

Cliff Gets Recognition

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Our past president and active member, Cliff Hunter, is getting recognition he richly deserves.

In addition to his activities with the TPG, Cliff also works for a living and does very well at it.



Above: Cliff Hunter receives "Man of the Year" award from his peers for accomplishments preventing fires and property/life loss in north San Diego County.

Recently there have been newspaper articles praising his accomplishments. The Del Mar Times carried an article announcing Cliff had been named Fire Prevention "Man of the Year" by the membership of this illustrious group. It is especially notable that this recognition is from a group of Cliff's peers, folks who know the time, energy and skill needed to accomplish the results Cliff is known for.

In addition to newspaper articles, Cliff has appeared on several television programs explaining how the programs he has developed for the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department and north county residents function. Millions of dollars in property were protected last fall during the raging fires in the area during the severe Santa Ana winds. Special thanks to Cliff for making all of us a little more safe and secure.

Encinitas Field is

Almost Ready

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Things are happening in Encinitas! Several of the members have been hard at work at the new field building barricades, protecting methane well-heads and leveling gravel for a parking area.

Additionally, many more less glamorous chores are being attended to by our hard-working club members.

A club board meeting was held last Wednesday

and, as you might expect, the Encinitas site dominated the business. The discussed issues will be reported at the club meeting on Tuesday, so you will not be in the dark. As you might expect, there will be some new rules and these will be communicated to you as soon as they are firm.

For example, because this is a landfill site, there is concern that moisture will seep into the compacted matter...hence, no stakes can be driven into the surface. Therefore, we cannot plant the turn arounds and winch fasteners into the surface, but must devise a way using weights to hold them down.

Also, there can be no vehicles driving across the surface of the site...hence, we'll need to use retrievers for the winches. Therefore, our existing retrievers will need a little modification to make them more reliable.

We will need to be very careful to not offend our neighbors...hence, we'll have a new key system to enter the site. Therefore, we'll need to develop a method to get keys into the hands of the general membership.

Even with all these new activities we will still have a place for great fun and good flying.

Special thanks go out to Cliff Hunter, Keith Finkeneiner and Parviz Kamiab as well as others, for taking on this new challenge. Our dreams are materializing. Be at the meeting Tuesday to get the most recent scoop on happenings at Encinitas.

What's Doing at Poway?

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In August we encountered some challenges at the Poway site that we simply could not ignore and the executives of the club decided it would be best to curtail flying activities there until we could specifically address some shortcomings.

The owner of the property launched some significant changes to his stables by expanding his training activities, building a new corral and

expanding his operation to areas we had previously used for flying. This, of course, generated the need for us to change the way we did things. Amid quite a bit of rumor and varying levels of "news", we organized a work crew in early August to clean up the changes we had made to the land. Specifically, we needed to pick up the many carpets used to make the set-up area more comfortable, dig up the cemented receivers for winches and turn arounds and generally clean up the area to the state we had received it some 18 years ago. This was accomplished in, surprisingly, one Saturday's activities!

Now we confront some other decisions. Mike Smith has been particularly helpful in keeping our waters unruffled with conversations with the owner. Mike will inform us all about our options at Tuesday's general meeting. Space is available to us that will minimize any negative effect on the new training and boarding facilities. It is up to us to decide how we want to use this possibility. Please attend the club meeting to help with these decisions.

Big Club Meeting Tuesday

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This month marks the end of this summer's activities and we celebrate with a big club meeting on Tuesday, September 9. This will be a particularly good meeting as we will bring the entire membership up to speed on happenings at the Encinitas and Poway flying sites as well as the happenings at the Torrey Pines Glider Port. Tom Minnegar will talk with us about ins and outs of insurance especially as it relates to r/c aircraft and the AMA's membership coverage. John and Moose will have a big list of useful items to be raffled off, so bring some money to play with.

"Glass off" Lift

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The following appeared on Yahoo Groups and, though many of you have already seen it, I felt it would be valuable to share with the rest of you. I don't know if it's true, but it sure sounds nice...

From: Allen Priest

Subject: [TPGulls] Tuesday Flying Report

Back in St Louis, we have so few good flying days, that when we do get a good flying day, we write a report about it.

Today, after work, I decided that, no matter what it took, I was definitely going to learn to throw a DLG. Armed with great advice from two very good flying clubs, I went to the field to give it a shot. It was great.

Wonderful weather, slight cool breeze, and a good plane. I did some light throws to figure out how to properly release the plane so that it flies straight and level. Once I figured that out, I was able to work on

coordinating the turn and the release to get good height. Everything was going really well and I was even learning to bring the plane back for a hand catch landing. It was great fun.

Then, at about 7:30pm, after an especially nice launch, I caught a light thermal which I was able to ride to a very nice altitude. It was great. I wish I'd had a camera.

Now, here's a question: Where did the thermal come from? The sun was so low in the sky and the air was actually getting pretty chilly, so why was I able to circle in a thermal and find good altitude. Is it possible that, when flying in the desert, the ground, which had been heating up all

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
September	20	14	Scott C.	28 ISS		3/9
October	18	12	Keith F.	19 TPG (Enc.)	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.

day, would release its heat back into the air causing thermal lift, long after the sun has stopped heating the ground? I'm not used to flying in environments such as here in San Diego, so what do you guys think?

Whatever happened, it was a great time of flying. After 2 1/2 hours of throwing a DLG, I'm now so sore, that I don't know if I'll be able to walk tomorrow.

Response from: Joshua Meyers

Glad you got to experience that! What is probably happening is something that is a version of "glass off" lift. The general theme is that the outside air is cooling faster than the ground can keep up with. As long as there is a significant difference between the ground and the air you are likely to get thermal lift. All of us get used to the heating side of this phenom, but few of us find the cooling side. It is usually larger and smoother. In paragliders we will spend an hour or more in this kind of lift, and it isn't always small. At King Mountain Idaho I've been at 12,000 ft as the sun was setting in glassy smooth lift, awesome.



Above: We can look forward to sunsets like this from our new Encinitas field and maybe share in some of the "Glass Off" Lift.

Next General Meeting...

September 9 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

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Trading Page

Buy, Sell or Trade

Multiplex Easy Glider RR NIB. (Nearly new in box) The version with the servos already installed. Just glue on the tail, attach the included push rods, install battery and receiver, balance, and fly. The only thing keeping it from being NIB is I painted the canopy and the underside of the wings and stab various shades of blue. It's better than NIB... if you like blue. \$150

3m EPP Fox scale glider kit NIB. \$175

Spirit 100 kit NIB. \$75

Multiplex Profi 4000 Transmitter. Latest mods for synthesized frequency module and shift select. Also has standard module with several crystals. Extra battery pack. Becker and standard antenna. Multiplex aluminum storage case. Like new condition. \$750

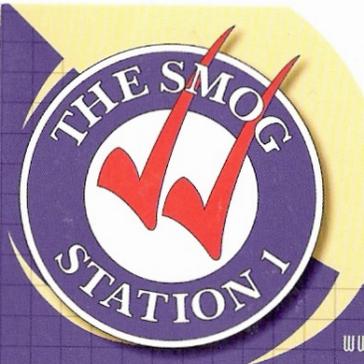
Multiplex EVO 9. Like new condition. Used by original owner for less than a year and used as back up only for past 2 years. Comes with carrying case and transfer cord. And my trick sailplane setups. \$300

JR 388 transmitter. Super secret updates to give it the same functionality as an 8103. Needs a new battery. \$75

Sharon Pro 3.7 airframe, no radio installed. I bought it used without the servos that were used to fly it less than a dozen times by the original owner. Never got around to installing my own gear. Some P-way style scratches under the wing tips from landing at SW SA. Other than that, just like new. White over blue. \$1,000

CR Raider unlimited slope racer fuselage with the vertical tail cut off for installation of a v tail. Still have the part that was cut off so it could be reattached. \$75

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