

# GullWings Fall Flying Gets Better and Better

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

October 2009

## September T/D Contest

Steve Condon, Thermal Coordinator

For this contest, our CD Tom Kiesling, introduced a brand new twist for TPG TD in that we had a "base" to cross mid-way through the task. We flew 4 rounds—the first was a 4+4 and the other three were 5+5 tasks. So, for example, on the "4+4" (an 8-minute task) you would search for lift and work it on one side of the base and then at 4:00 your timer stopped the watch until you crossed the base to the side opposite where the watch was re-started. The spirit of the task was to fly in more than one thermal during the flight. Sometimes that happened and other times it did not, but it was really fun never-the-less.

On my first flight I had nice air upwind of the winches and as 4-minutes approached I noticed three hawks circling downwind and south of the landing area so it was an easy choice to leave the upwind thermal and head downwind to the obvious ride for the other 4. On other flights, several of us found nice air upwind of the base and worked it while drifting toward the base. I recall swooping downwind over the base at 5:00 and then back across it to get back in the thermal that drifted over the base shortly thereafter.

While this didn't require two thermals, it did necessitate leaving one and then finding it again.

Toward the end of the event the conditions softened considerably and the last few guys to launch found themselves scratching the tree tops in a struggle to stay aloft which made the base crossing requirement very challenging...and in most cases quite costly.

This makes two of the past three months that Arthur Markiewicz came out on top—congratulations Arthur! Next month will be the SC2 contest so we hope to see you all out there!

Results for September:

### Master

Arthur Markiewicz

Mike Smith

Steve Condon

### Expert

Dan Fitzgerald

Cliff Hunter

Parviz Kamiab

### Sportsman

Steve Hurd

Chuck Norris

Brandon Condon

## Club Membership Changes

Bill Eckles, ed.

This year will come to an end sooner than we all realize. It has been a good one so far with three formal, functioning flying sites supporting a membership of good, active guys. Now is the time to renew your memberships and to get new members to join you at any of our sites.

This year the dues have increased by \$20, from \$40 to \$60 for the year, but with a couple very important "buts"...

First, sign up early and receive a discount of \$5 on applications received before the start of the calendar year. This will take a real bite out of the increase.

Or, you can apply some of that hard work you did this year for a membership discount of up to \$20. For each of two, four-hour work parties you participated in, you can reduce your

membership by \$10. Only two work parties will count, but this effort can actually eliminate the entire membership increase!

Unfortunately, you can not combine both the early discount and the work party discounts, but please apply the one that helps you most.

We have a new membership chairman, Bill Eckles is taking over from Parviz, so be sure to let him know your wishes. He will do his best to keep it all straight. He can't do it if you don't start the process, however, so don't wait...get your membership in before the end-of-year rush.

We also have a new address to correspond with the club, a post office box centrally located in North County, Del Mar. Please use this address if you are not paying by Pay Pal.

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P.O. Box 2872

Del Mar CA 92014-5872

little extra effort. Your participation is welcomed!

Also, John Brunner will have lots of good prizes for our monthly raffle, so don't forget some cash, either.

## SCSC Contest

Keith Finkenbiner, CD

October will have the combined contests of our Torrey Pines Gulls club contest and the monthly hosting of the SC2 or Southern California Soaring Council contest. Keith Finkenbiner is the CD and the details are reatured later in this newsletter. It will be a good contest, so come on out for some competition and club fun. See old friends and meet and make new ones.

## October General Meeting

Bill Eckles, ed.

October's general meeting is slated for Tuesday October 13 at 7:00 PM. We have lots of business to cover, so please plan to be there. It is time to organize the election of new board members, so bring your enthusiasm and willingness to help and be prepared to contribute to our great club with a

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
October		25	Keith Finkenbiner	25 Encinitas	Visalia 3 & 4	6/13
Novemb		18	Dave Klein	22 Rain Date		3/10
Decemb		14	Mike Smith			1/8

### Next General Meeting...

October 13 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.

# TPG Invites you to the October SC2 Contest

Date: Sunday, October 25, 2009  
Encinitas, CA

Location: Encinitas Flight Center,

Contest Director: Keith Finkenbiner

Sign up: 8:30 AM

Pilots Meeting: 8:45 AM

Entry Fee: \$10.00 One Class or RES

Contest Start's: 9:00 AM

\$20.00 One Class + RES

Free AMA Juniors & Seniors

Field: Mowed Grass

## AWARDS:

Expert – 1st thru 3rd

Intermediate – 1st thru 3rd

Sportsman – 1st thru 3rd

RES – 1st thru 3rd

## TASKS:

3 Rounds For a total of 24 Minutes

Round 1: 6 Minutes for 950 Points

Round 2: 8 Minutes for 950 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 950 Points

Landings: 25 Foot tape worth 50 Points

Flight Order: Open

## Rules:

Pilots must show AMA card

No Flying over launch area below launch height

10 seconds to accept re-launch

All SC2 2005 Rules

No metal landing aids allowed

Field Location: 2099 Encinitas Blvd.

Porta Potty at field

Thomas Guide: pg 1167-H1

Encinitas, CA 92024

Enter through gate County Landfill

Call for additional information:

Keith Finkenbiner 1-760-216-6349

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# Happiness is a Big Ass Sailplane

Toby Woods, Member

To stand at the windy bluff edge  
With model in hand  
Can be nerve racking, down-right scary!  
.... but exhilarating ...

Let the model go and it's a test of physics  
Preparation has its place, but luck plays a major role  
What if the incidence is off, or we get a bad toss?  
Money and heartache brother, money and heart ache

But let's get past this ... for once the model is airborne  
It's like having sprouted wings  
A little piece of me flies with the model  
And I fly wherever I want

Magic happens at times –  
Good wind, thin crowd, sun at my back, and a weighty model  
Up & up she goes with a belly full of lead (how strange!)  
Point her down and all the air sees is a sleek frontal profile  
.... my goodness the sound is incredible ....  
.... like air being separated by a pterodactyl dinosaur ....  
.... Wham! She rolls off to the north after a series of loops & rolls ....  
.... climbing altitude for another attempt ...

For these models require no motor, no engine  
But rather extract energy invisible to the naked eye  
Wind currents are like water currents except more elusive  
We Gulls surf the air

So get out there and try it for yourself  
Even experienced modelers, after a winter in the workshop  
Need to get slope side to remind themselves why they do i

\*\*\* Piano wire through the thumb again (Ouch!)  
\*\*\* Glue on the carpet again (Darn!)  
\*\*\* How long does it take for this glue to cure? (72 hours ... I want to fly tomorrow!)  
\*\*\* How do I program this transmitter again? (Jeepers!)

But after all the money spent, the heartache of mid-air collisions & botched repairs,  
We come back for more; perhaps the wind turns south & we must wait ... patiently  
... patiently ...  
And then it all comes together just right :)  
This endeavor must be experienced first-hand to be appreciated!

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Photos  
Soon!

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Alan "Moose" Butler  
619-200-6034  
Torrey Slope  
Moved to bigger things!

# Trading Post

For Sale

Buy Sell or Trade

Sagitta XC

Specifications:

Span: 14ft. 6in.

Area 2100 sq. in.

Weight 8 lbs.

Wing load 8.8oz./sq. ft.

Aspect 14 = 4:1

Airfoil E205

I have too many projects going on and I need to clear out my workshop.

Asking price is \$375. It is about 80 percent built. I started this a while ago and put it away for a while. I have all the necessary pieces to complete the kit. I am moving up to full scale now so I need to clear out the hanger.

I have pictures upon request.

Please call or email me.

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Good flying, Lenny