

February Meeting Program

Parviz Kamiab, President

Mike Smith will be giving a presentation on proper glider set up and just when in the flight to use those settings. Items covered will include Launch Camber, Aileron Differential, Aileron to Rudder Mix, Flap to Elevator Mix, Reflex mode, Landing Mode and general things to look for to get the most out of your glider and your flight.

As most of you know, Mike is one of the top pilots in the country with a vast amount of knowledge in this field. This is a very special treat for us and I hope everyone will take advantage of this rare opportunity. We are lucky to have Mike in our club and I am sure that everyone at one time or another has asked Mike for help. Come join us so you can take a great deal of information and knowledge back to one of our fields with you.

February Meeting Raffle

John Brunner, Raffle Co-Chairman

REMINDER !!! The February raffle will be chock full of interesting items. (Moose will be running things while I'm goofing off in Cancun.)

MARCH will be the annual SWAP MEET!!! Bring all your old stuff and trade/sell/buy for more and different stuff.

Board Meeting Summary

Bill Eckles, Ed.

The club board of directors met on Tuesday, February 3 at its customary location, Denny's on Miramar Road. Following is a brief summary of the topics that were discussed and their outcomes:

Upcoming programs include the presentation by Mike Smith that will occur on Tuesday. Tom Copp has agreed to come down from Orange County to show us how professionals make composite sailplanes. Both should be more than

interesting presentations and will allow for good discussion. Please let David Klein know of any suggestions you might have for upcoming meeting programs; he will go to great lengths to make them happen.

March general meeting time is presently scheduled to be a "Swap Meet". Some concern was expressed that another activity might be more popular. What do you think? If you would prefer an other subject, please let either Parviz or Moose know as we need to schedule activities. Last year quite a bit of goods got swapped.

Steve Condon has agreed to act as the club's T/D contest coordinator. Steve has lots of good ideas to even improve on our already great contests. He has put together a list of rules, actually guidelines, that he will share with all of us after the meeting. They will also appear on the web site, so check there, too. Steve is a great flier as well as an experienced contestant, so we look forward to even better times on contest days from here on out.

The board voted to change our representation on the Soaring Council making David Klein the full time representative with Mike Lance serving as the alternate. David is a lot more accessible to the meetings than Mike from his Orange County location.

Adam Smith will serve as the Slope Safety Officer and main contact for pilot certification.

Encinitas field is pretty much done, after so many have worked so hard. We have one more work session needed to prepare the container for painting. Parviz will pick a date and announce it to all. Don't forget that work session can be used to reduce next year's club membership dues, so try to be available.

You th Fly at Pow ay

David Klein, Vice President

January 11th was a good day to be a munchkin at the Poway thermal field. Four youngsters joined me for an introduction to Thermal Duration Sailplanes. My neibohrs, Domanic, Annabelle, Dan, and Giano range in age from 8 to 12 years old.

For two and a half years they have poked their heads inside my garage, wondering what new plane I was working on. Mystified by demonstrations of my discus launch technique and small helicopter aerobatics, they wanted to see the big stuff fly.

Brian (Domanic and Annabelle's dad) brought the foursome to the field at about 9:30 am on Sunday. They were expecting to see a demonstration, but instead got some instruction. I was armed with my 3.7 meter carbon fiber Aspire and two JR9303 transmitters, prepared to buddy box the children. After a brief introduction to the transmitters function, and principals of flight, each child got to fly 2 flights. Launch heights were better than normal



Above: David Klein and his buddies had a great time flying at Poway in January.

The new pilots showed lots of talent!

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
February		15	Larry Jolly.		Phoenix	3/10
March		15	Don Richmond.	29 Encinitas		3/10
April		19	Parviz Kamiab	19 SWSA		7/14
May		17	Cliff Hunter	17 SULA		5/12
June		14	Terry Throop			No Meeting
July		19	Steve Condon	26 HSS		No Meeting
August		16	Scott Condon	30 TOSS		No Meeting
Septemb		13	Tom Kiesling	27 ISS		1/8
October		18	Keith Finkenbiner	25 Encinitas	Visalia 4 & 5	6/13
Novemb		18	Dave Klein	22 Rain Date		3/10
Decembe		14	Mike Smith			1/8

Next General Meeting...

February 10 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

Calendar dates subject to change. Please review the calendar each month and watch the TPGulls@yahoogroups.com list for updates.

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since the plane was launched from monofilament line strung on an F3B winch.

The children did amazingly well, displaying a natural talent for flight. They each learned to control the plane's glide ratio and execute right and left turns. A few loops and wingovers were attempted, too.

Each child got better after observing their peer's previous attempts.

It was a lot of fun teaching the youngsters to fly and passing along a passion for soaring. Finishing the build of my easyglider just got bumped up on my priority list.

AMA Memberships

Bill Eckles, Ed.

It's that time again. Several members have not renewed their memberships in AMA, our national modeling and flying organization. It is required of all of us to maintain an active membership in this organization to be members of the Torrey Pines Gulls and to fly at our club fields. A key reason for the required membership is that it automatically provides insurance protection in case of accident or injury.

The TPG requires AMA membership not only for club membership, but also, and especially, in order to compete in club sponsored contests.

Steve Condon is charged with coordinating club T/D contests and he will be checking competitors to see that they maintain a current, valid AMA membership. Please cooperate and make certain you are up to date!

News from the Bluff

Mike Lance, Safety Officer

Everything is the same for flying out at Torrey Pines. We all need to pay for the year pass or pay by the day and make sure to sign in.

Robin is the new manager and he is trying to make things even better for everyone. He did not agree with everything Dave Jeb did, he just worked for him. He was at the last Soaring Council Meeting and answered a lot of questions. Dave Jeb has moved to Oregon and is gone. His wife Maya is still here helping Robin settle in. Robin has good intentions and we just need to give it time to see how things go.

I was down flying the weekend of January 24t & 25 and things went well. Make sure every one uses a spotter at all times and please do not yell at the Para gliders or Hang glider pilots if you see them breaking any rules. Just go see Robin or one of the flight directors and they will take care of the problem.

I will still be at Torrey on a regular bases and make sure all the RC pilots are following all the rules. I just want to thank everyone for everything and for all the pilots cooperating with all the rules for RC flying while at the Cliff. I will see you all out flying or towing in the near future.

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