

GullWings Welcome 2008!

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

January 2008

Modeler of the Year

Bill Eckles, Editor

Drew Arnett has spent a lot of time and energy over the past year with hand launch contests, organizing slope combat flights, planning the Thursday fun-fly schedules and supporting the club in general and was rewarded by being



Above: Drew Arnett was awarded the coveted Modeler of the Year award for the extra effort he put in for the club's benefit.

chosen Modeler of the Year by his fellow club members. He has shared his energy and knowledge with other club members and demonstrated a willingness to help and advise so many other, less experienced club members.

Thanks, Drew, for helping us have a really good year. Now you get to find a place for that unruly trophy until next year!

Right: Cliff and Parviz enjoy the Aerospace Museum while changing roles for 2008.

LSF Interest

Drew Arnett

There is currently a special interest group of 9 TPG members who are working on the LSF (League of Silent Flight) soaring achievement program. The group provides encouragement and assistance for each other with the tasks. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this group, please let me know. (arnett.drew@gmail.com)

The program consists of tasks involving thermal duration, slope, cross country, precision landing and competition flying. For more information, see the LSF website.(www.silentflight.org)

Holiday Celebration

Bill Eckles, Editor

The Holiday Celebration, held in the meeting area at the Aerospace Museum as a replacement for the December club meeting, was a smashing success. A high turnout tested the food supply, but no one went hungry or thirsty as superb planning for the event prevailed.

Several spouses and girl friends attended in order to see what their guys were up to on Tuesday nights.

Not much of a surprise, though a trip through the museum proved very interesting to many. A private



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docent-led tour provided quite a bit of insight into nuances of the history of flight, especially about the war efforts in WWI, WWII and Korea.

The museum is a tremendous resource for information about both air and space flight and was enjoyed by most of our yuletide guests.

Several members of the Torrey Hawks, a newly-formed hang gliding club, attended the dinner so become better acquainted with us members of the Torrey Pines Soaring Council. It was pleasant to have some new faces in our crowd.

VP on Batteries

Bill Eckles, Editor

The January club meeting saw an immediate contribution from our new Vice President, David Klein. He electrified the audience and presented a good overview of considerations for those pesky,



fickel sources of our R/C control...batteries. His emphasis was on the standby Nickle Cadmium, the very popular Nickel Metal Hydride and the newer, less familiar (and more scary) Lithium based alternatives.

NiCad is very reliable and long-lasting, but heavier per amp-hour of longevity. NiMH have an increased capacity with about the same weight per volt, but need more attention to charging and storage than NiCad. LiIon offer much improved capacity for the weight, but need even more attention to charging as well as needing a voltage regulator because of their untraditional voltage sizing. Bottom line, Dave suggests that you know what kinds of batteries you have and treat them with respect. Cycle batteries at least two times and secure them snugly in your aircraft...even though the battery is fairly rugged, solder joints and connectors can come loose with repeated and aggressive landings.

It was a good and helpful presentation. Thanks for our new VP.

Next meeting Sean Porter will talk to us about molding ins, outs and solutions! Be there and be informed!

Left: David Klein talked to the club about battery respect and abuse at the January meeting.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
Jan	19	13	Parviz K.			10/8
Feb	16	24	Steve C.		2/3 F3B Clinic 16/17 Phoenix	6/12
March	15	9	Terry T,		29/30 Slope	5/11
April	19	13	Scott C.			2/8
May	17	18	Cliff H.			7/13
June	7/8	22	Don R.		7/8 IHLGF	Summer
July	19	20	Parviz K.			Summer
August	16	10	Mike S.			Summer
Septemb	20	14	Scott C.			3/9
October	18	12	Keith F.		4/5 Visalia	8/14
Novemb	15	9	Dave K.			5/11
December	6	14	Steve C.			3/9

Calendar dates subject to change. Please review the calendar each month and watch the TPGulls@yahoo.com list for updates.

News from the Board

Bill Eckles, Editor

The January Board Meeting was busy and, because of holiday schedules, was held after the club meeting. Several news-worthy subjects were discussed...

It looks as if the Poway field will be available to us for the IHLGF in June. It will probably be available at least through the summer and maybe longer.

The Encinitas site is coming along and, though there are some genuine concerns, the club members negotiating with the city are optimistic. Very soon they will make some test flights to see just how the surface of the site works out and how intrusive surrounding structures might be. So far it is looking very good!

There is a new watchdog committee being established to help control development and activities at the Glider Port. We have been asked to provide a representative to assure that the R/C needs are being met. It seems that Ron Brown will be the perfect representative bringing both a level head and years of experience to the post.

The concerns that had been voiced about having too frequent board meetings were squelched and it was decided to continue meeting monthly about a week before the general meeting. The board meetings will NOT be held at the Rancho Santa Fe Firehouse, however, and the move will likely be to the Denny's on Mira Vesa Blvd.

Discussion about the meeting's raffle addressed how valuable the prizes should be, as the cost of the prizes comes from the club's general fund. At the February Club Meeting we will survey the members to understand expectations compared to delivery.

Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss this important issue.

The Torrey Pines Classic March 29 & 30

David Klein, VP

The Torrey Pines Gulls will be hosting the annual F3F slope race at historic Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Racing begins at 11:00am both days and goes till the wind quits. All pilots are encouraged to attend. Sign ups begin January 1st. The slope will remain open to all pilots during the race, however the race course will be closed to all non-participants and frequency

priority will be given to the participants. More information can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at www.torreypinesgulls.org or by emailing the contest director David Klein at djklein@ucsd.edu.

Come race, volunteer, or spectate, but by all means come have fun! Pilots are already scheduling attendance from across the country.

Swap Meet in March

Bill Eckles, Editor

We've been talking about it for a long time, but now we've finally scheduled it. A swap meet will take the place of the program and raffle for the March general meeting. Plan to come to the regular meeting site in the Aerospace building, but bring along all those "left over" and "on the shelf" items from your hangar to sell to or trade with other guys in the club. Surely you have some stuff that you've been tempted to toss.

Well, that may be just what someone else is looking for to complete his project or refine his flying machine. It is an opportunity to pick up some critical item or, even more likely, get rid of things that are just taking up space in your area.

Mentoring Program

Bill Eckles, Editor

We publish pictures every month. Many of us are reluctant to step up and challenge our mentors to help us develop the skill level we desire. Surely, these guys can't make us all into national champions, or even regular winners in the club contests, but they can help us develop confidence and skill with some friendly guidance and listening ears to field our questions.

The purpose of the program is to make sure all club members are able to safely and confidently pilot their models from launch to landing, paying particular attention to set-up and basics. Still, these guys are all good pilots and can help with a few tricks and shortcuts, too.

Just give them a call or an email and get together for some help. Help is available both at the bluff and on the T/D field in Poway from accomplished club members who are willing to help. Promise...there are no dumb questions and they'll make every effort to help improve your piloting.

F3JCom pe ti tion

Bill Eckles, Editor

Ben Clerx from the Harbor Soaring Society asked that we publish this announcement and request for support for the US Team. He's a good guy and certainly the cause has merit. See what you can do to help.

"The US F3J Soaring Team will be competing in the world championships June 30-July 5th, 2008 in Turkey. The team is selling raffle tickets and merchandise to help fund the trip. Please check out their website (USF3JTeam.com) for pilot biographies (three senior pilots, three junior pilots and one 2006 returning junior world champion), merchandise, raffle tickets, sponsors and F3J info. The plan is for the website to also report daily contest results. The team appreciates your support in their quest to bring home the gold".

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Next General Meeting...

February 12 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

The Torrey Pines Gulls

A non-profit society whose primary purpose is to support and encourage the activities of its members engaged in radio controlled sailplane flying

Trading Page

Buy, Sell or Trade

(Just keep it honest!)

Nothing new for sale this month!

Swap Meet in March at the

General Meeting!

Bring your old, idle stuff and swap it

for someone else's old, idle stuff!

Clean out that closet or garage!

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you don't use anymore.

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who will appreciate it.



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