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Message from the President

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Craig Hanson

Happy New Year...TPG's 50th!!!
Another year over and another on its way!

The weather has been a little rough at Torrey with a few good days this winter.

Our annual dues are due, so let's help the club and get them in. Great Christmas party at AleSmith; and a big shout out to Ian for the AV show on the big screen. Keep 'em flying!

Blue Skies,

Craig Hanson

TPG President

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 **Our 2019 Award Winners** 

The annual holiday party held at AleSmith Brewing Company was a great success. Delicious Mexican food from the food truck and great brews at the bar made for a fun club get-together. Lots of us brought cookies and snacks for dessert and we were treated to a great slide show of TPG photos from the past year, assembled by Ian Cummings.



We voted for 2020 club officers (see the next to last page for the list of new and returning Executive Council and other officers).

And of course, we awarded trophy plaques for the winners of club competitions and Modeler of the Year. Due to the low turnout for TD contests, no awards were given in this category.



For DLG, the winners were:

Open Class

- 1st Chuck Norris
- 2nd Gary Fogel
- 3rd John McNeil

Sportsman Class

- 1st Dale Osborn
- 2nd Cliff Hunter
- 3rd Dan Gebhardt

Modeler of the Year

Chuck Norris



Here's Chuck with the Mark's Models Perpetual Award Trophy, a personal Modeler of the Year Plaque and his 1st Place DLG Open Class Plaque. Congrats, Chuck!

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

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**



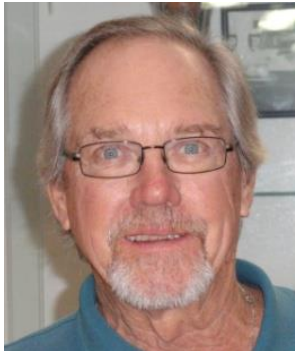
Dale Gottdank

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!

Happy New Year to TPG! This is a big one...the 50th anniversary of our organization!

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

Best regards,
Hi Gulls!

As 2020 begins, I'm continuing to sign up new memberships and renewals with a new card and new pad lock key giving us all a new start on our fiscal year, officially the calendar year 2020.

Thanks to you all for the support you've given the club and we look forward to renewed memberships this year. I'll hope to avoid the bumps in the road that I ran into last year. Happy New Year!

Thrilling, but safe soaring to you into and through 2020.

Best regards,

Bill Eckles

Membership Chairman

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
- ✓ 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 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/>



Threads in Forum : Torrey Pines Gulls [Mark This Forum Read]

This forum is privately moderated by Mark Wood, Dan Cummins. RCGroups is not responsible for the content of this forum.

Category	Thread / Thread Starter	Rating	Replies / Views	Last Post
Guid	GullWings – TPG Newsletters roccias, Apr 02, 2016		Replies: 6 Views: 642	he4gott Yesterday 03:03 PM
Alert	2017 Torrey Pines Gulls Fun Fly Schedule roccias, Jan 16, 2017		Replies: 2 Views: 551	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule MBaradachno, Dec 31, 2018		Replies: 3 Views: 102	he4gott Yesterday 02:56 PM
Discussion	TPG DLG 2019 Schedule jmcnel86043, Dec 28, 2018		Replies: 0 Views: 46	jmcnel86043 Dec 28, 2018 12:53 AM
Discussion	Wayback Machine roccias, Sep 16, 2016		Replies: 1 Views: 476	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Finkestein, Aug 01, 2017		Replies: 1 Views: 430	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
New	Welcome TPG and others Mark Wood, Mar 03, 2010		Replies: 0 Views: 2,860	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 old 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.

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. It's not as up-to-date as the RCGroups Forum, but there is occasionally new content worth checking out:

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



The screenshot shows the Facebook page for Torrey Pines Gulls. The page header includes the name "Torrey Pines Gulls" and navigation options like "Dale", "Home", and "Create". The profile picture is a circular logo with "TORREY PINES GULLS" and a stylized bird. The cover photo shows two people in a field with a large white and red glider. Below the cover photo are interaction buttons: "Liked", "Following", "Share", and "Send Message". The main content area has a "Write a post..." box with options for "Photo/Video", "Tag Friends", and "Check in". The "Photos" section shows a post with a rainbow and the text "Come try your luck with us March 17, 2018 TPG Poway glider field DLG Clinic and Contest". The right sidebar contains "Community" statistics (668 likes, 700 followers), "About" information (website, organization), and "Page Transparency" details.

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.

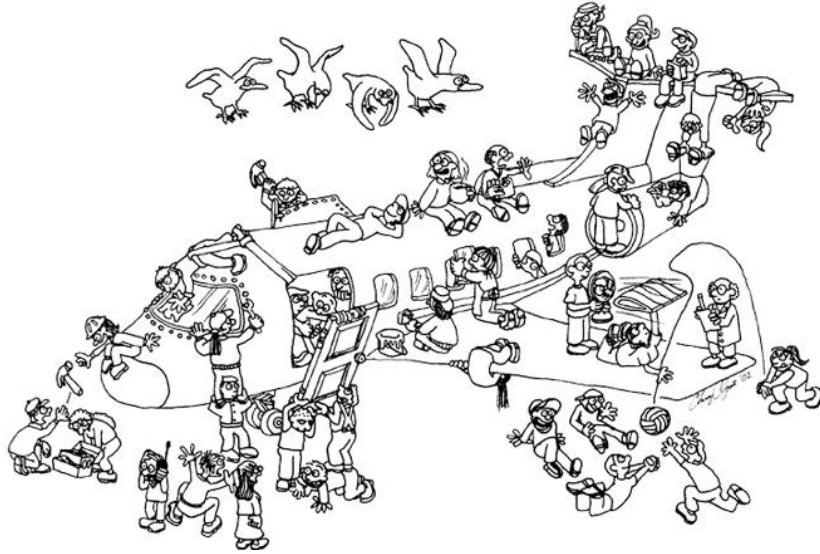


Click on this photo to visit the TPG Encinitas Flight Center.



Fun for Builders! – Ward Hagaman

Model airplane building is not DEAD!!!



Yes, some of us still build what we fly. If you're a builder, or just interested in getting back into building...or just want to hang out with your flying buds, come hang out at Ward Hagaman's garage!

A group of intrepid modeler/pilots have started getting together monthly to build, and repair their aircraft as well as learn some new building techniques and of course, swap stories.

Bring any tools and building supplies you may need (and your kit of course!)

Ward Hagaman has graciously offered to host these monthly build parties at his house at:
6387 Lakewood Street
San Diego, CA 92122



Builders building at Ward's first build night (Ward Hagaman Photo)

The next build night is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, January 8. If anyone would like to come over and build, or BS, or both, Ward plans to be out in the garage from 5 PM until 9 or so.**

News from the Slope – Mark Baldacchino, Slope Coordinator



Mark Baldacchino

Happy New Year and Happy 50th Anniversary, TP Gulls!



What an honor it is to belong to a RC club that has withstood the test of time; it really speaks for itself of the camaraderie of our members! I've belonged to several RC car and boat clubs in the past four decades, and can honestly tell you that the Torrey Pines Gulls is by far the best! What I mean is that the members here are the most enthusiastic, helpful, friendly, and want to do best for the club, than I'VE EVER seen! In fact, there are others who belonged to the San Diego Argonauts, i.e. Bob Hirsch, who has rejoined our club after 25 years. Look for Bob to be a great asset to the TPG as he's one of the most kind and helpful guys you'll ever meet. Let's keep up the momentum going this year to build-up our membership, keep flying safely, and working together with the Gliderport folks to keep our presence at the slope.

We didn't have a fun fly in December, but there were a few flyable days from what I heard. I flew one day in the middle of the month, which kept me on my toes, as it seemed like there was someone there with their fingers on the "wind switch." In other words, if you weren't paying attention to your planes' lift situation, you were headed to the beach. A few of us got to practice some unexpected downwind landings.

On the following page is the 2020 Gliderport schedule. Looking forward to seeing you all at the slope.

Best Regards,

Mark Baldacchino

Slope Coordinator

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News from the Slope (continued)

Put these dates in your phone, your Outlook calendar, wall calendar, or just print it out, and put in on your fridge.

TPG Glider Port Schedule for 2020:

- Jan 25th – TPG 50th Anniversary Kickoff Event. Bring what you have.
- Feb 22nd – Fly 'n Swap – A day to fly + Swap Meet. Clean out your garages and make room for more birds.
- Mar 28th – Scale Planes – Both TPG & TPSSS Fun Fly Day
- Apr 5th Sunday/April 12th Backup day – **This date is tentative, and subject to change:** Torrey Pines Classic F3F Race. Open to all, register on the Vault.
- May 9th – Foamies
- June 6th – Katie Martin Int'l Tribute – Not a Gulls Only Fun Fly event, but an International Event!
- July 25th – Aerobatics Day - TWF/ PNF – Jesters, Ahis, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime.
- Aug 22nd – TPG 50th Anniversary Again. Run-What-You-Brung.
- Sept 26st – Old School Vintage/Woodies
- Nov 28th – No Shopping Saturday



Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration



Tom Watson

TD Coordinator – Tom Watson

For Thermal Duration and F5J contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website:

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

For contest rules, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/torrey-pines-gulls-thermal-competition-rules/>

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2020 TPG TD contest schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3479943-2020-TPG-TD-contest-schedule>

or contact Tom Watson at tewatson@sbcglobal.net

Hand Launch / DLG / F3K



Chuck Norris

DLG Coordinator – Chuck Norris

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/>

Additional information will be shown in the F3X Vault site (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.

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2020 Torrey Pines Gulls DLG Contest/Clinic Series thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3475065-2020-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-DLG-Contest-Clinic-Series>

or contact Chuck Norris at chuck@clnorris.com

Club Competition Activity (continued)

F5J - Thermal Duration with Electric Motor and Altimeter/Motor Run Timer



Steve Condon

CD – Steve Condon

This event is open to all electric sailplanes, so anyone that with an electric model (Radian, Sport model, etc.) can give it a try. However, it is important to state that all airplanes must be equipped with an approved F5J Competition Altimeter.

If you don't have one, SoaringUSA sells several for around \$60. Click here to check out the Altis Nano:

<https://www.soaringusa.com/Altis-Competition-Altimeter-NANO.html>

Entry Fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Two pilot classes will be flown: *Sportsman and Expert*.

To learn more about F5J, follow this link:

<http://www.f5j-usa.com/f5j-primer/>

For F5J and Thermal Duration contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2020 TPG F5J contest schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3479945-2020-TPG-F5J-contest-schedule>

Steve Condon, CD

Thermal Duration/F5J Update – Tom Watson

As TPG's new Thermal Coordinator, I hope to build interest in our monthly contests not only from within the club ranks, but from the outside as well. TD contest participation across all of the SoCal clubs is on the decline, and events like the Visalia Fall Soaring Festival are also taking a big hit. Fewer accessible flying fields is a big factor, as well as the static pilot demographic...not much new blood coming into the hobby.

On the flip side, interest in F5J is on the rise and we hope this will help reinvigorate our contest series. Our 2020 thermal calendar consists of 10 events – alternating each month between traditional TD at the Encinitas field and F5J at Poway, with August and December off.

In addition to the club web site and monthly e-mail notifications, the contest schedule is posted on RC Groups, in the TPG forum and the Sailplane Events forum. These will be updated with contest announcements through the year:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3479943-2020-TPG-TD-contest-schedule>

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3479945-2020-TPG-F5J-contest-schedule>

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3480283-2020-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-TD-F5J-contest-schedule>

Our first contest is on January 12th at Encinitas, so come join us for some flying and camaraderie. Help spread the word to other pilots and clubs if you can.

Finally, my sincere thanks to Cliff Hunter for all his past work supporting TPG's thermal program, and his ongoing help supporting me.

Tom
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Thermal Duration/F5J Update (continued)



The following is the contest format we use:

- Thermal Duration Soring 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)

F3K/DLG Hand Launch Gliders

November Postal Report – Ray Pili

I Shems on RCGroups is promoting DLG flying over the winter months from November through March. We TPGers usually suffer wearing long pants and maybe a sweatshirt when flying. But for I Shem, who is from Europe, and DLG pilots from the northern hemisphere, snow is an issue.

I Shem has a thread on RCGroups with details on the Winter Postal (WP) (<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2031476-F3K-Winter-postal-competition/page24>).

In a nutshell, I Shem posts monthly tasks, and you fly the task. You can keep improving your score until the month ends. I Shems provides a scorecard to record your results, along with weather information, 1 or 1.5 m, so you can compare with others in a friendly competition. The monthly tasks are not your typical FAI F3K tasks, by any means. The tasks are announced in the RCGroups thread, a link to the score sheet and the results can be found on the thread. People have been posting photos. It's fun to see who's flying and the conditions they have to work with.



Ryan (rdwoebke) from Indianapolis

Scoring is on your honor and there is no prize.

A TPG Winter Postal series was set up at the Poway field, starting in November 2019 and are all on Saturdays.

The remaining dates are:

Jan 25, Feb 8 and March 7. An F3K Vault registration will be set up for each event, with a couple of warmup tasks prior to the main event.

November Postal Report (continued)

Nov 30th was the initial WP event. The task was called “3, 4, 5 in 6”. You have a 20 min window and you score your three best flights with a max of 3, 4 and 5 min max. 6 flights only.

We had 6 pilots attend. Ron and Austin from Riverside and the rest from TPG.



L to R, Ray, Austin, Ron, Gary, Cliff and Don

We flew two warm up tasks; Big Ladder and 1,2,3,4. Then 3, 4, 5 in 6.

Don and Gary scored Ks on the Big Ladder with Austin coming in 26 seconds behind Gary with a 956.

1,2,3,4 – Gary and I scored K's with Austin next with a 770.

These were warm up tasks and the air was getting better so on to 3, 4, 5 in 6.

Austin, Gary and I scored K's, Ron with a Deviant flew a fantastic 974 dropping 19 seconds and Cliff right behind with a 933. Don wasn't so lucky.

Round 3		F3K Task E - Poker (Pilot Nominated)							Raw Score	Normalized Score
Pilot Name	Group	Times					= Total			
		Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5				
1	2 Austin Gossard	A	3:00	4:00	5:00			= Total 12m 00s	720	1000
2	6 Ron Rossetti	A	2:41	4:00	5:00			= Total 11m 41s	701	974
3	5 Clifford Hunter	A	2:12	4:00	5:00			= Total 11m 12s	672	933
4	1 Ray Pili	B	3:00	4:00	5:00			= Total 12m 00s	720	1000
5	7 Gary Fogel	B	3:00	4:00	5:00			= Total 12m 00s	720	1000
6	3 Don Lochhead	B	1:39	1:58	3:20			= Total 6m 57s	417	579

Reflights

The WP Tasks are a new twist and December's task was even more interesting.

Blue Skies,

Ray Pili
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F3K/DLG Hand Launch Gliders December Postal Report – Chuck Norris

With no monthly DLG contest scheduled for December, the December Winter Postal became the main event. For those of you who aren't aware, the Winter Postal is a winter contest series organized by RCGroups member "I Shems" out of Belgium. People from all around the world fly the same tasks and then send in their scores online.

This means every location is flying in totally different air, so some pilots will have a distinct advantage over others, but it's still a fun contest and great camaraderie with our fellow pilots around the world. The San Diego contingent had ten pilots flying.



Bob Hirsch photo

This month's task was called the Double Dutch, and is something like Poker but has a 30 minute flight window and your flights are arranged in pairs. The first flight of each pair can be for any duration, but your second flight "must" be of equal or greater duration to the first one. More on this later.

Our fearless Contest Director, Don Lochhead, set up some F3K-"ish" tasks before Double Dutch to give us a chance to warm up and give us a full morning of flying. The air was tough, with all of us struggling to get flights longer than a minute and a half. This pattern persisted for most of the morning and made for some interesting flying.



Bob Hirsch photo



Bob Hirsch photo

December Postal Report (continued)

The first task was called "First and Last", and you score your first and last flights only with a 4 minute maximum in a 10 minute window. This means this is *not* a turnaround task, but the available air would not support anything near a 4 minute flight, so it would not have mattered if it did. The lift was elusive, with pilots finding, at best, neutral air. Launch height was a critical advantage, as was staying off the sticks and letting your aircraft cruise with minimal control

The second task was an invention of Don Lochhead - he calls it the "Big Slide". It's flown just like the Big Ladder except in reverse - you fly the 3 minute flight first, then 2:30, then 2:00 and so on. Flying in reverse, you don't have the usual ability to hunt out lift during earlier flights - you pretty much have to hook up on your first flight. Since the soft air stuck around, we all had to be content with scratching for neutral air and launching as high as we could throw.

Next was the main event, the Double Dutch. This allows unlimited flights, and as long as you make your times, every flight counts. So it is the Mother of All Quick-turn Tasks, with 30 minutes of quick-turns combined with trying to figure out a flying strategy that works with the unfamiliar task.



Bob Hirsch photo



Bob Hirsch photo



Bob Hirsch photo



Bob Hirsch photo

December Postal Report (continued)

As I mentioned, Double Dutch is flown using pairs of flights, which we called A and B. The A flight can be for any duration up to 5 minutes, and that time then becomes your target "must make" time for your B flight. So if you fly a 1:30 on your A flight, then you must fly for at least 1:30 on your B flight, or else the time doesn't count and you have to try again.

It's similar to Poker in this regard, although it feels very different while flying, especially during your A flights. When flying the A flight you have to constantly be thinking about your B flight and make sure not to push your time too hard or risk missing the B flight. Several of us made the mistake of getting lulled by better than average air on the A flight and then struggling with the B flight.

With the air remaining soft, the 30 minute window meant lots of launches, and I'm sure many of us felt it the next day. It made for a great quick-turn practice session, and since my QTs are starting to click, I found I enjoyed the task very much.

After "Double Dutch", Don finished off the day with a round of "All Up". The conditions never really improved much, and the 3:00 times were exceedingly tough to make.



Bob Hirsch photo

Despite the tough conditions it was a fun day, and I personally enjoyed the new task formats. I could see "Double Dutch" working with a 10 minute window, so it would fit in just fine in a typical contest format.

2019 was a good year for Gulls DLG! The monthly contests have lived up to the goal of being welcoming to new and developing pilots, and I hope to continue this in 2020!

Here's to a successful 2020!

Chuck

LSF Report – Ray Pili



Happy New Year!!!

The TPG LSF Days at Poway will follow the Winter Postal (all Saturdays):

June 13

Aug 9

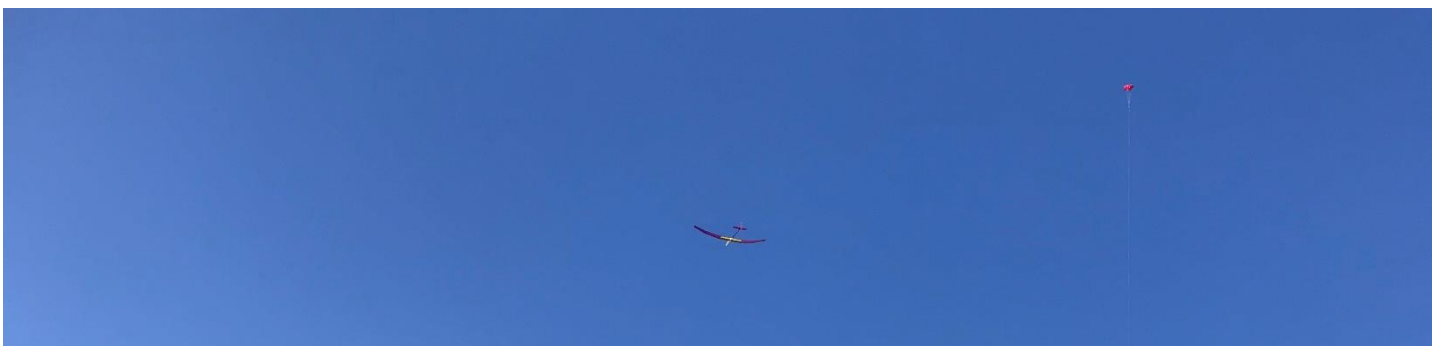
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LSF attendance in the past few years has been waning. The club is hoping to turn this around in 2020. As the pilots progress up the ladder, tasks become much harder and may take months if not years to achieve.

If you have LSF Tasks that you need to check off, LMK. We will try to tailor an LSF date to help you achieve the task.

For example, Level II and above **require competition experience**. You can either place in the top three or gather enough points from multiple contests to achieve the goal. If you're a better sloper than thermal pilot, it might take you many thermal events to place, so why not plan a slope race? It does not have to be a full blown F3F race, but could be a Foamy MOM with signal flags. Who doesn't like a Combat session?

Lastly, eLSF is possible now that F5J is allowed at Poway.



Ray Pili photo)

Blue Skies,

Ray Pili

LSF Coordinator

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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**:

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.



Solo Poway morning (Bob Hirsch photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



DLG contest launch (Bob Hirsch photo)



January Winner – Mark B. launching his Ka-8 at Torrey (Bob Hirsch photo)

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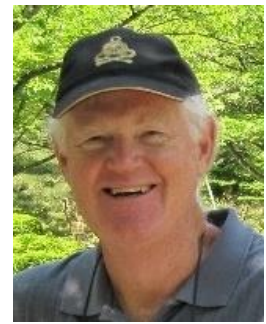
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Quote of the Month:

“What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.”

~ Vern McLellan.



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