

## Encinitas Update

Cliff Hunter

The field is coming together. Approved TPG Signage is installed on the incoming fence and at the field for all the rules and regulations. Two trash cans have been added, so please clean up after and put your trash into the cans provided.



Above: The pit area for the new Encinitas site has plenty of room and parking is behind this area. The powerlines in the background are definitely "no fly".

We have improved on the well and piping protection, the parking area now has proper cover of 4 inches of Class II base. The winch and retriever system has been refined. High starts connections have been provided.

We are moving forward with a battery charging system (solar) for all batteries. The landing area has been defined clearly. We had several work parties and club members have helped in bring the field together. The area has almost been completed mowed and cleaned up. We have 2 new retrievers and stands. Remember the field is for club members in good standing and their guests only.

The County has informed us of two important issues.

1. Vandalism at Encinitas II (The landfill) has occurred from rock damage (\$500) and the Club has been asked to notify the Sheriff's Department of any strange or threatening occurrences. I told the County we will keep our eyes open for any vandals and notify the sheriff

if we see any activity that is not normal.

2. The County plans to import about 20,000 cyd of soil to Encinitas starting in the next few weeks. The dirt haul will occur Tuesday through Friday. The hauling operation could take a good 3 to 4 weeks to complete, so when flying be aware and try and keep out of their way during that operation.

We are still fine tuning the field and operation. It will be ready for the SC2 contest October 26, 2008. We always need help at these contest. So come out and help...it would be a good time to come out to the field and see the operation.

## What's Doing at Poway?

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Poway is looking good. Mike Smith has been very involved, read in charge of, "remodeling" the Poway site to accomodate all the changes to the horse and agricultural activities there. We are in a situation where we will be able to use the Poway location, though they would like us to be sort of a "minimal" presence there.

The owners have agreed to let us use the northwest corner of the property for launching and landing and are planting tomatoes in our old flying area. The board of directors has struggled with our options and feel it is best to keep a minimal presence in Poway, focusing on F3B practice, "sport" flying and occasional powered flying. This means we will not support the site with available winches, as Encinitas has taken over that role. Raterr, club members will be welcome to use the Poway site as they wish with either their own winches, high starts or hand launches. We do not expect to use the field for formal competitions, however, either for the club, SC2 or IHLGF (still to be made final).

There will likely be a new parking area and a levelled launch and land area. There will be even more space than previously, so we are still blessed with a fantastic flying site.

Mike will bring us up to date with the current happenings and timing at the meeting, Tuesday, so be there to learn of the new expectations of Poway.

## Slope Status

Mike Lance, Slope Coordinator

All is well at Torrey Pines. Since Dave Jeb went to court, he does not have a full lease, only on a month to month basis with the City of San Diego. It remains to be seen what is going to happen at Torrey Pines for the new year as far as who will be in charge.

As far as RC flying goes, all is well and the flying has been very good with the winds out of the West and WNW for the past month. Hang glider and Para glider traffic has been light and every one is behaving and following the rules. All RC flyers should show courtesy to all forms of flying and should expect the same.

On days we are not flying at Torrey Pines we have been doing a lot of aero towing and we invite everyone to join us for some towing. The Fall Aero Tow is October the 17-19. Make sure if you come to fly at Torrey Pines on the weekends that you have a spotter and fly safely. See you all at the Cliff,

## SC2 Time

Keith Finkenbiner

### TPG Invites you to the October SC2 Contest

Date: Sunday, Oct 19, 2008

Location: Encinitas Flight Center, Encinitas, CA

Contest Director: Keith Finkenbiner

Sign up: 8:30 AM

Pilots Meeting: 8:45 AM

Contest Start: 9:00 AM

Tasks: 3 Rounds for a total of 24 Min.

Round 1: 6 Min for 900 Pts.

Round 2: 8 Min for 900 Pts.

Round 3: 10 Min for 900 Pts.

Landings: 25 ft. tape for 100 Pts.

Field Location: 2099 Encinitas Blvd

Encinitas CA 92024

Enter through gate of County Landfill

Call Keith Finkenbiner for more info.

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## Dues News...

Bill Eckles, Ed.

There are some new ideas for the dues structure for the Torrey Pines Gulls starting with 2009.

For this year, the dues will remain the same, \$40 for the year, but a \$5 discount if you pay before the end of 2008. But, the Board of Directors has voted a twist for next year.

In order to encourage more members to help with running the club and especially with maintaining the addition of the Encinitas flying site, the club membership can help to discount the dues for 2010 by \$20,

This is accomplished by participating in only 2 half-day work parties during 2009. The membership chairman will administer this program by recording who helped and who didn't during the year, so be sure that the project leader has you on the list as a participant.

This will totally offset the anticipated increase in dues for 2010 to \$60 from its current level. Early payment will still be rewarded by its normal \$5 discount.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
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@yahoogroups.com list for updates.

# Encinitas Rocks

Bill Eckles, Ed.

It was early Sunday morning that TPG pilots began to gather at the top of the drive at 3099 Encinitas Boulevard in Encinitas. The marine layer was pretty thick and not much wind was stirring. Lots of humidity made for heavy air and there was some concern that the sun would penetrate the fog layer. Cars began pulling up to the parking area, doubled up and spread to across the driveway.

Fuselages and wings were being assembled and soon a DLG popped up into the grey sky and slowly felt its way to an ignoble landing in the cut grass.

Necessities were assembled and the CD finally took his place at the registration table, busily making change and jousting with the growing collection of pilots assembling in the morning mist.

It was the maiden contest for Torrey Pines Gulls at the new, Encinitas thermal site. Club members, led by both Keith Finkenbinder Cliff Hunter, with lots of help from Parviz Kamiab had come together and worked hard to make the site one to be proud of.

Keith headed the cutting and assembling of perimeter barricades to fence off the parking area and "keep off" zones. A generous four inches of gravel had been spread on the parking lot to keep from making ruts in the somewhat delicate surface of the landfill. The weeds had been mowed with the new club tractor, some this early morning. The new container was in place and the trailer parked neatly beside it. Protectors for the methane pipes would soon be constructed, but temporary protection was in place. The new site was ready to go.

Mike Smith took a practice, demonstration flight to illustrate the rules, like where to launch and land, how to avoid the no-fly zone, follow the suggested landing pattern and such. The group was itching to go, but watched with rapt attention. The winches were strung from their new concrete bases to the turn-arounds hung on the fencing on the west end of the field. Soon it was time to launch.

With almost flawless precision, planes launched for their 3, 5, 7 and 10 minute tasks. More than 20 pilots had assembled for this maiden contest and it was well worth the apprehension. Even though we had several who hiked over the ridge toward the approach road to retrieve their ships from the voracious rotors just beyond the landing area, we lost no ships. Meanwhile, the sky was filled with colorful, composite wings and even a woodie or two as thermals were sought and found. Some flew flawlessly; some not so much. But, the bottom line, a good time was had by all!



Final standings in Masters:

Mike Smith

Mario Scolani

Steve Condon

In the Expert class it was...

Lenny

Don Richmond

Steve Hurd

It was a great turn out. It was a fun contest, well run and competitive. It was a good day both to fly and to learn about the new field. The SC2 contest is next weekend. Come on out and help welcome new guests to our flying site...it will be a blast. We can be proud.

Above: Lots of "hanging around", especially after the contest. The new barricades mark parking areas and such.

## Next General Meeting...

October 14 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum  
Balboa Park

## The Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

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

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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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