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AMA Charter Club 129

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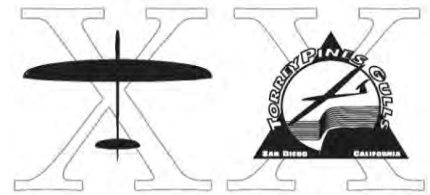
Next General Meeting
No Club Meeting In April

San Diego Auto Museum
Balboa Park, San Diego



**Mike Smith CD for the
20th Anniversary IHLGF**

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April 26-28 2013



**Sign up today for the 20th Annual
International Hand Launch Glider Festival
which is the Torrey Pines Gulls premier event**

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Quote of the Month

"It doesn't get any better than this"



Message from the President Marty Dine

Greetings Gulls,

March has marched on by, and there's lots to report. On the 2nd, wet weather during the week moved us to the Poway Flight Center for our monthly TD contest and we were rewarded with a beautiful morning and really nice conditions to boot. The field is in great shape, and Cliff ran a good contest (as always) Thanks to Cliff and everyone who pitched in to get the event moved to Poway!

Then on the 9th, we had a TD Clinic/Fun Fly at the Encinitas flying site. This was intended to give club pilots who don't normally fly off the winches a chance to get their feet wet and learn a new skill —get the low-down on flying at Encinitas, and get some tips on winch-launched flying and TD competition/plane setup etc. Mark Canfield conducted an excellent clinic outlining the site, use of the club winches and winch launching techniques. Mike Smith also gave us all a great show (including a couple of low-saves)with his new tool, the Vixen by Darryl Perkins. There was a nice turnout, and we all learned a lot. Thanks to Mark and Mike for a really fun morning!

If you missed it, you should know that the club had a General Membership meeting on the 12th. Our guest speaker was Mike Smith who gave an excellent talk about the current state of F3K, the upcoming International Handlaunch Glider Festival and competitive RC soaring in general. As always, very entertaining and informative. If you miss these meetings, you miss some unique opportunities to learn from some of the best and most generous RC soaring pilots in the world. Thanks again, Mike we all appreciate it!

Next, on the 23rd and 24th, we moved to the slope for the Torrey Classic F3F race. This year, the conditions were light, which made for some interesting moments for several of the contestants to say the least! Let's put it this way, the ballast decisions were pretty crucial. If you over-ballasted, just getting your ship back to land could be sketchy if the wind cycled poorly. I think we had 16 pilots brave the conditions, and it was pretty exciting racing because there were several competitors "dooking" it out for the honors. In the end, Dan (**the Fossilator**) Field pulled out the victory and took home the big hardware. The weather was beautiful and so was the bluff. We had a great time, thanks to a lot of hard work by Mark and Robin Canfield. They really know how to pull off a fun event. Robin's brownies and winning smile are to-die-for! Thanks again to the Canfields — a good time was had by all!

Whew! That's a lot of glider-goofing for one month! At any rate, it was a great month (although one or two more big storms rolling through to generate epic days at Torrey wouldn't hurt my feelings!) and I'm already looking forward to April. Don't forget the IHLGF coming up at the end of April!

Marty

TPG Pilots Fly "F3J in the Desert" Part 2 by Tom Watson

Each February, competitors from across the country along with a few international pilots meet in Queen Creek, AZ, for the annual F3J contest. The "J" event is flown during the two days immediately preceding the Southwest Classic. This year's event was held **February 21-22**, with 62 pilots attending.

Several TPG pilots flew the contest, with "Team TPG" consisting of:

Scott Condon

Steve Condon

Mario Scolari

Tom Watson

Darwin Barrie (joining us from AZ)



Tom Watson

Don Scegiel flew with "Team U.S. F3B" and **Rick Shelby** flew on "Team Horizon."

Team TPG arrived the day before the contest to set up, but found the field flooded from a combination of rain and the property owners having left the irrigation system running for the entire previous day. It was literally a lake and impossible to use at the time. The combination of standing water and a bit of ongoing precipitation foreclosed on any idea of organized practice, so we settled for a few bungee launches before retiring to a local restaurant for a nice dinner.

The next day dawned reasonably clear and cold, with scattered clouds, a light breeze and a lot less standing water on the field, though it was still something of an issue. Everyone got set up and the contest started just a bit past 8am.

The tone of this year's event was set with the very first launch of the first round, when two planes on opposite ends of the field vaporized on tow. Not just a wing or stabilizer fold...they absolutely exploded! One airframe looked like every part completely failed simultaneously – this gives an indication of the launch energy being realized, as both planes were purpose-designed for F3J! It turned out to be a high attrition day for airframes, as at least 11 planes bit the dust...with one incident at the launch corridor in the second round claiming six or seven planes alone. A rookie lost his grip on a plane under line tension and it pulled out of his hand, stalled at about 20 feet of altitude and did an immediate 180 degree turn before coming off the line and cartwheeling back through the pits, wiping out almost all of another team's planes. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Apart from the carbon carnage, the contest went like clockwork, thanks to Jim Monaco's on-line scoring system and Phil Renaud's relentless pace as contest director. Basically, as each 10-minute heat ended, the prep time (usually two minutes, sometimes five if needed) started for the next heat. This made for a busy

TPG Pilots Fly "F3J in the Desert" Part 2 continued by Tom Watson

day, but the result is a lot of preliminary rounds flown. On Day 1, we flew seven rounds; on Day 2, we flew three, to allow time for the fly offs.

As expected with this crowd, scores were tough. Larry Jolly was in first place after finishing the preliminary rounds, with the top 13 pilots facing four 15-minute fly off rounds to determine the contest winner. Under the current F3J rules, preliminary scores are dropped and only the fly off round scores determine the final placing.

The weather had turned a bit on Day 2, with unstable air, broken and sometimes fast-moving clouds, and neutral to downwind launching conditions, but absolutely banging lift if you hooked up. Once the fly offs began, it was too late to turn the winches around, and the prevailing breeze was downwind. The resulting lower launches combined with long task times meant decisions had to be made quickly on potential air reads. For the first and second rounds, most made their times, so it was still anyone's contest. However, in the third round the wind came up a bit and the thermals were quite small and somewhat undefined at lower altitudes. If one hesitated even slightly on a read or went the wrong way, things turned harsh in a hurry. More than a few pilots got drilled as they dropped significant time, or even landed out for a zero score. This heavily impacted the finishing order, as there were no throw outs in the flyoffs. The fourth round was more forgiving and everyone made the time.

In Part 1 of this article, I described the F3J rules and "working time" basis for scoring heats, with time on tow being deducted from the working time. With winning flight scores sometimes decided by just hundredths of a second, pilots try to squeeze every fraction of a second from their flights. On the last fly off round, your author "pushed the horn" a bit too hard and landed approximately 1/4 of a second late, incurring a penalty – forfeiting the landing score and 30 flight points.

When the dust settled, New Zealand transplant Joe Wurts had won the contest. His uber-short fly off tows and 98-point average landing scores prevailed. The top five pilots were:

Joe Wurts	3,998.35
Charles Morris	3,977.10
Larry Jolly	3,975.92
Kelly Johnson	3,966.27
Tom Watson	3,851.04



Tom Watson

For more details and lots of photos, go to the "Sailplane Events" forum on RC Groups and search for the "F3J in the Desert 2013" contest thread.

Tom Watson

The Slope - 2013 Torrey Pines Classic is in the books!

By Mark Canfield email mcanfield5@roadrunner.com

March 23 -24, 2013 - Whew! what a weekend! Challenging conditions throughout the weekend made for a very technical race and produced times from one end of the spectrum to the other. Several guys were in the hunt for the number one slot, but in the end it was the wylie veteran Dan Field aka "The Fossil" who put it to the crew and took home the first place Trophy in the 2013 Torrey Pines Classic.

CD - Mark Canfield
(619) 247-4697



The Crew!



**1st Place Dan!
"The Fossil"**



3rd Place Warren Day



2nd Place Brandon Monte



Alvaro Corzo

RC Tools to make building a little easier!

By Alvaro Corzo – TPG member – 4 of 12 articles on tools

Because of the nature of our hobby I find myself making tools to accomplish a specific task and or completing an installation. Some of these tools may be available commercially, but their size makes it difficult to be used in our small planes. Experiment with sizes until you have something that works in your hands:

Tool #4 - Balsa stick 1/2" x 1/8" x any length – When you are gluing servo trays and you have applied too much glue use the stick to clean up.... keep a series of small paper towels to clean the stick as you remove the excess glue. See photo below:

Make a simple CG Tool go to page 7

If you have other ideas let me know and we can share them with everyone. If you have any questions regarding this tool please send me an email at: a_corzo@sbcglobal.net

Photo by Alvaro Corzo





Alvaro Corzo

CG Tool - By Alvaro Corzo

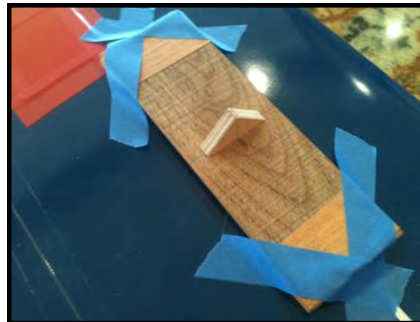
Some of you use your index finger and some purchase the flimsy airframe balancing wire gizmos commercially available from the hobby shops.

The dimension of the plate is 2"x 6" with an isosceles triangle bonded in the center.

In the sample the triangle stands 5/8" off the plate.



You tape the tool to the bottom of the wing where the intended CG is located and place the two points of the triangle on a hard block of wood or any hard surface.



The rest is up to you☺

Good luck!

Alvaro

April 14 Thermal Contest –CD Scott Condon

Scott Condon
or
Steve Condon



TPG Thermal Contest, Poway Field, Pilots meeting at 8:45 am first round 9:00 am or sooner I love the air in Poway in April!

I am planning on hosting the contest at the Poway flight center. April 14 TD Contest will be 5 rounds. All flights will have 900 flight points and 100 landing points on an AMA tape. We will be launching on TD and F3B winches with Mono.

The tasks are as follows, must be flown in this order:

1. 2 min precision
2. 6 min precision duration
3. 9 min precision duration
4. 12 min precision duration
5. 15 min precision duration

All rounds should be completed by noon. Please try to work together in pairs or groups no bigger than three on the long tasks so we can finish on time!

If you have a winch please bring it to the contest. The more the merrier.

Please let me know what you are bringing. Scott Condon at scottcondon10@yahoo.com

Please also spread the word to our inland Empire and Orange and LA County friends as well!

Scott Condon

Cliff Hunter



Newsletter Editor Update

Keep the articles coming. The newsletter gets better every month. Thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter. Just a reminder the newsletter is published by the **first of every month**.

Please send in your articles by the 20th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. Email to Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net

The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls Web site at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

Thanks,

Cliff Hunter



Do you see winners you know? IHLGF

TPG QUOTE OF THE MONTH:
“It doesn’t get any better than this”



Mike Smith
CD

THE INTERNATIONAL



20TH ANNIVERSARY

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The International Hand Launch Glider Festival is the Torrey Pines Gulls premier event. We have been hosting this prestigious contest for 19 years, and as the art work above states, this year it will be 20 years old! **April 26-28th 3 days of fun in the sun!** This event has by all rights been a pioneer of Hand Launch (now Discus Launch) Glider competition in the US, and the World. Much of the experience pilots had with the tasks that were flown here over the years have influenced and shaped the current set of FAI F3K rules for hand launch gliders. Today, the IHLGF incorporates the tasks of the current F3K rules, and most of the current operational rules as well. But we still are one of the lone holdouts on one big rule. At the IHLGF this year, all preliminary scores carry through to the final fly offs, and the winner is the pilot with the highest combined score. We do not start the scores from zero at the fly offs for the top ten as specified in the F3K rules. This awards consistency and down plays the luck factor. Crazy things can still happen in the fly offs, and someone that qualifies in 6th can and has won the contest. Fun stuff.

Registration is open, so please go to www.ihlgf.com and register yourself for 3 days of premier DLG competition at the Poway Flight Center. You will have fun guaranteed. Also, don't forget the Mexican food dinner Friday night as well as Pizza at the field on Saturday night. There will also be beer steins available for purchase on the website (link above) that will do triple duty serving as a very useful memento of the event, providing a nice donation to the US F3K team, as well as having the added benefit of free libation from one of the on-site hosted beverage tables that are planned for the event. This is not one to miss.

Please stay tuned to the TPG email group for announcements for volunteers to help preparations for the event, and help during and after the event. Please contact myself, David Klein, or Marty Dine if you'd like to make yourself available to help out. Thank you in advance.

See you there.
Mike Smith

In case you were wondering what the tasks will be this year, take a look. This is what will be flown and in the exact order shown:

20th Annual IHLGF Task list

3 days, up to 16 rounds with 4 Fly off rounds, and only two total drop rounds (not following f3k rules here)

Friday, April 26th:

Round 1. Task D (Increasing time by 15 seconds-Ladder)

Round 2. Task G (Five longest flights, 2 minute max.)

Round 3. Task F (3 out of 6, 3 minute max.)

Round 4. Task H (One, two, three and four minute flights, any order)

Round 5. Task E (Poker – variable target time)

Saturday, April 27th:

Round 6. Task B (Next to last and last flight, 4 minute max.) –could shift to Friday

Round 7. Task I (Three longest flights, 3:20 max.)

Round 8. Task C (All up, last down, 3 flights, 3 minute max.)

Round 9. Task J (Three last flights, 3 minute max.)

Round 10. Task A (Last flight, 5 minute max):

Sunday, April 28th:

Round 11. Task H (One, two, three and four minute flights, any order) – could shift to Saturday

Round 12. Task F (3 out of 6, 3 minute max.): - could shift to Saturday

Round 13. Task C (All up, last down, 3 flights, 3 minute max.):

Provisional Round 14. Task G (Five longest flights, 2 minute max.)

Provisional Round 15. Task B (Next to last and last flight, 4 minute max.)

Provisional Round 16. Task D (Increasing time by 15 seconds):

Club Sponsors 2013

Sponsor's for the International Hand Launch Glider Festival is the Torrey Pines Gulls premier event for 2013. We have been hosting this prestigious contest for 19 years, this year it will be 20 years old! Come fly **April 26-28th 3 days of fun in the sun!**

To our Club members and friends, when you are thinking of buying a hobby-related item, please consider these outstanding companies first. Please click on vendor's logo to go to their web site for more information.



Steve Condon



Micro Aero-Towing...your childhood dream come true! By Steve Condon

Just like it sounds...aero-towing an "ultra micro extreme" airplane is now possible thanks to the visionary product development team at Horizon Hobby led by soaring/aero-towing enthusiast Peter Goldsmith. Can you imagine a 3.2 ounce tug towing a 2.6 ounce scale sailplane? Now you don't have to imagine it...you can actually do it.



The sailplane is a nicely scaled version of the 18 meter ASK-21 and at a 432mm (17-inch) span, that makes it a 1/42nd scale model! The glider comes complete with E-Flite's revolutionary "AS3X" technology which is a gyro stabilization system to help the featherweight plane fly smooth even in a little wind.

When I saw this was coming out a few months back I literally couldn't believe it and ordered both airplanes as soon as they were available. Mike Smith had the same thoughts and suddenly we each had a pair of tugs and gliders. The glider kit comes with a micro high-start and that is how I "maiden" mine. The bungee launch will get it to about 75' and depending on the conditions you can get flights anywhere from 15 seconds to a few minutes. The real fun with this plane is realized when you hook it up with the very clever tow-release system and get it aloft behind the equally fun-to-fly Carbon Cub (complete with LED running lights!).

Maiden Towing Day

Steve Condon



Mike and I got together at lunch on a Friday and prepared to aero-tow at a vacant field close to my house. The grass was just sprouting so it was short enough for the tug to ROG. For the first flight Mike towed and I flew my glider. The tug was able to get off the ground in about 15' and the glider was airborne even sooner...and we were off! It's really a good thing nobody else was there because we were like a couple of giddy little kids once we were climbing out.



I released at about 200' and had a nice cruise with the glider. Being so light, it senses lift well but is also affected by sink pretty dramatically. The cool thing is, that if you have ever aero-towed a large scale model, this looks very much the same—except you don't want to fly so far away, of course. We traded back and forth with towing and glider flying doing about 12-15 flights in an hour or so. We got pretty good at spot landing the tug to be ready for the next flight—made easy by the flaps on the Carbon Cub. The only mishap we noted was if the tug gets at too steep of an angle of attack with the glider down low, it basically stops and the glider stalls. We pulled out of that, but it was a good learning experience. Best to keep the glider slightly above the tug and be sure the tug has good airspeed and doesn't climb too steep.

Towing in Arizona

I brought my tug and glider to the F3J in the Desert event in February and we had a bunch of fun towing at dusk. Scott had his ASK-21 out as well as another person that showed up for the Southwest Classic that had a glider but no tug. We were also able to tow his model.

Steve Condon



Mario Scolari and I traded off flying the tug and besides trading tows for each other, we towed up Scott Condon, Tom Watson and Lenny Keer (flying the other guy's plane). Because the grass was taller here, we had to hand toss both of the planes which takes good timing and throwing. A few crazy launches has the tug pilot's exclaiming "release, release, release!" a few times. Once we got it worked out, it all went well. The photo (shot by Gordon Buckland) shows the view looking from the tug to Mario who was tossing the glider.



On one of my glider flights I was able to really hook it up in a thermal and climbed to several hundred feet and a good distance downwind (making some vocal onlookers nervous). The 21 had no problem penetrating back upwind for a safe landing on the field.

Bottom line: if you want to have some serious fun, get yourself and ASK-21! The tug will be ready!

Steve Condon

Cliff Hunter

Editor's Note: Most of us who fly RC sailplanes all have an interesting history and varying back grounds, however we all have the love for silent flight. It is the goal to share with club members the history and back grounds of who we fly with. This hopefully will be monthly highlight of club members willing to share some insights as to who they are and some history and back ground.

TPG Member Highlight - Did you Know, About?

TPG Member –Cliff Hunter- (currently TPG Newsletter Editor)

I moved to San Marcos in 1971 from Lakewood, California. I worked for Douglas Aircraft as a Tool Designer working on the DC8, DC9, DC10 and the A4E Jet Fighter from 1964 -1971. I joined the fire service in 1972 and worked my way up to Deputy Fire Chief and retired in 1998. I worked at the Wild Animal Park repairing Dinosaurs for Garth Warner from May to September 1998 after I retired. I then went to work for the County of San Diego as the Fire Code Specialist from 1998 - 2003. I left the County and was hired by Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District as their Fire Marshal from 2003 to 2011 where I retired with 42 years of fire service. Without my wife's Sandy support I would not be where I am today. It does take two!

I have always had interest in model building prior to moving to San Marcos , so I joined the "North County Clouds" in (San Marcos) 1990 and started with my first sailplane the "Wander". I was lucky there were many pilots who helped me learn to fly. Somewhere around 1998 the North County Clouds loss the field to a new shopping center. The Clouds then combined assets with The Torrey Pines Gulls Soaring Society. I have held all the club positions over the years and find it rewarding and challenging.

I fly thermal duration and hand launch sailplanes. I find the hobby challenging - too difficult at times. Computer radios and their terms and what they mean and how it relates to your set up of the planes movements is sometimes amazing it works! Again, we have so many club members who understand and will support you doing this hobby.

I would highly recommend this hobby if you have interest in "Silent Flight", the members will help you be successful.

Cliff Hunter

Thermal Duration Contest Poway March 10, 2013



**Marty Dine Landing
3-10-2013
Poway TD Contest**



**Poway Field set up
3-10-2013
TD Contest**



**Is there lift there?
3-10-2013 TD Contest**



**The Crew!
3-10-2013
Poway TD Contest**



**Scott Condon timing for
Mario??
3-10-2013
Poway TD Contest**



**Erik & Dan Working the lift!
Poway 3-10-2013**

March 10, 2013 Poway Field - 0800 to 1200 TPG - CD Cliff Hunter

Third Contest of the year - Thermal Duration. The tasks were 3, 5, 7, and 11 minute.

We had a great turnout for today's Thermal Duration contest! Under cloudy conditions, 18 pilots turned out for a great day of flying. Poway weather was great and warm with good thermals. Thanks to all who brought their wench. Next month's contest will be on Sunday, April 14th, 2013, Scott Condon will be the CD in Poway. All the scores are published on the club web site.

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/competition.htm>

Place	Master	Expert	Sportsman	Novice
First Place	Mario Scolari	Garth Warner		
Second Place	David Klein	Mike Murphy		
Third Place	Mike Smith	Don Scegiel		

Former TPG Flying Sites: Instant Lift

By Gary Fogel



As the TPG had its first “home base” at the Torrey Pines Gliderport, the club naturally started of thinking primarily about slope flying. There were days however during the formation of the club in the early 1970s where the prevailing westerlies would never materialize. In the Fall months, San Diego usually has periods of northeasterly Santa Ana winds, sometimes quite strong, and these conditions are precisely the days when slope heads wonder about finding a slope in a more suitable direction than Torrey. It didn't take long for the club to find a spot just to the east of Torrey near Sorrento Valley. There where Los Penasquitos Canyon meets Sorrento Valley was a large prominent ridge with both a west and north/northeast facing slope. So off we went to check it out as a suitable flying site. The only problem was that there was no road access to the top. Members would have to park along the then-lightly used Vista Sorrento Parkway (which was a two-lane street at the time) and then hike to the top. This was a barrier for some, but was good exercise. It was nearly equivalent to parking at the base of Torrey Pines and hiking to the top to fly. At the time the top of the hill was roughly 300 feet above the valley below roughly at the location (32° 54.093'N, 117° 13.067'W).

Once at the top, however the lift was tremendous. Strong gusty NE winds against the steep slope on the north side of the hill would provide so much lift that the name “Instant Lift” was given to the slope. It was a difficult place to recover gliders, because the hillside was very steep and the dried tall grass was amazingly slippery on the side of the hill. The lift was also quite powerful, and so it became a good site for strong aerobatic gliders rather than polyhedral floaters.

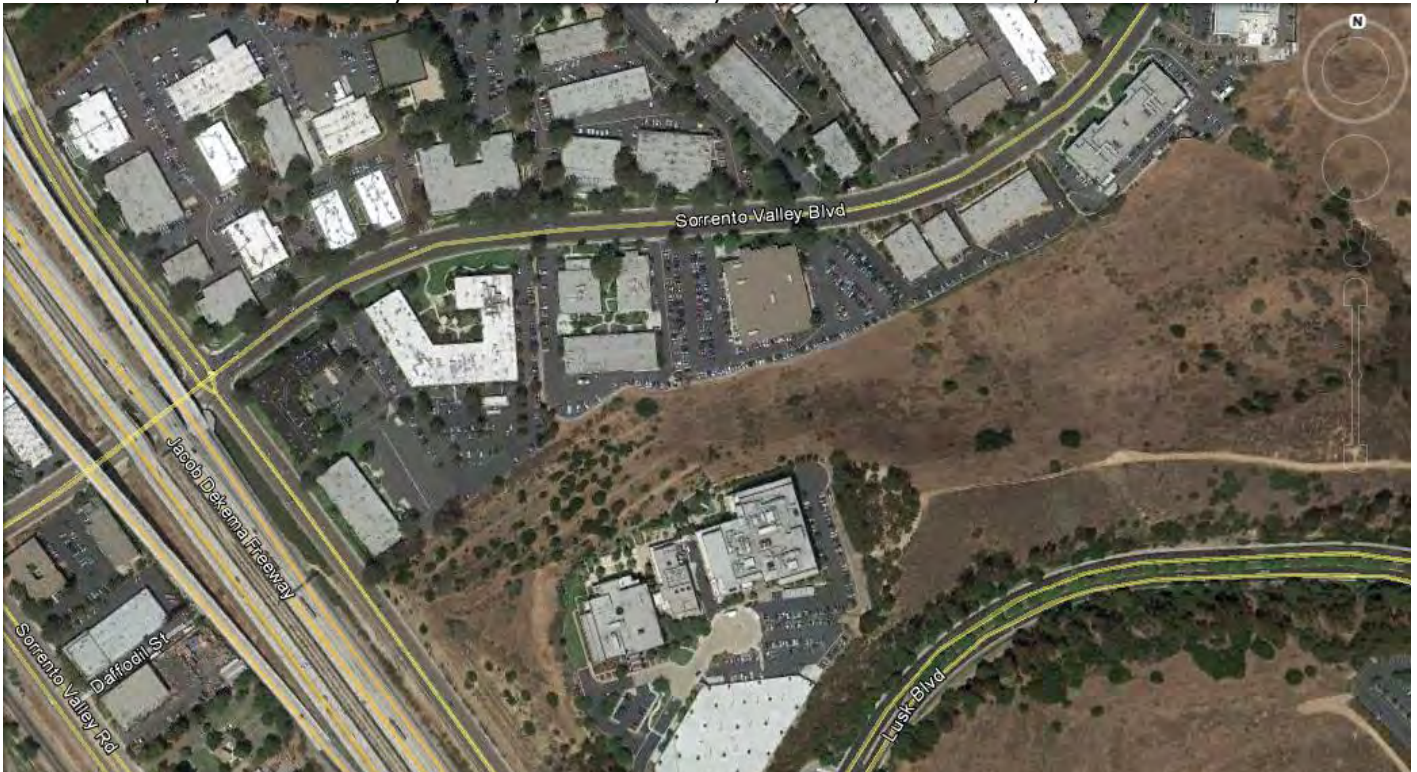
The TPG enjoyed flying at Instant Lift sporadically through the 1970s. However by the late 1980s the site was closed off for development and the top 100 feet of the hill was essentially sliced off in order to form a foundation for a large industrial park. For a time it was possible to fly from the hill and land on the flat dirt area behind (a much nicer landing zone) but it wasn't long before construction began. The property now is the site of two pharmaceutical companies (Helicon Therapeutics and NuVasive).

For a time in the 1980s, I also experimented with flying from other locations along the south ridge of Los Penasquitos Canyon, finding a useful location just to the east of the former Instant Lift large enough to accommodate a ¼ scale DG-300. However that too soon became a part of Qualcomm.

If you have any photos of TPGers enjoying Instant Lift I would be eager to see them.

See site photos next page!

Instant Lift 1: Top down view of the location of Instant Lift showing the north side of the slope that was particularly good for Santa Ana conditions. Flying on the west side of the hill was also possible, but why do that when Torrey is about 5 min away?



Instant Lift 2: A side view of Instant Lift from the north – from this view you can see the extent to which the top of the hill was shaved off and the terracing on the north side that lessened the steepness of the hill.



Flying Field maintenance updates!

Torrey Pines - Maintenance coordination should be scheduled with the slope coordinator Jim Scott at sdpismo@gmail.com

Encinitas - The Club needs help at the Encinitas field doing maintenance and mowing . We are looking for members who can provide labor and time the first week of each month (or more as necessary) during the winter months. We need people to sign up to receive mower training and mowing .

Maintenance Day



The Encinitas Field!



The Crew!
F/R -Keith, Cliff, Arthur, Don
B/R Garth



The weed wacker!
Garth Warner

The following is the proposed schedule:

Scheduled Mowing	Primary person	Secondary Person
May 5-11, 2013	_____ ? _____	_____ ? _____
June 2-8, 2013	_____ ? _____	_____ ? _____
July 1-6, 2013	_____ ? _____	_____ ? _____

There may be a need to do extra mowing based upon the seasons conditions. Please email the dates that will work for you to help mow to Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net , or Keith Finkenbiner at keithone@cox.net

Poway- Field maintenance and mowing will be necessary before the IHGF April 26-28, 2013. April 2013 would be a good date to start maintenance for Poway. Please contact Mike Smith at mike@themapsmith.com

Renew your 2013 Membership to TPG today!



Memberships - By Bill Eckles

OK, you guys have gotten a reminder about memberships for 2013 and I'm pleased to say that we have over **95** members already. Thanks for that! We're well on our ways to a great new year. It seems the weather will cooperate soon as we're getting some rain to green the TD fields up and storms building in the Pacific to create those dynamite days down at the Torrey Gliderport.

For those of you, who haven't renewed your memberships, don't miss the great days. It's like the stock market: you may not get a great day when you sign up, but when they come, it's only those who are ready who get the rewards! Don't get caught short. The 2012 locks will go away in about a week and you'll need your new key to get into the TD fields and you'll need your new card to use the Gliderport.

Thanks for the support so far! Now, let's go for a new record membership. It's a great club!


- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Frequent meetings at Balboa Park to schmooze with each other and promote good friendships. Great speakers at club meetings, on all subjects
- ✓ A group of guys who can answer just about any question you might ask, and do it with a smile.
- ✓ Contests that bring out world class competitors from around the globe.
- ✓ Competition and help for you, regardless of your skill level.
- ✓ A holiday party that's the envy of most gourmands in Southern California.
- ✓ A web site for current and past information www.torreypinesgulls.org
- ✓ An interesting monthly newsletter with current information to help keep members informed
- ✓ We are an AMA Chartered Club #129, with benefits - field Insurance etc.

The dues remain at \$60 for the year and you can even get credit as much as \$20 for two half day work sessions if you want to help at club events or field maintenance.

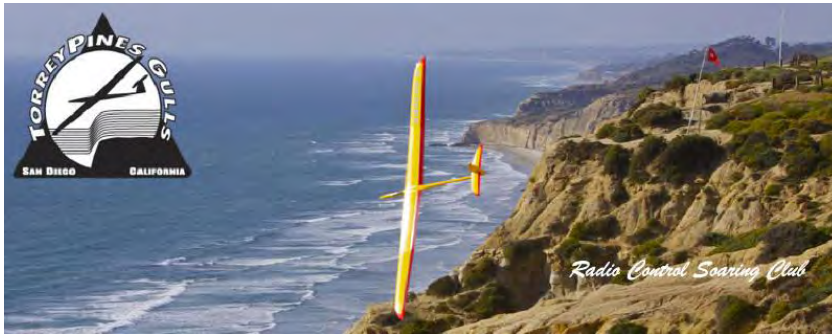
Dues are as follows:

- ✓ Dues for the membership (calendar) year are as follows for submissions during.
- ✓ January through June are \$60
- ✓ July through September are \$30
- ✓ October through December are \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Juniors age 15 and under \$5
- ✓ Receive a *credit* of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

We will send out renewal letters, consider them invoices, in the next weeks with all you need to know and even postage paid envelopes to send your information in with.

Also, if you don't want to do paper you can use  to speed your membership along. Go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership". We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.

New ID cards and keys will be sent for the new locks at Poway field & Encinitas field as soon as you renew your membership. Don't miss a thermal!



Cyril at Torrey 2013

Action Photos !



The Vixen new plane!
Mike Smith 2013



The pits Encinitas Field 2013

Club Meeting
March 12, 2013
Mike Smith Speaker



Encinitas Field Mike Smith launching 2013

Photos of the Month Contest April 2013

February pictures from club members! All members can submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner. (The winners will receive a prize still to be determined) email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net . Please provide your name, location of photo and what we are looking at.

WINNER JANUARY 2013

By Sandy Hunter



Visalia 2 day contest 2012 Sunset

WINNER FEBRUARY 2013

by Marty Dine 2013



Torrey Pine Glider Port

WINNER MARCH 2013

By Mark Canfield



WINNER APRIL 2013

By Marty Dine





IHLGF



Torrey late afternoon!



At Torrey!



Paul Anderson launching at IHLGF

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2013 Contest and Activity Calendar

Month	Dates	CD	SC2	Other Contest	Club Meeting & Board Meeting
January	13	Keith Finkenbiner	20 th Sula		8
February	10	Mark Canfield	17 th Swsa	21 st & 22 nd Phoenix	B-12
March	10	Cliff Hunter	17 th Vvrc	23 rd & 24 th TPG Classic Glider Port	C&B-12
April	14	Scott Condon	21st TPG	6 & 7 Fresno 26-28 IHGF	B-9
May	19	Parviz Kamiab	19 th Toss		B-14
June	9	Tom Watson	15 th & 16 th Sula MOM	8 th F3F TPG Glider Port	B-11
July	14	Cliff Hunter	21 st HSS@swsa		Summer Vacation
August	11	Scott Condon	18 th iss		B-13
September	8	Keith Finkenbiner	15 th vvrc		B-10
October	13	Tom Watson	27 th Downy @ TPG	Visalia 5 th & 6 th	B-8
November	10	Mark Canfield	17 th Rain Day TBA		B-12
December	8	Mike Smith	1,8,15,22 No Points Sula & DSH @Sula		Christmas Party 10

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. Check the Calendar often at www.torreygullsgulls.org for updates. The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: <http://site.sc2soaring.com/>

Upcoming Events

32nd Annual Fresno Classic	April 6-7
Board Meeting Auto Museum	April 9
Thermal Duration Contest @ Encinitas	April 14
SC2 Thermal Contest TPG	April 21
International Hand Launch Glider Festival	April 26-28
Thermal Duration Contest @ Encinitas	May 19
SC2 Thermal Contest @ TPG Encinitas	May 19