



GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER - MAY 2018

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Message from the President

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Craig Hanson

Hello Everyone,

I thought it might be a good idea to talk about safety at the Torrey Pines Gliderport. In the last month we've had a few light aircraft in the lines of paragliders. I have talked to RC pilots that fly these light aircraft, and my conclusion is we need to be more conservative about our flying.

Don't wait until the last moment to pull away from a situation. Also, with large or fast aircraft, a spotter is a good idea. We should always be talking to each other as we fly to keep our aircraft from colliding with each other.

Be considerate to each other and take turns in the bowl. I think it's a good idea to have a right or left pattern when there are more than four aircraft flying at a time.

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Message from the President (continued)

I know we are still having issues with the absence of whistling from the paragliders flying through the window and multiple paragliders flying through the window at once, so we need to be on top of our game. Most of us are doing this already. I just wanted to reiterate safety concerns.

Also be aware of snakes, in the landing field and in the pit area. This is the time of year that snakes are out to play, and we have had several sightings already. So be careful.



Keep an eye on the upcoming events in this newsletter and on the website:
www.torreypinesgulls.org

Cheers,

Craig Hanson
2018 TPG President
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Steffen Peters' 6m LET DG-1000 and unusual saw tooth-shaped cloud formation over Torrey

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

The Torrey Pines Gulls hosts monthly contests, fun-fly events, LSF (League of Silent Flight)) Soaring Accomplishment Program and onsite clinics. General meetings have morphed into competitive and non-competitive events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events in the Newsletter and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org> and
<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>



Newsletter This Month - Dale Gottdank



Dale Gottdank

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! It could be just a paragraph with some photos from a great soaring day ...even something interesting you've seen on the internet. I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. If there's a project you're working on, don't just post it on RCGroups...share it with your club!

This month, **we'll be continuing** our series by Gary Fogel on **the club's** history, with 1980 Modeler of the Year, Frank Hunter. Also, we have Justin **Tolman's story of his bucket** list, sunrise Torrey flight and some great photos from the recent International Hand Launch Glider Festival from a few of our members.

Please send in your articles or photos (dgottdank@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. If there are too many, we'll save them for the next issue. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>.

Katie Martin Memorial Tribute – Bob Martin
JUNE 2nd, 2017
TORREY PINES GLIDERPORT



Iconic RCM Magazine cover showing an early SR-7 launch

This is the eighth annual Katie Martin Memorial Tribute that the Torrey Pines Gulls have hosted and I offer my sincere gratitude to all of you for your cooperation and generosity.

This event began at one of slope soaring's premier sites. In our early days (mid-1970's), the location recognized as the birthplace of slope soaring was Torrey Pines Gliderport and we read about it in RC Modeler magazine back then. When planning Katie's Memorial Tribute, I chose this site to bring fliers together to pay tribute to Katie, as she and Torrey Pines are an important part of the history of slope soaring in the United States. Since we began this Memorial Tribute, fliers in several countries around the world and small groups in other locations that cannot attend our tribute come together on a date in June of each year. I am so thankful to the Torrey Pines Gulls for their incredible hospitality, openly welcoming fliers from all over to come fly at this legendary site and pay tribute to Katie Martin, slope soaring pioneer. Check out the thread on RCGroups: [Katie martin int'l tribute 2018](#)



Hobie Hawks

Katie Martin Memorial Tribute – Bob Martin

Who is Katie? For more than 25 years she was well known in our industry for her enthusiasm and charm at events and trade shows throughout the country. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman to fly RC in Costa Rica. She served as AMA Club President for two consecutive years, and secured a flying site for her club in the Santa Fe Dam area. She worked hard for various clubs in many roles including Newsletter Editor, and in 1988 was awarded the AMA National Newsletter Editor of the Year. She also was awarded the Hawk of the Year, an honor going to the member of the Desert Hawks Club that made the most impact on the club that year. She was also the inspiration that led to the formation of Bob Martin RC Models in the mid 70's when she asked for, and received a Hobbie Hawk. That same Hobbie Hawk will be flown in the Katie Martin Tribute with a small amount of her ashes epoxied into the nose. Katie was all about having fun and enjoying the sport, therefore in line with that attitude, this event is open to all sailplanes regardless of manufacturer or type. It is an open fly-in; the only rules are those of safety.



1st Lady Katie



Katie launching a Katie II prototype



Katie at a trade show, circa 1980

Some of us will arrive on Thursday and Friday, but the official Tribute will be June 2nd, Saturday. We will have a fantastic raffle and all proceeds go Katie's favorite charity, the American Heart Association, in her name.

In an effort to continue to spread the word about Katie and the Tribute and generate income to promote this event and benefit Katie's charity, we have opened a store with items I am sure you will want. Click here to see the latest offerings

<https://www.gearbubble.com/gbstore/katie?page=1>

I personally invite all Torrey Pines Gulls to join us, fly with us, swap stories with us, buy raffle tickets and have a wonderful time. That is what Katie would want.

I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you that join us in celebrating the legacy of a great lady.

Bob Martin

Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

I'm very happy with the positive stuff I communicated to you in March. Even with my screwing up the timing of our mailing, the abstract rendering of our membership cards (produced by my erratic printer) and the strong, early response from our membership list of last year. Yes, lots of guys renewed, sent in dues, already joined AMA for insurance and showed up at our flying sites to join in Torrey Pines Gulls camaraderie. Things have been going pretty well and we have a great group of members. We're at 85 current members consisting of renewals from last year, a smattering of brand new members and even some pulled from semi-retirement (I'm very glad to see these guys).

Unfortunately, we're not at a good level in absolute numbers. We still have about 35 members from last year who haven't re-upped for 2018. We can provide a smoothly operating club with an active group of competitors and lots of volunteers to handle the events we anticipate for the year. But, it would sure be great to have more than 100 members to continue to learn the club functions and be able to help with the management next year. Yes, we have some new ones, new fliers...eager to learn the ropes of the club and help to keep this organization going.

But, as a matter of fact, our world is constantly changing and we can surely use more help keeping up the pressures of both maintaining our heritage and also managing the new issues we get to deal with. Our beautiful flying sites are under constant pressure to be made into residences, businesses or some other non-flying function and we can use lots of help coping with these pressures from newer points of view to our ever changing world. Please spread the word of this club we all love to the fliers who are unfamiliar with us and encourage them to join us. We're counting on you all to help us there to help perpetuate a long and proud history.

Till next month,
Fun and safe flying,

Bill Eckles
Membership Chairman



NAN Shadow at Torrey (Greg Houck)

Club Membership Update (continued)

Every year we need a good strong membership to continue to provide the services we offer:

- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Quarterly (or thereabouts) fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, where members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling.
- ✓ 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 website 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 such as field Insurance, etc.

Dues are as follows:

For the membership (calendar) year, for submissions during:

- ✓ January through June \$60
- ✓ July through September \$30
- ✓ October through December \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Full-time college students \$30 per year
- ✓ Juniors under 18 years \$15 per year
- ✓ Receive a *credit* of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership." We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.



Note: TPG membership information will not be shared or sold and will only be used to contact members for purposes of TPG business.

What do YOU think?

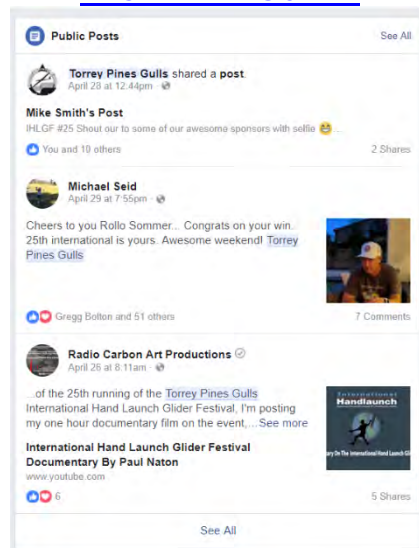
You can express your opinion at: www.torreypinesgulls.org.

We have a [QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS](#), [CALENDAR](#), [MEMBERSHIP...](#) If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. for the board, here's your chance.

Check out the TPG Facebook Page

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page by clicking the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/TorreyPinesGulls/>
[RECENTLY POSTED:](#)



[IHLGF Follow-up](#)

Join the Yahoo Forum!

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18th, 1999 by club member Lenny Brzezinski. There are over 200 members in the Yahoo Group. This group has many things to offer for the club. It is a way of communicating with each other. If you have any concerns you can post them here including other questions about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another person, and so on.

If you are new to the club, the website will give you a lot of information about the club. On the website there is a link that you can use to join the group. This group is moderated. Please use this group for flying related items. You can post on the Yahoo group files, photos, polls, members, and calendar. All of these sections are available to any member. I hope that your experience with this group will be great. On the TPG website, www.torreypinesgulls.org, you can follow the [YAHOO FORUM](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS](#), [CALENDAR](#), [MEMBERSHIP](#).

Club Flying Site Panoramas – Ian Cummings

Here are Ian Cummings' immersive panoramas of our world class flying sites; the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport, Poway Flight Center, where each year the club sponsors the IHLGF (International Hand Launch Glider Festival) and the Encinitas Flight Center. Clicking on the pictures takes you to our sites:

Click on this photo to visit the Torrey Pines Gliderport.



Click on this photo to visit the TPG Poway Flight Center.



Click on this photo to visit the TPG Encinitas Flight Center.



News from the Slope – Ray Pili, Slope Coordinator



Ray Pili

The Torrey Classic F3F race for Sunday April 9th was rescheduled for conditions to Saturday April 14th. Unfortunately the wind gods had no mercy on the Racers and the event was called in the afternoon.



Ironically, Justin Tolman had great conditions April 12th and posted these Dawn Patrol photos (see Justin's article about this Torrey visit later on in this newsletter):

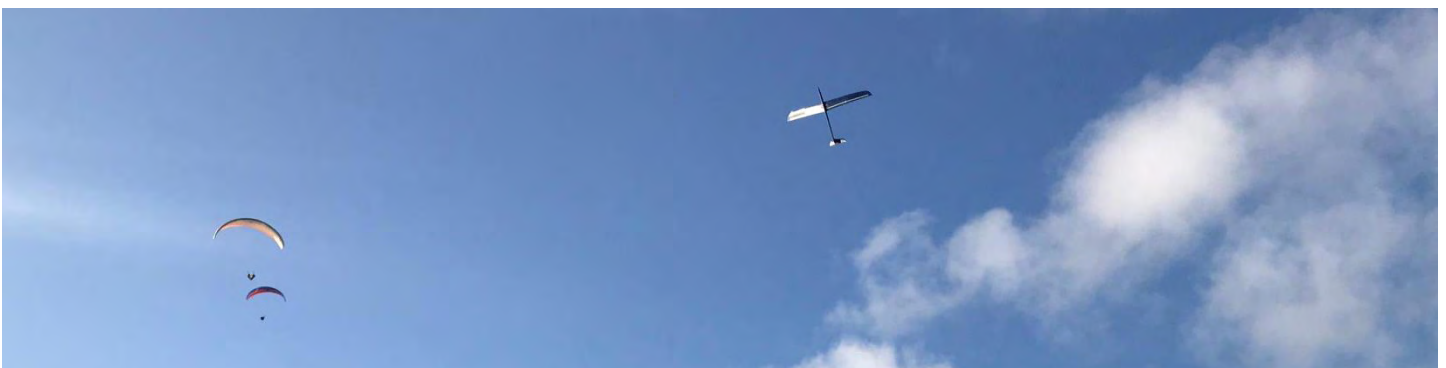


News from the Slope (continued)

A few days later “Jester” Mike Frandsen caught a great late afternoon Espada session:



Mike enjoying the Torrey lift with his Jester



Mike's Jester

News from the Slope (continued)

Earlier in the month a TPG member under the Orange Curtain, Dave Arnold, stopped by the Gliderport and enjoyed the skies with his Opus V.



Dave Arnold at Torrey



Dave's Opus V



Dave pilots his Opus V along the cliff.

The next Fun Fly is Saturday, May 26th.

Don't forget to make time to attend the Katie Martin Tribute June 2nd.

[Katie martin int'l tribute 2018](#)

Blue Skies,

Ray

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration

TD Coordinator – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

For thermal duration contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/thermal-duration-contest-May/>, or contact Cliff Hunter at cfhunter@att.net

Additional information may be shown in the F3X Vault site (<http://www.f3xvault.com>) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc.

Hand Launch / DLG

DLG Coordinator – Don Lochhead



Don Lochhead

For DLG contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/> or contact Don Lochhead at donlochr@sbcglobal.net

Additional information may be shown in the F3X Vault site (<http://www.f3xvault.com>) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc. and in this RCGroups thread: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2820127-2017->

LSF Report – Ray Pili



From Gary Fogel:

“Congratulations to Ian Cummings and Justin Tolman who both succeeded in accomplishing their Level II 15 min thermal today at Poway, California. Both used DLG and were able to speck out. Turkey vultures, crows, and red tail hawks also in the air to help. Lots of fun and a heap of other witnesses practicing for DLG for the upcoming IHLGF. I now expect Ian and Justin to call "all in" on their next poker round! Well done.”

See Gary's detailed Event Report on the next page.

The year's schedule:

May 20 Tentative Desert Goal and Return -- NEW

June 9th

Aug 11th

Oct 13th

Dec 8th

All Saturday and All at Poway.

Blue Skies,

Ray

[tpgslope@gmail.](mailto:tpgslope@gmail.com)

April LSF Event Report – Gary Fogel

The day started bright and warm at the Poway Flight Center and three aspiring LSF fliers Ian Cummings, Justin Tolman, and Erik Metzdorff joined myself at the field around 9am. Given the TPG DLG monthly and the IHLGF are around the corner, several others showed up to practice DLG, so we decided to attempt LSF tasks using DLG rather than setting up a winch or hi-start.

The air was buoyant but good enough only for 5-10 min flights. It took a while for the big air to arrive, and it did by about 11am. Ian managed to find a really good boomer near the tree line and drifted with it to the NE over the school. The thermal basically sat in place for 15 min and that was that! Ian flirted with the limits of his visibility and brought it back to the field to land after 17 min of soaring. Justin launched and hooked a nice thermal near the tree marking the no fly zone. He worked the air back and forth to the east and then coming back upwind to the west. At about 10 min into the flight this line started no longer working, and he scouted over the trees to the north. Nothing. By about 13 min into the flight it was getting pretty sketchy and he was back down to launch height but fortunately found a nice ride just to the east of the field and was still climbing in that thermal when passing the 15 min mark. His landing was about 1 min later. Erik Metzdorff tried repeatedly with his Blaster 2 and had some really high flights but never was able to link up more than one thermal to make it all the way to 15 min. He'll get it next time.

Congratulations to Ian and Justin and now it's time to work on the other components of LSF Level II. See you for the next LSF day!



Ian Cummings



Justin Tolman

2018 IHLGF Gallery

The 25th Annual IHLGF (international Hand Launch Glider Festival) is a wrap! Contestants from USA, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Switzerland, South Africa, China and New Zealand piloted their way through a series of daunting DLG tasks over the April 28th-29th weekend. The final fly-off round was truly international ([Contest Results](#)) with six countries represented, including our own Mike Seid, Gregg Bolton and Gary Fogel...all in the top ten! PG members Ian Cummings, Gary Fogel and Dale Osborn provided us with numerous photos of the event, a few of which are presented here for your enjoyment.



Poway Flight Center, a row of E-Z UP's, DLG's ready for action and pilots discussing strategy; this is the IHLGF. (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG's Mike Seid, Contest Director (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Launching at Poway (Dale Osborn photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Launch with pilot and timer in the background (Dale Osborn photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG's Jon Garber launching (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Local pilot, Paul Anderson mid-launch (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Release (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Airborne! (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Pilots flying and one launching (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Launching and flying (Dale Osborn photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG members Gary Fogel, launching with timer John McNeil (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Pilot and timer (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)

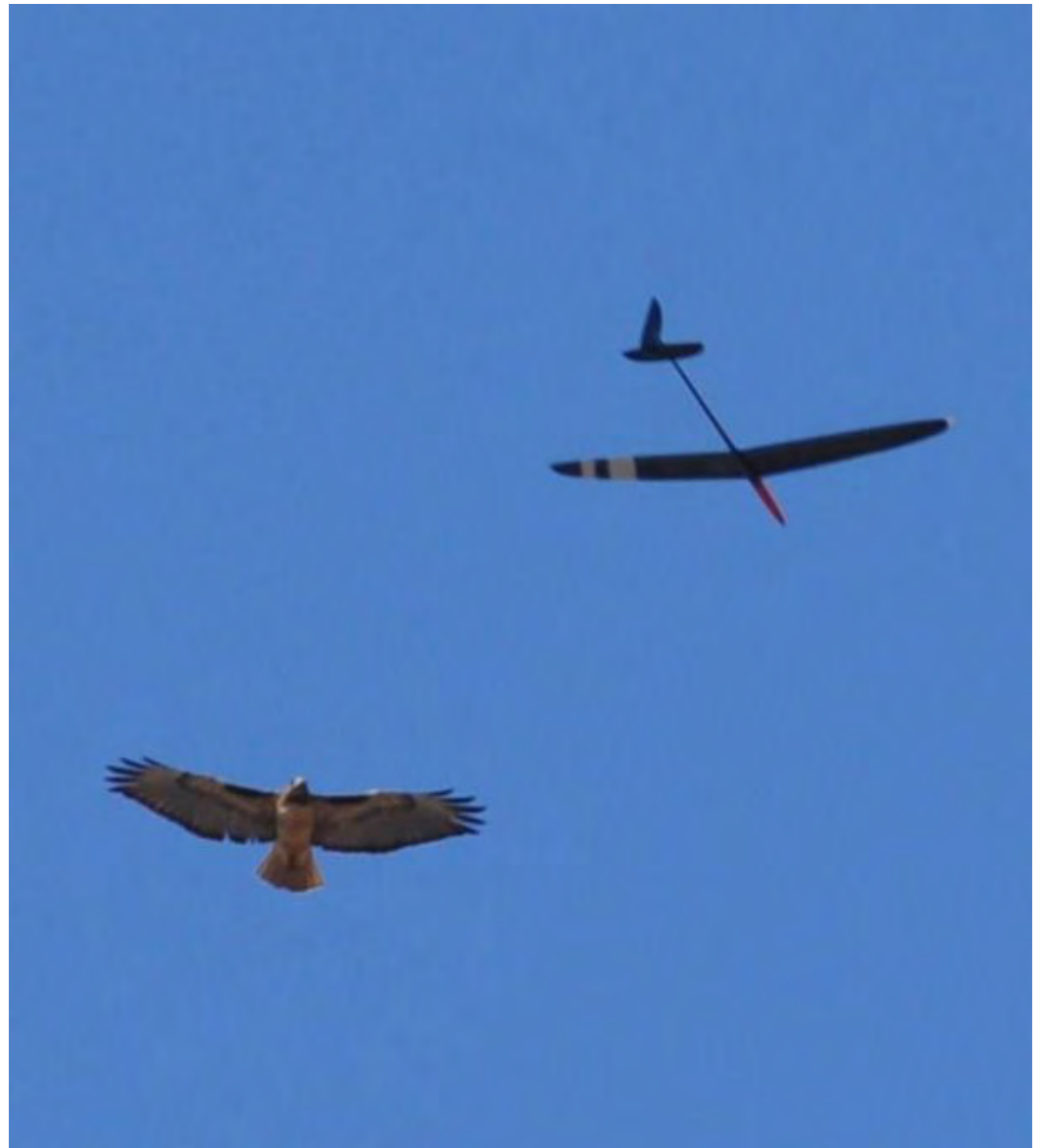


TPG members John McNeil, launching with Gary Fogel timing...and ducking; TPG's Jon Garber behind John (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



DLG's circling in a thermal (Gary Fogel photo)



This one had some company (Gary Fogel photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



A pair of DLG's hunting thermals (Gary Fogel photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG members David Rawley, piloting with timer Justin Tolman (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG members Don Lochhead, piloting with timer Gary Fogel (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG members Chuck Norris, piloting with timer Don Lochhead (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Spoilerons-Airbrakes deployed; slowed for catch (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Catching and poised for another toss (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



TPG's Mike Smith guiding in his DLG for retrieval (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Paul Anderson in position to catch and set up for the next toss (Ian Cummings photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



Awards ceremony (Dale Osborn photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



The contest awards (Gary Fogel photo)

2018 IHLGF Gallery (continued)



The fly-off finalists (Dale Osborn photo)



The IHLGF brought 70 competitors from around the world (Ian Cummings photo).

TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



This Month: Frank Hunter, 1980 Modeler of the Year

As I've mentioned in the past, sometimes I have a lot of material on previous TPG Modeler of the Year winners, other times not so much. Frank Hunter is unfortunately one of the latter.

Frank likely joined the Gulls sometime in mid-to-late 1979. He received his LSF Level I on November 5, 1979. However, Frank was clearly a go-getter and wanted to assist in club development. He volunteered as Membership Chairman in 1980. In January of 1980 he (along with Bob Anderson, Alex Mladineo, and Pepper Kay) helped organize an "LSF Sunday" monthly program for TPG to generate interest in LSF and help the club acquire new talent.

To prep for this, Frank took considerable time and effort in December-January to restore all of the club winches and turnarounds. It was a bit like being winchmaster, membership chairman, and LSF coordinator all at the very start of his tenure on the board.

Frank largely focused on 2-meter (Class B) sailplanes and thermal duration rather than slope. He placed third at the monthly TD contest in February 1980, so his skills were there right away, which leads me to believe he either came to TPG with prior history of RC soaring or RC powered flight.



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

In 1979, TPG membership hovered around 50 members. I've mentioned in the past that at the inception of the club there were largely two age brackets – older seasoned professionals who helped organize the club and young newbies who were learning how to fly and operate a club at the same time. By 1979/1980 the club was now ~10 years old and only a handful of the original membership remained. Some older members had drifted away, while younger members went off to college or just dropped the hobby altogether. Something needed to be done to capture and retain new membership and Frank was the right guy for the Membership Chairman role. By April 1980, membership had grown to 79, by May 1980 it was closer to 90. In August, Frank pushed it up to over 100. Frank was doing yeoman's work in pulling in new members! The LSF program and monthly slope and thermal contests were key.

On August 18, 1980, Frank satisfied his LSF Level II requirements. Shortly thereafter, he had a nice 31 min, 39 second flight with an Olympic II at Hourglass Field as a part of his Level III requirements. He achieved a Level III on

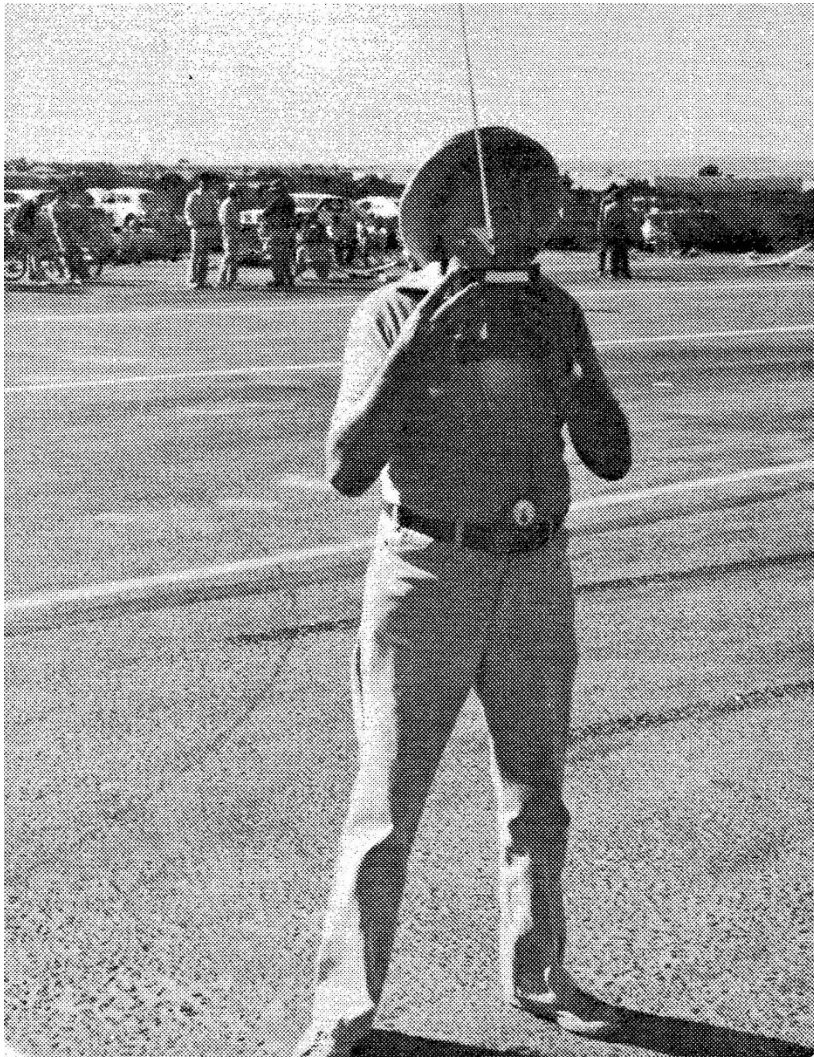
October 8, 1980. At one of the club TD contests in late 1980, Frank ballasted the same Oly II with 6 ounces (reportedly, the maximum possible) and proceeded to blow the right wing off the plane on winch launch at Hourglass. The report in the newsletter told the rest of the story: "the fuselage and left wing made a spectacular dive into the open ground near the baseball field. The impact was so great that the ballast tore through the wing saddle plywood former and smashed the servos."



Frank Hunter brings home the bacon.

Frank Hunter with his Oly II at Hourglass Field in Mira Mesa after apparently placing in a contest.

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Frank Hunter just moments before re-kitting his Oly II

Frank Hunter enjoying the thermals over the black-top pavement. In a previous life, Hourglass Field was actually an outlanding field used by the Navy before and during WWII, currently now the site of Miramar College: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hourglass_Field

The November 1980 newsletter listed five candidates for TPG member of the year (Frank Hunter, Pepper Kay, Steve Manganelli, Steve Neu, and Bob Torres) plus a write-in opportunity and this was put to a vote of the membership. All five of these individuals were doing incredible things for the club. The result of the vote however had Frank Hunter winning the trophy. This was announced at the club Christmas party (which also happened to be held at the home of Frank and Gwen Hunter on December 12, 1980). Not only did Frank win the award but he was elected as club President for 1981 as a result, with Steve Manganelli serving as Vice President. Frank served throughout 1981, taking a long summer trip throughout the US to check out other RC soaring happenings along the way.

Meanwhile the club membership was divided in many ways ("slope vs. thermal"; "newbie vs. expert"; "old ways vs. new ways"; etc.). Perhaps part of this was the result of Frank's excellent membership drive – a large number of new members were looking for activities but there were few leaders stepping up to make those efforts happen. The "standard" monthly contests continued but TPG was entering a period of conflict about its direction. Perhaps the club was growing a bit faster than the club itself could absorb.

I have no further records of Frank Hunter in the newsletters after 1982 and for a period of time in 1981-1982 it seemed that the newsletter itself was sporadic. And at the dawn of the 1980s the club was facing many challenges (retaining Hourglass Field, working with hang glider pilots at Torrey Pines to help develop rules through the Torrey Pines Soaring Council, etc.). It seems that Frank's time with the club, while brief and well appreciated, came at a crossroads for the Torrey Pines Gulls.

My Torrey Bucket List Flight – Justin Tolman

Most sailplane pilots in southern-California are used to slope soaring in the afternoon with the sun, at the very least, in their peripheral view. Rarely do we get to enjoy the beauty of a slope session with the sun at our backs.

Torrey Pines, the mecca of slope soaring in the West, is often majestic and enjoyable with great conditions in the afternoons. But with that comes plenty of other air traffic - and that pesky sun in your face.



I had been keeping a keen eye on the weather forecast, as I'm sure we all do, waiting and hoping the conditions would be suitable to enjoy the serenity of a sunrise flight at our local treasure.



Torrey – very early morning

My Torrey Bucket List Flight – Justin Tolman (continued)

Today was finally the day the stars aligned. I kissed the wife and kid goodbye just before 6 and chased first light all the way to the Gliderport parking lot. When I arrived, just as the sun was cresting the horizon, there was nary a soul in sight. Just me and the hundreds of birds - in numbers I had never seen at Torrey before. I figured they must enjoy open skies and great wind, too.



Conditions were perfect for my 3-meter ASH-26 (albeit, still in Thomas Moller's livery along with his AMA number). I heaved her off the cliff into a ~12mph breeze and enjoyed the beautiful whistle of the wings punching through the cool morning air.



My Torrey Bucket List Flight – Justin Tolman (continued)



My bucket list flight was everything I was hoping it would be.



Photo of the Month Contest

Each month club members may submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a **winner** to be chosen by the Board of Directors.

A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (their photo will be used as the website and newsletter masthead AND will appear on the following year's club membership card). Needless to say, **horizontal format photos are preferred**. Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at dgottdank@gmail.com with the location of photo and photo description.



January Winner – Thomas Moller launching his 4M ASH-26 at Torrey (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



February Co-Winner – 3m ASH-26 at the end of the Fun Fly day (Justin Tolman photo)



February Co-Winner – Thomas Moller launching Mike Lance's Salto at the Fun Fly (Ray Pili photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



March Winner – Steve Condon re-maidening his Southern Sailplanes Ricochet (Mike Smith photo)



April Winner – The Joy of Flight! Jim Birkett on Espada maiden flight. Looking on: Mark Anderson, Ray Pili, Marty Dine (TPG Past President) and Matin Taraz (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Saw tooth-shaped cloud formation over Torrey with Steffen Peters' 6m, LET DG-1000 way out in the lift band (Greg Houck photo)



DLG's searching for thermals at this year's IHLGF (Gary Fogel photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Dan Cummins and close friends of the family mourn the loss of Dan's RCRCM Sunbird at Torrey April 19, 2018...SLOPE = Smashed, Lost Or Pulverized Eventually (Kenny Talbert photo).

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Paul Anderson DLG launch at this year's IHLGF (Ian Cummings photo)



May Co Winner – Jon Garber launch windup at this year's IHLGF (Gary Fogel photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Co Winner – Steffen Peters' 6m LET DG-1000 taking advantage of great Torrey lift with an unusual saw tooth-shaped cloud formation setting the stage (Greg Houck photo).

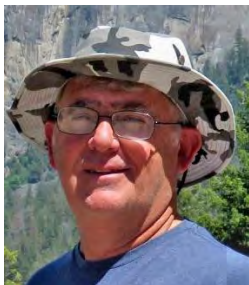


May Co Winner – John McNeil launching with Gary Fogel timing...and ducking at the IHLGF (Ian Cummings photo)

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Quote of the Month:

“What is chiefly needed is skill rather than machinery.”

~ Wilbur Wright, letter to Octave Chanute, 13 May 1900



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