

GullWings Summer Fun Series

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

August 2007

Right: It's hard to tell who is who as a couple ravens check out Arthur's R/C Turkey Vulture while it floats off the bluff.



View from the Top

Cliff Hunter, President

Reminder: Summer is here and lots of members are vacationing, so there is no club meeting at the Aerospace Museum in August 2007. The next Normal TPG Club meeting will be September 11, 2007 at the Aerospace Museum from 7:00pm till 9:00pm. We will keep you posted on the club program.

The next club officers' meeting is open to all members, as always, and will be at Rancho Santa Fe Fire District Station #1 on September 5, 2007. The station is off I-5 and Lomas Santa Fe to El Fuego.

August 2007 means it is time to submit your application for the 34th Annual CVRC Fall Soaring Festival held in Visalia, CA. This contest is the largest soaring contest in the World. The cut off is usually around 290 to 325 applications. The application is retrieved from the following

address <http://www.cvrcoaring.com>. This is a two day contest held on October 6 & 7, 2007. There is camping at the field, but no hook-ups. The classes are Open, 2-meter, RES open, RES Woody and 2 meter. Landing are always different and awards are Open 1-10, RES open 1-3, RES Woody 1-3, 2-meter 1-3, youth 1-3 and Grey Cup 62+.

Reminder for the July contest activity:

Hand Lunch contest August 18, 2007 at the Poway field.

The thermal contest at the Poway field is August 12, 2007. The Contest starts at 9 AM, Pilots meeting at 8:45 AM. Contest format will be Man on Man, called flight order. Tasks will be 5 min, 7 min, 9 min and 11 min in that order. Scoring will be 950 flight points and 50 landing points, A 25 foot tape will used for landing points. Pilots will be expected to change frequency if necessary. This an AMA contest and all AMA rules apply. For contest information contact Keith Finkenbinder. (760) 216-6349

For questions about contests please contact Parviz Kamiab via email at pkamiab@hotmail.com

See you at the field!

News from the Cliff

Mike Lance, Flight Director for RC, TPG

The winds have been light but very flyable the last month at Torrey Pines, mostly out of the WSW and West. Paraglider traffic has been busy as is expected this time of the year, so make sure you have a spotter when you come out to fly.

The Soaring Council has been meeting on a regular basis once a month and it is nice to have it back working. At the last meeting on July 25th we went over the up-date on the UCSD 14-story building. Construction plans are going forward at this time. We will all be writing letters to oppose the building and do

all we can to stop the construction that would end flying of the full scale gliders at Torrey Pines

We had a guest speaker from the La Jolla Historical Society who offered his perspective on helping to protect Torrey Pines. We also had an up-date on the proposed stem cell research facility by San Diego. We will be asking for both clubs,TPG and TPSS to help write letters to oppose the construction of the buildings.

We also went over incident reports and a review of processes when something happens at Torrey Pines, like the Paraglider pilot that was hurt in a crash last Sunday at Torrey Pines. You can read about the accident in the North County Times. The Soaring Council has been very busy with our agenda. We meet once a month and everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The next meeting is September the 5th at 6 pm.

Well that is all for now and remember to fly safe and always have a spotter with you when you come out to fly at Torrey.

H and Launch Midyear Standings

Drew Arnett

The TPG HLG series has been very exciting so far this year. Participation has been great all year long. Some of the pilots in our low key, beginner friendly contests have been really making a lot of progress. Check out the results for our local crew in the IHLGF.

place pilot

3 Paul Anderson
10 Arthur Markiewicz
11 Sean Porter
14 Brad Willoughby
18 Jun Catacatan
23 Mike Seid

24 Josh Meyers
26 Clay Hollingsworth
27 Adam Smith
36 Tom Watson
48 Dave Leedom
50 Tom Knudtson
51 Tony Harris (flying in Geoff Jones's slot)
52 Drew Arnett
53 Don Richmond
59 Cliff Hunter
64 Steve Conner
65 Parviz Kamiab

Congratulations to all. Our local contest series crowd are sprinkled through the final rankings.

This is a an endurance contest, too!

Special note on Sean Porter's 11th place finish: it was done flying one of his beautiful carbon fiber fuselages with David Klein's first ever bagged wing. A locally fabricated plane missed the top ten by just a few points! Really impressive results from our local crew who fly every month. Latebreaking news is that Mike Seid went on to finish 5th place at a large east coast HLG contest.

This year, to offset HLG expenses, a donation jar has been set up at the contests. The money brought in so far, and placed in the safekeeping of our club treasurer, is what would have been raised if I put a mandatory fee in place. Thanks everyone!. We will be able to pay for our TPG HLG year end trophies. If anyone has suggestions for spending some of the HLG funds, let me know.

I'm looking for guest CDs for some of the contests in the fall. Let me know if you're interested. Paperwork, timing system and assistance will be available.

--Drew

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	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

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

Fun Flying with a Purpose

Bill Eckles, Ed.

Finally there was lift at the bluff for the fun fly last Thursday (this week it will be at Poway T/D field). A small but hardy bunch took advantage of it to make individual progress. Parvez kept his Easy Glider aloft for 2:03 contributing to his LSF Level III; Moose accomplished smooth turns and NO tip-stalls with his X-21; Eric "almost" rolled his Artemis; John learned that the Gentle Lady went up rather than down in the evening lift and Bill learned that wing servos strip without TLC. Come on out. A good time is generally had by all and it is a great place to schmooze with friends. See you there?!



Above: This isn't just fun, you know. Lots of sserious flying got done last week at the glider port by a few ambitious flyers.(See Text)



Bob [R] with his RC mentor Parviz Kamaliab

Last April 21 Bob Kuczewski made flights in all four of the glider types normally flown at the Torrey Pines Gliderport, near San Diego, California. Bob flew an SGS 2-33 sailplane towed up by the club's stationary winch, an Arcus paraglider, a Dream 205 hang glider and an EasyGlider RC model.

Considering the newness of paragliding and the infrequency of sailplane flying at Torrey, I figure this is the first time such a thing has happened. To fly four different types of craft on the same day might not seem like so much of an accomplishment, until you consider the time and effort expended ahead of time in becoming a competent pilot in each flight regime.

Bob started his aviation career in March of 1976 when he jumped out of a fairly good airplane at the U.S. Army's Fort Benning jump school. As a paratrooper in the U.S. Army Rangers, Bob made many jumps from diverse aircraft including the C-130 and the C-141 jet transports. He also exited the Chinook twin-rotor and the UH-1 (Huey) helicopters.

Bob started flying airplanes at the Fort Monmouth Army Flying Club in February of 1978, and began flying hang gliders at both Fort Lewis (Washington State) and Cape Kiwanda (Oregon) later that year. He earned his private pilot's license in February of 1979, and his seaplane rating in May of '80. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering in 1983. His senior project involved the testing of a model hang

glider in the University of Washington's small-scale (octagonal) wind tunnel.

Bob's hang gliding took a back seat for many years as he pursued his career at General Dynamics, TRW, and Northrup Grumman. In 1990 he began flying paragliders and flew his first solo at Little Black (near San Diego). Bob started his own consulting company in 1998, which eventually



Steve Pecora and Bob in the SGS 2-33

Bob Kuczewski managed a significant achievement recently and was recognized in this article from the "Hang Gliding and Paragliding Magazine." Kudos to Bob and thanks for letting us show the article!



Bob kiting his Arcus

allowed him the freedom to spend half of his week flying.

Bob sought instruction from some of the best hang gliding and paragliding instructors in southern California. The signatures of Joe Greblo, Ken Baier, Rob McKenzie, Alan Chuculate, and others occupy Bob's rating cards. Bob earned his H-4 rating from Steve Stackable in 2005, and his P-4 rating from Ken Baier in 2006.

Last year he began flying RCs with the Torrey Pines Gulls, and in 2007 he began to work on adding a sailplane endorsement to his private pilot's license (which is still in progress). In addition to his flying, Bob has also worked to support the Torrey Pines Soaring Council, which represents pilots of all wings at the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Bob is a for-fun pilot, and last April 21 was four times the fun!



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Next General Meeting...

Not until September 11, 2007 7:00 PM

San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

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

Trading Page

Buy, Sell or Trade

(Just keep it honest!)

I'll drop those ads that aren't "renewed" for the next issue. Please let me know if you want them re-run.

For Sale: ICARE 1/5th scale 4M Duo Discus. All glass Super Scale glider in excellent condition. Flown several times at Torrey. Airbrakes, ailerons, rudder, elevator and retract. Quality wiring harness throughout with ferrites. 8 channel receiver, high capacity 4-cell battery pack. 7 servos. \$800 Call Bill Crabb 858 481 2244.

For Sale: Skybench Aerotech /Airtronics 0ly II. Fully built and flown several times, this is the laser-cut version of the 0ly II. 2 JR NES 341 servos, hi-capacity 4-cell flight pack, Hitec/JR superslim 8 channel receiver. \$200 Call Bill Crabb 858 481 2244.

For Sale: Jaro Muller Ellipse IV. Yellow/Red. Some damage after stall 3 feet off the ground. 2x HS 81MG for vtail, 2 x HS5125 MG for ailerons, and similar for flaps. 8 channel receiver and 5-cell high capacity flight pack. \$ 375 Call Bill Crabb 858 481 2244.

For Sale: 100" Windfreak plank-style built-up flying wing capable of thermal or slope. This unusual bird was first offered via plans in RCM in November of 1978. 2 channels: elevator and rudder. No spoilers. I bought it used for \$350 several years ago, flew it occasionally, will sell it for the same price without servos/Rx for local pick up only. It is in very good condition with no crashes or hangar rash ...looking for a good home.

Gary Fogel (858) 455-6449

For those of you not familiar with the Windfreak, see:
<<http://www.rcgroups.com/gallery/showphoto.php?photo=22210&size=big&sort=1&cat=507>> for a picture (not the one I'm selling, but similar).

at=507> for a picture (not the one I'm selling, but similar).

For Sale: Airtronics "Stylus" Radio. Includes Operating Manual, Glider Card and 50 Models Memory Card. Channel 16 & 27 modules, Spare Battery. Excellent Condition. \$300 OBO.

LS7 Sailplane NIB, \$200.

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