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# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

Website: [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org)

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## Message from the President



Ian Cummings

I don't have much to report this month, so will fill this space with a couple of reminders:

1. For TPG members flying at The Torrey Pines Gliderport, please wear your membership and AMA cards while on the mound. If you don't already have a TPG lanyard, contact Slope Coordinator [Mark Baldacchino](#) and he'll provide one. This serves a couple of purposes. It helps to maintain our club

presence at Torrey, as well as identify those who may not be qualified to fly there. Yes, the Gliderport rules state that you must be a member of the Torrey Pines Gulls or Torrey Pines Scale Soaring Society (or sponsored guest) to fly at Torrey. It's a safety issue we all need to work on in order to maintain our flying privileges. I keep my lanyard in my flight box, so it's the first thing I see when I get my transmitter.

2. If you've been procrastinating about taking the TRUST test and registering with the FAA, please do so NOW! Although we are not policing this yet, many clubs are making this a field requirement. There are rumors floating around that the FAA is conducting surprise inspections of AMA fields to check compliance. Here are the links:

The Recreational UAS Safety Test: <https://trust.modelaircraft.org>

FAADroneZone: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>

Happy Landings,

Ian

## TPG April/May Events

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
April 3	F5J Contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
April 9	Old School Vintage/Classic Woodies BOTs, Olys, Sagittas...whatever is built-up wood	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Registration Required Fun Fly!
April 16	DLG contest	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
April 23-24	International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF)	TPG Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
April 26	Virtual Club Meeting	Zoom link: <a href="#">TPG Virtual Meeting Zoom Link</a>
May 14	Foamies at Torrey Pines Gliderport	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Registration Required Fun Fly!
May 15	TD Contest	TPG Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
May 21	DLG Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
May 28	Foamy F5J Contest and Clinic	Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>



Steffen Peters' Valenta Model Salto over Torrey (Thomas Moller photo)

## 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.

Our club meetings are conducted via Zoom, so it's really easy to join in, chat with flying buddies and hear a great presentation about RC soaring and related topics...**and don't forget** our monthly raffle!

Our next meeting, Tuesday, April 26th, will feature Doug Fronius, speaking about the Robin, the oldest still active glider to have ever flown at Torrey Pines. We're really looking forward to it.

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!

April Issue highlights include:

- Superlight 3D printed soap bubble glider?!?!?
- 2004 Modeler of the Year, John Davies by Gary Fogel

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>.

## Club Membership Update – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

Hello Gulls,

**REMINDER: It is that time of the year to renew your 2022 TPG Membership. So far this year, we have 109 new and renewed members. Note: We still have 19 members who have not renewed. Please do so as soon as you can. The field access gate locks for 2021 have been removed. You need a key for 2022 locks to access the fields.**

As a reminder, instead of our traditional mailed registration form to each member, we have transitioned to a web-based process. Please use this 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 as of March, 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	January – December 2021	Paid New Members for 2022	Paid Renewal Members for 2022	Total Paid Members For 2022
Members for 2021 (incl. 4 lifetime)	136			
New and Renewal Members for 2022	4	20	85 + 4 lifetime	109
Google Group Members*	127	5	NA	141

\*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, Max Payne (Youth), Michael Ray, Ryan Smith and Mark Caughill

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

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760-703-4497 cell

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!

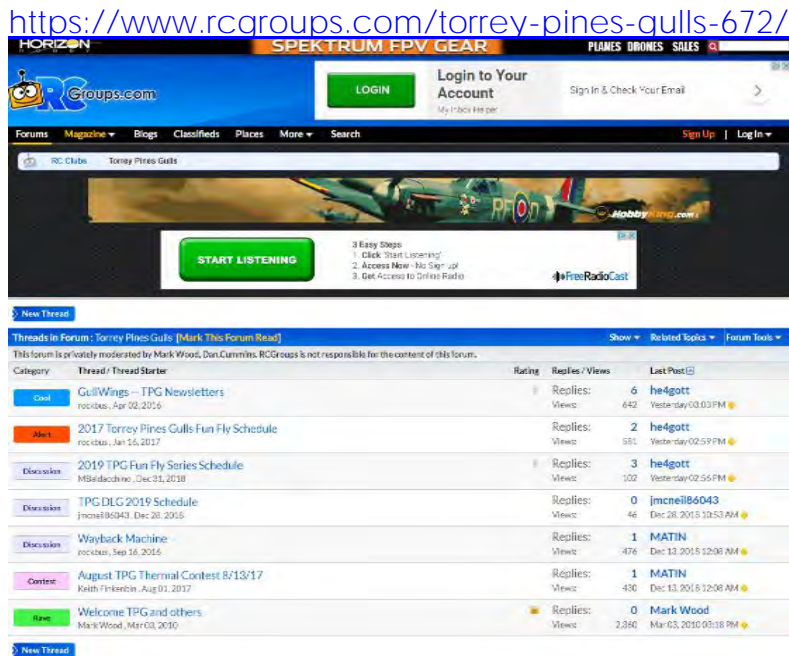
## RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

# 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: 581	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule MBaruchino - 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
Hot	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?

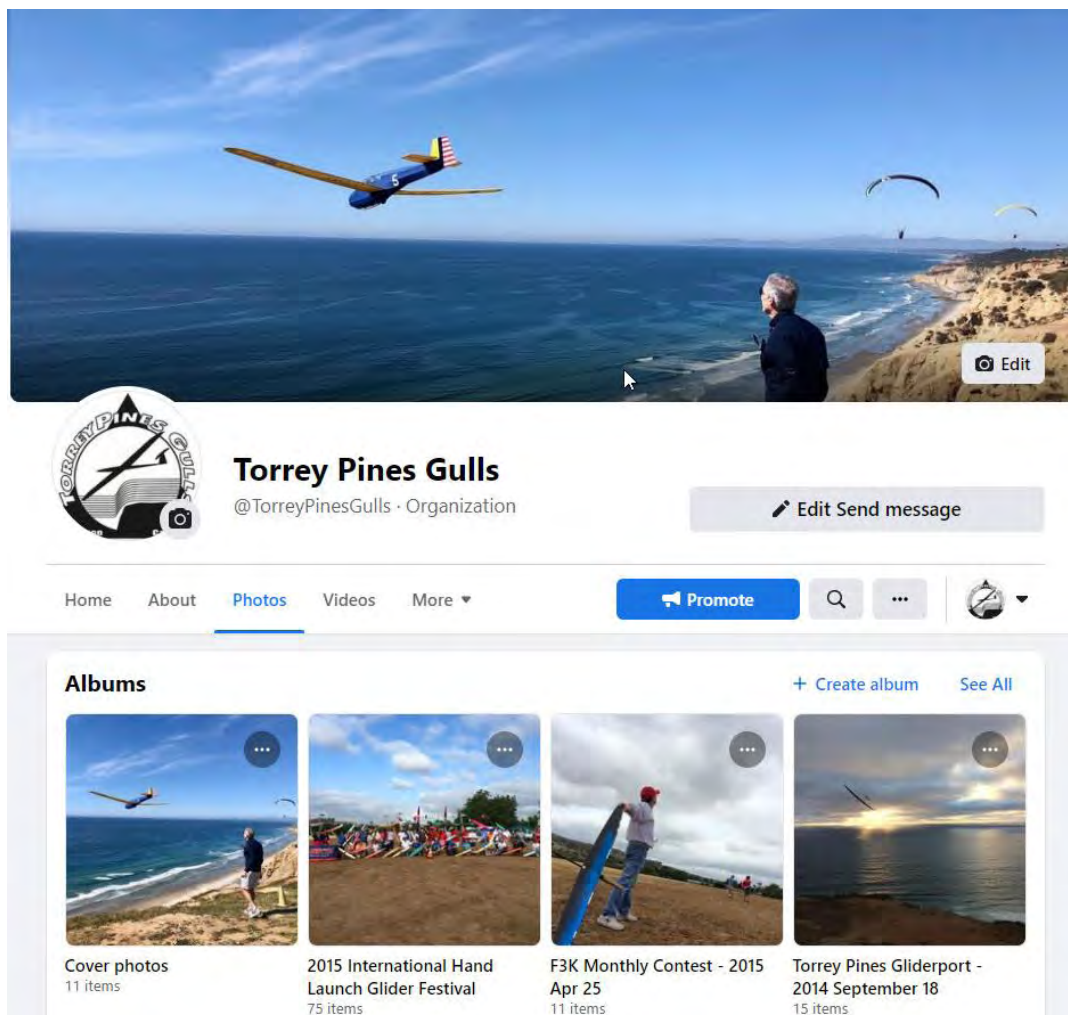
You can express your opinion at: [www.torreypinesgulls.org](http://www.torreypinesgulls.org).

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 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/>



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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 April 2022, TPGulls!



The World's best RC Slope. Photo found on Google  
That picture above really shows the beauty of our playground, huh? We're so spoiled!

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a Scale Fun Fly, and although the wind wasn't ideal for these larger birds, we had a great time enjoying some great camaraderie between the TPG, & TPSSS. A couple of TPSSS members came out with their scale planes to enjoy the day. TPSSS President Ren DiLeo, and Vice President Gary Fogel came out with beautiful scale sailplanes.



Green pit area and LZ; Ren DiLeo with his red and white Schweizer 1-26. (Mark Baldacchino photo)

## News from the Slope (continued)



Gary Fogel with his Schweizer 1-26 (Mark Baldacchino photo)



President Ian in his element (Mark Baldacchino photo)

We were also treated to an awesome bratwurst lunch, grilled-up by master chef and TPG President Ian Cummings. We used his portable grill, and he bought us brats, drinks, and a variety of chips. The brats tasted great with such a great view of the Pacific Ocean.

Thanks Ian!

All in all, it was a beautiful, near spring day with lots of sun and temps in the low 70's. On the following page, are a few more photos from the event.

## News from the Slope (continued)



A nice turnout for the day. Note the light patches of wind on the water (Mark Baldacchino photo)



Gary Fogel on the far right, ready to have his 45 year-old Schweizer TG-3 launched by Greg Schibler (Mark Baldacchino photo)

## News from the Slope (continued)



Gary's Schweizer TG-3 free to fly once again! (Mark Baldacchino photo)

### Flying Tip:

If you see the “window” crowded with paragliders/hang gliders, don't be afraid of getting ahold of the flight director for them. If you don't see one on the field, a short trip up to the shack to explain the concern, and they'll be right out. **That's their job**, and they're more than happy to keep the window rules enforced.

The Gliderport folks want this to be a safe place just as much as we do. Yelling at PG pilots really doesn't prove to be effective, as it causes strife and division; but letting someone on their side know that they're violating the window rules is the way to go. Let them do the yelling, or they'll get on the two-way radio or blow a horn to communicate with the pilots.

**Save your vocal cords, and let them know; working together to enjoy the world's best slope!**

## News from the Slope (continued)

### TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2022

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! Also, it's AIAA-UCSD Day, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for UCSD Students
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

See you all out at the Gliderport.

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:

- 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.

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=2333](https://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=2333)) 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 May 28<sup>th</sup>!

# March TD Contest Report – Mike Smith, CD

Below are the results of the March TD contest. Congratulations to Mike Smith for the win!

Preliminary Rounds 4 Pilots 9 Position Chart Rankings Stats

## Preliminary Overall Standings

### Rounds (1-4)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Complete
1	<b>8</b> Mike Smith 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	3966.65		969.54	<b>1000</b>	997.11	<b>1000</b>	
2	<b>5</b> Arthur Markiewicz 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	3753.94	-212.71	<b>1000</b>	981.35	914.62	857.97	
3	<b>3</b> Mike Verzuh 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	3553.65	-200.29	984.77	982.78	590.45	995.65	
4	<b>2</b> Sean Summers 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	3376.21	-177.44	944.16	984.22	<b>1000</b>	447.83	
5	<b>1</b> Tom Watson 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	2885.22	-490.99	934.01	668.58	986.98	295.65	
6	<b>4</b> Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	2731.75	-153.47	804.57	967.00	474.67	485.51	
7	<b>9</b> Steve Hurd 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	2338.03	-393.72	687.82	342.90	959.48	347.83	
8	<b>7</b> Erik Larson 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	0.00	-2338.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9	<b>6</b> Jon Vance 🇺🇸 🇺🇸	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	



Top 3 finishers L-R; Mike Verzuh, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Arthur Markiewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mike Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> (Cliff Hunter photo)



Mike Smith launching Tom Watson's Maxa (Cliff Hunter photo)

# March DLG Contest Report – Chuck Norris, CD

Below are the results of the March DLG contest. Congratulations to Ron Rosetti for the win!

Preliminary Rounds 5									
Pilots 15									
Draw									
Position Chart									
Rankings									
Stats									
<b>Preliminary Overall Standings</b>									
<b>Rounds (1-5)</b>									
#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Completed Rounds (No)
1	14 Ron Rosetti	4883.38		945.65	1000	937.73	1000	1000	
2	2 Gary Fogel	4375.00	-508.38	1000	1000	1000	1000	375.00	
3	1 Mengchen Li	4369.69	-5.31	827.69	993.93	987.48	560.59	1000	
4	4 Christoph Efstathiou	4225.48	-144.21	930.58	982.40	1000	1000	312.50	
5	13 Michael Kruger	4217.89	-7.59	830.77	969.80	1000	542.32	875.00	
6	6 John McNeil	3763.80	-454.09	989.84	898.83	523.61	351.52	1000	
7	5 Chuck Norris	3623.57	-140.23	1000	994.51	204.78	757.61	666.67	
8	8 Justin Tolman	3549.85	-73.72	790.55	975.46	1000	471.34	312.50	
9	11 John Butler	3547.62	-2.23	1000	857.67	0.00	689.95	1000	
10	10 Tim Traver	3289.74	-257.88	986.08	937.13	169.45	911.37	285.71	
11	12 Ray Pili	3144.25	-145.49	966.14	1000	236.88	316.23	625.00	
12	9 Don Lochhead	3009.12	-135.13	735.70	795.81	459.82	455.29	562.50	
13	3 Clifford Hunter	2581.83	-427.29	798.93	644.24	588.24	169.47	380.95	
14	15 Scott Mccurdy	2385.14	-196.69	832.63	917.37	367.72	267.42	0.00	
15	7 Keith Frankie	1944.80	-440.34	513.46	603.71	215.63	358.03	253.97	

Here are a few photos from the event.



Mengchen Li's Yoda does a flyby during the contest (Gary Fogel photo)

## March DLG Contest Report (continued)



Christoph Efstathiou launches CX5 Pro to the Moon! (Gary Fogel photo)



Chuck Norris ready to do a quickturn with his BAMF2 (Gary Fogel photo)

## LSF Report – Gary Fogel



Gary Fogel

Hi Gulls,

Picking up where Ray Pili left off last year, I'm 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/lst-program/lst-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 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, 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,

Gary Fogel  
LSF Coordinator  
[lsf@torreypinesgulls.org](mailto:lsf@torreypinesgulls.org)

## Water Wings? – From Gary Fogel

Which of the images below depicts water wings?



Okay, they're all water wings, but that one on the right is particularly interesting. Club Historian Gary Fogel happened upon this very interesting post on the Gizmodo website:

<https://gizmodo.com/this-ultra-light-glider-flies-on-wings-made-of-liquid-w-1847988377>

It tells about a 3D printed ultralight glider that uses soap bubbles for the lifting surfaces. Here's a link to the YouTube video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGVWgBHB2s8>

Enjoy!

## TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



### This Month: John Davies, 2004 Modeler of the Year

As mentioned two months ago, John Davies was the first RC pilot to fly at the Torrey Pines Gliderport following the unfortunate banning of RCers from the cliff. He was a part of that negotiating team, a strong-willed fighter and leader for continued safe RC soaring at Torrey. And prior to that, as a pilot for the US Air Force flying F-86 Sabres in Korea, he helped protect many more through his service.

In 2003, Davies volunteered to serve as TPG Slope Coordinator and also as TPG's representative to the Torrey Pines Soaring Council. He was a fixture at Torrey Pines helping others. John began to express an interest in RC scale sailplanes at this same time, flying a popular 1/5 scale Multiplex LS-7 and a ¼ scale Multiplex ASH-26.

2003 was a good year for the TPG as the club rebounded with style, including dedication of the Gliderport as an AMA Model Aviation Landmark on August 30, 2003. John Davies was on hand with many other modelers that day for the dedication.

He continued in his roles as slope coordinator and TPSC representative in 2004, but was awarded the Modeler of the Year trophy for his ability to relate to others, even people with a diametrically opposed vision, to rally people and teams together, and develop a better future for all.





## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



John Davies at the controls in front of the mound at Torrey Pines (Ron DiLeo photo)



Mike Lance (left) and John Davies (right) enjoying time together in the pit area at Torrey Pines (Ron DiLeo photo)

## 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 2023 Photo of the Month contest starting in January.



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

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)

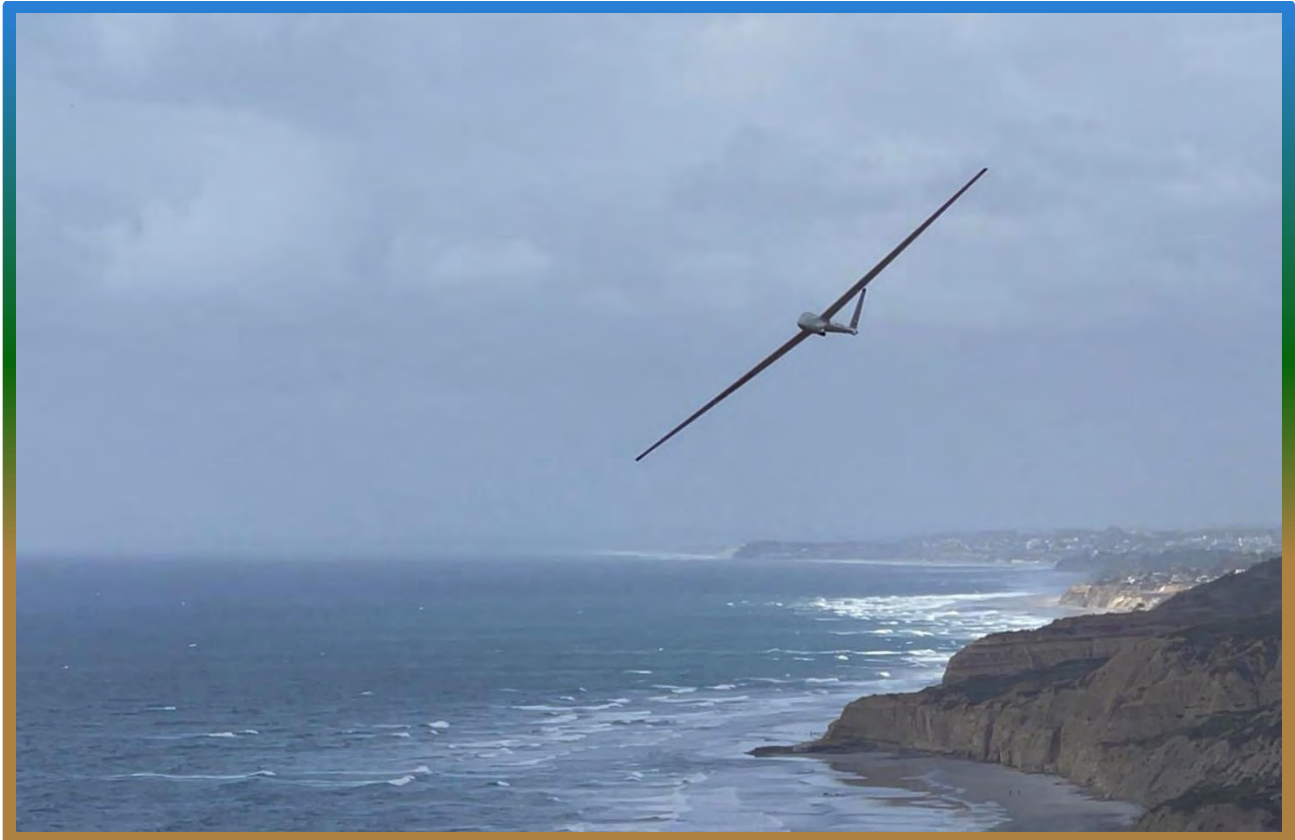


February Winner – George Clarke's close flyby with his Ka-8 at Torrey (Mark Baldacchino photo)



March Co-Winner – George's Joe Cormier Racer heading out over Torrey (Greg Houck photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



March Co-Winner – Steffen Peters' Valenta Model Salto over Torrey (Thomas Moller photo)



Thomas Moller launching Steffen Peters' Salto (Mike Lance screenshot)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Aaron's ASW 27 doing an office run (Thomas Moller photo)



Merrill Brady launching his Slingsby Tutor (Gary Fogel photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Merrill Brady's Slingsby Tutor headed out over Torrey (Gary Fogel photo)



Greg Schibler launching Gary Fogel's Schweizer TG-3 (Mark Baldacchino photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Chuck Norris getting ready to do a quickturn with his BAMF2 at the March DLG contest (Gary Fogel photo)



Christoph Efstathiou launches his CX5 Pro to the Moon (Gary Fogel photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



April Co-Winner – Merrill Brady's Slingsby Tutor over Torrey (Gary Fogel photo)



April Co-Winner – Gary Fogel's Schweizer TG-3 after launch by Greg Schibler (Mark Baldacchino photo)



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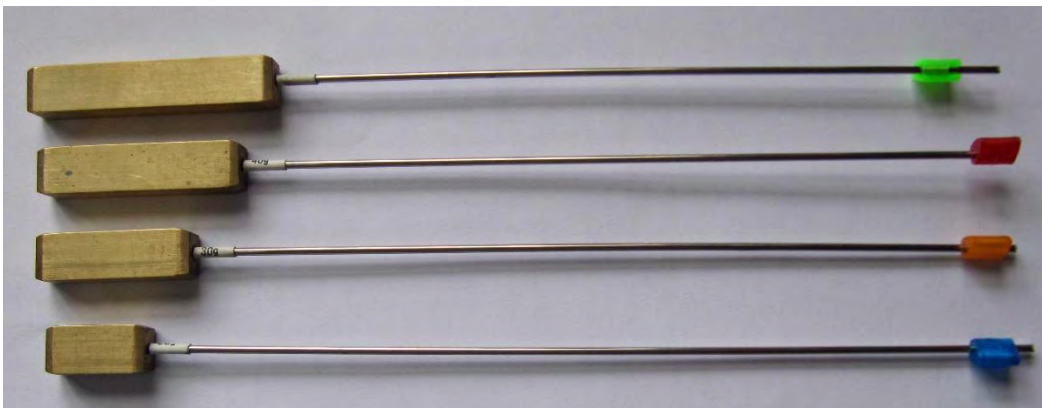
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2 New	JR DS378 Digital wing servos with frames	\$40 each
2 New	JR DS368 Digital servos	\$35 each
7 used	JR DS378 Digital servos with frames	\$40 each
1 used	JR DS398 Digital servo	\$35





**Quote of the Month:**

*"Henry Jones: I didn't know you could fly a plane.*

*Indiana: Fly yes... land no."*

*~ Harrison Ford, in the 1989 movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)