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Message from the President



Ian Cummings

As an AMA member, you've probably received an invitation to take The UAS Recreational Safety Test (TRUST). Cute acronym, huh? According to the AMA's website, The Knowledge and Safety Test is a congressional mandate in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. All UAS users must pass the test in order to operate a recreational

model aircraft (UAS) within the National Airspace System (NAS). Initially, I was skeptical about taking the test since the logo shows a quadcopter; nothing like the gliders we fly. The administrator claims to not save your information. I did take the test, which took less than 15 minutes to click through all the windows. It is considered to be "fail proof" meaning it will guide you through any wrong answers. Afterwards, you receive a certificate of completion which should be with you while flying.

In my opinion, it's doubtful any of us would ever be asked to show this certificate by the FAA or Law Enforcement, but it is one of the new requirements all the same. Its intention seems to be to remind us of some of the commonsense rules regarding RC flight. Here's a link with more info: modelaircraft.org/trust. Unfortunately, we get lumped in with all the new regulations as a result of the proliferation of drones, but this one doesn't seem to have any down side.

Happy landings, Ian

TPG Virtual Club Meeting Wrap-up - June 29, 2021 – Gary Fogel

The club had a nice virtual meeting on Zoom on June 29 starting at 7:00pm with 25 attendees.

- We reviewed the upcoming calendar - there are a lot of fun activities on the schedule so get out there and have fun!
- TPG DLG Coordinator Chuck Norris provided a recap of plans for a larger 1-day DLG contest in September - more news on that will be available via RC groups and the TPG Google Group soon.
- TPG Vice President Bob Hirsch gave us early notification for our holiday party - never too early to be reserving rooms for December fun. More info on that will also be forthcoming.
- TPG Thermal Coordinator Tom Watson provided a review of the TPG Member Reference Guide that has been in development for several months by the TPG Board. This is now available for all members on the website, and will be especially useful for new members. Be sure to check it out!

Our featured speaker Brent Lytle provided us with a super presentation on the development, construction, and avionics associated with the Stratolaunch, the world's biggest aircraft. In addition to being a great DLG competitor and private pilot, Brent served as Principal Avionics Engineer for that project. The slides were great, and we often wondered why there was no tip peg or if 6 engines are actually F5J legal. Great job Brent!



Our next virtual club meeting will be August 24 at 7:00pm. Our own Tom Watson and Steve Condon will be providing a presentation on GPS triangle racing, the contest format, methods, equipment, strategy and so forth with great pictures from the recent US Nationals where TPGers did very well. Make sure to mark it on your calendar now, set alarms and program that TX to give an alert for when it's time for the meeting! We look forward to seeing you there.

-Gary Fogel



Christmas in July

Okay...not really, but...

We can tell you that we're planning on an actual in-person holiday party at AleSmith Brewing Company on Tuesday, December 14th.

In the meantime...

For the big screen TV slideshow, we're going to need some great photos and videos from all you club members. So, this summer, when you're fun-flying, practicing, competing, or whatever, take some photos and videos of your planes and flying buddies for us all to enjoy in December. **Horizontal Format Preferred.**

Please send them to

communications@torreypinesgulls.org.

Thanks!

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 next general meeting, on August 21st, will feature our own Tom Watson and Steve Condon, who will be providing a presentation on GPS triangle racing.

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!

June Issue highlights include:

- Profile of 2001 Modeler of the Year Jerry Craft
- Holiday Party Sneak Peek
- Items for sale!

Please send in your articles or photos (communications@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,

Activity Membership Summary 2021

The table below is a summary of new and renewal membership activities based on completed registration forms received from members for June and July 2021.

2021	May	June
Total Members as of 5-19-2021	124	124
Outstanding renewal members	31	31
Average Club Member Age	65	65
Google Group Members as of 4-20-21	123	123
New Members	28	1

We have one new/renewing member. Please welcome back Justin Tolman!

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 and key; and a lanyard will be given to you by a club member at Torrey Pines Gliderport. You must wear the lanyard and membership card when flying at the Torrey Pines Gliderport effective January 1, 2021 for safety reasons.

Remember, you must have a current AMA membership to join TPG. To join AMA, follow this link: <https://join.modelaircraft.org/torreypinesgulls/>

Please contact me (membership@torreypinesgulls.org) if you have not received a 2021 renewal membership card and key. The key gives you access to the gates at our Encinitas and Poway flying sites.

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.

Club Membership Update (continued)

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. The Torrey Pines Gulls has the following types of membership:

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.

Student Members. Student members of the Society shall consist of those persons who have a current full-time student status at a college or university, have current membership (full or youth) in 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.

Cliff Hunter

Membership Chairman

membership@torreypinesgulls.org

760-703-4497 cell



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.

Google Groups – Staying Connected

Don't forget to join 

For all current and recently joined TPG members:

Yahoo Groups no longer supports groups. In order to maintain a line of communication among members, we have 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!

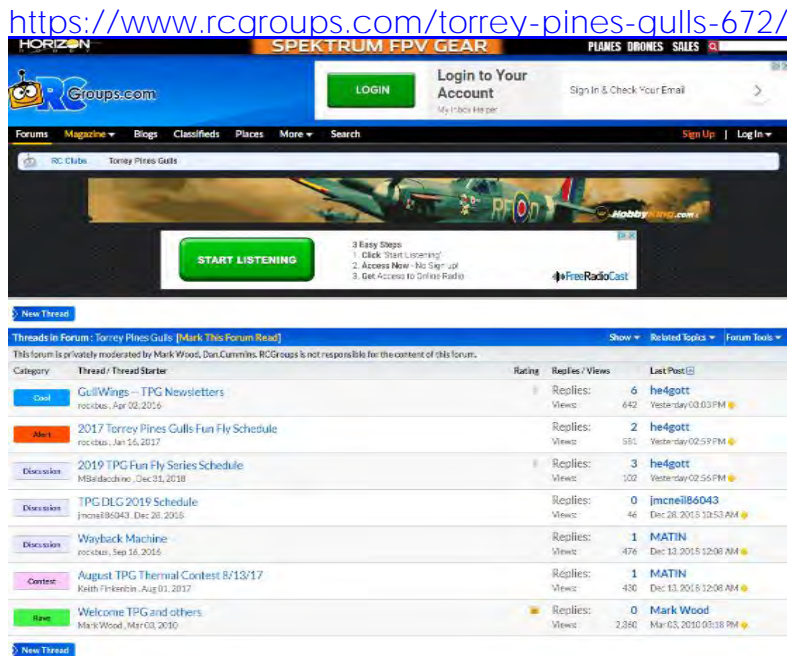
RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

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/>



Category	Thread / Thread Starter	Rating	Replies / Views	Last Post
Good	GullWings - TPG Newsletters roccas - Apr 02, 2016		Replies: 6 Views: 642	he4gott Yesterday 03:03 PM
Alert	2017 Torrey Pines Gulls Fun Fly Schedule roccas - Jan 16, 2017		Replies: 2 Views: 581	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule MBarbadoine - Dec 31, 2018		Replies: 3 Views: 102	he4gott Yesterday 02:56 PM
Discussion	TPG DLG 2019 Schedule jmcnel86043 - Dec 28, 2018		Replies: 0 Views: 46	jmcnel86043 Dec 28, 2018 12:53 AM
Discussion	Wayback Machine roccas - Sep 18, 2016		Replies: 1 Views: 476	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Thierstein - Aug 01, 2017		Replies: 1 Views: 430	MATIN Dec 13, 2018 12:08 AM
None	Welcome TPG and others MarkWood - Mar 03, 2010		Replies: 0 Views: 2,360	Mark Wood Mar 03, 2010 09:18 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?

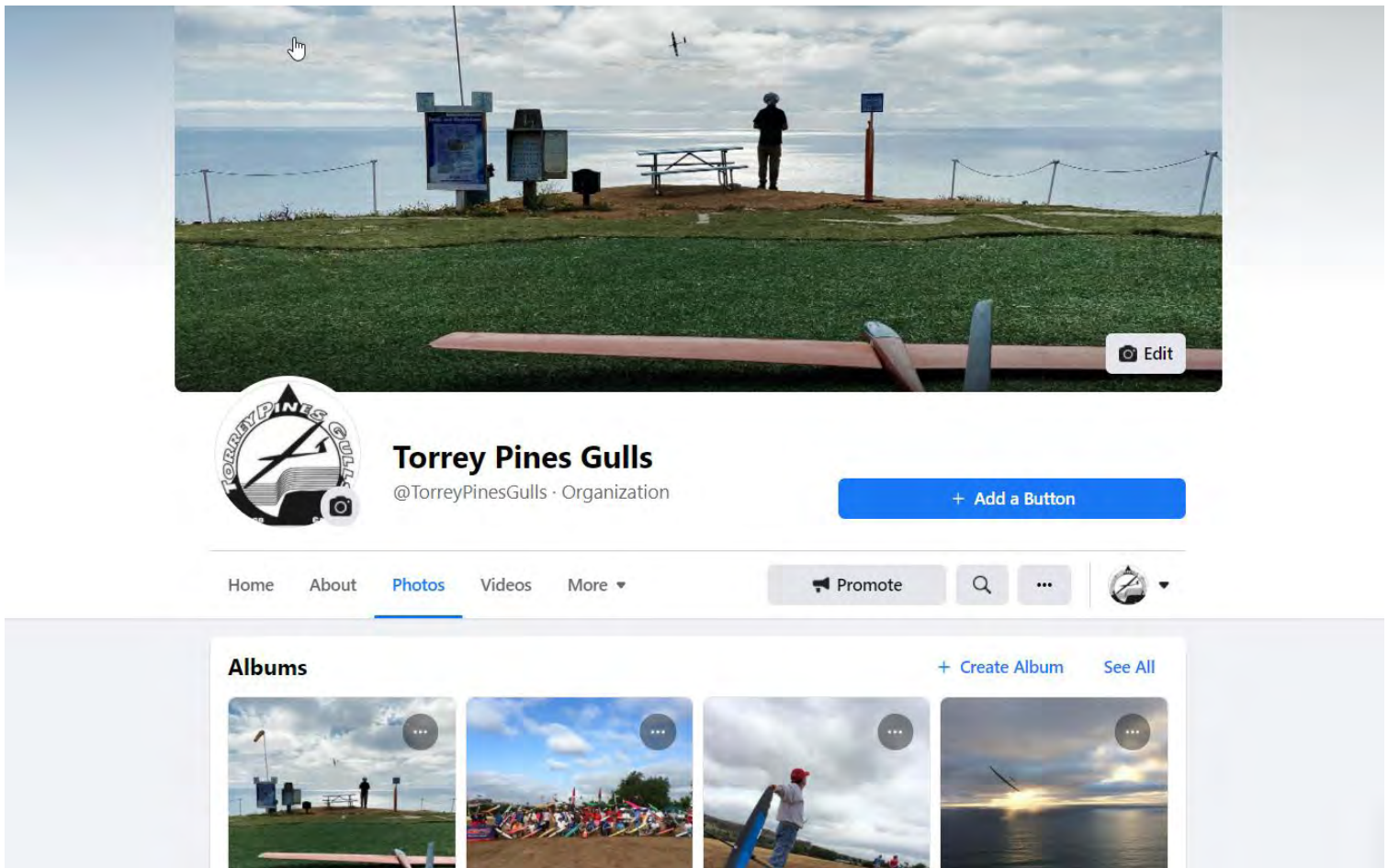
You can express your opinion at: www.torreypinesgulls.org.

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/>



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.



Field Maintenance

As all TPG members know, or should know, is that all three of our world class RC soaring venues are maintained by club members. One of our most dedicated members, Cliff Hunter, in addition to serving as our Membership Chair and liaison to San Diego County for our Encinitas Flying Center leasing arrangements, has been taking care of the Poway and Encinitas fields for years.

Recently, Sandy (Mrs. Hunter) and Cliff were out at Poway once again with the TPG mower, keeping our Poway Flight Center in tip-top shape. Thanks Cliff and Sandy!



Poway Flight Center after maintenance (Sandy Hunter photo)

Cliff mentioned that members should be aware that there is a rather large hive of unfriendly bees at the east of the Poway Flight Center parking area in one of the sycamore trees.

Also, at the Encinitas Flight Center, there is a beehive under the storage unit, so be careful when accessing the unit.

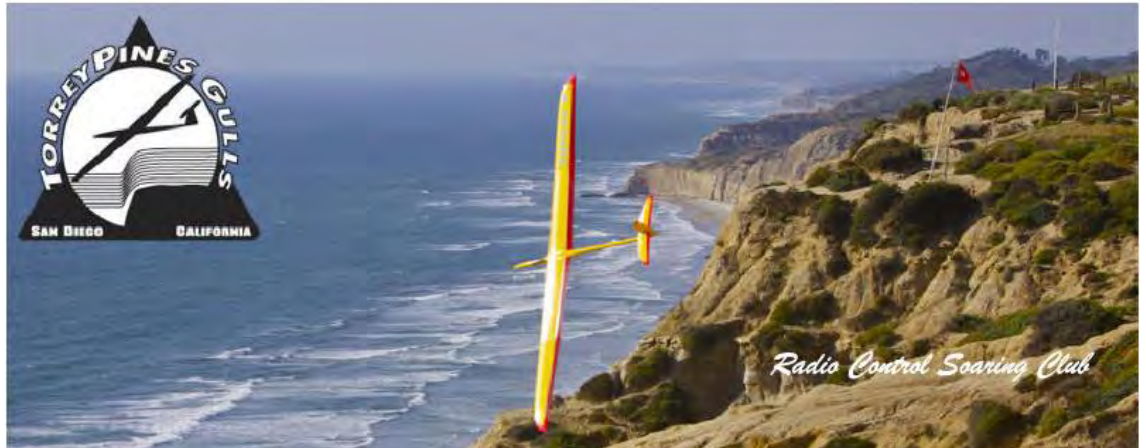


News from the Slope – Mark Baldacchino, Slope Coordinator



Mark Baldacchino

Happy Summer, TPGulls!



Can you believe that half of 2021 has passed? This is a great time of year where we can take advantage of the long summer days by flying out at the Gliderport until about 8:00PM. There's not much room for an excuse to not fly after work, or make a long day on the weekend to come out and enjoy the world's best slope! Dust off your planes; check to ensure all your electrical and mechanical connections are solid, as well as any airframe issues; charge-up your batteries and come on out and fly!



Image posted by Tom Provo, AKA Provotech on RCGroups

News from the Slope (continued)

I've been out there during the week, and have noticed a positive change with the paraglider folks. According to Greg, one of the Gliderport Flight Directors, when a paraglider is about to launch off the cliff and call out their intended flight direction of north or south; and even if only one of us is flying an RC plane, the paraglider pilot won't launch until they hear an acknowledgement from the RC pilot. Just say, "Thank you", or "Okay." That's all that they need to hear from us and for them to proceed. Just like life, communication is key – as well as safety!

Face masks are no longer required to fly out there, but left up to you if you so desire. At the end of this month, Saturday July 24th, is our next fun fly, and it's Aerobatics Day! Jesters, Ahis, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime, or just bring whatever you have. We've only had one other fun fly this year, so let's get busy and start having fun – we've waited long enough for this. ☺

There's not a lot to report this month, so I thought I'd share my last project, which was actually what I called, COVID Project #7, as it was the 7th plane I put together in the last year, which was an easy one. It's the Dream Flight @ ahi. I've read a lot of articles on RCGroups, and RC Soaring Digest to get some tips on how to make this little gem perform and last as it's just a foamie. I got this plane for Christmas, but didn't start on it until May, as I had other planes in front of it.

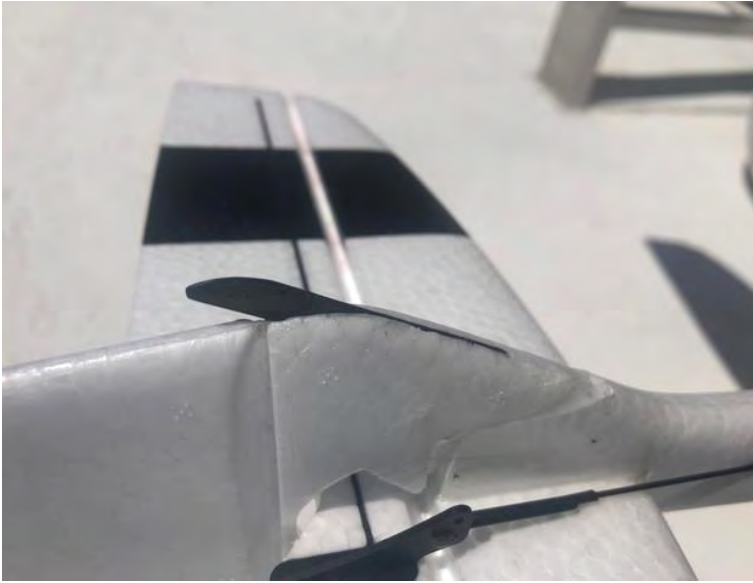


Ahi, following maiden flight (Mark Baldacchino photo)

The very first thing I did was make the leading edges of the wings more resistant to damage. I got some 0.050" dia. carbon rods that were 24' long, and inserted them right on the edges. Here's a good [tutorial video](#) that explains the whole process, which is very easy to do, and hardly weighs anything. The next mod that I did was to attach a tail skid. I've read that the rudders on these little guys are easily torn off during landing. A process similar to attaching the leading edge carbon rod; I had some thin carbon sheet laying around, cut it to shape and applied it with foam safe CA. There's a picture below that shows a close up of the tail skid.

I then used rattle can Rustoleum paint from Home Depot to add some color to the Ahi. Also from Home Depot, I used a brand of masking tape that leaves super sharp paint edges. It's green and called "Frog Tape". The recommended weight of the plane is between 12 and 15oz. Even with the added carbon and paint, it came out to 11.99oz, and I had to move the battery back a 1/4" to get the CG just right.

News from the Slope (continued)



The tail skid. **There's** not much to it, but it saves the rudder from being torn-off. (Mark Baldacchino photo)



Old school paint scheme - light and effective (Mark Baldacchino photo)

I maiden'd the ahi on June 2nd, and it flew great; just a couple of clicks on the elevator. A cool little plane that I've seen so many of you guys fly, and I felt it was about time to give it a try. I recommend getting one as a very responsive, easy to transport, and pretty inexpensive plane to add to your quiver.

TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2021:

- July 24th – Aerobatics Day – TWF/ PNF – Jesters, Ahis, 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

Blue Skies!

Best Regards,

Mark Baldacchino
Slope Coordinator

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 is hosting 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 for the rest of 2021 is:

Oct 3 Register at the F3X Vault:

https://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&country_id=0&state_id=0&search=

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 to registration. The spirit of the requirement is to allow contestants to compete and learn with inexpensive planes. If you don't have an F5J competition altimeter, come fly anyway...we have a workaround.

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

June F5J Contest Report – Mike Verzuh, CD

Field: Poway Flight Center

Date: June 13, 2021

Our Thermal Contest series stop for June was at the Poway Field. The format was F5J open class. With Covid restrictions easing we are seeing everyone getting out for a variety of activities. For this event we had a couple of conflicts the weekend before and on this weekend. So, between these activities our participation was low. However, for those pilots that were able to attend (six signed up and five attended) we had a blast with a lot of flying. One advantage of F5J is it is a man-on-man format so no matter the conditions at the moment the whole group has the same air. For this event we made that an advantage.

To keep the event simple and maximize our flying fun, we flew just one flight group. Fortunately, in addition to our five pilots, we had three supporters (wives, moms and a brother!) We pressed the supporters into service as timers and Arthur Markiewicz and I managed our flight time watches. I used a simple announcement system which was just audio from my phone to a Blue Tooth speaker. The track played the 10-minute flight announcements and worked very well. I mentioned we got in a bunch of flying, which turned out to be six rounds and we were wrapped up before the noon heat came on. Between flights we would take about a 10 minute break to setup charging and get hydrated. This made for a low stress event, and we would fly when everyone was ready.

The first round was at 9:00 and the lift was already nice, but there were tricky spots that caught a few pilots. The morning mist had burned off and skies were clear all day. Wind was light around 5 mph. Even though the conditions were good, if you were not in the right place you found yourself with a short flight. This is especially true with F5j as pilots took more chances with lower launches. It seemed every pilot took a hit during each round. One advantage of the F5J format and flying five or more rounds is you can throw out one round, so that helped everyone. Downwind thermal reads were good, but you had to have enough launch height to get back to it and work it. I was bitten by that once. On other flights the thermals upwind just didn't stay together well, so success was to bail and run downwind.

Overall, we had an awesome time. 1st through 5th were Mike Verzuh, Sean Summers, Arthur Markiewicz, Terry Throop, and Cliff Hunter, Ron Rossetti couldn't make it.

Hope to see everyone for the July Thermal Duration stop at the Encinitas field.

Best,

Mike Verzuh

June DLG Contest Report – Mengchen Li, CD

The monthly DLG contest was held June 19th. With most Californians fully vaccinated, and everything reopened, the contest cap of 12 was removed, masks were off and we all breathed fresh air again!

As the day of the contest was sweltering, I chose to only set 5 rounds. 12 pilots registered for the contest, making it a perfect 3 heats for each round. Our new regular contest members John Butler, Michael Kruger, and Christoph Efstathiou made the trip from LA County. Marc Maher made the trip from Orange County. We were also very happy to see Tim Traver in this contest. We hadn't seen him in a contest for quite some time and we all hope Tim will be able to continue to join us each month. A coincidence was that last time Tim won the monthly DLG contest, I was also the CD. Other pilots were Gary Fogel, Chuck Norris, Don Lochhead, Dan Gebhardt, Scott Mccurdy, Cliff Hunter, and me, Mengchen Li. Thank you all for making this contest work.

Most pilots arrived before 8 am. Chuck, Gary, Don, and I set up the field and everything was ready just before 8:45am. Luckily, we still had a few minutes to dial in our DLGs. The pilot meeting was held as usual. I introduced the tasks and local bylaws. I would say I did it better than last time. Last time I forgot to specify the no-fly zone (although everyone knows where it is), but this time I remembered.



Pilots meeting (Chuck Norris photo)

June DLG Contest Report (continued)

The contest started at 9:00am sharp. The first round was Ladder, which has disappeared in new rules from 2020. However, it was an interesting task, and it didn't seem that hard. John and Chuck got their 2 minutes in heat A. Gary was the only one who made 2 minutes in heat B. In heat C, the air was tough. Dan and Tim were the K with the last flight of 1:45.

The second round was 5 longest flights (2:00 maximum). I set the first two rounds primarily as warm-up rounds with maximum time no longer than 2 minutes, because the following rounds would be brutal. Tim won this round in heat A. Gary only dropped 8 seconds in heat B, and of course he won this round. The CD accidentally hit Gary in this round, and he took the penalty. This was the first time I hit a pilot during a contest. I promise it won't happen again. Michael got the K in heat C, and Dan was only 1.9 seconds behind. It was super close.

Then we had a new 2020 task for round 3; only 1 flight in a 10-minute window. I witnessed our fellows at Long Beach do this task in Cookie Toss last time, and I just blatantly copied it. I thought we needed to practice new tasks, as we may have those new tasks in future Internationals. I assumed this task was even more difficult than Poker, but it seemed most pilots liked this task more than Poker (An old joke: Will the contest with 6 rounds of Poker come true?). Most pilots chose to observe others first. It was risky to launch first. The pilot who launched first could either be a hero or zero. Marc achieved 9:35 and won the round in heat A. Chuck and Scott got the K in heat B and heat C, respectively.

Round 4 was also a new 2020 task, only 2 flights in a 10-minute window. This task sounded easier than the last one, but it was still pretty challenging. Since pilots would have two flights in this round, all the pilots launched as soon as possible. They would have another chance to think about where to go and adjust their strategy after their first flight. Gary only dropped 2 seconds in heat A. It was impressive. Dan and Chuck won the other two heats.

For the last round, we had classic All Up Last Down. It was always a good choice for the end. Chuck, Scott, and Gary were the winners for each heat. **After 5 rounds, Chris's wife and another friend brought us a nice lunch of homemade sandwiches.** Everyone had a good time. Special thanks to Chris's wife and his friend.



Gary Fogel photo



Gary Fogel photo

June DLG Contest Report (continued)



Group photo (Chris's wife. Madi Swavne photo)

Finally, Chuck, Gary, and John made it to the top 3. Scott and Don were runner-up. Congratulations! The final scores can be found at:

https://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=1997.

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	8	Chuck Norris 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4990.77	1000	990.77	1000	1000	1000	
2	5	Gary Fogel 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4973.52	-17.25	1000	1000	973.52	1000	
3	12	John Butler 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4158.66	-814.86	1000	955.10	835.53	686.12	681.91
4	11	Scott Mccurdy 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4026.69	-131.97	571.43	961.04	1000	494.22	1000
5	13	Don Lochhead 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3929.02	-97.67	740.74	829.41	990.02	759.70	609.15
6	4	Michael Kruger 🇳🇦	3850.95	-78.07	771.43	1000	989.34	771.01	319.17
7	9	Marc Maher 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3839.77	-11.18	740.74	830.74	1000	752.76	515.53
8	7	Dan Gebhardt 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3685.79	-153.98	1000	996.68	305.82	1000	383.29
9	1	Mengchen Li 🇨🇳	3587.18	-98.61	771.43	739.02	345.28	994.09	837.36
10	3	Christoph Efstathiou 🇩🇪	3443.84	-143.34	571.43	784.12	737.19	609.20	741.90
11	10	Tim Traver 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	2865.40	-578.44	1000	1000	0.00	193.98	671.42
12	2	Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	2571.00	-294.40	400.00	875.54	274.57	301.89	719.00

The next contest will be held on July 17th and Scott Mccurdy will be the CD. I believe it will be Scott's first time being the CD. The registration has opened on the [F3X Vault](https://f3xvault.com). I'm looking forward to seeing you again in July.

Best regards,

Mengchen Li

LSF Report – Ray Pili



Hi Gulls,

We haven't planned any LSF-specific event for the calendar as of yet, although the Foamy F5J contest on October 3rd qualifies for LSF eSAP credit. **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.

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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,

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TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



This Month: Jerry Craft 2001 Modeler of the Year

As with so many of these Modeler of the Year awardees I'm not really sure how each started with their interest in soaring. However, Jerry became a Gulls member in the late 1990s. In 1999, he served as club winch master although it seems he wasn't involved in many thermal duration contests. He enjoyed flying slope at Torrey and together with Ron Scharck and Tom Copp, organized the first US F3F slope race at Torrey Pines in June 1999. That very successful event became the foundation for a lot of man-on-man F3F racing in 2000 with 18 slope races that year alone under the auspices of the Southern California Slope Racers (SCSR) formed by Tom Copp and Jerry Craft. The SCSR was a mirror of the Northern California Slope Racers (NCSR) that flew at Los Banos and other locations in northern California. Thus also was born a tradition of North-South competition, just as there had been for years in thermal duration. He noted in the April 1999 newsletter that "one of the comments I hear frequently is that TPG pilots are friendly. As a group we tend to say "Hi" to visitors." Ron Brown, George Joy, and Jerry Fry made a point of doing that during 1999. Jerry even arranged for a TPG night at the San Diego Gulls ice hockey game. He also helped run fun fly events at Torrey including a "Redman Rules" style event in November 1999. Jerry provided a lecture at the TPG monthly meeting in January 2000 to help cement F3F in the minds of TPGers.

In December 1999, Jerry helped establish the first e-communication group for TPG. This was TPGulls@onelist.com, and lasted through 2000 but without much use, and became "www.egroups.com/TPGulls". By March 2001, Jerry converted it to a Yahoo group, and the first TPG Yahoo group was born and lasted for many years.



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

In 2000, Jerry Craft helped run the annual TPG Toys for Tots campaign, helping local children receive gifts for the Christmas holidays. Two barrels full of toys were collected at the event December 3 at Poway thanks to 25 pilots who showed up for the thermal contest and donation. TPG member supporters for this such as Don Clark, Colin Craft, Chris Schaffer, Mike Smith, Bren Lugo, Garth Warner and Dan Weisz showed up early to get everything set up so that the club and the Toys for Tots drive could be featured on KUSI-TV News. The news truck was waiting at the gate at 6:25am so while it was an early start for everyone, the event generated a lot of solid publicity for the club. U.S. Marines Sgt. Robertson and Sgt. Huff were there in full uniform to collect the toys and provide the TPG with a nice certificate of thanks.

Jerry served as TPG rep to the American Slope Racing Organization (ARSO), a special interest group (SIG) formed by the AMA to pull together pilots to represent the US at the 2002 F3F Viking race, what was at the time the world championships for slope racing. Jerry also represented TPG to the Southern California Slope Racing league in 2001. In 2001 Jerry also served as TPG representative to the San Diego Association of Model Clubs, an important regional collection of all AMA clubs in San Diego County.

Considerable effort was made throughout 2001 by Jerry to help with the oversight of 20 F3F contests throughout California. These included a USA Viking Race team qualifier at Los Banos.

At right: A page from the January 2001 TPG newsletter showing Jerry Craft at work at the annual TPG Toys for Tots drive, making sure that San Diegan kids had gifts for the holidays.



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

Jerry continued as SCSR and SDCAMC rep in 2002. Also served as 2002 “Top Gun Coordinator”. At that time pilots collected points towards the Top Gun trophy depending on how they did in TPG Unlimited TD, TPG RES, TPG hand launch, and SCSR F3F slope racing. Due to his many volunteering efforts in the 1999-2000 time frame the club bestowed the Modeler of the Year trophy on Jerry in 2001. His award was shared with Ian Hirschsohn as Co-Modelers of the Year and we’ll learn more about Ian’s efforts next time.



Jerry Craft at the annual TPG Toys for Tots drive (2001 TPG newsletter)

Photo of the Month Contest

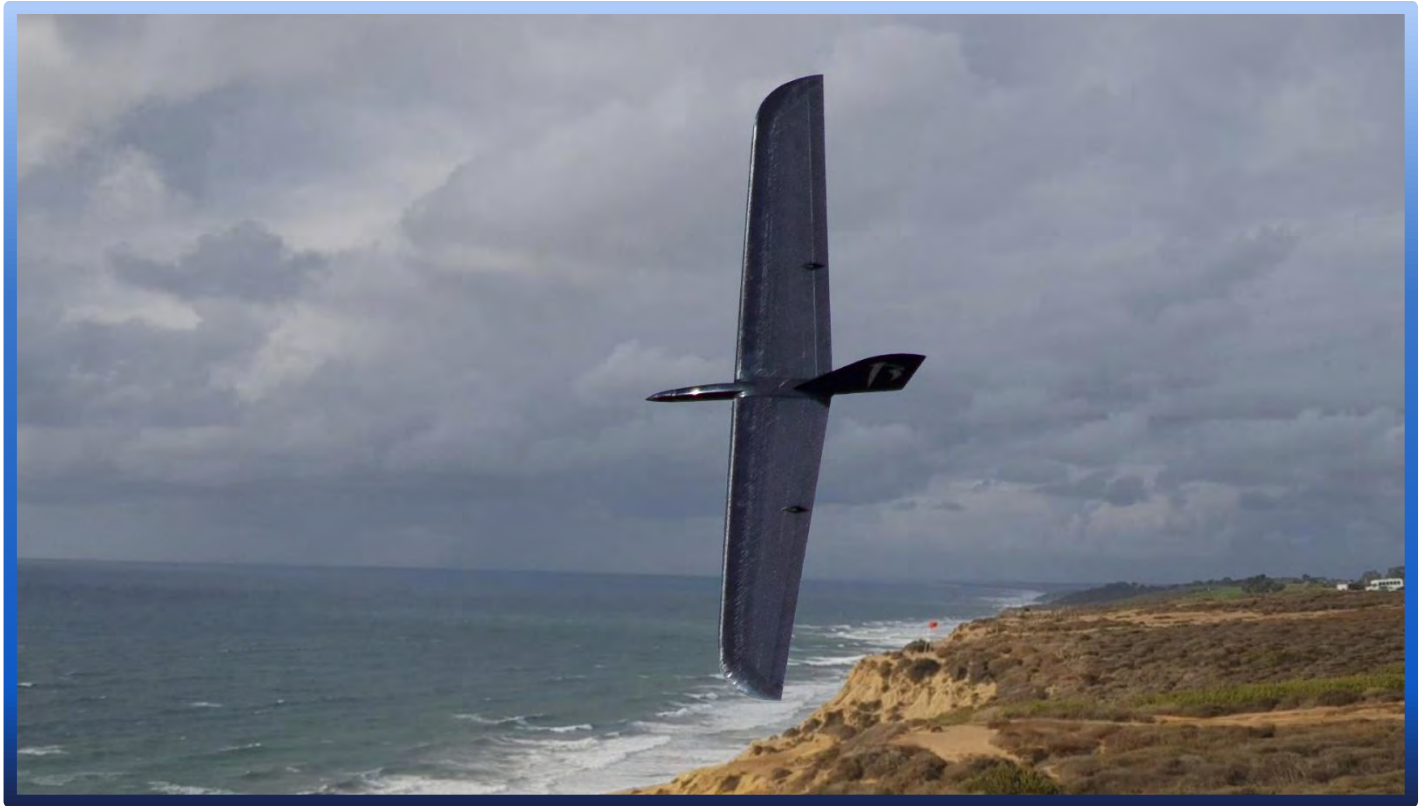
Each month club members may submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a **winner**.

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)



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

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



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



May Co-Winner – PSS Ki-84 over Cajon contest (Greg Houck photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Co-Winner – Group launch at the April F5J contest (Cliff Hunter photo)



June Winner – Steffen Peters' Arcus at Torrey (Thomas Moller photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Ted Torpin's Beech Staggerwing over Cajon (Brian Laird photo)



Craig Hanson has the Torrey sky all to himself! (Ian Cummings photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Tom Drake's Brian Courtice-designed Ultramaster at Cajon (Greg Houck photo)



July-August Winner – Andy Grose launching at sunset (Ian Cummings photo)

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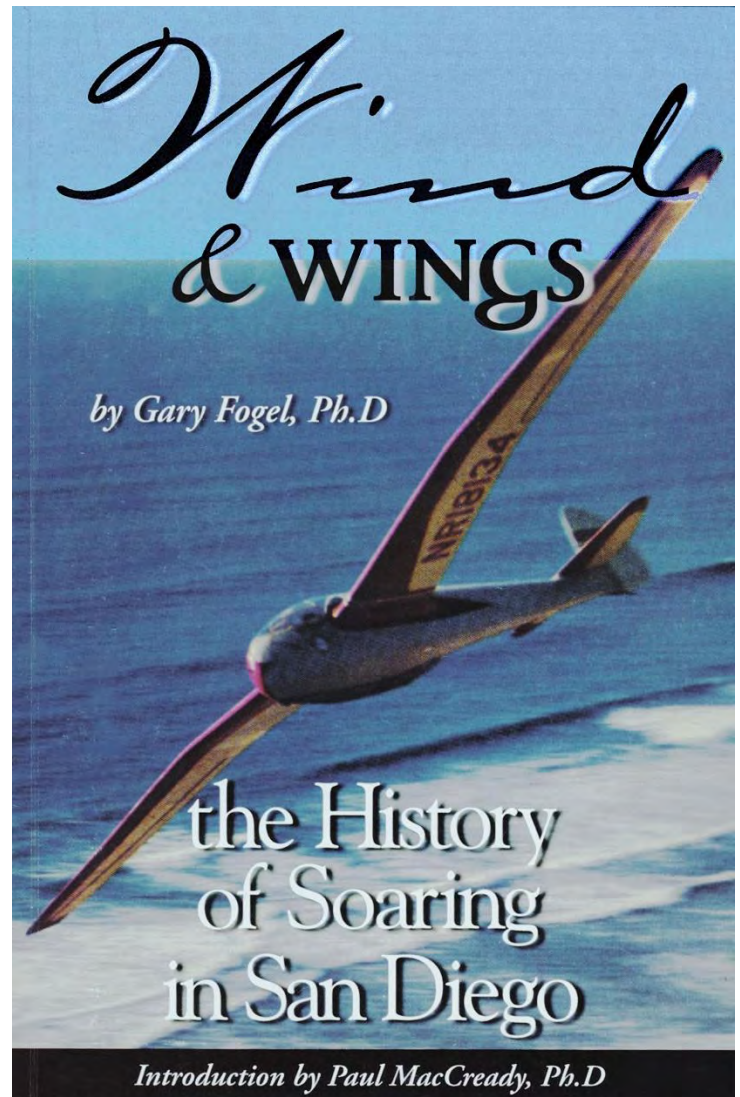
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Wind & Wings by our own Gary Fogel

In this first comprehensive history of soaring in San Diego, Gary Fogel captures the local desire to fly on silent wings. The history begins with John J. Montgomery's first attempts at gliding flight at Otay Mesa in 1883, 20 years prior to the development of powered flight by the Wright Brothers. Fogel takes the reader through major local advances in subsequent years, placing these significant achievements in the context of other historical events around the United States. Among the highlights of this collection are accounts of flights by William Hawley Bowlus, Charles and Anne Lindbergh, Frank Hawks, John Robinson and woody brown and the effects of these pioneers on the development of soaring in America. The early development of various local gliderports including Point Loma, Emerald Hills, and Torrey Pines are also included. In addition, personal recollections of pioneering glider pilots are included in this book. The text covers all local gliding and soaring events between the years 1883 to 1950. This information has been gathered from the archives of the National Soaring Museum, Vintage Sailplane Association, Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Soaring Society of America and through personal files of many glider pilots. With over 100 photographs, *Wind and Wings* will appeal to soaring enthusiasts, aviation historians, and anyone with an interest in silent flight.



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Quote of the Month:

“The man who has no imagination has no wings.”

~ Muhammad Ali



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)