

GullWings Pre-Holiday Edition

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control

Christmas Party Plans

Cliff Hunter, President

Mark your Calendars for the Annual TPG Christmas Party which will be held on Tuesday December 11, 2007 at the Aerospace Museum. It will start at 6:30 pm and go till 9:00 pm. The program will be year-end awards. Also the Museum will be open to members and family to tour. Dinner will be catered at a cost of \$1.00 per person. Please RSVP by December 4, 2007 to Steve Hurd the Web master at steve@torreypinesgulls.org so we can get a head count. Remember family and friends are welcome to come to this event.

Board Election

Cliff Hunter, President

November is here and it is time to elect new board members. As in the past, the current board has nominated a slate of replacements for next year. We will vote on these nominees at the November meeting, Tuesday Nov. 13. Write-ins are quite OK, but these have been selected by the existing board. Think it over and be prepared to vote on Tuesday!

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IHLGF Reg. Coordinator:	Parviz Kamiab

TP Soaring Council Rep (TPG):

(Gary Fogel Chairman)
Mike Lance/
David Klien

TP Soaring Council Rep (AMA): Joe Holtzman

Historian: Gary Fogel

HLG Contest

November

Drew Arnett

The hand launch contest will be held this Saturday November 17 at the TD field in Poway. The pilots' meeting is at 9:45 sharp and the contest begins at 10:00, running until noon. As always, beginners are welcome and will be assisted. Out of towners are welcome. Adam and Steve are co-CDs.

Please RSVP if you are planning to attend the December contest. It will make the process easier.

Meanwhile, if you are interested in CDing one HLG contest next year, please contact me. Let me know if you have a month you prefer (except June) or I'll let you know which months are left to be filled. Please note that the calendar has not been set yet for 2008, but it will be determined along with the club calendar during the next two months or so. Expect a date to be announced for January and then the rest of the year announced shortly thereafter.

The regular TPG HLG contest series has been a huge success with lots of participation, lots of fun, and a lot of improvement in the skills of our local DLG pilots. Also, a voluntary donation system has resulted in a significant amount of income for the club.

For 2008, I want to bring the HLG series a bit more

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in line with the TD series. So, I would like to have volunteers to CD one contest during the year. Your cooperation and participation will help move this new aspect of the club in a good direction. Thanks for your help.

News from the Slope

Mike Lance, Slope Coordinator

This will be my last newsletter as the Cliff Coordinator as my term is up. Everything has been running very smooth at Torrey Pines. The winds have been out of the WNW and flying has been very good for the last few weeks.

The controversy over the UCSD dormitory interfering with the fight park continues and has been a main discussion at the Soaring Council. The 14 story building which is part of the \$122 million housing project will render Torrey Pines useless for full scale gliders because it intrudes on the landing path. The pilots and the historians have urged UCSD to move the building but the university has refused. In recent months the Soaring Council has written letters to try and persuade UCSD officials to delay the housing project along with Bob Filner and several historic preservation groups. At the heart of the complaints is the way the university handled the approval process. We still need everyone's help and if you can all write letters it will be of great help. Contact Gary Fogel for all the information on who to write.

Other discussions have been about the Hawks, a new Hang glider club, wanting to have a seat on the Soaring Council. We will have further discussion on this at the next Council meeting. Remember everyone is welcome to attend the Soaring Council meetings.

That is all for now and I want thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Cliff Coordinator and hope you will all give me your vote to continue as the TPG representative to the Soaring Council. Thanks again for everything and happy flying. Mike Lance.

November Meeting

Doug Rubin, Vice Pres.

JR radio has confirmed that they will be guest speaker at our November meeting. John Diniz will speak about the new 2.4 GHz radios and installation setups for sailplanes. John has extensive experience with 2.4 GHz setups. This should be a great meeting to attend and ask all those questions about the new radio.

Modeler of the Year

Bill Eckles, Editor

Modeler of the Year title is given to the Torrey Pines Gulls member who is voted the most outstanding member of the club for the past year...that would be for 2007. Nominations have been solicited and as of Sunday November 11, 2007 the following have been received. The editor has taken the licence to summarize comments supporting each individual using his best discretion. Following are the nominees...

Ron Sharck: Ron has led the organization and execution of the annual IHLGF event for the past several years and sperads good feelings for the club with his efforts. He has led this event for about 15 years.

David Klein: David's support of the US F3B team including his travel to Europe shows dedication and involvement. He has helped many learn to build and fly and contributes to the leadership of the club by his works.

Parviz Kamiab: Parviz is a tireless worker and participates in nearly all club events. He has served in multiple roles on the board of directors and gone beyond expectations for his posts. He is quick to volunteer for un-"covered" tasks and eager to help new members and new fliers with his advice and support. He actively trains new fliers at the Poway field.

So, please come to Tuesday's meeting ready to vote for the Modeler of the Year for 2007!

Month	HLG	RES/TD	RES/TD Contest Director	(SC)2 TD	Other	Meeting
Nov	17	18	Parviz Kamiab	18 (Combo.		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.

Board Meeting

Subjects ...

Bill Eckles, editor

The monthly board meeting was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department (thanks, Cliff). The turnout was light, so there is room for more of the club membership next time!

Subjects covered included the holiday party, modeler of the year procedures, progress on the proposed San Marcos field, scoring definitions and more. David Klein brought up issues concerning the planned slope contest this Spring...it should be a great event and more information will be soon published.

There is talk of reinstating periodic swap meets next year. What do you think?



Left: No good new pictures this month, so here's the editor's most recent addition...Spirit 100 ARF (fewer building mishaps this way) She is a floater, but soars well, launches straight and, with full house controls including crow, slows to a crawl for landings. A great

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Next General Meeting...

November 13, 2007 at 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

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