

Board Meeting Notes

Parviz Kamiab, Pres/

The board of directors met on April 7 at Denny's restaurant on Miramar Rd. Here is basically what transpired...

- Arthur has offered to be additional mentor at Torrey and teach and work with new pilots.
- Adam Smith is working on review and revising the rules, pilot rating process and the forms for Torrey. He will be the focal point for keeping the records for the pilot rating.
- Steve Condom will be revising the TD contest prizes. More prizes and no cash.
- Membership is down. We have total of 90 VS last year of 130 members. Need to advertise more. Moose and John has agreed to work with the hobby shops to have them tell the pilots about TOG.
- SC2 on April 19th. Combines with our club contest.
- Mentor program alive and active.

Reminders on Rules

Bill Eckles, Ed.

This is a reminder to heed all the rules for all three of our flying sites

Specifically flying at the Torrey Pines Glider Port remains busy and filled with opportunities to have a painful mishap. Therefore, be sure to obey the "blue sky" rule, keeping some visible space between your plane and another aircraft using the air space. Depth perception is difficult to calculate and fails many of us "mature" fliers, so keeping some sky between objects assures safe passage. Also, use of a spotter is more than desirable. If full-scale planes are flying, use of a spotter is mandatory. Similarly, during busy times a spotter is considered necessary. Be sure to get your club card or annual pass labeled with your flying skill level by a certified club member.

At Encinitas, please be sure to let the grass dry out after a rain...five days is the required span following a 1/4" shower there. Do NOT drive on the grass...park in the parking area or on the roadside. Use the new frequency board...it looks great and works wonders!

At Poway, please avoid any possibility of spooking horses and riders. While we have lots of room to fly, riders may be roaming into areas we would like to fly. So, give them the right-of-way and keep from above them if at all possible.

Raffle

John Brunner, Co-chairman of Raffles

This month's raffle will be a good one, following last month being skipped because of the swap meet. Be sure to bring lots of money to buy plenty of tickets as the prizes will be even better than usual. Your chances of winning are improved with each ticket you buy!

Torrey Pines Classic

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Some 35 fliers showed up bright and early on March 28 to participate in this annual event.

After a good and informative pilot meeting, they all returned to the bluff to participate in this illustrious contest. Unfortunately, neither Saturday nor Sunday did the winds cooperate and flying was very limited. Because there was not the opportunity to complete enough complete flying rounds, the race was truncated without determining a winner. Still, good camaraderie and lots of lies were swapped over the two days and the "talk" was that it remains the premier contest on the west coast. Thanks to David Klein, Mark Canfield and Alan "Moose" Butler for all their work setting up the event and making things go as smoothly as possible. Next time we'll all need to pray harder for brisk, west winds!



Above:
 Fliers pose for a group shot while closing down this year's festivities. The winds let us down!

Program s

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Tuesday's meeting will feature Tuan Le and David Klein who will talk to us about battery technology and the latest in direct servo technology. Both of these guys are interested in getting as much efficiency as possible from their aircraft, so the presentation should be quite interesting. They promise to have plenty of room for questions, too!

Work days

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Spring is definitely here and there is all kinds of growth at both Encinitas and Poway flying sites. We need our members to turn out for upcoming work days that will be needed to both keep the areas in good shape for us as well as spruced up for the upcoming International Hand Launch Glider Festival. Don't forget that next year's dues can be reduced by as much as \$20 if you help out with these work days. We have a core of very active guys who seem to do all the work and can use a little help. Please give them a hand!

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

April 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

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

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