

GullWings Love Soaring in Winter Winds

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society February 2010

Good Club Meeting Turnout in the Rain

Bill Eckles, Ed,

February brought weather to mess up the traffic, but TPG members showed up in strong numbers for the General Meeting which featured Mike Mayberry telling us about the new Aurora 9, HiTec's new 2.4 GHz transmitter. Mike stressed the ease of programming that his radio offered, and added quite a few mechanical and ergonomic fetures that should make this competitively priced radio a big hit. Mike explained that HiTec was offering a price significantly below the "high end" competition and state of the art features because they were noticeably late entering the competitive markietplace. All told, it was a good presentation, if a bit lengthy, that was well received by a turnout of about 25 TPG members.

Last month, Jason Lilly demonstrated his passion for Dynamic Soaring with a big, green ThunderMaster ship capable of flyiing in the neighborhood of 350 mph. He stressed the strength of the model resulting from careful engineering of the composit materials involved in its construction. He is "overbuilding" his ships while paying strict attention to flight and aerodynamic consequences. At the speed these planes perform, there is no room for mistakes or failed parts..."explodes" understates the effect of impact between a solid object and a 300+ mph DS plane.

Two good presentations for the first two meetings of the year should support good turn outs later on. Don't miss a meeting...you'll be the loser!

Plea for Help!

Bill Eckles, ed.

This is a very thin issue of the newsletter. Granted, weather has upset our schedule, but I've not gotten much to include. Your help

Encinitas Site News

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Last month we gave you the bad news that flying powered aircraft at Encinitas was interrupted until we could get formal permission from the property owners of the landfill. While we continue with our abatement, the ball is rolling and we hope to reinstate limited power fying in the near future. A task force has been formed with Cliff Hunter at the helm, supported by Keith Finkenbiner and Tom Minegar, and a request to allow powered flight has been submitted to the county. Still no promises, but the committee is optimistic that we will be able to fit in with the neighborhood given the positive results of the extensive testing that has been conducted.

The goal is to not exceed 50 db at the perimeter of the flying site with any of our aircraft. So far, performance is within this level if the size and power of the aircraft are controlled. One little twist is that the afternoon sea breeze wafts sound as well as fresh air to the neighborhood, so test levels can vary noticeably. The committee is working to control all elements of the situation to both allow successful flying and avoid disrupting the local residents. Thanks for all the good work, gentlemen!

February Contest Rainout

Cliff Hunter, Thermal Coordinator

The contest scheduled for February 7 was rained out and will hopefully be conducted Sunday February 14. Keep in touch with the internet chat rooms for the latest news.

with articles and opinions in addition to news would be appreciated.

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March Raffle

John Bruner, Raffle Chairman

March is usually the month for our annual Swap Meet. This year, however, we've not planned for it and we will hold another raffle instead. Last month, recall, we had a great array of prizes that were both valuable and desirable. Some of our new members are pretty grateful for the "luck of the draw."

We are entertaining the idea of having a swap meet in the parking lot before meetings as the days get longer and we can see what's going on before the get togethers. What do you think? Good idea? Let me know and I'll try to arrange things.

Thanks for your help in advance!

Our 37th SC2 Season Begins!!!

Keith Finkenbiner, SCSC Representative

Hello fellow flyers.... The 2010 contest schedule has been determined and we are all set for another great season! Rule updates consist of some wording changes for a few topics and are highlighted in the revised version on the rules page. Woody class guidelines for construction and materials used will be added soon as well. Sadly due to lack of interest the 2 Meter class is no more. Pilots can continue to fly 2 meter in OPEN class still limiting each pilot 2 classes per contest.

Planning for a Man on Man contest on July 17th is in the works as a special event with more details to come!!

Please Welcome the Victor Valley RC flyers as the newest club to our organization!!

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
February	6	7	Scott Condon	28 SWSA	20/22 Phoenix	2/9
March		14	Steve Condon	21 SULA		2/9
April	10	11	Parviz Kamiab	18 VVRCF	3/4 Fresno	6/13
May	2	16	Cliff Hunter	16 Soarheads		4/11
June	5	13	Tom Watson	20 ISS		1/8
July	11	11	Terry Throop	17 ISS (MOM)		6/na
August	7	8	TBD	29 TOSS		3/na
September	5	12	TBD	19 HSS		7/14
October	9	24	Keith Finkenbiner	24 TPG	2/3 Visalia	5/12
November	7	14	David Klein	21 Rain Date		2/9
December	4	12	Mike Smith			7/14

Next General Meeting...

March 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.

Planned Slope Schedule for the Year

SCSR F3F Events / 2010

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day / Date</u>	<u>Event Location</u>	<u>Contest Director</u>
Feb	Sat 2/13	The Rock / 60" MOM	Bill Delhagen
Mar	Sun 3/7	White Point	Brandon Monte
	Sat 3/20-21	Torrey Classic	Mark Canfield
	Sat 3/27	Bk up Torrey Classic	Mark Canfield
Apr	Sat 4/17	Point Fermin	Brandon Monte
	Sat 4/24	Bk up / Point Fermin	Brandon Monte
May	Sat 5/8	Grass Mtn.	Bill Delhagen
	Sat 5/16-17	ISR	
	Sat 5/22	Torrey Pines	Mark Canfield
Jun	Sat 6/5	Vincent	Warren Day
	Sun 6/13	White Point	Brandon Monte
	Sat 6/26	Bk up / Vincent or WP	TBD
Jul	Sat 7/10	Grass Mtn.	Warren Day
	Sat 7/17	Point Fermin	Dan Field
	Sun 7/25	Bk up / GM or Fermin	TBD
Aug	Sat 8/7-8	Grass Mtn. 2 day	Bill Delhagen
	Sun 8/22	White Point	Bob Meitzner
	Sun 8/29	Bk up / White Point	Bob Meitzner
Sep	Sat 9/11	Grass Mtn.	Warren Day
	Sat 9/18	Point Fermin	Brandon Monte
	Sat 9/25	Bk up / GM or Fermin	TBD
Oct	Sat 10/9	Point Fermin - BBQ	Target
	Sat 10/30	Parker	Bill Delhagen
Nov	Sat 11/20	The Rock	Dan Field
Dec	Sun 12/12	Point Fermin (polar br)	Bob Meitzner

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