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AMA Charter Club 129

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## Message from the President



Ian Cummings

As we put 2021 in the rearview mirror, I want to thank the many TPG members who have dedicated their time and energy towards the club. Without **volunteers**, our club doesn't function. In particular the [club officers](#), contest directors, and field improvement volunteers have helped make The Torrey Pines Gulls the great club it is for over 50 years.

I want to give a shout out to Ray Pili, a very deserving recipient of the 2021 Modeler of the Year award. Ray put in a lot of work for the club this year as always, and it's much appreciated. Also, we owe a special thanks to Dale Gottdank for his continuous work on publishing this newsletter every month, along with his duties as Club Secretary and Communications Officer. I also want to thank Gary Fogel, Club Historian, for his work at organizing and hosting interesting and informative general meetings for the club. If you haven't attended these, you're missing out.

Here's to a fun and rewarding year for everyone in 2022. If you have time and energy, please consider volunteering, even if only for a field maintenance event. Every bit makes a difference. Keep an eye on the [club calendar](#) for upcoming events.

Happy New Year,  
Ian

## TPG January/February Events

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
January 8	Kickoff Fun Fly	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Registration Required Fun Fly!
January 9	TD contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
January 15	DLG contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
February 12	Fly and Swap	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Registration Required Fun Fly!
February 13	F5J Contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
February 19	DLG contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a> when open
February 26	Foamy F5J Clinic and contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>

## Will You Be A Mentor?



The TPG Executive Council is planning to revive our Mentoring Program, which was very popular and helpful for new RC soaring pilots just getting into the hobby. Club mentors would make themselves available to meet new pilots at the Gliderport or one of our other flying fields. Back in the day, we had a couple of “club” planes, a radio or two and a “buddy box” setup for true newbies. Times have changed, and now most new pilots will have purchased their own RTF or ARF foamy Ahi or Radian, etc. but could still use plenty of help learning the basics of flying safely at Torrey, or catching thermals at Poway or Encinitas. It’s also a great way for new pilots to meet the regulars and begin participating in our contests and fun fly events.

We’d like to get the Mentoring Program up and running with a few volunteers in early 2022. If you’d like to help out with your time and experience, as well as contributing to the growth of our club, please contact [communications@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:communications@torreypinesgulls.org).

## 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.

Last year, after a long hiatus, club meetings returned. Our last general meeting, which was also our Annual Holiday Party, took place on December 14<sup>th</sup> at AleSmith Brewing Company. It featured a great slide presentation assembled by Club President Ian Cummings, annual awards presentations **and food by Phil's BBQ**. Check out the recap on the next page. **We're looking** forward to more excellent meetings and presentations in 2022.

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!

January Issue highlights include:

- [Mentoring Program Start-up \(page 2\)](#)
- [Annual Holiday Party recap and award winners \(page 4\)](#)
- [Updated Foamy F5J Clinic and contest Series \(page 17\)](#)

Please send in your articles or photos ([communications@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:communications@torreypinesgulls.org)) 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. Photos should be in their original, high-resolution format. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls website at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>.

## Holiday Party Recap – Dale Gottdank

Those who braved the fierce mid-December storm (okay, the wind and rain were over by then) were treated to an actual in-person TPG Holiday Party after a year's hiatus. We were treated to delicious ribs, chicken and side dishes from Phil's BBQ provided by TPG along with the excellent varieties of AleSmith Brewing



Company's hops. Prez Ian Cummings assembled photos and videos from the past year or so into a slideshow we enjoyed on the big-screen TV in the private party room.



A great time was had by all at the AleSmith Brewing Company (Dale Gottdank photos)

Cookies for dessert, some more brew and lots of glider talk led to the main event: Awarding of prizes for the 2021 Contest Series and Modeler of the Year Award.

This year, the competition awards were DLG Open and Sportsman Class, TD, F5J and Combined TD & F5J Open Class. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place plaques were awarded for each. Award winners are listed on the following page. Thanks to TPG Vice-President Bob Hirsch for coordinating all the award plaques.

## Holiday Party Recap (continued)

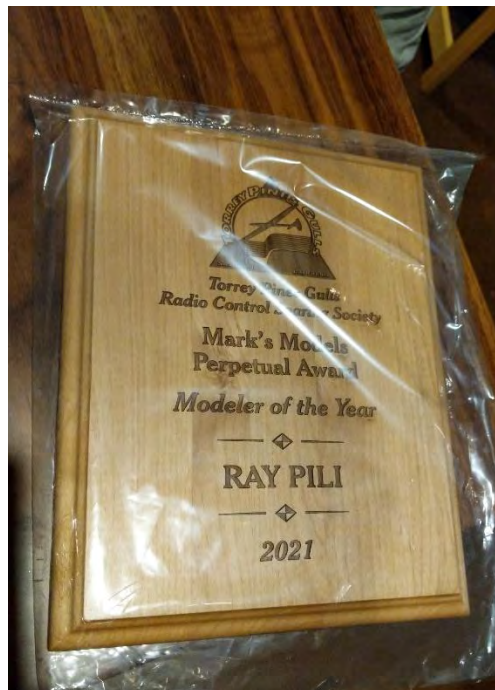
CONTEST FORMAT	CLASS	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE
TD	OPEN	Tom Watson	Arthur Markiewicz	Mike Smith
F5J	OPEN	Mike Smith	Tom Watson	Mike Verzuh
COMBINED TD & F5J	OPEN	Mike Smith	Tom Watson	Arthur Markiewicz
DLG	OPEN	Mengchen Li	Gary Fogel	Ron Rosetti
DLG	SPORTSMAN	Cliff Hunter	Don Lochhead	Scott McCurdy

### 2021 TORREY PINES GULLS MODELER OF THE YEAR – RAY PILI

This year's TPG Modeler of the Year Award goes to Ray Pili. In the past, Ray has served as Treasurer, Slope Coordinator/Safety Officer and TPG Representative to the Torrey Pines Soaring Council. More recently, he reinvigorated the League of Silent Flight (LSF) Program at TPG and created the ongoing Foamy F5J Clinic and contest Series as a way of introducing more members to the fun of RC soaring competition. Congratulations and thanks, Ray!



Ray was unable to attend the Holiday Party Award presentations, but here's the trophy plaque updated for 2021 – Ray Pili (Dale Gottdank photo)



Since last year, the Perpetual Trophy which is held by the Modeler of the Year until the following year, is accompanied by a plaque to be kept by the award winner. Perpetual Trophy at right (Dale Gottdank photos)



## Holiday Party Recap (continued)

Below are a few photos of the winning pilots who were present at the Holiday Party. Congratulations, guys!



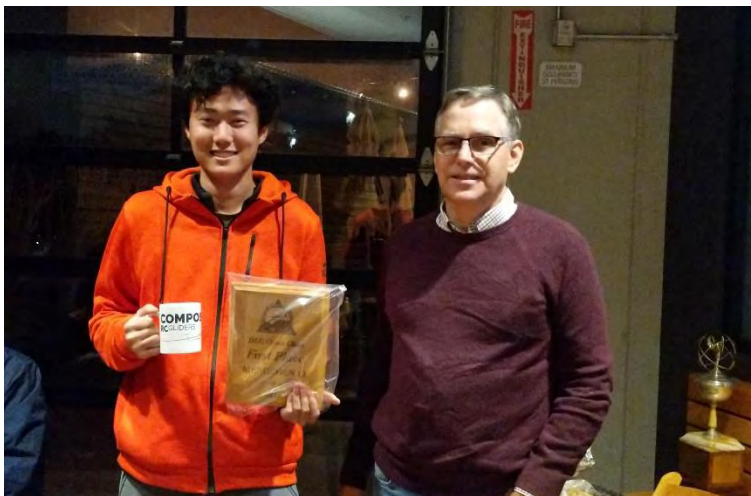
Tom Watson, leading off the awards presentations. Steve Hurd looking on. (Dale Gottdank photo)



Mike Smith with his 1<sup>st</sup> Place F5J plaque and commemorative mug. Thermal Coordinator Tom Watson at right (Dale Gottdank photo)



Arthur Markiewicz celebrating his Combined TD & F5J (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) and TD (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) wins (Dale Gottdank photo)



Mengchen Li, happily accepting his 1<sup>st</sup> Place DLG award plaque. DLG Coordinator Chuck Norris at right (Dale Gottdank photo)



Tom Watson proudly displaying his 1<sup>st</sup> Place TD plaque with Bob Hirsch looking on.

## Club Membership Update – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

Hello Gulls,

**REMINDER: It is that time of the year to renew your 2022 TPG Membership**

As a reminder, Instead of our traditional mailed registration form to each member, we have transitioned to a web-based process. Please use the following link when signing up:

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

Please fill out the registration form completely. We will use this information to help the club's Executive Council plan and develop future events, competitions and activities for members.

Please take the time to review the [Torrey Pines Gulls Membership Guide](#) which will provide answers to many of your questions regarding Torrey Pines Gulls activities.

### Membership Activity Summary – 2021/2022

The table below is a summary of new, renewed and lifetime members based on completed registration forms received from members in the past month.

Membership for 2021/2022	December 20, 2021	New Members for 2022	Renewal Members for 2022	Total TPG Members
Total Members for 2021 (incl. 4 lifetime)	136			136
New and Renewal Members for 2022		4	30	65
Google Group Members*	127	2	NA	127

\*Note: if you are not a member of Google Groups and want to be, please contact [membership@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:membership@torreypinesgulls.org)

Please welcome our new members this month, Dan Cummins, Michael Korody, Ian McCurdy (Youth Member) and Dieter Rozak.

All new and renewing members will receive a membership card and key. The key gives you access to the gates at our Encinitas and Poway flying sites. For members who slope fly at Torrey Pines Gliderport and are Torrey Pines Gliderport rated: In addition to the membership card and key, you will receive a club lanyard from a club representative at the Torrey Pines Gliderport. You must wear the lanyard with the membership card attached when flying at the Torrey Pines Gliderport, 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](mailto:membership@torreypinesgulls.org)) if you have not received your membership materials or have any membership-related questions.

## Club Membership Update (continued)

### Membership Processing:

You will receive a renewal notice using the 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 or debit/credit card.

However, if you chose to pay by check or cash, please email me at: [membership@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto: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. 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.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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:

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](mailto: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!

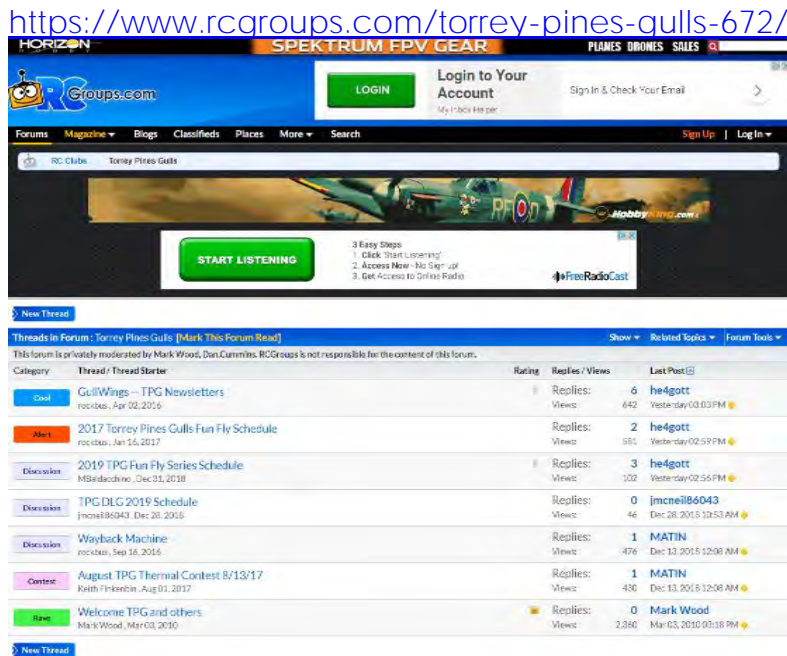
## RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

# 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: 551	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 16, 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?

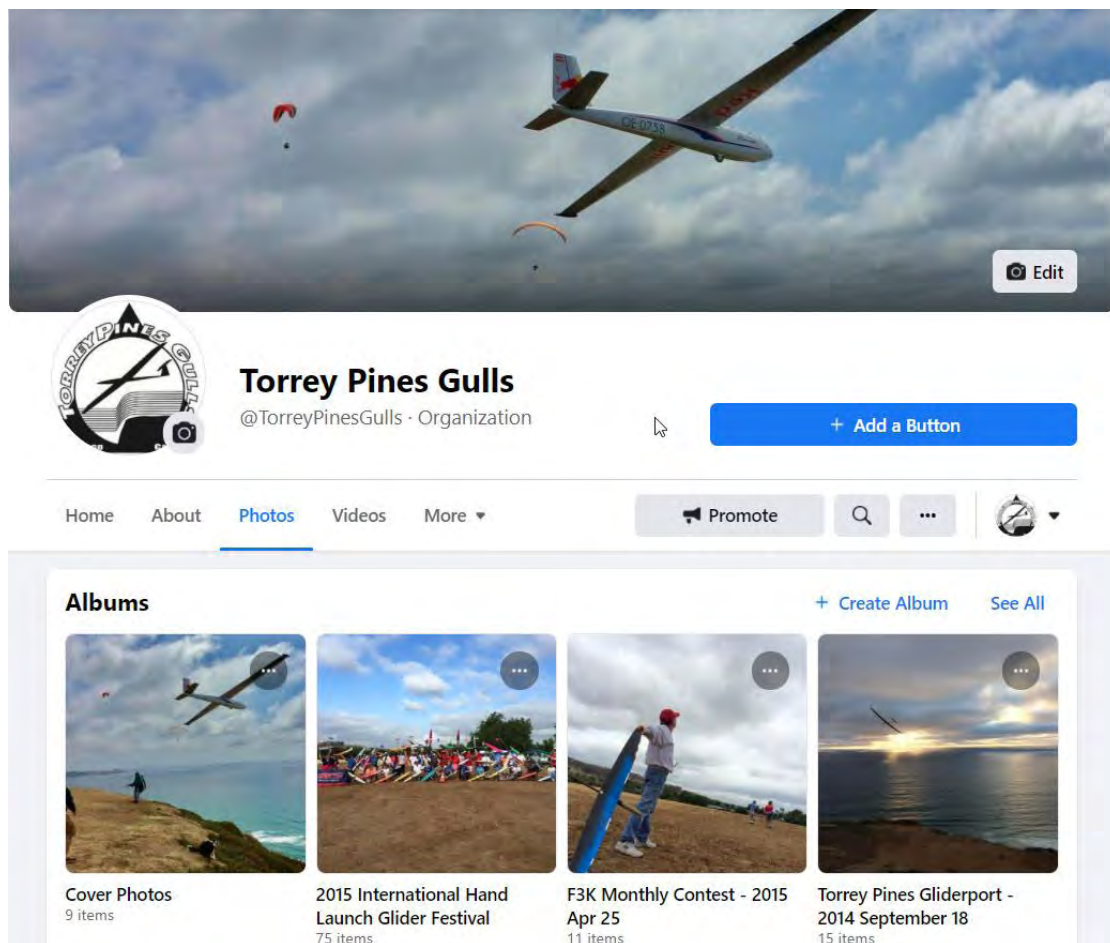
You can express your opinion at: [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org).

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 Executive Council, [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/>



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- Cover Photos  
9 items
- 2015 International Hand Launch Glider Festival  
75 items
- F3K Monthly Contest - 2015  
Apr 25  
11 items
- Torrey Pines Gliderport -  
2014 September 18  
15 items

## 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 January 2022, TPGulls!



I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and the much needed rain that we had!

We have a full schedule this year, with 12 events; not every month, but close. We'll be kicking off the New Year with a fun fly on January 8<sup>th</sup>, which doesn't have a particular aircraft type, but rather a time for us pilots start the year off on the right foot. I scheduled it early in the month due to the Farmers Classic Golf tournament on January 26–29. We'll make this a whole day event as we need some help cleaning up the tumbleweeds in the landing zone, and the general area. There have been way fewer tumbleweeds due to us not mowing them and scattering the seeds. What would be great, is if one of you could bring a pickup truck, so we could haul these weeds off to the landfill not far away at Miramar. Please let Ian or me know. This cleanup help will reduce your membership dues by \$10 for 2023. Then, later in the day, Ian has a portable grill and we'll grill-up some hotdogs! (...weather permitting), but what a great way to start-off the New Year, huh?!?



## News from the Slope (continued)

Below is a revised schedule for 2022, as we've added in the Katie Martin International Tribute on June 4<sup>th</sup>. So, in June, we'll have two events.

Being that it's early in the year, too, please don't forget to go to the glider shack and sign your waivers. Also, bring your lanyard with your TPG membership card, and let's go have some fun this year!!!



Photo by Radio Carbon Art Productions

January 8 <sup>th</sup>	2022 Kickoff Event – Not on the same date as the Farmers Open. Bring what you have.
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fly 'n Swap – A Day to Fly + Swap Meet. Clean out your garage and make room for more birds.
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Scale Planes – Both TPG and TPSSS Fun Fly Day
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Old School Vintage/Classic Woodies – BOTs, Olys, Sagittas...whatever is built-up wood
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Foamies – Ahis, Alulas, Ka-8's, Radians...If it's foam, this is your day!
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Martin International Tribute. A yearly classic: <a href="#">RCGroups</a>
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Landing Strip Contest – Get closest to the pin. Ribbons for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Aerobatics Day – TWF/PWF...Jesters, Ahis, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fly 'n Swap Again! – A Day to Fly + Swap Meet. Clean out your garage and make room for more birds.
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Old School Vintage/Classic Woodies Again! – BOTs, Olys, Sagittas...whatever is built-up wood
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Redman Rules & Landing Contest – Ribbons for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> . For the uninitiated, Redman Rules involve beer can bowling and limbo line.
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 Contest Series

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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 2022 TPG TD & F5J contest schedule thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?4013905-2022-Torrey-Pines-Gulls-TD-F5J-contest-schedule.>

or contact Tom Watson at [thermal@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:thermal@torreypinesgulls.org)

### Hand Launch / DLG / F3K Contest Series

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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/>

Also, be sure to subscribe to the RCGroups 2022 Torrey Pines Gulls DLG Contest/Clinic Series thread for the latest contest news:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?4040675-2022-TPG-DLG-Contest-Clinic-Series#post48416967.>

or contact Chuck Norris at [dlg@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:dlg@torreypinesgulls.org)



## Club Competition Activity (continued)

### 2022 Foamy F5J Clinic and Fun-Fly contest Series

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Don Lochhead

For 2022 we will be continuing with our F5J Foamy events at Poway, with combined Clinics and contests scheduled for Saturday mornings from 9-12 on:

- February 26
- May 28
- August 27
- November 5

Based on our popular DLG Contest and Clinic format, this year we are going to emphasize the “Clinic” aspect while continuing to fly contests. This is first and foremost a fun-fly event. So, if you are just getting started in F5J or just looking for an excuse to dig out your Foamy for a morning of relaxing flying this is the event for you.

The subject of the February Clinic will be tune-up tips for the Radian. These planes are pretty good right out of the box but many pilots have found ways to improve the flying characteristics even more. So come out prepared to show off your mod's and pick up even more tips. Future clinics will cover the aspects (rules, strategies, scoring, timer duties, etc.) of F5J contests that are a bit different from other TD events.

The contest element will be set up to emphasize the fun-fly aspect. We will have the field configured with landing tapes and the sound system. To get the most flying in for everyone, the flight window will be reduced from the regulation 10 minutes down to 7 minutes. We will plan on at least five rounds so everyone will get in plenty of stick-time.

We will ask everyone to pre-register on F3X Vault:

([https://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event\\_view&event\\_id=2234](https://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=2234)) and will be using self-entry of scoring results to give those of you who may not have used this system yet a chance to get some practice. Entry fees for the Clinic and contest will be free for TPG members and \$5 for non-members. We have opened a thread on RC groups so everyone can stay up to date on the event:

(<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?4038751-2022-TPG-Foamy-Clinic-and-Contest>).

We are hoping that this event will help to introduce new pilots to what TPG has to offer. The council is considering the purchase of a club Radian that would be available for new members to learn to fly on. To make this work we will need some club members to offer to act as mentor pilots. If you would be interested, please contact any council member.

See you on February 26<sup>th</sup>!

## LSF Report – Gary Fogel



Gary Fogel

Hi Gulls,

Picking up where Ray Pili left off last year, I'll be serving as the 2022 TPG LSF Coordinator. Although we haven't planned any LSF-specific events for 2022, club TD and DLG competitions qualify for LSF SAP (Soaring Accomplishment Program) credit and the Foamy F5J Clinic and Fun-Fly contest Series and F5J contests qualify for LSF eSAP (Electric Soaring Accomplishment Program) credit. Depending upon club member interest, additional LSF Attempt Day events may be scheduled

In the meantime, here's some general information about the League of Silent Flight program. <https://www.silentflight.org/index.php>.

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. With Poway and Torrey within fairly close proximity, it is absolutely possible to complete Level I in one day with help from witnesses.

## LSF Report (continued)

In order to participate in the LSF program, please go to: <https://www.silentflight.org/index.php/lsf-program/lsf-tasks>. Bring the voucher as well as your AMA card to one of the TPG events and get started! It's as simple as that.

Submittal of a completed voucher is as follows:

1. Email the LSF Secretary John Marien: [john@ne-aero.com](mailto: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 down load 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, which 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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LSF Coordinator  
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## 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); so horizontal format photos are preferred. Email your photos (JPG format and original high-resolution version please) to Dale Gottdank at [submit@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:submit@torreypinesgulls.org). Please provide your name, location of photo and photo description. Note: Photos submitted during November will be included in the 2022 Photo of the Month contest starting in January.



Thomas Moller's Paritech DG-1000 at Palomar RC field (Steffen Peters screenshot)



RC paragliders over Dave's Beach in Carlsbad (Jack Zabawa photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



January Winner – Thomas Moller's Paritech DG-1000 at Palomar RC field (Steffen Peters screenshot)

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**Quote of the Month:**

*“I put my phone in airplane mode, but it’s not flying.”*

*~ Anonymous*



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)