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

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Marty Dine, Pres.

Message from the President And a Note... From the Slope!

Hi Gulls,

Hope everyone's summer has been going well and you're all getting the chance to get out and do some flying. I finally got a chance to get out to Torrey over the weekend and had a great time plying the light coastal summer breeze. And, I also made a rare Mark Wood sighting. It was good to see our venerable former slope director back on the bluff and flying the wings off his planes. The Gliderport seems to be doing well, although it's a bit dry out there to say the least! No matter though, as conditions are excellent. At any rate, now that my summer travels are winding down, I hope to be back out at the slope and the fields to get back into the swing of things. The contest season marches on and I hope that if you haven't had the chance to get out and check one out, that you will soon. It's a great way to meet other members of the club and share in the fun. Look for full reports from the TD and DLG comps.

PS. In case you haven't heard, the FAA has extended the window for public comment on its proposed regulations for aeromodeling, so if you haven't already, please let your voice be heard so that we can protect our hobby from unfair and unwieldy legislation. If you have made comments, I believe you can register up to 10, so do it again!

See you at the bluff,
Marty

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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.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're closing in on the end of summer and the start of the football season. **September 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate Day** (<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.html>). Arrrr!!! Anyway, aside from all that:

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...even something interesting you happened upon on the internet –I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. 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 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 – C'mon out to Poway – It's getting cooler.....maybe

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.

For more information about Torrey Pines Gulls DLG, 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



Scott Condon

September TD Contest – ?Scott Condon? – CD

Sunday, September 14, 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 (TBD) – AMA Cards

Tasks

The tasks are yet to be decided at the time of this publication. However it goes, you know it'll be fun so come on out for a great contest!

Check out the TPG web site (<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>) for further updates.



Mark Canfield

August TD Contest Results – Mark Canfield - CD

Sunday, August 10, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

Round 1: 5 Minutes
 Round 2: 7 Minutes
 Round 3: 9 Minutes
 Round 3: 10 Minutes
 Landings: "Bull's Eye" (50, 25 or 10 points)

Pretty good turnout for today's contest with 9 pilots in attendance. (Several of the usual suspects were missing due to family vacations, and some attending the Nats).

Tasks were reasonable but challenging with 5, 7, 9 & 10 minute rounds. I did mix things up with "Bulls Eye" type landing circles, and a 20 point penalty for every second over the task time.

Everyone seemed to like this format which made for some exciting finishes. Conditions were good for most of the morning, however the occasional "sink" cycles did catch a few off guard and they were sent to retrieve their planes. All in all, a great day!

Thanks to all.

Results

Master Division

1st Mike Smith
2nd Mark Canfield
3rd Edgar Vera

Expert Division

1st Amardeep Dugal
2nd Bruno Burgin
3rd Steve Hurd



?Paul Anderson?

September DLG Contest – ?Paul Anderson? - CD

September 13, 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=275

Also, check out the TPG web site

(<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>) and the RCGroups link
(<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2070798>)

for further updates. Looking forward to a solid local turnout!

Come enjoy fun in the sun and get some pointers from the pros.



Gary Fogel

August DLG Contest Results – Gary Fogel - CD

August 16, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field
Sanctioned AMA Contest/ **part of AMA's 2nd Annual National Model Aviation Day**
Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

Recap from Tim Traver

Thanks for coming out everyone!!!

We had a really great turnout again with 14 pilots!

Paul continued his TPG dominance, only faltering in round 5 (All ups). He landed out of bounds by 2.1mm, and required the CD to make the call. Was he in???

The CD, in his generosity after forcing upon us 2 rounds of poker (yes, that was 33.333% poker rounds), ruled that the planes wingtip's shadow was over the line, so his 1:34 was counted. It didn't end up mattering, cause that was his only non round win...

As per usual, the big hitters called 9:58's on their poker rounds so they can completely ignore their timers and not have to do any kind of math in their heads. Pussies! (note, they did make them anyways, so the eggs on our face) (except for Jun, who now seems to need some glasses)

Super cool to have some new talent join us. Stefano was bold and drove down from Long Beach to see what this contest thing was about, and we threw him right into the fire. He managed to escape with only minor burns, but I did call for him on his 1234 task, and I could see a huge grin on his face when he was in an elevator thermal getting smaller by the second...welcome to the addiction Stefano!

Another out of townner newbie made a completely rookie mistake and didn't actually bring his plane. Brian, it was nice to meet you, and thanks for timing for me and some others throughout the day, but next time bring your plane dude. Sheesh, you gotta remind these newbies about everything!

Amardeep flew his new plane really well...I think it's a keeper Amardeep!

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(DLG Contest Recap continued)

We had some interesting air all day. As per normal, the wind crept up on us in the final couple of rounds, but not so much to be unflyable. It just made some of the downwind chasers land in the tall grass instead of in the white lines.

Hope everyone that missed this one can get to the next one. These monthlies sure are fun!

I will unfortunately be unable to make the next month one, as I will be in Slovakia! 😊
<http://teamusaf3f.com/>

More details will come for the next event.

Thanks everyone!

Tim

P.S. - Gary is leading the sadistic CD award of the year so far.

Results

- 1st** Paul Anderson
- 2nd** Michael Smith
- 3rd** Amardeep Dugal

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

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=274

Also check out the RC groups thread:

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

Safety at the Slope and Field



George Jetson Forcing Spectators Off the Cliff Edge

Sooo.....most of us have come to know and appreciate the Municipal Code sign at the Torrey Pines Gliderport. And fortunately, the reports of rescues from the cliffside don't generally involve Torrey Pines Gulls members. But we should be aware of other hazards lurking at our flying sites....rattlesnakes, gopher holes, cactus, ruts and gullies, etc. Anyway, I mention this because last month, our membership Chairman, Bill Eckles had a mishap (Friday, August 1st), while retrieving his M60 at Torrey Pines Gliderport (in the brush north of the pilot's box). Tripping in a gully, he unfortunately broke three bones in his ankle. He's healing well, but it's been a less than pleasant experience, to say the least. So, while you're out enjoying our flying activities, remember to be alert.



Bill's foot before surgery and after the cast was removed. From Bill on August 20th: Cast came off today. Boot for about a month. Then some PT. "Don't underestimate those gullies at the bluff!"



Bill Eckles

Membership – Bill Eckles

We currently stand at 93 members, slowly closing on that magic 100 number. We hope for a few new members as we enter August 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.



Photo of the Month Contest

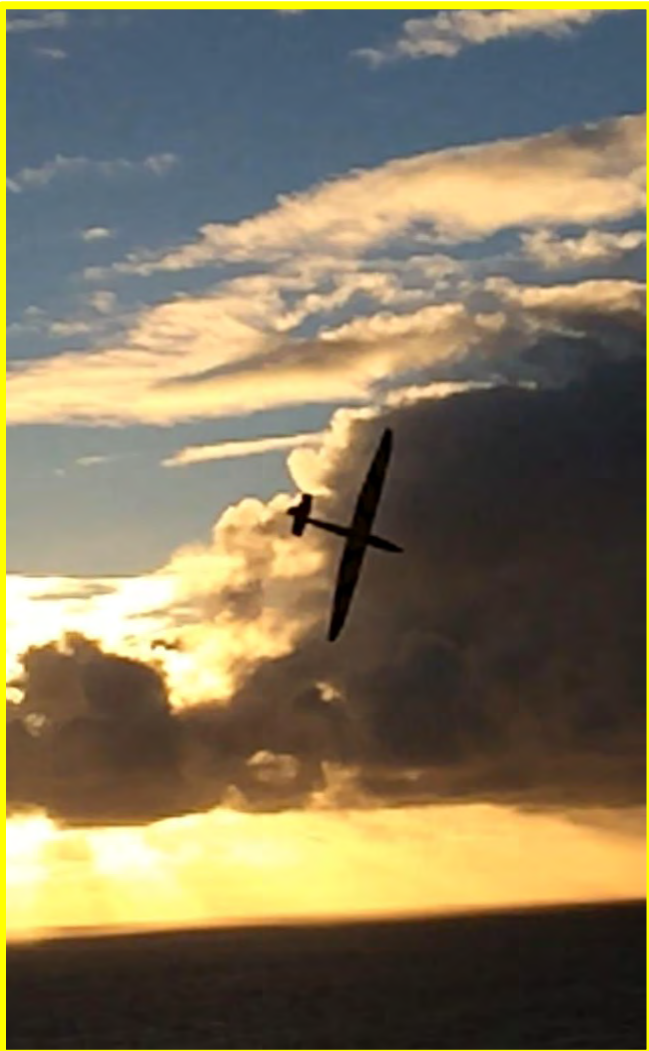
Each month club members (if they want to) can submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner to be chosen by the Board of Directors. A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (yet to be determined). Email your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



July Winner (Matin Taraz) Greg Houck's One Day Build P-39 Maiden at Dave's Beach



August Winner (Ian Cummings) Steffen Peters and Phil Davy Launching Mark Foster's 5m Arcus at Torrey.



September Contest (Facebook Page) Going for That Perfect Landing at the August TD Contest in Encinitas



September Contest (Marty Dine) UMX ASK-21 on an Inverted East-to-West Run Through the Bowl at Torrey



September Contest (Marty Dine) The Legendary Bob Martin Surrounded by Some of His Designs at Torrey



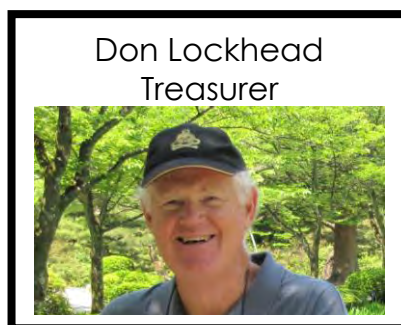
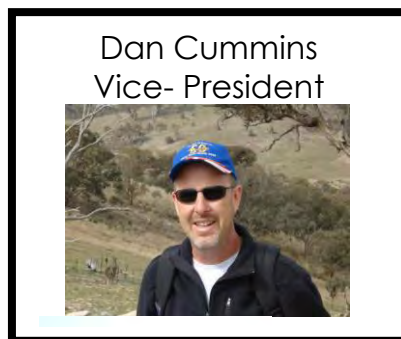
September Contest (Matin Taraz) Marty and Mark launch a 6-Meter Swift at Torrey



September Contest (Marty Dine) The Milky Way
(OK, so it's not about RC Soaring, but it sure is beautiful).

2014 Club Officers & Contact Information

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Historian	Gary Fogel	gfogel@gmail.com
TP Soaring Council (TPG)	To be filled	
TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled	



2014 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/TD	CD	HLG	Slope Race	SC2
January	12	Keith		socalsloperacing.com	
February	9	Parviz	15	socalsloperacing.com	23 SWSA
March	9	Cliff	15	socalsloperacing.com	23 VVRC
April	13	Steve	19	socalsloperacing.com	27 SULA
May	See SC2	Mark	17	socalsloperacing.com	18 at TPG
June	8	Tom	28	socalsloperacing.com	22 ISS
July	13	Keith	19	socalsloperacing.com	27 HSS
August	10	TBD	16	socalsloperacing.com	17 SWSA
September	14	Scott	13	socalsloperacing.com	21 TOSS
October	12	Tom	25	socalsloperacing.com	Encinitas
November	9	Mark	22	socalsloperacing.com	17 Rain Date
December	14	Mike		socalsloperacing.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:

"That's not flying, that's just falling with style!"

- Woody, regarding Buzz Lightyear, in the 1996 movie *Toy Story*