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Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)
AMA Charter Club 129

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Marty Dine

Message from the President And News... From the Slope!

Hi Gulls,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July weekend. It's hard to believe the year is half gone already. Your board just "closed the books" on another highly successful IHLGF and so, through the continuing support of our sponsors and ultimately, the generous participation of the pilots in the contest, raffle and auctions, 2014 was a "banner-year" in the long history of the IHLGF. Because of this, and our unwavering commitment to fostering the sport, the Gulls have decided to do something pretty big...

I would like to announce that the Torrey Pines Gulls have made an unprecedented donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the USA F3K Team.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the members of our club, I would like to formally say thank you to all of the competitors, our sponsors, and volunteers. Without you, events like this would simply not be possible. We hope you can all join us again in 2015!

The wind at the cliff has been pretty nice lately, and that is bringing out lots of fliers. When you are there, please remember to sign in at the shack, pay your daily use fee, and put your card up on the board before you fly. And please adhere to the in-flight rules as stated on the sign. Particularly the "Blue Sky" rule.

Fly safe, and have fun!

See you at the cliff or the flats...

All the best,
Marty Dine, President
Torrey Pines Gulls

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Activities on page 3**

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

By Lenny Brzezinski -TPG Moderator

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.torreyпинesgulls.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

Last month we were all excited about the upcoming IHLGF and Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In and here we are a month later and we're well into summer.

Please send some articles! They don't have to be a "thesis," just a paragraph or two about something that interests you related in some way to RC soaring – 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. If there are too many, we'll save some for the next issue.

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>

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 increase 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 – Light Planes...A Heavy Dose of Fun!

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. **The next regularly scheduled event is July 19!**

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



Keith Finkenbiner

July TD Contest – Keith Finkenbiner - CD

Sunday, July 13, 2014 - TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field;

\$10 for one class or RES

\$20 for one class + RES

Free for Juniors & Seniors

Sign-up at 8:30 am

Pilots meeting at 8:45 am; first round 9:00 am

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

Round 1: 6 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 2: 8 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 9 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Landings: 25 Foot tape worth 100 Points

Flight Order: Open in order

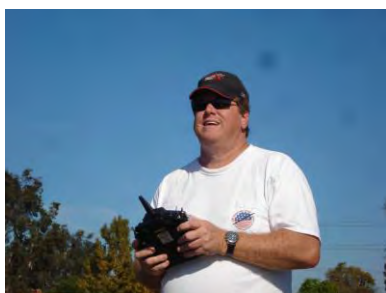
Rules:

No Flying over launch area below launch height

10 seconds to accept re-launch

No metal landing aids allowed

Contact Keith at keithone@cox.net or (760)-216-6349 with any questions.



Tom Watson

June TD Contest Results – Tom Watson - CD

Sunday, June 8, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

Round 1: 6 Minutes

Round 2: 8 Minutes

Round 3: 10 Minutes

Round 3: 10 Minutes

Landings: 25 Foot tape worth 100 Points

Winners

Mike Smith

Mark Canfield

Tom Keisling

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



Tim Traver

July DLG Contest – Tim Traver - CD

July 19, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field
Sanctioned AMA Contest
Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

Tasks - TBD

Here's the link to the event registration:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=273

Contact Tim Traver at timtraver@gmail.com with any questions. Looking forward to a solid local turnout! Come enjoy fun in the sun and get some pointers from the pros.



John McNeil

June DLG Contest Results – John McNeil - CD

June 28, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field
Sanctioned AMA Contest/F3K Team Selection Qualification
Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

Thanks everyone for coming to the contest and for helping me setup and tear-down. Thanks especially to Amardeep for the scoring help. I was hoping for capped out thermals for the first round as I wanted to run a poker round where 9:58 was impossible. However, I was disappointed with booming lift for this round and the next two. I selected rounds with lots of air time, and we made the most of it. After the break the thermals got even stronger, yet were still easy to find, until the end of heat A of round five. Just as the closing buzzer sounded, all the surrounding lift lifted off in one huge suck, leaving nothing but windy sink for heat B. The lift returned for heat A of round six, all up last down, then once again abandoned heat B.

That said, a good pilot can get a bad draw and still win. Paul Anderson and Mike Smith, who took first and second, each flew in one of those B heats, but they each won their heat. Gregg Bolton took third with an impressive 4,968 and was in both of the tough heat Bs. Nice work guys!

Place

First Place

Paul Anderson

Second Place

Mike Smith

Third Place

Gregg Bolton

All contestant scores are posted at the F3X Vault site at:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=272

Also check out the RC groups thread:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2070798>

Articles of Interest

Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In IV

On June 7, Bob Martin, RC modeling pioneer, along with the Torrey Pines Gulls hosted the 4th Annual Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In. Bob contributed the following article. Thanks, Bob for all you and Katie have done for RC Soaring!

In December of 2010, Katie Martin passed away in Cedar Sinai hospital from heart and lung complications. In all things, from when we got married in June 1964, Katie was my constant companion. We were well matched and throughout our lives, we participated in nearly everything together.

In the early seventies Katie asked me to buy her a sailplane, a Hobbie Hawk. Shortly thereafter Bob Martin RC Models was launched. When we lost her in 2010, friends put together the idea for the Tribute. Discussion with your club began and the first Katie Martin Tribute was launched in June 2011 at the obvious location, the Mecca of slope soaring in the US.

It has been four years that the Torrey Pines Gulls have hosted the Katie Martin Tribute. Last year and this year, flyers in Great Britain, Spain and Venezuela have joined us here in the states in honoring Katie.

I cannot fully express my gratitude to the members of the Torrey Pines Gulls for their gracious hospitality. All of the members I have met are a great bunch of guys and I look forward to coming to Torrey Pines Glider Port each year.

The 2014 edition of the Katie Martin Global Tribute was a huge success. How would Katie define success? Easy, did everyone have a good time, if so it is a success. This year the weather was fantastic, strong enough and the right direction that we could fly anything we wanted but not so strong that it grounded the lighter aircraft. I arrived on Friday and the conditions were perfect. Brent from Havasu, Tony from Santa Barbara, John from Westlake Village and a couple of TPG members flew our hearts out. It was great. Our hopes were for Saturday, the day of the event be as good.

Saturday was even better than Friday. This year's turnout was not as large as we have had in the past. The amount of flying and FUN was way up.....much better than previous years. We had Hobbie Hawks, Super Hawks, Contenders, Coyotes, Super Gryphons, Katie IIs, SR-7s, Mystiques, Le Fish, and a load of small and large, foam and composite ships that flew and put on quite a show.

Everyone had a terrific time and is planning on coming next year. You have a special place to fly slope planes and we all thank you for your hospitality. I hope you will allow us to return next year.

My sincere thanks to Marty, Mark, Brent and all of the Torrey Pines Gulls.

Bob Martin

Some photos from the event are on the following page. For more photos and comments, check out the Katie Martin Tribute IV thread on RC groups at:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2071361>

Some of the pilots and, of course, Bob Martin



Katie's Hobie Hawk Flies Again



Ultra-Light PSS Group Build – Dale Gottdank

On Saturday, June 14, a group of intrepid PSS (Power Scale Soaring) builders got together at the Laird Residence in Riverside, CA to participate in an unprecedented one-day build of ultra-light (less than 25 oz. or so) 46" +/- wingspan WWII scale warbirds for lighter wind conditions such as we encounter in San Diego County (as opposed to Point Fermin, Cajon Pass, etc.) I was along for the ride (someone had to take pictures and heckle) and the 7 builders included Brian Laird, Carl Maas and Dan Sampson of ISR (Inland Slope Rebels), indisputably the Joe Wurts, Daryl Perkins and Skip Miller (not necessarily in that order) of the PSS community as well as Dan Cummins, Greg Houck, Jim Scott and Matin Taraz of TPG, undoubtedly the Dan Cummins, Greg Houck, Jim Scott and Matin Taraz of the PSS community.

The build commenced at around 7:30 AM and continued into early evening (in time for dinner at the Lairds'). Four of the seven completed their planes and a couple maiden'd during the next week or so. The action was also captured in stop-motion (for posterity). A link to the build may be found at: <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2150566>. The GoPro stop-motion video may be found at <http://vimeo.com/99086346> and within the thread. There's also a Brian Laird (TFLG) P-51 Mustang (light build) thread at <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2170510>. Below and on the following page are some photos of the event.



Matin, IRSDan, Dan C., Brian, Greg, Jim and Carl, bright eyed and bushy tailed at 7:30 in the morning.



The Four Who Finished (Greg, Jim, Carl & Brian)



Celebratory Dinner (including fancy trophies)





Bill Eckles

Club Membership – Bill Eckles

Memberships keep growing, even if it is slowly. We now have a couple new members. Scott Bahde from Havasu City, AZ joined up along with his son Carter. This young man wanted to celebrate his 16th birthday at the Glider Port, carving through the skies with his Cularis. He even got his dad to lend him a larger, more challenging version and successfully piloted it in light and variable winds, just like the old salts. I had the opportunity to chat with them and enjoyed the conversation immensely. Welcome, guys...we look forward to more flights together. We currently stand at 93 members, slowly closing on that magic 100 number. We expect a few new members as we enter July with our membership rate lowered to one-half what it was for the first half of the year. The reduction to \$30 seems only fair as the "big" days of January, February and March are passed and we'll need to wait for winter storm fronts this approaching fall. Keep tuned...we have a vital club and lots of good, active members eagerly anticipating new folks with whom to share the fun.

From last month:

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.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 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.

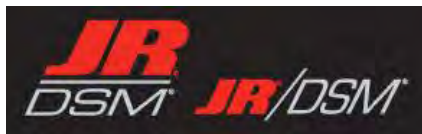
If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership". We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.

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 web site for more information.



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*Valid July 1 through July 31, 2014 -- Retail store sales only, must present coupon at time of purchase for discount. Cannot be combined with other offers.




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Photo of the Month Contest

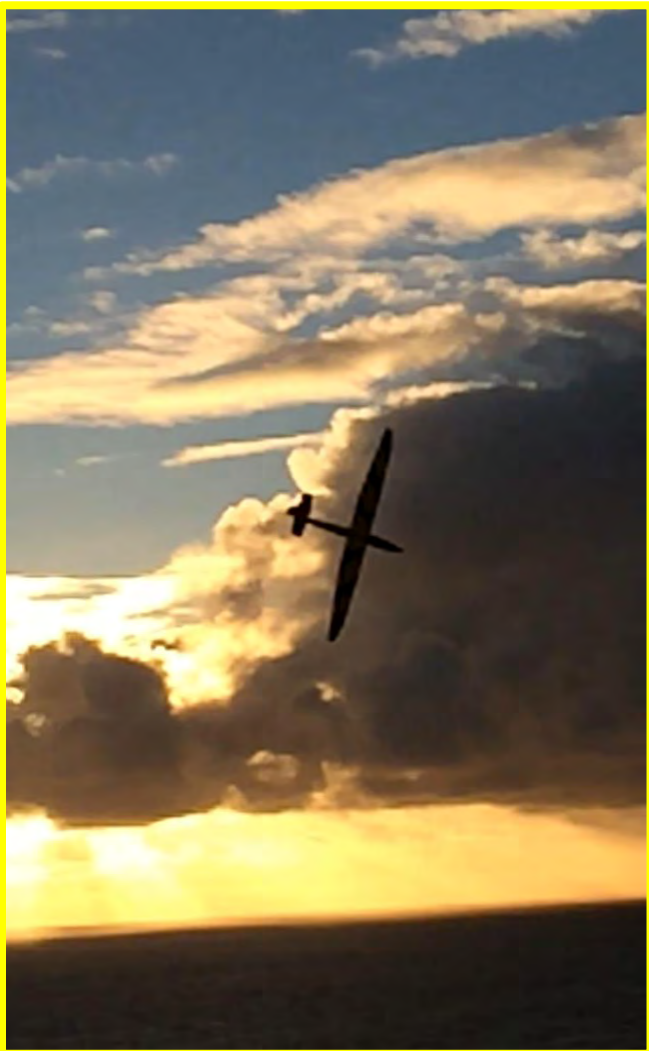
Each month club members (if they want to) can submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner to be chosen by the Board of Directors. A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (yet to be determined). Email your 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



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



May Winner (Marty Dine) Big Pink Knockin' Down the Cans at Dave's Beach



June Winner (Dale Gottdank) Perfect CFIT (Pilot Unidentified) at Torrey



PGR – Pilots assembled at the 4th Annual Katie Martin Tribute Fly-In at Torrey (July Contest)



PGR – SR-7 at the Katie Martin Tribute (July Contest)



Jake Smith – Falcon takes flight at Torrey (July Contest)



Matin Taraz – Greg's One Day Build P-39 Maiden At Dave's Beach (July Contest)



Carl Maas – Carl's One Day Build P-63 Maiden (July 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	See SC2	Mark	17	socalsooperacing.com	18 at TPG
June	8	Tom	28	socalsooperacing.com	22 ISS
July	13	Keith	19	socalsooperacing.com	27 HSS
August	10	TBD	16	socalsooperacing.com	17 SWSA
September	14	Scott	13	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.torreypinesgulls.org for updates. The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: <http://site.sc2soaring.com/> and <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar.htm>



Quote of the Month:

When gliding operators have attained greater skill, they can maintain themselves in the air for hours at a time.

— Wilbur Wright, 1901.