

GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

Website: www.torreypinesgulls.org

Editor – Dale Gottdank

Message from the President



Dan Cummins

November is just about over, and it's time to nominate candidates for the TPG board of directors. The TPG board is the lifeblood of the club, and relies on members to step up to help keep up the club's vision and month to month administration alive. This year we are trying to find our next board President, Vice President, and Secretary. I encourage all members to submit nomi-

nations to keep the TPG board and the club viable for the years to come. Members can nominate other members or themselves for board positions. Nominations so far are as follows:

President	Craig Hanson
Vice President	no nominations yet.....
Secretary	Dale Gottdank
Treasurer	Don Lochhead
Membership	Bill Eckles
TD Coordinator	Cliff Hunter
DLG Coordinator	Don Lochhead
Winch Master	Mark Canfield
Newsletter Editor	Dale Gottdank

Elections will be held at the holiday party on December 5th.

Nominations for the TPG board can be made at TPGulls@gmail.com or texted to 619-743-0602.

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Message from the President (continued)

Speaking of holiday parties, we are going to have the TPG party at Phil's BBQ Event Center on Sports Arena Blvd. this year! Cost is \$10 per head. Doors open at 5:45, dinner at 6 pm, and award presentations will commence after 7 pm. We need everyone to RSVP now so we can give our host a head count. RSVP to TPGulls@gmail.com or rsvp text to 619-743-0602. Come enjoy some BBQ and catch up with fellow Gulls! See you there!

Lots of other stuff going on in the club....monthly TD and DLG, LSF qualification event, etc., happening in December. Check out the website and newsletter for upcoming events!

Till next month!

Fly more and build something cool!

Dan Cummins
2017 TPG President
619-743-0602



Outgoing President Dan with Bailey and an NCFM M-60 at Mt. Laguna (Ian Cummings photo)



Howdy there Gulls!

I am happy to announce that this year's
TPG Holiday Party will be held on *Tuesday December 5th*
at the *Phil's BBQ Event Center on Sports Arena Blvd.*

Cost will be *\$10* per person for members and guests,
payable at the door. Come hungry! There will be plenty
of food!

Doors open at *5:45 pm*, and the chow line opens at *6 pm*.
We will kick off the 2016 awards sometime after *7 pm*.

Hope to see you there!

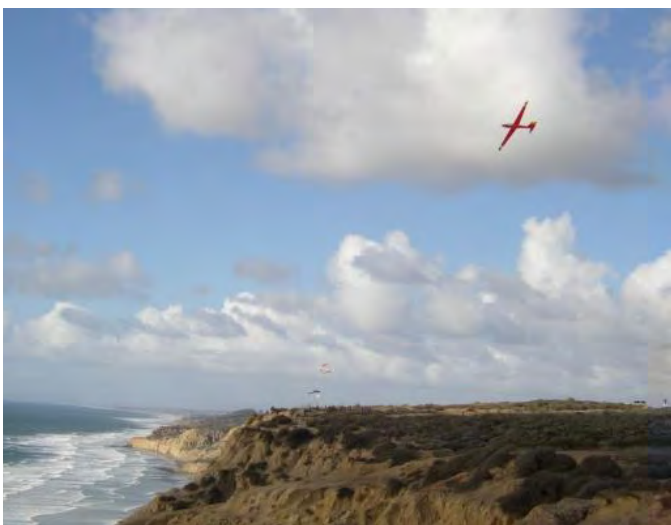
Dan Cummins
Torrey Pines Gulls
2017 President



Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

The Torrey Pines Gulls hosts monthly contests, fun-fly events, LSF (League of Silent Flight)) Soaring Accomplishment Program 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 and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

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



Newsletter This Month - Dale Gottdank



Dale Gottdank

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! It could be just a paragraph with some photos from a great soaring day ...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** sharing our series by Gary Fogel on **the club's history**, with one of the 1976 Co-Modelers of the Year, Don Edberg. Speaking of sharing, we have co-winners for Photo of the Year! Check out the winners on pages 31 and 32.

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. If there are too many, we'll save them for the next issue. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>.

Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

There's no news update this month regarding Membership.

Next month, I'll have information about membership renewals and new memberships.

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
- ✓ 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 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.

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:](#)

Join the Yahoo Forum!

From Lenny Brzezinski:

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 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, 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 are Veep Ian Cummings' immersive panoramas of our world class flying sites; the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport and the Poway Flight Center, where each year the club sponsors the IHLGF (International Hand Launch Glider Festival). Clicking on the pictures takes you to the Torrey Pines Gliderport during a recent TPG fun-fly event and the Poway Flight Center during this year's IHLGF. Enjoy! Stay tuned for Ian's panorama of the Encinitas Flight Center.

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



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



News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili

Happy Holidays everyone!

Well, November was calmest on shore wind month since regular gas was less than a \$1.00/gal. Unseasonably hot temps west of the mountains put a damper on the onshore winds.

Our November 25th Fun Fly was called off due to the light wind forecast. It has been rescheduled for Sunday Dec 17th. The Club members will be treated to Sandwiches from the Cliff Hanger Café.

A few diehards did manage to show up on the 25th at the Slope to fly:



Mike Frandsen with his designed and built Jester, twisty wing glider (Ian Cummings photo)

News from the Slope (continued)

Monday November 27th a front passed through San Diego bringing light showers in the morning and nice PG clearing winds in the afternoon. The slope gods had pity on us mortals and granted us wind. Our TPSSS brothers were out in full along with a half dozen Gulls.

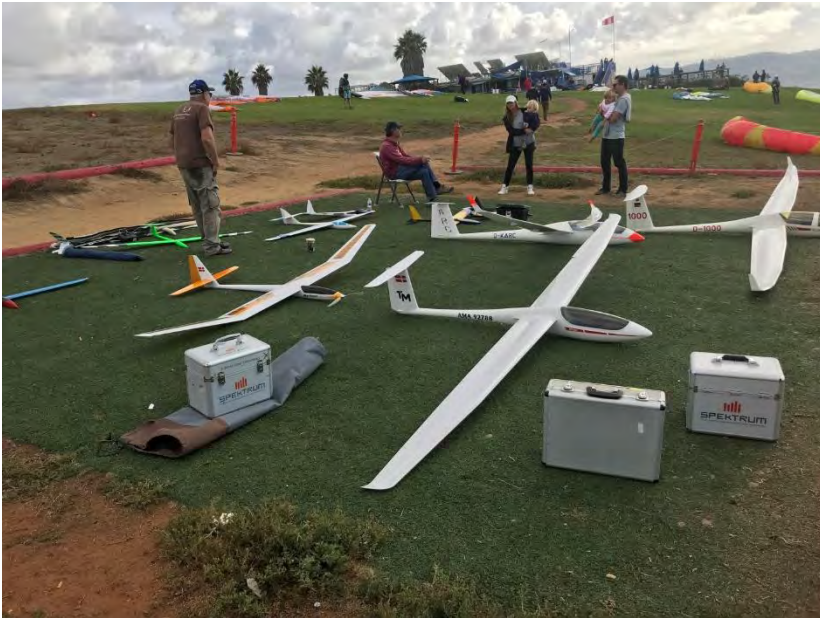


Setting up some scalies



Waiting for the Wind Line to move on shore. Mark, Stephan and Thomas.

News from the Slope (continued)



A PG family with their cute kids in tow dropped by to chat

I'll leave you with some of Ian Cummings' excellent photos from the 27th. Enjoy!

*Blue Skies,
Ray*



Mark's Arcus

News from the Slope (continued)



Salto and ASH 26; Thomas launching (Ian Cummings photo)



Silver (Ian Cummings photo)

News from the Slope (continued)



George landing his Strega (Ian Cummings photo)



Thomas' ASH 26 (Ian Cummings photo)

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration

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-December/>, or contact Cliff Hunter at 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

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

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>

LSF Report – Ray Pili



No new news on the LSF front for November.

Eric Metzdorff was listed on the LSF 2017 Achievement page along with Randall Peters who visited Torrey for his 2 hour slope task.

<http://www.silentflight.org/index.php/achievers/2017-upgrades>

The next Poway LSF day is Dec 9th. I've done at least two 30 min thermal flights but did not have enough qualified witness to sign my task sheet. Hopefully, Dec 9th will be the day. Bring a rake and gloves; we will help Don clean up the last of the tumbleweeds. Pizza will be served and all volunteers will get a break on their 2018 membership dues.

Blue Skies,

Ray

tpgslope@gmail.com



The "Last of the Tumbleweeds"

TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



This Month: Don Edberg, 1976 Co-Modeler of the Year

Don Edberg came to San Diego in 1974 to attend UCSD in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences. While at UCSD, he found the UCSD Glider Club that was at the time operating full-scale sailplanes at Torrey Pines along with the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California. This led him to become aware of the Torrey Pines Gulls and he became interested in the hobby. Don began competing regularly in thermal duration contests at Hourglass Field (now Miramar College) in 1975 and became very proficient rather quickly. For instance at the September SC² contest held at Dominguez Field in Los Angeles, Edberg placed 9th in a field of 75 pilots. (75 pilots!! Wow I wish we had that turnout today for our monthly events!)

Edberg also began enjoying other aspects of the club, including slope races with "profile" gliders that were U-control designs converted to RC, and scale soaring. He would often place very high in TPG monthly contests both at Torrey and Hourglass. By early-1976, Edberg had connected with the new Airtronics Aquila and with that design he truly was hooked for life. At the famous 1976 SOAR Nationals held at Lewis University in Lockport, Illinois, Edberg came in third place overall flying his Aquila. He was also first in Class B (2 meter) 2-minute precision thermal duration, second in Class B duration, and second in scale flying his Duster. It was a good contest!



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Don Edberg holding a trophy from a slope race at Torrey in the 1970s.

At the 1976 AMA Nationals, Don placed first in Class B duration. Recall that Class B (2-meter wingspan) was considered “brand new” in 1976. The TPG held its first 2-meter contest on January 30, 1977. Club member Bob Torres, who was exceedingly dedicated to 2-meter, placed first at that contest. However Don wasn’t far behind coming in 8th out of 19 with his “Buteo.” In August of 1976, Don and nine other Gulls migrated to Santa Rosa to attend the LSF Tournament. Don Edberg placed first with his Aquila, and also a first place in scale with his Duster.

Following his Modeler of the Year trophy in 1976, shared with Frank Cox, Edberg became TPG Treasurer in 1977. In 1978, he served as TPG Contest Coordinator.

In 1978, Edberg became quite interested in FAI events, especially new contest formats with RC sailplanes in mind. On May 28, 1978, he attended an FAI competition at Dominguez Hills and placed second to Rick Pearson, one of several qualifying events he needed to place as top 5 in order to represent the US at a World Championship. Still working on his LSF levels, Don completed his 8-hour soaring flight at Torrey Pines on June 3, 1978.

At the end of August 1978, Don left San Diego to begin his graduate studies at Stanford University. TPG members lamented this as they immediately realized they would have to now fly against him in team contests rather than as a TPG team member. **I believe Don’s last contest representing TPG was at the Visalia meet of 1978 where he came in 6th, helping TPG take 2nd place.**

But his schooling didn’t deter Edberg from remaining competitive in RC. In both 1981 and 1982, he took first place at the first “Two Meter World Cup” organized by the San Fernando Valley Silent Flyers and the South Nevada Soaring Society. Although he didn’t win a qualifying spot on the 1979 USA F3B team, he did in both 1981 and 1983 and also served as Team Manager for the US team in France in

1989. The 1981 F3B World Championships were the first held in the USA (Sacramento). And US team member Dwight Holley took first, the US team came in second. Here are some good photos from that time (and also a few of our very own Keith Finkenbinner! – Modeler of the Year co-winner in 2008):

<http://www.skybench.com/index.html?http://www.skybench.com/nostalgia/articles/rayf3b.html>

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Don Edberg (right) and Alex Mladineo (left) a powerful 1-2 thermal punch for the TPG. Alex was named Modeler of the Year in 1975.

Don wrote a well-known, long-standing column on RC soaring in *RC Modeler* magazine in the 1980s and 1990s, perhaps even into the 2000s. He also encouraged other young TPGers to get into the aerospace career, including Aaron Valdes and others. Edberg finally completed all requirements for his LSF Level V on July 8, 1989.

Don Edberg entered a career in aerospace engineering following his graduation from Stanford with a M.S. and Ph.D. (1985). After Stanford, he worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory from 1985-1987. In August of 1987 he was hired by AeroVironment, Inc. as a Senior Scientist, working there until 1989.

In 1987, Edberg also founded his own small business Dynamic Modeling for structural dynamics and UAV design. This included several well-known programming books for the Futaba Super 7 and Futaba 8 transmitters. He flew as a sponsored pilot for Futaba, helping also to write several manuals for these and other Futaba radio systems.

In October of 1989 he joined McDonnell Douglas and remained there for 20 years, becoming a Boeing Technical Fellow and AIAA Associate Fellow. Since 2001, he has taught Aerospace Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona.

<http://www.cpp.edu/~engineering/research/facilities/edberg.shtml>

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

Don Edberg was awarded with the TPG Modeler of the Year trophy in 1976, well before most of his more famous accomplishments. Clearly a good choice! He has three children and when not busy with aerospace, enjoys playing bass trombone in Redlands, California. Additional history and photos of Don Edberg can be found here:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?1846693-Edbergs-modification>



Don Edberg with his Hustler 4, a modified Sagitta with a straight wing and ailerons suitable for FAI F3B

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!



TPG T-Shirts Now Available Online

tpgstore.qbstores.com



Product ID: A332-027-2942
Digitally Printed Gildan Ringpun Crew Sweatshirt

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\$28.28



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\$20.62



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Gildan Ultra Cotton Classic Fit Ladies Tee

Club Sponsors – Thank you!

The Torrey Pines Gulls members would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations and for supporting the 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 website for more information.

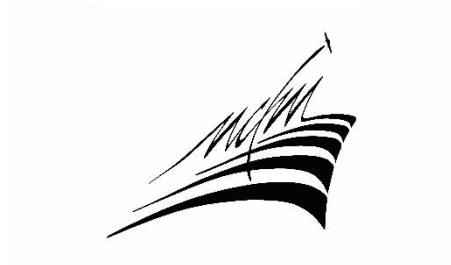
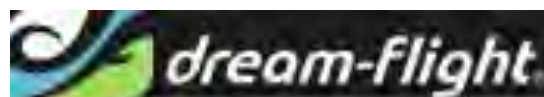


Photo of the Month Contest

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. Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.

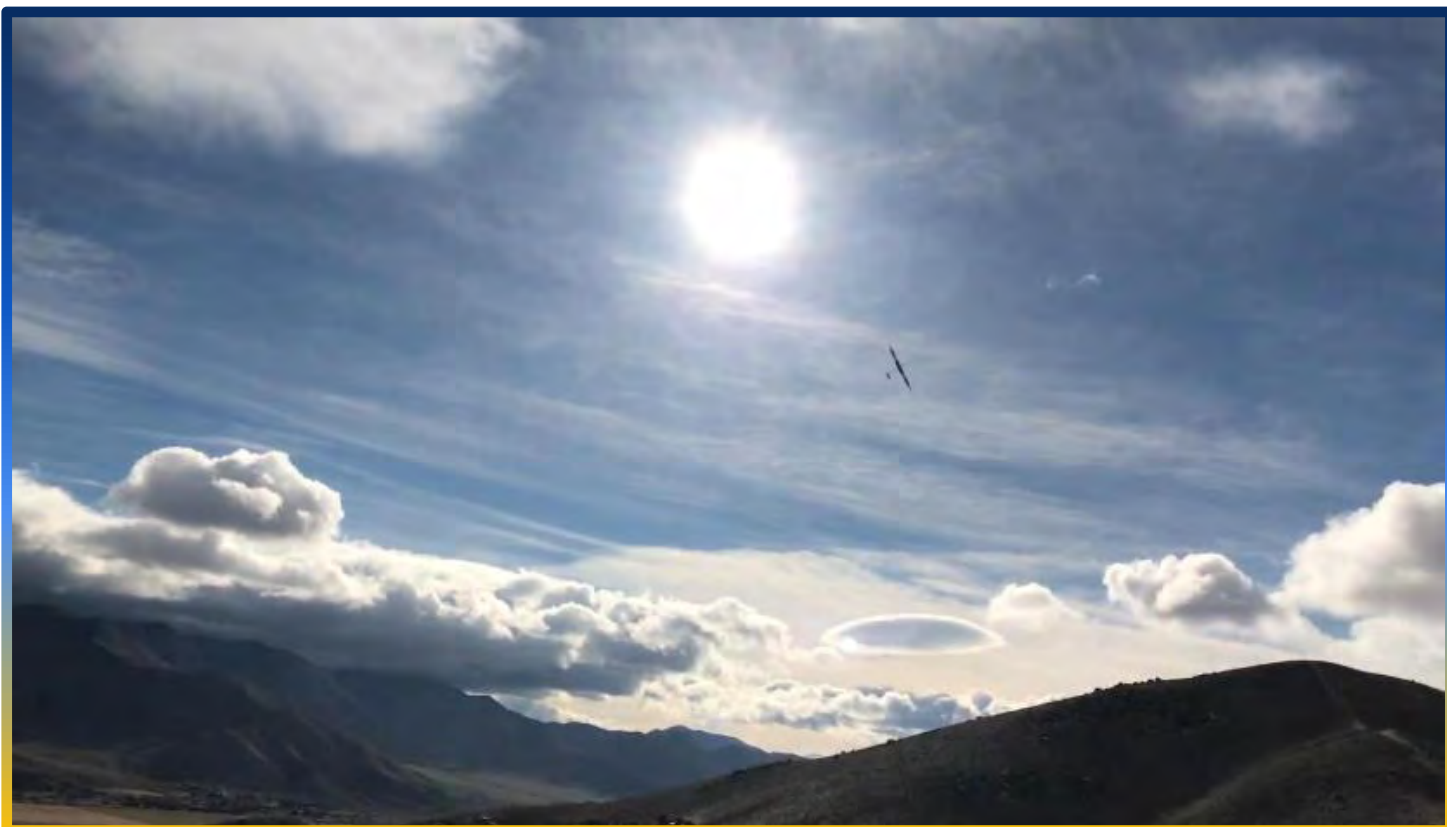


January Winner – Torrey rainbow (Ray Pili)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



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



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

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



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



Summer Winner – Nyx over Torrey (Greg Bolton photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



September Winner – Glider meets jelly during the PNF TWF in July (Dan Cummins photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



October Winner – Dan Cummins launching his NCFM M60 at a windy Mt. Laguna (Ian Cummings photo)



November Co-Winner – Hawk and Olympic II circling over Torrey (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



November Co-Winner – Vintage Fun-Fly at Torrey (Ian Cummings Photo)



November Co-Winner – Wayne from New York launching his Weasel at Torrey (Ray Pili photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Ward Hagaman flying his Scirocco at Torrey (Dan Cummins photo)

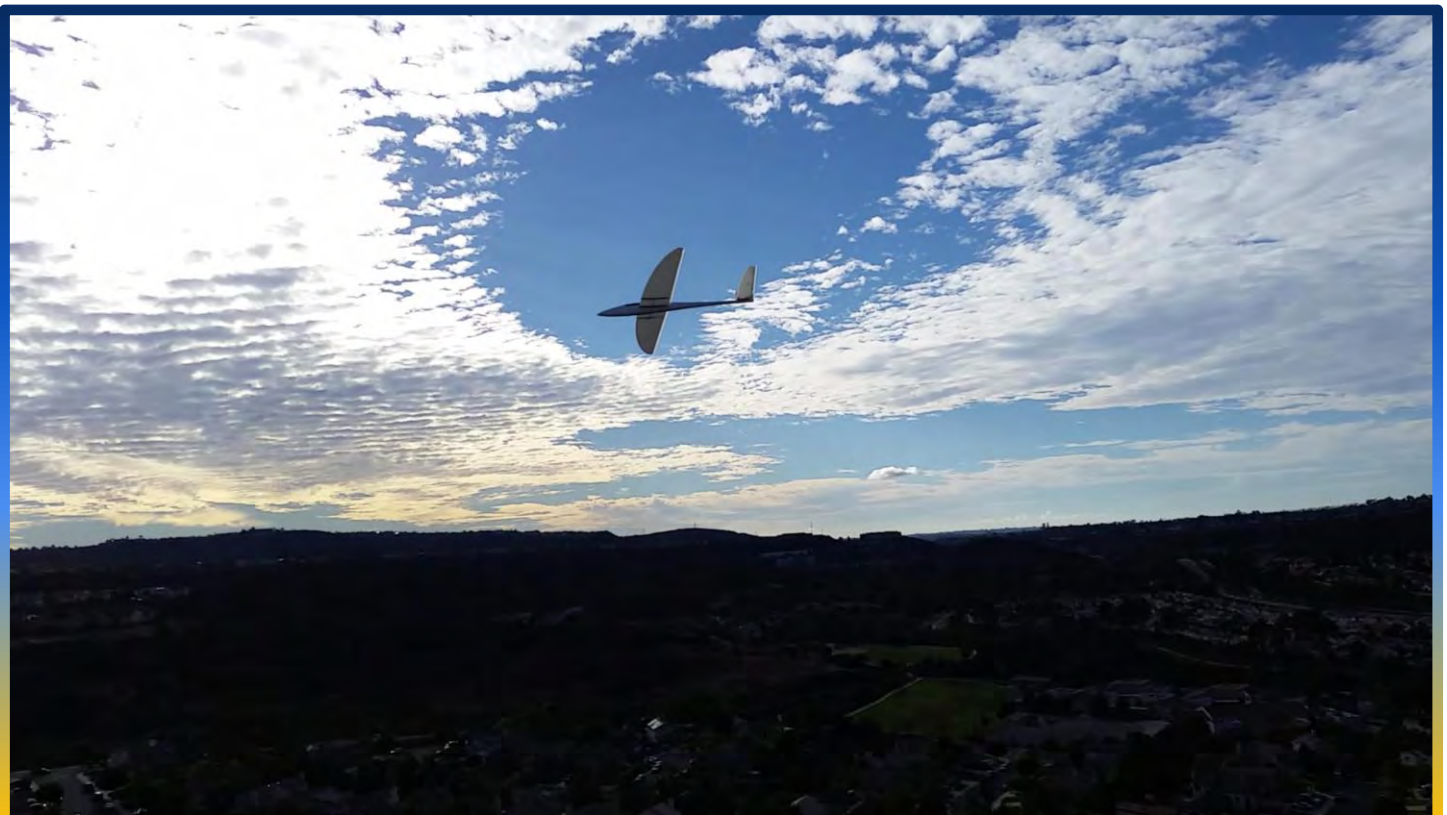


Scirocco Sunset (Dan Cummins photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Scirocco over Poway hill (Dan Cummins video screenshot)



December Winner – Ward Hagaman's Scirocco over Poway Slope (Dan Cummins photo)

2017 Photo of the Year Co-Winner Ian Cummings



Hawk and glider during Wright Stuff presentation at Torrey (Ian Cummings photo). This photo will be the Newsletter masthead for 2018.

2017 Photo of the Year Co-Winner Steve Condon



F3J mass launch (Steve Condon photo). This photo will appear on the TPG membership cards for 2018.

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TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled	

Dan Cummins
President



Ian Cummings
Vice- President



Dan Cummins
Secretary



Don Lochhead
Treasurer





Quote of the Month:

“How did it get so late so soon?”

~ Dr. Seuss



Torrey Sunset – Photo by Martv Dine