

Special Holiday Issue

Holiday Party Tuesday

Bill Eckles, Ed.

No "big" surprises this year. As usual, the holiday party will be held Tuesday evening at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park at our usual meeting room. As usual, Parviz will round up some delicious Persian food. As usual, there will be good people (members) and good acquaintances (guests). And, as usual, the celebration will set us back a royal \$1.00 per head.

Our board of directors is attempting to secure access to the museum show rooms for our private party and, hopefully, we will benefit from a spectacular guided tour provided by top-level management of the Aerospace Museum. The museum holds many secrets and even a few ghosts in addition to the spectacular displays that all can see. In prior years we have had tours led by individuals who know the ins and outs of the museum and secrets not common knowledge to the lay public.

C'mon down. A good time will be had and your presence will only make it better! Attendance has been growing over the past few years and we're hoping for a record turn out on Tuesday. Be a part of it!

Raffle Ramblings

John Bruner, Raffle co-chairman

Surprise! There will be no raffle this month as the holiday party will displace this normal excitement. However, in January the raffles will resume with our traditional high-value prizes.

The price is right and the odds of winning are good. Even I have walked away with great winnings, and I don't invest a lot. Improve your odds by bringing lots of money.

We are trying to add some excitement to the monthly club meetings and Alan and I are working extra hard to provide even more desirable items to the items we raffle off. You will have to wait a month, but, come January we'll be back on track with even better items.

Also, don't forget that in March our regular meeting will be shortened and replaced by the annual "Swap Meet". Here's a chance to clear those items from your garage or closet that you just aren't using any more. At the same time, you will have the ability to pick up someone else's "treasures". It seems like every year we reinforce the adage that "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Get ready for some treasure seeking in March!

"Crash" Course in F3B

David Klein, V.P.

OK guys heads up, I want to do an open invite for F3b newbies to come out and get some help with F3b. I cannot fly this coming weekend, so this will be either Saturday or Sunday December 13th or 14th. Who is

available? Which day is better? This will be at the TPG Poway Thermal field.

I thought I would take this day (and maybe Kyle, Mike, or Tom if it is a good day for them to join us) to help new pilots in the area. We will offer our skills and equipment to teach new pilots the ins and

outs of basic F3b, focusing on safe launching and flying.

Let's look to this as a schedule of events...

8:00am setup

Arrive at the field, assemble planes, and string winches, setup speed course.

9:00am

Help new pilots setup their transmitters and program their planes for flight.

9:30 or 10:00

Begin launching, working on launch technique for safe launches off mono.

11:00-1:00pm

Work on speed and distance techniques, mainly learning to fly straight

lines at constant airspeed.

1:00pm-4:00pm

Structured speed and distance practice. This will mainly focus on the more advanced pilots. The new guys can return the favor by helping the advanced guys through some structured practice.

What do you think? Let me know by email or through the Yahoo Groups Forum and we'll get it going. The new Poway Field is great and this will be a chance to get to know it better.

Poway Thank you

Mike Smith, Poway Liaison

Hello fellow members. 2008 has been quite a year. We lost Poway, we gained the Encinitas field, and then we got Poway back. We went from having no field to having two fields with a few roller coaster ups and downs along the way. All in all your support and your board of directors along with a few key people have gone above and beyond to secure flying sites for TPG members into the year 2018. Thank you to all that made the effort to secure the flying sites and do the work required to improve Encinitas to a "flyable" state, and to do the clean up work out at the old Poway flying field.

The Owner's son-in-law is our contact for use of the Poway field. All communication to him should go through me. This is at the request

of the Owner. So, if you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to me, and I will forward your questions on.

The owners are very generous regarding our use of roughly 3.2 acres of their land. We pay nothing for the land in the form of rent. The only thing the owner asks is that if there is any mowing, or grading type work that needs to be done, we have him do it. He explained that it is a liability issue that he is just not comfortable with. He will only charge us what it would cost for us to rent a mower equipped tractor anyway, so it is going to be a great deal all around.

I feel we should show our gratitude by buying him a Christmas gift. He has expressed an interest in flying RC, but not gliders. He likes helicopters. There are a few great deals out there on ready to fly heli's that cost \$250 to \$300. I will start taking donations for the purchase of this gift right away. Please find it in your "god, I love Poway" hearts to send me \$20 to go toward this fund. Any extra money will go to the TPG account for the upcoming mowing that will be needed in Feb/March. Thank you for your attention to my suggestion.. You can make the check out to Torrey Pines Gulls, and memo "Poway owner gift" on the check. My address: 10964 Caminito Tierra, San Diego, CA 92131

Next General Meeting...

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 9 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

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
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.

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