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AMA Charter Club 129

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Marty Dine, Pres.

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

Hello Gulls,

It's October, and here come the Santa Ana conditions! The Miramar Air Show was this weekend, and it was HOT! (in more ways than one) I hope that everyone has had a great summer, and is ready to do some Fall flying. We've got contests on the schedule, including an SC2 event at Encinitas later this month. We are also coming up on membership renewal time, so please don't forget to pay your dues when the reminder arrives. That's about it for now; please enjoy the October edition of the newsletter.

See you at the bluff,
Marty

A Note *From the Slope*,

Torrey has been pretty good this summer with nice daily breezes in favorable directions and velocities. The landing areas and pits are pretty dry with the drought conditions, but still pretty nice overall. When you fly Torrey, please remember to check in at the shack, pay your daily fee, and hang your card up on the board **before** you fly. It's really easy to forget, and that can cause problems with the Flight Director.

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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.torreygullsgulls.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

Like Marty said, summer's over and we're ready to enjoy some fall flying and a few more contests before the year's end.

And remember:

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 – Because that's where the DLG contests are...duh!

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



Keith Finkenbiner

October TD Contest – (SC)² – Keith Finkenbiner – CD

October 26, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Pilots Meeting: 8:45 AM

Entry Fee: \$10.00 One Class, RES or ALES

Contest Starts: 9:00 AM

\$20.00 One Class + RES or ALES

Free AMA Juniors & Seniors

Field: Mowed Grass/ Dirt

TASKS:

3 Rounds

Round 1: 8 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 2: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 900 Points

Total of 28 Minutes

Landings: 25 Foot tape worth 100 Points

Flight Order: Open in Order

ALES 150 Meter cutoff

*Southern
California
Soaring
Clubs (SC)²*

For more information, contacts, rules, etc. check the following page on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site: <http://torreypinesgulls.org/upcomingcomp.htm>



Scott Condon

October TD Contest Results – Scott Condon- CD

Sunday, September 14, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

Round 1: 3 Minutes

Round 2: 6 Minutes

Round 3: 9 Minutes

Round 4: 12 Minutes

Landings: 100 Points

*10 Point penalty for every second flown over time

Thanks to all.

Results (Not available at the time of publication)

Master Division

1st ?

2nd ?

3rd ?

Expert Division

1st ?

2nd ?

3rd ?

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



John McNeil
(Him again?! Thanks, John)

October DLG Contest – John McNeil- CD

October 18, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field
Sanctioned AMA Contest
Pilot's meeting 8:30, fly at 9:00 sharp)
Entry Fee \$10

Tasks - 6 rounds:

1. 1 "C" - All up 3 x 3:00 All up, 3 flights, 3:00 max
2. 2 "G" - Best 5 x 2:00 Best 5 flights, 2:00 max, 10:00 window
3. 3 "I" - Best 3 x 200s Best 3 flights, 200s (3:20) max, 10:00 window
4. 4 "H" - 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 Best 4 flights, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 max in any order, 10:00 window
5. 5 "B" - Last 2 x 4:00 Last 2 flights, 4:00 max, 10:00 window
6. 6 "C" - All up 3 x 3:00 All up, 3 flights, 3:00 max

Here's the link to the event registration:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=276

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 (**hopefully a lot cooler than it's been lately**) and get some pointers from the pros.



John McNeil

September DLG Contest Results – John McNeil - CD

September 13, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field
Sanctioned AMA Contest
Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

Results

- 1st** Jun Catacutan
2nd Gregg Bolton
3rd Paul Anderson

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

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=275

Also check out the RC groups thread:

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

See next page for event recap.

September DLG Contest Recap from John McNeil

Thanks everyone for coming. Also, thanks especially Gary Fogel for the help setting up, and John Blaske for help tearing down.

Being a CD and not flying allowed me to hope for really hard conditions. The opening man-on-man was easier than I planned, but the poker rewarded me. The top 4 pilots all zeroed, leaving a nice opportunity for the sportsmen to rack up points.

It was a very hot day. Towards the end, pilots were standing in the shade until 20 seconds before the start of the round. In the 5 min out of 7 working time round, a few people stood in the shade after the start of the round. That is not what working time is for! Thanks everyone for braving the conditions and being good sports.

We had three new pilots today. Thank you for coming. Next month, we will take it slower and return to having some breaks to discuss strategy. It was just too hot to drag this out today.



Packing for the Land Down Under

Every year, our friend Steve Wenban over in Australia (ya' know, where "women glow and men plunder") organizes a 10-day Slope Fest with the Sydney Slope Soarers and Fly Manilla at Mount Borah near Manilla, New South Wales, Australia, about 285 miles north of Sidney. Mt. Borah is a world renown paragliding, hang gliding, ultralight and sailplane venue. Participants stay at a cabin camp owned by Godfrey Wenness (who also owns Mt. Borah) and for several years held the paragliding World Distance record with a flight of 335 km. I had the pleasure of watching, photographing (and heckling) three of the four "Yanks" (Matin Taraz, Jim "Pismo" Scott and Greg "howstthewind" Houck who flew over for the Fest this year. Mike "SrWade" Wade flew over from Washington state. Below, are a few pictures of the packing process. If you're interested, the RCGroups link to the 2014 Manilla Slope Fest is:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2071060>



Basic Concept...Get 3 SUVs-worth of planes transportable to Australia.



Obviously...wings and horizontal stabs must be removable. Remember to use lots of foam. You can never have enough.



Don't forget to protect all the "sticky-out parts. Did I mention foam? You need lots of foam.



You'll need one person to sit around and contribute nothing to the process. Note the foam covered wing in the foreground. Nice zebra stripes ;-)



Then you'll want a hard shell case (golf, sport tube, whatever). Finally, of course, more FOAM!!! Then...it's off to Australia!!!! Check the thread for more about this excellent adventure.



Bill Eckles

Membership – Bill Eckles

We're officially wrapping our 2014 membership list at 96 (welcome new member Greg Ochs), both new and renewals. As of October 1, the dues go back to \$60 but extend until the end of 2015 rather than 2014. So, new memberships can achieve a three month bonus over the normal 12 months of the calendar; renewals simply get a head start on the new membership year. It has been a good year as we added a half dozen or so new faces and lost only a few to things like family expansion, changing locations and even a little lethargy. Still, membership in the Gulls remains a bargain giving you a choice of three formal club-maintained flying sites and a lot of club equipment to share...winches, high starts, landing tapes and other competition paraphernalia. As well, there is much camaraderie to support utilizing aerotow facilities and shared rides to off-trail slope soaring locations.

We hope you'll continue your memberships into the new year. The plan is to keep membership the same price as previously, provide four membership meetings held at flying locations for non-competitive activities, provide appropriate competitions for slope, thermal and hand launching as well as access to literally hundreds of "soaring minds" with experience in areas in which you ponder on your own! We'll attempt to build memberships more aggressively in 2015, but the core benefits will remain that we've provided during the history of the club.

Here's wishing you continued thrilling and peaceful (both) soaring and safe one-piece landings!

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) Oran's 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 Winner (Marty Dine) The Legendary Bob Martin Surrounded by Some of His Designs at Torrey



October Contest (John Blaske) Scale Ship Settling in for Landing at Torrey



October Contest (John Blaske) Torrey Sunset



October Contest (Facebook Page) Brko at the September DLG Contest



October Contest (Greg Houck) Brian Laird's Slopstream Over Cajon Pass



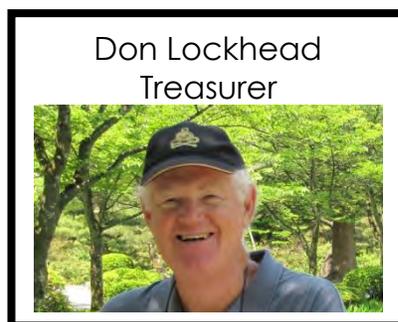
October Contest (Greg Houck) Dan Cummins' Zephyr Over Cajon Pass



October Contest (Greg Houck) How **Big** is the Air at Cajon Pass? L-R: Brian Laird, Dan Cummins & Carl Maas

2014 Club Officers & Contact Information

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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 Encinitas
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	See SC2	Keith	18	socalsloperacing.com	26 at TPG 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.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:

*What is the cause of most aviation accidents:
Usually it is because someone does too much too soon,
followed very quickly by too little too late.*

— Steve Wilson, NTSB investigator, Oshkosh, WI , August, 1996.