

# GullWings

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

January 2007

## Poway No-Fly Zone

Aaron Valdez, Thermal Coordinator

[Editor's Note: Reprinted from January 2006 as a reminder of the field restrictions at the Poway field]



Above: Aerial depiction of the new no-fly zone at the Poway field from Google Earth & Bill at <http://www.scaleaerobatics.org/tpg-nofly.pdf>



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We had a very nice contest Dec 11th at the Poway field, with a great party afterward.

Unfortunately we have run into another problem with our neighbor to the east. He came down today because he was frustrated with airplanes flying over his property. He cited incidents of airplanes crashing on his

property and pilots ignoring his posted No Trespassing signs while searching for a model. Regardless of how any one pilot may feel, it is imperative that we get along with our neighbors in Poway. He explained where his property line is, and it is much larger than I had believed. We have been lucky to use the Poway field for over 14 years, and hopefully we will be able to continue to fly peacefully into the future.

In order to maintain our relations with the neighbors, we have instituted a No-Fly zone over the property to the east. The southern boundary is defined as a line that extends from the pits to the peak of the mountain on the Southeast of the field. The northern boundary is a line that extends to the east along the road past the largest eucalyptus tree on his property (big tree at the turn for your landing approach). We must not fly in this area, no matter what the altitude. Further, his property starts approximately 50 feet to the west of the tree line. Therefore there shall be no thermaling between the pits and the eucalyptus trees. This area is for landing approach only.

I appreciate everyone's consideration in respecting these new field boundaries.

We still have lots of room to fly, and I believe we can all coexist. Please

contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

## View From the Top

Cliff Hunter, President

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2007 Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society. The following are the new club officers for the 2007. We still have a need for club officers, if you are interested please contact any club officer.

### Next General Meeting

Tuesday Jan 9, 7:00pm  
San Diego Aerospace Museum,  
Balboa Park

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related item, please consider these outstanding companies first.**

We have a new newsletter editor Bill Eckles at [tunabiker1@earthlink.net](mailto:tunabiker1@earthlink.net). Please send in your articles and let's help Bill during this transition. I am currently completing the agenda for club officer's meeting, set for January 4, 2007. We have established the yearly calendar of events for the year, and the first two programs for the year. We would like to start Show & Tell at the monthly meetings again. This is where a member brings in a plane or something to share with the group. The mentor program for new flyers - slope or thermal - is going strong. I hope to provide updates on the above items in the newsletters that follow.

The annual Christmas Party was a soaring success at the Aerospace Museum. We had about 75 flyers and family members show up for the meal. The Persian food was outstanding and there was more than enough to go around. After the meal, year end awards and the final super raffle prizes were given out. Members and family toured the Aerospace Museum free until 9:00 pm.

TPG logo shirts and hats are in. I will have them at the club meeting for purchase. The hats and shirts are \$10 each. Hurry, they are selling fast.

The year's contest dates have been filled by the CD's and are listed in this newsletter on the event calendar. Also mark your calendars for January 20, 2007 there will be the Hand launch contest with Drew Arnett, Contest Director. Hope to see there.

# Jan Meeting Speaker

**Keith Finkenbiner**

John Diniz of Horizon Hobby will be our guest speaker for the January 9 club meeting. John will be bringing the new Spektrum DX7 radio which features 2.4 GHz interference-free frequency with DSM. This radio is designed for large and small models and will support our unlimited size sailplanes. John has been flying this radio in his Sharon Pro as a beta site without problems. Bring your questions for John and I'm sure he can answer them for you.

# Jan HLG Contest

**Drew Arnett, Contest Director**

The first hand-launch glider contest of the new year will be held Saturday January 20th at 10am. The pilots meeting will begin at 9:45am. There will be a nominal entry fee which is guaranteed to be \$5 or less. Juniors are free. As was done in 2006, we will keep track of the monthly contest scores and have year-end awards. Anyone interested in CDing one of the HLG contests this year, please contact me at [drew@cal.net](mailto:drew@cal.net). Look for the full year calendar in this issue (or next month's if we can't get all the dates set).

Month	HLG	RES/TD	Slope Racing <small>socalsloperacing.com</small>	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
Jan	20	14	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>		13: Poway Combat	9
Feb	24	18	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>		10-11 Phoenix TD	13
Mar	17	11	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>		31 Fresno TD	13
Apr	21	15	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>			10
May	12	20	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>		26 Sacramento TD	8
Jun	2-3	10	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>		2-3 IHLGF	12
Jul	14	8	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>			(no meeting)
Aug	18	12	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>			(no meeting)
Sep	15	9	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>			11
Oct	20	14	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>		6-7 Visalia TD	9
Nov	17	11	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>			13
Dec	1	9	<small>socalsloperacing.com</small>			11

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2007 TPG Board

# Jan Thermal Contest

Cliff Hunter, President

The annual Presidents Cup Challenge RES/Unlimited combined contest will be Sunday January 14, 2007, Sunday, at the Poway field from 0900 to 1:00. Plan to attend as I will buy pizza for all that attend if I lose the contest, which I did last year.

# Poway Slope Combat Day

Drew Arnett, Participant

I'm not the organizer, and this is not a TPG event. It is, however, of interest to a lot of members of our club. The 5th slope combat day will be held at the Poway Slope on January 13th starting at noon. There will be a raffle with tickets available for \$5. The first page of

## Club Mentors



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the RC Groups discussion thread in the link below has a flyer with all the details.  
<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=604031>

## 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

# 2007 Thermal Duration Competition Rules

Parviz Kamiab, Thermal Coordinator

As your newly elected Contest Director, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. During the past two years, Aaron Valdes has been working hard to coordinate the contests so we could all enjoy the hobby we love. I would like to thank Aaron for the job well done.

It is now my task to select Contest Directors, coordinate, and report the scores for each contest. As you all know, scheduling and organizing contests is not just flying and scoring. It requires field maintenance, equipment maintenance, taking the equipment to the field, setting up the winches, tearing down at the end of the day and finally taking the equipment back to its storage location. It takes more than a few members to make this happen. I would like to request that anyone and everyone participate in doing whatever it takes to make things move along smoothly.

Maybe this year we can have more participants in maintaining the field, maintaining the equipment, setting up the winches and tear down. And please don't forget and follow the rule for our most favorite subject, the "No Fly Zone". Overall we have done well in keeping our neighbor happy. We don't want Don Richmond to get any calls. So please take the "No Fly Zone" rule seriously.

My contact information is on the website and I am always available to discuss any concerns. You can contact me anytime and let me know of any suggestions you may have. My goal is to have a fun and successful season. I hope to see more and more of you out at the Poway field for our friendly monthly contests!

And now, the 2007 Torrey Pines Gulls Thermal Competition Rules:

The 2007 competition season shall have two competition classes, flown at the same contest:

Unlimited and RES. Unlimited May be flown by any sailplane without motor. RES May be flown by any sailplane that is controlled by Rudder, Elevator and spoiler. No movable trailing edges may be used on the primary wing. There shall be four competitor classes flown in unlimited: Master, Expert, Sportsman and Novice. All classes will be determined by pilot's choice. There will be no standard for promotion. Competitors may advance to a higher class, but may not demote themselves. There shall be one competitor class flown in RES; all RES pilots will fly against each other.

All contests shall have at least 4 rounds, subject to weather or other conditions. Contest Directors will coordinate tasks with the thermal coordinator, and provide contest announcement in the club newsletter.

Announcement shall be submitted no later than the 15th of the month preceding the contest to the thermal coordinator and the newsletter editor.

All timing shall be consistent with the "rounding" method. Times which show X:XX.49 shall use the seconds shown on the watch

All competition classes and competitor classes shall be scored together at each contest. All scores shall be maintained to two decimal places. All Unlimited pilot classes shall be scored together and normalized to 1000 points. RES shall be normalized to 1000 points. The season championship shall be determined by the best 9 out of 12 contests. In case on contest cancellation, the following scales apply:

Number of Contests	Scores Kept
11	9
10	8
9	7
8	6

Year-end awards shall be given for Sportsman, Expert, Master and RES. Season "High Point" award shall be given to the competitor that accumulates the most points in Unlimited and RES, without throw out's.



# Torrey Pines Gulls

Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc.

## Membership Application



Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc. (TPG) is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to support and encourage member participation in the hobby/sport of model sailplane flying. TPG is an AMA chartered club and therefore proof of membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is a prerequisite for TPG membership. An AMA membership card or a receipt of paid dues fulfills this requirement.

Membership in AMA provides liability and property damage insurance while operating model aircraft safely and with the permission of the site owner. Note: You are required by the City of San Diego to annually sign a liability waiver form before permission to fly at Torrey Pines Glider Park will be granted. You may also encounter a similar requirement to fly at various other sites.

**I have read the above and will comply with TPG and AMA rules and safety measures.**

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL [ ] NEW [ ]

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

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FM CHANNEL(S) USED: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA CONTEST DIRECTOR YES [ ] NO [ ]

Current members may renew their TPG membership at or before the January general meeting for **\$35**. Please have your respective year AMA card available. New Open members may join at or before each monthly meeting at the rate shown below. Junior membership (age 15 or under) is **ONLY \$1**. Evidence of your current AMA membership card must be presented.

**Jan-April \$40 May-Sept \$35 Oct-Dec \$35 (includes membership for next year)**

- Family Plan: One membership at the open rate, others at the Junior rate. One newsletter per household.
- Bring application to club meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month) at the Aerospace Museum (rear entrance) in Balboa Park at 7pm. Or, send application, photocopy of AMA card, and check to the Membership Chairman. Application can also be submitted online at: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/Membership.htm>

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Make check payable to TPG. Be sure to enclose a copy of your current AMA card or other proof of AMA membership.

**Fly Safely! Never turn on your transmitter(s) in the parking lot at any RC field! Do not operate your transmitter in the pit area without first checking that your frequency is not already in use.**

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