

Gliderport

Bill Eckles, Ed.

It has been a delightful summer at the Glider Port this year. We've had a run of good days with light to moderate winds from "270" or thereabouts. When they rotated either north or south, they still contained enough variation to provide adequate lift for our Vice President, Marty, to keep his Espada R inverted or conducting outside loops or gentle rolls.

Along with the stalwarts such as Mark Wood, Marty, Phil Davy, Alvaro and Dan Ciummins there were quite a few new faces that showed up. Additionally, Moose has returned and his presence has produced several ad hoc fun flies.

Meanwhile, Robin and the guys from the concession have carefully and tenderly cultivated a lush, green covering to the pilot box in which to luxuriate as we set up our aircraft. Thanks to the guys for providing such a luxurious place to share great fling moments with good friends.

Fun Fly and BBQ



The pilot box at the Bluff has taken on a new luster with the help of Robin and his crew. Weekdays can give one the feeling of a land baron when even Paragliders are not able to fly and the bluff is "MINE", at least for the time being!

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Mark Wood will be moving out of town before too terribly long and has arranged for a "Fun Fly" in a couple weeks. October 8 is the date and the "Bluffs" is the place. Bring your garage fleet and make the day into a swap meet, as well. It will be a good time for all and make a great celebration of the tremendous job that Mark has done out at the glider port over the past couple years. Join us for a party.

Holiday Dinner

Bill Eckles, Ed.

As tradition dictates, the Gulls will hold a holiday dinner at the regularly scheduled December General Meeting. That would be on December 13, 2011. Right now, the plan is being developed, but a tasty dinner, good camaraderie and a low, low price are the three major guidelines being considered by the planning committee. Considering the appetites and savvy faire of the committee members, we can expect to be indulged! Come a bit early, like 6:00 instead of 7:00 and be ready for a treat. An unwrapped gift for "Toys for Tots" would also be appropriate and appreciated.

Memberships

Bill Eckles, Ed.

We had a very successful year regarding memberships. While we lost a few members from last year due to the economy, changing interests, moving and other sundries, we added quite a few new and active guys to the roster. Many of them are avid "slope heads" and are repopulating the Torrey Glider Port flying area. Several contests have been held, most of which were organized by Southern California Slope Soaring and their competitive nature has been quite enjoyable. Me, I just continue thrilled that my floater

PO Box 2872
Del Mar CA 92014-5872
www.torreypinesgulls.org

goes up instead of down (usually) while these guys are cutting fractions of seconds from the 10 lap runs in order to win! Body english is something to watch.

TD Fliers still represent the majority of members and the monthly contests have also been well attended. Capable leadership and interesting tasks as well as great flying sites contribute to their success. Both Poway and Encinitas sites are being kept pretty busy by these perfectionist launchers and landers in constant search of invisible thermals!

We now proudly total 137 members. The best that can be said of the membership is that everyone works together and helps the club. We have competitors who have fared well in international contests. We have recreational flyers who are thrilled by the sight of 3M floaters specking into white fluffy inland clouds. We boast members with modeling skills that others delight in mimicking, making these guys popular writers to the multitude of threads appearing on the internet. But, when a work day is announced, we are almost always overwhelmed by volunteers coming out of the woodwork to help. Thanks to you all for your efforts and contributions, both physical and fiscal. You make our club great!

A New Board of Directors

Bill Eckles, Ed.

We will elect new directors for the club at the November meeting. The current board is trying to identify the most interested and active members to nominate for the changing positions. Please, if you have an interest and feel capable to contribute, offer your services through the current board of directors.

Believe me, your contributions will be gratefully received. Just let someone know, preferably at the Tuesday General Meeting in October, and you can be assured of having some responsibilities to be fulfilled next year.

One thing that makes this group interesting is our diversity and we've found the best ideas come from the most unusual places. Help keep this high quality coming.

Month	HLG RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting Board/General
October	23	Keith Finkenbiner	23 TPG	1-2 Visalia	4/11
November	13	David Klein	20 Rain Date		1/8
December	11	Mike Smith	4 Toys for Tots SULA/DSH		6/13

Next General Meeting...

October 11 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@yahoogroups.com list for updates.

Torrey Pines Gulls Board of Directors -- 2010

President	Mark Canfield	(619) 247-4697	mcanfield5@roadrunner.com
Vice President	Marty Dine		mdine@quattrogt.com
Past President	Parviz Kamiab	760-729-2145	pkamiab@nuera.com
Secretary	Steve Conner	858-452-1652	stvcnrr@aol.com
Treasurer	Don Lochhead	(858) 451-1455	rpili2001@gmail.com
Membership	Bill Eckles	858-703-4521	tunabiker1@hotmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Bill Eckles	858-703-4521	tunabiker1@hotmail.com
Winchmaster	Keith Finkenbiner	(706) 216-6349	keithone@cox.net
HLG Coordinator	Brad Willoughby	619-255-7976	bradwill@uclalumni.net
Thermal Coordinator	Cliff Hunter	(760) 744-6396	cfhunter@hughes.net
SC2 Representative	Keith Finkenbiner	(760) 216-6349	keithone@cox.net
Training Coordinator			
Slope Coordinator	Mark Wood	858-761-2578	ipscxtc@hotmail.com
Webmaster	Steve Hurd	760-943-8304	steve@torreypinesgulls.org
Raffle Chairmen	John Bruner	858-278-3378	jjbruner@san.rr.com
IHLGF Registrar			
TP Soaring Council Rep (TPG)	David Klein	858-336-7827	d.james.klein@gmail.com
TP Soaring Council Reg (AMA)			
Safety Officer, Slope	Mark Wood	858-761-2578	ipscxtc@hotmail.com
Safety Officer, T/D fields	Parviz Kamiab	760-415-0374	pkamiab@nuera.com
Historian	Gary Fogel	858-455-6449	gfogel@natural-selection.com

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

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

THE NEXT INDOOR FUN FLY AT THE TUSTIN DIRIGIBLE HANGER

SPONSORED BY:

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY (HSS) ON SUNDAY 27 NOV,
AND THURSDAY DECEMBER 29, 2011

Harbor Soaring Society has the opportunity to access the giant dirigible hanger in Tustin, and will sponsor model aircraft flying on Sunday Nov 27th, and again on Thursday Dec 29th, inside the hanger. AMA members are invited to participate in the following aircraft types:

Indoor Free Flight Rubber Duration – Microfilm, penny planes, scale, and similar aircraft.

Indoor Glider – Hand launched, catapult, and similar.

R/C Electric Powered – Light (small) sport, 3-D, slow flyers, helicopters and similar.

Hangar is 1000' long x 300' wide x 150' high. 700' of the length will be available for model aircraft. Areas and times may be designated for different aircraft types, depending on congestion.

Event Date: Sunday Nov 27th, and Thursday Dec 29, 2011. 7 AM until about 4 PM.

Cost: Charge for Sunday Nov 27 and Thursday Dec 29 is \$15 per day per person for any number of planes but will be collected in advance. Anyone interested in participating should reply to Fred Hesse (HSS newsletter editor) at fhesse@socal.rr.com or 714-963-5838. Each day is limited to 40 participants, so first come first served. Please reply soon, as this event sold out last time. Further details (maps and event rules) will be provided to those interested.

AMA membership is required.

Event Director (CD) for both days will be Henry Smith III (henry.smith.3@earthlink.net). The CD will have final authority to decide if any particular aircraft is suitable for this venue. Aircraft over 16 oz are discouraged unless they have very low flying speeds.

Site Access: Participants will meet at gate near intersection of Valencia and Armstrong Ave. at 7 AM. Gate will be locked at 7:15 AM after which the group will caravan a short distance to the hangar. Gate will be open for 10 minutes at 9:00, 11:30 AM, and again at 12:30 and 2:30 PM. However, everyone is encouraged to bring lunch so as to utilize flying time. Departure will be approximately 4 PM. Car pooling is recommended.

There is no electricity or plumbing at this site. There is a port-a-potty outside the hangar. Bring your own table and chair, power for charging, and your own food & drinks.

Additional days are planned. TBD days sponsored by Norm Furitani. Contact him at norgin@earthlink.net for further information. The Black Sheep Squadron is sponsoring two days (Nov 26 and Dec 26) which are planned as one design contests as well as RC and free flight fun fly. Contact Dave Gee at 818-383-7651 or stukadave@cs.com for further details.