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AMA Charter Club 129

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Marty Dine

Hello Gulls,

It's the beginning of May, and the IHLGF is upon us this weekend! Be sure to get out there and check it out, and get in on the great items included in the silent auction. Oh, and also see some of the world's best glider guiders in action.

We have been getting a few requests for basic flying instruction from potential members so I would like to see if we can find a few volunteers to act as instructor pilots and re-boot the flight instruction program. If you have some time and would like to give back to the hobby by helping someone get started in soaring, please contact a board member and we'll get you connected with a student. It is a rewarding experience to see someone flourish and gain enthusiasm for the hobby, and you will be surprised how much you can learn too...

And from the Slope:

As I write this we have wind in spades, sadly it's from the wrong direction. (wouldn't you know it!) Last week's storm apparently brought some epic winds to Torrey Pines, and naturally I wasn't able to get out there... It seems to be my lot this year to miss the big days... At any rate, I'm sure a bunch of you got out and took advantage of the late spring storm. I encourage all members to get over to Torrey and check it out. Even if you are a flatlander, we can get you familiar with the site and I know you will have a great time plying the lift on the cliff!

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It's time again for the Torrey Pines Gulls Premier Event
**International Hand Launch Glider
Festival**

Sign up at www.ihlgf.com



The 2014 event will be held at our Poway field as always, and will take place over the weekend of May 3rd and 4th, 2014. The Torrey Pines Gulls are excited to be entering this next decade of DLG competition and we anticipate some very interesting and substantial advances in airframes, radios, and most importantly pilot skills to take place in the next 10 years. Who know what the future will bring, but looking back we are very aware of how far we have come. Following in the new tradition that started with the 20th Anniversary IHLGF, we will be providing catered meals at the field. Dinners will be available by prepay for Friday and Saturday night. Friday night will be Mexican taco night, and Saturday, TPG's very own Scott Condon will bring out his mobile pizza oven and throw down an awesome lasagna dinner with all the trimmings. Your entry fee will cover lunch on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as drinks. See the registration page for these details.

Don't forget about the auction. On Saturday we will have the Spektrum DX6, the Carbon Cub and Night Vapor on the block. On Sunday we will have the DX9, sBach, Habu and the Stobel V3.5 up for grabs. For links to a full description of each item go to: <http://www.ihlgf.com/auction>

If you see something you can't live without come on out. We hope to have a few more late additions to the list so stay tuned. A percentage of the proceeds go directly to the US F3K team fund. Last year, the TPG donated over \$1200 based solely on you buying great stuff at steal of a deal prices. All of us at the Torrey Pines Gulls look forward to seeing you DLG'ers here in Poway in May. It will be a fun and challenging competition as always.

Pre-registration is now closed. You may still register on the field, but please let us know you're coming so we can be ready.



Join the Yahoo Forum! (reprinted as a reminder to club members)

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. 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. Click the link below for more information: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/forum.htm>

Check out the TPG Facebook page, too.

From John Blaske:

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page for more information, photos, videos, etc.

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



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

We had some great stuff in last month's newsletter. Thanks to Dan Cummins for his follow up article about epoxy techniques. Keep the articles coming – Remember, I hope to have the newsletter published by the **first week of every month**.

To make the **usual** timely issue possible, I need the club members' support and help in providing me with pictures, articles and any upcoming events.

Please send in your articles (dgottdank@gmail.com) by the 20th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter.

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

Dale Gottdank, Editor

Club Meetings and Activities

As previously announced, the schedule for general membership meetings has been changed from monthly to quarterly (or thereabouts) in an effort to get more attendance, and make the meetings a bit more "special." Consisting of a series of fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at:

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

DLG at TPG is A-OK... and this month is the IHLGF!

Get your DLG's ready and don't miss another opportunity to hone your DLG skills as the DLG Clinic/Contest Series resurrected by Tim Traver, John McNeil and Gary Fogel continues this year with Tim Traver serving as DLG Coordinator. Next event is the International Handlaunch Glider Festival, May 3-4!

For more information, including format, cost, schedule (and why this is such a great idea), check out the full announcement on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/handlaunch.htm>



Tim Traver



John McNeil



Gary Fogel



Mark Canfield

May TD Contest – Mark Canfield -CD

Date TBA - TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field; Pilots meeting at 8:45 am; first round 9:00 am

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

1 ST Round	5 Min. Precision Duration
2 ND Round	7 Min. Precision Duration
3 RD Round	9 Min. Precision Duration
4 th Round	10 Min. Precision Duration

Precision landings will be key as there will be a 20 point penalty assessed for going over the allotted time (psst. land early).

Landings will be in a "Bulls Eye" configuration (50, 25, or 10 points possible) similar to what is used in Visalia. Just trying to mix it up!

Contact Mark at macanfield5@roadrunner.com or Keith at with any questions.



Steve Condon

April TD Contest Results – Steve Condon - CD

April 13, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

7minute, 8 minute, 9 minute and 10 minute flights
In any order
Landings: 900/100m normal AMA landings **except**,
Contestants could stand anywhere they wanted.

All contestant scores are posted on the Web Site
www.torreypinesgulls.org under "Competition Results."

The April contest date arrived to perfect weather at the Encinitas field. There was early cloud cover and overcast with temps in the low 60's. The field, however was very active and the air buoyant from very early in the morning. The tasks were a 7, 8, 9 and 10 minute flight which sometimes is very difficult at Encinitas, but on this day there was lift to be found. However, with the lift, there were also some large pockets of sink and a few unlucky pilots launched into the mush and found themselves coming up short.

This is the first time we have gotten to launch upwind on the combo of braided and monofilament line and the launch heights were greatly improved—not to mention more fun. The landing tasks were the normal AMA tape with 100 points each. This was intended to be a low-key TD event where we could relax, have fun and hang out with our friends. I believe we accomplished this and the thermal activity made it even more fun (especially compared to last month's blow out).

Place

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Master

Steve Condon

Mark Canfield

Mike Smith

Expert

Amardeep Dugal

Garth Warner

Steve Hurd

Sportsman

Novice

May DLG Contest – CD- TBA

May 17, 2014 – Currently Scheduled Date

Tasks – TBD

Follow this link and navigate to registration:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=271



Gary Fogel

April DLG Contest Results – Gary Fogel - CD

Poway is a world class flying site. We had a great turnout for the April contest with 20 pilots, and it made for really great fun, competition and camaraderie.

We hope to keep seeing lots of you guys out there on the field for the next ones.

Place

First Place

Sean Porter

Second Place

Mike Seid

Third Place

Jun Catacutan

All contestant scores are posted on the Web Site

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&country_id=0&state_id=0&search=

Find and click on the event for full results.

Articles of Interest

Dave Kellogg Memorial at Dave's Beach

On Saturday, Matin Taraz hosted the annual Dave Kellogg Memorial Fly-In (Celebrating Dave's 62nd Birthday, at Dave's Beach. Here's a link to the occasion of his passing in 2006:

[Dave Kellogg, April 5, 1948 - October 18, 2006](#)

As Greg Houck said:

Had a great day at Dave's! lots of good wind, good food, and good people!

Thanks to Matin for keeping the tradition and memory of Dave alive.

Thanks to Mr. Robert for cooking.

Here are some photos of the event:





Bill Eckles

Renew your 2014 Membership - the year's 1/3 over!

Club Membership - By Bill Eckles

Currently we have 87 members, closing on our budgeted number. We still should make it as we have several members from previous years who have not re-upped for 2014 and I do expect them to join the program. From last month:

I've asked several of the members who have responded negatively to the emails to "re-up" and, while not many, the responses are a bit humbling. I'm getting some mention that we, as a club, give off the airs of being "elitist." This doesn't surprise me in a hobby where technology is driving the higher caliber "toys" and the cost of this technology is pretty high. Similarly, even in the handcrafting of scale ships, time readily translates into money and the costs to buy an artisan's skills escalate quickly. To this, I offer that our shift to "fun flies" for our general meeting sites is right on target...perhaps we could make sure we reach out to some of the less gregarious new folks who may be silently seeking friendships more than flying experiences. I know that I really welcomed the helpful and friendly faces of the likes of Mike Smith, Aaron Valdez and Arthur Markiewicz (to name only a couple) a few years ago when we gathered at Poway. New faces are merely new vehicles to spread acceptance and knowledge, so let's all try to genuinely welcome newcomers to our club, helping wherever we can.

While we're at it, our Sunday competitions may be a little bit foreboding to new members. Let's make sure we publicize the "fun" in our fun flies and access to our more experienced members. We have world class competitors in our membership and I'm certain these guys are more willing to share their tips and knowledge to all. Perhaps groups can be taught at a fun fly. Or, at least, a member who demonstrates a lack of understanding can be comfortably and quietly made to understand the shortcomings of his actions.

While our membership is a bit smaller than we'd like, we still have a large group of participants. Let's all work to keep relationships good and assistance flowing both ways...to and fro. **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 web site for current and past information www.torreyпинesgulls.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.

The dues remain at \$60 for the year and you can even get credit as much as \$20 for two half day work sessions if you want to help at club events or field maintenance.

Dues are as follows:

- ✓ Dues for the membership (calendar) year are as follows for submissions during.
- ✓ January through June are \$60
- ✓ July through September are \$30
- ✓ October through December are \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Juniors age 15 and under \$5
- ✓ 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.torreyпинesgulls.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 web site for more information.



Photo of the Month Contest

Each month club members (if they want to) can 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 (yet to be determined). Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at dgottdank@gmail.com. Please provide your name, location of photo and what we are looking at.



January/February 2014 Winner (Ian Cummings)



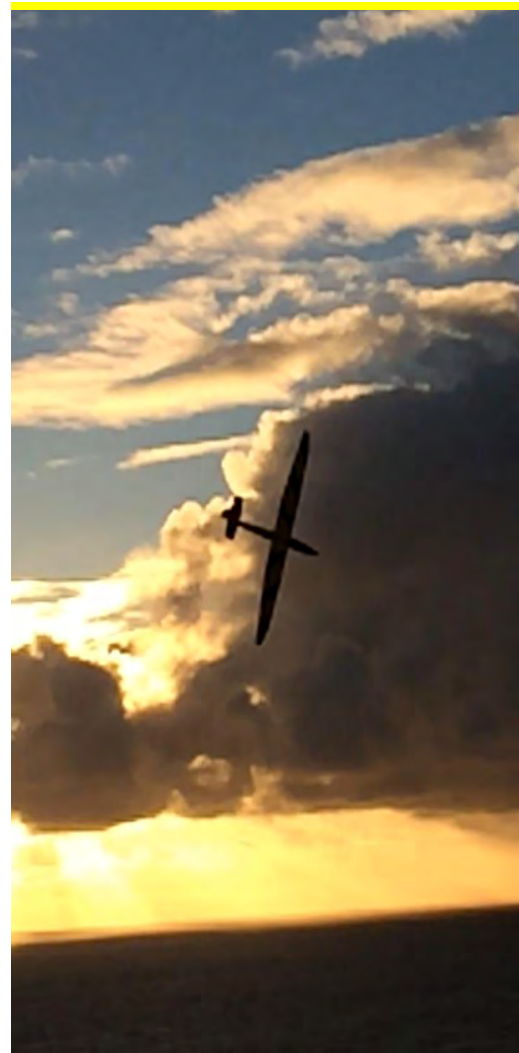
March 2014 Winner (Mark Canfield) F3J in the Desert



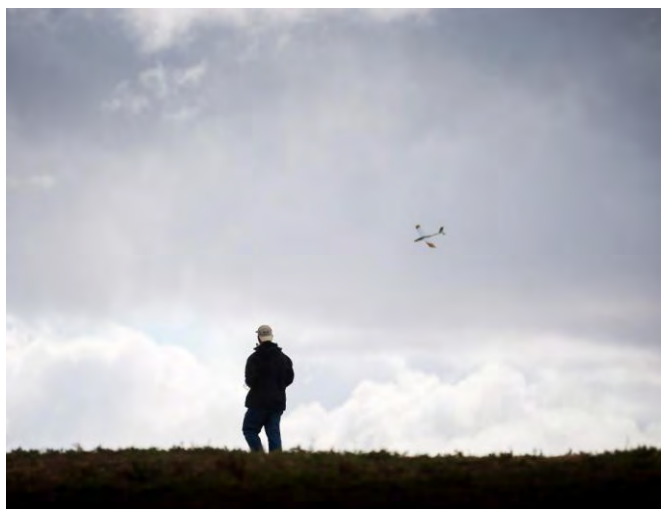
Bill Eckles – Arthur relaxing at the Bluff – May Contest



Ian Cummings – Dan & Ward at the Bluff – May Contest



April 2014 Winner *(Scott Condon) - 1/3 Scale L-213 at Torrey



Ian Cummings – Dan's Landing Approach – May Contest



Marty Dine – Someone Launching Floater – May Contest



Marty Dine – Gweg Bwoke His Wabbit – May Contest



Ian Cummings – Mike Tinker Launching High End –May Contest



Marty Dine – Big Pink Knockin' Down the Cans at Dave's Beach – May Contest



Ian Cummings - Mike Lance withn Shelby Spotting- May Contest

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TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled	

Marty Dine
President



Dan Cummins
Vice- President



Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lockhead
Treasurer



2014 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/TD	CD	HLG	Slope Race	SC2
January	12	Keith		socalsooperacing.com	
February	9	Parviz	15	socalsooperacing.com	23 SWSA
March	9	Cliff	15	socalsooperacing.com	23 VVRC
April	13	Steve	19	socalsooperacing.com	27 SULA
May	11	Mark	17	socalsooperacing.com	18 DSH at TPG
June	8	Tom	21	socalsooperacing.com	22 ISS
July	13	TBD	19	socalsooperacing.com	27 HSS
August	10	TBD	16	socalsooperacing.com	17 SWSA
September	14	Scott	27	socalsooperacing.com	21 TOSS
October	12	Tom	25	socalsooperacing.com	Encinitas
November	9	Mark	22	socalsooperacing.com	17 Rain Date
December	14	Mike		socalsooperacing.com	Sula & DSH

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. Check the Calendar often at www.torreyпинesgulls.org for updates. The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: <http://site.sc2soaring.com/> and <http://www.torreyпинesgulls.org/calendar.htm>



Quote of the Month:

The air to a glider pilot is a reality. . . . He is trying to understand it in all its moods; to learn its flow, its laws, and to try and use this knowledge to his own ends.

— *Philip Wills*
Pioneering British Glider Pilot