

GullWings New Board Vote This Month

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

November 2009

Poway Doings

Mike Smith, Poway Coordinator

Poway will be hard to fly off of for a while. The owner needed to lose some extra dirt generated from a construction project at the northwest corner of their property near Garden Road. So, the contractor and the owner disced the field, and then placed about a foot of dirt across the majority of our flying area. It was then mixed in and smoothed over. This has left the surface quite soft, and deep with loose dirt. After we get some rain, the ground should settle, and compact a bit.

Whats this all mean for us? Well, it means that flying there, while still allowed, will be a little more difficult, and a little more dusty for a while.

When we get some rain, it would be a good idea to get out there, and drive around on it to compact the surface a bit. We have to make sure that we do this only after the soil has moistened, and not when it is mushy and muddy. So if it rains a lot, we have to wait for the water to be absorbed to start driving on it. The goal is to pack it down, but not create ruts.

So, we have a little work ahead of us, but it looks like we could have a nice surface in the future. This is a good thing, even if right now it seems we are a little put out. We have to remember still that we are there solely out of the generosity of the owners, and not complaining about this will go a long way toward showing our gratitude.

Thanks all, and hang in there. Poway will be better than ever.

Handlaunch for 2010

Brad Willoughby, Handlaunch Coordinator

I'll be helping out next year as the club's handlaunch coordinator and resurrecting our monthly DLG contests. We are planning on making these AMA-sanctioned contests with a \$5 (or so) entry fee. We anticipate attracting the local TPG pilots as well as a good number of Los Angeles- and Orange County-based pilots.

I'd like to pass the proposed dates by the club before we publish to the RC Groups community and send in the AMA forms. Please take a look at the dates, times, and let me know your thoughts on our basic plans.

A few things to note:

- Contests will be held at the Encinitas field.
- Contests will be held in the afternoons. We'd like to expose pilots to afternoon conditions when many people pack up their toys and head home. This should make for excellent contest conditions.
- Contests will alternate between Saturdays and Sundays. We feel this will help expand our potential pool of pilots as many can't make one of the days due to standing commitments.
- Contests will be scheduled for the first Saturday or Sunday of the month except for Easter weekend and Independence Day. There should be no conflict with the TD contests.
- One of the contests will be removed depending on when the IHLGF is scheduled.

Proposed Dates

1/3/2010 - Sun 7/11/2010- Sun

2/6/2010 - Sat 8/7/2010- Sat

3/7/2010 - Sun 9/5/2010 - Sun

4/10/2010- Sat 10/2/2010 - Sat

5/2/2010- Sun 11/7/2010 - Sun

6/5/2010- Sat 12/4/2010 - Sat

Locks

Bill Eckles, ed.

It used to be that all we needed to worry about was the combination to our lock in the gate at Poway. Dial the combination, Fasten it after we drove through. Do it again on the way out. We're done.

Things are a bit different now. At poway, we need to allow others in, so we have two locks linked.

The Encinitas field shares entry with seven other groups thanus, so there is a real daisy chain of locks to deal with. Each of these users has its own lock and needs to get in at times when we're not there.

So, please be sure to connect our lock to connect the ends of a chain. NO SHORTCUTS. If we exclude a given lock from allowing access to the field by locking around it, Murphy's Law will assure us of having our lock cut off because no one can open it. Each one of us needs to cooperate on this!

Thanks for your help!

November General Meeting

Bill Eckles, ed.

November's general meeting is slated for Tuesday November 10 at 7:00 PM. We have lots of business to cover, so please plan to be there. Bring your enthusiasm and willingness to help and be prepared to contribute to our great club with a 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.

Gulls SCSC Contest October

Keith Finkenbiner, CD

TPG hosted the last contest of the year for SC2 at our Encinitas Flight Center on Sunday Oct 25th. 54 pilots registered to fly the event making it the largest SC2 contest of the year. This was an AMA sanctioned event and AMA members only could fly.

Early fog looked like it would hamper the start of 9am but the start was only delayed 15 minutes. Flying conditions were excellent with three rounds of 6 min, 8 min and 10 minute thermal duration performed. The landing was on a 25' tape worth 50 points. The duration part was worth 950 points for a perfect score of 1000 per round. Complete scores are published on the web site.

Our own Mike Smith took first place in Expert class with a score of 2980.3 Tom Copp from HSS club took second with 2978.2 and Edgar Vera of SWSA club took third with 2977.6.

Our winches and retriever systems work well with little attention required. Scoring was performed by Cliff Hunter and Parviz Kamiab handled winch and retriever duties.

Thank you to all TPG members who assisted with the success of this contest.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
Novemb		18	Dave Klein	22 Rain Date		3/10
Decemb		14	Mike Smith			1/8

Next General Meeting...

November 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.

Electrics at Encinitas

Parviz Kamiab, Pres.

We have received the approval from the county to fly electric planes at Encinitas field. The agreement is for us to use the month of October as a trial month. We are planning to do some noise tests before we open the field to electric planes. This is because we were asked about the noise level. The actual date for opening the field is November first.

I have a sound meter which will be used for measurements. I am at the Encinitas field almost all Saturday and Sunday mornings. I would like to have some of the members that have an electric plane to bring them out to the field so we can establish some rules based on actual data.

The second item is the area assigned to fly electrics. We will have the map clearly marked and the area defined. The area will be away from the TD launch and landing, away from the houses on both sides behind the parking area, and on the right side of the field which is the direction that we launch the TD planes.

Take off and landings will be at the area where the Hi starts are used and when there is a pilot using a Hi start, the electrics will be pushed further away from the area.

As you are all aware we have been working hard to show the county that we have responsible members, and have used this to get the approval for electrics. Therefore, please be patient until we complete the rules and the signs.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this project.

News from the Bluff

Mike Lance, Safety Officer

All has been running very smooth at Torrey Pines. The wind has been a little soft, it is that time of the year. Except for last week we had one day of 30+ winds straight out of the West. There were only a few guys on hand who flew the big wind.

The weekend of the 16th through the 18th many of us went to Visalia for the Fall Aero Tow. The fog played a big part of the flying but all in all we all had a great time. Again I extend an invitation to all of you to come towing with us. We tow at Camp Pendleton and Bonsall on the days there is no wind at Torrey.

One thing that I want to remind everyone is there is **NO flying ELECTRICS OR ANY PROPELLER DRIVEN GLIDERS AT TORREY PINES, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please do not break this rule, You will be putting the AMA Insurance and the flying site at jeopardy. If you see anyone flying electrics please do your part and ask them to land and explain the rules. Torrey Pines is a treasure and we do not want to loose our privilege to fly at this world renowned flying site.

Thanks for your help on this matter. That is all for now and remember to have a spotter with you when you are flying at the Cliff.

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