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Forrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society April 2007

President's Message Cliff Hunter, President

The Club Officers met on March 8, 2007 with a great turn out. The next club officers' meeting is open to all members as always and will be at Rancho Santa Fe Fire District Station #1 and is scheduled for April 5, 2007.

Big topic of discussion at the Board meeting was a new permanent thermal site located at the San



Above:March 24 saw a spur of the moment slope race at Torrey. A hard turn on the south still leaves room for a hang glider.



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Marcos Landfill. Thomas J. Minegar a club member has draft a Lease agreement on behalf of the TPG with the County of San Diego. We hope to hear back before the next club meeting. Also Thomas will be at the next meeting to answer any questions members might have about the new San Marcos site.

Doug Rubin has stepped up to the plate and is our new Vice – President who is in charge of programs. Doug promises to bring some great programs this year, thanks Doug. The next Club meeting is April 10, 2007 at the Aerospace Museum at 7:00 pm sharp. Gary Fogel will provide an impromptu slide show

Next General Meeting...

Tuesday April 10, 7:00 PM San Diego Aerospace Museum Balboa Park on Larry Fogel interest in model aviation. Gary will bring in a few old sailplanes, and some of his mementos. It should be a great program. Hope to see you there!

Drew Arnett has proposed a great Summer Fun Fly on Thursday evenings, event starting April 26 and ending August 23, 2007 on a weekly basis.

Here is this month's schedule:

April 5, 2007Board MeetingApril 8, 2007Easter DayApril 10, 2007TPG Club meetingApril 15, 2007Club Thermal Contest PowayField. Parviz is the CDApril 16, 2007TAX DAYApril 21, 2007Handlauch Contest PowayField

April 22, 2007 SC2 Contest – located at TOSS

April 26, 2007 First Summer fun fly Gliderport Torrey Pines.

Remember the IHLC is June 2 & 3, 2007. Don't forget to send your entry form in after April 1, 2007 – the first 90 people are in the contest. We will once again offer a DLG Clinic on Friday June 1, 2007 between noon and 2:00 P.M. and a price reduction for junior pilots. There will be four classes of pilots this year: Open, Junior (15 and under), Senior (16-19) and Eagle (55 and better). Each class will have their own set of awards. It is a great contest and a lot of fun for all – great to watch also. Check the newsletter out for current information.

Hope to see you at the field. Safe Flying,

Cliff

Slope Racing Returns to Torrey David Klein, CD

Well folks, what a race!

There is definitely a strong love in the hearts of glider pilots for the Torrey Pines Glider Port. It is referenced by many as the

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birthplace of American slope racing. The romanticism felt by many for the glider port became quickly apparent when I announced the race there. I got many phone calls and emails from pilots all over the nation, as well as from other continents. Many RSVPed that they would be attending the race. I estimated 20-30 pilots would show up for the event. Tim Bigley and Ron Vann from Northern California let me know they would arrive on Friday to get in some extra time in the afternoon.

Tension rose as the day approached with most concern about the weather forecast. It looked like light conditions for racing, but flyable. Friday saw Kyle Paulson and his son, Kyler at the glider port around 2:30. Soon after, Ron Vann and Tim Bigley showed up. We all got some air time with some locals including Adam Smith, co-slope coordinator for the TPG. Conditions looked iffy, but we were all excited.

Saturday at 9:30 saw several pilots at the slope including Tim Cone and Mike Kauffman who had driven all the way from Northern California just for the chance to race at Torrey Pines, despite the iffy conditions. By 11:00 light winds in the wrong direction had turned to 8-10 MPH from the west and a roster of 24 pilots signed up to race. THE RACE WAS ON!

Conditions started light, but built steadily and reached nearly 15 mph by the start of round one. Nearly 6 hours of uninterrupted racing followed, finally calling the race at 5:30. Tom Copp really put on a show. He knew where the turns were, and even more where the lift band was. The fast line of the Torrey Pines bowl was just on top of the cliff. Tom was threading the needle all day with his yellow Aris. Tim Cone and Kyle Paulson both flew their Aris extremely well and took home medals for second and third place respectively. Tom took first. Wild Bill DelHagen looked to have some of the fastest line speed of the day and took home fourth place with his Skorpian. Mike Smith, our home town hero, flew his Altus very well. Kyler Paulson flew super smooth. This kid is only eleven years old and flew his Ellipse 2V better than five previous owners who had



handed the plane down remembered flying it! It was a fantastic day at Torrey Pines. We had great conditions and many great pilots and friends to enjoy the day with. Thanks to the Torrey Pines Glider Port, Dave Jebb and his wife, as well as all of the parasailers and hang gliders for being supportive and cooperative. Above: Late March included some stiff winds, rolling seas and slipery sleds!

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
Apr	21	15	Parviz Kamiab	22 Toss		10
May	12	20	Steve Condon	20 HSS	26 Sacramento TD	8
Jun	2-3	10	Don Richmond	24 EDSF @ ISS	2-3 IHLGF	12
Jul	14	8	Terry Troop			(no meeting)
Aug	18	12	K. Finkenbiner	26 SWSA		(no meeting)
Sep	15	9	Cliff Hunter	23 ISS		11
Oct	20	14	K. Finkenbiner	28 TPG (Poway)	6-7 Visalia TD	9
Nov	17	11	Parviz Kamiab	18 (Make-up Date)		13
Dec	1	9	Aaron Valdez			11

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Gary Fogel

They all did everything they could to help our race run smoothly. I hope to organize another F3F race at Torrey Pines next year, even expandint it to a 2-day F3F



Mike Lance, Slope Coordinator

Activity at Torrey Pines has been very smooth with light winds and sunny days. But,I do need to talk to

everyone about the activity last weekend at Torrey.

There was slope race at Torrey Pines on Saturday which included an incident where one of the glass gliders in the race hit the full scale glider coming in for a landing. Simply, this can never happen again. I beg all of you to have a spotter with you at all times at Torrey Pines and observe all the rules for flying at there.

We also had an incident on Sunday when an RC pilot came very close to one of the Para Gliders

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When asked to be careful, the pilot wanted to get argumentative. When one of what I call the field marshals, which can be any of the Senor Pilots or qualified pilots, asks you to do something, it is for every one's safety and to insure that we will be able to continue to fly at Torrey. We are all field marshals and it is up to all of us to police the slope and make sure everyone is flying in a safe manner. Please do not argue with someone asking you to fly safe or you will be asked to leave. We are not there to fight with anyone, just to make sure everyone has a great time and flies safely. Traffic will continue to get busy as we move into Spring and Summer so fly aware and have that spotter with

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you. Fly safely! I hope to see all of you out at Torrey Pines very soon. A BIO SUPPISE

Bill Eckles, Newsletter Editor

A look at the weather site indicated the wind was peaking about 18, coming in pretty straight from the west. Mid-week crowds would be light and maybe, just maybe, the paragliders would be few and cooperative. It was a good time to head to the bluff.

The first clue that something was up was the sign preventing parking at the north end of the mound, but what was that big, yellow machine gliders and paragliders, but also this activity for which the Glider Port was designed many years ago. It is welcome and exciting to have these craft and pilots sharing the precious space above the bluffs at Torrey Pines. Welcome back!

IH LGF 2007 Invitation Ron Scharck, IHLGF 2007 Committee Chairman

The Torrey Pines Gulls, and our co-host AIRTRONICS, invite you to participate in the 14th annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) on June 2-3, at the TPG



Poway Flight Center, located in Poway (San Diego), California. The international reputation that the IHLGF has developed over the years is due in great part to a combination of the competition format that the IHLGF has created and the wealth of championship caliber pilots from all over the world that gather each year in Poway to battle for the unofficial World Championship of HLG. You don't have to be a world caliber pilot to have a great

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As I drove around to find parking, a big full size glider majestically rose in the east as if it were on a huge high-start! The parachute slowed the fall of the cable after the harness detached from the silver craft and the winch operator retrieved it to a comfortable distance from his yellow trailer. The full size glider proudly soared across the bluff edge and banked a right up the coast north as it caught the slope lift. After a couple passes, raucous horns alerted us that the big bird was returning to its nest. A speedy descent from about 1000' with the on-shore breeze preceded a smooth, if brisk, landing in the smoothed runway that ended at a steep berm at the east edge of the parking area.

Such was the experience in late March when full size slope soaring returned to the Torrey Pines Glider Port. The spring westerly winds are supporting not only r/c slope soaring, hang time at the IHLGF. The sheer joy of two days (actually three or four for most pilots) of flying HLG's with a great group of pilots, combined with the "social" aspect of the IHLGF is what makes this "event" so popular.

As for the international aspect of the IHLGF, as of this date, we have commitments from pilots from New Zealand, Canada, and Japan. They may not be international, but for the first time we have a group of pilots coming from Hawaii. We love our international pilots! Not only are they great pilots but they are always great ambassadors for their countries. The continuing goal of the IHLGF Committee is to further enhance the world-class reputation of the IHLGF. We believe that we have come up with a set of tasks and rules that will make the IHLGF 2007 a fun and challenging event. The IHLGF 2007 tasks and rules may be found on our website www.torreypinesgulls.org. Please review them, practice them and feel free

Left: The full scale Blanik at rest after a cruise up the bluff to use them in contests you may be sponsoring.

There will be four classes of pilots this year: Open, Junior (15 and under), Senior (16-19) and Eagle (55 and better). Each class will have their own set of awards. Open class will have awards through 10th place and the Junior, Senior and Eagle classes will have plaques through 3rd place. Only Open Class pilots will be eligible for the Championship Fly-Off. All pilots will have the opportunity to compete against each other during the ten rounds of open competition. As such, each pilot must launch his/her own plane. If you qualify (age) and wish to fly in a class other than Open, you must register as such on the entry form. Once again we will have a "throw-out" round. Your best nine out of ten rounds will be used

to calculate your score. The top ten Open Class pilots will be in the Championship Fly-Off and will carry their adjusted scores into the Fly-Off.

The IHLGF has been a leader in HLG events for many years. During those years we have been the innovation behind a number of new concepts, beginning with a two day HLG contest. This year will be no different! On Friday afternoon, we will launch what will be the first INTERNATIONAL HAND LAUNCH ALTITUDE CHALLENGE (IHLAC). As the name implies, the event will test the launching skills of the pilots who enter the event. Simply put, it is a challenge to see who can launch the highest! Everyone is welcome to enter and there will be classes and prizes for each class. Whether you enter or not, this is your opportunity to study the pros and their launching techniques and who wouldn't want to improve their launch heights. For complete details, I refer you to the IHLAC section of the IHLGF 2007 website. One of the things that make the IHLGF so special is the social aspect. We begin Friday evening with a "Post Practice Social" which will be held at the Hamburger Factory. Saturday evening we have an old fashioned "all you can eat" Pizza Party planned at Round Table Pizza in Poway.

The field will be available beginning Thursday, May 30, for practice. Toilet facilities will be available beginning Thursday. RV parking is allowed at field; however, there are no hook ups. great weekend of IHLGF competition and camaraderie. If you have any questions, please give me a call at: 619-913-4949 or email me at scharck@kw.com

Welcome: 14th Annual IH LG Festival Don Richmond, Contest Director

On behalf of the Torrey Pines Gulls, I would personally like to welcome everyone interested in Hand Launched Gliders to the 2007 International Hand Launch Glider Festival. This will be our fourteenth year of hosting this highly successful contest with the help of our most generous sponsors.

While this event brings the top hand launched glider pilots in the world to compete, you do not need to be an expert to join the fun and enjoy this tremendous event. There have been many pilots over the years that have called and said they were not good enough to enter but would like to attend. We always ask them the following question: Can you launch, fly and land your HLG safely? If the answer is Yes, then we do everything we can to persuade that pilot to attend...not because we need more pilots, but because of what we know the experience of that weekend will do for his confidence. He will never again wonder if he is good enough to enter any HLG/DLG contest and he will have had one of the most positive contest experiences ever. We even guarantee it. So I can say with some authority that the IHLGF is not about winning or losing, but about the fun, camaraderie, and pure enjoyment of flying.

Whether you are planning on being a participant, a volunteer or a spectator, attending this great event is a must do. See you in Poway, California the first weekend in June.

Mem bersh ip Renewals Editor

Guys! It's Time! Past time!

April is upon us and Spring is toasting the countryside. Thermals and ocean breezes abound and it is definitely time to fly freely. But, some 30 of us haven't renewed membership for 2007 and the support is missed. We're confident you're busy and have just "put it off", so please send the renewals in as soon as you can.

We look forward to you joining us for another

The club needs your support, activities and financial. as well. We are blessed with a tremendous membership, skilled fliers and active participants. Please keep both sides of the leger well supported.

Fun-Flys Drew Arnett

'Twould be good to get together to enjoy flying and have club folks around. Let's plan to have weekly fun-flys this summer where there is only the stress of enjoying each other and this beautiful area we live in. Lets let Nature provide the foundation for our fun and we can add a grille and some suds. After work on Thursdays makes sense. We'll still have some time to fly because os daylight saving's time. Lte's try the following schedule:

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Gliderport	18:26					
Gliderport	18:32					
Gliderport	18:37					
Poway	18:42					
Gliderport	18:47					
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Gliderport	18:55					
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Schedule of Tasks

Saturday

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
1	10	Unlimited	Total time – Three minute time limit per flight. Ten second penalty per throw after the first four throws.
2	8	Unlimited	Four longest flights - two minute max time per flight
3	8	Unlimited	Total time - two minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after four throws
4	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights - Three minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after three throws
5	10	Unlimited	A two, three, and four minute flight (any order). Ten second penalty for each throw after three throws
6	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights - three minute max time per flight

Sunday

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
7	10	Unlimited	The most number of flights in the following sequence: :15; :30; :45; 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45: 2:00
8	10	Unlimited	Five longest flights - two minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after five throws.
9	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights - three minute max time per flight. Ten second penalty for each throw after three throws.
10	10	Unlimited	A one, two, three and four minute flight (any order).

Championship Fly-Off - Top Ten Competitors

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
11	10	Unlimited	Five longest flights, two minute max time per flight. Twenty second penalty for each throw after five throws.
12	10	Unlimited	Three longest flights, three minute max time per flight. Thirty second penalty for each throw after three throws.
13	10	4	A one, two, three and four minute flight (any order).

International Hand Launch Glider Festival 2007

Rules

- 1. This is an AMA sanctioned event. AMA rules will apply. The exception is that time will be truncated. For example, a time of 27.99 seconds is scored as 27 seconds.
- 2. All heats will be flown man-on-man and scores will be normalized for each group.
- Heats will be posted in advance and announced as a courtesy. Pilots are responsible for knowing which heats they are in, and for being ready on time. Any pilot who does not fly in his assigned heat, will receive a zero score for that round
- 4. There is no restriction on the number of planes a pilot may fly during a round or the contest, **provided all planes** are on the assigned frequency.
- 5. Pilot may have only one plane on the field at any one time. Backup planes may be stored outside field boundaries. If, for any reason, a pilot decides to change planes during a heat, the **pilot** must remove that plane from inside the field boundaries before retrieving new plane. Infractions of this rule will result in a penalty of 50% penalty for the round.
- 6. All pilots must launch their own plane with the following exception: Junior (15 years of age or younger) and "Disabled" pilots may have assistance in launching provided they register for and qualify for assistance. Assistance will be in the form of volunteers, provided by TPG, whose names will be randomly drawn and assigned to the qualifying pilot. In such case where an assistant launches the plane, the pilot and the assistant launcher must tag one another after the plane has been retrieved and prior to the ensuing launch.
- 7. Each pilot is limited to **one person** as a spotter/timer on the field at any time. Infraction of this rule will cost the pilot a 50% penalty for the round.
- 8. All launches and landings must be made within the field boundaries in order for flight time to count. The field boundaries will be clearly defined. A plane is inside the field boundaries if any portion of the plane is within the field boundaries. Field judges will be the final word.
- 9. Flight time commences when the model leaves the hand and ends when the model comes in contact with any land based object, including people. Time will be truncated. No rounding.
- Any launch made before the official launch buzzer starts will not count. Any landing that occurs after the official landing buzzer stops, will receive a 50% penalty toward the flight points for that flight. Field judges will be the final word.
- 11. While flying, pilots must remain inside the field boundaries at all times during the heat.
- 12. Mid-air collisions will receive no re-flight consideration. Pilots should observe "Blue Sky" rules.
- 13. All transmitters must be returned to the Impound area immediately after the heat. If a transmitter is not returned within 3 minutes after the end of the heat, the pilot assigned to that transmitter will receive a 50% penalty for that round. You are advised to keep your transmitter within the field boundaries, either in your possession or that of your helper.
- 14. Each pilot is responsible for the accuracy of the content his own score card. The contents of the score card as handed in are final. "Over-perfect" scores will receive a zero.
- 15. "Sloping the Hill" is an illegal maneuver and is subject to a zero score for the round. A slope soaring maneuver, for purposes hereof is defined as a lateral pass in front of the hill followed by a turn and a second pass across the hill. WARNING: Flying near the hill is risky. If you go to the hill you had better be doing 360-degree turns and thermalling. Field judges will be the final word. There will be no appeal.
- There is a "NO FLY ZONE" in effect at the east end of the field which will be defined at the Pilots meeting. Flying in the NO FLY ZONE will result in a 0 score for that round. Field judges will be the final word. There will be no appeal.
- 17. Warm up and test flights may only be taken during the three-minute ready time before the upcoming heat and only by the pilots assigned to that heat.
- 18. Pilot safety is of utmost concern. Any pilot whose plane comes in contact with another pilot or timer/helper during launch will receive a zero for the round.



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.

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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 (2nd 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 <u>Membership</u> <u>Chairman</u>. Application can also be submitted online at: <u>http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/Membership.htm</u>

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

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