

IHLGF 2007 Report

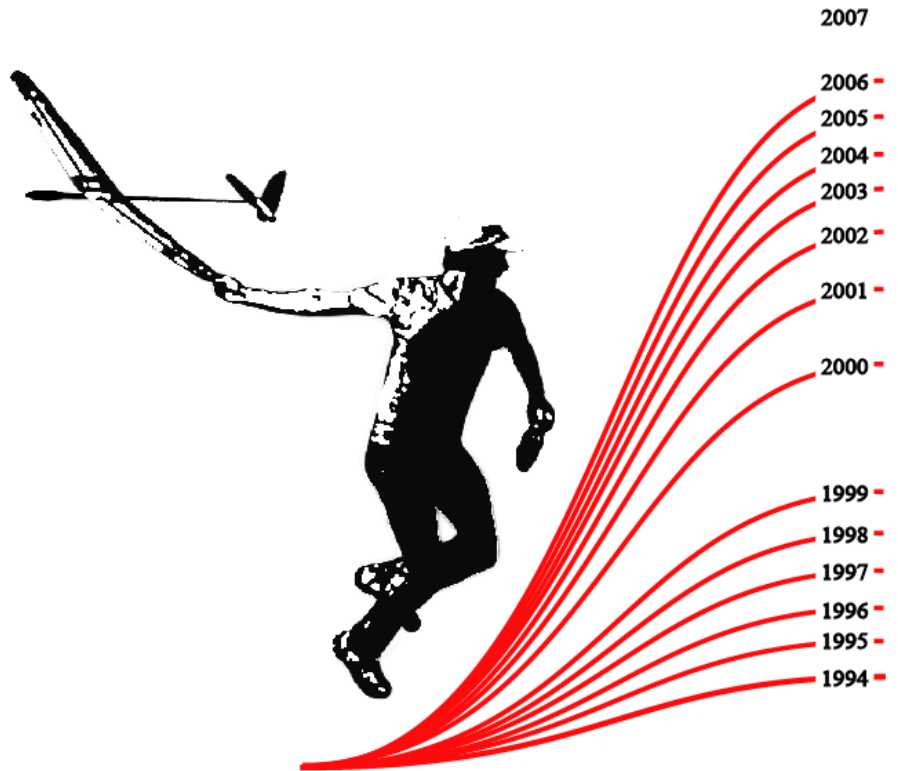
Ron Scharck, IHLGF Committee Chairman

The fourteenth IHLGF is now another page in the in the HLG history book. Congratulations to Phil Barnes, a great pilot and gentleman, who bested a field of 70 pilots to win the IHLGF 2007

Championship. The other top ten finishers in order of finish were: Joe Wurts; Paul Anderson; Oleg Golovidov; Adam Weston; Michael Stern (England); Mark Drela; Michael Smith; Thomas Kiesling and Arthur Markiewicz. As usual, these guys are amazing studies in piloting skills and intestinal fortitude. Some

of the chances they take border on insanity and the saves they make appear miraculous to those of us who are mere mortals. Phil was never far from the top spot but with a great exhibition of launching, flying and

nerves of steel, Phil did what a number of the other top ten pilots were not able to do and that was score well in all three fly-off rounds. The second round of the fly-offs (Three 3's in a 10 minute window) was the round that shuffled the top ten like a Las Vegas dealer. It was amazing to watch the flying skills of those pilots who did not do well in that round. After everyone had launched there were two distinct groups; one went to the left of field and the



others went screaming downwind above the riverbed on the right side of the field. Phil was one of the latter. Those that chose the right side finally caught that elusive, fast moving thermal that had passed the field way before the horn went off. Those that went to the left chancing the development of a new thermal were soon using every piloting skill they ever learned or naturally acquired by birth to stay alive as long as possible in air that was thermal free. The best that can be said about the air at that time was that it was turbulent. I watched



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San Diego Aerospace Museum,
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Joe Wurts literally “surf” his plane, approximately 50 feet downwind from where he stood, with no more altitude than 6 to 10 feet moving laterally across the field making a turn into the wind, gaining altitude in the turn, then trading the altitude for speed, then turning back into the wind repeating the process for over a minute.

The three day event, including the IHLAC (International Hand Launch Altitude Challenge) went pretty smoothly with all scheduled rounds and tasks being flown as prescribed. It was a

typical Poway weather weekend with Saturday having a bit of overcast until around three with the onshore breezes kicking up in the afternoon. Sunday was just about as perfect as it can get here in June with a slight overcast early in the morning and quickly clearing to a beautiful clear sky with temperatures in the low 70s.

Both days provided plenty of lift opportunities mixed in with just the right amount of challenging conditions to make the contest very interesting from the beginning to a very eventful ending. As with most contests, the cream usually rises to the top and the IHLGF 2007 was no different: we just have a thicker layer of cream here at the IHLGF than 10



deep. So, when you check out the scores you might see some people who normally are in the top ten vacant from that elite group. On behalf of the IHLGF Committee and the Torrey Pines Gulls, I want to thank our wonderful sponsors; Airtronics, Discount Hobby Warehouse, Dymond Hobbies, Hitec/RCD; Hobby Club, Horizon Hobbies/JR Radios, Kennedy Composites (Blaster 2 DLG), Pacific Glider Works (Arrow Pro DLG) and Maple Leaf Design (Encore DLG). These vendors’ generous donations to the Torrey Pines Gulls are what make this event financially possible. These are all great people to do business with so when you need hobby supplies, be it a radio, a DLG or any of

Above: The awards await their winning pilots on Sunday afternoon at the 2007 International Hand Launch Glider Festival on June 3rd.

Month	HLG	RES/TD	Slope Racing socalsloperacing.com	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
Jun	2-3	10	socalsloperacing.com		2-3 IHLGF	12
Jul	14	8	socalsloperacing.com			(no meeting)
Aug	18	12	socalsloperacing.com			(no meeting)
Sep	15	9	socalsloperacing.com			11
Oct	20	14	socalsloperacing.com		6-7 Visalia TD	9
Nov	17	11	socalsloperacing.com			13
Dec	1	9	socalsloperacing.com			11

Calendar dates subject to change. Please review the calendar each month and watch the TPGulls@yahoo.com list for updates.

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There are two factors that are absolute requirements for a successful contest: A great staff of people to do all the work necessary to plan and run the event and a great group of pilots that attends the event. If either one of those are less than outstanding, the contest will never be truly successful. We,

the Torrey Pines Gulls, are blessed with a great group of volunteers who commit a great deal of time, talent and effort to make the IHLGF what it is. The IHLGF 2007 committee members included: Don Richmond, CD and Scoring; Drew Arnett, Ed Parish and Cliff Hunter, Assistant CDs; Parviz Kamiab, Registration and Facilities; Mike Seid, IHLAC and Promotion; Brad Willoughby and John

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We hope we exceeded your expectations. And finally to the ingredient that truly makes the IHLGF the outstanding contest that it is: The Pilots! There is no question about it, you are the show. When you go down the list of

pilots that enter the IHLGF, it is like reading the Who's Who of USA HLG Pilots, or for that matter, F3B Pilots since two of the USA's 2007 F3B team members were in the top ten.

It was great to have the UK's Michael Stern place in the top ten (6th) and with the exception of one very challenging round, Kevin Botherway (13th) of New Zealand would have cracked the top ten. Kevin's country mate, John Shaw, won the Eagle class.

These guys are serious about this HLG competition. A couple of very positive indicators presented themselves. At the beginning of the contest, during the pilots meeting, the question was asked, "How many of you have never entered the IHLGF before?" A surprising number of hands went up; many indicating that this was their first contest. This was the first trip for the entire group from Hawaii, most of who said they would be back next year. The Kiwis plan on a team of six next year. We love the Kiwis. You would think they lived in California as frequently as they make it to the IHLGF. Yes, it is you the pilots that make the IHLGF the great event that it is and we thank you very much for your continued support. And we still have the largest HLG event in the world where all the scheduled rounds are flown on time! In case you want to make plans to attend the IHLGF 2008, the first IHLGF to use F3K Tasks and Rules, set aside the dates June 7-8, 2008. We look forward to seeing you then.

View From the Top

Cliff Hunter, President

The club officers met with a great turn out in May. The next club officer's meeting is open to all members as always and will be at Rancho Santa Fe Fire District Station #1 and is scheduled for June 6, 2007, off I5 and Loma Santa Fe to El Fuego. Steve Neu will be our speaker for the June 6, 2007 meeting. This meeting is about electric motors and batteries and more. So if you fly electric and have questions regarding the new and ever changing field of electric magic, you don't want to miss this meeting.

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June 6, 2007: Board Meeting

June 7, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey Pines

June 10, 2007: Club Thermal Contest Poway
Field Don Richmond is the CD

June 12, 2007: TPG Club meeting Steve Neu
Guest Speaker

June 14, 2007: Fun Fly Poway
Field

June 17, 2007: Fathers Day

June 21, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey
Pines

June 24, 2007: SC2 Contest at EDSF

June 28, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey
Pines

July 2007: NO CLUB MEETING - SUMMER
VACATION

July 5, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey Pines

July 12, 2007: Fun Fly Poway Field

July 19, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey Pines

July 26, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey Pines

August 2007: NO CLUB MEETING -
SUMMER VACATION

August 2, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey
Pines

August 9, 2007: Fun Fly Poway Field

August 16, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey
Pines

August 23, 2007: Fun Fly Glider port Torrey
Pines (Final Fun Fly)

September 11, 2007 CLUB MEETINGS
RETURN FROM VACATION.

Thank You! See you there!



Torrey Pines Gulls

Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc.

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