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Message from the President

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Craig Hanson

Hi, I'm Craig Hanson. Thanks for letting me 'volunteer' for the board this year.

A bit about me: I have been flying since 1968 - off and on...mostly scratch built gliders.

I like that balsa wood and mylar! I used to fly thermal duration back in the 70's - mostly open class of my own design.

I will try to keep things running smoothly. Seems like everybody on the board is already doing that. I will do whatever is needed in the Club.

You can reach me at:

craighanson1256@gmail.com

with any ideas or suggestions that I can help with, or call me at [858-212-4208](tel:858-212-4208).

Cheers,

Craig

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

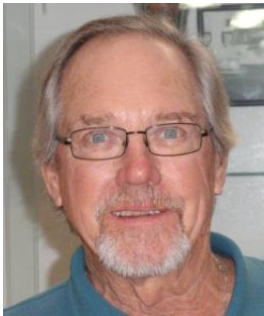
Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

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'll be continuing our series by Gary Fogel on the club's history, with 1977 Modeler of the Year, Al Doig, along with a recollection of Al Doig by John McNeil.

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

A good year it was, 2017! Memberships finished out at 110, a nice increase since last year, and included several guys new to the sport we enjoy so much. We expect a similar year in 2018 with things pretty much as normal...this size provides a base membership that allows us to keep the dues at \$60 for at least another year.

While a few have already applied for 2018 memberships and we have plenty of keys for the flying fields, I still need to create new cards. They are in process and I will get them out before our deadline of February 1, 2018. I expect to get reminder forms out around mid-month. So, thanks for a successful 2017 and we can all look forward to an even better 2018. Here's hoping for westerly breezes at the bluffs and bounteous thermals inland!

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:

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



December went out like a bunny rabbit. Hardly any “slopeable” wind.

Our November 25th Fun Fly that was rescheduled for Sunday Dec 17th was cancelled due to lack of wind. Terrible.

But there was one magic day; Dec 20th which VP Ian captured in this wonderful video as a Holiday present for us all:

<https://vimeo.com/248330437>

The 2018 Fun Fly schedule will be on the Club's Calendar soon.

The First Fun Fly will be January 20th (Saturday). Sandwiches for TPG members! Bring your new toys.

Click on the screenshot below or on the link above to see Ian Cummings' video of Steffen Peter's 6M Ventus maiden:



*Blue Skies,
Ray*

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration

TD Coordinator – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

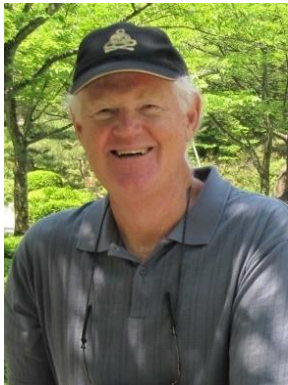
For thermal duration contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

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-January/>, 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

F3K Coordinator – Don Lochhead



Don Lochhead

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 Don Lochhead at donloch@sbcglobal.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. and in this RCGroups thread: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2820127-2017-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-DLG-Contest-and-Clinic-Series>

Club Awards

At the December Holiday Party, trophies were awarded to the competition winners:

Thermal Duration (Master):

- 1st Steve Condon
- 2nd Mike Smith
- 3rd Mark Canfield

Thermal Duration (Expert):

- 1st Steve Hurd
- 2nd Bruno Burgin

Complete Standings:

Torrey Pines Gulls

2017 Year end scores
Thermal Duration Contest

Name	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	Standing	Total Scores
Condon Steve	0.00	0.00	3973.00	3844.10	3967.00	3930.50	3965.80	0.00	3968.10	3892.50	3940.00	1st	31,481.00
Smith Mike	0.00	3904.40	3959.20	3961.60	0.00	3841.90	3965.40	0.00	3969.10	3896.10	3693.00	2nd	31,190.70
Canfield Mark	0.00	2307.90	3944.20	3650.40	3950.70	3712.80	3961.10	3953.00	0.00	0.00	3158.80	3rd	28,638.90
Markiewicz, Arthur	0.00	0.00	3856.40	3862.80	0.00	3971.50	3943.90	3956.00	0.00	0.00	3541.10		23,131.70
Hurd Steve	0.00	2418.50	2828.30	3568.10	0.00	3581.10	3812.00	0.00	3311.10	0.00	3235.30	1st	22,754.40
Hess Stephan	0.00	0.00	3958.10	3824.30	0.00	3313.60	0.00	3420.90	3968.10	3658.90	0.00		22,143.90
Watson Tom	0.00	3935.80	0.00	3954.60	0.00	3788.10	0.00	0.00	3941.70	3829.00	0.00		19,449.20
Condon Scott	0.00	3359.80	0.00	0.00	3623.10	3949.40	3939.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	3938.00		18,809.60
Jolly Larry	0.00	3286.50	3948.70	3907.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3971.10	3507.00	0.00		18,620.40
Hunter Cliff	0.00	2490.80	3909.70	3415.30	0.00	0.00	3901.90	3904.10	0.00	0.00	870.00		18,491.80
Burgin, Bruno	0.00	0.00	3711.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3926.30	3149.30	0.00	3282.20	2nd	14,069.00
Garber Jonathan	0.00	3846.50	3797.40	3551.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		11,195.00
Terry Throop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3819.20	0.00	3880.90	0.00	3165.30		10,865.40
Mario Scolari	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3970.00	0.00	3947.40		7,917.40
Dan Fitzgerald	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3744.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3962.50	0.00	0.00		7,707.00
Erick Larson	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3838.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3366.80	0.00	0.00		7,204.80
Finkenbinder Keith	0.00	2504.40	0.00	3305.40	730.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		6,539.80
Tom Keisling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3953.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		3,953.80
Steven Garland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3912.80	0.00	0.00	0.00		3,912.80
Condon Brandon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3543.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		3,543.50
Mike Lee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3403.10	0.00	0.00	0.00		3,403.10
Eward Steward	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3240.60	0.00	0.00	0.00		3,240.60
Paul Smith	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2884.20	0.00	0.00	0.00		2884.20
Traver Tim	0.00	953.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		953.00
Les Ward	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
	contest placement												
	1st place												
	2nd place												
	3rd place												

DLG (Open Class):

- 1. Gary Fogel
- 2. Ray Pili
- 3. Gregg Bolton

Sportsman:

- 1. Don Lochhead
- 2. Chuck Norris
- 3. Cliff Hunter

For complete DLG standings, check the F3X vault:

http://f3xvault.com/?action=series&function=series_view&series_id=123

Club Awards (continued)



DLG (Open Class) winner, Gary Fogel with TD (Master Class) winner, Steve Condon celebrating at the Holiday Dinner (John McNeil photo)



Modeler of the Year, outgoing TPG President Dan Cummins (r) with Cliff Hunter (m) and Dale Gottdank (l)

LSF Report – Ray Pili



LSF, Saturday Dec 9th was interesting. Justin, Gary, TPG Treasurer Don, Chuck, Erik, David, Dale, Lame Duck TPG Veep Ian, Jon the Ringer, New TPG President Craig and me (hope I got everyone) in attendance.



The morning started out nice and calm. Justin made a few of his landing tasks with his Ka-8 off Gary's winch. I think Erik too. David got his 5 min thermal task signed off.

Chuck had some great DLG flights but not enough to get his 30 min. We had a visiting RC Pilot and Wife from Portland stop by the field which was nice.

Around 10:30 the Santa Ana winds showed up making good practice for the IHLG.

The winds caused Chuck to land in the houses west of the field; luckily a father and son found the plane and brought it to the field with no damage!

My longest flight was 13 short of 30 min flying my Compulsion off Gary's winch; would have been longer if I knew how to fly better. My last attempt lasted about 2 seconds. Photos tell the rest of the story:

LSF Report – Ray Pili (continued)



David Rawley



David Rawley



Jon launching

LSF Report – Ray Pili (continued)



Landing



President Craig's planes



Mark B., Ian C., me and Dale O.

LSF Report – Ray Pili (continued)



Volunteers cleared off the remaining tumbleweeds under the taskmaster's whip. The reward was a pizza lunch.

Justin T. took all the photos.

Have a Happy New Year! The 2018 LSF calendar should be on the club website soon. Keep an eye out for two Man-On-Man Races with Ian CD'ing.

Blue Skies,

Ray

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TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel

This Month: Al Doig, 1977 Modeler of the Year



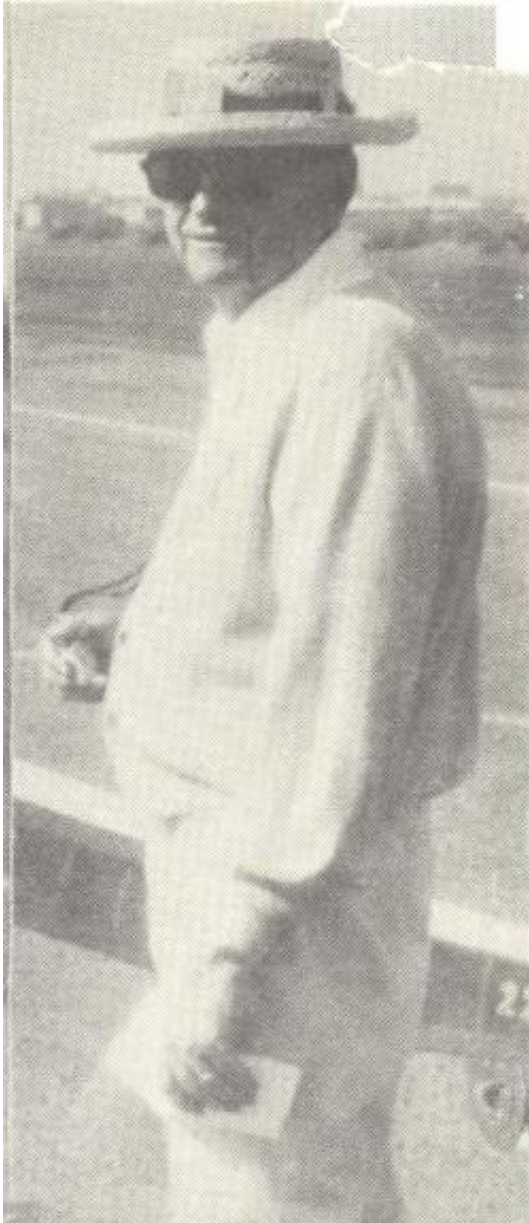
I'd like to preface this article by asking for a favor. I have the pleasure of writing these articles as club historian and I had the privilege of knowing many of these individuals personally as a youngster. However, while I do my best to capture biographies correctly, perhaps I miss things, or perhaps others in the club wish to add their own thoughts. I encourage you to do so because it helps to remember these people properly and I'm always eager to learn from other perspectives. This is particularly true of this month's Modeler of the Year column, Al Doig.

Al had an impressive ability to make friends, welcome people to the hobby, and do so with a smile. I know that there are still members in the club like myself who benefitted from his kindness, but I was very young. If I missed something in my write up, please feel free to send in a note to Dale, our newsletter editor, so that these reflections are more than just my own.

Al Doig (AMA 20888) started life in Seattle but was so smart at a young age that he convinced his parents to move to San Diego at the age of four. After receiving primary education at San Diego area schools, he went to UCLA and earned a degree in electronics. During that time in the 1950s, he also became very interested in radio-controlled modeling. With his electronics background it didn't take long for Doig to consider applications of what he had learned towards RC. He designed a new system for proportional radio, calling it the ultimate in multiplex radio or "ULTI Multi" for short. This was in the late 1950s and it wasn't until 1959 that Doig published the design in *American Modeler* magazine^{1,2}. But the ULTI Multi was never fully refined or manufactured commercially.



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Al Doig at the TPG Pro/Am Thermal Contest, November 21, 1976.

In the August 1976 issue of the TPG newsletter, Ken Banks wrote a nice description of Doig's ULTI system for the layman. I'll paraphrase that here. At the time Doig developed the system, most multi-control R/C aircraft used reed systems. The transmitter broadcasted a continuous carrier, and various audio tones were superimposed on it to actuate a control. For instance, one tone controlled up elevator, and another commanded down elevator. In the absence of either tone, the elevator would go to neutral. Any "proportional" control of the elevator was the result of a pulsed signal to provide "intermediate" amounts of deflection. The limited proportional systems of the time relied on pulse rate or width encoding and mechanical decoding through a pulsed servo (as in the case of the more-famous Galloping Ghost control system.)

Doig's ULTI multi used a variable frequency tone that was controlled by the transmitter stick position. One audio band was used for each control. In the receiver a pair of fixed frequency filters located at either end of the band were used to provide an output voltage that was dependent on the position of the stick. This voltage controlled the position of the servo arm through a feedback system which used a potentiometer to sense the output arm position. Thus, the transmitter stick position could provide continuous and smooth control. Remember that back in 1959, a four-channel system weighed over 30 ounces including 8 ounces of batteries. At the 1959 Nationals, Doig placed 4th in RC using a rudder-only gas-powered model. (Additional information is available^{3,4} for those interested in pictures of Doig's ULTI multi – many refer to him as the true father of digital proportional RC!)

Other manufacturers quickly caught on and the age of digital proportional radio was launched. Space Control announced the coming of their gear in the July and August 1960 issues of *Model Airplane News* and *American Modeler*. But the first digital proportional radio gear offered for sale came when Sampey released the Sampey 404 in 1961 along with other equipment offered by Quadruplex.

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Al Doig at the TPG Pro/Am Thermal Contest, November 21, 1976.

Despite the advances, modelers were still rather stuck in their ways, oddly, especially it seemed in California where many pilots were just happy flying their reed systems. This bothered Doig, who penned an article in December 1964 for *R/C Modeler* helping the newbie understand the importance of what proportional radio meant to the world of RC control, and also an article in early 1965 on the merits of fail-safe set-ups.^{5,6} Doig not only was a smart guy but a quick wit with an absolutely amazing sense of humor. It was clear that Doig not only had a technological understanding but an ability to convey complex processes easily to the masses. *R/C Modeler* took notice of his writing skills.

In 1965, Doig became the chief engineer of the National Cash Register Corporation in Hawthorne, California. Electronic cash registers. Think of the market demand! In 1972, he moved to Dayton, Ohio to become an assistant vice president for international product development with the firm. This job required a lot of international travel. However, given his location in Dayton, he became active in Dayton-area RC clubs, including some that were just getting into the new world of RC soaring. He returned to San Diego in 1975. I'm not sure if that was a process of retirement or to be closer to his parents or both (or neither). But his return to San Diego was absolutely to TPG's great benefit.

The first mention of Doig in the TPG newsletters came as a result of the "TPG Pro-Am Contest" that was held on September 14, 1975 at Hourglass Field. This event teamed an experienced pilot ("Pro") with a novice ("Am") and was the brainchild of Jim Pike, the club's first President.

the club's first President. The tasks were three flights of 3, 4, and 5 minutes each with the Pros having the option to try for double the time, getting double points if they made it, but only half points if they did not. If the minimum time was not completed, the Pro would receive zero points. The Ams would get one point per second, up to their max. For the Pros there was a landing circle of 20 feet diameter. For the Ams the landing circle was described as "huge." Fifty points were awarded for landing in the circle. Pros were allowed to launch for Ams as many of the Ams had never been on a winch before.

25 pilots showed up for this contest. For better or worse, Al Doig (placed in the Amateur category) was paired with Larry Fogel (who was considered Pro). (For those who have a good memory that should give you pause for concern right there as my dad was in general more of a fun-fly guy than a contest pilot). Together they placed 9th as a team, and individually Doig placed 6th in the contest while Larry placed 7th. Go figure! (Larry did redeem himself by finishing third in the regular TD contest the following month.)

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

Following this initial contest, Al attended many, many, many club thermal contests. He became a mainstay at the thermal field and really connected with the concept of RC soaring. He completed LSF Level I in 1975. At first, Doig started flying a Graupner Cirrus, then a Challenger, and by March 1976 he was flying an Airtronics Aquila which served him well for several years. He built an electric winch, sharing this with club members every weekend at Hourglass. In some respects, one might say he was the first club “winchmaster” although the club title didn’t yet exist. He completed his LSF Level II on April 13, 1976. In July 1976, Don Edberg, Larry Fogel, Al Doig, Mark Smith, and Bob Freymuth traveled to Lockport Illinois to attend the SOAR Nats. They all had a great time with 42 entrants in Standard Class A, another 52 in modified Standard Class B (100” span with spoilers), and 87 in Open Class C.

In 1977, given a lack of anyone else volunteering for the position, Al Doig volunteered to take the reigns as the TPG newsletter editor. In the March 1978 issue, Al noted that “your editor finally made it to the cliffs. Despite popular opinion, I do not dislike Torrey Pines. I’m just afraid of heights and Steve Neu... Whilst munching on Dramamine I crawled to the RC pit area. Though I had arrived two hours past the time the contest was to commence, it hadn’t. I said ‘you guys better start flying before the wind comes up.’ That’s when Steve Neu got a funny look on his face.” Al did a fantastic job as TPG newsletter editor, always keeping things light and fun. Every contest he attended resulted in a write up with a report and photos, even if he wasn’t the CD. Given he attended just about every contest possible, this was a lot of writing! It seemed the guy was always writing or taking photos. Al and many TPGers attended 1977 NATS which were held in Riverside, and the 1977 LSF Annual Meet held at Dominguez College. Al’s thermaling improved significantly that year as well and he took first place at the TPG 2-meter contest in October 1977. That year he placed 5th overall in the club for thermal duration, and 2nd in 2-meter. For all of his many efforts in keeping the club newsletter going amongst contest after contest and helping others join the fun, Al was awarded the 1977 TPG Modeler of the Year trophy at the awards banquet in February of 1978. He continued as editor / club photographer for another 2-3 years. Mention the name Al Doig even today and many longer endurance TPGers will remember him and his wife Rita with a fond smile.

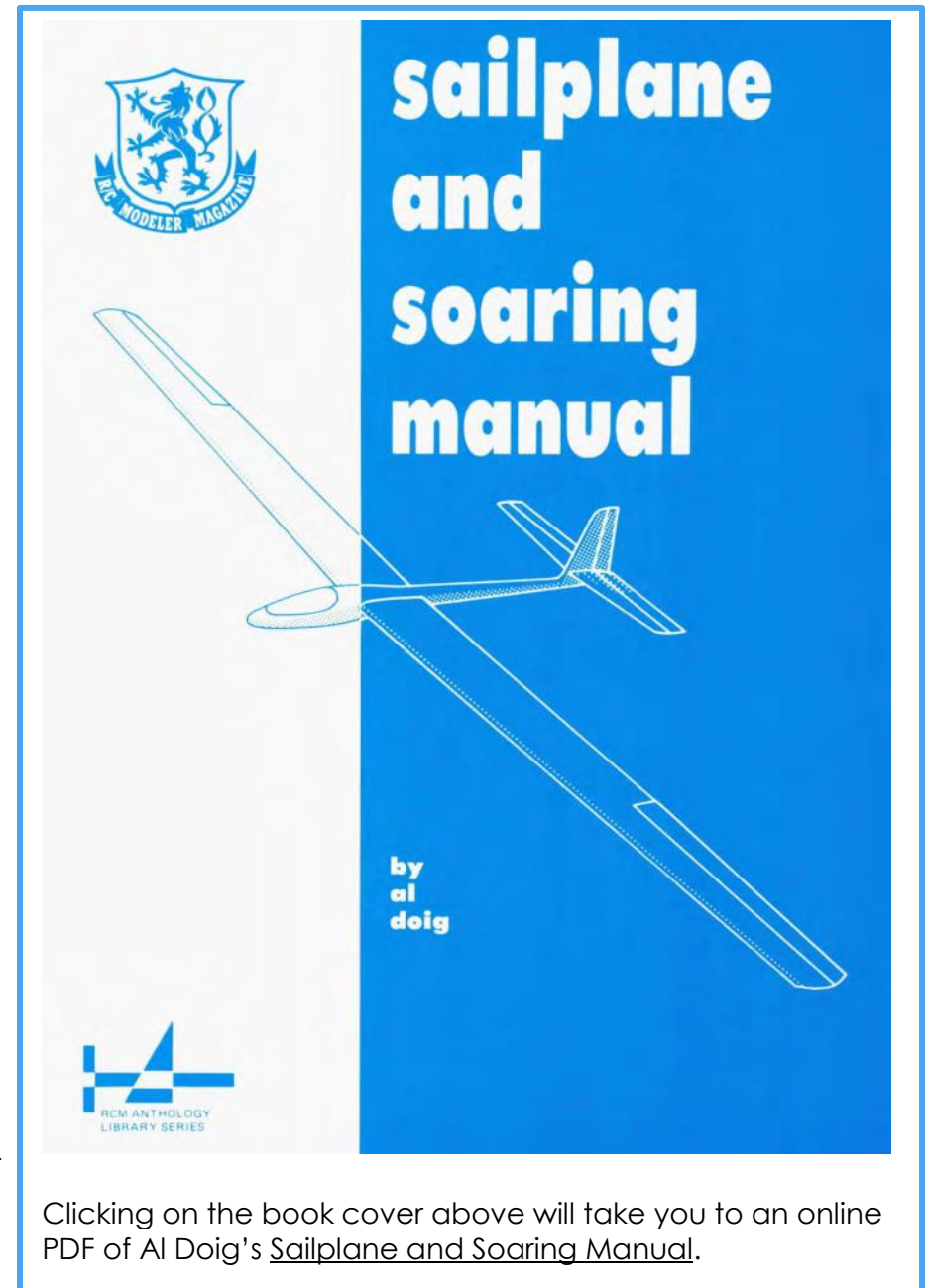
While all of the above service to TPG was going on, in the late 1970s Doig became the regular RC soaring columnist for *R/C Modeler* magazine. TPG was fortunate – Larry Fogel was authoring the RC soaring column for *Model Builder* and Al Doig was doing the same for *R/C Modeler*. As such TPG events, designs, and members made their way into these columns for readers across the nation to appreciate. This helped expand TPGs reach considerably. Doig had a tradition of ending most articles with a friendly “Howzat!” My recollection is that Don Edberg’s tenure as RC Soaring columnist for *R/C Modeler* magazine started after Doig’s tenure.

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

In 1981, Doig authored a very well known and loved “Sailplane and Soaring Manual” offered by *R/C Modeler*. (BTW those interested in seeing this guide book can find it available for free⁷). His book focused not only on general techniques for design and construction, but also soaring methods. Given Lee Renaud had just recently finished the Olympic 650 design, the latter half of the book is essentially a detailed manual for the construction and flight testing of this aircraft. If you ever wanted to know anything about an Oly 650, this is the book for you! And at that time, Doig shifted to flying the Oly 650 regularly with the club as the new 2-meter class (Class B) was really gaining in popularity.

Doig covered the 1983 RC Soaring World Championships which were held in Sacramento. This was the event where American Dwight Holley took first place and TPG's very own Don Edberg placed 7th. Doig's column reflected his wonderful humor. He wrote, “In choosing a world-class soaring site, Sacramento, California, in July, would not have been my first choice; it can get a tad warm. The site was a sheep ranch with close cropped hay stubble. Although some contestants were less than enchanted, I thought the site quite acceptable. By standing on a box one could see the nearest shade, which turned out be a tree, two hundred miles away.”⁸

Later Doig developed and wrote the *R/C Modeler* plans and instructions for Mark's Models Bird of Time. He was an early champion of Dodgson designs, especially the Windsong, flying various versions at contests throughout the west and into Canada. Doig completed his LSF Level IV (October 25, 1988) but unfortunately never was able to achieve Level V. He passed away November 4, 2003 and remains missed by many in the club.



Clicking on the book cover above will take you to an online PDF of Al Doig's [Sailplane and Soaring Manual](#).

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

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TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



John McNeil

My First Day at Torrey – Meeting Al Doig

In the January 2017 Gull Wings, Modeler of the Year for 2016 Dale Gottdank posted some history of the perpetual trophy and published pictures of the plaques that show the previous winners. Al Doig was the winner in 1977, and is the first person I met on my first visit to the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

I started flying RC in high school about 1978. My second plane was a Mark's Models Wanderer. Living in La Mesa and flying at school yards, I decided to put a Cox .049 on its nose, but it barely flew. I had been reading RC Modeler magazine (RCM) for a few years at this point, and through the monthly soaring column, knew that I lived near a world-famous soaring site – Torrey Pines. After a fair amount of cajoling my parents, they finally drove me to Torrey for a visit.

The day was beautiful, but not very windy. There were plenty of pilots, but most of them were launching from a high-start stretched back over the mound. I poked around the pits where I met one pilot flying an Oly II. I recognized the design from reading the review in RCM and used that as a conversation starter. Imagine my surprise and delight when this man introduced himself as Al Doig, soaring columnist from RCM! I told him about my “flying career” to date. He was fairly horrified that I had put a nitro engine on my Wanderer. He wanted to show me what real gliding was, so he launched his Oly and put the transmitter in my hands. Even with minimal lift, that flight was magical, and I was hooked.

I would later help my buddy with a car build his own Wanderer so he would want to drive to Torrey, and the engine came off of my Wanderer. I owe a lot to Al Doig, both for his articles in RCM, and for handing his transmitter to kid he'd never met, who claimed to know how to fly.

Next time, my first trip to Poway, where the first person I met also has his name on the Modeler of the Year trophy.

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!



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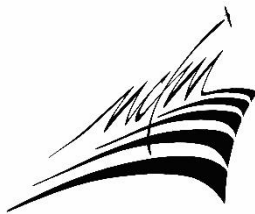


Photo of the Month Contest

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.



Launching on December LSF Day (Justin Tolman photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Poway Field on December LSF Day (Justin Tolman photo)



December DLG Season opener at Poway Field – Chuck Norris launching (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Thomas Moller's 4M ASH-26 over Torrey in November (Ian Cummings photo)




January Winner – Thomas Moller launching his 4M ASH-26 at Torrey (Ian Cummings photo)

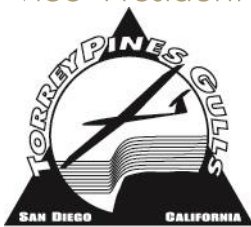
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Quote of the Month:

“It is possible to fly without motors, but not without knowledge and skill.”

~ Wilbur Wright



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Martv Dine