

# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

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AMA Charter Club 129

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Dan Cummins

## Message from the President

April was another epic month to be a glider pilot!

The International Hand Launch Glider Festival ended the month of April and launched the month of May. By all accounts, it was yet another exciting event worthy of international attention. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who stepped up to make this event

happen. I would like to thank all of the competitors for their participation and support of this event. The pilots and volunteers make this competition an epic event every year!

Coming up the first weekend in May, TPG will host the **“Foamy” fun fly at the Torrey bluff.** Our goal for 2017 is to have 12+ KA-8's **flying in formation at the Gliderport!** We had just under twenty pilots participate in the May fun fly last year and we hope to top that this year.

To finish out May, a contingent of TPGulls will head north to participate in the Power Scale Soaring (PSS) Festival hosted by the Inland Slope Rebels on the 26th thru the 28th of May. Pilots gather every Memorial Day weekend at the top of the Cajon Pass to fly scale warbirds, and this year will not disappoint. For 2017, the PSS group build is the Super Tucano. TPG's very own Matin Taraz generously put in countless hours modeling the Super Tucano and CNC'ing the plug for the group build. This year, there are 45+ builders, and we are hoping that a large contingent of these builders will have their Super Tucanos ready to fly at the PSS Fest!

## Message from the President (continued)



B-17 group builders from a previous PSS Fest.



A couple of Super Tucanos nearing completion, from Andy in Santa Barbara and ISR's Carl Maas, Jr.

As I write this, I reflect on the great conditions we had in April, and look forward to starting the summer break flying season. This month's TD contest will mark the halfway point for the 2017 season. Coming up in June, Torrey Pines Gulls will be hosting the Katie Martin Memorial Tribute fun fly at the Gliderport. We are also tentatively planning a fun fly in July at one of the TPG sites (TBD). Over the summer, TPG will continue to host the monthly DLG and TD contests. I encourage you to check out as many of the events as you can. Watch the website dates and times for this summer's events.

Fly more often, fly safe, and build something cool!

Cheers!

Dan Cummins



## Katie Martin Memorial Tribute – Bob Martin

JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

### TORREY PINES GLIDERPORT



Famous shot of Katie launching an early SR-7 that became a cover shot for RCM Magazine

This is the seventh annual Katie Martin Memorial Tribute that the Torrey Pines Gulls have hosted and I offer my sincere gratitude to all of you for your cooperation and generosity.

This event **began at one of slope soaring's premier sites.** In our early days (mid-1970's), the location recognized as the birthplace of slope soaring was Torrey Pines Gliderport and we read about it in RC Modeler magazine **back then.** **When planning Katie's Memorial Tribute,** I chose this site to bring fliers together to pay tribute to Katie, as she and Torrey Pines are an important part of the history of slope soaring in the United States. Since we began this Memorial Tribute, fliers in several countries around the world and small groups in other locations that cannot attend our tribute come together on a date in June of each year. I am so thankful to the Torrey Pines Gulls for their incredible hospitality, openly welcoming fliers from all over to come fly at this legendary site and pay tribute to Katie Martin, slope soaring pioneer.



Hobie Hawks

## Katie Martin Memorial Tribute – Bob Martin

Who is Katie? For more than 25 years she was well known in our industry for her enthusiasm and charm at events and trade shows throughout the country. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman to fly RC in Costa Rica. She served as AMA Club President for two consecutive years, and secured a flying site for her club in the Santa Fe Dam area. She worked hard for various clubs in many roles including Newsletter Editor, and in 1988 was awarded the AMA National Newsletter Editor of the Year. She also was awarded the Hawk of the Year, an honor going to the member of the Desert Hawks Club that made the most impact on the club that year. She was also the inspiration that led to the formation of Bob Martin RC Models in the mid 70's when she asked for, and received a Hobie Hawk. That same Hobie Hawk will be flown in the Katie Martin Tribute with a small amount of her ashes epoxied into the nose. Katie was all about having fun and enjoying the sport, therefore in line with that attitude, this event is open to all sailplanes regardless of manufacturer or type. It is an open fly-in; the only rules are those of safety.



1<sup>st</sup> Lady Katie



Katie launching a Katie II prototype



Katie at a trade show, circa 1980

Some of us will arrive on Thursday and Friday, but the official Tribute will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday. We will have two raffles. One will have numerous RC soaring prizes and the second will be a raffle for a pristine, ready to bind and fly...Hobie Hawk. All proceeds go the Katie's favorite charity, the American Heart Association, in her name.

I personally invite all Torrey Pines Gulls to join us, fly with us, swap stories with us, buy raffle tickets and have a wonderful time. That is what Katie would want.

I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you that join us in celebrating the legacy of a great lady.

Bob Martin

## 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

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! 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've seen on the internet. I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. If there's a project you're working on, don't just post it on RCGroups...share it with your club! **This month, we'll be continuing our series by Gary Fogel on the club's history and following up on the International Hand Launch Glider Festival.**

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](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com)) by the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

The membership level is healthy this year, but still below previous numbers. We have a pretty active group of pilots, with regular competitions for thermal duration, discus/hand launch activities and a core group of slopers, both at the Gliderport and other locations around southern California.

Anyone who has yet to renew their membership, please do so. Save \$5 for every contest you enter as a member; free lunch at a fun fly event if you're a member; holiday party at a huge discount if you're a member; even lots more friends if you join up! So, we sure hope to hear from you soon.

Fly well and fly safely,

Bill Eckles  
Membership Chairman



NAN Shadow at Torrey (Greg Houck)

## Club Membership Update (continued)

Every year we need a good strong membership to continue to provide the services we offer:

- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Quarterly (or thereabouts) fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, where members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling.
- ✓ A group of guys who can answer just about any question you might ask, and do it with a smile.
- ✓ Contests that bring out world class competitors from around the globe.
- ✓ Competition and help for you, regardless of your skill level.
- ✓ A holiday party that's the envy of most gourmands in Southern California.
- ✓ A website for current and past information [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org)
- ✓ An interesting monthly newsletter with current information to help keep members informed
- ✓ We are an AMA Chartered Club #129, with benefits such as field Insurance, etc.

Dues are as follows:

For the membership (calendar) year, for submissions during:

- ✓ January through June \$60
- ✓ July through September \$30
- ✓ October through December \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Full-time 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](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org) and click on the tab "Membership." We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.



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

## What do **YOU** think?

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

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

## Check out the TPG Facebook Page

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:](#)

**International Hand Launch Glider Festival!**

## Join the Yahoo Forum!

From Lenny Brzezinski:

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org), you can follow the [YAHOO FORUM](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP](#).



## Club Flying Site Panoramas – Ian Cummings

Here's the latest in Veep Ian Cummings' immersive panoramas of our world class flying sites; the Poway Flight Center, where each year the club sponsors the IHLGF (International Hand Launch Glider Festival). Clicking on the top picture will take you to the Poway Flight Center during this year's IHLGF, while clicking on the bottom picture takes you to the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport during a recent TPG fun-fly event. Enjoy!

[Click on this photo to visit the TPG Poway Flight Center.](#)



[Click on this photo to visit the Torrey Pines Gliderport.](#)



## News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili

I'll bet you all got new toys with your tax refunds, so bring them out to the Slope!



Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> was one heck of a day for the Torrey Classic F3F Race with Tim Traver performing CD duties. Tim ordered all these porta potties because he knew that the competitors would be flying the CRAP out of their planes.



That's a lot of porta potties!

Here is the report out from Tim's RCGroups post, followed by some great photos from new club member, Steve Allen.

"Wow... just Wow! 🤩🤩"

I have to say that was the best Torrey Conditions we've had for the Torrey Pines Classic in a decade. And we have the statistics to prove it.



## News from the Slope (continued)

And the best part, is by round 4, all of the paragliders were grounded and it was super easy for us as conditions grew to 20-25. After Bill's magic run, the wind started to quarter a little bit to the north, so on the northbound legs we lost a lot of time which brought times to the 38-42 range. They were definitely challenging conditions.

By a mere 21 points, Warren Day beat me to the top of the sheets. Congratulations Warren...In my misery, I calculated that out to be the equivalent of beating me by 8 tenths of a second on a 40 second run...DAMMIT that's close over 10 rounds!

Dave Freund, Dave Cortina and Brandon Monte rounded out the top 5.

But, it was so close across the board. Those top five pilots were all within 98% of the Warren's score.

Congratulations to Ray Pili for taking the Sportsman crown with his M60. Those were some big conditions for those little planes, and you guys hung in there! Ian and new guy Mike rounded out the sportsman podium spots.

All scores and statistics are now up on the vault here:

[http://f3xvault.com/?action=event&fu...w&event\\_id=924](http://f3xvault.com/?action=event&fu...w&event_id=924)

Thanks everyone for coming out, pushing buttons, and dealing with all the stuff that comes with Torrey Pines. Today was one of those days there that makes it worth making the trip all those other years.

What an awesome day for sure!!!

Your humble CD,

Tim





## News from the Slope (continued)



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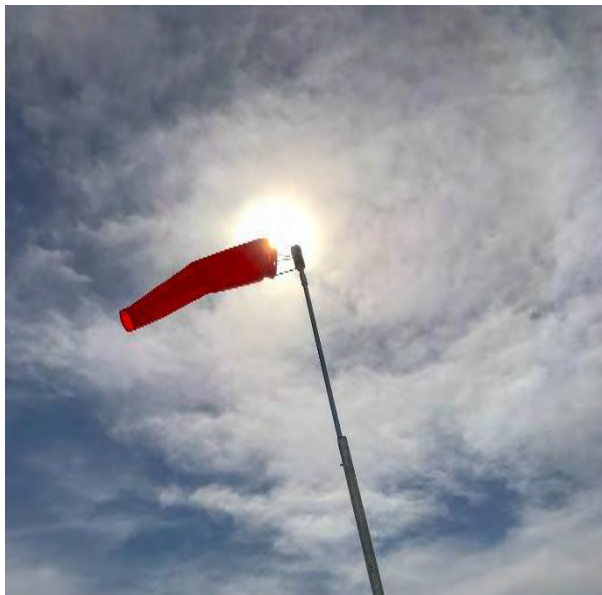
## News from the Slope (continued)



I'd also like to thank the SCSR guys for letting a group of us fly M60's. F3F racing is a lot of fun and you don't have to have the latest and greatest. Flying what you have and showing improvement either in reduced lap times, or smooth consistent turns is fun. **It's rare that you can get the whole slope to yourself, with no other planes in the sky, to fly as fast as you can right on the edge.** Just never mind the dozen sets of eyeballs from the best west coast F3F pilots watching for every speed scrubbing bobble or late turn you make.



In other news, Veep Ian installed a new genuine windsock at the Gliderport.





## News from the Slope (continued)

The last weekend of March, we had a visitor, Darryl Stevens and his daughter visiting from Washington State. Darryl grew up in San Diego and used to fly Torrey back in the days before PGs. He tore up the skies with his beautiful Ninja.



Darryl enjoying a beautiful Torrey day

The next Fun Fly is May 6<sup>th</sup> (Foamy Fun Fly). Scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the TWF/PNF Fun Fly and August 26 is the Scale Fun Fly.

And don't forget June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Katie Martin Tribute Memoria Fun Fly.

Until next time.

*Blue Skies,  
Ray*

## Club Competition Activity

### Thermal Duration

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#### TD Coordinator – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

For thermal duration contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/thermal-duration-contest-May/>, or contact Cliff Hunter at [cfhunter@att.net](mailto:cfhunter@att.net)

Additional 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

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#### F3K Coordinator – Tim Traver



Tim Traver

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

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/>, or contact Tim Traver at [TimTraver@gmail.com](mailto:TimTraver@gmail.com)

Additional 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: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2820127-2017-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-DLG-Contest-and-Clinic-Series>

Also, check out the upcoming International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) scheduled for late April, in this RCGroups thread: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2744337-IHLGF-2017-24th-Annual-International-Hand-Launch-Glider-Festival> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/581142412076887/>



## LSF Report – Ray Pili



### May 2017 LSF Report

Our planned LSF in the Desert was called off for lack of commitment. Plan B was fly Poway. Gary brought out a winch. Don brought out a Picnic Table!!!

We assembled the picnic table and it turned out very sturdy, stable and heavy. All those years of Statics and Dynamics schooling paid off. Did someone ask what happened to the old picnic table? Well no one knows. Don says there are no traces of it to be found on the field.



Ian, Emma, Justin, Don, Chuck and new guy Dave assembling the new picnic table. (Ray Pili Photo)



## LSF Report (continued)



Don's new picnic table! (Ray Pili photo)

Ian worked on his DLG launch form. We took a couple of slow motion videos, which were very helpful.

Congratulations to Chuck Norris who completed his Level II 15 minute thermal task at Poway March 11, flying his Vibe DLG. Don Lockhead and Gary Fogel were his witnesses. Story and photo from RCGroups.



Chuck's 15 min LSF II Thermal Task with Don L. (Gary Fogel photo)

The remaining LSF dates are:

- 6/10 Poway Slope/Dave's Beach (Slope Combat)
- 8/12 Poway Slope/Dave's Beach (MoM)
- 10/14 Poway Thermal Field
- 12/9 Poway Thermal Field

*Blue Skies,  
Ray*



## International Hand Launch Glider Festival Report – John Blaske



This year's contestants (Gary Fogel photo)

This year's IHLGF was more exciting than ever before. It was awesome meeting up with all the pilots who made the trip from as far as the other side of the globe.

I feel like I know Poway, as many times as I've flown there, but this past weekend had some challenging conditions. High winds meant chasing a thermal downwind and having to make calculated risks of making it back to the field. I couldn't count how many planes landed just short of the field, especially it being 100 feet shorter than usual thanks to our wonderful CD.

If there is one thing that was amazing, it was our friend Thomas from China, who won the "best free flight DLG award". **After much tribulation** milking out a thermal, his TX signal seemed to die out and the plane started thermaling without any control input. That epic Poway thermal carried his plane all the way to the hillside, where he luckily found it unscathed.

Aside from that, there was much carnage on the field this weekend as pilots were fighting for every second on the clock. I couldn't count how many times I cringed, hearing that distinct sound of cracking carbon.



Ouch! (Oleg Golovidov photo)



## International Hand Launch Glider Festival Report (continued)

### Lessons learned?

- Bring extra pairs of socks.
- Look up before you launch.
- Remind yourself to make the field.
- Bring more socks.

A huge thanks to everyone that came to the IHLGF to make it the amazing event that it is, especially to those international friends. Congrats to Joe Wurts on the win. And, if you see anyone on the TPG committee, make sure you thank them for putting in all the time and effort to make this event run.

Until next time DLG'ers!  
Cya next year!!!

FYI: Lots of great photos from the event have been posted on the RCGroups IHLGF thread, <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2744337-IHLGF-2017-24th-Annual-International-Hand-Launch-Glider-Festival>. Here are a few more from Veep, Ian Cummings.





## International Hand Launch Glider Festival Report (continued)







## TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



### This Month: Larry Fogel, 1973 Modeler of the Year

My last two articles were about Jim Haldy and Kelly Pike. As mentioned previously, Jim Haldy left the TPG in 1973. He was the main contest director for the club at the time, and his departure surely left a void. As explained in last month's article, in these early years TPG was a mix of teenager-twentysomethings and older professionals. Larry Fogel was one of the older professionals. Larry's background was as an aerospace engineer at Convair (having previously invented active noise cancellation in headphones, he was responsible for the cockpit layout of the F-106 and Convair 880 as well as head of reliability for the Atlas rocket).

By the 1970s, he was running his own computer science company, Decision Science, Inc. in Pacific Beach, one of the first companies in the US solely dedicated to machine learning.

Larry was known to most as a type A (type A+?) guy, full of energy and pleased to help when needed. For Larry, model airplanes served as a means to relax, and he was not generally interested in competition but understood that many in the club were. And for a type A guy, relaxing was a challenge. Rather than arrange competitions, he was interested in arranging fun-fly activities to get new people engaged in the club, and frankly just spending time flying at Torrey with friends and his sons.



## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Larry Fogel flying at Torrey Pines in 1975. Note the Olympus 35mm telephoto camera as well as the Super 8 video camera. Larry was in a constant state of motion either flying, or filming, or yelling at the hang gliders to get out of the newly established window.

He also helped identify several new fields for the club including Kate Sessions Park (where for a time the club held monthly thermal contests in 1972-1973), or a field near Scripps Memorial Hospital (which is now the Preuss School), Hourglass Field (now Miramar College), Morley Field (Balboa Park) (and coordinating the activities of other TPGers into trying other locations for thermal soaring such as Madison High School, Pershing High School (with TPGers Paul Denson, Buck Fauvre, and others). The club also needed a meeting location and Larry made calls to secure a room at UCSD's Muir College, a location which stood as the club meeting room for just a few months until the room at the top of the La Jolla branch of the San Diego Federal Savings and Loan bank on Torrey Pines Road was secured for the club. This far better meeting room lasted many years.

By 1973, the skies at the Gliderport were increasingly crowded and complex. Manned sailplanes were operating regularly and increased numbers of RC glider guiders made the members of the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California (AGCSC) concerned. It was fine to have one or two RCers every now and then but increasingly each weekend had more and more RCers and it was becoming crowded for the manned sailplanes. Larry Fogel and Kelly Pike reached out to the AGCSC to form a solid working relationship between TPG and AGCSC to coordinate activities and ensure safe operations. These discussions led to definitions of "the window" and traffic patterns that became used from then on to help separate the activities during full-scale launch and landing. TPG provided a demonstration of RC soaring for the spectators at the 1973 Pacific Coast Midwinter Soaring Championships held at Torrey Pines.



## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

However also by 1973, the number of hang glider pilots showing up and jumping off the cliff was increasing as well. These pilots, flying under the Ultralight Flyers Organization (UFO) were more interested in flying than they were in discussing safety rules. Larry served to help attempt to coordinate these activities but found it difficult to do so. The City stepped in rather quickly and on February 21, 1973 arranged for a meeting at the office of Harry Atkinson, Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Dept. for the City of San Diego to discuss these safety issues. Representatives of the State Parks and Recreation Dept., FAA, AGCSC, TPG, and UFO were present. The result of the meeting was the formation of a three-person committee (one member from each of AGCSC, TPG, and UFO) to formulate a set of operating procedures that would be acceptable and followed by all. An initial proposal was to have hang gliders launch only to the south, and only land on the beach. (You probably have the correct interpretation that this **proposal didn't last long**). **Larry's efforts were central** to the process of bringing these groups together and preserving safe flight operations for everyone so that the City would keep the Gliderport operational. These efforts would later lead to the formation of the Torrey Pines Soaring Council in 1978.

Upon Jim Haldy's departure from the club, Larry (who was already then serving as Secretary) took over as the club's "Communication's Officer." In doing so he was officially the club's first Newsletter Editor although Jim and others had helped keep a loose "newsletter" of sorts going from about 1971 to 1973 by various names including the very impressive newsletter title of "The Whatcha Callit."

This changed to the longer and somewhat more scientific "Journal of the Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Model Soaring Society (JTPGRCHSS for short or more familiarly called 'Loose Talk')" with Vol. 1, No. 1 issued in June 1974 with Fogel as editor. The newsletter began with Larry's editorial: "In volunteering for this task, I hope to start a new tradition so that this journal not only becomes a newsletter but also an open forum to encourage the exchange of ideas on how to design, build, and fly superior sailplanes. Our slogan will be 'Fewer Crashes' and 'Less Need for Excuses.'"

Larry also had an interest in amateur photography and began taking photos of the RC activities at the cliff and at Hourglass Field. At that time it was difficult to figure out how to get photos into a typewritten monthly newsletter. (Remember the days of typing on a typewriter and then having to go to the copier, make X copies, and then address each one, then mail and repeat this each month?) So Larry began to write articles about RC soaring for various RC magazines with an already established path. RC soaring truly was very new at that time. Most RC magazines were heavily focused on powered RC or control line. The rapid interest in RC soaring resulted in many RC magazines starting up their own columns about the hobby in the early 1970s. **Larry's efforts eventually landed him a monthly column on RC soaring for *Model Builder* magazine** throughout much of the 1970s into the mid-1980s. He used this forum not only to promote the activities of the TPG but also bring the RC community closer together – his business trips allowed him to attend contests around the nation, and even visit RC glider sites in Europe and Australia.

## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Larry Fogel holding both the author of this article and a foamy Schweizer 1-26 in 1972. The foamy 1-26s were really popular in the early 1970s for man-on-man one-design slope races at Torrey. They would accommodate the larger “brick” style receiver and servo combinations, and were easily repaired with epoxy or Titebond. The foam was roughly equivalent to “beer cooler” consistency.

He would write about these in *Model Builder*, and made a tremendous number of friends around the world, who then of course, would in return through Larry’s writing come to know Torrey Pines as a hotbed for the development of RC soaring. (Think about this as a sort of RCGroups, where one person is the focal point for everyone’s communication through a magazine). Local modelers such as Mark Smith, Harris Nelson, Hobie Alter, and others were always very pleased that Larry would help promote their designs and activities through *Model Builder*. Mark Smith was in particular so thankful for this friendship that in 1974 he gave his original prototype Windfree sailplane to Larry as a token of his appreciation.

Because of all of these activities on behalf of the club in 1970-1973, Larry was awarded the TPG Modeler of the Year Trophy in 1973. He received the trophy again in the 1994, and was awarded AMA Life Fellow in 1996. Hopefully, we’ll get to that in a future issue. Unfortunately, Larry passed away in February 2007. Additional information on his life can be found at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence\\_J.\\_Fogel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_J._Fogel)

and

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/files/FogellLarry.pdf>



## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



In 1974, Larry special-ordered a large  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale Kestrel 17 from Ralph Leamont in Melbourne Australia. The kit arrived in late 1974 and was completed in early 1975. Its first flight in May 1975 opened Torrey to the possibilities of larger multichannel  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale gliders. This particular sailplane still survives in the Fogel hangar with its original Kraft gear.

## 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!



Product ID: A332-027-2942  
Digitally Printed Gildan Ringneck 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  
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Product ID: A332-027-2014  
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Tee

Your Price  
**\$20.62**



Product ID: A332-027-1795  
Gildan Printed Classic Long Sleeve Dark Tee



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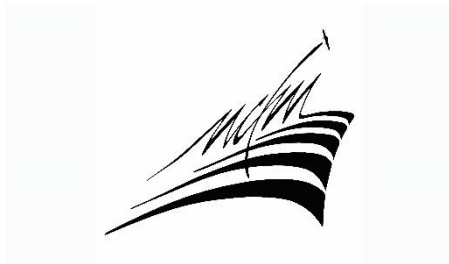
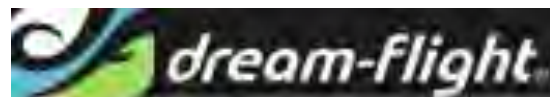
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## Photo of the Month Contest

Each month club members may submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a **winner** to be chosen by the Board of Directors.

A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (their photo will be used as the website and newsletter masthead **AND will appear on the following year's club membership card**). Needless to say, **horizontal format photos are preferred**. Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at [dgottdank@gmail.com](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com). Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.



A blustery day in late November (Ian Cummings)



## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



NAN Shadow over Torrey (Greg Houck)



NAN Shadow over Torrey clouds (Greg Houck)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Nice launch at LSF attempt day (Ian Cummings)



January Winner – Torrey rainbow (Ray Pili)



## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Dingb (Dave Bell) launching Brown's Minimoa at Camperdown (Matin Taraz photo)



Full-scale Stemme S-10 flyby at Torrey...outbound (Ian Cummings photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Pterodactyl over Camperdown (Glenn – salisbug on RCGroups photo)



February Winner – Full-scale Stemme S-10 flyby at Torrey (Ian Cummings photo)



## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Hot day in Wagga Wagga, Australia (Matin Taraz photo)

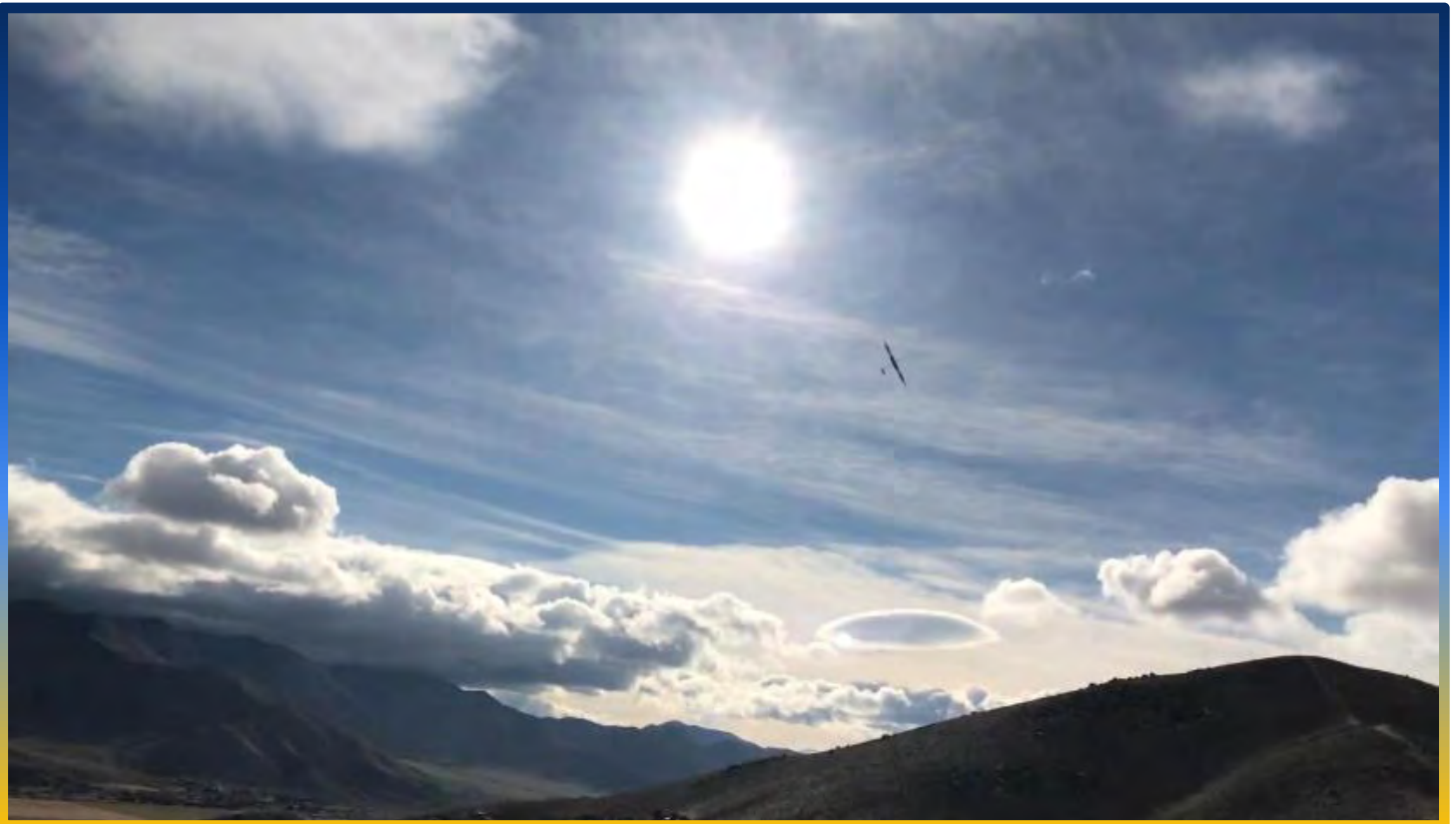


Torrey sunset following the March 4<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly (Justin Tolman photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



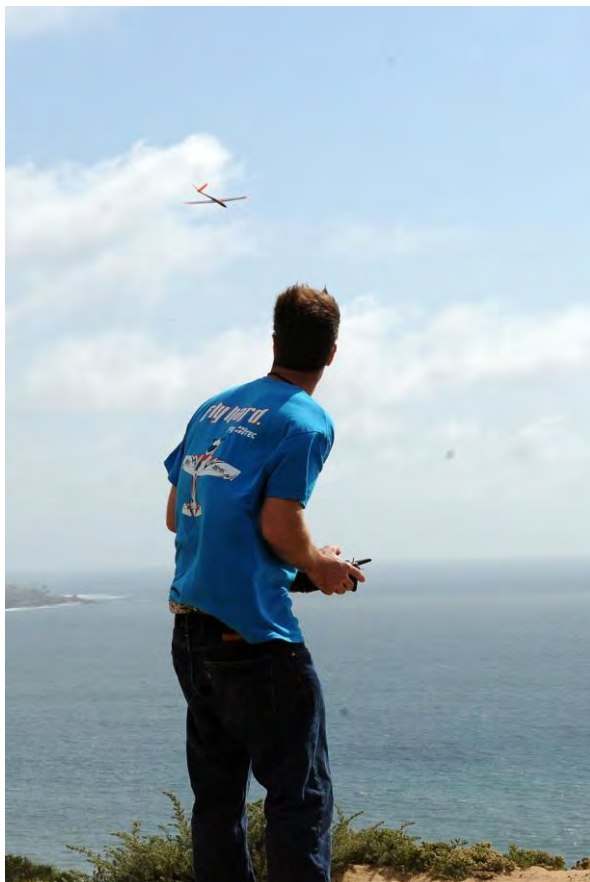
March 4<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly panorama (Justin Tolman photo)



March-April Winner – Spencer Lisenby DS'ing his Kinetic Transonic DP 130 (Phil Davy photo)



## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



A little body English at the F3F Torrey Classic  
(Steve Allen photo)



Seriously sticking the landing! (Cliff Hunter photo)



Multi-tasking at the February TD contest – Larry Jolly and his  
best friend (Cliff Hunter photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



More from the F3F Torrey Classic (Steve Allen photo)



May Co-Winner – Ray Pili launching during the F3F Torrey Classic (Steve Allen photo)



## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Co-Winner – from Steve Condon: F3J in the Desert that is now in a new location in Sandy Valley, CA/NV. Beautiful sod farm site. Here is a shot of the mass launch from our end of the flight line. Awesome! Mike Smith launching Tom Watson's Maxa. Mario Scolari running the winch. Scott and I timing. (Steve Condon photo)

*Editor's note: Steve informs me that there are 12 planes in this mass launch!*

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## Quote of the Month:

*“Isn’t it appropriate that the month of the tax begins with April Fool’s Day and ends with cries of ‘May Day!’?”*

*~ Rob Knauerhase*



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Martv Dine