

## Beauty at the Bluff

Bill Eckles, Ed,

This is the time of year when the Torrey Pines Glider Port, known to many as "the bluff", beckons with its strong, steady winds, abundant lift and stark, natural beauty. Such a day was December 9 when Alvaro Corzo and Aaron Wallace showed up for the mid-afternoon sea breeze. Near sunset, the paragliders had packed it in because the breeze was slacking and the air turned cooler. Alvaro wanted another flight for his ASW-27, fine tuning the cg and resulting control of this beautiful ship. Aaron snapped this shot with his i-Phone while Alvaro gave it a toss into the late afternoon lift.

There are many who feel that this is what soaring is all about. Machine and nature mix and we are reminded how alluring this part of the world is. Why we're here. The photo below pretty much says it all.



## December General Meeting

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The holiday party was a great success this year.

Retiring President Parviz Kamiab hosted the event and arranged for some delicious Persian food. He welcomed the new board of directors and wished us all continued enjoyment of the three flying sites the club provides. He also expressed extra thanks to Keith Finkenbinder and Cliff Hunter for exceptional efforts grooming the Encinitas site.

These two Parviz and Steve Condon were awarded lifetime club memberships for their contributions as past presidents of the club.

Competitors during the year were presented plaques for their achievements in each of three classes:

### Master

1. Arthur Markiewicz
2. Keith Finkenbinder
3. Steve Condon

### Expert

1. Mike Murphy
2. Parviz Kamiab
3. Cliff Hunter

### Sportsman

1. Steve Hurd
2. Bill Eckles
3. Chuck Norris

Congratulations to all these guys for their competitive spirit, consistent appearance and fantastic skill levels! Look out for 2010 as more guys are honing their talents.



Past presidents Kamiab, Condon, Finkenbiner and Hunter are recognized for their contributions with lifetime TPG memberships (Now that they've paid for 2010). Thanks a million, guys!

## Modeler of the Year

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The modeler of the year for 2009 is Don

Lochhead. Don has been a tremendous contributor especially over the past year, with his work at the Encinitas field as well as in general support of the club. He helped get the "container painting project" going and has created signage for the site. We are all grateful for his club involvement.



Thanks, Don, for all your help! You did a fine job.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
January	3	10	Don Richmond			5/12
February	6	7	Scott Condon		20/22 Phoenix	2/9
March		14	Steve Condon			2/9
April	10	11	Parviz Kamiab	11 TPG	3/4 Fresno	6/13
May	2	16	Cliff Hunter			4/11
June	5	13	Tom Watson			1/8
July	11	11	Terry Throop			6/na
August	7	8	TBD			3/na
September	5	12	TBD			7/14
October	9	24	Keith Finkenbiner	24 TPG	2/3 Visalia	5/12
November	7	14	David Klein			2/9
December	4	12	Mike Smith			7/14

### Next General Meeting...

January 12 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](mailto:TPGulls@yahoo.com) list for updates.

## News from the Bluff

Mike Lance, Safety Officer

I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. All is well at Torrey Pines and things have been running very smooth. On January the 5th the AMA was there to film and they asked me to bring a verity of gliders to fly. Lift was bad, but they got to see some nice planes and meet some good people. They interviewed Gary Fogel who toled the history of Torrey Pines.

I want to thank everyone for all your support for the last two years at Torrey Pines. I have been told David Klein will be taking over as the Slope Coordinator and Soaring Council Rep. It has been a pleasure helping and serving as your Safety Officer and Soaring Council Representative. Thanks you all. I hope to see you all out flying at Torrey Pines in 2010 and you are all welcome to come towing with us anytime.

## Encinitas Site News

Mark Canfield, VP

At this time, the flying of electric aircraft at the Encinitas field is not permitted. As most of you know, during the last few months we've had special permission from the county to do a limited trial run on flying electric aircraft at the Encinitas field. During this time we have had to take decibel readings and do various other impacts studies. With that portion of the study complete, we now need to develop a strategy on how we can manage this in a responsible way that is in line with what the county is looking for as well as what is right for the Torrey Pines Gulls. We appreciate your cooperation and will notify you as things change.

## First 2010 Contest a Great Success

Cliff Hunter, Thermal Coordinator

Sunday saw the first contest of the year and all went well. Don Richmond put together a set of man-on-man events that brought some new excitement to the contest scene. A light wind blew from the east for most of the morning, but the sun shone and most guys made their times. Following are the top finishers without regard for their "competency" classification...in the order of their finish:

1. Mike Smith
2. Tom Watson
3. Arthur Markiewicz
4. Scott Condon
5. Paul Schlte
6. Mike Murphy
7. Cliff Hunter
8. Keith Finkenbiner
9. Peter Leduc
10. Steve Hurd

(Others) Al Bendett, Mario Scolari, Dan Fitzgerald, Parviz Kamiab, Tom Kiesling, Mark Canfield and Chuck Norris

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