

GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2016

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

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Dan Cummins

Message from the President

Howdy Gulls,

October is here already. This fall so far has been a fairly quiet month for the club. It seems that many of the regulars have started flying Torrey on Friday & Sunday afternoons. The westerlies have been consistent most of September, so we have had quite a few great afternoons of flying. **If you haven't been out to the Torrey bluff in a while, come on out and join us!**

The monthly DLG contest had a great turnout this month....it seems everyone is recovering from their summer vacations and heading out to the monthly competitions. Our TD disciples seem to be waking up from summertime a little later than the slope and DLG pilots. Monthly TD contest participation has been on the light side.....so if you haven't been to a monthly TD contest at Encinitas lately, October is a great time to get back into the TD action!

The TPG board has been busy planning for end of the year. We are still on track to have our Holiday Awards Dinner at Phil's BBQ next to the Sports Arena on Tuesday, the 13th of December. Cost will be \$10 per person, and include Chicken, Ribs, Cornbread, two sides, tea, and lemonade. Should be a fun night with friends and great food.

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Message from the President (continued)

I also want to encourage everyone to consider stepping up and participating on the TPG board. We can always use some new ideas to help keep the club on track, and plan for future sustainment. If you are on a tight budget, you can save some money on dues by helping keep the TPGulls going another year. If you have ever thought you might be interested in being on the TPG board, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Kearny Mesa Denny's at 6 pm.....stop by and check out how we make the TPG bacon!

Well, that's all I have for now. Be sure to check the TPGulls website calendar for upcoming events!

Till next month, fly more, host a flying event, and think about joining the TPGulls board.....we always need some new ideas!

Cheers!

Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2016 President



That's me, flying at the RC mound. Photo by Ian Cummings during paraglider flight.

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

As we did last year, TPG will continue to host monthly contests, fun-fly events, 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, Newsletter Calendar in this issue and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

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



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Please Send Pictures! Send an article, perhaps. It doesn'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! **This month, we have photos from Ian Cummings' Torrey paraglider flight and Matin Taraz's annual Australian Manilla Slope Fest trip.**

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>

What do YOU think?

You can express your opinion at: www.torreypinesgulls.org.

We have a [QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS](#), [CALENDAR](#), [MEMBERSHIP...](#) If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. for the board, here's your chance.

Check out the TPG Facebook Page

From John Blaske:

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

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



RECENTLY POSTED:
No recent posts

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](#).

News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili

Isn't it wonderful that the kids are back in school!!!



September presented the typical light 6-10 mph summer winds, enough for light wings and TD planes.

A new windsock has been installed by the Gliderport replacing the tattered weather-beaten indicator. The staff also repainted the red logs marking the path.

I encourage more RC glider participation at the bluff. The PGs are the majority at the Gliderport and we need to keep them at bay.



Sunset over the Pacific. Photo by Ray.

News from the Slope (continued)



A couple of Compulsions. Photo by Ray.

Safety tip:

Make sure your receiver batteries are healthy. Double check that the battery is fully charged before your flight. Measure the battery voltage, add a [VoltWatch](#), install a low voltage alarm, purchase a radio system with telemetry. If in doubt, throw it out.



Today there are many inexpensive smart battery chargers that will cycle your battery, keeping track of the milliamps going in and out.

2S LiFe batteries provide 5 cell voltage at ½ the weight and 1/4th the cost. LiFe batteries hold their charge forever or till your next flight, whichever is shorter.

With smart chargers monitoring the health of your batteries, and batteries that cost and weigh less than equivalent NiMH batteries, there is little reason to lose a plane over receiver battery issues.

*Blue Skies,
Ray Pili*



Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



In mid-September, one of the paragliding instructors came over to the RC mound (friendly diplomacy) and offered free flights to the RC pilots. Ian took him up on his offer and so, the instructor took Ian up. The conditions were 10-12 mph straight in, and Ian even got to take the controls for a bit. He captured these images during the flight. Enjoy!



Bird's Eye View of the Gliderport

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



Paraglider's point of view

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



TPG President Dan Cummins from a paraglider's viewpoint

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



Yup, that's Dan alright.

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



Pair of Saltos flown by Aaron Wallace and Steffen Peters

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



Another shot of the Saltos

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



Mark Foster's Letov LF-107 Lunak Glider

Bird's-eye View – Ian Cummings



Mark Foster's Letov LF-107 Lunak Glider



Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



During September, Matin Taraz went on what has become his annual slope safari to Australia; visiting, camping and flying with friends, enjoying the scenery, and probably thinking about which panes he'll bring next year. For more of Matin's photos, check out this post [Matin's Manilla Photos](http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2535385) in the Manilla Slope Fest thread on RCGroups:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2535385>



Matin with a few flying buddies (l-r) Laurie, Phil aka Humphrey, Matin and Stehl

Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



Matin's quiver for the trip – all of them break down for transport

Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



Steve Wenban chucking his LS8

Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



Two more of Matin's slope buddies

Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



West side of Manilla slope

Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



Great shot of sunset flying activity from Stehl Donahue

Slopers Down Under – Matin Taraz



Laurie's Fish.....I think!

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration

Thermal Coordinator/Winchmaster – Mark Canfield

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

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.



Mark Canfield

Hand Launch

F3K Coordinator – Tim Traver

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 Tim Traver at TimTraver@gmail.com



Tim Traver

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LSF Report – Ray Pili



October 2016 LSF Report

September flew by so fast, we had no pop-up LSF days.

The next scheduled LSF event will be at Poway, Saturday Oct 8th. As usual, a hi-start and Ka-8 will be provided for anyone to use. Just show up around 8:30 am, bring your plane and AMA card and fly. If you don't have an LSF Voucher, don't worry. We can provide one for you, courtesy of the Gulls. Poway is a thermal site, and a few of us are trying for the elusive 30 min LSF 3 thermal task.

We usually grab some Mexican food after the event, followed by slope flying at Torrey, a perfect place for the LSF slope tasks.

You could complete your LSF 1 task in 1 day!!!

Stay tuned for the Foamy MoM reschedule. Our first try in Carlsbad didn't work out well with the weather and the attendance. Although, once we called the race, the winds straightened up and blew 10-13 mph. Go figure!!!

I'd also like to hold a combat session at the Poway slope, or in Carlsbad.

The final LSF attempt day for 2016 will be Saturday, December 10.

Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

We currently stand at 96 active members and an outstanding welcome to new ones. While we don't expect a flurry of activity through the remainder of the year, we do plan to remain the pattern for other soaring clubs in Southern California's welcoming flying conditions. Please continue to remind friends and fellow pilots of the benefits of joining our group.

Fly safely and enjoy the ride!

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 under 18 years \$15 per year
- ✓ Receive a credit of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership". We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.

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

Torrey Pines Gulls Apparel Store

The Torrey Pines Gulls Apparel Store is in business. We anticipate adding a DLG version of the logo soon, and we're open for any other additions down the road. Follow this link, <http://tpgstore.qbstores.com> or click on the images below to access the TPG Apparel Store. Choose from short and long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies!



TPG T-Shirts Now Available Online

tpgstore.qbstores.com



Product ID: A332-027-2942
Digitally Printed Gildan Ringpun Crew Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$28.28



Product ID: A332-027-1680
Digitally Printed Gildan Hooded Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$38.44



Product ID: A332-027-0993
Digitally Printed Gildan Hooded Sweatshirt

Your Price
\$33.64



Product ID: A332-027-2014
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Tee

Your Price
\$20.62



Product ID: A332-027-1705
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Dark Tee



Product ID: A332-027-1031
Printed Gildan Ultra Cotton Tee



Product ID: A332-027-1032
Printed Gildan Ultra Cotton Dark Tee



Product ID: A332-027-1031
Gildan Ultra Cotton Classic Fit Ladies Tee

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.

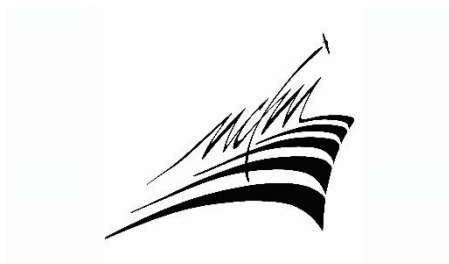
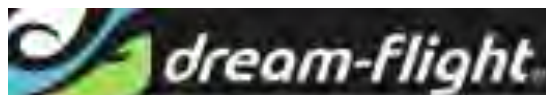


Photo of the Month Contest

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 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.



New artificial turf installed at the Torrey Pines Gliderport picnic table/pit area by L-R: Ray, Kevin, Mike, Sean, Robert (Ray P. & Kevin B.)



January Winner - Mr. Robert (Peterson) & son Cam flying their Skua at Torrey (Greg Houck)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Plane mounted camera view from Phil Davy's Xperience Pro Carbon 3.3 at Torrey



Camera catches Phil flying the Xperience



Come to papa!



February Winner – Phil Davy's Xperience Pro Carbon 3.3 camera view flying inverted over Torrey

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Screenshot – Ka-8 DS'ing at Bill's Hill (Phil Davy)

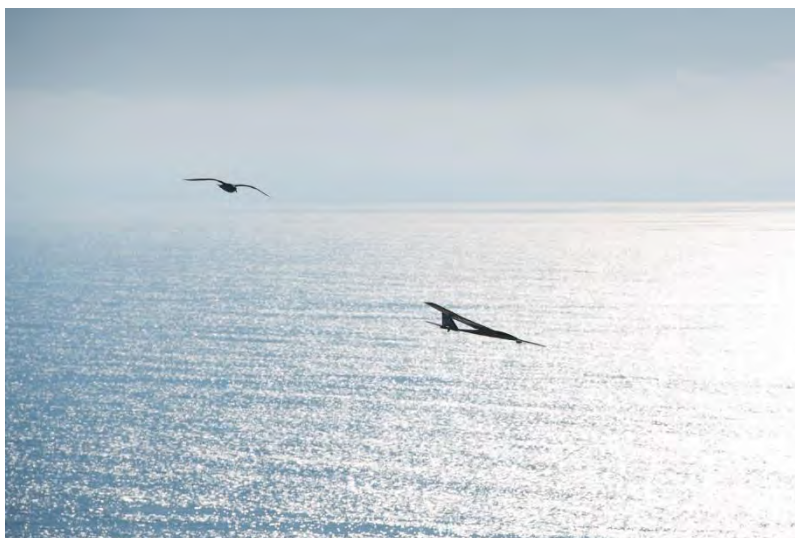


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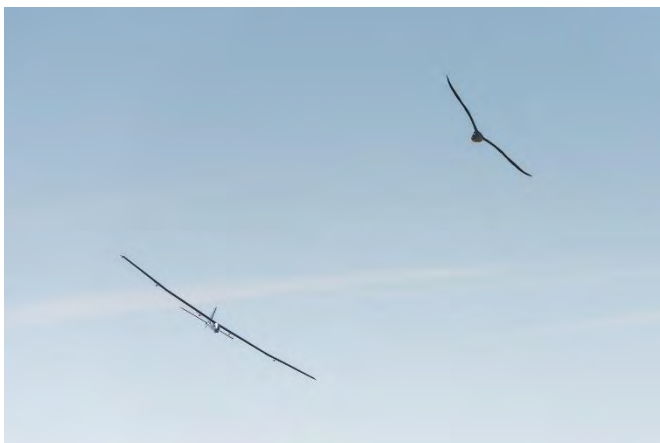


February 6, 2016 Torrey Fun Fly (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Kat's Spirit Elite with seagull in pursuit at Torrey (Ian Cummings)



Kat's Spirit Elite with seagull at Torrey (Ian Cummings)



Kat flying his Spirit



March Winner – Sunlight under a Spirit Elite and a Torrey Pines Gull (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Launching foamies at the Torrey Classic Slope Race (Ian Cummings)



Launching moldies at the Torrey Classic Slope Race (Ian Cummings)



Tight turn at the Torrey Classic Slope Race (Ian Cummings)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Torrey Sunset (Ray Pili)



April Winner – Torrey before El Niño Squall (Ray Pili)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Winner – Shelby the Slope Dog at Torrey (Bob Scheidt)



The joy of DLG (Cliff Hunter)



WeaselFest (Greg Houck)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)

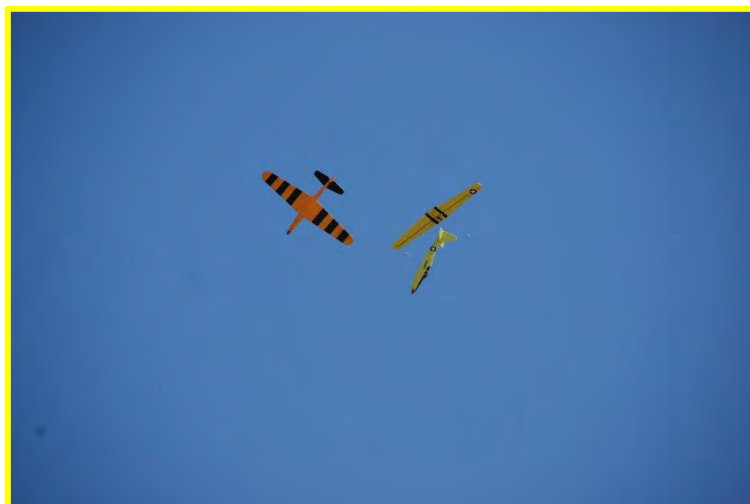


B-24 Witchcraft on approach about 1.5 miles out at John Wayne Airport (Pete Rissman)
Pete has one SERIOUS lens!!!



June Winner – WeaselFest (Greg Houck)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



July Winner – Nice sequence showing Airacobra mid-air at the 2016 FakeFest (Grea Houck)



More FakeFest Airacobras (Pete Rissman)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



(August Winner) Launching over Cajon at the 2016 FakeFest (Pete Rissman)



Dynamic Racing – Phil Davy and Scott Magner – Ascot and Precision (Phil Davy)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Ward Hagaman's Scirocco at FakeFest 2016 (Matin Taraz)



(September Winner) Greg Houck's Heinkel at FakeFest 2016 (Dan Cummins)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



(October Co-Winner) Slopers Down Under (Matin Taraz)



(October Co-Winner) Bird's-eye View (Ian Cummings)

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Dan Cummins
President



Ian Cummings
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Secretary

Don Lockhead
Treasurer





Quote of the Month:

“Fall is my favorite season in Los Angeles, watching the birds change color and fall from the trees.”

~David Letterman



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Marty Dine