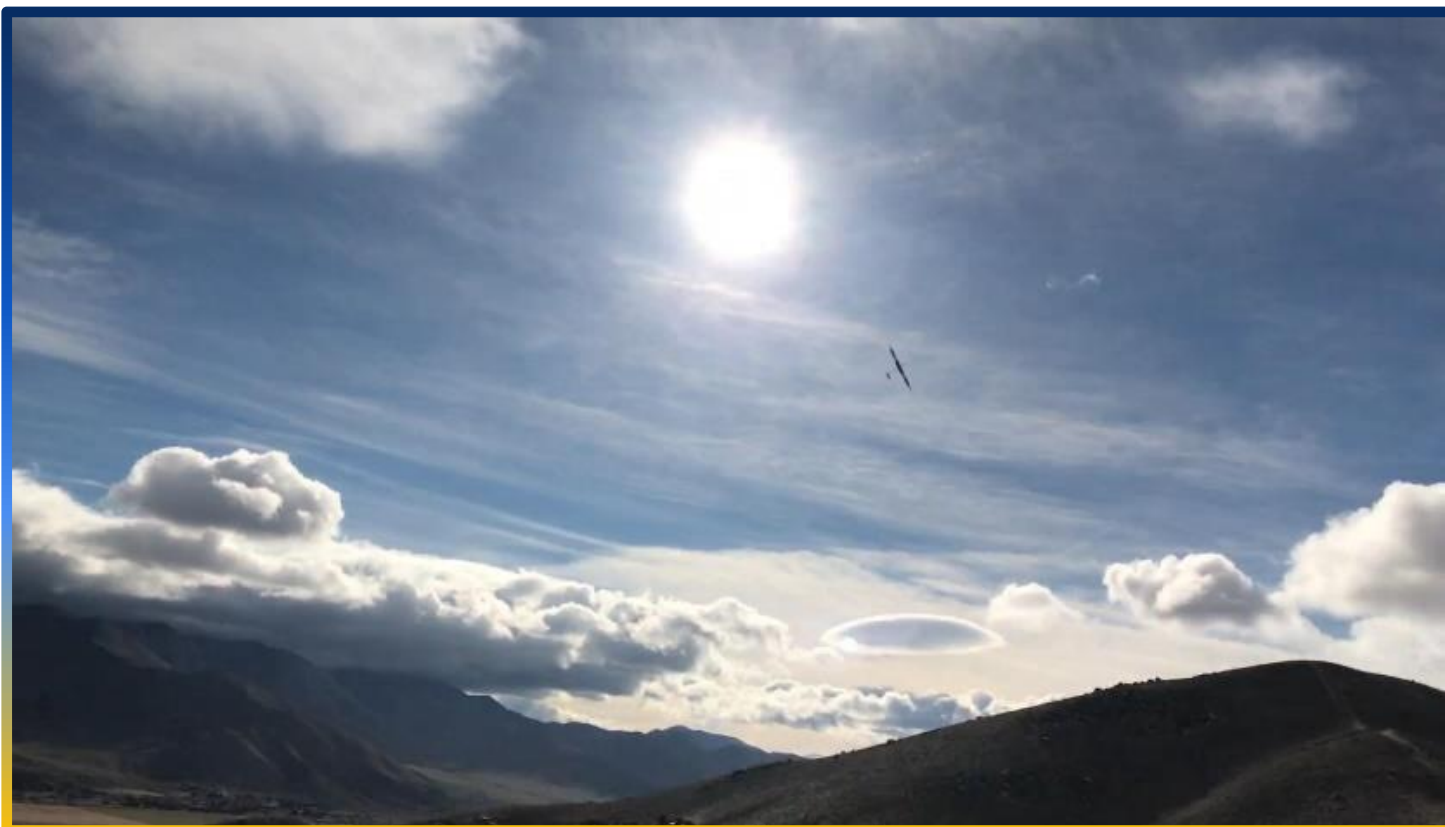


January Winner – Torrey rainbow (Ray Pili)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



February Winner – Full-scale Stemme S-10 flyby at Torrey (Ian Cummings photo)



March-April Winner – Spencer Lisenby DS'ing his Kinetic Transonic DP 130 (Phil Davy photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Co-Winner – from Steve Condon: F3J in the Desert that is now in a new location in Sandy Valley, CA/NV. Beautiful sod farm site. Here is a shot of the mass launch from our end of the flight line. Awesome! Mike Smith launching Tom Watson's Maxa. Mario Scolari running the winch. Scott and I timing. (Steve Condon photo)

Editor's note: Steve informs me that there are 12 planes in this mass launch!

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Co-Winner – Ray Pili launching during the F3F Torrey Classic (Steve Allen photo)



Summer Winner – Nyx over Torrey (Greg Bolton photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



September Winner – Glider meets jelly during the PNF TWF in July (Dan Cummins photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Scale flying over Torrey (Thomas Moller photo)



Flying wing over Manilla, New South Wales, Australia during Martin Taraz's annual pilgrimage (Owen Hedger photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Aerial view of the Manilla flying site (hobidude photo)



October Winner – Dan Cummins launching his NCFM M60 at a windy Mt. Laguna (Ian Cummings photo)

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Ian Cummings
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Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer





Quote of the Month:

“I’ll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween”

~ Anonymous



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Marty Dine