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Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society February 2011

Gliderport Ratings/Wavers/Fun Fly/BBQ

Marty Dine, VP

The Gulls along with the Torrey Pines Scale Soaring Society would like to announce a Fun-Fly Day at Torrey Pines. 2011 is in full swing and we're planning a fun day at the bluff for a BBQ, Funfly, "getcher rating", and a generally cool day just hangin' out. As you all probably know, flying at Torrey requires pilots to sign a Liability Waiver, and get a Pilot Rating. This is the perfect opportunity to come to the bluff and get your yearly waiver signed, and get your pilot's rating if you need one or renew your old one. For a simple \$5 donation, we'll have all the BBQ you can stand plus something to wash it down with (no, not the hose) and we'll have qualified staff on hand to help you with your Torrey waiver and Pilot Rating so you can access one of the most famous and exciting soaring sites on the planet.

The Scale guys are going to bring some of their BIG birds to check out and I'm sure we'll see just about everything from Weasels to PSS birds on the tarmac. The RC mound has been lovingly recrafted with that NASTY carpet removed and the park looks absolutely beeyoutiful this year! Be sure to thank Robin (TP operator) for his hard work in this respect.

Bring your friends and also anyone who is thinking of joining the Gulls. We need new members and this is a perfect chance to introduce them to Torrey and the Gulls.



Tom Kiesling demonstrates the *oomph* needed to launch using F3B winches.

Here's a link to the RCGroups thread for signup and questions:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1372752>

Sorry for the late notice! Hope everybody can make it, and don't forget to go to the RCGroups thread and post there for signup...

All the best,

Marty

TPG Contest Results February

Bill Eckles, Ed

It was a beautiful day in Poway on Saturday when the club held its monthly contest. A nice turnout of sixteen pilots and a generous handful of watchers showed up to enjoy the warm, clear weather while showing their pilot proficiency.

Some spice was added to the normal contest routine by approximating F3J rules (BIG penalty for going over time limit) and

launching from the potent F3B winches loaded with monofilament line. Those daring to use the full stretch of the line and risk embarrassing and damaging pilot error managed spectacular launches compared to the normal club winches.

When the points were tallied up, Mike Lee had squeaked out a

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vicory over Mario Scolare and Steve Garland in the Masters category. In Expert, Cliff Hunter topped Parviz Kamiab and the younger Matt Garland in another competitive event.



Cliff manages a wry smile after one of his "rocket" launches!

All told, it was a beautiful day and the whole crowd went home happy. It seems that the Poway field works its magic, as it was difficult to get the guys to stop flying even after the contest was packed up and leaving.

F3B Support

David Klein

The US F3B Team is now beginning it's fund raising efforts! As you know all too well, F3B is a team soaring event requiring six people to

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
January		9	Tom Watson	21 Rain Date		4/11
February		13	Scott Condon	27 SWSA	19-20 Phoenix	1/8
March		13	Parviz Kamiab	20 DSH @ SWSA		1/8
April		10	Terry Throop	17 VVRC	2-3 Fresno	5/12
May		15	Cliff Hunter	22 HSS @ SWSA		3/10
June		12	Tom Watson	25-26 MOM SULA		Vacation
July		10	TBD	17 MOM VVRC		Vacation
August		14	TBD	21 MoM ISS		Vacation
September		11	Tom Watson	25 TOSS		6/13
October		9	Keith Finkenbiner	23 TPG	1-2 Visalia	4/11
November		13	David Klein	20 Rain Date		1/8
December		11	TBD-Makeup	4 Toys for Tots SULA/DSH		6/13

Next General Meeting...

February 8 at 7:00 PM

San Diego Automotive 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 list for updates.

be competitive at the world championship level.

While there is no limit imposed by the FAI Governing Body, the AMA provides limited funding to support the national

team. The money that we raise covers the difference between the AMA's funding, and that required to complete the trip. Travel, shipping expenses, and room and board for the team will cost roughly \$18,000. We simply could not do it without the support we get from you our soaring community.

Donations and raffle tickets sold, make it possible for us to compete at the world championship level, representing the US to the best of our ability.

Our first effort to raise funds will be at the F3B Gator. The Gator F3B in Florida was created by Gordon Buckland with the thought in mind to raise funds for the F3B Team and to build the F3B community in the USA. Under the guidance of Mike Lachowski, Gordon Buckland has been planning a significant F3B event on the East coast in Florida. It is to be held on Feb 25, 26 and 27 2010 at Cocoa, just minutes from the Kennedy Space Center.

This is going to be the largest F3B contest held in Florida since the Team trials were contested in Pensacola decades ago. We have pilots attending the event from across the Atlantic with a contingent from Germany, the US Team of David Klein, Mike Lachowski and myself, as well as past US Team managers and helpers and pilots from California and the Eastern states as well. Most importantly there are new local F3B pilots competing at the contest with some of them purchasing new F3B models already and beginning to practice for the event.

This is very exciting for the development and future of F3B soaring but it will not be a complete success unless we can also raise significant funds

for the US Team to China.

Please see this link for details about our first raffle:

http://www.gatorf3b.com/?page_id=200

On behalf of the 2011 US F3B TEAM, we thank you for your support!

February Club Meeting

Bill Eckles, Ed.

If you weren't there, you missed a good meeting on February 8 at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park. Gary Fogel, our club historian and repository of endless facts about the local aeronautic past, especially pertaining to gliders or powerless fliers presented an historic overview that tracked the aeronautic history from day one and particularly gliders in San Diego. This presentation was especially interesting as it fit in the 100th year celebration at the San Diego Bay held this last weekend.

Just a century ago the first official flight was conducted by the first military flier right here in San Diego. Since then, this has been the hub of the industry's innovative designing and manufacture of military aircraft.

Additionally, with the help and leadership of Gary and his father, Larry, the Torrey Pines Glider Port has been designated an historical landmark as the focal point of the development



Dr. Gary Fogel displays the original prototype Windfree R/C model made by Mark Smith long ago and used to capture several championships. This was part of Gary's presentation to the TPG membership.

of glider design and performance. We are privileged to be able to fly in an area so filled with historic events. We are even more blessed to have such a treasure as Gary to elaborate on the facts, figures and photos that comprise the history of these events. If you have the opportunity to do so, make the effort to hear what Gary has to say. It is truly an interesting and exciting series of events and accomplishments.

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