

GullWings Happy Holidays!

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society

December 2007

Holiday Party Tuesday

Cliff Hunter, President

The Annual TPG Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 11, 2007 at the Aerospace Museum in addition to our regular monthly meeting. Start will be at 6:30 pm and it will go until 9:00 pm. The program will be year-end awards and an ad lib tour of the museum for members and family. Dinner will be catered and cost only \$1.00 per person. Family and friends are welcome to come to this event.

View from the Top

Cliff Hunter, out going President

To all club members: This is my last month as president of TPG. Below is a summary of your officer's duties during 2007. My thanks go to Doug Rubin, Vice-President in charge of programs each month, Adam Smith as secretary and keeping the records, Keith Finkenbiner Treasurer for keeping great financial records and responding quickly for member reimbursement, Parviz Kamiab, for Membership and thermal Coordinator keeping the thermal coordination scores and setting up the contest dates and the post cards for club meeting, Thank you Mike Lance for your strong support as the slope coordinator and representing the Torrey Pine Gulls at TP Soaring Council, Winch master Eric Hoffman for the hard work repairing and maintaining all club and thermal equipment...most important making sure the equipment would arrive when he could not make the contest because of work commitments, Bill Eckles Newsletter Editor for stepping up an learning new software and putting out the club newsletter monthly which is no small task, John Bruner and Alan "Moose" Butler for the monthly raffle and great raffle prizes, Ron Scharck for continuing the IHLGF and everyone who helped make the IHLGF a great success, Historian Gary Fogel for keeping great records of Torrey Pines Gulls history and providing any and all information when requested. I would like to

thank all of the club officers and Club members for their support and encouragement for the last 2 years. We had a great year and only a few things are left for 2007. Here are the December activities:

The Christmas Party is almost here. It is 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 and Modeler of the year. 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 ASAP to Steve Hurd the Web master at steve@torreypinesgulls.org so we can get a head-count. Family and friends are welcome to come to this event.

Shirts will be available for purchase at the club meeting. The shirts are \$10 each, hurry they are selling fast and look cool.

See you at the field! Cliff

Board Election

Cliff Hunter, President

Last month saw the election of a new board of directors. Following is a list of the newly elected officers who will be attending to this new year's club business. It looks to be a very active year with plenty of activities and likely many changes, as well. Please give the new board your good wishes and support them as they deal with the year's challenges. Remember, the club belongs to ALL of us!

President:	Parviz Kamiab
Vice-President:	David Klein
Treasurer:	Thom Minegar
Secretary:	Adam Smith
Membership:	Cliff Hunter
Slope Coordinator:	Adam Smith
Thermal Coordinator:	Parviz Kamiab
Winch Master:	Eric Hoffman

Newsletter Editor: Bill Eckles
 Web Master: Steve Hurd
 Raffle Coordinator: John Bruner/
 Alan Butler
 IHLGF Coordinator: Ron Scharck
 TP Soaring Council Rep (TPG): Mike Lance
 TP Soaring Council Rep (AMA): Joe Holtzman
 Historian: Gary Fogel

Membership Renewal

Time

Bill Eckles, Editor

Member sign-ups are running slower than in the past. Be sure to get your dues paid and new member information to Parviz, hopefully before the year end. He will have forms for you at the meeting/party Tuesday and will gladly take your money then! Remember that you need a membership to use the club facilities and the club needs your membership to continue to thrive.

SC2 Contest Results

Keith Finkenbinder, CD

The final contest of the year for SC2 was held at the TPG Poway Flight Center Sunday, Nov.18. Forty nine pilots attended the event. Five different classes, Expert, Intermediate, Sportsman, RES and 2 Meter were flown. TPG did very well with Mike Smith winning first place in Expert class with a score of 3965.6 out of 4000 possible points. Steve Condon was third in Expert. All scores will be published on Yahoo.

The president of SC2, Lex Mierop, asked if TPG would be willing to host two contests next year as other clubs are losing their fields and some contests will have to be cancelled if alternate fields are not found. The consensus was yes we could but we would discuss with the membership.

All TPG members who attended did an outstanding job helping with the contest and no complaints were registered.

November HLG Results

Drew Arnett

	Final Normal
Scores	
1 Mike Smith	1000
2 Jun Catacutan	960
3 Mike Seid	922
4 Drew Arnett	898
5 Adam Smith	840
6 Sean Porter	831
7 David Klein	805
8 Steve Conner	719

2007 TPGH LG Series Report

Drew Arnett, CD and Coordinator

The August event was thrown out as it was too experimental to be used for YTD normalized tally. June's contest was the IHLGF.

September's contest was an event in the SoCal Cup series, which was a half year series similar to SCSC. Per the announcement, based on the number of events, scores were based on 9 contests. Two pilots had high enough attendance to throw out an event each. For the most part, final rank did follow attendance.

This is OK, as this series is about club participation.

The final spreadsheet does not contain TPG members in June if they didn't fly another month. It also does not contain non-TPG members if they did not participate in a month beside June.

Given this, the participation over the course of the year was 19 TPGers and 17 non-TPGers.

The average attendance outside of June was 10 pilots. The club activity in HLG contests is is

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

very comparable to the 30 or so pilots in TD.
Consider that not all TPGers who fly HLG participated in the series!

Even though participation and fun is the primary goal, some pilots at all skill levels have improved.
Last year's top dog, Sean Porter, placed 11th in the IHLGF narrowly missing the flyoffs. Many others filled out the ranks in the IHLGF from top to bottom. My prediction is that more than one farm leaguer will break the top 10 next year.

Instead of fees, voluntary donations were collected throughout the year. A total of \$315 was raised for the club coffers this way.

Ron Scharck has already thanked you for participating and so do I. Excellent job everyone and see you next year!

Final Standings and Total Points

1 Jun Catacutan	8769
2 Mike Seid	8481
3 Sean Porter	8218
4 Adam Smith	7955
5 Drew Arnett	6655
6 Brad Willoughby	6351
7 Steve Connor	4856
8 Arthur Markiewicz	2648
9 John McNeil	2352
10 Don Richmond	2204
11 Mike Smith	1998
12 Jerry Waldrip	1944
13 Dave Leedom	1942
14 Cliff Hunter	1923
15 Parviz Kamiab	1826
14 David Klein	805
17 Peter Leduc	607
18 John Hammond	209
19 Lenny Brzezinski	0

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. The vote was taken at the November club meeting, but the results will not be announced until the holiday party on Tuesday. Be sure to be there to hear the good news. Nominees included Drew Arnett, Parviz Kamiab, David Klein and Ron Scharck

Board Meeting

Subjects ...

Bill Eckles, editor

The monthly board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department (thanks, Cliff). The turnout was big and the discussion was brisk. In spite of efforts to adjourn early, discussion lasted until 9:00

After covering who will bring what to the holiday party, talk shifted to the Poway field and San Marcos. Poway is being modified, but we will be able to use it for at least a while. The IHLGF may be impacted, however, so keep your ears and eyes tuned for information about the field. San Marcos talks are proceeding and, while they look good, there will be lots of work needed there before it will be a fully usable flying site.

Steve Hurd will add content to the web site including storage of old (more informative) newsletters and more information overall. Look for improvements and change there.

A new organization is trying to get membership on the soaring council at Torrey Pines Glider Port. The Torrey Hawks is a new group of paragliders who want to bring a newer perspective to issues at the slope. Discussion of this group developed with a couple of their members presence and was elaborated on by our representative, Mike Lance. The discussion was spirited.

The membership is invited to these board meetings, so if you are interested, please feel free to attend. your input would be valued. 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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We'll get
Adam's
Picture
ASAP!



Alan "Moose" Butler
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Torrey Slope

Next General Meeting...

December 11, 2007 at 6:30 PM
San Diego Aerospace Museum
Balboa Park

The Torrey Pines Gulls

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