



# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2019

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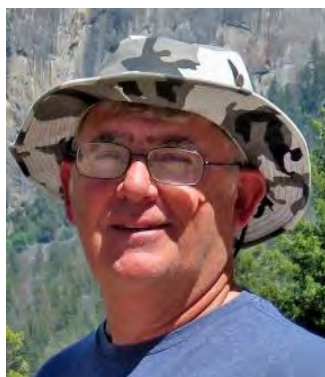
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## Message from the President

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Craig Hanson



December is here!! Not a lot to talk about. The wind has been bad for November, although the 29th was a good day; 21 to 23 MPH at Torrey Pines. It brought out all the fast movers. Ray's Zero got knocked out of the air by another PSS and Greg lost his PSS B-17 for unknown reasons - both aircraft were recovered.



The Christmas Party is here. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at AleSmith Brewery, starting at 6pm. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share!! This year we are providing the space, however, for those who want to purchase food, the

Up in Smoke BBQ food truck will be on site until 8pm. Hope to see you all at the party.

Blue Skies,

Craig Hanson  
TPG President

[craighanson1256@gmail.com](mailto:craighanson1256@gmail.com)

## Message from the President (continued)



*Howdy there Gulls!*

We are happy to announce that this year's  
*TPG Holiday Party* will be held on *Wednesday December  
11th* at the *AleSmith Brewing Company, 9990 AleSmith  
Court, San Diego, CA 92126 (off Miramar Road)*

*No cover charge*

*Food will be provided by*

*Up In Smoke BBQ food truck (cash/credit)*

*Up In Smoke menu: <https://www.smokedfood.net/menu-1>*

*Bring a dozen homemade cookies to share for dessert.*

*Doors open at 6:00 pm, and we will kick off the 2016  
awards sometime after 7 pm.*

*Please rsvp by December 4 to [craighanson1256@gmail.com](mailto:craighanson1256@gmail.com)  
or text me at 858-212-4208, so we can give our host a  
head count.*

*Hope to see you there!*

*Craig Hanson  
Torrey Pines Gulls  
2019 President*



## Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

The Torrey Pines Gulls hosts monthly contests, fun-fly events, LSF (League of Silent Flight)) Soaring Accomplishment Program and onsite clinics. General meetings have morphed into competitive and non-competitive events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events in the Newsletter and on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org> and  
<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>



## Newsletter This Month - Dale Gottdank



Dale Gottdank

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! It could be just a paragraph with some photos from a great soaring day ...even something interesting you've seen on the internet. I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. If there's a project you're working on, don't just post it on RCGroups...share it with your club!

***This month we have Steve Condon's contest report and some photos from TPG's first ever F5J contest; also, a great write-up of the monthly DLG contest from Chuck Norris....and Photo of the Year Winner!***

Please send in your articles or photos ([dgottdank@gmail.com](mailto:dgottdank@gmail.com)) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. If there are too many, we'll save them for the next issue. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>.

## Club Membership Update – Bill Eckles



Bill Eckles

Hi Gulls!

I'm officially closing out the year as of November 30, 2019. Any new applications will be assigned to 2020 memberships, terminating at the end of December 2020. I will be signing up new memberships with a new card and new pad lock key giving us all a new start on our fiscal year, officially the calendar year 2020.

Thanks to you all for the support you've given the club and we look forward to renewed memberships early next year. I'll hope to avoid the bumps in the road that I ran into last year. Happy holidays!

Thrilling, but safe soaring to you into and through 2020.

Best regards,

Bill Eckles  
Membership Chairman  
[tunabiker1@hotmail.com](mailto:tunabiker1@hotmail.com)



January 2019 Fun Fly (Dale Gottdank photo)

## Club Membership Update (continued)

Every year we need a good strong membership to continue to provide the services we offer:

- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Quarterly (or thereabouts) fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, where members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling.
- ✓ A group of guys who can answer just about any question you might ask, and do it with a smile.
- ✓ Contests that bring out world class competitors from around the globe.
- ✓ Competition and help for *you*, regardless of your skill level.
- ✓ A holiday party that's the envy of most gourmards in Southern California.
- ✓ A website for current and past information [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org)
- ✓ An interesting monthly newsletter with current information to help keep members informed
- ✓ We are an AMA Chartered Club, #129, with benefits such as field Insurance, etc.

Dues are as follows:

For the membership (calendar) year, for submissions during:

- ✓ January through June \$60
- ✓ July through September \$30
- ✓ October through December \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)
- ✓ Full-time students \$30 per year
- ✓ Juniors under 15 years \$5 per year
- ✓ Receive a *credit* of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org) and click on the tab "Membership." We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.



Note: TPG membership information will not be shared or sold and will only be used to contact members for purposes of TPG business.

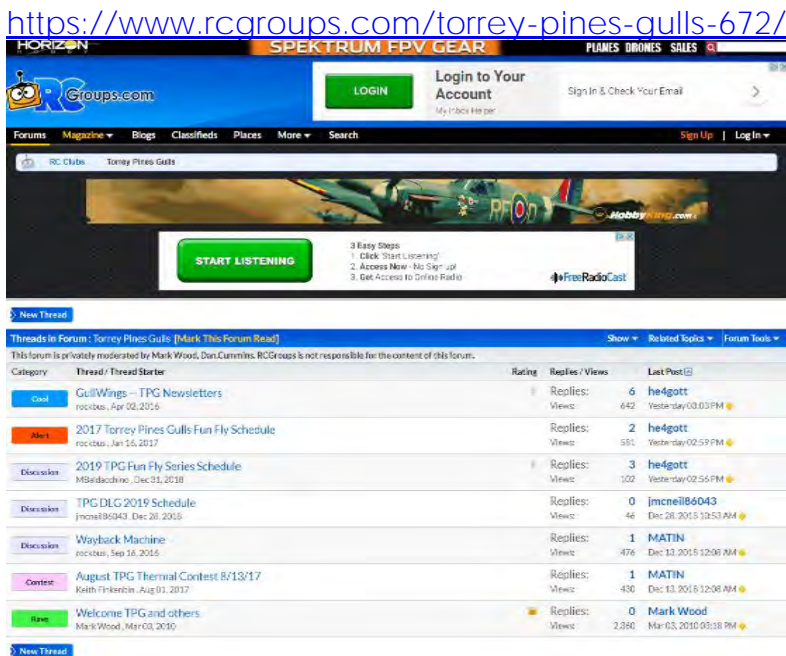
## RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

Are you a member of  ?

If you're not...you should be! RCGroups is the most widely used and active online Radio Control Community for everything RC, from planes to cars, to boats, drones, radios, power systems...pretty much anything RC! It includes forums, specific interest threads, blogs, discussions, etc....and, more importantly, The Torrey Pines Gulls Forum.

To get started, click on the link or web page below to get to the TPG Club forum. You can also get there from the **Clubs** link at the lower right of the RCGroups home page and scroll down to Torrey Pines Gulls.

<https://www.rcgroups.com/torrey-pines-gulls-672/>



Category	Thread / Thread Starter	Rating	Replies / Views	Last Post
Cool	GullWings – TPG Newsletters roccdas, Apr 02, 2016		6 642	he4gott Yesterday 03:03 PM
Alert	2017 Torrey Pines Gulls Fun Fly Schedule roccdas, Jan 16, 2017		2 581	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule MSBachino, Dec 01, 2018		3 102	he4gott Yesterday 02:56 PM
Discussion	TPG DLG 2019 Schedule jmcnelB6043, Dec 28, 2018		0 46	jmcnelB6043 Dec 28, 2018 12:53 AM
Discussion	Wayback Machine roccdas, Sep 16, 2016		1 476	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Finkenich, Aug 01, 2017		1 430	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
How	Welcome TPG and others Mark Wood, Mar 03, 2010		0 2,360	Mark Wood Mar 03, 2010 05:18 PM

If you haven't yet joined RCGroups, click on the **Sign Up** link at the upper right and follow the instructions.

Once you've navigated to the Torrey Pines Gulls Forum, you can subscribe to the Forum or to any of the individual threads within the Forum.

To subscribe to the Forum, click the **Forum Tools** link and select "Subscribe to This Forum" from the dropdown menu. Then choose from the notification dropdown menu. If you want to subscribe to a specific thread, click to open the thread, and click the **Thread Tools** link. Select "Subscribe to This Thread" from the dropdown menu. Again, choose from the notification dropdown menu.

Unlike the Yahoo Forum, RCGroups allows you to post photos and videos. By subscribing, you can keep up with the latest events, club activities and member postings.

## What do YOU think?

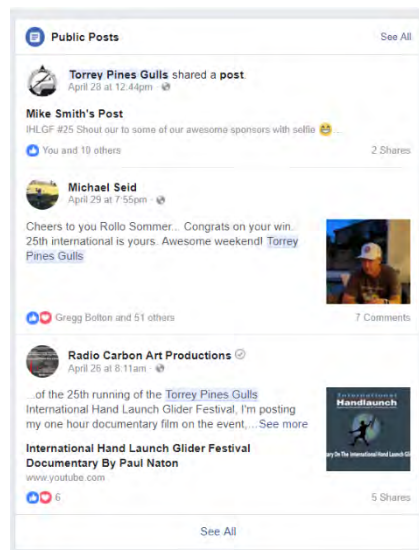
You can express your opinion at: [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org).

We have a [QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP...](#) If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. for the board, here's your chance.

## Check out the TPG Facebook Page

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page by clicking the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/TorreyPinesGulls/>



## Join the Yahoo Forum!

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999 by club member Lenny Brzezinski. There are over 200 members in the Yahoo Group. This group has many things to offer for the club. It is a way of communicating with each other. If you have any concerns you can post them here including other questions about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another person, and so on.

If you are new to the club, the website will give you a lot of information about the club. On the website there is a link that you can use to join the group. This group is moderated. Please use this group for flying related items. You can post on the Yahoo group files, photos, polls, members, and calendar. All of these sections are available to any member. I hope that your experience with this group will be great. On the TPG website, [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org), you can follow the [YAHOO FORUM](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP](#).

## Club Flying Site Panoramas – Ian Cummings

Here are Ian Cummings' immersive panoramas of our world class flying sites; the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport, Poway Flight Center, where each year the club sponsors the IHLGF (International Hand Launch Glider Festival) and the Encinitas Flight Center. Clicking on the pictures takes you to our sites:

Click on this photo to visit the Torrey Pines Gliderport.



Click on this photo to visit the TPG Poway Flight Center.



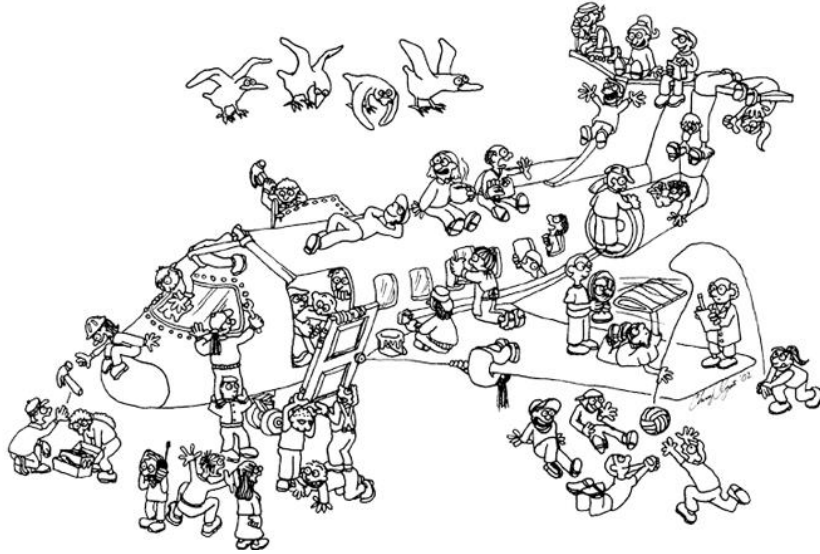
Click on this photo to visit the TPG Encinitas Flight Center.





## Fun for Builders! – Ward Hagaman

### Model airplane building is not DEAD!!!



Yes, some of us still build what we fly. If you're a builder, or just interested in getting back into building...or just want to hang out with your flying buds, come hang out at Ward Hagaman's garage!

A group of intrepid modeler/pilots have started getting together monthly to build, and repair their aircraft as well as learn some new building techniques and of course, swap stories.

Bring any tools and building supplies you may need (and your kit, of course!).

Ward Hagaman has graciously offered to host monthly Build Parties at his house at:

6387 Lakewood Street  
San Diego, CA 92122



Builders building at Ward's first build night (Ward Hagaman Photo)

There is no Build Party scheduled for December. Happy Holidays to all, and remember to check the January Newsletter and/or RCGroups for the first Build Night of 2020.

## News from the Slope – Mark Baldacchino, Slope Coordinator



Mark Baldacchino

Hi TP Gulls, and Happy December!



Hopefully you've begun to decorate the house inside and out by now, and hopefully Santa will bring you a new plane or some kind of RC equipment! The daylight is short now, thus making it a good time to build something new or at least do some repairs/ refit on your existing plane(s).



Some news about the slope:

Last month, I mentioned that we needed some signage around the perimeter of our landing zone to help keep people from wondering around that area, especially when we're trying to land. This topic has been bouncing around for almost a year now, and we're getting closer to getting this done. At our last TPG board meeting, it was decided that TPG should not be responsible for the safety of that area, but rather, it is the responsibility of the Gliderport concessionaire, i.e. Ai California Adventure, Inc.

I had already sourced a place online to get 10 signs made, (like the open house signs you see on sidewalks with an "A" frame stand) and shipped for under \$300. With the direction of the TPG board, I took the idea to the manager of the Glider Port, Robin, to get his input. I mentioned that this area is really a safety concern, especially during the warmer months when more people are visiting San Diego or trying to find a path to the beach.

## News from the Slope (continued)

Robin said he has signs in the mobile shed, but people run-off with them or use them to stick under their tires to get unstuck from the mud. Anyway, he'll go either way with this idea, and I told him we'll discuss this further as a team at our next Soaring Council meeting this March. At a minimum, I hope that we'll be able to use these signs during the busy months. More to come...



### SAFETY



### TIP



Mentioned earlier above that Santa will bring you a new plane, or at least you'll be building or repairing a plane, be careful with sanding dust and fumes from glues and paints. Sanding dust from fiberglass and especially carbon fiber, is no bueno for the lungs. Also, CA glue, epoxy, polyester resin, and paint are equally harmful to your skin, eyes and respiratory system. Using gloves, a good mask, as well as being in a well ventilated area are essential. We all want you to be around for many more years so we can fly together and enjoy the world's best RC slope!

## News from the Slope (continued)

If you haven't heard, the Torrey Pines Gull Club will be 50 years old next year! That's quite an accomplishment, and to help celebrate this feat, I've scheduled not one, but two 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Fly's for 2020. Below is the schedule for next year, and I've done some coordination with the DLG coordinator to avoid having our activities on the same day, and worked with the Torrey Pines Scale Soaring Society, TPSSS to have our Scale Fun Fly on the same day. Both organizations were with one contact, Gary Fogel. Thanks Gary!



So, put these dates in your phone, your Outlook calendar, wall calendar, or just print it out, and put in on your fridge.

### TPG Glider Port Schedule for 2020:

- Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – TPG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Event. Bring what you have.
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fly 'n Swap – A day to fly + Swap Meet. Clean out your garages and make room for more birds.
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> – Scale Planes – Both TPG & TPSSS Fun Fly Day
- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/April 12<sup>th</sup> Backup day – This date is tentative, and subject to change: Torrey Pines Classic F3F Race. Open to all, register on the Vault.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Foamies
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Katie Martin Int'l Tribute – Not a Gulls Only Fun Fly event, but an International Event!
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Aerobatics Day - TWF/ PNF – Jesters, Ahis, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime.
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – TPG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Again. Run-What-You-Brung.
- Sept 26<sup>st</sup> – Old School Vintage/Woodies
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – No Shopping Saturday

Best Regards,

Mark Baldacchino  
Slope Coordinator

[mbaldacchino@san.rr.com](mailto:mbaldacchino@san.rr.com)

## Club Competition Activity

### Thermal Duration

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Cliff Hunter

#### TD Coordinator – Cliff Hunter

For thermal duration contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Thermal Duration contests, check the following links on the Torrey Pines Gulls website:

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/contact/>

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/torrey-pines-gulls-thermal-competition-rules/>

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/event/thermal-duration-november-2019/>

or, contact Cliff Hunter at [cfhunter@att.net](mailto:cfhunter@att.net)

### Hand Launch / DLG / F3K

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Gary Fogel

#### DLG Coordinator – Gary Fogel

For DLG contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

For information, contacts, rules, etc. for past and upcoming Hand Launch/DLG contests, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/discus-launch-glider-series/> or contact Gary Fogel at [gfogel@natural-selection.com](mailto:gfogel@natural-selection.com)

Additional information will be shown in the F3X Vault site ([https://www.f3xvault.com/?action=location&function=location\\_view&location\\_id=2002](https://www.f3xvault.com/?action=location&function=location_view&location_id=2002)) as TPG coordinates with the Vault for contest sign-ups, tasks, results, etc. and in this RCGroups thread: <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3176895-2019-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-DLG-Contest-Clinic-Series>

## Club Competition Activity (continued)

### F5J - Thermal Duration with Electric Motor and Altimeter/Motor Run Timer



Steve Condon

#### CD – Steve Condon

This event is open to all electric sailplanes, so anyone that with an electric model (Radian, Sport model, etc.) can give it a try. However, it is important to state that all airplanes must be equipped with an approved F5J Competition Altimeter.

If you don't have one, SoaringUSA sells several for around \$60. Click here to check out the Altis Nano. <https://www.soaringusa.com/Altis-Competition-Altimeter-NANO.html>

Entry Fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Two pilot classes will be flown: *Sportsman and Expert*.

To learn more about F5J, follow this link:  
<http://www.f5j-usa.com/f5j-primer/>

For F5J contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar/>

Steve Condon, CD

## F5J Thermal Duration Gliders with Electric Motor and Altimeter/Motor Run Timer

## Contest Report – Steve Condon

TPG F5J officially *launched* in Poway

On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the club hosted its first-ever F5J contest. We ended up with 9 pilots participating in the event and everyone had a good time with modest thermal conditions. Honestly, F5J is more fun than any of us expected!

If you are wondering “what the heck is F5J?” here’s a brief overview - it is a man-on-man thermal soaring event that uses electric launched sailplanes with a maximum motor run of 30 seconds, a 10-minute tasks scored at 1 point per second and a 50-point landing @ 5 pts per meter. However, the catch is that there’s a penalty for launch height... 1/2 point per meter is deducted from the score up to 200 meters and then it jumps to 3 points per meter!



This may not sound like a big deal, but it’s a game-changer for thermal soaring because it combines quick thermal detection skill (within about 20 seconds of launch), thermal flying skill, reading the competition skill and a little bit of poker risk vs. luck thrown in. In short, he who launches lowest and makes the time, wins. So, yeah...there are many opportunities for challenge and improvement. This is not a landing contest!

The other thing about this event is that it uses technology to run smoothly (and with few people) with an audio system that counts down the flight window to start and stop with periodic updates and a final countdown. This works along with a large timer display on the field so the timer/helper can keep their pilot updated. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Chuck Norris for some excellent hardware/software work creating a timer system that will work with both GliderScore (for F5J) and F3K Master (for DLG) so the timing board is versatile for the club’s needs. Well done, Chuck!

## F5J Contest Report (continued)



Another big shout out goes to Cliff Hunter for learning the ropes of GliderScore just in time to run this contest and complete the scoring - nice work, Cliff! A special thank you to Chris Bajorek from the Sacramento area for his advice and counsel to both Cliff and me to get this contest to the finish line.

Here are the results:

### Thermal Duration w motor F5J - Overall Results

[Poway 11/9/2019]

[www.GliderScore.com](http://www.GliderScore.com)

Rank	Name	Ctry	Club	RegnNo	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	CONDON, Steve	USA			3000.0	100.00	3000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
2	FOGEL, Gary	USA	TPG		2776.3	92.54	2776.3	789.8	1000.0	986.5
3	SMITH, Mike	USA	TPG		2715.9	90.53	2715.9	1000.0	715.9	1000.0
4	TAU, Manny	USA			2420.6	80.69	2420.6	1000.0	1000.0	420.6
5	NORRIS, Chuck	USA	TPG		2150.5	71.68	2150.5	547.8	621.8	980.9
6	HUNTER, Cliff	USA	TPG		1795.0	59.83	1795.0	219.6	575.4	1000.0
7	CAMPBELL, Frank	USA			1599.2	53.31	1599.2	819.3	779.9	0.0
8	BURGIN, Bruno	USA	TPG		1596.5	53.22	1596.5	624.0	972.5	0.0
9	SWAIN, John				1370.6	45.69	1370.6	518.8	366.9	484.9



## F5J Contest Report (continued)

For 2020, TPG is planning to give the TD program a boost with alternating contests of TD and F5J - 5 of each. If you are a thermal pilot, a DLG pilot or a sport pilot (anything from ALES to Radian) that wants to come out and have some fun and improve your skills, come on out to the next one! It will be in Poway on February 9th.

Thank you to Club Historian, Gary Fogel for capturing some great photos of the event!



# F5J Contest Report (continued)



## F3K/DLG Hand Launch Gliders

## Contest Report – Chuck Norris

Here's a report on the contest from last Saturday. Pictures are compliments of Bob Hirsch ([rhirsch01@gmail.com](mailto:rhirsch01@gmail.com)).

The last contest in the TPG Monthly Contest/Clinic Series wrapped up on Saturday, November 16, with eight pilots in attendance. It was warm and sunny, with calm conditions in the early hours, with light winds pickup up from the west as the day progressed. Yours truly was the Contest Director for this event; only my second time CD-ing a contest. Things mostly went off just fine, but we had to hand-craft scorecards at the last minute because somehow I forgot to print them ahead of time. To quote Homer Simpson, "D'oh!"



Our new LED clockboard worked well, and everyone seemed to appreciate having the window time easily available. We've now tested it with both Glider Score in the F3J contest on the 9th and with F3K Master during this contest, so it's now fully tested and ready for normal club use.

We still managed to start reasonably on-time, thanks to Don Lochhead's abilities as an old-school scribe, and a bit of help from other pilots. Thanks guys!



## F3K/DLG Contest Report (continued)

Before the start, winds were minimal and lift had already started to develop, with soft but usable thermals pretty much everywhere you might search. By the time the contest started however, lift was harder to find, with only Don Lockheed able to get the 2:00 in "The Ladder" for round one.

Round two, "Five 2:00s", was also tough, with everyone struggling to get 2 minute flights. I'm not sure exactly when it happened, but Bruno Burgin managed to extract the T-peg from his Smile, which meant no more flying for him for the day.

In round 3, conditions were still poor for the first group, and everyone was on the ground by 2:05. All of us were on the ground, waiting for the window to expire, but some of us were paying more attention than others. Three pilots, including myself - launched for the second flight on the window close horn, not waiting for the next round to properly start. We quickly landed and re-launched at the correct time, a little embarrassed and with 100-point penalties. Unfortunately, the second flight was similarly tough, with everyone on the ground by the 2:22 mark. I had the longest flight on that one and was feeling pretty good about myself until I "again" launched on the window close horn, racking up a second 100 point penalty all in the same round. I again landed quickly and was ready for the proper launch horn, with appropriate heckling ringing in my ears. Note to self – "listen" to the clock!



## F3K/DLG Contest Report (continued)

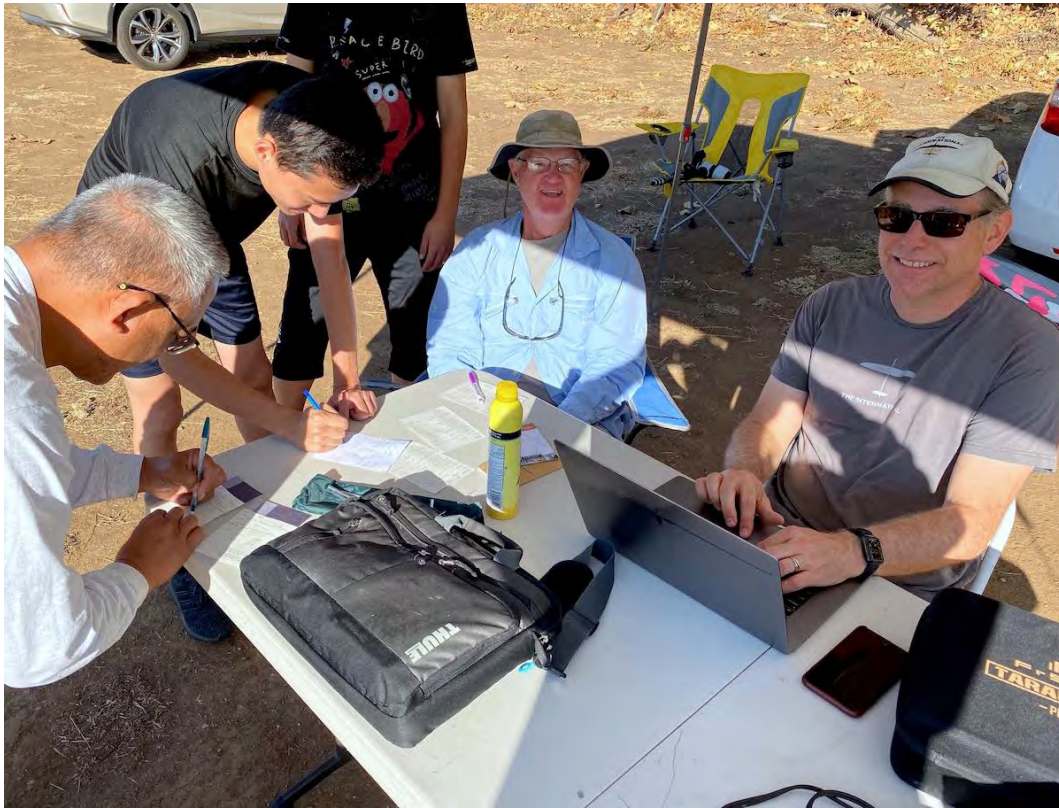
Round 4 was "1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, any order" and again no one had an easy time of it. I don't recall anyone getting the 4:00 on their first flight, and it did not turn out to be a quick-turn task because of the extra time we all earned flying short on one flight or another. Ray Pili and Mengchen Li had the most flight minutes of the round, with group B struggling a bit more as conditions worsened.

Round 5, the "Big Ladder", was again tough, with only Dale Osborn (yay Dale!) chalking up a full 3 minute flight. Ray Pili got the "K" in group A, and yours truly with the "K" in group B. My quick-turns were working pretty well and I managed to drop only 12 seconds on that task.

Round 6 was the dreaded "Poker" and by that time, the wind was picking up, and conditions were very tough. Playing it conservative paid off in both groups A and B, with Austin Gossard and me tying for top scores in group A with only 5:00 of flight time. Austin got his with five 1-minute flights, and although I struggled to get my 1:15 calls, I did manage to get four of them to tie with Austin. In round B, Mengchen and Ray dueled it out, but Mengchen sealed the deal with a phenomenal 2:57 "end of window" flight. What can I say, conditions were tough.



## F3K/DLG Contest Report (continued)



With the raw scores entered, I was in spot one, a very unfamiliar position for me. But we still had to figure out how to handle the train-wreck of All Up. After conferring with Gary Fogel, I simply followed the rules as written and gave everyone who launched early a 100 point penalty. Of course, since I did it twice that was 200 points of penalty for me, which cost me the lead spot leaving Mengchen Li in the lead!

Congratulations to Mengchen - he flew very well (and followed the rules perfectly!) and earned the #1 spot! You may remember that Mengchen had his BAMF and transmitter stolen from his car while it was parked at UCSD, so he was flying his backup Snipe.

On another positive note, we had some new pilots visiting as well who are considering joining us next year.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2019 contest series a success! We had a total of 38 pilots participating in 2019, and I'm hoping we can keep participation growing in 2020!

More photos here

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=43186021&postcount=288>

Chuck

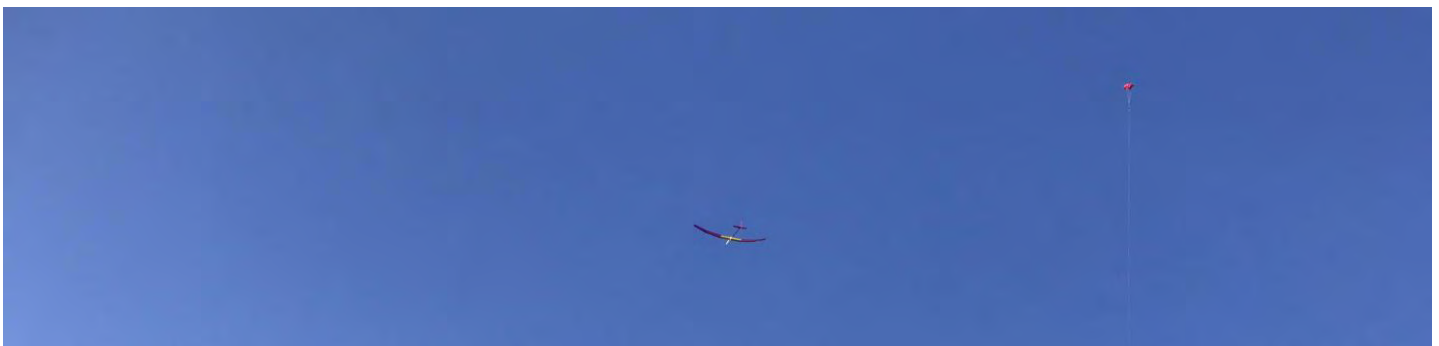
## LSF Report – Ray Pili



No LSF news to report for November



Craig launching (Ray Pili photo)



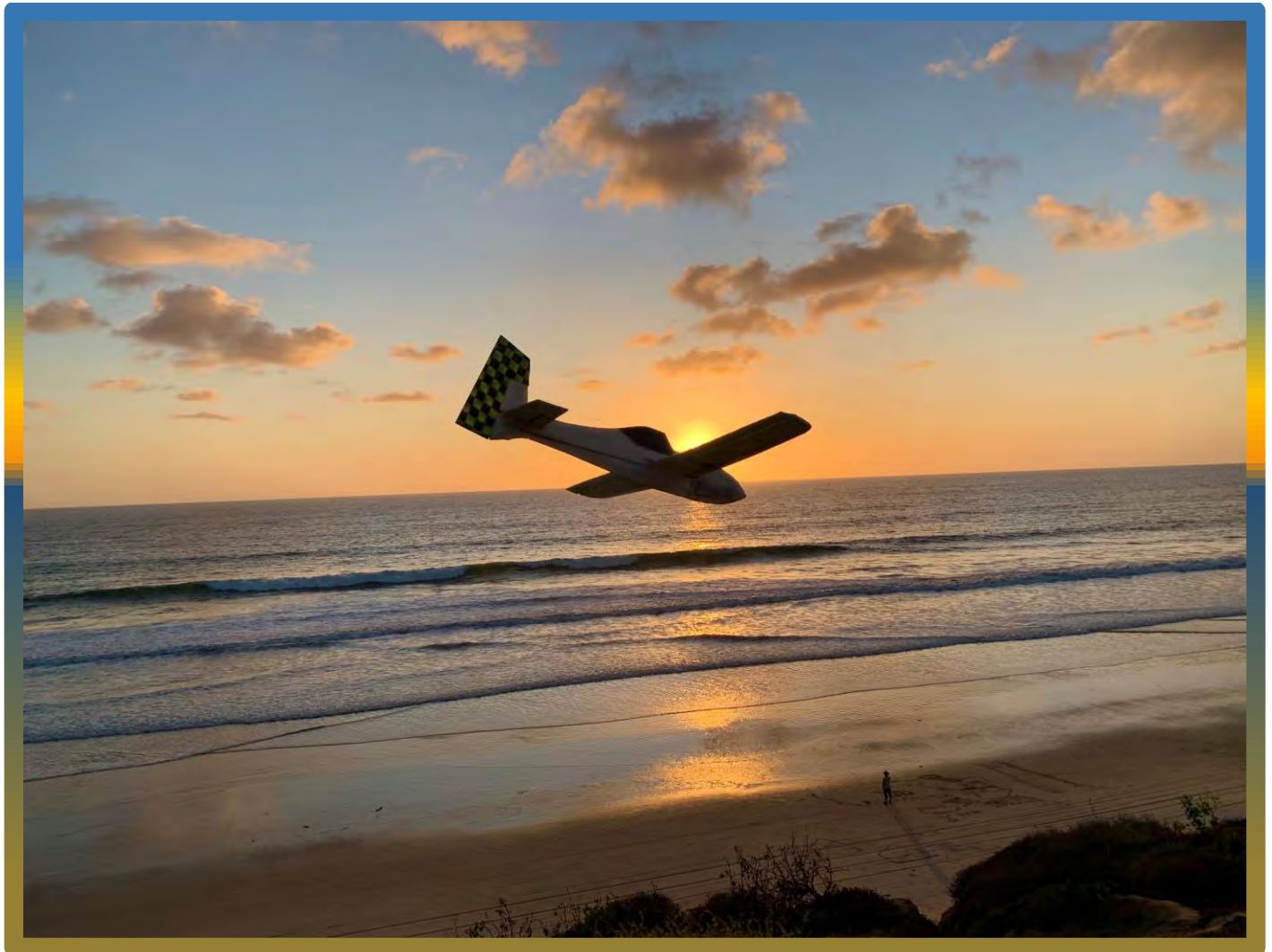
Scott's plane (Ray Pili photo)

Blue Skies,

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## Photo of the Year

Congratulations to Dave Arnold, whose photo of Justin's Buzz flying over Dave's Beach at sunset was selected for Photo of the Year. It will appear on the TPG website and will serve as the 2020 Newsletter masthead as well as the 2020 club membership card photo.





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## Quote of the Month:

*"It is December, and nobody asked if I was ready."*

*~ Sarah Kay*



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)