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Dan Cummins
President

Message from the President

As I write this, the summer solstice has passed us by.....it's hard to believe the year is half gone already. The TPG board just "closed the books" on another highly successful IHLGF. Through the continuing support of our sponsors and the generous participation of the pilots in the contest, raffle and auctions, 2015 was another successful year for the International.

The Torrey Pines Gulls continue our committed to fostering opportunities encourage growth and competition in our great sport.....so once again, the Gulls have again stepped up in 2015.....

I am pleased to announce that the **Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society** made a \$2,000 **donation** to the **USA F3K Team**. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of our club members, I would like to formally say thank you to all of the competitors, to our sponsors, and our volunteers. You enable this event to be successful, and without you, events like this wouldn't be possible.

That being said, check out one of the monthly contests or come out to the slope in July and get some flying in!

Fair winds!

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2015 President

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.

Join the Yahoo Forum!

From Lenny Brzezinski:

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18th, 1999. There are over 200 members in the Yahoo Group. This group has many things to offer for the club. It is a way of communicating with each other. If you have any concerns you can post them here including other questions about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another person, and so on.

If you are new to the club, the website will give you a lot of information about the club. On the website there is a link that you can use to join the group. This group is moderated. Please use this group for flying related items. You can post on the Yahoo group files, photos, polls, members, and calendar. All of these sections are available to any member. I hope that your experience with this group will be great. On the TPG website, www.torreypinesgulls.org, you can follow the **YAHOO FORUM** link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over **TORREY PINES GULLS** next to **LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP.**



Check out the TPG Facebook page, too.

From John Blaske:

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/TorreyPinesGulls>

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TPG Facebook Page (continued)

Just wanted to update you guys on the TPG Facebook page. Ever since I started it 2 years ago, it has been a slow and steady struggle to get followers on the page. When we hit 100 followers last year, it was a bit of a stagnation point. Despite that, I still released content on our contests and fun fly events that I was able to attend.

In the past year, the AMA has taken notice of our page and endorses it quite a bit by posting our content on their main page. Because of this, in the past 2 months we went from 103 followers to over 200 and still growing. It seems that our page is starting to be noticed by modelers around the world as we have followers from 30+ countries. I've been finding that every day, we get one or two new followers.

So to get to my point, if you ever have anything cool to post, feel free to post it to the FB page. Anyone can do it, and I usually repost it to get it highlighted on the page. AMA does a good job of giving us free marketing of our big events, i.e., the IHLGF (which by the way, in both years the page has been up, has gotten 10,000+ unique views). I have been getting busy lately so feel free to post your Sailplane adventures on there to help me out.

Cheers,

John Blaske



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

We're well into summer, enjoying a great 2015 for the Torrey Pines Gulls and remember, to make this newsletter even better:

Please send articles! They don't have to be a "novel," just a paragraph or two about something that interests you related in some way to RC soaring...even something interesting you happened upon 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!

To make the timely issue possible, I need the club members' support and help in providing me with **recent** pictures, articles and any upcoming events. If there are too many, we'll save some for the next issue.

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. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

As we did during 2014, TPG will continue to host monthly contests, fun-fly events, and onsite clinics. General meetings will coincide with 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/>

News from the Slope – Ray Pili



Ray Pili

Bob's Katie Martin Tribute #5

(June 6th) was another great success! Dozens of slopers attended the event with flying one Friday June 5th and main event on Saturday. Both days were perfect Torrey sloping days.



Bob preparing to launch the Katie Special during the memorial flight (Bob Martin photo)



Katie Special Superhawk, Katie's original Hobie Hawk, Mystery Ship, Old SR-7, Mini Coyote and Le Fish (Bob Martin photo)



Katie Martin (Bob Martin photo)



Carl and Paul Anderson, Bob Martin, Gregg Bolton (Paul Anderson photo)



Team Andalusia, Spain. L-R: Juan Martinez & wife Ann, Francisco Lebrija, Manuel (Manolo) Barba, Francisco Sanchez Apellaniz, Domingo Establieth Lucerno, Andres Jobacho, Antonio Tirado Valladares (President of Rota's Seagulls Club), Felix Morrion, Fernando Martinez, Yosu Romo, Martos de Jerez, Diego de Sanlucar, Jose-Angel Guitart, Manuel Roman Roldan, Manuel Espejo Lopez, Jose de Algeciras, Manuel Carpintero (Manuel Barba photo)

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

Paul flew an SR-7 his Dad, Carl, built before Paul was born. Gregg refurbished his Dad's orange Hobie Hawk for the event

To top it off, Manolo and his buddies in Andalusia, Spain made the Katie Martin Tribute a truly International Event!



More photos and stories on RCgroups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2319512>

Interesting read from the Reader magazine:



http://reader.trendmediaworks.com/af/?t=1_1366071353417&i=1434554962629



Remember the Foamy Fun Fly in May?
Well, Robert Peterson's brother, Carl won the Dream-Flight Libelle DLG.
He gave it to Robert (shown above with the Libelle, who maiden it.

Save the Date!

The Next Torrey Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th.

Additional Fun Fly events are tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 8th and Saturday, September 12th.

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News from the Slope – Ray Pili (continued)

Safety reminder:

Lipo fires are real:



Figure 1 Photo by barry d on RCGroups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2429450&highlight=lipo>

All AMA members should be familiar with the AMA Safety Code. Copies can be downloaded here: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>

Note:

B. RADIO CONTROL (RC)

2. A successful radio equipment ground-range check in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations will be completed before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.

Blue Skies,

Ray Pili

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration



Mark Canfield

Winchmaster – Mark Canfield

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following page on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/may-thermal-duration-contest/>

or contact Mark Canfield at mcanfield5@roadrunner.com

More information may be shown in the F3X Vault site (<http://www.f3xvault.com>) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc.

Hand Launch



Tim Traver

DLG Coordinator – Tim Traver

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following page on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/>

or contact Tim Traver at TimTraver@gmail.com

More information may be shown in the F3X Vault site (<http://www.f3xvault.com>) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc. and in this RCGroups thread: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2318718>

Club Membership – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

We just got our 100th member for the year. People seem to have responded to our annual mid-year price adjustment. We've also had a great time at the fun fly events and have had several folks pass their pilots' tests. Good job guys! Thanks for all the memberships. The club's board of directors is doing a great job getting more value into the annual dues by providing food and drinks at fun-fly events as well as a reduced competition fee for contests.

Please, participate! You'll be glad you did, and the club will appreciate it as well. Meanwhile, urge that breeze to turn on-shore while spring is still on our minds.

Bill Eckles
Membership Chairman

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 - field Insurance etc.

Dues are as follows:

- ✓ Dues for the membership (calendar) year are as follows for submissions during.
- ✓ January through June \$60
- ✓ July through September \$30
- ✓ October through December \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ **Full-time college students \$30 per year**
- ✓ **Juniors age 15 and under \$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

Club Sponsors

The Torrey Pines Gulls members would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations and supporting Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society. Without the support of these fine companies, the success of many of the Club events would not have been possible.

To our members, when you are thinking of buying a hobby-related item, please consider these outstanding companies first. Please click on vendor's logo to go to their website for more information.



Photo of the Month Contest

Each month club members may submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner to be chosen by the Board of Directors. A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (their photo will be used as the website, newsletter and Facebook page masthead). Needless to say, horizontal format photos are preferred. Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at dgottdank@gmail.com. Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.



January Winner – KA-8 at Torrey Sunset (Andy Grose)



February Co-Winner – Mike Smith introducing the next generation to RC Soaring (Doug Cronkhite)



February Co-Winner – Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine)



March Winner GoPro view trailing a Ka8 taken during the February Fun-Fly (Ian Cummings)

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Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



April Winner – David Klein in front of a massive thermal at the Gator West World Cup (Steve Condon)



May Co-Winner – Ka-8's over Ellwood at this year's WeaselFest in Santa Barbara (Dan Cummins)



May Co-Winner – Brian Laird's P-51B Mustang at the 9th Annual Dave Kellogg Memorial Fly-In at Dave's Beach (Greg Houck)

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Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



June Winner – Ka-8's flying over Torrey at the Foamy Fun Fly (Ian Cummings)



Club President, Dan Cummins at Cajon Pass, searching for the elusive Sirocco tail fin.



Bob Martin; maiden flight of Katie (Phil Davy)



July Winner – Future DLG champion, Ellie Seid with Dad, Michael at Poway (Gregg Bolton)

Club 2015 Officers & Contact Information

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Dan Cummins
President



Marty Dine
Vice- President



Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer



2015 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

| Month | RES/ TD | CD | HLG | Slope Race | SC2 | Other | Meeting |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----|--|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| January (postponed due to weather) | 2/ 1 | Mark C. | 31 | socalsooperacing.com | 25 DSH | | |
| February | 8 | Mark C. | 28 | socalsooperacing.com | 15 SWSA | 21 & 22 Phoenix | 21 Fun-Fly |
| March | 8 | Cliff H. | 28 | socalsooperacing.com | 22 SULA | 23-24 TPG Classic | 12 |
| April | 12 | Tom W. | 25 | socalsooperacing.com | 26 SWSA | 12-13 Fresno | 9 |
| May | 10 | Mark C. | 30 | socalsooperacing.com | 17 VVRC | 2-3 IHLGF | |
| June | 14 | Keith F. | 27 | socalsooperacing.com | 28 HSS | 8th Slope Race | 22 Encinitas |
| July | 12 | Tom W. | 18 | socalsooperacing.com | 19 ISS | | |
| August | 9 | | 15 | socalsooperacing.com | 23 TOSS | | |
| September | 13 | Keith F. | 19 | socalsooperacing.com | 20 SULA | | 7 Torrey Pines |
| October | 11 | Steve C. | 24 | socalsooperacing.com | 18 TPG | 3-4 Visalia | |
| November | 8 | Mark C. | 21 | socalsooperacing.com | 15 Rain Date | | 12 |
| December | 13 | Mike S. | | socalsooperacing.com | | | 10 |

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. Check the TPG Website for updates.
The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: sc2soaring.com



Quote of the Month:

“You’re flying Buzz! No Woody we're falling in style!”

— Walt Disney Company, Disney Pixar
Character Encyclopedia