

Update on Encinitas

Cliff Hunter, Site Committee Member

News on the Encinitas Site!

We hope to have the lease signed by June of 2008 and start working on the improvements needed to meet the lease agreement. The lease should be 5 years with a renewal of 5 years.

Cost is still unknown at this time. I will provide more information as we get new updates.

The site has been tested by Mike Smith and lift was very good around 11:00 am.

BULLETIN! A document is being prepared for the club to sign, so it looks as if the lease is imminent. Things look very good!

Memberships

Bill Eckles, Editor

We're running into a bit of a problem. After asking nicely for members to "re-up" and get their dues to Parviz, we have just under 100 current, active, paid-up members. Last year the membership stood over 125. Something is wrong. We should have more paid memberships. Parviz has sent messages to those who were members last year, but have not paid this year...to no avail. **PLEASE DO YOUR SHARE REGARDING MEMBERSHIPS.**

We are doing OK with club finances so far, but we rely to a great degree on memberships for club funds and our base is shrinking. Yes, we get money from contests, too, but it is clear that our revenue base is not as solid as it might be.

Additionally, the annual money-maker, the IHLGF, has fewer applications than last year because of competitive contests at nearly the

Opposite: Some talents just rise to the surface! Tom Minegar makes the U/T this week as he avoids landing rash in Carlsbad..

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GLIDER GRAB

Tom Minegar of Carlsbad reached for his radio-controlled glider while taking it for a flight on the beach just south of where Palomar Airport Road ends. The plane has a wingspan of eight feet and weighs 53 ounces. *Charlie Neuman / Union-Tribune*

same time, so we can expect less money from this traditional resource.

We do not mandate that pilots who use our resources (read Poway T/D Field) for a given contest become club members, so this is not a source of income to us. Still, the field needs to be mowed, cleared and maintained. Perhaps temporary memberships for visitors would be a reasonable request. Most competitors in our "club" contests are locals who use the field with some frequency. What we do have is continued use of these facilities and a dwindling base of pilots contributing financially to them.

We want to avoid awkward situations, be we have increasing pressure on our budgets. We need the cooperation of our membership both financially and in our activities. Please be sure to do your part. Please get your dues in if you haven't yet. Please contribute your time and perspiration as you can. Please give your presence, too, as meetings, contests and functions are more fun with more people involved.

Hand Launch Contest

Tasks

Cliff Hunter, CD

Here are the formal tasks for the upcoming monthly hand launch contest for May.

Where: Poway Flight Center

When: May 18, 2008

Time: 0800 – 12:00 noon

Tasks:

Three hour Flight Window (9 am-12 am)

Must fly (4) rounds, one of each of the following tasks, in the following order:

3 minute – 900 flight points, 5.0 points per second, 100 Points on standard 25 foot tape.

5 minute – 900 flight points, 3.0 points per second, 100 Points on standard 25 foot tape.

7 minute - 900 flight points, 2.1428 points per second, 100 Points on standard 25 foot tape.

9 minute - 900 flight points, 1.667 points per second, 100 Points on standard 25 foot tape.

3-point penalty for every second over target time

April Program

David Klein, Vice President

David, himself, will provide our program this month. He will talk to us about building and flying practices with the goal of avoiding (at least minimizing) crashes. It should be quite helpful, especially to us less-proficient flyers/

Slope Activities

Mike Lance, Safety Officer TPG

We have had a great month of flying at Torrey Pines. The winds have been consistence at about 12mph and beautiful flying days.

On the weekend of the 19th and 20th we were treated to the full scale Ash-26 E cruising the cliff for about 4 hours. What a sight to see and you know the wind is good when he is there. I was flying my 1/3 scale DG-600 and had the pleasure of getting to cruise along side the full

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
May	17	18	Cliff H.	18 SWSA		7/13
June	7/8	22	Don R.	22 EDSF at ISS	7/8 IHLGF	4/10
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@yahogroups.com list for updates.

scale. He made a turn and came up along side of me and we just flew along together. I wiggled my wings at him and then turned away. He went the other direction. What a thrill.

I made the maiden flight on my 1/2 scale TG-2 and it flew perfect. What a sight to finally see the big bird in the air. If you go to RC groups there are some pictures posted of the maiden flight. I will fly it again at the JR Aero Tow at the end of May. All has been very smooth at Torrey.

Make sure to have a spotter with you when you come to fly at Torrey as it is a very busy time of the year. See you all at Torrey Pines, Mike.

Summer Fun-Flys

Bill Eckles, Editor

Summer Fun Fly time is in full swing. Winds have been excellent with very buoyant air included in the lift equation. The first few sessions had sketchy attendance, but this last week saw 6-10 pilots show including a new member getting qualified at the slope. Additionally, that elusive animal, Adam Smith appeared to both qualify the neophyte and also demonstrate his flying talents...fly casting in Patagonia has not lessened the skill contained in his thumbs!

Next General Meeting...

May 13 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

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