

President's Corner

Parviz Kamiab, President

A couple of March events were especially fun and exciting.

First one was the F3B clinic. Several guest pilots had traveled to San Diego specifically for this event. Since I was not sure about my glider, I shied away and did not participate for the first day and a half. At the end of the second day I could not hold myself back and decided to give it a try. To my surprise my custom painted yellow 701 Tragi held up to its reputation. The wings stayed on and it even took the full pedal winch release.

It was a blast to fly next to seasoned pilots like Mike Smith and hear comments about all the things I was doing wrong. I tried and I am now ready for the next clinic. I would like to thank Dave Klein for his hard work and putting this event together. As I was watching the pilots of all levels fly and try their best, the excitement was visible on their faces.

Second was the SC2 which was held at Poway field on March 9th. We had over 30 pilots who flew and had a great time. It was a typical Poway day as some found good air while others struggled. Overall everything went smooth. Terry Throop was the CD and Mike Lee and Mike Skube did the scoring. This event was partly to help with the expenses for the F3J team which are going to Turkey for world championship in this summer. I would like to thank Terry, and both Mike's for running the event.

Third event was to be our February "beat the president Pizza party" contest which was cancelled due to weather. I have decided to have

this on July 20th contest.

Two pilots, Sean Porter and Mike Murphy had not flown the thermal duration contest before. I did my best to give them all the help I could. It was a lot of fun and I could tell they both had enjoyed the participation. By the way, they both did great.

Come and join us in the TD contests. I know some of the pilots shy away but I promise that you will have a great time.

Fly safely, Parviz

F3F Returns to Torrey

David Klein, Slope Co-ordinator

Well fellow race fans,

I am happy to report another great race at Torrey is in the books. We had 29 racers come out and test their skills amongst the best in the US. Paul Naton traveled the furthest from Pennsylvania, With Ron Vann and Tim Bigley coming in from the San Francisco bay area, as well as Joel Cagnon from SantaBarbara.



We were joined by a few new F3F pilots Joe Rodrigues of TD fame, TPG president Parvis Kamiab, TPG raffle coordinator Alan 'Moose' Butler, local Mark Canfield, and Robert Lopez.

Opposite: Fine planes and skilled pilots combined for a great F3F competition last week.

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We held our Pilots meeting in the glider port's office at 9:00 am on Saturday, and got round zero underway around 11:00 am. Conditions were consistently building, and by round 1 our last pilot in the roster Tom Copp of F3X.com fame threw down a blistering 40.80 second run. Time would later prove that to be the fast time of the contest.



Above: Winners and their leader!

For a 29 pilot event, things were moving very quickly, finishing each round in less than an hour. We finished things up around 5:00pm, with 6 rounds (0-5).

Saturday evening brought some light showers and clearing winds for Sunday. Flyable at sunrise, we had great air for our 10:15 am start. We finished our last round around 3:45 pm and gathered for awards presentation. We all knew who were going to stand at the podium. Tim Bigley was the consistent competitor, flying

smoothly all weekend. Making no mistakes was good enough to earn him a 3rd place podium spot. Tom Copp seemed to have things all wrapped up after the absolute clinic he put on Saturday, but Kyle was coming on strong on Sunday. It was anyone's guess. Kyle ended up sneaking away with the victory, by a mere .041% Great jobs Tom and Kyle. I learned a lot from your guys' performances.

So here are the scores of the top ten,

- 1 P Kyle 9573.53
- 2 Copp 9569.65
- 3 Bigley 9424.06
- 4 Smith 9339.89
- 5 Cone 9291.80
- 6 L G 9114.21
- 7 Field 9089.37
- 8 Klein 8940.82
- 9 Paulson,Kyler 8887.21
- 10 Reel 8813.98

The IHLGF

Ron Scharck, CD for IHLGF

The IHLGF is just two months away and time is flying. We opened registration early and as of last count already have 55 pilots registered, with four from Argentina, four from New Zealand, and one from France. We are expecting a great turnout.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
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
September	20	14	Scott C.	28 ISS		3/9
October	18	12	Keith F.	19 TPG	4/5 Visalia	8/14
November	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.



This will be the first year that the IHLGF will be flying the F3K Rules (and Tasks). F3K was just approved as a World Championship event at the March FAI meeting. Most of the events are ones we are familiar with, either from being identical to previous IHLGF tasks or from the monthly TPG contests that the guys have been holding. For complete information on the event, including tasks, rules, registration, etc. go to the IHLGF website at; <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/2008IHLGF.htm>.

World Air Games 2009 Selection Contest

The Torrey Pines Gulls is honored to have been selected to conduct a United States National 2009 World Air Games Selection contest. This contest, which will be held June 6th (Friday, the day before the IHLGF) at the Torrey Pines Gulls Poway Flight Center, will go toward determining at least two pilots that will be invited to represent the North American Continent at the FAI World Air Games 2009 which will be held in Turin, Italy, June 7-13, 2009.

The World Air Games can be clearly described as "One week – Ten Sports – Unlimited Adrenaline!" It is the biggest gathering of air sports in the world and during one week brings together World Champions and other top competitors in ten different air sport disciplines from more than twenty nations. For those pilots selected to go to the World Air Games, it is an all expense paid trip (once they arrive) in Turin. The pilots' expenses are paid for by the World Air Games.

One of the disciplines that will be featured at the World Air Games 2009 will be Hand Thrown Gliders

or, as we know them, Hand Launched Gliders. For complete details on the HTG event, including rules and tasks go

to: <http://www.worldairgames.org/2009/sports-athletes/aeromodelling>

There are only two tasks: "Last Flight" and "All-Up". There will be a minimum of two qualifying rounds; one for each task. The top scorers (up to 24) from qualifying rounds will then go into a semi-final round. From this point forward, the task is "All-Up". There will be three launches with a three minute max. The top eight pilots will then go into the finals. Each launch in the finals reduces the field by one until there are only two. One last launch will determine this event's Champion. Plaques will be awarded to the top three pilots.

The final scores will be submitted to FAI/CIAM who will decide who and how many pilots from the USA will be invited.

The USAWAG 2009 Selection Contest pilots meeting will begin at 2:30 P.M. and the first flight group will launch at 3:00 P.M. There will be no entry fee; however, you must register for the event using the official FAI/CIAM World Air Games Registration Form. This form can be found by clicking on "CIAM WAG Official Entry Form" located at the top the USA FAI World Air Games 2009 Selection Contest website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/USWAG2009SC.htm>

PLEASE NOTE: This contest has nothing to do with the USA F3K World Championship Team Selection, which has yet to be established.

April Program

David Klein, Vice President

Mike Lee will be our guest speaker for April of 2008. He is currently the 2008 F3J Team USA juniors team manager. He recently authored a 4 part article in an RC magazine about F3J covering all aspects of flight, finishing with coverage of the 2007 US F3J team selections. We are very lucky to have him come educate us on this exciting part of the sport.

Left: A busy day at the slopes for the F3F Contest. No worry...only perspective, but a good endorsement for "blue sky" rule!

Poway Maintenance –

Parviz Kamiab, President

We have a difficult issue surfacing this year. We have not gotten the same participation maintaining the Poway T/D Field as we did in the past and this has resulted in additional expense to the club. We have similar concerns with the Encinitas field. TPG maintenance is part of the agreement with the city of Encinitas.

This topic has been discussed in every board meeting for last year and so far there has not been any decision made on how to resolve this issue. Several options have been discussed but the solution has not been finalized.

Poway field needs to be mowed once more before the summer heat dries all the vegetation. Please plan on a work day to get this done within the next couple of weeks. The date will be announced in the Yahoo group so please look for the announcement.

If it were not because of Keith Finkenbiner and Don Richmond, the field would have been unuseable for the last contest. We all owe them a big thanks for mowing the field twice this year.

We also need a riding mower which club might need to purchase. My goal is to accomplish this without increasing the membership fee. I am open to suggestions. If you have any suggestions please call me at (760) 415-0374.

Many clubs have lost their flying fields. We have been very lucky to still have this field. Whether we fly once a month or every weekend, we need to help with maintenance. We all enjoy this hobby so let's preserve what we have.

April Meeting, Board of Directors

Bill Eckles, Editor

The TPG Board of Directors met last Wednesday at Denny's on Miramar Road to discuss the hot topics. The clubs general membership is invited to attend,

Next General Meeting...

April 8 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

so feel free to join in on the Wednesday prior to the club meeting at 7:00 pm.

Three club members visited the Encinitas flying site and made one flight before the winch gave up.

Reception was great and all are optimistic that an acceptable lease will be received shortly.

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". Look to the Thursday Fun Flies for slope learning and sign-offs.

Memberships are still soft, so please sign up and pay your dues. This is a major revenue source for TPG!

The Slope race in late March was great for our reputation as a club and an spectacular flying site.

Good job David and all who helped and competed!

Summer Fun Flies

Bill Eckles, Editor

It is time to reconvene at the SLOPE on Thursday afternoons. We will try to keep it informal this year and just have friendly, enjoyable gatherings at this spectacular site. There will be senior/advanced pilots available to sign off on your skill level classifications. Let's not bring grilles as the concession stand has great sandwiches and snacks available.

If we get enough interest n meeting at Poway, we'll make an announcement...or, just gather there on your own if the slope lift is minimal. In any case, Thursday afternoons until sunset are for fun and camaraderie. Come on out!

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