



# GULLS WINGS NEWSLETTER-FALL EDITION 2013

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

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## Message from the President, Marty Dine



Welcome to the fall edition of the Torrey Pines Gulls Newsletter. Once again, Cliff has done a great job putting it together.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer! While the Board has taken a short hiatus to allow for vacations and other flying excursions, the Club activities carry on. The monthly TD contests have been well attended, and thanks to the efforts of John McNeil and Gary Fogel, Hand launch contests are now a part of the schedule again. So, thanks guys for taking the torch and re-establishing the F3K events. Hopefully the contests will spur even more of our members to compete successfully next year in the IHLGF. I believe the next F3K hand launch contest is scheduled for October 12th.

Speaking of competition, our own Tim Traver has earned a spot on Team USA for the upcoming F3F World Championships. Congratulations Tim, we'll all look forward to following your exploits with Team USA.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5th 2013 at 1:00pm on the Bluff at Torrey Pines Gliderport. We will have a short meeting, and do some fun flying. If you haven't gotten checked out/rated for Torrey as yet, there will be someone there to show you the ropes and get you rated, so keep that afternoon open and we'll see you at the bluff. Most any airplane will work, and I hope to see lots of you TD types there ;^) Let's hope for some nice breeze!

**October 5, 2013**

### General Membership Meeting

Saturday at 1:00 pm on the  
Bluff at Torrey Pines  
Gliderport

All the best,  
Marty

## General Meeting Schedule

**October 5th 2013** Saturday at 1:00 pm on the Bluff at Torrey Pines Gliderport

**November 2013** General Membership Meeting/Board Elections Tuesday  
12<sup>th</sup> November @Automotive Museum

**December 2013** Meeting/Holiday Party Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
@Automotive Museum

## Contest Results August 11, 2013 Thermal Duration

Contest Director – Scott Condon -

**Good afternoon fellow thermal seekers!**

**Next Sunday, August 11th, we will be flying at the Encinitas Flight center (if you need directions click the link below) for the August Thermal contest**

**We will be flying an pseudo F3J style contest to prepare for the upcoming US F3J team selections in Chicago. the Encinitas field and TPG rules;  
<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/encinitas.htm>**

### The Tasks:

**4 rounds....no launch past 11:45am, to be clear, it is your responsibility to launch by this time, or before (barring any MAJOR winch downtime)**

**first three rounds will be 10 minute duration 900/100, round four will be a 15 minute duration flight 900/100**

**There will be a 15 point per second penalty for going over your target time....but you still get the landing :-)**

**All landings will be on FAI landing tapes (please bring an FAI landing tape if you have one unless we do not have at least 4 FAI tapes, then we will use AMA tapes.**

**Pilots meeting at 8:55 am or so, first launch at 9:00am**

**Open flight window, NO retriever's and fully charged winch batteries**

**Please pass this on to all of the LA OC and IE guys you know, the more the Merrier**

**I expect to see you all out there... Results are below**

**Scott Condon**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Master</b>	<b>Expert</b>
First Place	Scott Condon	Chris Boehm
Second Place	Tom Watson	Garth Warner
Third Place	Arthur Mickiewicz	Cliff Hunter



## DLG Contest Report – August 17, 2013 – by Gary Fogel

It has been a while since the TPG had a monthly or bimonthly contest for DLGs. John McNeil and I had been contemplating the idea of reviving these in advance of the IHLGF 2014 event – so when I became aware of AMA's program to have "National Model Aviation Day" on August 17, it was a no-brainer to put the two together and help not only raise awareness for DLG but also for model airplanes and raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project. Unfortunately there wasn't much time for advertising but John assisted with this on RC Groups. The concept of this contest series is to have new DLG pilots learn F3K in a fun and low-key contest environment. Nine participants showed up at the Poway Flight Center to give it a go.

Five rounds of tasks were arranged:

- 1) **Ladder (F3K task H): 30 s; 45 s; 60 s; 75 s; 90 s; 105 s; 120 s**
- 2) **5x 2min (F3K task M): Unlimited throws, best 5 flight, 2 min max**
- 3) **All up last down (F3K task E): 3x 3min 3 throws**
- 4) **1, 2, 3, 4min (F3K task P): unlimited throws, any order**
- 5) **Next to last and last, 4 min max (F3K task C)**

Pilots were grouped into Sportsman (Group A), Expert (Group B), so that experts could time for sportsmen and vice versa to add to the learning. Conditions were quite interesting as there were times when the lift was abundant and also times when lift was very difficult to find, even within one round. "Light and bubbly" was the best way to describe it. Another way would be H-O-T.

Congratulations to all who turned out – especially to Frank Campbell for his excellent flying (We'll have to rethink binning him in Group A next time!) Also to Mike Seid to manage somehow to fly his DLG back to the landing field upside down with no elevator at all after a midair with Amardeep. (Mike must have a secret supply of magic dust.) **We are looking forward to having another one of these on October 12 at the Poway Flight Center.** Come on out and join the fun! Specifically if you have never flown in a DLG contest or want to work on your skills, this is the low-key event for you. Experts are welcome and encouraged to attend but please help with advice and tips to new DLG pilots.

Gary Fogel, CD  
John McNeil, Assistant CD

Pilot	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Score	Group
Frank Campbell	1000	839	1000	1000	810	4649	A
Seid Mike	1000	1000	505	1000	1,000	4505	B
Matt Nelson	1000	855	846	792	983	4476	B
Amardeep Dugal	771	979	1000	936	491	4177	B
John McNeil	771	844	659	857	1,000	4131	B
Gary Fogel	571	1000	715	815	897	3998	A
Tom Knudtson	1000	933	666	589	662	3850	B
Michael Eberle	571	808	669	633	1,000	3681	A
Chuck Norris	257	741	864	819	203	2884	A

## Contest Results September 8, 2013 Thermal Duration

Contest Director – Keith Finkenbiner

Twelve pilots showed up to fly four rounds of thermal competition. Weather was warm but not unbearable. Contest was started at 9 AM with an eight minute task. In Master Class Kyle Paulson flying a MAXA scored 3975 points for first place. Mike Reagan also flying a MAXA was second with 3952 points. Erik Larson flying an Aspire was third with 3941 Points.

All scores will posted on the club web site this week.

Keith Finkenbiner, CD

### Tom waiting to tow from Lenny Brzezinski <brzez11@cox.net>

This picture was taken last year at half hill in Ocotillo Wells. We all had a good day of flying.





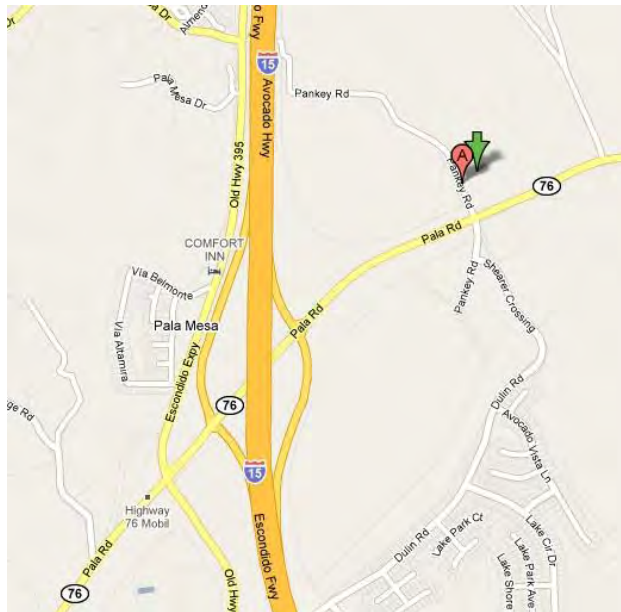
## SWAP MEET AND OPEN HOUSE FLY-IN

**Date:** Saturday November 2, 2013

**Time:** Gates open at 7am and we'll go to 5pm.

**Location:** Palomar RC Flyers Johnson Field, Fallbrook, CA. located at the intersection of I-15 and Hwy. 76

**Cost:** The \$5 seller's fee will also include landing fee; all buyers can fly for a landing fee of \$5. All proceeds from this event will be donated to a local children's hospital.



**Swap Meet** tables can be set up along the roadway leading to the airplane field. The famous **Palomar RC BBQ** crew will be serving lunch!

A **valid AMA membership** is required to fly. IC motors will be limited to **98db**. **Fixed wing, Heli and Multirotor** pilots are welcome!

**F2FC Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

Come to our Swap Meet and Open House Fly-in on Saturday November 2 and support a great cause – Flying 2 Fight Cancer



40<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**CVRC FALL SOARING FESTIVAL**

8400 Avenue 320 (Russell Pond)  
 Visalia, CA

<b>LOCATION</b>	CVRC field, ½ mile east of Road 80 (Plaza Drive) on Avenue 320, Visalia, CA
<b>DATE</b>	October 5 & 6, 2013
<b>CLASSES</b>	Open, RES, 2-Meter, Woody, Youth (18 & under) & Modified ALES
<b>TASKS</b>	Saturday: 5, 10, 10, 10 (10) minutes Sunday: 5, 10, 10. One point per sec. +/- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AMA rule 5.2.a &amp; 5.2.b in effect</b> - Each contestant shall be limited to two models per class. Either model may be flown at anytime throughout the contest at the discretion of the competitor.</li> <li>• <b>Modified AMA rule 10.1.f</b> - Thermal sensing/altimeter devices shall NOT be permitted.</li> <li>• <b>Modified ALES</b> - 150M limiter required. No skeg. No restarts.</li> </ul>
<b>LANDINGS</b>	Will be announced at pilot's meeting
<b>AWARDS</b>	Open 1-10, RES 1-3, Woody 1-3, 2-Meter 1-3, Youth 1-3*, Grey Cup (62+), ALES 1-3
<b>PILOTS MEETING</b>	8:00am each day. First flight at 8:30am
<b>BBQ</b>	Saturday evening: \$16.00
<b>SHIRTS</b>	Small thru XXXXL w/pockets \$20**, Long Sleeve \$24**, Polos \$28, Hats \$20
<b>RAFFLE</b>	Excellent! Interested in donating? Call Claude Turner 559-635-1330 after 5 PM
<b>VENDORS</b>	Call Claude Turner to reserve a spot in the vendor area 559-635-1330 after 5 PM
<b>RV &amp; Camp</b>	South side of main parking lot only, no hook-ups and no dumping

**SIGN UP EARLY** - One frequency per pilot! First come, first served. Contact the CD to coordinate frequencies.

**SIGNUP ONLINE\*\*\*** <http://www.cvrcsoaring.com> and <http://www.rcsoaring.com>

- Limit of one pilot per 50/53/72MHz frequency - please list all available frequency choices.
- One timer per pilot and one pilot per timer. If timer is chosen more than once, no timer is assigned to the pilot.
- Sign up early for best selection of frequency and timer assignment.

**ENTRY FEES** If you are a 2013 CVRC member, entry is \$36 for adults and \$18 for Youth per entry.

**You must be a current member of CVRC to enter this contest** (IRS Regulation for non-profit clubs). If you are not a current member, you may become a 6-month CVRC member for \$12 (adult) or \$6 for Youth (18 & under). Include membership fee with your entry. Fees are non-refundable.

**SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL** - Looking for someone to coordinate a fun DLG contest (please contact Claude).

**MAIL ENTRY FORM TO:** Claude Turner, CVRC FSF Director, 2409 N Linda Vista St, Visalia, CA 93291

**E-MAIL QUESTIONS TO:** [claude@cvrcsoaring.com](mailto:claude@cvrcsoaring.com)

**PHONE:** 559-635-1330 after 5 PM

**NOTES:** \*depending on entries \*\*add \$2 for sizes over XL \*\*\*Flight group assignments will be posted in mid-September at [www.cvrcsoaring.com](http://www.cvrcsoaring.com)

Claude, he is going to close registration to the Fall Fest September 30th. Remember the dates are October 4/5/6. To enter go to [rcsoaring.com](http://rcsoaring.com).

## Newsletter Editor - Cliff Hunter

### Newsletter Editor Update!

Summer time is tough time to keep the newsletter going with vacations and everyone's busy schedules. So we have a June/July 2013 newsletter. The next newsletter will be an August/September newsletter.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter. Just a reminder the newsletter is published by the **first of every month or every other month in the summer.**

Please send in your articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. Email to Cliff Hunter at [cfhunter@att.net](mailto:cfhunter@att.net)

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

Thanks,  
Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

## Club Sponsors for 2013

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.





**ACTION PHOTOS!** Any great unsuccessful flight photos to add to the action, send them to: [cfhunter@att.net](mailto:cfhunter@att.net) NO Photos Submitted for August/ September 2013”



Photo taken by Steffen Peters  
My Valenta Fox! - Steffen Peters

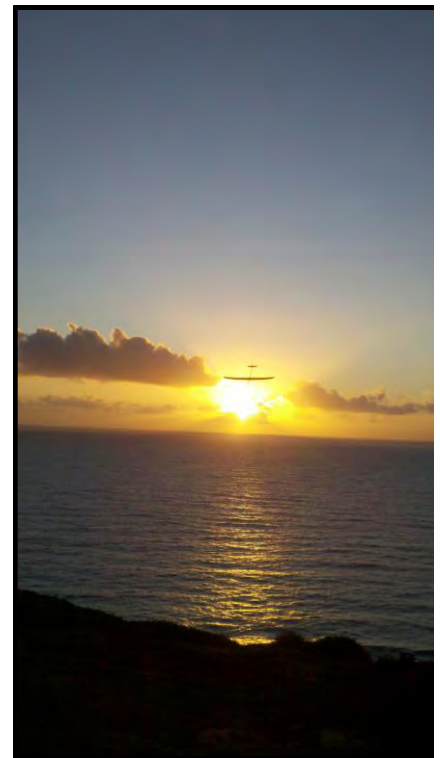
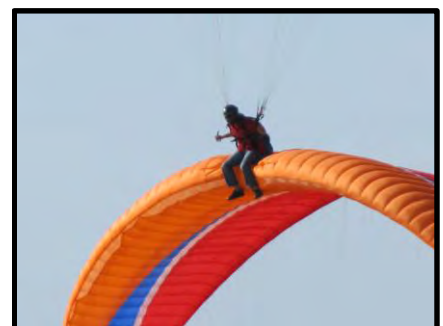
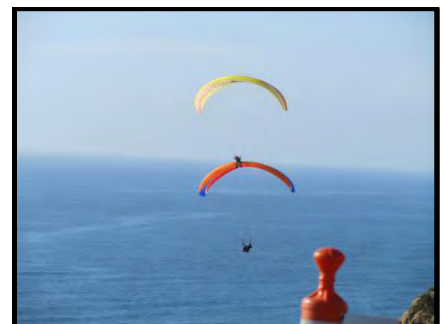


Photo Taken by Mark  
Canfield



Photo by Steffen Peters  
Phil Davie's Espada!



Photos by Mark Canfield

## Update - 2013 Membership to TPG today!



### Memberships - By Bill Eckles

**As of (August, 2013) we have 106 members! The additions are coming in at a trickle, but we should still have a stream through the summer after I put a flyer up at the Discount Hobby shop.**

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](http://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](http://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!

## Photos of the Month Contest

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](mailto: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

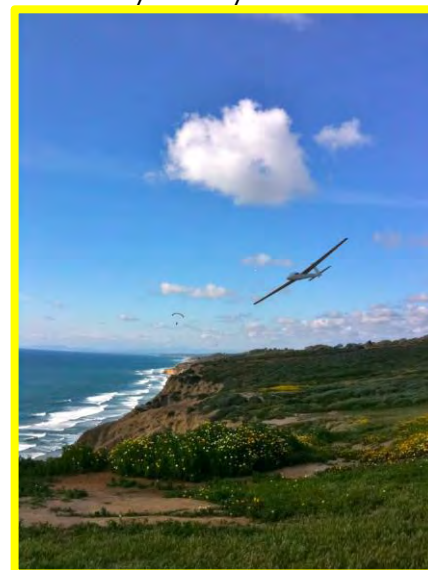
### WINNER MARCH 2013

By Mark Canfield



### WINNER APRIL 2013

By Marty Dine



## Photos of the Month Contest June/July 2013 Continued

**WINNER May 2013**

By Dan Cummins



**WINNER June 2013**

By Mark Canfield



**WINNER July 2013**

By Steffen peters



**TPG QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

*“Courage is Grace Under Pressure!”*

## 2013 Cub Officers and Contact Information

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President



Mark Canfield  
Vice- President



Dan Cummins  
Secretary



Don Lockhead  
Treasurer



Bill Eckles  
Membership



## 2013 Contest and Activity Calendar

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

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