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Message from the President



Ian Cummings

I want to welcome four new members to the club: Steve Allen, Paul Broyles, Brian Salvati, and Sean Summers. I first met Steve as a new RC pilot at Torrey a few years back, so it's great to see him return. Paul is a retired commercial pilot with United Airlines and has taken to Torrey like a kid in a candy shop. Paul lives in Denver, but hopes to have extended stays in San Diego (with a new granddaughter on the way). I think the pilot in him dictates he lands on the new airstrip every time. He's certainly been practicing. Sean is one of our younger members at 16 years-old and a rising star in the F5J discipline. He comes down from Riverside to fly and compete at our field. Brian is also a sloper and has been flying for over 40 years, although stepped away for a while. "It's like riding a bike" and I hear his skills are quite good. If you see any of these new guys at the field, please introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome.

I'm happy to report contests at Encinitas and Poway are back on, due to an easing of restrictions on gatherings. Please note there will continue to be caps on the number of participants, so register early if you want to get in. Please follow all safety rules and wear a mask when close to others.

Happy Landings,

Ian

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

The Torrey Pines Gulls hosts monthly contests, fun-fly events, LSF (League of Silent Flight)) Soaring Accomplishment Program, onsite clinics and bi-monthly club meetings.

This year, after a long hiatus, club meetings have returned. Our first meeting, featuring guest speaker Paul Naton, of [Radio Carbon Art Productions](#) was a big success! We had a great turnout to hear Paul's stories of his involvement with TPG in the 1990s, the development of slope racing and creation of his RC Soaring instructional video company. Thanks Paul!

Our next general meeting is April 27th. Mark your calendars!

Be on the lookout for upcoming meeting 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!

February Issue highlights include:

- Profile of 1998 Modeler of the Year Jerry Fry by Gary Fogel
- New Foamy F5J Contest Series

Please send in your articles or photos (submit@torreypinesgulls.org) 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 – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

Hello Gulls,

The locks to Poway and Encinitas gates have been changed as of February 1, 2021. If you fly at the Gliderport there is a new policy: You must wear a lanyard with your membership card with Torrey Pines Rated printed on your card for safety reasons. You will not have access to those two fields and the Gliderport without your renewal.

We still have 43 club members that need to renew. Please renew your membership as soon as possible using our web site at <http://www.torreyпинesgulls.org/membership/>

Note: If you were a TPG Google Group member last year and have not renewed by March 15, 2021 you will be removed from the TPG Google Group mailing list.

We have four new members. Please welcome Steve Allen, Sean Summers (Youth), Paul Broyles and Bryan Salvati. We welcome all of the new and renewing members to Torrey Pines Gulls Soaring Society. All new and renewing members will receive a membership card and key. For the members who slope fly at Torrey Pines Gliderport and are Torrey Pines Gliderport rated; you will receive a membership card, key and lanyard. You must wear the lanyard and membership card when flying at the Torrey Pines Gliderport effective January 1, 2021 for safety reasons.

Please contact me (membership@torreyпинesgulls.org) if you have not received a 2021 renewal membership card, key and lanyard. The key gives you access to the gates at our Encinitas and Poway flying sites. The lanyard allows you to safely fly at Torrey Pines Gliderport. All flying sites (Torrey Pines, Encinitas and Poway) are maintained by club members.

Membership Activity Summary 2021

The following table below is a summary of membership activities based on completed registration forms received from members.

Total Members as of 2-25-2021	84
*Torrey Pines Gliderport Rated Pilots	55
*DLG/F3K	29
*Thermal Duration	30
*Scale	15
*F5J/ALES	32
*League of Silent Flight (LSF)	30
Average Club Member Age	51
TPG Google Group Members	116

*Note: Most members fly multiple disciplines.

Club Membership Update (continued)

Membership Processing:

You should have received a renewal notice using the new TPG Google Group email process. If you have not signed up for the TPG Google Group you will be sent an individual email. Please use the following link when renewing your membership:

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

We request online payment via PayPal, which allows payment using PayPal, debit/credit card.

However, if you chose to pay by check or cash, please email me at: membership@torreypinesgulls.org and I will mail you a membership application form. When the form is completed, please mail your membership application and payment using the provided preaddressed return envelope.

Annual Membership Dues are as follows:

- Full Members – \$60 per year
- Youth Members (19 years or younger) – \$5 per year
- Student Members (full-time) – \$30 per year
- Full Members can receive a credit of up to \$20 on annual dues. \$10 per each half-day working at any TPG flying field

New members joining in the first six months of the year pay the full rate. Those joining in July through September pay half the applicable rate. If you are a new member joining in October through December you pay the full rate but your membership is considered paid through the end of the following year.

Full Members. Full Members of the Society shall consist of those persons who are and remain Full members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), 5161 East Memorial Drive, Muncie IN 47302, have signified their interest in model aeronautics and a desire to be such a member of the Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc. and have paid all requisite dues.

Youth Members. Youth members of the Society shall consist of those persons who are 19 years or younger and remain Youth members of the AMA, have signified their interest in model aeronautics and a desire to be such a member of the Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc. and have paid all requisite dues.



David Fierro photo

Club Membership Update (continued)

Your yearly membership allows TPG to continue to provide you with:

- Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla (Torrey Pines Gliderport), Encinitas and Poway.
- Monthly (or thereabouts) fun-fly events held at the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport, and events at our Poway and Encinitas Flight Centers, 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 RC soaring pilots 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 yearly holiday party to gather with flying buddies, friends and family.
- A website for current and past information www.torreypinesgulls.org
- A monthly newsletter with updated information, contest reports and interesting articles to help keep members informed.
- We are an AMA Chartered Club, #129, with benefits such as field Insurance, etc.



Ian Cummings photo

Note: TPG membership information will not be shared or sold and will only be used to contact members for purposes of TPG business.

Google Groups – Staying Connected

Don't forget to join 

For all current and recently joined TPG members:

In the past year, Yahoo Groups announced that it would no longer be supporting groups. In order to maintain a line of communication among members, during 2020 we have established a TPG Google Group.

Please make sure that our club Membership Chairman has your current email address. You can confirm this by contacting membership@torreypinesgulls.org. If you are not already a member of the TPG Google Group, you will be sent an invitation to join.

When you join as a member of the private TPG Google Group, the club will distribute notifications, newsletters, contest events and holiday party info, etc. This information will keep you informed of all club activities throughout the year. You don't need a Gmail address to participate in Google Groups, but you do need to be a member of TPG.



Google Groups provides a great way of communicating with one another. If you have any questions or concerns about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another club member, etc., you can post them on Google Groups. It also allows you to send links and attachments, just like regular email.

...and, very importantly, since all postings/emails are done through Google Groups, your actual email address is not visible when notifications are sent out to the club members. Also, only members of the group can post to the group, so joining the group does not add to your spam burden.

So, verify that the club has your correct email, make sure you receive an invitation to join Google Groups and sign up!

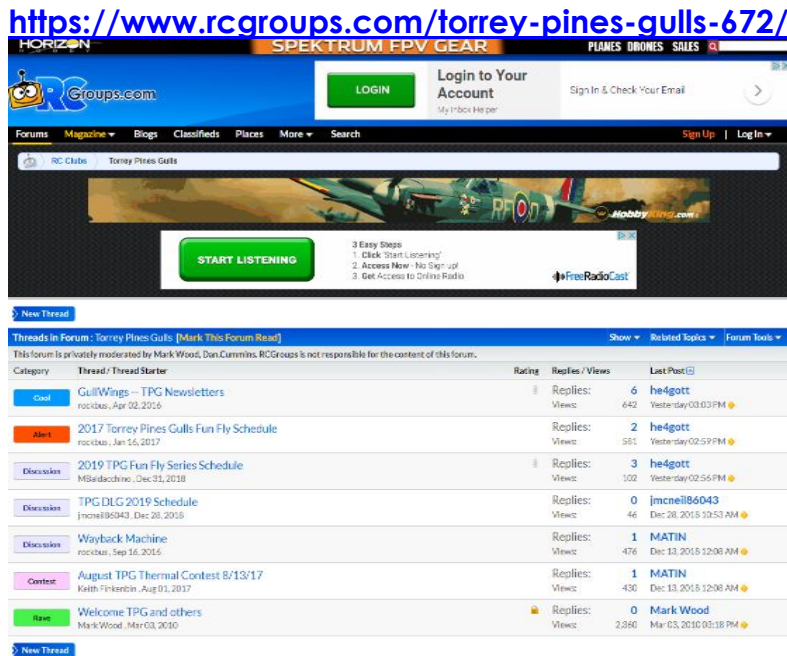
RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

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	Replies / Views	Last Post
Good	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: 561	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule MBarbadochio, 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 roccias, Sep 16, 2016	Replies: 1 Views: 476	MATIN Dec 13, 2016 12:00 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Fikarovich, Aug 01, 2017	Replies: 1 Views: 430	MATIN Dec 13, 2016 12:00 AM
None	Welcome TPG and others MarkWood, Mar 03, 2010	Replies: 0 Views: 2,860	Mark Wood Mar 03, 2010 02:18 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 for new content posted by club members and friends.

<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 'Home', 'Create', and 'Add a Button'. The profile picture is a circular logo with a gull and the text 'TORREY PINES GULLS'. The cover photo shows two people in a field with a large model airplane. A post from John Blaske, published on February 2 at 8:46 PM, is visible. The post text is: 'IF YOU FLY RC, READ THIS article by our own Dr. Gary Fogel. You can find the full article on our February newsletter on PAGE 2 at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/.../GullWings2020-02-February...> We cannot stress enough how important is to get involved with this issue NOW. So please read on... ~-Comments on FAA's Proposed Rule "Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems" by Gary Fogel~-... See More'. The page also shows visitor posts from Dale Gottdank and Jack Zabawa.

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

Happy March, TPGulls!



It's hard to believe that spring will be here this month, but our beautiful weather has been a perfect reminder to get out and enjoy our world's greatest slope. We've seemed to finally turn the corner with this pandemic, and we'll all be out at the Gliderport in full force before too long. I've cancelled our Fly 'N Swap, and more than likely will need to cancel the next few Fun Fly events. We just don't have a way to put a limit of pilots who'll show up and gather around our one picnic table. I spoke to Bob Martin this week to advise him that it's not a good idea to be holding mega event at the beginning of June, so we agreed to cancel/ postpone the Katie Martin International. Maybe we'll be able to squeeze it in this fall; we'll play it by ear. ☺



Camouflage landing strip. Maybe we need landing lights? Check out the typical winter wind-line pattern. (Mark Baldacchino photo)

News from the Slope (continued)

A funny story about this plane below. About 18 months ago, one of our club members had passed away, (I don't remember his name), but Ian Cummings received a phone call from his brother that he had collected all of his RC planes, and was headed to discard them at the Miramar Landfill. Ian dropped by his house and cherry picked several fuses, wings, and other bits. To make a long story short, I ended up with these wings and elevators; I didn't even know that they belonged to. Several months had passed, and Craig Hansen dropped my house and noticed the elevators pinned to my garage wall, and told me they are to a Sagitta 600. I showed him the matching wings, and before long, Craig gave me a spare fuse, and copied a set of plans for me to make a rudder. Being that these were from two different builders, hardly anything lined up properly, and took me as much time to correct as if I built a kit from scratch. Nonetheless, I maiden'd this plane and flies very well.



Saved from the landfill; Sagitta 600 (Mark Baldacchino photo)

News from the Slope (continued)

A friendly reminder to make sure you show up at the Gliderport wearing your TPG membership card. This is a City of San Diego and Gliderport requirement that you belong to the TPG or TPSSS. And, when you get there, make sure you sign-in at the Gliderport, too. 😊

TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2021:

- Mar 13th – Scale Planes – Both TPG & TPSSS Fun Fly Day
- Apr 18th Sunday – This date is tentative, and subject to change – Torrey Pines Classic F3F Race. Open to all, register on the Vault.
- May 8th – Foamies – AHis, Alulas, KA-8's, Radians – if it's foam, this is your day.
- July 24th – Aerobatics Day – TWF/ PNF – Jesters, Ahi's, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime
- Aug 21st – TPG 50th Anniversary Again. Rescheduled from 2020 Run-What-You-Brung
- Sept 25th – LSF & Old School Vintage/Classic Woodies – Balsa BOTs, Olys, Sagittas – whatever is built-up wood
- Oct 23rd – Landing Contest – let's see who's the top three at landing on our new strip. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
- Nov 27th – No Shopping Saturday – a couple of days after Thanksgiving to get out of the house

Stay safe, and Blue Skies!

Best Regards,

Mark Baldacchino
Slope Coordinator

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration / F5J



Tom Watson

TD Coordinator – Tom Watson

For Thermal Duration and F5J contest dates, check the calendar on the www.torreypinesgulls.org 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 2021 TPG TD & F5J contest schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3771517-2021-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-TD-F5J-contest-schedule>

or contact Tom Watson at thermal@torreypinesgulls.org

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 2021 Torrey Pines Gulls DLG Contest/Clinic Series thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3798531-2021-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-Contest-Clinic-Series>

or contact Chuck Norris at dlg@torreypinesgulls.org

Club Competition Activity (continued)

Foamy F5J



Ray Pili

For 2021 TPG will host a Foamy F5J contest series at the Poway Flight Center.

This series is open to everyone with AMA (must be Full or Youth membership) and a Foam F5J sailplane with the intention to introduce folks to F5J. Guests are welcome to compete; no experience is necessary. The format will be geared for first time F5J contestants. Expect ample time between rounds to get your stuff together, timer help, understanding Rules and Task support, and responsible use of the "Mike Smith Rule". Registration is via F3X Vault. CDs are welcome to volunteer. The schedule is:

March 27 (http://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=1983)
 May 8
 July 10
 Oct 3

Examples of Foam F5J planes are: ParkZone Radian and Radian XL, EFlite Night Radian. Multiplex Easy Glider, Solius. This list is not exclusive. Other planes may be acceptable but please check with the CD prior registration. The spirit of the requirement is to allow contestants to compete and learn with inexpensive planes.

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2021TPG Foamy F5J Schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3803797-2021-TPG-Foamy-F5J-Schedule>

***These contests count toward LSF Level I Requirements. See LSF Report in this newsletter.**

F5J Explained



Mike Smith

CD Mike Smith

This event is open to all electric sailplanes, so anyone 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>

To learn more about F5J, follow this link:

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

Mike Smith, CD

February F5J Contest Report – Tom Watson, CD

























February 14th was our 2021 thermal season kickoff, since the January TD contest was cancelled. Being Valentine's Day, attendance was probably impacted somewhat and we ended up with 14 registered pilots.

One pilot cancelled, so we had 13 fly for score, and all pilots finished all four rounds (previous events saw sometimes significant attrition). Weather conditions were good – clear skies, light winds, and widely varying thermals/sink. Very low launches did not seem to be prevalent, although a few low-level saves were observed. Steve Condon won, Mike Verzuh was second, and Mike Smith third. Chuck Norris won the Foamy class with a Radian.

The club's established COVID procedures (electronic registration/payments, and self-entry scoring on the F3X Vault platform) seem to be well-received and everything goes smoothly. Thanks again to all the pilots for observing mask and distancing recommendations at the field.

Our next scheduled contest is TD at Encinitas on March 14th, which is also the start of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to reset your clocks so you are not late! See you there!

Tom Watson
CD

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds			
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	4 Steve Condon  	4000.00		1000	1000	1000	1000
2	9 Mike Verzuh  	3992.73	-7.27	1000	992.73	1000	1000
3	3 Mike Smith  	3982.44	-10.29	986.49	1000	995.95	1000
4	6 Don van gundy  	3786.73	-195.71	931.64	1000	959.96	895.13
5	5 Warren Day  	3359.46	-427.27	982.55	971.90	875.30	529.71
6	7 Steve Hurd  	3358.83	-0.63	574.17	926.49	1000	858.17
7	1 Tom Watson  	3350.35	-8.48	1000	840.87	625.91	883.57
8	2 Clifford Hunter  	3147.20	-203.15	960.56	858.68	925.45	402.51
9	14 Chuck Norris  	3042.43	-104.77	504.82	690.91	920.31	926.39
10	11 Ron Rossetti  	2932.29	-110.14	363.00	968.60	682.44	918.25
11	8 Arthur Markiewicz  	2276.01	-656.28	682.88	682.55	326.48	584.10
12	10 Sean Summers	1734.90	-541.11	618.02	384.40	732.48	0.00
13	13 Dale Osborn  	1260.31	-474.59	140.54	308.26	289.07	522.44

February DLG Contest Report – Chuck Norris, CD

Our 2021 DLG season opened February 20 with 12 pilots registered. We flew 5 rounds with 3 groups each.

The first round was Last Two Flights, 4 Minute Max, and conditions were variable. The first group had a tough time finding lift but by the second group, conditions had improved considerably and everyone got at least one flight approaching 4 minutes. The third group was mixed, with a few 4s and then assorted carnage.

The second round started off strong with 2s across the board for the first flights of group A, but by the 4th flight everyone was struggling. That carried over to groups B and C, with no one needing quick-turns because of the extra time they “earned” in earlier flights making it unnecessary.

Round three was Three by 200 Seconds, and although the air had improved somewhat, only Gary Fogel was able to put up three solid flights. Most of us were struggling to maximize time in the air.

Round four was All Up Last Down, and conditions were again fickle, with no one able to string together three 3:00 flights - it was fun to watch when you weren't flying because some flights were separated by only seconds, with the guy able to stretch out bad air the most winning the round. In great air, all-up can be a bit boring - it was definitely not this time.

Round five wrapped up the contest with the dreaded Poker, and (for me at least) it definitely lived up to its reputation for mayhem. No one dared call “all in”, although there were a few strong “end of window” calls made successfully.



Ray Pili photo

February DLG Contest Report (continued)

All said, it was a fun contest, and it sure felt good to be flying with friends again. Hopefully Covid rates will continue their downward trajectory and the rest of the season will be unaffected. The number of participants in F3K continue to grow, with a couple of new contestants this time around. We also had several visitors watching and learning that look promising for joining us in the future.

Thanks to all the pilots and visitors for following our Covid rules and making this a safe, fun contest!



The winners (Ray – 2nd, Gary – 1st, Ron – 3rd) The assembled participants (Dale Osborn photo)
(Dale Osborn photo)

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				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	4 Gary Fogel 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	4948.14		1000	1000	1000	971.70	976.44
2	6 Ray Pili 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	4693.78	-254.36	1000	910.25	962.86	820.67	1000
3	7 Ron Rossetti 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	4484.25	-209.53	621.12	863.13	1000	1000	1000
4	11 Dan Gebhardt 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	4452.72	-31.53	715.63	990.47	978.90	888.54	879.18
5	2 Jeff Chipman 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	4321.17	-131.55	625.00	890.96	857.14	956.43	991.64
6	3 Mengchen Li 🇨🇳	4280.97	-40.20	992.33	1000	413.95	874.69	1000
7	1 Chuck Norris 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	4136.71	-144.26	1000	961.25	1000	719.53	455.93
8	10 Scott Mccurdy 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	3833.19	-303.52	503.96	844.33	662.98	1000	821.92
9	8 Marc Maher 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	3705.35	-127.84	987.50	876.52	736.65	971.35	133.33
10	12 John Butler 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	3663.40	-41.95	723.25	1000	773.48	1000	166.67
11	5 Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	3634.78	-28.62	632.50	854.32	950.77	704.04	493.15
12	9 Dale Osborn 🇺🇸 🇮🇪	3211.98	-422.80	931.25	971.78	653.78	385.41	269.76

LSF Report – Ray Pili



Hi Gulls,

This month, on March 27, we'll be hosting the first of four quarterly Foamy F5J contests at the Poway field.

This series is open to everyone with AMA (must be Full or Youth membership) and a Foam F5J sailplane with the intention to introduce folks to F5J. Guests are welcome to compete; no experience is necessary. The format will be geared for first time F5J contestants. Expect ample time between rounds to get your stuff together, timer help, understanding Rules and Task support, and responsible use of the "Mike Smith Rule".

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Changes will be noted on F3X Vault.

COVID-19 Rules will be in effect

- 1) Pilots (timers, guests and observers) must have a mask when arriving at the field.
- 2) Masks are required when you are within 6 ft of separation such as during pilots meeting.
- 3) Masks are optional when flying or timing, as long as the 6 ft separation is maintained.
- 4) Pre-registration *and payment* for each event is required via F3XVault. No cash registration on site. Events may have a max capacity, monitor RCgroups for information. In those cases registration would be on a first come first served basis.
- 5) Scoring will be through mobile devices direct to F3XVault.
- 6) Maintain 6ft separation between pilots and timers at all times.
- 7) Please stay home if you do not feel well or have any symptoms associated with Covid-19.
- 8) Bring your own paper and pencil to score tasks prior to uploading into the Vault, if you like.

Of course the possibility for a contest cancellation dependent on COVID restrictions.

Note: All of the eLSF Level I requirements (Two 5 min Thermal Flight and Ten 3 Meter Landings) can be met by participants. LSF is free and registration can be completed on line.

<https://www.silentflight.org/index.php/lsf-program/lsf-tasks>

LSF Report (continued)

Here's some general information about the LSF program:

This table outlines the various tasks required for each level. (Source: <https://www.silentflight.org/index.php/lsf-program/lsf-tasks>)

Requirements	Primary	Intermediate			Advanced
Level	I	II	III	IV	V
Thermal Duration	5 min.	15 min.	30 min	1 hr	2 hrs.
Slope Duration	15 min.*	1 Hr.*	2 hrs.*	4 hrs.*	8 hrs.
Precision Spot Landing	5 landings 3m (9.84 ft) or less	10 landings 1.5m (4.92 ft. or less)	None	None	None
Goal and Return	None	None	1km (0.62 mi.)	2km (1.24 mi.)	10km(6.2 mi)
Competition	None	6 contests** w/ 1 place or 3,000 pts	6 contests** w/ 2 place or 4,500 pts	6 contests** w/ 2 places and 1 win or 6,000 pts	6 contests** with 12,000 points including 3 wins

As you can see, Level I is not that difficult if you are a thermal pilot. If you fly slope only, that 5 min. thermal will tear you down. With Poway and Torrey within fairly close proximity, I believe someone local can complete Level I in one day.

If you are interested in participating in a scheduled LSF event, bring your AMA card, a thermal plane or e-thermal glider such as the E-flite Radian and download a copy of the Accomplishment Vouchers (SAP or ESAP) from the LSF site (<https://www.silentflight.org/index.php/lsf-program/lsf-tasks>). The events are free; you don't have to be a Gulls member.

The Vouchers describe in more detail what each task involves and the credentials of your witnesses.

Submittal of a completed voucher is as follows:

1. Email the LSF Secretary John Marien: john@ne-aero.com a clear photo, or PDF scan of your completed (and signed by witnesses) Voucher.

That's it. No more sending money or sending your original hard copy.

LSF Report (continued)

John will then review your voucher and email you your acceptance or rejection of the voucher submission. If for some reason your voucher is rejected, you will have to adjudicate rejections with John.

Another nice change is while you are waiting for a reply you can down load a new voucher and start on the next level.

As a reminder, LSF is a 5 level program for RC Glider Pilots. Each level has increasingly more difficult tasks. LSF involves Slope flying, Thermal flying, Spot landings and Contest participation. Each level must be completed before proceeding to the next. Makes for a well-rounded RC Glider pilot.

The pure glider program is called SAP (Soaring Accomplishment Program).
The electric launched glider program is called Electric SAP (eSAP).

Blue Skies,

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TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



This Month: Jerry Fry, 1998 Modeler of the Year

I've mentioned Jerry Fry recently as he was the winner of the 1995 TPG Modeler of the Year trophy. But it wasn't long until Jerry was awarded the trophy again – in 1998 – a co presentation of the award to both Jerry Fry and George Joy. This month I'll focus (again) on Jerry, next time on George.

As I noted previously, Jerry joined the Gulls in about 1993/1994. Very rapidly he volunteered for service on the board, aptly serving as newsletter editor in 1995 during a time when the club was really advancing along. His award in 1995 was a direct result of this considerable effort to publish huge, complete, novel newsletter issues each month.

But Jerry wasn't done with his commitment to the TPG. He handed off the newsletter editor position to Dick La Barre and focused on TD competition in 1996 along with his son Ryan, attending many of the southern California soaring contest (SC²) events. That year Jerry finished in 18th overall in the SC2 series helping TPG to first place as a club (6 of the top 10 pilots were from TPG; Fred Sage, Patrick Dionisio, Keith Finkenbiner, George Joy, Arthur Markiewicz, and Don Van Gundy). Jerry also finished 1997 in first place in the Advanced division for the TPG monthly unlimited TD series while Ryan Fry ended up in second in Expert.

However, headlining the January 1998 newsletter was the title "On the Internet with TPG!"



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

Jerry Fry took it upon himself to bring the club into the new internet age with our first website and – wait for it – email addresses! To quote Jerry “Soon, anyone in the world will be able to learn all about TPG, have maps to all of our flying sites, have access to an electronic version of our newsletter, and even know your monthly contest scores...better start practicing!” He added many other benefits of online weather, calendars of events, video libraries, links to vendors, online classified ads, email access to board members, heck even “up-to-the-minute traffic reports for San Diego and LA”. Jerry was thinking far ahead at a time when many modelers had barely heard of the internet, had yet to have an email address, were still using modems and AOL, etc. Jerry set off on a quest to build this for the club.

Meanwhile I have to say that the newsletter went from pretty good to AMAZING under Ron Scharck's command as newsletter editor. The issues were averaging 25-30 pages of new material each month, with members writing columns, etc. In short – there would be plenty of fodder for a website, if Jerry could pull this off! Many, many members were contributing with articles, stories, and photos on a monthly basis. The website made its initial debut February 17, 1998. By March it included a search function, photos, links, TPG store with photos and online ordering, A short blurb about the new website on the new “Radio Control Soaring Exchange” (how many of you remember RCSE?) and boom, hundreds of new hits on the website. Jerry continued flying in TD contests when not coding html. Having finished the basis of the website, by late 1998 Jerry kindly volunteered to serve as club president in 1999.

At the TPG holiday party on December 9, 1998, the membership voted on the Modeler of the Year, resulting in a tie between Jerry Fry and George Joy. The website had already attracted 11,000 hits, “acting as a virtual information center for anyone interested in this hobby from anywhere in the world.” The Modeler of the Year trophy was well deserved. It's a pleasure to realize that our website continues, having been redesigned over the years, but still introducing the world to TPG nearly 25 years later. Thanks to Jerry Fry for his insight in getting us started down this path.

Next month – George Joy!



Jerry with the TPG Modeler of the Year trophy

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 submit@torreypinesgulls.org. Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.



January Co-Winner – Scale ASW-27 coming in to land on a windy Torrey day (Greg Houck photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



January Co-Winner – Matin Taraz's Raven2 at Torrey (Greg Houck/Matin Taraz photo)



February Winner – Mike Frandsen is about to toss his 28oz. Jester into 40+ mph winds, gusting to over 70 (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Revisiting that epic wind day at Torrey in January (Ian Cummings photo)

	<h1>SLOPE SCALE</h1> <p>HIGH PERFORMANCE SLOPE GLIDERS!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fiberglass Fuselages ● Foam Core Wings ● 46 in. span, 320 sq. in ● 12-15 oz./sq. ft. wingloading 	
<p>ME-109</p>	<p>Basic Kit Sug. Retail: \$69.95 One-piece fuselage ● Foam Cores Plans & Instructions</p>	<p>SPITFIRE Mk. XIV</p>
<p>P-63 KING COBRA</p>	<p>Complete Kit Sug. Retail: \$99.95* One-piece fuselage ● Foam Cores Pre-cut Tail Surfaces ● Wood & Linkages ● Plans & Instructions</p>	<p>FW 190</p>
<p>ZERO</p>	<p>(*Spitfire/Mustang.....Sug. Retail: \$104.95) F6F Hellcat Now Available! <hr/> SEE YOUR LOCAL DEALER</p>	<p>P-51 MUSTANG</p>
	<p>Slope Scale 12935 Lasselle St. Moreno Valley, CA 92388 714/924-8409 Brian Laird ● Paul Masura</p>	

A bit of slope memorabilia – back when you could buy a complete PSS kit for \$99.95 (mid-1980s ad)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



March Winner – Mike Frandsen in the process of saving an inverted launch of his 28 oz. Jester in 45+ mph winds at Torrey in January (Ian Cummings photo)

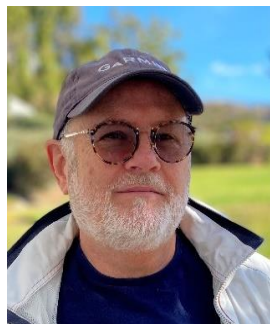
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TPG Classified Ads Policy

Classified ads are free to TPG members for non-commercial purposes. Commercial customers should contact the editor. To submit an advertisement, send the information to communications@torreypinesgulls.org. Ads must be submitted by the 25th of the month to appear in the next issue.

All advertisements will remain in the newsletter for the month of issue and will be removed for the following issue. If you wish to advertise for another month, you will need to notify the editor or resubmit.



Quote of the Month:

*“You want me to answer you if this old airplane is safe to fly?
Just how in the world do you think it got to be this old?”*

~ Anonymous



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)