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# GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society (TPG)

AMA Charter Club 129

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## Message from the President



Ian Cummings

In case you missed it, The Torrey Pines Gulls hosted the hugely successful International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) last weekend (April 23-24) at our Poway field. Many thanks go out to Mike Smith and the TPG IHLGF Committee for putting on such a well-organized event. This event requires tons of work from a lot of people and pulls in a decent amount of money for the US F3K Team along with our club. We had 62 competing pilots representing five states within the US and six countries from around the world.



Bob Hirsch photo

It was a great rebound after a two-year COVID hiatus. Congratulations go out to Walther Bednarz from Germany for the win. We'll be having a complete write-up with photos on all the activities in next month's newsletter.

Happy Landings,

Ian

## April General Meeting Recap – Dale Gottdank

On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> we had 23 attendees at our second General Meeting of 2022. Club Historian, Gary Fogel opened the meeting by providing a review of the IHLGF, noting that five TPG members placed in the top 10! This was followed by Gary, Tom Watson, Cliff Hunter and Chuck Norris letting us know about upcoming contests and events.

Gary discussed the TPG Member Reference Guide, which can now be accessed on our website ([Member Reference Guide](#)). This replaces the long-ago published hard-copy member book and contains detailed information on membership, communications, flying disciplines, field locations, rules and more.

During the show-and-tell, Tom showed us the custom tripod set-up that he created for GPS racing competition. It provides a stable and sturdy base to hold the GPS and tablet. Nice job!


We were then treated to a very informative presentation by Doug Fronius on the history and restoration of the 1938 Robinson JR-V "Robin", winner of "Best Overall Sailplane" at the recent International Vintage Sailplane Meet (IVSM) in Elmira, NY. He discussed the "Robin" being built by John Robinson in the 1930s, through the experimental modifications done by Bob Fronius in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and finally to the restoration and return to flight by Doug Fronius in the 2020s. The "Robin" is the oldest flying glider to have flown at Torrey Pines.

**TONIGHT'S LECTURE:**  
ROBINSON "ROBIN" SAILPLANE S/N JR-V NX18984



- Guest Speaker:
- Doug Fronius



Doug is a retired Northrop Grumman Aerospace engineer with an extensive career in aviation. He has been flying gliders since 1972 and holds FAA ASEL, Glider, UAS, and A&P ratings. Doug has built or rebuilt over 25 aircraft over the past 50 years, and has flown over 40 types of vintage gliders. His flying includes R/C models, hang gliders, and sailplanes at Torrey Pines.

The last part of our meeting was the TPG Raffle conducted by Veep Bob Hirsch. A very nice vintage balsa SIG Riser 100 kit (at right) was won by James Van Winkle. Congrats James!

Don't forget...Our next club meeting is June 28<sup>th</sup>, featuring Mike Smith, who will discuss FAI F5J Set-up and Strategy.



## TPG May/June Events

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
May 14	Foamies at Torrey Pines Gliderport	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Contest Registration Required Fun Fly!
May 15	TD Contest	Encinitas 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>
June 4	Katie Martin International Tribute	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Registration Required Fun Fly! <a href="#">RCGroups Link</a>
June 11	Landing Strip Contest	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Contest Registration Required Fun Fly!
June 12	F5J Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
June 18	DLG Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on <a href="#">F3X Vault</a>
June 28	Virtual Club Meeting	Zoom link: <a href="#">TPG Virtual Meeting Zoom Link</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, June 28th, will feature TPG Member Mike Smith, speaking about FAI F5J Set-up and Strategy. 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!

May Issue highlights include:

- [Soaring Social Media](#)
- 2006 Modeler of the Year, Parviz Kamiab 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 114 new and renewed members. Note: We still have 16 members who have not renewed. Please do so as soon as you can. We will also be dropping inactive members from the TPG Google Group. 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 and 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 April 18, 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	2	23	87 + 4 lifetime	114
Google Group Members*	127	5	NA	145

\*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, Burt Crismore and Greg Suppe.

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

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!



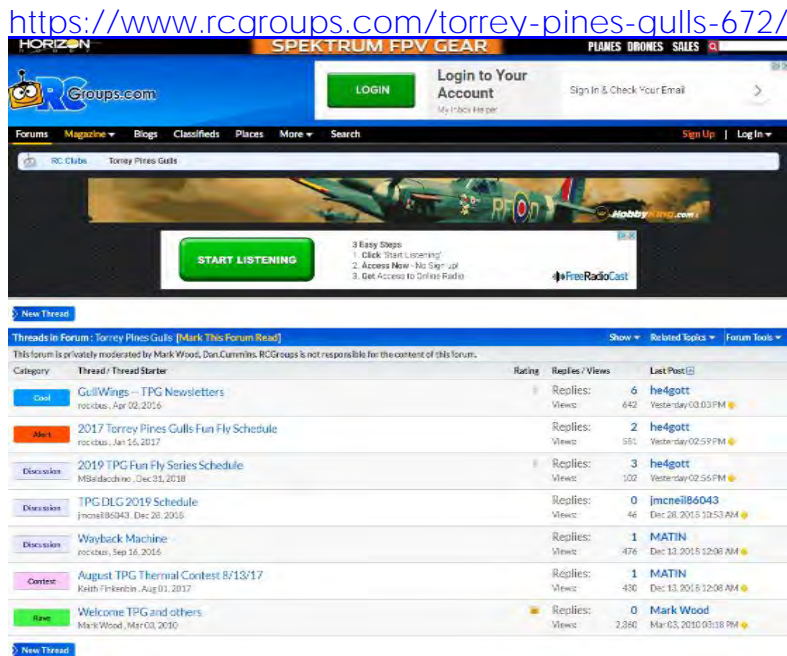
## RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

# 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 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?

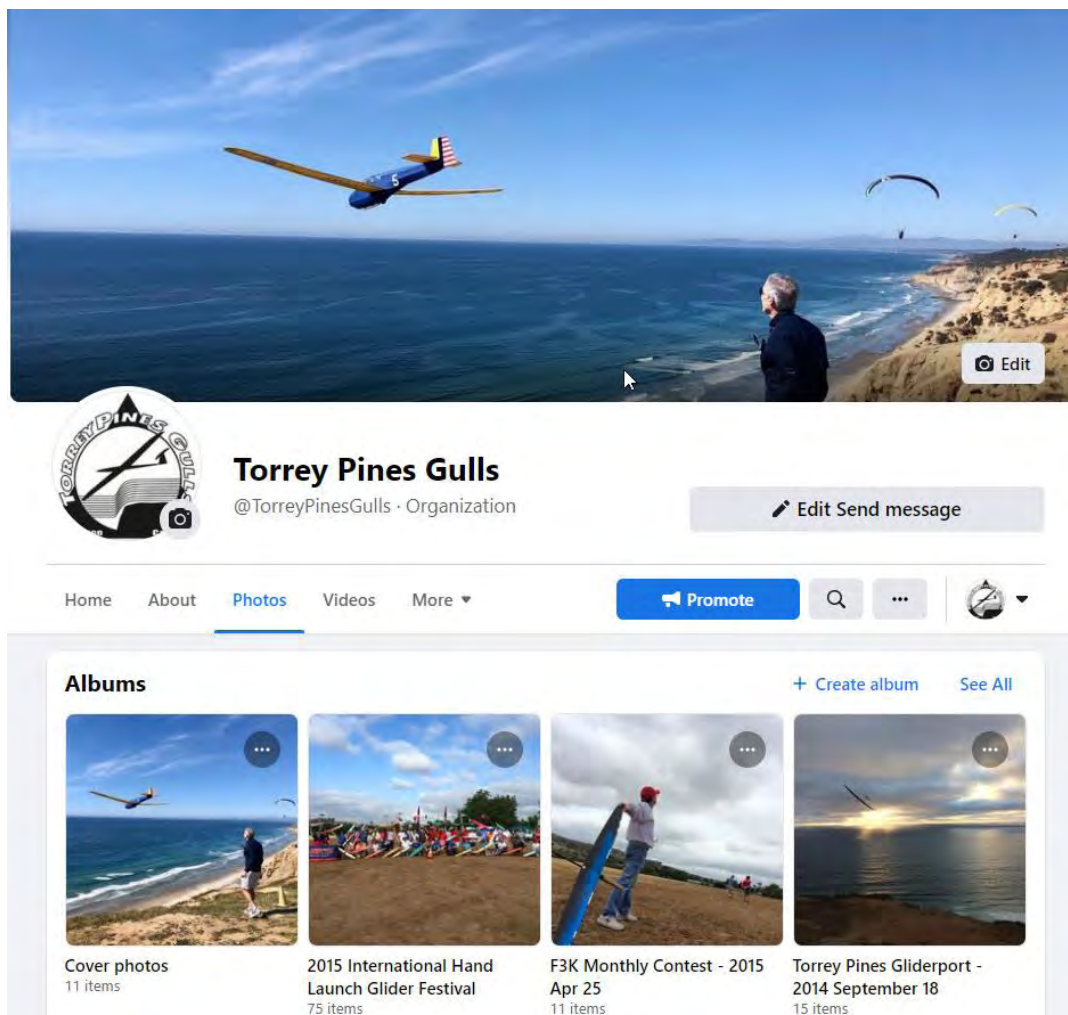
You can express your opinion at: [www.torreyпинesgulls.org](http://www.torreyпинesgulls.org).

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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## 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



The World's best RC Slope. Photo found on Google

We're pretty much smack-dab in the middle of spring, and by the looks of the couple of pictures below, our flying site at Torrey Pines Gliderport really shows it! On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we had one of two Vintage, Woodie events for the year, but the wind didn't cooperate. Although, the wind was plenty strong, 10-15mph at times, it was coming straight in – straight in from the south that is! Take a look at the windsock, below.



Spring has sprung – right through our AstroTurf! (Mark Baldacchino photo)

## News from the Slope (continued)

President Ian Cummings once again brought-out his portable Weber grill and cooked-up a few hotdogs for the small crowd. What a treat!

President Ian, and VP Bob were out bright and early on Tuesday, April 19 with a weed eater, and a riding mower hitting the flower garden. Looks awesome – thanks guys!!



Eleven O'clock AM, the wind was up, but the wrong direction. Before the gardening (Mark Baldacchino photo)



...and after (Bob Hirsch photo)

## News from the Slope (continued)

We have another Vintage Woodie Fun Fly event this September, so we'll have another shot at flying these classics!

This month, on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our Foamie event. If it's foam, bring it out! We should have several students from SDSU & UCSD come on out and give RC flying a try. We'll have a buddy box or two to help these students, who are studying aeronautics and astronautics get a feel for flight. We hope, too, that we'll get some new membership! To me, it's exciting when we can introduce our hobby to newcomers. That's how I got started with RC boats in 1976. My brother handed me his transmitter that was sailing a six foot long, 35lbs Newport 12 Meter boat. I was hooked on RC ever since. I'm in high hopes that a few or more of these students will get hooked, as well.

### TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2022

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>!



## April F5J Contest Report – Tom Watson, CD

The April F5J event was our fourth of the 2022 thermal season. We had 13 pilots and flew five rounds, with three groups in each.

Weather started out rather cool and overcast with some light breezes, and Poway's usual varying blend of lift and sink was instantly apparent. Later in the morning some occasional drizzle developed, and we briefly paused the contest with some actual rain. Couple of interesting observations – the lowest launch of the day for which the pilot also made the full task time was 107 meters; and just eight launches under 100 meters were recorded, only one of which resulted in winning the heat.

Mike Smith won overall with a perfect 4,000 points, Tom Kiesling was second, and Arthur Markiewicz came in third.

Our next contest is TD at Encinitas on May 15<sup>th</sup>, one week later than normal to free us up for Mother's Day. See you there!

Tom Watson  
CD

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (1 Drop In Effect)				
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	<b>14</b> Mike Smith 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4000.00		1000	<del>988.21</del>	1000	1000	1000
2	<b>12</b> Tom Kiesling 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3980.58	-19.42	1000	1000	<del>306.70</del>	1000	980.58
3	<b>7</b> Arthur Markiewicz 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3920.57	-60.01	<del>871.21</del>	936.82	1000	1000	983.75
4	<b>10</b> Steve Hurd 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3889.39	-31.18	1000	<del>776.19</del>	951.89	937.50	1000
5	<b>3</b> Mike Verzuh 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3826.32	-63.07	873.74	1000	952.58	<del>0.00</del>	1000
6	<b>4</b> Bob Schumacher 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3651.27	-175.05	693.88	1000	<del>0.00</del>	970.03	987.36
7	<b>2</b> Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3438.90	-212.37	829.93	<del>203.88</del>	936.49	887.84	784.64
8	<b>1</b> Tom Watson 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3415.98	-22.92	682.22	<del>607.88</del>	994.92	810.14	928.70
9	<b>9</b> Ron Rossetti 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3260.37	-155.61	<del>406.67</del>	716.50	881.54	820.32	842.01
10	<b>6</b> Dale Osborn 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3212.64	-47.73	840.81	<del>463.08</del>	670.10	774.83	926.90
11	<b>13</b> Terry Throop 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	2824.06	-388.58	883.03	941.03	1000	<del>0.00</del>	0.00
12	<b>11</b> Steve Stanton 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	2392.03	-432.03	935.80	497.72	958.51	<del>0.00</del>	0.00
13	<b>8</b> Don Lochhead 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	1913.79	-478.24	496.60	<del>196.06</del>	248.28	241.64	927.27
14	<b>5</b> Sean Summers 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	0.00	-1913.79	<del>0.00</del>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## April DLG Contest Report – Don Lochhead, CD

A total of 13 pilots participated in the April contest. First place went to Joseph Dougherty, who was visiting from out of town to get in some Poway practice before the IHLGF. Second place went to Gary Fogel. A mere 0.31 points (out of 4997.14) separated first and second! Jun Catacutan completed the podium with third place.

Conditions for the first two rounds were characterized by light wind and modestly buoyant air. By round three, the wind picked up a bit and some good lift moved in.

For round five we flew one of the new FAI tasks as practice for the upcoming IHLGF: Two flights, 5 minutes max in a 10-minute window. For each heat a near perfect score was required to get the K.

Tim and Chuck tested out the updated field clock and timing app in preparation for the IHLGF. Having the big clock and timing audio including pilot name call-out was really nice.

Below are the results from the F3X Vault:

## Preliminary Overall Standings

### Rounds (1-5)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (N)				
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	<b>10</b> Joseph Dougherty 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4997.14		997.14	1000	1000	1000	1000
2	<b>1</b> Gary Fogel 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4996.83	-0.31	1000	1000	998.66	1000	998.17
3	<b>15</b> Jun Catacutan 🇵🇭	4775.82	-221.01	845.15	930.67	1000	1000	1000
4	<b>3</b> Mengchen Li 🇨🇳	4672.25	-103.57	998.99	1000	994.13	941.67	737.46
5	<b>6</b> Christoph Efstathiou 🇩🇪	4543.49	-128.76	1000	563.33	1000	1000	980.16
6	<b>11</b> Tim Traver 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4323.30	-220.19	1000	816.67	978.69	666.67	861.27
7	<b>8</b> Chuck Norris 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	4239.57	-83.73	930.95	641.67	920.28	746.67	1000
8	<b>14</b> Ron Rossetti 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	3889.85	-349.72	805.47	822.33	996.80	763.83	501.42
9	<b>5</b> Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	3819.00	-70.85	860.94	361.00	843.34	788.89	964.83
10	<b>13</b> Mike Ray	3690.66	-128.34	916.74	1000	932.24	633.15	208.53
11	<b>2</b> Don Lochhead 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	3455.98	-234.68	848.77	585.67	965.28	299.11	757.15
12	<b>7</b> John McNeil 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	3378.13	-77.85	900.71	407.67	862.15	914.62	292.98
13	<b>4</b> Dale Osborn 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	3023.27	-354.86	747.27	227.67	829.60	574.07	644.66
14	<b>9</b> Justin Tolman 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	0.00	-3023.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	<b>17</b> Luke Skywalker 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	<b>12</b> Doug Cronkhite 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	<b>16</b> Darth Vader 🇺🇸 🇩🇪	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## 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  
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## Soaring Social Media – From Gary Fogel

As we are stuck inside either our homes or our cars perhaps more than we would like, podcasts are a nice diversion. One can also listen to podcasts while building a plane in the garage during the winter!

I'd like to alert TPGers to two soaring-related podcasts.

The first is "Camber Up!" a podcast offered by Thomas Lee of Armsoar products out of Vancouver, British Columbia. Thomas is a super guy and the podcast covers aspects of F3K, F5J, and F5K competitive RC soaring. Armsoar has a nice presence on YouTube including helpful construction tips. See their channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ArmSoar/videos>

Within that channel you will find the episodes for Camber Up. For instance the first episode can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUQ5SQyWZFO>

The Camber Up podcasts are also available on Spotify in audio only. Great information and fun interviews!

Secondly is a podcast called "Soaring the Sky." This podcast produced by Chuck Fulton is generally focused on the manned sailplane community, but many of the lessons are interesting and there is information that can be transferred to RC soaring or any soaring discipline. More information about that can be found on YouTube at their channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/fulton2nd>

Or on their website

<https://www.soaringthesky.com/>

The podcasts are also available on Spotify. For the Soaring the Sky podcast, all episodes are **audio only as far as I'm aware**. They just passed their 100<sup>th</sup> episode and come out with a new one basically each week!

When you are on that next long car ride or just want to listen to a conversation while working in the garage, these can be entertaining and educational.

Enjoy!

## TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel



### This Month: Parviz Kamiab, 2006 Modeler of the Year

As I'm developing these Modeler of the Year biographies, it seems that in 2005, no Modeler of the Year award was given. I'm not clear of the reasoning but what is clear is that by 2006 the award was given once again, to member Parviz Kamiab.

Parviz came to the United States from Iran in 1969 to study at Wichita State University in Kansas. He completed his bachelor's degree in engineering in 1975 and moved to California not long after in 1978 to begin work in a series of electronics-related companies. He started at ACDC Electronics working on the development of power supplies, then switched to Topaz helping to design line conditions and backup power supplies for computers. Parviz then spent six years at Hughes before transitioning to New Era to help work on a product for new voice over IP (VOIP) protocols. He finished his electrical engineering career at Interface Displays and Control in Oceanside helping to develop instrument panels for advanced military aircraft and retired in 2016.

However, as with many of us, Parviz always had a dream to fly. In 1983 he earned his private pilot's license and continued to fly for another 15 years with his own aircraft, racking up ~700 hours in the skies over southern California, landing at just about every airport possible with an IFR rating. But flying in real aircraft became increasingly expensive and in about 1987 he decided to take a look at model aviation as a hobby. By this time his kids were grown up and out of the house and there was more time for other activities.



## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

Parviz didn't know anyone in the model aviation community, but someone mentioned to him that the Torrey Pines Gulls were flying at Torrey Pines and in Poway. He showed up at Poway as he felt that was a safer place to learn than in the sometimes crowded skies at Torrey. At Poway he found everyone in the TPG to be extremely helpful, getting him set on winch launching, despite shoulder issues. He was hooked.

Parviz went to buy a kit to get started. Thinking that the kit was “ready to fly,” he was surprised when he opened the box at home only to find lots of balsa sticks and plans. Despite this, he built the plane, but made some errors leading to the decision that in the future, ready to fly was the only way to go. Terry Throop, Cliff Hunter, Keith Finkenbinder, Mike Smith, and many others helped get him flying on his own. Once comfortable, Parviz tried flying at Torrey and also began enjoying the slope, as that allowed for much longer flight times. While the skies weren't as crowded as today, he still enjoyed the airspace flying with a spotter and finding everyone in the club to be so very friendly and helpful, especially Ray Pili and others. He purchased a Sharon 3.7m for thermal duration from the Fogel family and now had the confidence to do well in contests.

While having so much fun with the club and making new friends, Parviz felt it important to give back. He volunteered for many positions: Membership chairman, Secretary, etc. He also became a club mentor, volunteering to help newbies who were just getting started in RC soaring. It was at this same time that the club was searching for leadership as no one was eager to step up and serve as President. Cliff Hunter took Parviz aside and suggested that he consider running for President for 2 years and before he knew what happened, Parviz was President for 2 years and surrounded himself with a solid core of hard working board members including Tom Minegar as Treasurer and others. During this period, Parviz flew regularly at the monthly thermal duration contests at Poway, and then at Encinitas when that field became available. He flew less and less at Torrey due to the crowds.



Parviz landing during a 2006 SC<sup>2</sup> (Southern California Soaring Clubs) contest at Poway (Parviz Kamiab photo)

## TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

At that time, the club also used to have regular monthly meetings in Balboa Park and Parviz's introduction of Persian food at the end of year holiday party was such a hit that it was repeated several times to come. For his service as President and in other capacities, the TPG honored him with the Modeler of the Year award in 2006.



Parviz launching at the same SC<sup>2</sup> contest in 2006 (Parviz Kamiab photo)

Over time, Parviz became focused on work and other things and reduced his flying only to thermal duration contests at Encinitas. He also found his way to the Joint Military R/C Flyers (Camp Pendleton) and Palomar R/C Flyers (Fallbrook). He still owns a collection of RC sailplanes – I tried my best while discussing things with Parviz that we'd love to see him back flying more with TPG.

Parviz would love to thank Mike Smith, Cliff Hunter, Keith Finkenbiner, Tom Minegar, Ray Pili and others who helped him in the past – he has fond memories of good times with friends in TPG.



Parviz in his role as club mentor in 2007. Dale Gottdank looking on while his son Jordan gets piloting advice from Parviz.



## 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)

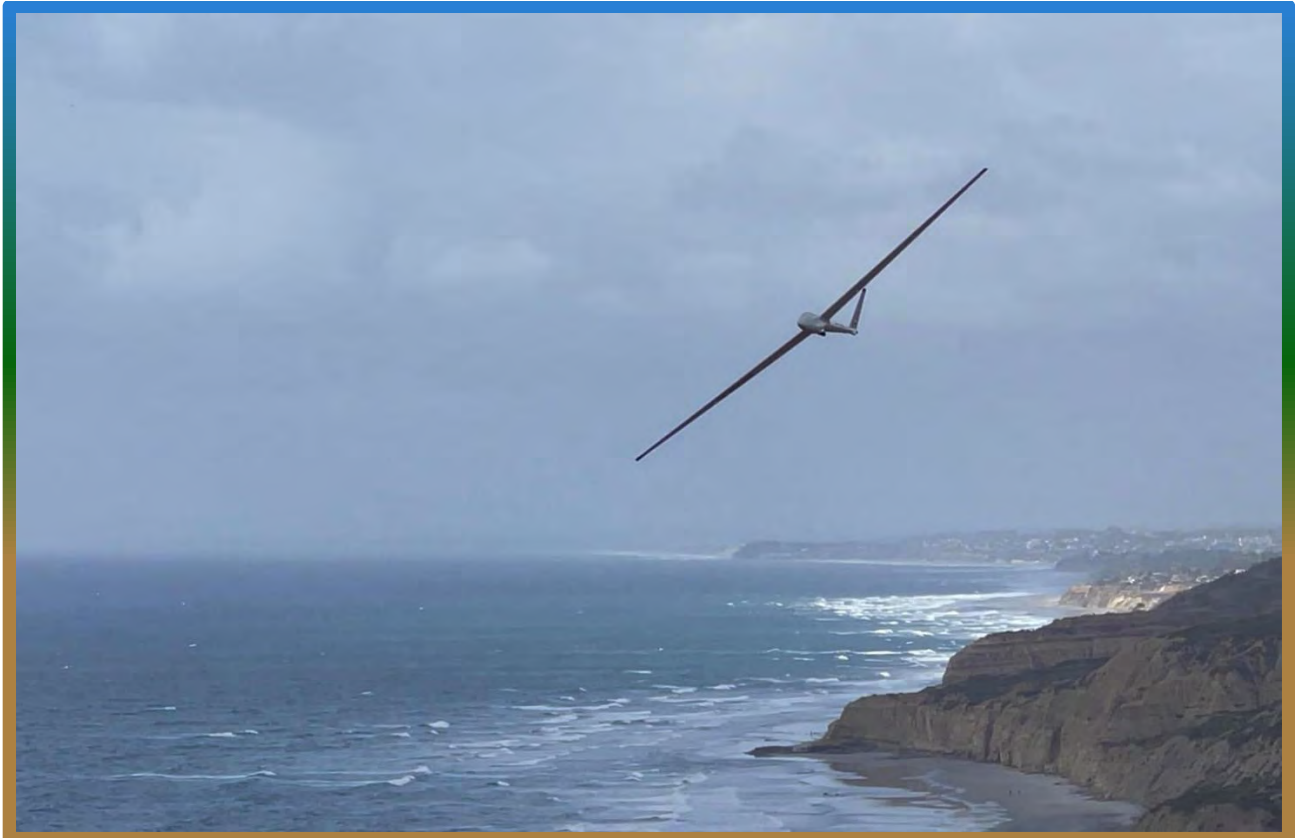


February Winner – George Clarke's close flyby with his Ka-8 at Torrey (Mark Baldacchino photo)



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)



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

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



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

### Salto landing at Torrey



Salto landing at Torrey (Bob Hirsch photo)

## Photo of the Month Contest (continued)

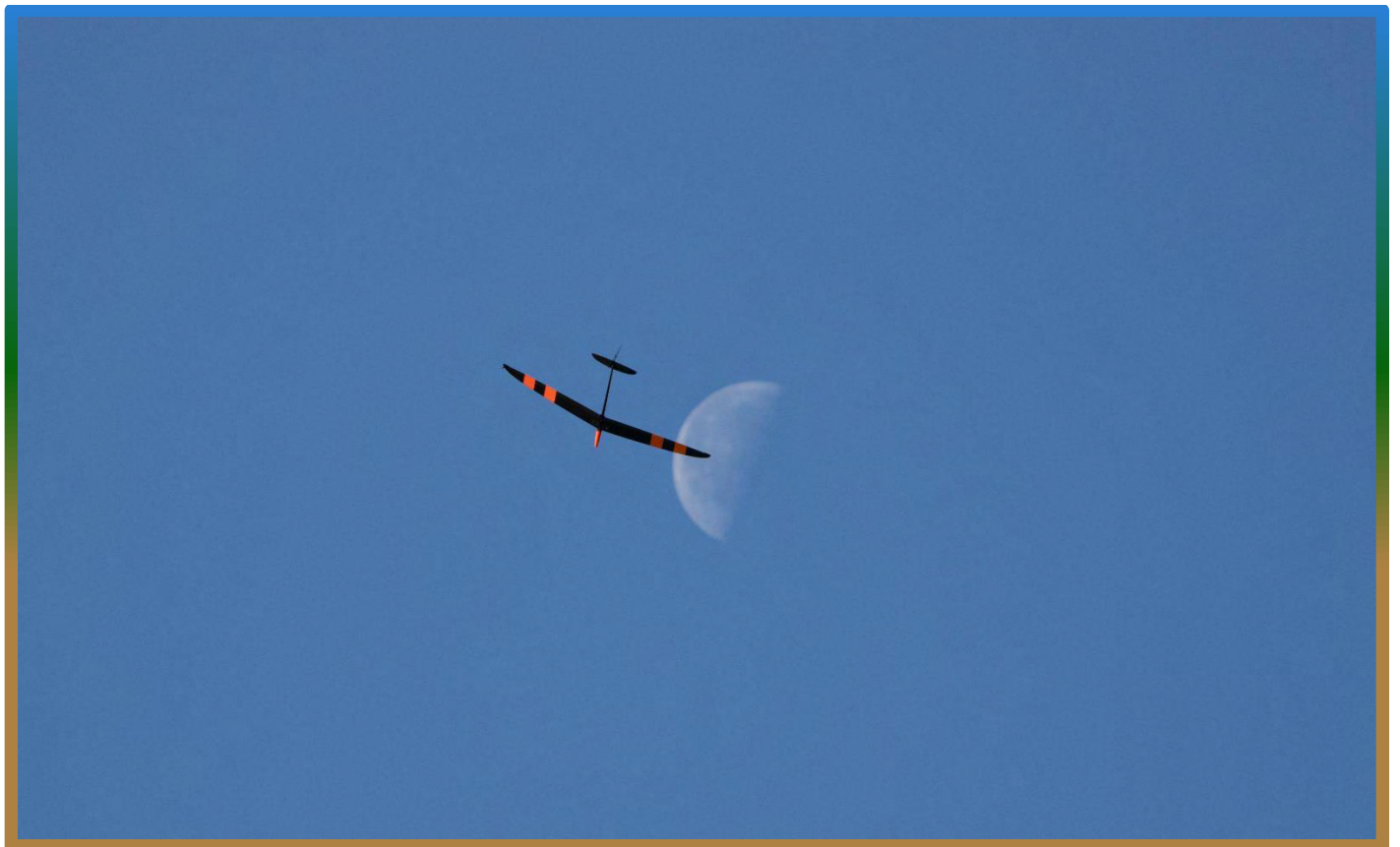


Walther Bednarz's (1<sup>st</sup> Place –IHLGF) CX5 over Poway (Paul Reese photo)

### Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



May Co-Winner – DG-1000's, Steffen Peters and Aaron Wallace at Visalia (Thomas Moller photo)



May Co-Winner – Another shot of Walther's CX5 from IHLGF pilot Paul Reese of Shoreline, WA

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**Quote of the Month:**

***"If April showers bring May flowers, what do  
May flowers bring?  
Pilgrims!"***

***~ 1959, Alamogordo (NM) Daily News***



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)