



# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2019

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

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## Message from the President

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Craig Hanson

Hello Gulls!

A new year – cold...bad wind direction...cold...colder.....

Safety Comes First:

Check battery, connections, and loose plugs. I can't tell you how many worn out plug connections I've seen! Also, check for worn and loose clevises.

If you have large aircraft or fast moving aircraft, spotters are a good idea. Oh yes...those poles that stick out of the ground with wind direction socks are a menace...Ha-ha! (Inside joke at the cliff).

Keep an eye on the upcoming events in this newsletter and on the website: [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org)

See you out there!

Blue Skies and West Winds,

**Craig Hanson**

TPG President

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## 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 1985 Modeler of the Year, Reg Moore. Also, Gary recounts his participation in the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics 2019 convention. Check out our new TD and DLG contest reports and make sure you're connected with our Torrey Pines Gulls Club Forum on RCGroups (see page 5).***

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. 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

Hi Gulls!

We're off to a good start this year as attendance at TD and especially DLG are being well attended. Total membership renewal thus far is 74 with many familiar names and faces. Additionally, we've added a few to our ranks, so look for new guys who may need a little help or maybe give us old timers hints to improve our flying. I'm excited to see some newbies and also get back into the sloping world.

Mark Anderson thought he had my Ahi ready, but not quite. Please, give me some decent air to learn in! I'm expecting our good start to give us momentum into the early spring.

I have a couple guys' membership cards and padlock keys in the mail; should be delivered by tomorrow. If you have sent in a request to join and paid your dues, please let me know if I haven't gotten your card and padlock key. It was pretty furious here for a while and I may have missed one or two. Call or message me at 949-395-4621 and I'll get it straightened out in a hurry!

Fly well. Fly safely and, most of all, have fun

Happy flying,

**Bill Eckles**

Membership Chairman

[tunabiker1@hotmail.com](mailto:tunabiker1@hotmail.com)



January 2019 Fun Fly (Dale Gottdank photo)

## 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](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 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 students                       \$30 per year
- ✓ Juniors under 15 years               \$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.

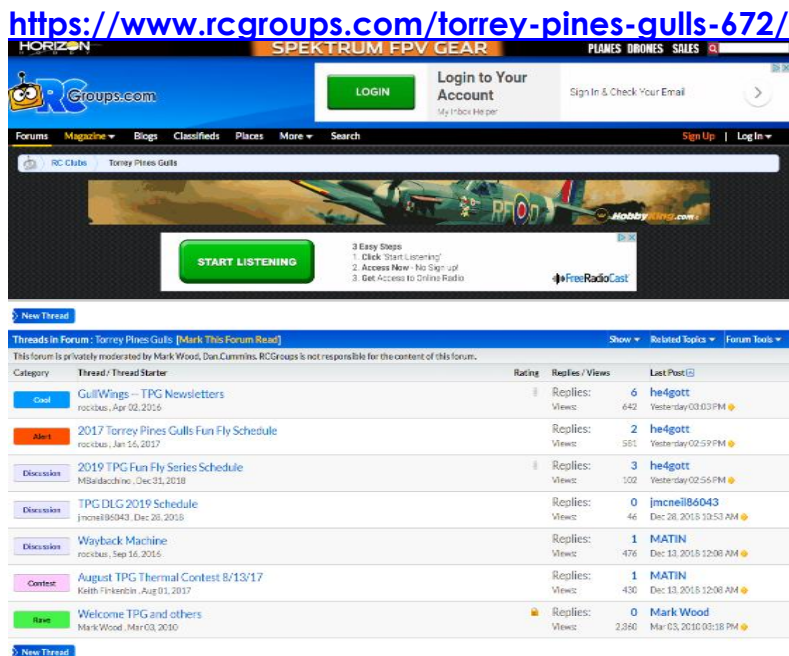
## RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

Are you a member of ?

If you're not...**you should be!** RCGroups is the most widely used and active online Radio Control Community for everything RC, from planes to cars, to boats, drones, radios, power systems...pretty much anything RC! It includes forums, specific interest threads, blogs, discussions, etc....and, more importantly, The Torrey Pines Gulls Forum.

To get started, click on the link or web page below to get to the TPG Club forum. You can also get there from the **Clubs** link at the lower right of the RCGroups home page and scroll down to Torrey Pines Gulls.

<https://www.rcgroups.com/torrey-pines-gulls-672/>



Category	Thread / Thread Starter	Rating	Replies / Views	Last Post
Club	GullWings - TPG Newsletters roccles, Apr 02, 2016		Replies: 6 Views: 642	he4gott Yesterday 03:03 PM
Alert	2017 Torrey Pines Gulls Fun Fly Schedule roccles, Jan 16, 2017		Replies: 2 Views: 501	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule MBaradachino, Dec 31, 2018		Replies: 3 Views: 102	he4gott Yesterday 02:56 PM
Discussion	TPG DLG 2019 Schedule jmcneil86043, Dec 28, 2018		Replies: 0 Views: 46	jmcneil86043 Dec 28, 2018 10:53 AM
Discussion	Wayback Machine roccles, Sep 16, 2016		Replies: 1 Views: 476	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Pinkerton, Aug 01, 2017		Replies: 1 Views: 430	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
Item	Welcome TPG and others MarkWood, Mar 03, 2010		Replies: 0 Views: 2,840	Mark Wood Mar 03, 2010 03:18 PM

If you haven't yet joined RCGroups, click on the **Sign Up** link at the upper right and follow the instructions.

Once you've navigated to the Torrey Pines Gulls Forum, you can subscribe to the Forum or to any of the individual threads within the Forum.

To subscribe to the Forum, click the **Forum Tools** link and select "Subscribe to This Forum" from the dropdown menu. Then choose from the notification dropdown menu. If you want to subscribe to a specific thread, click to open the thread, and click the **Thread Tools** link. Select "Subscribe to This Thread" from the dropdown menu. Again, choose from the notification dropdown menu.

Unlike the Yahoo Forum, RCGroups allows you to post photos and videos. By subscribing, you can keep up with the latest events, club activities and member postings.

## What do **YOU** think?

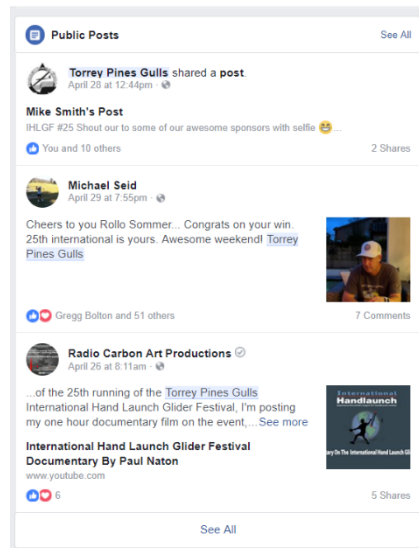
**You** can express your opinion at: [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org).

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.

## Check out the TPG Facebook Page

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

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



## Join the Yahoo Forum!

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999 by club member Lenny Brzezinski. 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**.

## Club Flying Site Panoramas – Ian Cummings

Here are Ian Cummings' immersive panoramas of our world class flying sites; the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport, Poway Flight Center, where each year the club sponsors the IHLGF (International Hand Launch Glider Festival) and the Encinitas Flight Center. Clicking on the pictures takes you to our sites:

**Click on this photo to visit the Torrey Pines Gliderport.**



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



**Click on this photo to visit the TPG Encinitas Flight Center.**



## News from the Slope – Mark Baldacchino, Slope Coordinator



Mark Baldacchino

### Hi Gulls!

A fairly calm month as far as flying at Torrey last month due to light winds and rain. The beginning of the month yielded some nice wind, as did the end of the month. Some action photos from January 6<sup>th</sup> out at the Gliderport.

Below, Ian Cummings enjoys some fresh air and a good breeze, while Thomas Moller launches Stephen Peters' Arcus.



Mark Baldacchino photo



Mark Baldacchino photo

## News from the Slope (continued)

Our scheduled January 19<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly Kickoff event was fairly uneventful as the wind decided to take a break that day, but the camaraderie was world class, which gave us time to catch up with each other. Here's some photos of that day:



(Mark Baldacchino photo)



(Mark Baldacchino photo)



Glassy seas (Mark Baldacchino photo)



...and a great place to sell off some planes (Mark Baldacchino photo)



Dale Gottdank photo

## News from the Slope (continued)

### SAFETY



### TIP

Cliff rescues occur 3-4 times per year at Torrey. The Gliderport is frequently used as a landing zone for the Rescue Helicopter. Obviously, we need to land our gliders to make room for the Heli. If you hear or see an ambulance or fire trucks at Torrey, be prepared for the Flight Director to ask all Gliders (RC, PG and HG) to clear the air for the rescue copter.



Torrey Pines Glider port Schedule: Note the added April 7<sup>th</sup> F3F race

- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – Followed by Happy Hour @ AleSmith Brewery
- Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday/ April 14<sup>th</sup> Backup day – Torrey Pines Classic F3F Race. Open to all, register on the Vault.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Foamies
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - Katie Martin Int'l Tribute – Not a Gulls Only Fun Fly event, but International Event
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – TWF/PNF – that's Twisty Wings & Pointy Nosed birds
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Scalies
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Old School Vintage/ Crunchies
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – No Shopping Saturday

Best Regards,

**Mark Baldacchino**  
Slope Coordinator  
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## Club Competition Activity

### Thermal Duration

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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/march-thermal-duration-4-4/?instance\\_id=360](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/march-thermal-duration-4-4/?instance_id=360), or contact Cliff Hunter at [cfhunter@att.net](mailto:cfhunter@att.net)

### Hand Launch / DLG

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Gary Fogel

#### DLG Coordinator – Gary Fogel

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 Gary Fogel at [gfogel@natural-selection.com](mailto:gfogel@natural-selection.com)

Additional information will be shown in the F3X Vault site ([https://www.f3xvault.com/?action=location&function=location\\_view&location\\_id=2002](https://www.f3xvault.com/?action=location&function=location_view&location_id=2002)) 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?3176895-2019-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-DLG-Contest-Clinic-Series>

## Thermal Duration Contest Report – Cliff Hunter

The 2019 TD contests have started slowly due to December and January being rained out.

All TD contests are held at the Encinitas flying site, located at 2099 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA 9204 – old landfill. There are two gates with keyed access. The following are Encinitas Field Regulations:

- Radio Controlled Sailplanes Only – NO Power or Electric flying allowed
- Club Members in good standing only – Guests welcome
- Gates shall remain locked for landfill security.
- Hours of Operation 8am – 6pm 7, days a week
- No flying within 100 feet of power lines located to the north and over the homes, west, and south of the field
- No flying entry to site after a rain of ¼ inch or more for at least 5 full days
- Maintenance will occur between the hours of 8am – 5pm Monday –Friday.
- No Driving on the landfill – stay on roadway or defined parking areas
- Wells & Methane piping shall be protected at all times from damage by sailplanes. No climbing or driving on or near methane system
- Please maintain a peaceful and quiet flying area.
- Remove your trash and put in trash cans at site.
- For Emergencies, dial 9-1-1 Field location is 2099 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA 92024.
- For TPG Club needs or concerns, please contact Field Safety Officer Cliff Hunter at 760-703-4497.

### Torrey Pines Gulls Thermal Duration Contest Schedule 2019

Date	Contest Director*	Comments/Tasks
December 9, 2018	Cliff Hunter	Canceled due to rain
January 13, 2019	Cliff Hunter	Canceled due to rain
February 10, 2019	Cliff Hunter	Tasks –Poker draw
March 10, 2019	Tom Watson	Tasks -TBD
April 14, 2019	Steve Condon	Tasks -7,8,9,10
May 5, 2019	Open*	
June 9, 2019	Open*	
July 14, 2019	Tom Watson	Tasks TBD
August 11, 2019	Open*	
September 8, 2019	Open*	
October 13, 2019	Open*	
November 10, 2019	Open*	
December 15, 2019	Open*	Rain Date

\*We are looking for, and need CD'S for Contest Director open months.

## Thermal Duration Contest Report (continued)



The following is the contest format we use:

- Thermal Duration Spring Contest, may be AMA sanctioned, AMA cards required to fly.
- Pilots Meeting: 8:45 am
- Entry Fee: \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 non-members **Contest Director** does not pay the entry fee! All fees go to maintenance of the equipment and field.
- Contest Starts: 9:00 am; ends around noon.
- Field mowed grass or dirt depending on the time of year
- Three Classes: Masters, Experts and Sportsman
- Computer Scoring at the field

**Tasks:** normally are 4 rounds, time in the air soaring, in minutes.

**Scoring:** normally 900 flight points and 100 landing points.  
The task and scoring are determined by the Contest Director (CD)

## DLG Contest Report – Gary Fogel

On January 19 we had a nice showing of pilots for our first discus launch glider contest of the year. 16 pilots had signed up. In the end, 15 showed in addition to several timers who we hope will enter as pilots next month. The contest was officially the “Rollo Invitational II” as Roland Sommer had made the trip from Germany. Not to be outdone, Nate Sjoberg also made the trip from Sweden. When TPG advertises a monthly contest, we pull them in from everywhere!

The field was very green after a solid week of rain. The thermals, however, were there but weak and really didn't start developing more regularly until about the third round of the contest. It required some patience to eke out times in zero sink. Building high pressure aloft made it difficult.

At about 10:50am, after the end of Round 4, we took a break to learn about how to transport DLGs in sport tubes for international travel, but also to see if the launch of the ULA Delta IV rocket would be visible from Vandenberg AFB. This would have been spectacular in the evening, but as it was, the rocket launched on YouTube but we didn't see a thing in the sky. Was it really a launch or just a Hollywood stunt? We'll never know.



In addition to a great group of pilots, look how green that Poway grass is!

## DLG Contest Report (continued)

After that, play resumed, and we finished the contest with all up last downs to see who could throw to orbit. Some pilots make it seem like they are using rocket boost. Not me. It was great to see Dale Osborn win in Sportsman with his new Snipe. Also it was great to see Cliff Hunter enjoying DLG again. Thanks to everyone who helped with setup and take down, especially Don Lochhead with his excellent notes on how to set up and run one of these things. If you haven't CD'd a contest before, this is a good one to try! If you are interested, let me know. The next contest in the series is February 16, with our own Don Lochhead as CD. Come out and have fun and learn some new skills.

Below are the final scores from F3X Vault. Rollo takes it with a perfect score...

### Preliminary Overall Standings

Add Scoring Round ▾

#### Rounds (1-6)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops In Effect)						Sub	Drop	Pen	Percent
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6				
1	<b>5</b> Roland Sommer	6000		1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				100%
2	<b>15</b> Jun Catacutan 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5920	-80	987	983	950	1000	1000	1000				99%
3	<b>10</b> Mike Smith 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5915	-5	990	928	997	1000	1000	1000				99%
4	<b>2</b> Gary Fogel 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5851	-64	1000	1000	870	998	983	1000				98%
5	<b>8</b> Hakan Nate Sjoberg	5834	-17	965	926	1000	990	953	1000				97%
6	<b>16</b> Michael Seid 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5808	-26	983	954	910	1000	961	1000				97%
7	<b>3</b> Brent Lytle 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5760	-48	988	943	901	1000	928	1000				96%
8	<b>6</b> Marc Maher 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5673	-87	949	861	993	993	877	1000				95%
9	<b>13</b> Brian Chirrick 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5557	-116	975	924	839	983	988	848				93%
10	<b>11</b> Chuck Norris	5456	-101	847	841	904	1000	864	1000				91%
11	<b>4</b> Justin Tolman 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	5407	-49	945	843	755	987	955	922				90%
12	<b>7</b> Jim Lytle 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	4580	-827	854	781	775	813	763	594				76%
13	<b>1</b> Don Lochhead 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	4368	-212	715	561	681	966	828	617				73%
14	<b>12</b> Dale Osborn 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	3980	-388	754	544	603	742	731	606				66%
15	<b>14</b> Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	3355	-625	555	411	484	735	774	396				56%
16	<b>17</b> Walk On One	0	-3355	0	0	0	0	0	0				0%
17	<b>9</b> Lex Mierop 🇺🇸 🇵🇭	0		0	0	0	0	0	0				0%

## LSF Report – Ray Pili



There was no scheduled LSF event in January, so as a reminder, here are the scheduled events for 2019 (I fixed August and December days from last month's report). All events fall on a Saturday.

### 2019 LSF Attempt Days

- Feb 9
- Apr 13
- Jun 8
- Aug 10
- Oct 12
- Dec 7
- There will be a Goal and Return Day scheduled, since a few of us are trying for 1 km G&R.

As a reminder, this chart is a list of tasks for each level of LSF. If you are a competent RC Pilot, Level 1 should be easily achievable. I still think a ringer can complete Level 1 in one day. Start out at Poway and knock out the landing and thermal tasks then head to Torrey for the easy-peasy slope task. It would be nice for someone to take on this challenge and maybe write an article for the AMA magazine.

Section 12 - SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Level	Primary	Intermediate			Advanced
	I	II	III	IV	V
Thermal Duration	5 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes	1 hour	2 hours
Slope Duration	15 minutes*	1 hour*	2 hours*	4 hours*	8 hours
Precision Spot Landings	5 landings 3m (9.84ft) or less	10 landings 1.5m (4.92ft) or less	None	None	None
Goal and Return	None	None	1 km (0.62 mile)	2 km (1.24 miles)	10 km (6.2 miles)
Competition	None	6 contests** with 1 place or 3,000 points	6 contests** with 2 places or 4,500 points	6 contests** with 2 places and 1 win or 6,000 points	6 contests** with 12,000 points including 3 wins

\*A second thermal flight which meets the basic Thermal Duration requirement for this Level may be flown in lieu of the Slope Duration requirement. However, the second thermal flight may not be flown on the same day as the first.

Here's a link to the Voucher Form and explanation of the Soaring Accomplishments Program of the League of Silent Flight.

<https://www.silentflight.org/images/documents/LSF-BLUE-SHEET-DEC-2018.pdf>

Blue Skies,

**Ray Pili**

LSF Coordinator

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## AIAA SciTech 2019 – Gary Fogel

Each year the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics (AIAA) has a large conference in January called AIAA SciTech (<https://scitech.aiaa.org/About/>). It rotates between San Diego, Orlando, and Texas annually. This year it was held in San Diego and I'd estimate that about 5,000 people attended at the convention center downtown. The meeting runs for an entire week. There are many sessions in parallel, some on the latest in aerospace, other forums to discuss specific topics, etc. This year there was a very popular technical session on aerospace history that I was pleased to be a part of. Over 25 papers were in the session, presented at various times during the week. I had the pleasure of having three papers accepted, one on an early aviatrix in San Diego named Ruth Alexander, another on the formation of the Aero Club of California, and a third as a comparison of wing warping approaches between the Wright Brothers and John Montgomery. All three of these had a connection to gliding - Ruth was the second woman in the US to earn a second-class glider license (Anne Lindbergh predated her in this by just a few weeks) and Ruth also was the first female glider instructor in the US. The Aero Club of California (based in LA) was the state's first club dedicated to aviation and also held the first glider contest in state history in 1909. The winner of that contest flew his hang glider for a distance of about 25 feet. Lastly of course Montgomery was working on his early gliders here near San Diego in the 1880s and those efforts were instrumental in the wing warping he used in 1904-1905 in the bay area. As it turns out, both the Wrights and Montgomery patented their wing warping systems, and the same patent examiner at the US Patent Office reviewed them at nearly the same time, approving them both.

Also, 2019 represents the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing, and I had the pleasure of leading a technical session on this history at the meeting. Later, one of the original Apollo astronauts Dave Scott and others joined in a wonderful panel to review the history associated with the guidance computer on Apollo. The video from that panel is available to view for free at:

<https://scitech.aiaa.org/Engineers-Astronaut-Discuss-Their-Apollo-Experiences/>

Other remembrances of Apollo are being arranged for this year - and some might be especially interested in an even being arranged by the San Diego Air and Space Museum to honor the crew of Apollo 9. Our local museum is fortunate to have the original Apollo 9 command module "Gumdrop" and we are also fortunate that the three crew members are still alive. Tickets are now available for a gala that will be held at the museum on March 13 to honor these heroes. For more information:

<http://sandiegoairandspace.org/calendar/event/50th-anniversary-of-apollo-9>

## TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



### This Month: Reg Moore, 1985 Modeler of the Year

Reggie (Reg) Moore is another one of those Gulls that I just do not have a lot of information about. The newsletters suggest that he joined the TPG in about 1981 and volunteered quickly to serve as Treasurer in 1982. But oddly, none of the 1982 newsletters mention anything about him, indicating that as a newbie he was still just getting the hang of RC and wasn't yet interested in contests (either thermal or slope).

Reg kindly continued as Treasurer in 1983 (There is that thing about momentum – Board positions that are in motion stay in motion). In 1983 he began to try his luck with thermal duration contests, specifically for the popular 2-meter class, placing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 19 in the June contest. By October his luck was improving ... he placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 20.

In 1984 Reg continued once again as Treasurer (Newton was pleased again). But by this time he was also entering slope contests in addition to thermal duration, placing 8<sup>th</sup> of 9 in the March slope race at Torrey. In June 1984 at the club thermal contest he placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 14 in 2-meter, and 6<sup>th</sup> out of 19 in open. In August he placed third at the monthly TD contest in 2-meter. He finally placed first at the October TD contest in 2-meter and 5<sup>th</sup> in open. The skills were definitely improving!

As the TPG Board meetings were often held at his house, Reg continued as Treasurer again in 1985. (Ah, the lure of money).



## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

This was at a time when people would regularly volunteer for new positions in the club, so to have someone hold an office for four years in a row was considered seriously above and beyond the call of duty. Reg kept flying and doing well at contests – and of course volunteered again in 1986 to serve as Treasurer. (Why not?) By now Reg was routinely placing in the top 3 in contests. He had finished 1985 in third overall in both Open Class TD and 2-meter TD.

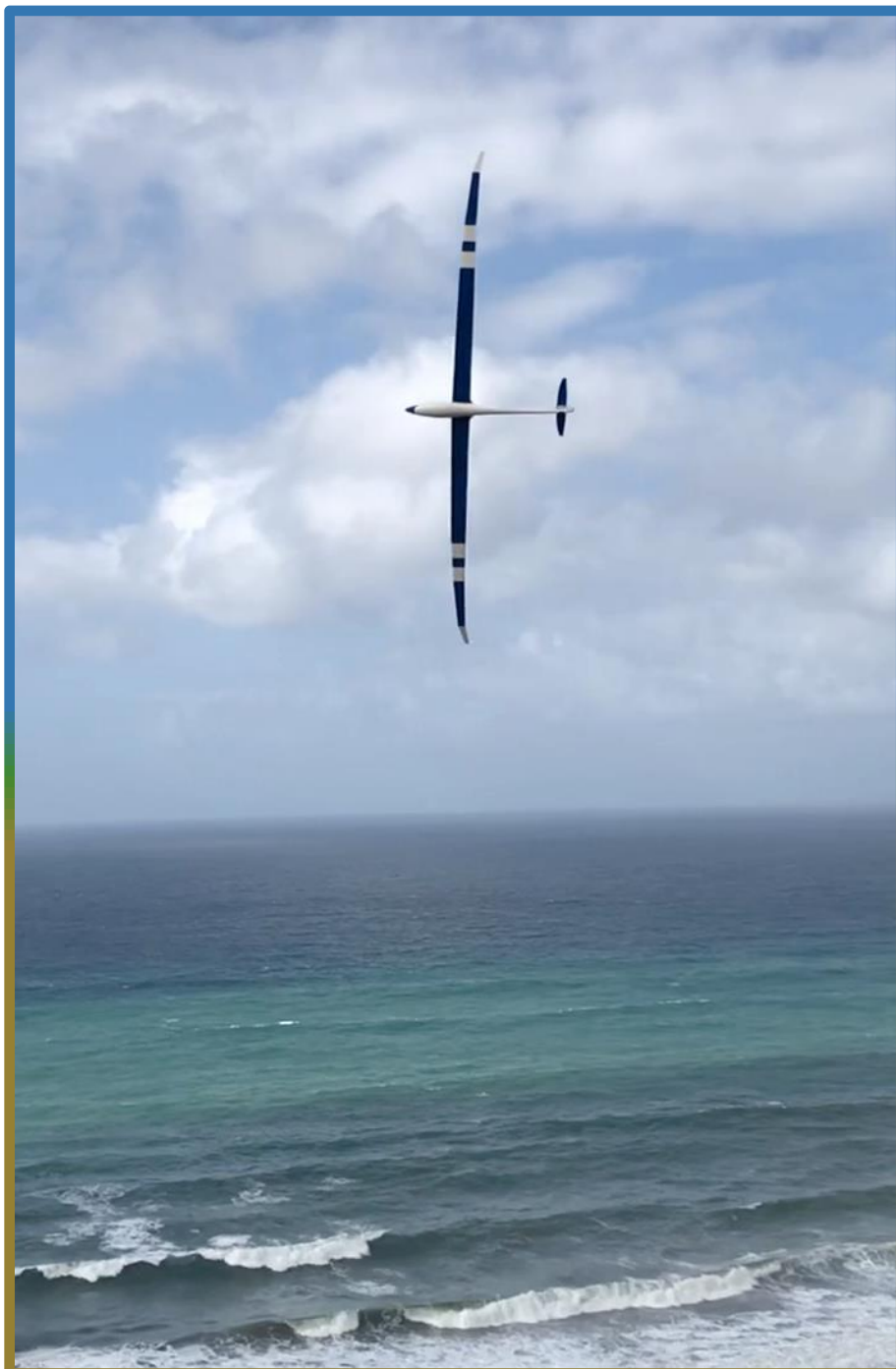
In those days the annual award banquet was held in February instead of December to honor the prior year's awards. So in 1986 the Awards Banquet (for effort in 1985) was held February 15 at the Jolly Roger Restaurant on Clairemont Mesa Blvd between Convoy and 163 (and yes, the restaurant is still there!). Al Doig was the featured speaker, and showed slides of his recent trip flying RC in New Zealand and Australia. Also at the time, votes by the membership were cast for Member of the Year. And the race was tight with Reg Moore, Steven O'Leary, and Hap Merrifield nearly tying. But in the end, Reg won and the Modeler of the Year Award was presented to him given his long-standing service as Treasurer, and because "he has been involved in making many of the club activities successful and he is a heckuva nice guy besides." His trophy was presented by the previous year's winner John Menard.

Reg went on to still be Treasurer in 1987 (!), but finally ended his term on the Board in 1988. I don't really know what became of him after that. But one thing is clear – Reg Moore liked being around the money! If you know more about Reg or where he might be today please let me know.

## 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](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com). Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.



**January Winner** – Steve Condon's LET JS1 at Torrey (Mike Smith photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Thomas Moller launches his 4m ASH-26 with Ian Cummings on the sticks (Justin Tolman photo)



Thomas Moller launches his 4m ASH-26 with Ian Cummings on the sticks (Justin Tolman photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Thomas Moller launches Steffen Peters' Arcus (Mark Baldacchino photo)



**February Winner** – Thomas Moller launches Steffen Peters' Arcus (Justin Tolman photo)

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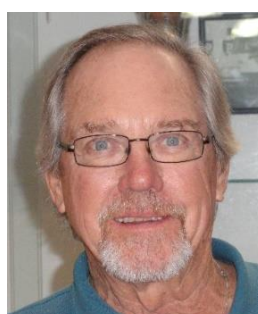
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Cliff Hunter



Mark Baldacchino



Bill Eckles



Mark Canfield



## Quote of the Month:

*“Groundhog found fog. New snows and blue toes. Fine and dandy for Valentine candy. Snow spittin'; if you're not mitten-smitten, you'll be frostbitten! By jing-y feels spring-y.”*

*~ Old Farmers Almanac*



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Marty Dine