

GullWings New Board Vote This Month

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

November 2009

Year's End TD Contest

Bill Eckles, Ed,

Our last contest of this year, 2009 was a good one. Sunday morning saw sixteen pilots show up at the Encinitas field under threatening skies and predictions of at least drizzle from Fritz, the channel 7 weatherman. Two competitors even braved the potential traffic, fuel costs and tough competition to travel all the way from Los Angeles.

Lift was spotty. Some were frustrated with what could easily be called pervasive sink; others made both time and distance goals, but not without showing flying skills and perseverance.

When all was said and done, six competitors walked away with some pretty neat prizes in Expert and Masters classes. Foolowing are the winners:

Expert:

1. Bob Williams
2. Mike Murphy
3. Cliff Hunter

Masters:

1. Mike Smith
2. Mike Reagan
3. Kyle Paulson

Year end results will be announced and recognized at the December Club Meeting at the



Condons team
up on Sunday!

PO Box 370356
San Diego, CA

Holiday Party on Tuesday. 12/8/2009.

Handlaunch for 2010

Brad Willoughby, Handlaunch Coordinator

We have a confirmed schedule for this year's hand launch contests. Only October needed to be shifted, but so you have a clean reminder note, here are the dates for the season.

Dates

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| 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 | 10/9/2010 - Sat |
| 5/2/2010- Sun | 11/7/2010 - Sun |
| 6/5/2010- Sat | 12/4/2010 - Sat |

Also as a reminder, here's the plan...

- Contests will be held at the TPG field in Encinitas, CA.

- 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.

- One of the contests will be removed depending on when the IHLGF is scheduled.

-Pilots' meeting will be 15-minutes prior to the scheduled start time



VP gets his
licks in.

T/D Contests for '10

Cliff Hunter, T/D Coordinator

Following are the dates of contests during 2010.

We're still looking for CD's, so please contact Cliff Hunter if you are interested in heading up one of the CLUB contests.

Contest Dates

The following are the contest date for 2010:

January 10, 2010

February 7, 2010

February 20 & 21 Phoenix 2 day contest

March 14, 2010

June 13, 2010

April 3 & 4 Fresno 2 day contest

April 11, 2010

May 9, 2010

June 13, 2010

July 11, 2010

August 8, 2010

September 12, 2010

October 2 & 3, 2010 Visalia 2 day contest

November 14, 2010

December 12, 2010

November General Meeting

Bill Eckles, ed.

The big news at the November meeting was the election of a board of directors for next year. We're still short a president, but working on that. For now, the VP will head things up beginning the first of the new year. Until then, Parviz will preside.

President	Open
VEEP:	Mark Canfield
Secretary:	Steve Connor
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T/D Coord:	Cliff Hunter
Raffle:	John Bruner
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Winchmaster:	Don Lachhead
Safety Officer:	Parviz Kamiab
Historian:	Gary Fogel

The membership also voted for Modeler of the Year, the results of which will be announced at the Holiday Party in December.

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

December 8 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.

News from the Bluff

Mike Lance, Safety Officer

All is well at Torrey Pines. It's that time of the year when the winds are unpredictable.

Sunday November the 30th we had West winds at 12 to 15 all day and the flying was great. Be on your toes, though, the wind can drop out suddenly.

A few of us went to Visalia on the 20th & 21st and if you go to RC Groups you can all see pictures of the 1/2 scale TG-2 that I flew. The lift over the weekend was out of this world. Rick Shelby set a personal record on Sunday and thermaled to 950 meters and was still going up when he ran into cloud base. The lift was everywhere and we all had two great days of aero towing. I extend the invitation to come aero tow with us. You will have a great time.

We have had a great year of flying at Torrey Pines and I want to wish you and your families all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone at Torrey Pines next year and remember to fly safe and have a spotter with you at all times.

Encinitas Site News

Parviz Kamiab, Pres.

Encinitas is shaping up as a really versatile site as well as a fun one. We now have officially added the ability to fly electric planes there and members are already using it for that as well as T/D flying. Because of this, we need to be sure to follow some new rules we have out there, though.

We have a new rules board at the parking area which spells out the issues for T/D, electrics and Hi-start launching. These are not complicated, so PLEASE TAKE NOTE AND CAREFULLY FOLLOW THEM.

Winches take space and are dangerous, so the area to use them is clearly set off as along the path they have already cleared...running to the West between the two East/West rows of methane pipes in the middle of our area.

Landings should occur in the space to the East of the winch lines. High Starts blow in the wind, so they are given the area still farther South of the winch area and should be fastened to the chains or padlocks on the white pipe stubs surfacing just west of the drive.

Land in the same area as from winch launches.

Keith Finkenbiner mowed a nice landing strip along the top of the ridge still farther South for launching and landing the electric planes, preferably sailplanes.

Please use these areas for launching and landing your planes.

Noise is an issue, so especially electrics should avoid flying over the homes around the perimeter of our area. NO PLANES should encroach within 100 ft. of the power lines running along the East side of the site. A mishap here can take out all the electric power in a substantial area and lose our flying privileges. Similarly, using the property within FIVE DAYS OF A RAIN OF .25" will jeopardize flying privileges. Sailplanes have priority over electrics. Finally, be respectful, cooperative and use common sense. We've worked hard to secure this site and we do not want to lose it.

**Don't Forget Memberships
Your Membership Counts!**

Three active club sites and more coming
do your part...pay your dues

2010 Torrey Pines Gulls Thermal Competition Rules

Cliff Hunter, T/D Coordinator

Competition Classes

The 2010 competition season shall have two competition classes, flown at the same contest: Unlimited and RES Unlimited may be flown by any sailplane without a motor. **RES may be flown by any sailplane that is controlled by Rudder, Elevator and spoiler. No movable trailing edge may be used on the primary wing.**

Entry Fees

Entry fees will be \$8 per class

Contest Location

All contests will be flown at the Encinitas field—EXCEPT if there is rain within 5 days of a scheduled contest. (Less than ¼ inch will not be considered a rain) If this occurs, the contest will be moved to Poway and an update will be posted on the website and sent to the TPG e-mail list.

Competitor Classes

There will be three competitor classes flown in unlimited

Master—determined by average normalized '09 scores above 925 or if no '09 contests flown, previous experience/placing (i.e. member of an FAI team, etc)

Expert—'09 average below 925 but too good to be in Sportsman class

Sportsman—everyone else

All classes will be determined by the above criteria and pilots will remain in their respective classes until promoted OR demoted. There will be a review after the June and December contests and the standard for promotion/demotion will be based on average normalized scores (with high and low thrown out) as follows:

950-1000 = Master

850-949 = Expert

<850 = Sportsman

There will be one competitor class flown in RES pilots will fly against each other.

First time novice pilots will fly in the Sportsman class

but will not be required to pay an entry fee for their first two contests.

Tasks

All contents shall have at least 4 rounds with the exception of man-on-man events which may have 3, subject to weather or other conditions. Contest Directors will coordinate tasks with the Thermal Coordinator and provide contest announcement on the club website. Announcement shall be submitted no later than the 15th of each month. In addition, the CD will write a brief article following the contest to appear in the next newsletter.

Timing

All timing shall be consistent with the “rounding” method. Times which show X:XX.50 shall round up to the next second. Times which show X:XX.49 shall use the seconds shown on the watch.

Scoring

All competition classes and competitor classes shall be scored together at each contest. All scores shall be maintained to two decimal places.

Yearly Cumulative Scoring

All Unlimited and RES pilot classes shall be scored together and normalized to 1000 points. The season championship shall be determined by the best 9 of 12 contests. If one or more monthly contests are cancelled, there will be at least two throw-out contests allowed to determine the season champion in each class. For example—if we only fly 9 contests, your best 7 will count and so on.

Awards & Prizes

Monthly contests will feature something different for prizes in addition to the ribbons we've given out for years. Only given if at least 15 total contestants

Merchandise

The 2010 Thermal Coordinator will secure merchandise prizes through donations and discounts for the top two finishers in Master and Expert, and the winner of Sportsman and Novice. If there are no Novice flyers, the top two Sportsman will receive prizes to include (but not limited to) RC Gear, TPG (and other) T-shirts, Hats and other fun stuff.

Year-end awards shall be given for Sportsman, Expert, Master and RES. In addition to the top 3 positions in each category, the following will be awarded:

1. Most Improved Pilot Award
2. Bull's-eye award for the most 100 point landings
3. “Mister Consistent” Award for the pilot with the highest average normalized score with no throw outs and at least 7 contests flown
4. High Score Award for the pilot with the most total points – given only if this is a different person from either the season champion or Mister Consistent.

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