

## Board Meeting Summary

Bill Eckles, Ed.

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

This month's general meeting will be the annual Swap Meet. Bring your garaged items that never get flown and let them become someone else's burden. Of course, you are expected to help relieve someone else of theirs, so the weight being distributed remains the same. Hopefully, one man's burden will find another's lift.

The recent winds and constant UV exposure has relegated the orange plastic netting at Encinitas to shreds. Cliff found some good soccer netting that will resist sunlight degradation and is also affordable, so the board voted to allow expenditures to purchase it. Cliff will measure to determine the quantity and then we'll all help install it. It should be easy.

We had some flier *drive* his vehicle carry his winch to the launching area at Encinitas, at least judging by the dulle tracks left in the grass. This is forbidden, so please do not let it happen again! This is one of the specific "no-no's" from the land fill managers.

We expect to have full scale flying at Torrey Pines Glider Port through this month, so be ready for some impressive flying there. We MUST have a spotter to fly during this activity, so please be prepared. Again, this is important and not using a spotter at this time can jeopardize our access to the slop.

## Reminders on Rules

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We seem to be getting a bit casual about our flying activities as noted above. Here are a couple reminders intended to simply keep you mindful that there are some important flying procedures to mine if we are to maintain our strong position

with THREE flying sites for club members.

**Poway:** Things here are easy. The same rules as before apply to the new location for launch and land. Just be sure to use the new area designations. Also, we have yet to make a new frequency board, so pay particular attention to other fliers in the vicinity and TALK TO EACH OTHER regarding frequency usage, even if you have a 2.4 transmitter.

Horses are less of a problem than before, but please be aware of horse traffic and take pains to avoid them. Even shadows from overhead gliders can spook some horses, so please make any errors to be from over attentiveness than under attentiveness.

**Encinitas: NO DRIVING ON THE GRASS!**

Be sure to park in the designated lot and use the new frequency board. It's plexiglass and looks great. Mind its purpose. Remember, no flying for at least five days after a rain. Pick up your trash and if you would, take a trash bag home with you to a trash can. Lock the gates behind you when you leave.

**Glider Port:** It has become a rule, not just good form, to use a spotter whenever possible. Also, be careful of paragliders and hang glider traffic. If you should lose your plane on the bluff, go to the concession office to request help retrieving it. It is illegal to be climbing around on the unstable cliffs as well as very bad judgement. We'll confirm it, but last check showed a guy who would retrieve your plane for \$20. That is quite a bargain and way, way safer.

## Programs

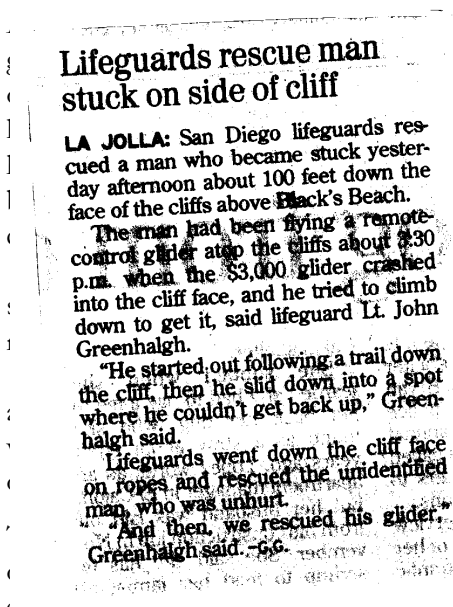
John Brunner, Co-chairman of Raffles

The raffle this month will be replaced with our annual SWAPMEET. Bring lots of money for some of the bargains that will confront you.

Also, bring lots of stuff so you can go home with money, too! The raffle will return next month with bigger and better prizes than ever.

# Bluff Procedures

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intentions, preventing the episode all together.

However, once the plane went into the bluff, our model pilot could have and should have reported the episode to the desk at the concession and received valuable help in retrieving his plane. **THIS IS THE CORRECT BEHAVIOR!**

The bluffs are dangerous and quite unstable. It is not "ok" to climb on them, nor is it ok to venture into unsafe territory to retrieve your crashed aircraft. If this happens to you, please use your discretion and get some qualified help from the concessionaire desk. They have people who are both authorized and able to make such retrievals and equipment to aid in the action.

## Pancakes at the Bluff

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Sunday morning was a busy time at the bluff. A collection of approximately 30 fliers gathered to eat a pancake breakfast provided by *Air California Adventure* and learn a bit about the conditions at the bluff. The old management has retired to Oregon and the new concessionaire is Robin, a long time flier and teacher and part of management at the bluff. He had the insight to see the value of getting participants together from all flier groups who use the facility to voice their concerns, praises and criticisms of activities under the new management. A good discussion took place along with statements from key representatives of r/c flying, paragliding, hang gliding and full size sailplane flying.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
March		15	Don Richmond.		28, 29 TP Classic	3/10
April		19	Parviz Kamiab	19 Encinitas		7/14
May		17	Cliff Hunter	17 SULA		5/12
June		14	Terry Throop	28 EDSF		No Meeting
July		19	Steve Condon	26 HSS		No Meeting
August		16	Scott Condon	30 TOSS		No Meeting
Sept		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
Decemb		14	Mike Smith			1/8

### Next General Meeting...

March 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@yahogroups.com list for updates.

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Left: Robin was a gracious host with lots of information.

Ed Slater informed us that full scale gliders had received a permit to use the glider port during March and April. They can use help and will



Left: Mike Lance represented us to the group and enjoyed flying afterward!

Robin gave a run down of the current situation. He has bought the concession and agrees to provide all the collateral support such as toilets, property taxes, trash removal and insurance. San Diego City, while they own the property, take no revenues from this business. Robin stressed the precarious nature of our access to the historic TP Glider Port. The city could close the operation with no notice.

reciprocate with benefits (read freebies) wherever they can. Show up to help them and they'll try to help you. Because of the Stem Cell Research building, the landing pattern has changed. When flying with full size gliders, be extra careful, use a spotter and pay attention to what is going on around you. This is not only unique flying, but also has serious consequences to risky behavior. Don't make a high-consequence mistake.



Far Left: Bruce Elder, pilot and attorney, provides lots of legal help.

Mike Lance emphasized the need for ALL to follow rules and prevent injury to especially paraglider pilots and visitors. He emphasized the need for spotters and careful attention in front, behind and to both sides while flying. Maanned aircraft pilots were admonished to USE THEIR WHISTLES and, if unable, holler!

Bruce Elder, an attorney and pilot who has provided assistance to Robin, clarified the legalities involved. He stressed that UCSD had complete control of the surrounding property including that of the runway area and acted in its best interest on use decisions. They are not interested in flying.

All told, it was a good and congenial meeting. Robin expects them to continue on a monthly basis, perhaps with a more limited menu but an expanded influence on activity!

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