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Message from the President



Ian Cummings

Daylight savings time has finally arrived, which means longer days for squeezing in flight time. If you haven't renewed your Gulls membership (which was due Jan 1), please do so right away, as TPG membership is a requirement for open access flying at our three fields. Membership comes with benefits which I want to briefly recap here:

- Access to three club maintained flying sites (Torrey, Poway, Encinitas)
- Camaraderie with fellow RC Soaring enthusiasts
- Access to technical help & advice from a group of extremely knowledgeable builder/pilots.
- Informative club meetings (now starting back up).
- Organized contests and Fun-Flys
- Strength in numbers to stand up for and protect our flying privileges at The Torrey Pines Gliderport (RC pilots have been kicked out before and it could happen again).

I also want to welcome all the new members; 20 total this year. If you see an unfamiliar face, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Happy Landings,

Ian

Club Meetings, Contests and Activities

The Torrey Pines Gulls hosts monthly contests, fun-fly events, LSF (League of Silent Flight)) Soaring Accomplishment Program, onsite clinics and bi-monthly club meetings.

*This year, after a long hiatus, club meetings have returned. Our first meeting, back in February, featuring guest speaker Paul Naton, of [Radio Carbon Art Productions](#) was a big success! We **had a great turnout to hear Paul's stories of his involvement with TPG in the 1990s, the development of slope racing and creation of his RC Soaring instructional video company.***

Be on the lookout for upcoming meeting 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!

February Issue highlights include:

- Profile of 1998 Co-Modeler of the Year George Joy by Gary Fogel
- New Foamy F5J Contest Series first contest report.

Please send in your articles or photos (submit@torreypinesgulls.org) by the 25th 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 – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

Hello Gulls,

We still have 37 club members that need to renew. Please renew as soon as possible using our web site at:

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

Note: If you were a Google Group member last year and have not renewed by March 15, 2021 you will be removed from Google Group mailing list.

We have six new members. Please welcome Christoph Efstathiou, Sylvain Pierson, James Valiensi, Charles Emish, Bob Schumacher and Russell Hedge.

We welcome all of the new and renewing members to Torrey Pines Gulls Soaring Society. All new and renewing members will receive a membership card and key. For the members who slope fly at Torrey Pines Gliderport and are Torrey Pines Gliderport rated; you will receive a membership card, key and lanyard. You must wear the lanyard and membership card when flying at the Torrey Pines Gliderport effective January 1, 2021 for safety reasons.

Please contact me (membership@torreypinesgulls.org) if you have not received a 2021 renewal membership card, key and lanyard. The key gives you access to the gates at our Encinitas and Poway flying sites. The lanyard allows you to safely fly at Torrey Pines Gliderport. All flying sites (Torrey Pines, Encinitas and Poway) are maintained by club members.

Membership Activity Summary 2021

The following table below is a summary of membership activities based on completed registration forms received from members.

Total Members as of 3-24-2021	108
*Torrey Pines Gliderport Rated Pilots	59
*DLG/F3K	40
*Thermal Duration	38
*Scale	24
*F5J/ALES	33
*League of Silent Flight (LSF)	26
Average Club Member Age	57
Google Group Members as of 3-24-21	121
New Members for 2021	20

*Note: Most members fly multiple disciplines.

Club Membership Update (continued)

Membership Processing:

You should have received a renewal notice using the new TPG Google Group email process. If you have not signed up for the TPG Google Group you will be sent an individual email. Please use the following link when renewing your membership:

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

We request online payment via PayPal, which allows payment using PayPal, debit/credit card.

However, if you chose to pay by check or cash, please email me at: membership@torreypinesgulls.org and I will mail you a membership application form. When the form is completed, please mail your membership application and payment using the provided preaddressed return envelope.

Annual Membership Dues are as follows:

- Full Members – \$60 per year
- Youth Members (19 years or younger) – \$5 per year
- Student Members (full-time) – \$30 per year
- Receive a credit of up to \$20 on your annual dues. \$10 per each half-day working at any TPG flying field

New members joining in the first six months of the year pay the full rate. Those joining in July through September pay half the applicable rate. If you are a new member joining in October through December you pay the full rate but your membership is considered paid through the end of the following year.

Full Members. Full Members of the Society shall consist of those persons who are and remain Full members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), 5161 East Memorial Drive, Muncie IN 47302, have signified their interest in model aeronautics and a desire to be such a member of the Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc. and have paid all requisite dues.

Youth Members. Youth members of the Society shall consist of those persons who are 19 years or younger and remain Youth members of the AMA, have signified their interest in model aeronautics and a desire to be such a member of the Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc. and have paid all requisite dues.



David Fierro photo

Club Membership Update (continued)

Your yearly membership allows TPG to continue to provide you with:

- Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla (Torrey Pines Gliderport), Encinitas and Poway.
- Monthly (or thereabouts) fun-fly events held at the world famous Torrey Pines Gliderport, and events at our Poway and Encinitas Flight Centers, 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 RC soaring pilots 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 yearly holiday party to gather with flying buddies, friends and family.
- A website for current and past information www.torreypinesgulls.org
- A monthly newsletter with updated information, contest reports and interesting articles to help keep members informed.
- We are an AMA Chartered Club, #129, with benefits such as field insurance, etc.



Ian Cummings photo

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

And Speaking of Membership...

As stated in the previous pages, Torrey Pines Gulls membership offers access to three excellent flying sites, all of which are maintained by club members. Not only is Cliff Hunter our Membership Chairman, but he and his wife, Sandy, take charge of mowing the Poway and Encinitas fields to keep down the weeds and grasses at these world-class soaring venues.



Sandy Hunter taming the Encinitas field (Cliff Hunter photo)



Cliff Hunter on the tractor/mower at Poway (Sandy Hunter photo)



Another shot of Sandy mowing the Encinitas Field (Cliff Hunter photo)

Google Groups – Staying Connected

Don't forget to join 

For all current and recently joined TPG members:

In the past year, Yahoo Groups announced that it would no longer be supporting groups. In order to maintain a line of communication among members, during 2020 we have established a TPG Google Group.

Please make sure that our club Membership Chairman has your current email address. You can confirm this by contacting membership@torreypinesgulls.org. If you are not already a member of the TPG Google Group, you will be sent an invitation to join.

When you join as a member of the private TPG Google Group, the club will distribute notifications, newsletters, contest events and holiday party info, etc. This information will keep you informed of all club activities throughout the year. You **don't** need a Gmail address to participate in Google Groups, but you do need to be a member of TPG.



Google Groups provides a great way of communicating with one another. If you have any questions or concerns about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another club member, etc., you can post them on Google Groups. It also allows you to send links and attachments, just like regular email.

...and, very importantly, since all postings/emails are done through Google Groups, your actual email address is not visible when notifications are sent out to the club members. Also, only members of the group can post to the group, so joining the group does not add to your spam burden.

So, verify that the club has your correct email, make sure you receive an invitation to join Google Groups and sign up!

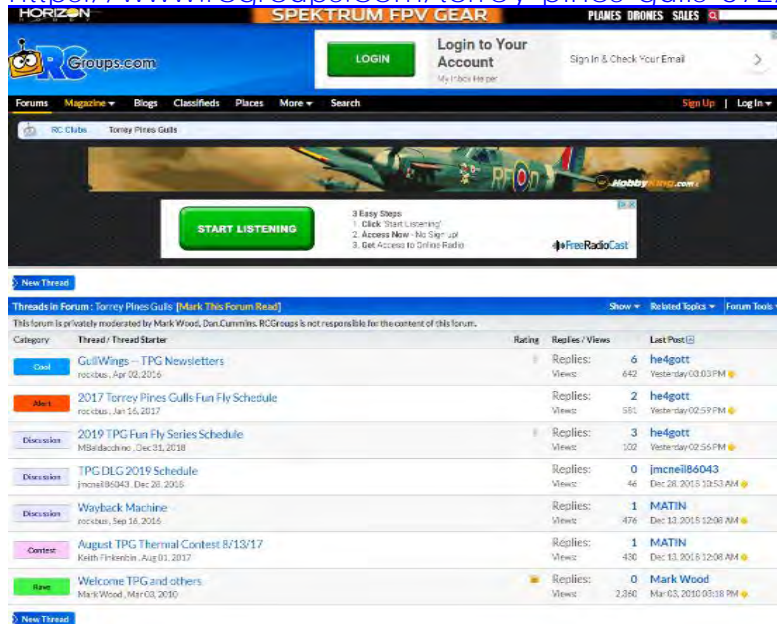
RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

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/>



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Alert	2017 Torrey Pines Gulls Fun Fly Schedule roccdas, Jan 16, 2017		Replies: 2 Views: 561	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule M8elAcchine, Dec 31, 2018		Replies: 3 Views: 202	he4gott Yesterday 02:56 PM
Discussion	TPG DLG 2019 Schedule jmcnel86043, Dec 28, 2015		Replies: 0 Views: 46	jmcnel86043 Dec 28, 2015 12:53 AM
Discussion	Wayback Machine roccdas, Sep 16, 2016		Replies: 1 Views: 476	MATIN Dec 13, 2015 12:08 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Finbren, Aug 01, 2017		Replies: 1 Views: 430	MATIN Dec 13, 2015 12:08 AM
How	Welcome TPG and others Mark Wood, Mar 03, 2010		Replies: 0 Views: 2,240	Mark Wood Mar 03, 2010 03:18 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 old 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.

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 for new content posted by club members and friends.

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

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for Torrey Pines Gulls. The page header includes the name "Torrey Pines Gulls" and navigation options like "Date", "Home", "Create", "Edit Page Info", "Settings", and "Help". The main content area features a cover photo of two people with a large red and white glider. Below the cover photo is a post from John Blasko, published on February 2 at 8:46 PM. The post text reads: "IF YOU FLY RC, READ THIS article by our own Dr. Gary Fogel. You can find the full article on our February newsletter on PAGE 2 at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/.../GullWings2020-02-February...> We cannot stress enough how important is to get involved with this issue NOW. So please read on... --Comments on FAA's Proposed Rule 'Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft Systems' by Gary Fogel--... See More". Below the post is a partial image of the FAA logo. The right sidebar shows visitor posts from Dale Gottdank and Jack Zabawa.

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.



News from the Slope – Mark Baldacchino, Slope Coordinator



Mark Baldacchino

Happy April, TPGulls!



Happy Spring, too! We've had a bit of rain over the last few weeks, and although nothing to write home about, it has greened-up the Gliderport's LZ and surrounding area. We've also cancelled the Scale Fun Fly, and the F3F race for April, but there's a shot for the Foamie Fun Fly on May 8th. That's still a ways out, so let's play it by ear. Stay tuned to the RCGroups/ Slope/ San Diego Sloping for the latest news. My goal of seeing/ bringing back pilots that "used to fly at Torrey" is starting to materialize. I'm sure that there are various reasons why we're seeing a return, but I'm going with it!

Meet Earl Blaze. He used to fly at the Gliderport in the 1990's, and has returned to flying his Oly. A super nice guy who got his check flight on March 5th. It was GREAT to see him fly, and although he was wearing his mask, I could see his smile shining through it. Welcome back, Earl!



Earl Blaze with his Oly 650 at Torrey (Mark Baldacchino photo)

News from the Slope (continued)

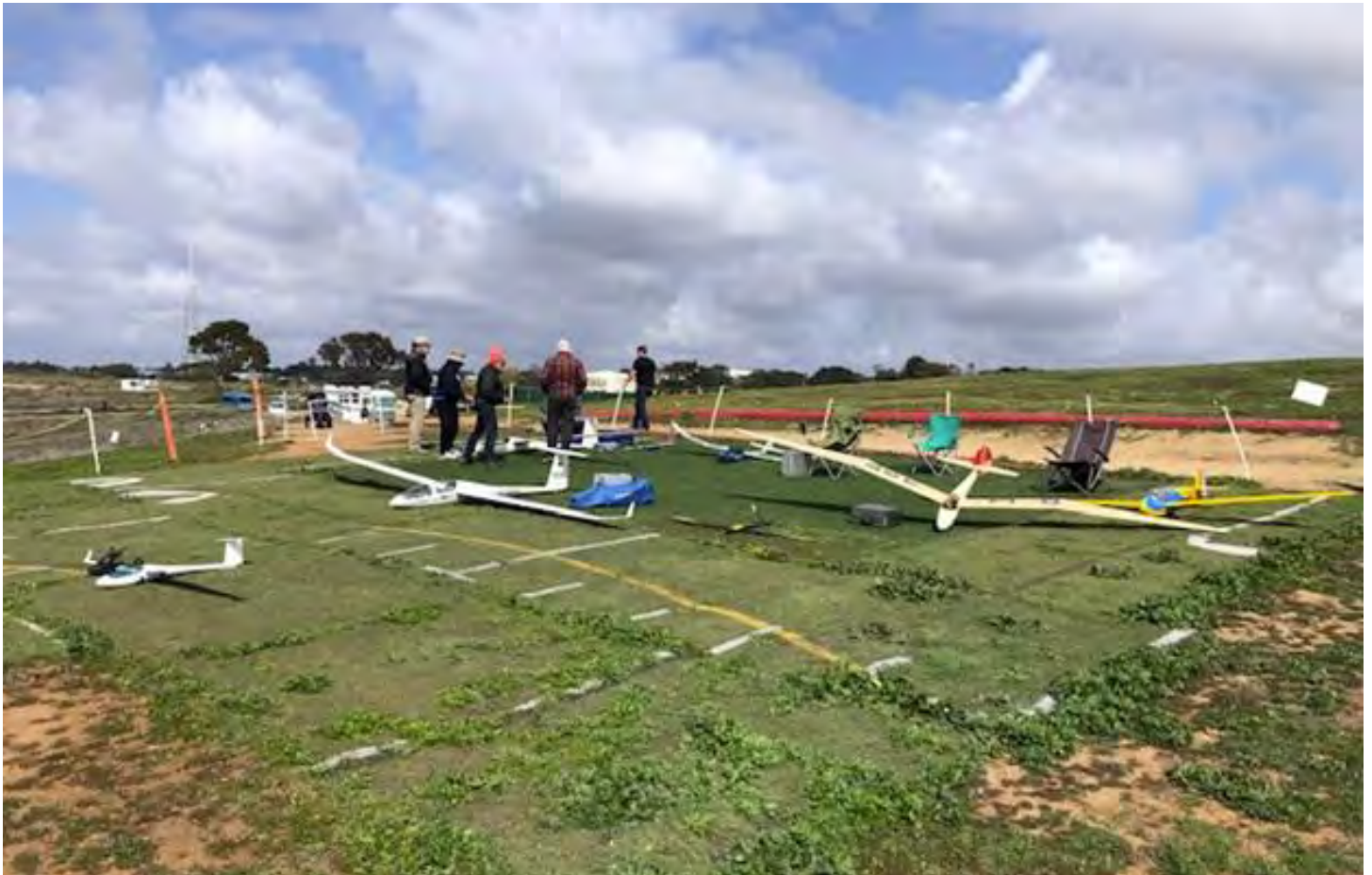
Before I moved here from Phoenix 15 years ago, I used to read the TPG newsletters and dream of flying at the slope. At the time, the slope coordinator was Allen “Moose” Butler. Well, on March 9th, he came out to get his waivers signed, and video completed at the glider shack. Yes, another one of the old timers has returned. Welcome back, Moose!



Aaron Wallace on the left, flying. Moose and I discussing planes in the pits. (Thomas Moller photo)

We were supposed to have a Scale Fun Fly between the two clubs, TPG & TPSSS, on Saturday, March 13th, but we cancelled due to being still risky with COVID and big crowds. I just decided to get out of the house that day and get some fresh air, and wouldn't you know it – it turned into a mini, non-schedule scale fun fly. Although the day wasn't planned at all, a few guys showed up with the same inclination of escaping the great indoors. Ray Pili had brought out a new to him, 6m ASH-26. This bird is HUGE, and with the keen help of Thomas Moller and Mike Lance, Ray was able to maiden. Man, that thing flies great! Here are a few photos of Ray's special day.

News from the Slope (continued)



Build it and they will come. We have plenty of room to spread-out on our new AstroTurf; we just need to end this pandemic and get back out in numbers. (Mark Baldacchino photo)



Ray's ASH-26 getting tuned by Thomas and Mike (Mark Baldacchino photo)

News from the Slope (continued)



Ray flying his 20 foot ASH-26. He kept the window clear of paragliders with this monster. (Mark Baldacchino photo)



A safe landing, sweaty palms, but all smiles! (Mark Baldacchino photo)

We're all itching to get back out there and enjoy the world's best slope and each other. It won't be too much longer guys. Hang in there!

News from the Slope (continued)

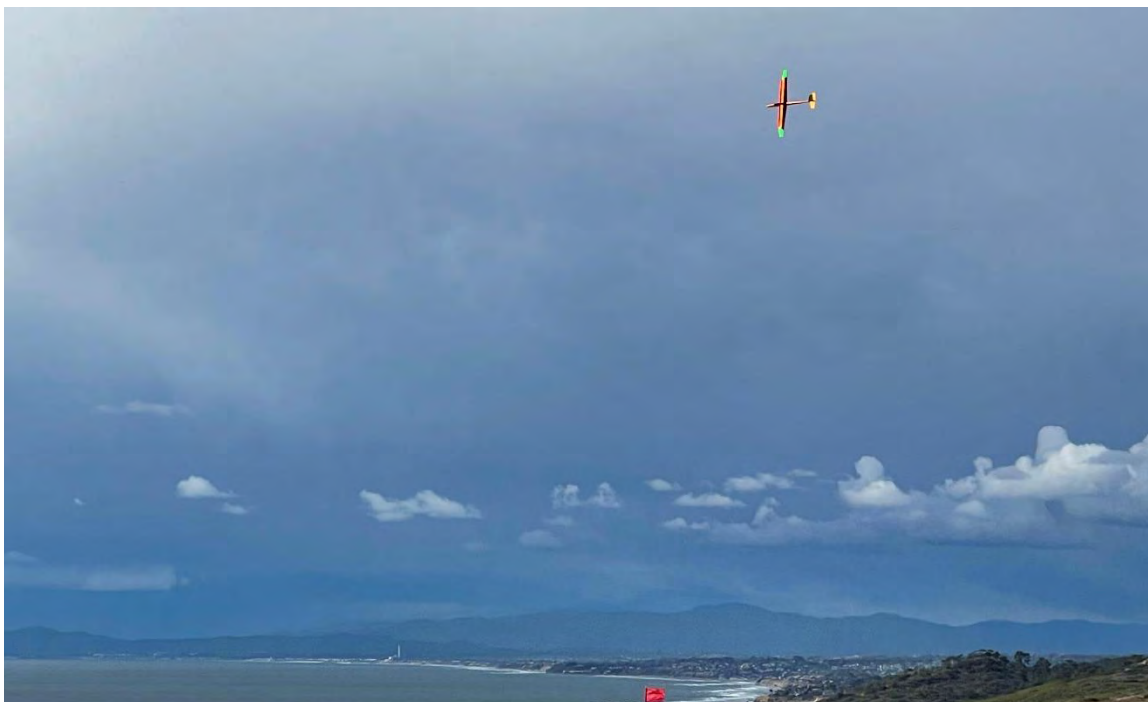
TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2021:

- May 8th – Foamies – AHis, Alulas, KA-8's, Radians – if it's foam, this is your day.
- July 24th – Aerobatics Day – TWF/ PNF – Jesters, Ahi's, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime
- Aug 21st – TPG 50th Anniversary Again. Rescheduled from 2020 Run-What-You-Brung
- Sept 25th – LSF & Old School Vintage/Classic Woodies – Balsa BOTs, Olys, Sagittas – whatever is built-up wood
- Oct 23rd – Landing Contest – let's see who's the top three at landing on our new strip. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
- Nov 27th – No Shopping Saturday – a couple of days after Thanksgiving to get out of the house

Stay safe, and Blue Skies!

Best Regards,

Mark Baldacchino
Slope Coordinator



John Knowles' CR Contender over Torrey (Scott Basehore photo)

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration / F5J



Tom Watson

Thermal Coordinator – Tom Watson

For Thermal Duration and F5J contest dates, check the calendar on the Torrey Pines Gulls website:

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

For contest rules, check the following link on the Torrey Pines Gulls website:

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

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2021 TPG TD & F5J contest schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3771517-2021-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-TD-F5J-contest-schedule>

or contact Tom Watson at thermal@torreypinesgulls.org

Hand Launch / DLG / F3K



Chuck Norris

DLG Coordinator – Chuck Norris

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/>

Additional information will be shown in the F3X Vault site (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.

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2021 Torrey Pines Gulls DLG Contest/Clinic Series thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3798531-2021-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-Contest-Clinic-Series>

or contact Chuck Norris at dlg@torreypinesgulls.org

Club Competition Activity (continued)

Foamy F5J



Ray Pili

For 2021 TPG will host a Foamy F5J contest series at the Poway Flight Center.

This series is open to everyone with AMA (must be Full or Youth membership) and a Foam F5J sailplane with the intention to introduce folks to F5J. Guests are welcome to compete; no experience is necessary. The format will be geared for first time F5J contestants. Expect ample time between rounds to get your stuff together, timer help, understanding Rules and Task support, and responsible use of the "Mike Smith Rule". Registration is via F3X Vault. CDs are welcome to volunteer. The schedule is:

May 8

July 10

Oct 3

Examples of Foam F5J planes are: ParkZone Radian and Radian XL, EFlite Night Radian. Multiplex Easy Glider, Solius. This list is not exclusive. Other planes may be acceptable but please check with the CD prior registration. The spirit of the requirement is to allow contestants to compete and learn with inexpensive planes.

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2021TPG Foamy F5J Schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3803797-2021-TPG-Foamy-F5J-Schedule>

*These contests count toward LSF Level I Requirements. See LSF Report in this newsletter.

F5J Explained



Mike Smith

CD Mike Smith

This event is open to all electric sailplanes, so anyone 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>

To learn more about F5J, follow this link:

<http://www.f5j-usa.com/f5j-primer/>

Mike Smith, CD

March TD Contest Report – Mike Verzuh, CD

We held the March Thermal Duration contest at the Encinitas field Sunday March 21st. We had to postpone from the previous weekend due to rain. As it turns out this was a pretty nice call overall, because with all the rain and several hours of mowing time curtesy of Cliff Hunter, the field was in awesome shape. The ground was soft for landing and of course all the green is very easy on the eyes!

The day opened-up with high clouds and stayed that way most of the morning, with temps in the pleasant mid-60s to just touching 70s. The wind was very light in the morning then picked up to 8-10mph around 11:00. In spite of the partial overcast, the lift was very nice, but our course there were a couple of down cycles to trap the unlucky.

We had seven contestants. Our usual thermal duration guys, but we were also joined by Erik Larson who hasn't been too active lately. As it turned out perhaps that is a recipe for doing well. We did 5 rounds (5, 7, 8, 10, and 10) minutes and finished by 12:30. Things flowed very well and we knocked out some wonderful flying. We had a short down time to sort out a tangled winch line, but as I mentioned things went so smoothly, we knocked out 5 fast paced rounds. Some of the sink appeared during rounds three and four which claimed about ½ the guys.



Mike Smith launching his Vixen (Cliff Hunter photo)

March TD Contest Report (continued)

I have to say, being new to the area, the Encinitas field is really special. You are elevated on a bluff with very nice visibility and off the coast just enough when the wind shifts on-shore. This time of year is very special with the cool temps and soft ground. It is worth another big Thank You! to Cliff for keeping the field mowed and in awesome shape.

In the end, three of us managed to miss the sink, Tom Watson in 3rd place, Erik Larson in 2nd and I was lucky to take home 1st. This was a wonderful time. I encourage everyone to make the next TD event. You will not regret it.

Rounds (1-5)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops in Effect)					Sub
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	2 Mike Verzuh 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4937.63		1000	974.81	1000	991.39	971.43	4937.63
2	9 Erik Larson 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4866.95	-70.68	920.51	965.12	991.32	1000	990.00	4866.95
3	1 Tom Watson 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4856.89	-10.06	982.05	988.37	996.53	985.65	904.29	4856.89
4	6 Arthur Markiewicz 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4478.20	-378.69	943.59	1000	574.65	989.96	970.00	4478.20
5	5 Mike Smith 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4364.21	-113.99	953.85	967.05	446.18	997.13	1000	4364.21
6	3 Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4320.94	-43.27	912.82	664.73	909.72	856.53	977.14	4320.94
7	8 Jon Vance 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	2879.06	-1441.88	679.49	591.09	984.38	624.10	0.00	2879.06
8	4 Sean Summers	0.00	-2879.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Mike Verzuh launching his Explorer (Cliff Hunter photo)

March DLG Contest Report – Dan Gebhardt, CD

Fourteen pilots gathered on the beautiful, presently-green, field in Poway for a friendly hand-launch glider contest on March 20, 2021. Torrey Pines Gulls welcomed several visitors from the Los Angeles area, as well as more distant visitors from Las Vegas and even Utah. As per usual format with such a crowd, three groups flew in 5 scoring rounds, starting with a pilots' meeting at 8:45am and wrapping up near 12:30pm.

The forecasted chilly weather and mostly-cloudy skies turned out to be cool-to-warm and mostly sunny for perfect competition conditions. Early tasks, *best 3 of 6 flights* and *best 5 flights* provided ample opportunities for feeling out the thermic conditions. Later tasks of *1,2,3,4 Minutes*, *last 2*, and *all-up* gave a chance to exercise decision making and tactical condition reads. Poway once again demonstrated defining "typical" Poway is difficult – low prevailing wind and shifting thermal directions and locations was typical on this day. The tree line, "creek", east and west all provided – and took away.

Only a few official DLG contests into his flying career, John Butler from the L.A. area took first place! He has, apparently, been practicing quite a bit. Another visitor, from Utah, Clint Kristofferson was second, and steadfast TPGER Gary Fogel took third. Notably, less than 2% in scores separated these top pilots. Of course, always in place 0, the local red tail hawks were in a class of their own.

We look forward to welcoming prospective pilots at the next contest, in addition to the returning well-seasoned ones.



Ray Pili photo



Ray Pili photo

March DLG Contest Report (continued)



Ray Pili photos

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops In Effect)				
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	6 John Butler	4967.58		1000	972.81	994.77	1000	1000
2	16 Clint Christofferson	4887.47	-80.11	1000	954.92	1000	1000	932.55
3	4 Gary Fogel	4882.62	-4.85	1000	1000	1000	1000	882.62
4	5 Mengchen Li	4759.10	-123.52	911.37	1000	1000	985.12	862.61
5	8 Ron Rossetti	4684.34	-74.76	1000	903.38	988.18	1000	792.78
6	7 Dan Gebhardt	4595.14	-89.20	943.87	1000	910.44	857.50	883.33
7	1 Ray Pili	4524.55	-70.59	857.59	976.63	950.33	740.00	1000
8	9 Marc Maher	4321.32	-203.23	729.07	804.56	821.22	966.47	1000
9	10 Michael Kruger	4153.23	-168.09	772.96	935.86	990.21	756.79	697.41
10	12 Jim Allen	3776.53	-376.70	792.96	852.40	800.81	888.29	442.07
11	15 Bryan Salvati	3736.23	-40.30	689.26	908.33	781.19	597.08	760.37
12	2 Don Lochhead	3198.01	-538.22	656.82	685.86	833.16	419.02	603.15
13	3 Clifford Hunter	3070.90	-127.11	656.11	586.28	862.09	112.16	854.26
14	17 Dale Osborn	3029.25	-41.65	707.78	761.18	688.17	385.82	486.30
15	13 Chuck Norris	0.00	-3029.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

March Foamy F5J Contest Report – Ray Pili, CD

The first Quarterly Foamy F5J is in the books.

We had Beautiful blue cloudless skies, temps in the low 70s and light winds from the north. The field was a low blanket of flowered vegetation, buzzing with bees.

7 pilots flew 4 ten minute rounds and with 2 heats each. Lanes were aligned east to west. Launching and landing to the west. Radians were the plane of choice. Mark and I shared a Radian.

- Round 1A: Mike had the longest flight but Mark beat him on points by launching lower.
- Round 1B: Gary and I had the same flight time but my 5 extra landing points gave me the advantage.
- Round 2A: Gary took the win over Dale's flight by launching lower and getting landing points.
- Round 2B: Was a tough round for lift. Chuck won with a 5 min plus change flight over Mark.
- Round 3A: The lift returned and I got the win even with another penalty. Chuck had a problem with his plane and got no score. John had radio problems and could not answer the bell.
- Round 3B: Sink city, but Gary took the win with 6 min plus change flight.
- Round 4A: Chuck flew his repaired Radian, but Gary had a 1:30 longer flight and took another win.
- Round 4B: Mike and I duked it out and after 9:49 seconds, Mike was still flying. Mike got the win.

Results were:

Gary Fogel	1 st
Ray Pili	2 nd
Mark Baldacchino	3 rd



Bob Hirsch photo

March Foamy F5J Contest Report (continued)

Next TPG Quarterly Foamy F5J is Saturday, May 8 at Poway.

An Altis or similar device is helpful, but if don't have one, fly anyway, we have a work around.



Ray P. (2nd), Gary F. (1st) and Mark B. (3rd) (Bob Hirsch photo)

F3XVault F5J Electric Duration Ray Pili

Preliminary Rounds 4 Pilots 7 Draw Position Chart Rankings Stats

Preliminary Overall Standings

Rounds (1-4)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops In Effect)				Sub
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	
1	3 Gary Fogel	3996.57		996.57	1000	1000	1000	3996.57
2	1 Ray Pili	3442.87	-553.70	1000	679.97	1000	962.90	3642.87
3	2 Mark Baldacchino	2326.58	-1116.29	1000	819.63	326.23	180.72	2326.58
4	4 Dale Osborn	2195.26	-131.32	502.55	846.49	416.50	429.72	2195.26
5	7 Mike Lonnecker	2062.00	-133.26	520.41	279.27	262.32	1000	2062.00
6	9 Chuck Norris	1987.17	-74.83	247.21	1000	0.00	739.96	1987.17
7	8 john swain	1535.72	-451.45	764.03	771.69	0.00	0.00	1535.72

LSF Report – Ray Pili



Hi Gulls,

We haven't planned any LSF-specific event for the calendar as of yet. In the meantime, here's some general information about the League of Silent Flight Soaring Accomplishment Program:

This table outlines the various tasks required for each level. (Source: <https://www.silentflight.org/index.php/lsf-program/lsf-tasks>)

Requirements	Primary	Intermediate			Advanced
Level	I	II	III	IV	V
Thermal Duration	5 min.	15 min.	30 min	1 hr	2 hrs.
Slope Duration	15 min.*	1 Hr.*	2 hrs.*	4 hrs.*	8 hrs.
Precision Spot Landing	5 landings 3m (9.84 ft) or less	10 landings 1.5m (4.92 ft. or less)	None	None	None
Goal and Return	None	None	1km (0.62 mi.)	2km (1.24 mi.)	10km(6.2 mi)
Competition	None	6 contests** w/ 1 place or 3,000 pts	6 contests** w/ 2 place or 4,500 pts	6 contests** w/ 2 places and 1 win or 6,000 pts	6 contests** with 12,000 points including 3 wins

As you can see, Level I is not that difficult if you are a thermal pilot. If you fly slope only, that 5 min. thermal will tear you down. With Poway and Torrey within fairly close proximity, I believe someone local can complete Level I in one day.

If you are interested in participating in a scheduled LSF event, bring your AMA card, a thermal plane or e-thermal glider such as the E-flite Radian and download a copy of the Accomplishment Vouchers (SAP or ESAP) from the LSF site (<https://www.silentflight.org/index.php/lsf-program/lsf-tasks>). The events are free; you don't have to be a Gulls member.

The Vouchers describe in more detail what each task involves and the credentials of your witnesses.

LSF Report (continued)

Submittal of a completed voucher is as follows:

1. Email the LSF Secretary John Marien: john@ne-aero.com a clear photo, or PDF scan of your completed (and signed by witnesses) Voucher.

That's it. No more sending money or sending your original hard copy.

John will then review your voucher and email you your acceptance or rejection of the voucher submission. If for some reason your voucher is rejected, you will have to adjudicate rejections with John.

Another nice change is while you are waiting for a reply you can download a new voucher and start on the next level.

As a reminder, LSF is a 5 level program for RC Glider Pilots. Each level has increasingly more difficult tasks. LSF involves Slope flying, Thermal flying, Spot Landings, Cross-Country Flying and Contest participation. Each level must be completed before proceeding to the next. Makes for a well-rounded RC Glider pilot.

The pure glider program is called SAP (Soaring Accomplishment Program).
The electric launched glider program is called Electric SAP (eSAP).

Blue Skies,

Ray Pili
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Update from the Workbench

Our Membership Chairman, Cliff Hunter, has been working on a new Yellow Jacket 3.5m, F5J ship. This one has flaps instead of spoilers and she's a beauty. Nice job, Cliff!



TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



This Month: George Joy, 1998 Co-Modeler of the Year

George Joy originally discovered RC soaring as a way of doing something with his son. This worked for a while but his son grew up and went other directions while George continued enjoying the hobby. That turned out to be a good thing for George and a good thing for TPG.

George joined the Gulls in the 1980s. I'm not sure precisely when or how he came to know about TPG, but very soon, George became associated with all aspects of competitive thermal duration. This included unlimited class sailplanes as well as the burgeoning hand launch class. And as George became more involved with TPG, his wife Jo also became involved with the club, attending meets to serve as George's timer, helping others, keeping score, etc.

By the mid-1990s the Joys were a force helping to drive the club forward. Jo in particular was a standout along with Don Richmond's wife Brenda in helping to arrange all of the food for the TPG annual Christmas party, and some years even Santa Claus (in the form of Steve Condon) would make a visit. The Joys were obviously well connected.

Flying in contest after contest and doing increasingly well, George rapidly ascended through the levels of the League of Silent Flight, securing Level V on October 16, 1992, the 82nd person to do so and second TPGer after Don Edberg. To say that George was a fierce competitor would be quite an understatement. For instance in 1997 George flew in 11 out of 11 contests, and placed third overall for the year with a total of 997.35 points, just slightly behind Fred Sage at 998.15 and Patrick Dionisio at 1000.



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

George also placed 4th overall that same year in hand launch having attended 4 contests, and placed second in the SC² contest series just 12 points right behind our very own Mike Smith. During 1997, TPG was averaging 15 pilots for each SC² contest! George was involved with just about every type of thermal contest possible. In 1997 and 1998, George volunteered as TPG winchmaster. In those days of monthly large contests and even larger SC² contests, taking care of the club winches was quite a job. He did it largely without complaint. He also served as the representative from the TPG to the SC² in 1997.

George also had an infectious ability to help new people learn to fly. He was patient with them and took the time to explain launching, thermaling, competitive soaring to anyone who expressed an interest. In the 1990s through the early 2000s George was the “go to” instructor for new pilots at the Poway thermal field. He took the time and effort to train many new pilots – pilots that became TPG members and helped keep the club alive. It was clear that he enjoyed getting others into the hobby just about as much as being in the hobby itself. In light of his tremendous effort for the club in 1997 through 1998 he was co-awarded the 1998 Modeler of the Year trophy along with Jerry Fry for his selfless efforts.

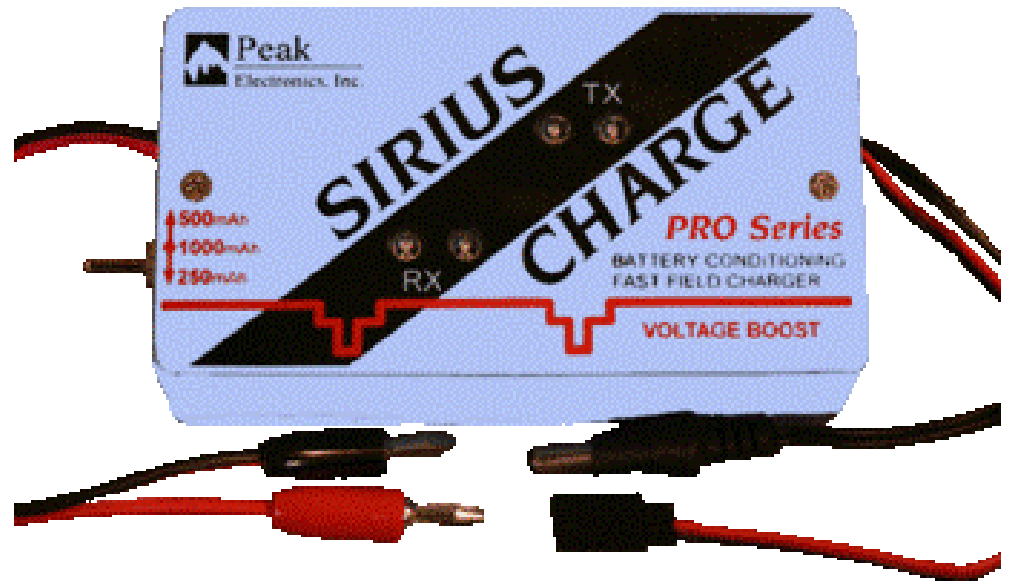
But like most people who win the Modeler of the Year trophy, he was basically just getting started. George and Jo established a company, Peak Electronics, and began producing a very popular line of chargers for NiCd and NiMH batteries, the Sirius and Sirius Pro. These chargers could be operated at home or in the field, and could charge both a receiver and transmitter at the same time.



Jo Joy (left) and George Joy (right) at the 2001 International Hand Launch Glider Festival at Poway

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

They also produced a battery cycler/tester called the Super Test. The Joys became known internationally not only for their efforts at contests, but through Peak Electronics, as they attended many trade shows. But as battery technology changed in the late 2000s and beyond, the popularity of this equipment waned. Although long out of production, both chargers and testers show up periodically on RCGroups classifieds and sell very quickly for pilots who are still using NiMH batteries.



An example of the Sirius Pro Series charger for both receiver and transmitter batteries.

As interest in electric-powered aircraft blossomed, George also enjoyed flying with the Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego, especially early efforts for FAI F5B. He continued to fly with the Gulls for many years, attending and CDing contest after contest and attending the NATS in Muncie rather regularly.

In the mid-2000s, George and Jo relocated to Arizona. He flew with the Central Arizona Soaring League (CASL), served as safety officer in 2005, and gave presentations at their club meetings as well as those of the East Valley Aviators in Mesa, Arizona. George Joy passed in June, 2010 and his wife Jo continued running Peak Electronics for a period of time. They are both very missed by all who knew them in the Torrey Pines Gulls.



George enjoying a discus launch at the 2004 IHLGF at Poway

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



George Joy (right) accepting a first place finish at the 1997 Nationals for Electric Sailplane Limited Motor Run (LMR). Back then the pilots were using 7-cell NiCds...

RC Soaring Begins



George Joy launches his discus for a practice flight.

Soaring began with two events: Hand Launch and Nostalgia (NOS). There is activity all across the field—winches are being set up and participants are getting in practice flights. No matter what brings you to the Soaring Nats—friends, competition, or the chance to work on your next level of the LSF Soaring Accomplishment Program—there is something for everyone.

Hand Launch is almost like watching the discus at the Olympics as the competitors show us how high they can zig their roughly 9-ounce aircraft into the air. Leaving the pilots hand at approximately 100 mph and reaching heights of 200 feet, hand launching is a workout for both the aircraft and the pilot.

If you like to see a little more wood used in the building of an sailplane than Nostalgia (NOS) is for you. These airplanes must be designed and kited before January 1, 1980, and sport colorful coverings over their built-in framework.

—Jay Smith



The eagle takes flight on a practice run on Saturday. Photos by Jay Smith.

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George Joy launching a discus glider at Muncie in preparation for the 2008 US Nationals. Don't hit the camera man! He finished in fourth place in hand launch that year.

Photo of the Month Contest

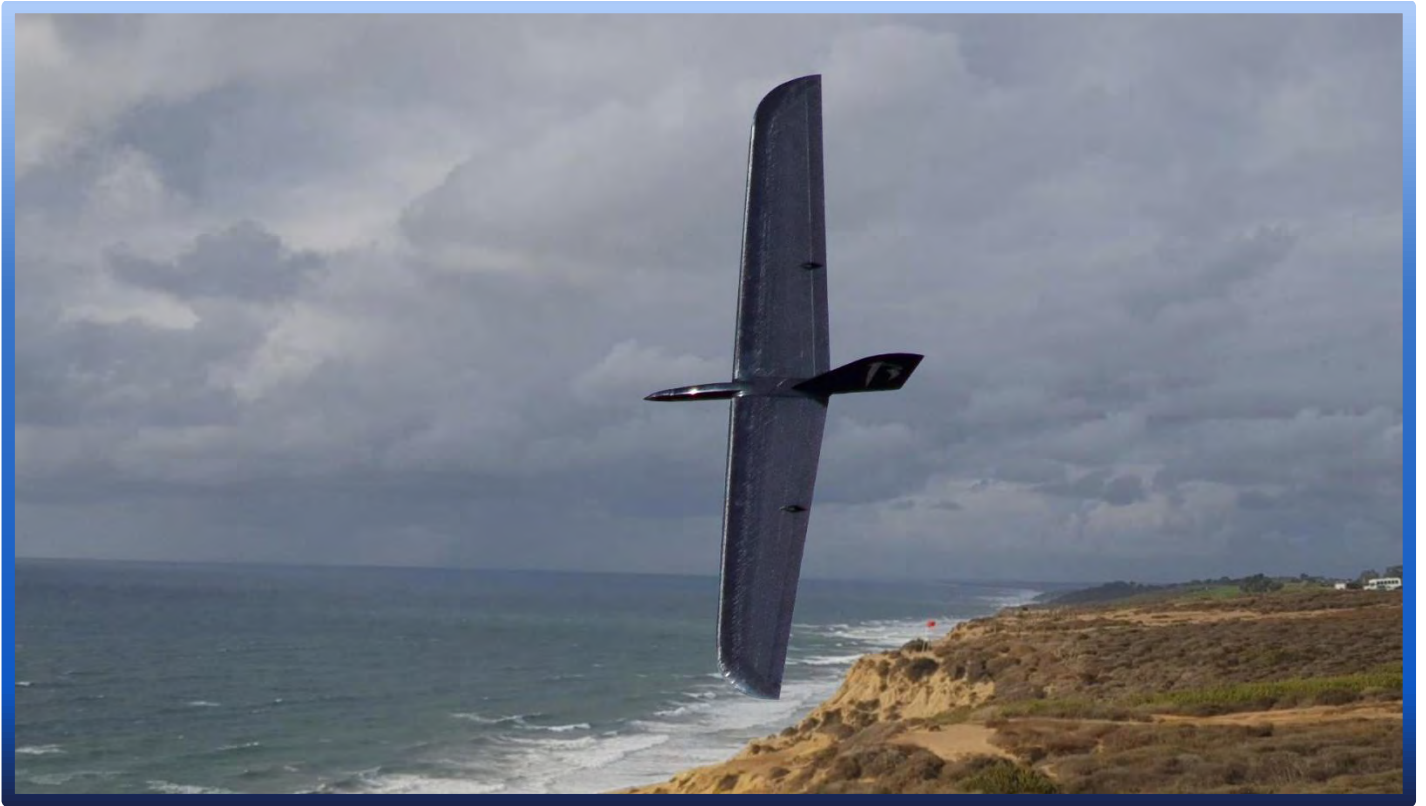
Each month club members may submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a **winner**.

A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (their photo will be used as the website and newsletter masthead AND will appear on the following year's club membership card). **Needless to say, horizontal format photos are preferred.** Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at submit@torreypinesgulls.org. Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description.



January Co-Winner – Aaron Wallace's scale ASW-27 coming in to land on a windy Torrey day (Greg Houck photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



January Co-Winner – Matin Taraz's Raven2 at Torrey (Greg Houck/Matin Taraz photo)



February Winner – Mike Frandsen is about to toss his 28oz. Jester into 40+ mph winds, gusting to over 70 (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



March Winner – Mike Frandsen in the process of saving an inverted launch of his 28 oz. Jester in 45+ mph winds at Torrey in January (Ian Cummings photo)



Jim Birkett's Espada over Torrev (Scott Basehore photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Obscure screenshot of Maria von Trapp catching some thermals in the Alps (Ted D. McCord cinematography)



John Knowles' CR Contender over Torrey (Scott Basehore photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Ray Pili's 6m ASH-26 on its maiden flight over Torrey (Marty Zimmerman photo)



Thomas Moller launching Ray Pili's 6m ASH-26 for maiden flight (Paul Broyles photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Steffen Peters' 5.3m LET Model DG-100 cruising along the edge (Thomas Moller photo)



Clint Christofferson, Utah visitor landing at the March DLG contest (Ray Pili photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



April Co-Winner – Mengchen Li launching at the March DLG contest (Ray Pili photo)



April Co-Winner – Thomas Moller launching Steffen Peters' LET Model DG-1000 (Paul Broyles photo)

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Quote of the Month:

“There are two critical points in every aerial flight — its beginning and its end.”

~ Alexander Graham Bell, Aerial Locomotion, The National Geographic Magazine, January 1907



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)