



Above: Sean Porter shares the ins and outs of his molding techniques at the February meeting.

Secrets of Precision Moulding Revealed

Bill Eckles, Editor

The February general meeting had Sean Porter discuss his molding techniques for today's sophisticated aircraft. He demonstrated his techniques by molding a servo cover.

Number one is attention to detail. A good job of making the mold is critical and paying attention to the fabric, epoxy mix, adhesion and joining of male and female molds will make a better product. As he must "trash" his mistakes, he pays close attention to thorough mixing of epoxy parts as well as careful mating of molds. Mistakes are costly in time and productivity as well as money.

The combination of care and acquired skills makes his products "top of the line". Combine these with high quality materials and the outcome will be improved. He demonstrated how we can accomplish similar levels of professional fit and finish. Thanks to Sean for a good evening and informative demonstration.

F3F Returns to Torrey

David Klein, Slope Co-ordinator

Big doin's on the slope March 29 and 30. The Torrey Pines Classic is well on its way to become the sloping event of the year, renewing importance with this eclectic and impressive group of R/C pilots. The pilot list is over 25 and continuing to grow with applications from as far away as ...

Safety Officers

Bill Eckles, Editor

The function of Safety Officer is being formalized, largely at the request of the AMA who requires this important position be defined in the Board of Directors. This club is somewhat unusual in that we have two very popular flying sites requiring slightly different controls. While both require flying in a safe manner, the element of safety takes a different character at each location

Poway: Here we get to contend with people sharing our space on motorcycles, bicycles, trucks and, of course, horses. Additionally, we get to deal with a semi-hostile neighbor who is very concerned about aircraft invading his personal space. Thus, we need a safety officer who is extra sensitive to a "no fly" zone and watching out for incoming traffic. Parviz is particularly good at this and, as he spends so much time at the Poway field between mentoring, coordinating and flying, he has been appointed to the position of Safety Officer, Poway.

Torrey Pines Glider Port: Here, flying an R/C glider means sharing the immediate air space with hang gliders, paragliders, full size aircraft and other R/C pilots. Add to these, the crowds of tourists eager to watch the jelly fish float and question the neatest and latest sloping wonder pilot, a different set of management

skills are needed. Mike Lance, with years of experience flying the slope and familiarity with the issues there is very well suited to help control matters.

Regardless of the location, it is the responsibility of the Safety Officer to maintain a safe environment in which to fly. He is obliged to make sure that the involved pilots as well as the particular crowd are aware of rules, regulations and procedures needed for a safe and mishap-free session. The Safety Officer NEEDS your cooperation and understanding. Please give him your full attention and follow his instructions immediately. He will not be asking for anything unless a significant safety issue is involved.

Please trust him first and ask for reasons why later. This is important...the responsibility is great!

Thank you in advance for your full attention.

IHLGF 2008 Invitation

Ron Scharck, 2008 IHLGF Co-Chairman

The Torrey Pines Gulls, and our new co-hosts Horizon Hobby and JR Radios, invite you to participate in the 15th annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) on June 7-8, at the TPG Poway Flight Center, located in Poway (San Diego), California.

The international reputation that the IHLGF has developed over the years is due to a combination of the competition format that the IHLGF has created and the wealth of

championship caliber pilots from all over the world that gather each year in Poway to battle for the unofficial World Championship of HLG. But, you don't have to be a world caliber pilot to have a great time at the IHLGF. The sheer joy of two days of flying HLG's with a great group of pilots combined with its social aspect is what makes this event so popular.

As for the international aspect, this will be the first year to fly the newly sanctioned FAI F3K tasks and rules. Similarity with years past is not a coincidence as the IHLGF has had a definite influence on many of the F3K Tasks and Rules. With F3K being an official event under the auspices of the FAI, an F3K World Championship will not be far behind; many expect that to be as early as 2009. The IHLGF is being considered as one of the qualifier contests to determine the first USA F3K Championship team. We are honored at this prospect and are working hard to put together as competitive event as possible. We sincerely hope that this adoption of the internationally accepted F3K Rules will further enhance our reputation as one of the must attend HLG contests. We have always been blessed with an array of pilots from all parts of the globe and we look forward to even more international pilots attending the IHLGF in the future.

To further enhance the world-class reputation of the IHLGF, we have come up with a set of F3K tasks and rules that will make the IHLGF 2008 fun and challenging. The tasks and rules

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
March	15	9	Terry T,	30 SWSA	29/30 Slope	5/11
April	19	13	Scott C.	20 TOSS		2/8
May	17	18	Cliff H.	18 SWSA		7/13
June	7/8	22	Don R.	22 EDSF at ISS	7/8 IHLGF	Summer
July	19	20	Parviz K.	No Contest		Summer
August	16	10	Mike S.	24 HSS at SWSA		Summer
Septemb	20	14	Scott C.	28 ISS		3/9
October	18	12	Keith F.	19 TPG	4/5 Visalia	8/14
Novemb	15	9	Dave K.	16 Rain Date		5/11
December	6	14	Steve C.	No Contest		3/9

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

may be found on our website www.torreypinesgulls.org. Please review them, practice them and feel free to use them in contests you may be sponsoring.

There will be four classes of pilots this year: Open, Junior (15 and under), Senior (16-19) and Eagle (55 and older). Each class will have its own set of awards.

Open class will have awards through 10th place and the Junior, Senior and Eagle classes will have plaques through 3rd place. Only Open Class pilots will be eligible for the Championship Fly-Off. All pilots will have the opportunity to compete against each other during the ten rounds of open competition. As such, each pilot must launch his/her own plane. If you qualify by age and wish to fly in a class other than Open, you must register as such on the entry form.

We will have a "throw-out" round. Your best nine out of the ten rounds will be used to calculate your score. The top ten Open Class pilots will be in the Championship Fly-Off and will carry their adjusted scores into the Fly-Off.

One of the things that make the IHLGF so special is the social aspect. We begin Friday evening with a "Post Practice Social" which will be held at the Hamburger Factory. Saturday evening we have an old fashioned "all you can eat" Pizza Party.

The field will be available beginning Thursday, June 5th, for practice. Toilet facilities will be available beginning Thursday. RV parking is allowed at field; but there are no hook ups.

We look forward to you joining us for another great weekend of IHLGF competition and camaraderie. If you have any questions, please call Ron Scharck at: 619-913-4949 or email at scharck@kw.com. The other IHLGF Committee Co-Chairman, Michael Seid is at 619-709-9779 or e-mail him at seid@mkcpllc.com

March Meeting is Swap Meet Tuesday

Bill Eckles, Editor

This month's general meeting is special. Instead of the regular format, we will have an organized swap-meet. Clean out your garage. Bare your workbench.

Someone will probably be here to take your treasured but unuseful-to-you item off your hands.

Because of all this excitement, we will NOT have our usual raffle, but spend the time in intelligent and

aggressive negotiations!

March Meeting, Board of Directors

Bill Eckles, Editor

The TPG Board of Directors met last Wednesday at Denny's on Mirmar Road to discuss the hot topics. The club's general membership is invited to attend, so feel free to join in on the Wednesday prior to the club meeting at 7:00 pm.

The treasurer's report was quite positive, but the lack of help in prepping the Poway field for the SC2 contest necessitated a pretty big expense to mow the place. Quite a bit of discussion ensued including the possibility of replacing the failing tractor for the club. More movement is expected in next month's meeting.

News on the Encinitas flying site is limited because the city officials had difficulty arranging a time to meet with TPG representatives. March 25 is the new shoot for date when a committee from the club can demonstrate to the Encinitas officials that T/D flying is both safe and not invasive to the neighborhood. We expect a good meeting and a positive result from the meeting and that TPG will be good neighbors.

Mentoring programs at both the Poway field and the Glider Port are doing well but will be polished up over the summer to provide even better learning experiences for the "new guys".

F3J Competition

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 TD contest went to support this effort.

"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".

Next General Meeting...

March 13 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

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