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Message from the President

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Ian Cummings

I would like to give a shout out to Ray Pili and the Torrey Pines Soaring Council. After a two-year Covid hiatus, Ray organized a meeting with the council at the Gliderport on May 7. We had representation from Torrey Pines Gulls (TPG), Torrey Pines Scale Soaring Society (TPSSS), Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California (AGCSC), Academy of Model Aeronautics

(AMA) and Air California Adventures (ACA). It was great to have RC pilots and paraglider/hang-glider pilots sit down and discuss operations and rules at the Gliderport. The meeting was civil, and I think everyone walked away with a better understanding of what is needed to keep things safe. Minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to the city.

This coming Saturday, June 4, the 10th International Katie Martin Tribute Fun-Fly will be held at Torrey. Although not officially organized by TPG, we will be hosting Bob Martin for this long running event to honor his late wife, Katie. Please keep the date open and come out to fly, or better yet be a spotter and help out with some of the many visiting pilots that typically attend this event. Let's show them what a world class flying site Torrey Pines is and make sure we keep it safe. More info can be found at: [Katie Martin Tribute/RC Groups](#) (starting at post 160).

Happy Landings,

Ian

Next TPG Virtual Club Meeting – June 28, 2022

TPGers, be sure to join us on June 28 at 7:00pm Pacific for our next virtual club meeting! We'll review the calendar and have an opportunity for club members to provide a show and tell.

Our next speaker, our very own Mike Smith, will provide a lecture, "Launch low to win, launch low too often, to lose" regarding FAI F5J contest strategy. If you are new to this rapidly growing aspect of the hobby and want to learn more about the contest format, etc., or if you are a "pro" and want to learn more about how Mike continues to do better than you at the contests, this is for you! Following Mike's presentation we'll have a fun raffle to win a vintage **1970's JP Models Javelin II** supplied by Bob Hirsch (see page 3). No cost to enter the raffle, just come and enjoy the lecture and raffle



Tom Watson and Mike Smith

Hopefully, sometime we can get back to meetings in person, but until then, we're eager to generate a meeting place where members can chat, show and tell new products, ask questions, hear a great speaker and win a raffle prize.

The virtual club meetings will be held at 7:00pm on the following Tuesday evenings:

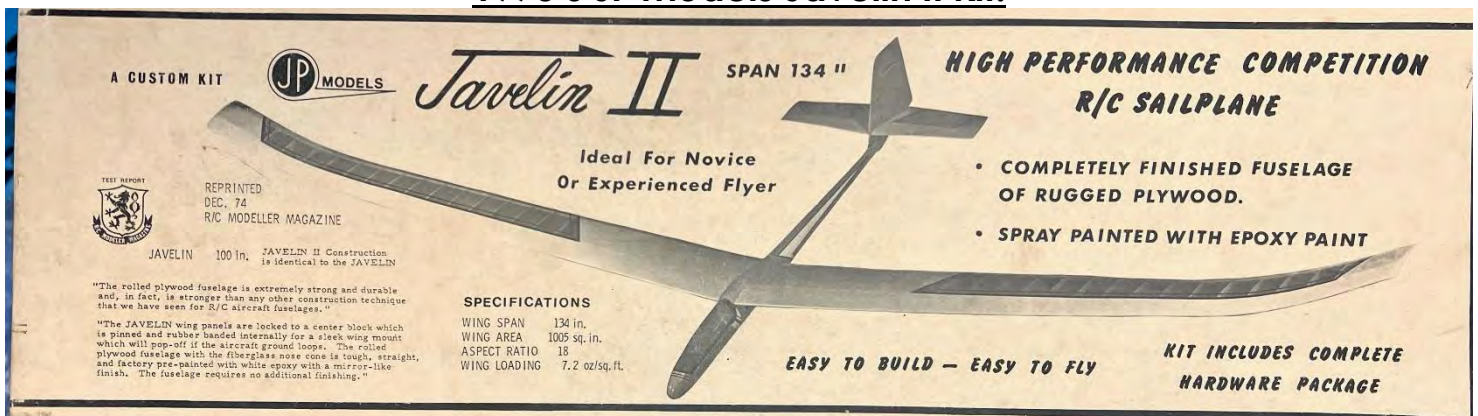
- Jun 28
- Aug 23
- Oct 25

In December, the annual holiday party will substitute for our virtual meeting and we absolutely hope to get together in person for that year-end occasion. The Zoom link for the meetings is: [TPG Virtual Meeting Zoom Link](#). A reminder will be sent to members via Google Groups prior to the meeting.

TPG June/July Events

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
June 4	Katie Martin International Tribute	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Registration Required Fun Fly! RCGroups Link
June 11	Landing Strip Contest	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Contest Registration Required Fun Fly!
June 12	F5J Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on F3X Vault
June 18	DLG Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on F3X Vault
June 28	Virtual Club Meeting	Zoom link: TPG Virtual Meeting Zoom Link
July 9	Aerobatics Day – TWF/PWF...Jesters, Ahis, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Contest Registration Required Fun Fly!
July 10	TD Contest	Encinitas Flight Center Register on F3X Vault
July 16	DLG Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on F3X Vault

Don't miss our June 28th Club Meeting and your chance to win this vintage 1970's JP Models Javelin II kit!



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

Please contribute to our **GULL WINGS NEWSLETTER**

Send pictures, or maybe even an article! It could be just a paragraph with some photos from a great soaring day ...even something interesting you've seen on the internet. I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. If there's a project you're working on, don't just post it on RCGroups...share it with your club!

June Issue highlights include:

- [June Club Meeting Preview](#)
- [IHLGF Recap by Gary Fogel](#)
- [2007 Modeler of the Year, Drew Arnett by Gary Fogel](#)

Please send in your articles or photos (communications@torreypinesgulls.org) by the 25th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. If there are too many, we'll save them for the next issue. 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>.



Dale Gottdank

International Hand Launch Glider Festival Recap– Gary Fogel

Every year the TPG puts on an awesome 2-day F3K contest that attracts friends from around the globe. Every year...until the pandemic and we lost 2020 and 2021. Restarting something of this size and scope requires a dedicated crew of volunteers and in late 2021 the decision was made to host it again in 2022; or at least plan it and then hope Covid-19 didn't come back and change our plans.

Mike Smith led a cast of usual suspects on this quest, with each member of the team attempting to remember how they did things 3 years ago; just how many porta-potties need to be ordered; how many Subway sandwiches; how many t-shirts, etc. It's a bit awe inspiring not only to watch it come together but to think back and try to remember all of the details that go into the planning. Somehow, as always, this team pulls together and makes it look seamless.

Mike Seid and I conferred on the contest rounds. Tim Traver did an amazing job updating F3XVault for the purpose of using it at the IHLGF. Chuck Norris did another amazing job of making sure his clock board worked with the new software, etc. Everyone found their task, pushed ahead, and pulled together an IHLGF for 2022. To add to the fun, Mike Smith was able to secure IHLGF as a stop on the FAI F3K World Cup; a new first for IHLGF and perhaps a first for any F3K event in the USA!

The only question now was: We were re-building the Field of Dreams...would people come? Once again it took additional dedication to get the word out, and remarkably the response from the DLG community was very positive and our German friends led by Rollo Sommer made plans to come as a group. Many other friends from Canada and all across the USA decided it was also time to be in Poway again to soar. It's this dedication along with the prep work that makes it all possible and TPG appreciates everyone who comes from so far to enjoy this contest with us. It was great to see so many friends after such a long hiatus. April 23-24, 2022 was a great weekend.



Group photo of IHLGF pilots (Bob Hirsch photo)

International Hand Launch Glider Festival Recap (continued)

I could write a detailed report about all of the rounds; the absolutely crazy amazing weather that Poway provided on that weekend with literally everything you can think of thrown in, even one round with super strong Santa Ana winds from the NE replaced by calm westerlies just a few rounds later. I could write about the amazingly consistent flying of Walther Bednarz who dropped only a 958.9 after 12 rounds and was clearly in first place going into the flyoffs; or George and Charles Morris who traveled from Arizona to also fly extremely well in the event. It was great to see them both at Poway again.

I'll focus instead on the many TPGers who finished the preliminaries in the top 12 (Mike Smith 5th, Brent Lytle 7th, Jun Catacutan 8th, Mengchen Li 10th, Gary Fogel 11th). It was great to see local pilots doing so well against stiff international competition. In the end, after the dust of the flyoffs was over in some very windy afternoon air, Walther, George, and Charles held on to their top places. The 1000 for Walther in round 16 really capping his victory. Full scores can be found at:

https://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=2280



Pilots meeting (Gary Fogel photo)

International Hand Launch Glider Festival Recap (continued)



Cliff Hunter preparing to launch his Concept CX5 (Gary Fogel photo)



Doug Cronkhite with his CX5 (Gary Fogel photo)



Mike Seid launching his BAMF (Gary Foael photo)



Thermal gaggle over Poway (Gary Fogel photo)

International Hand Launch Glider Festival Recap (continued)



Paul Reese photo

I want to make sure to have a special mention of Adrian Dybwab's step-son Matthew who entered the meet with his 1m GO-Mini and had a blast as the youngest pilot to ever compete in the IHLGF. He had many on the sidelines enthralled throughout the contest, so much so that in the true spirit of being a great champion, Walther Bednarz gave Matthew a brand new 1m Deviant at the end of the contest. We're pretty sure that Matthew will be back for many years to come!

Watch for additional coverage in RC Soaring Digest and hopefully Model Aviation, and plan to join us at the TPG monthly DLG contest/clinics in 2022 and practice up for IHLGF 2023!



Adrian and young Matthew with his GO-Mini (Gary Fogel photo)

International Hand Launch Glider Festival Recap (continued)

Flyoff Overall Standings

Flyoff #1 Rounds (4)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops In Effect)			
				Round 13	Round 14	Round 15	Round 16
1	24 Walther Bednarz	14803.4		849.7	1000	1000	1000
2	51 George Morris	14264.5	-538.9	938.8	935.1	1000	557.1
3	50 Charles Morris	14170.5	-94.0	771.8	907.3	1000	821.6
4	34 Ryan Hoellein	14170.3	-0.2	1000	975.8	1000	732.5
5	52 Joseph Dougherty	14133.1	-37.2	932.2	897.6	1000	647.6
6	14 Mike Smith	14030.1	-103.0	735.1	890.7	1000	825.3
7	48 Jun Catacutan	13858.9	-171.2	896.0	983.6	1000	714.3
8	12 Brent Lytle	13585.6	-273.3	482.9	908.6	1000	915.5
9	28 Eitan Rotbart	13579.8	-5.8	872.5	935.1	1000	623.4
10	47 Gavin Trussell	13363.3	-216.5	757.1	988.3	999.2	618.5
11	5 Mengchen Li	13317.0	-46.3	805.9	946.8	977.6	583.4
12	2 Gary Fogel	12945.9	-371.1	514.8	887.1	982.5	559.2



2022 IHLGF Winner, Walther Bednarz (Mike Smith photo)



The Morris Brothers brought their inimitable flying and sartorial style. (Mike Smith photo)

Club Membership Update – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

Hello Gulls,

REMINDER: If you have not renewed your membership, you will not receive Google Group emails. As of May 22, 2022, you have been removed from the group! If you wish to continue receiving TPG Google Group emails, please renew your membership.

Encinitas Field update: The bees around the cargo container have been removed and the cargo container was made bee-proof on Friday, May 20th. The access lock on the cargo container has been removed and replaced with gate key lock so access into the cargo container is consistent with the gate locks. Access to the equipment has been made easier.

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	24	87 + 4 lifetime	117
Google Group Members*	134	2	NA	136

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

Please welcome our new members this month, Keith Frankie, and James Van Winkle

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) 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 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
- A monthly newsletter with updated information, contest reports and interesting articles to help keep members informed.
- We are an AMA Chartered Club, #129, with benefits such as field insurance, etc.

Cliff Hunter

Membership Chairman

membership@torreypinesgulls.org

760-703-4497 cell

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. If you are not already a member of the TPG Google Group, you will be sent an invitation to join.

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



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

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

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

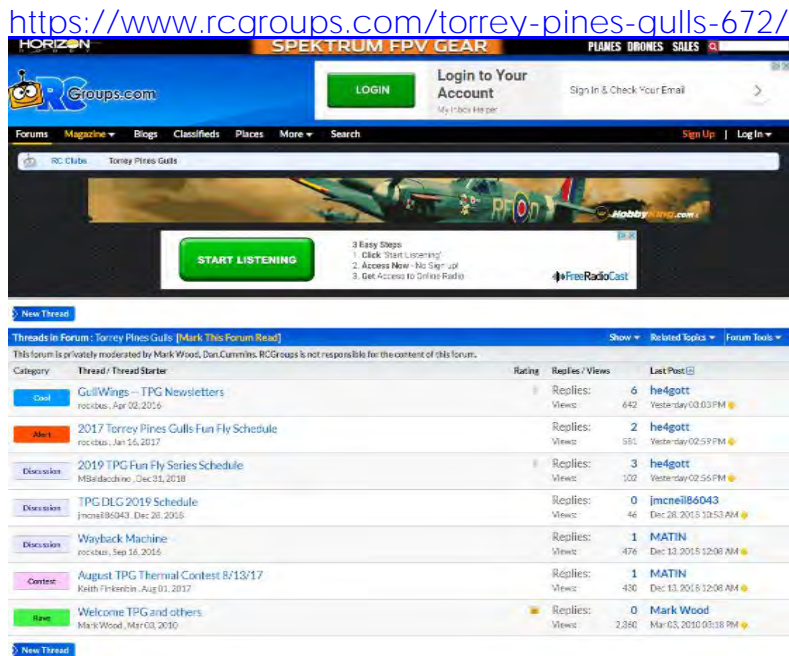
RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

Are you a member of ?

If you're not...you should be! RCGroups is the most widely used and active online Radio Control Community for everything RC, from planes to cars, to boats, drones, radios, power systems...pretty much anything RC! It includes forums, specific interest threads, blogs, discussions, etc....and, more importantly, The Torrey Pines Gulls Forum.

To get started, click on the link or web page below to get to the TPG Club forum. You can also get there from the **Clubs** link at the lower right of the RCGroups home page and scroll down to Torrey Pines Gulls.

<https://www.rcgroups.com/torrey-pines-gulls-672/>



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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?

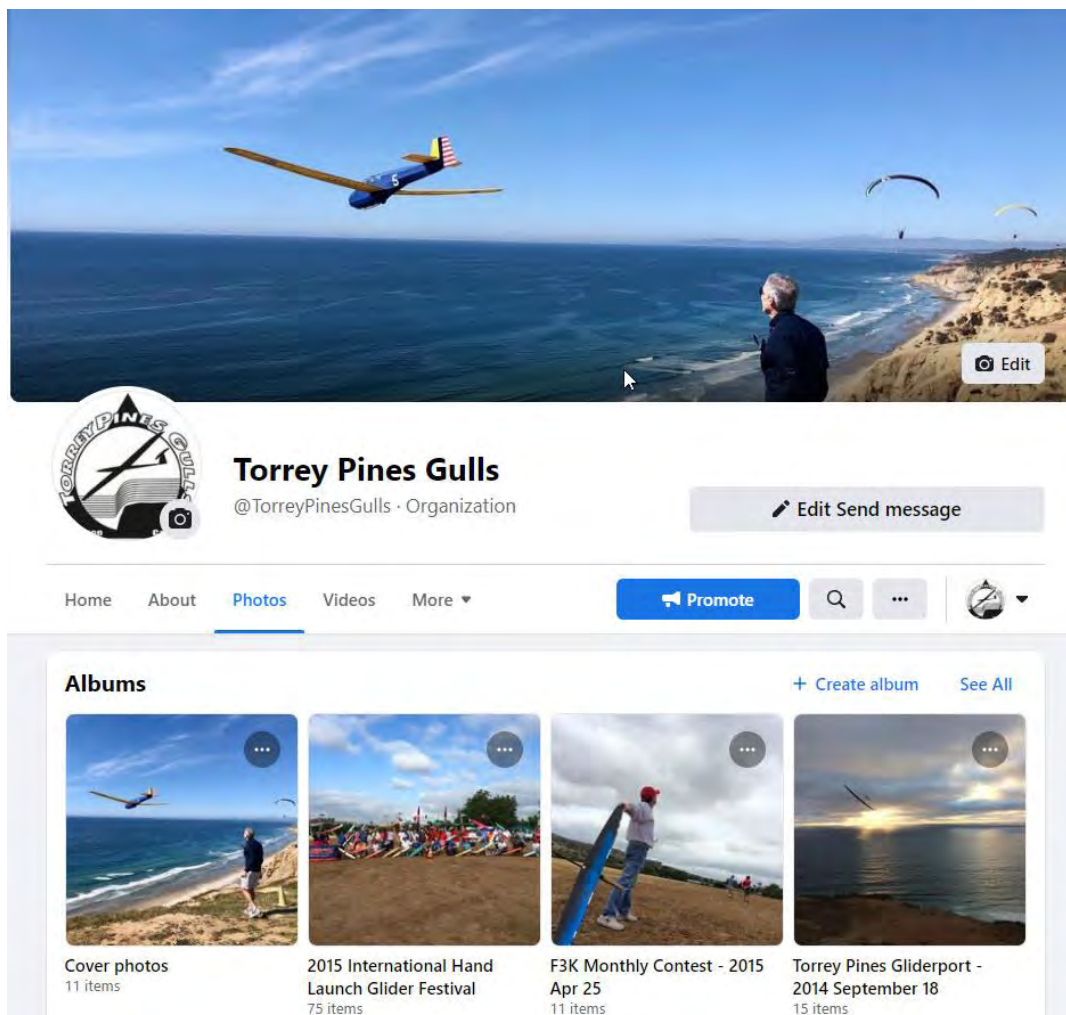
You can express your opinion at: www.torreyпинesgulls.org.

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Slope Coordinator, Mark, wasn't able to put together the regular "News from the Slope" column. Below are a few photos he took at the May 14th Foamy Fun Fly at the cliff. In addition, about ten students from AIAA-UCSD (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics – UCSD students) attended and six of them got some stick time courtesy of Jim Birkett's Oly II and buddy box...Future TPG members perhaps? Mark will be back next month with more details about this Fun Fly and as well as the June events at the Gliderport.



Students gathered in the pit area. TPGers Ian Cummings, Mark Baldacchino and Jim Birkett lead the session (Seth McLaughlin, UCSD AIAA Club Leader photo)

News from the Slope (continued)



Seth McLaughlin photo



Seth McLaughlin photo

News from the Slope (continued)

TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2022

June 4 th	Katie Martin International Tribute. A yearly classic: RCGroups
June 11 th	Landing Strip Contest – Get closest to the pin. Ribbons for 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd
July 9 th	Aerobatics Day – TWF/PWF...Jesters, Ahis, Shrikes; whatever turns on a dime
August 13 th	Fly 'n Swap Again! – A Day to Fly + Swap Meet. Clean out your garage and make room for more birds.
September 10 th	Old School Vintage/Classic Woodies Again! – BOTs, Olys, Sagittas...whatever is built-up wood
October 22 nd	Redman Rules & Landing Contest – Ribbons for 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd . For the uninitiated, Redman Rules involve beer can bowling and limbo line.
November 26 th	No Shopping Saturday – A couple of days after Thanksgiving to get out of the house

See you all out at the Gliderport.

Blue Skies!

Club Competition Activity

Thermal Duration / F5J Contest Series



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

Hand Launch / DLG / F3K Contest Series



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

Club Competition Activity (continued)

2022 Foamy F5J Clinic and Fun-Fly contest Series



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:

- 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=2334) 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 August 27th!

May TD Contest Report – Tom Watson, CD

Due to the small number of pilots registered, the May TD contest was cancelled. See you at the July 10th TD contest.



Mike Verzuh launching his Explorer (Cliff Hunter photo)

May DLG Contest Report – Mengchen Li, CD

Eleven pilots showed up for monthly contest on May 21st. Besides our familiar crew members, my friend Peter participated in the contest here for the first time after hanging around the field and timing for others for more than a year. **We're** always glad to have new faces at our contests! Thanks to everyone who helped me set up the field and made this contest happen.

We decided to have an old school contest, which included 6 rounds with 2 heats for each. This made the contest flow faster than 5 rounds and 3 heats for each, given that the day becomes **warmer and warmer**. I **didn't realize the day of the contest would be cool**, but it was still a good deal as everyone had a chance for one more round on a cool day and not get sunburned.

In round one, we flew the classic Five Longest, which was also the first round of the International last month. The air was light and floaty. 7 pilots got more than 9 minutes. Unfortunately, we had some incidents during round one. Chris and Mike were not able to continue due to damaged planes. Although it's **frustrating**, they were friendly and helpful, staying at the field for a few more rounds to help with timing. Thanks Chris and Mike!



Contest screenshot courtesy of Mengchen's friend Xunxiang Su

In round two, we flew the Three of Six. This is not a quick turn task; pilots have 1 extra minute to think about where to go. Again, the air was still very good. 5 pilots got a K in this round.

In round three, the baby ladder returned to the contest. We haven't flown this task in a long time. I believe the last time we flew this task was the last time I CD'd the contest 11 months ago. Although this task was officially replaced by a new 2020 task in FAI rules, we still love it, and this task is good for intermediate pilots. However, this task is also a big deal. If you make one mistake

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in this round, then the score difference will be huge, because the target time is preset. The good air lasted pretty long. 6 pilots got a K in this round. After this round, the score difference between the 1st and 4th place was only 17.25 points.

We kept doing our ladder workout in round four - the Big Ladder. Gary and Ron got the K in each heat.

After round 4, we took a short break and did a clinic. This is also something we haven't done in quite a while. I still remember when I began participating in our monthly contests in early 2019, we always had something to talk about during the clinic part; and our contest series was called TPG DLG Clinic/Contest Series. As I said, the May contest was an old-school contest, and I hope we can have more clinics and communication in future contests.

We flew 1234 for the fifth round. The air turned active; a lot of turbulence. It was hard to get a full score. Dale Osborn and I got the K in each group with 8:32.8 and 7:57.2 respectively. Good job Dale!

The sixth round was Huge Ladder. This is the round I'm bad at (The CD shows no mercy to himself☺). I have flown this task in contests three times, and I always screw it up. During the first heat, thermals moved fast and the air was challenging. Justin launched at the buzzer and hopped from one thermal to another frequently to stay high. He made almost the full time and got the K in the first heat. John McNeil was very close and he also got more than 13 minutes. The air turned worse in the second heat. Gary and I tried hard but could only make 7 or 8-ish minutes, and Gary got the K.



Post-contest final scores meeting screenshot courtesy of Mengchen's friend Xunxiang Su





















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Finally, the top three pilots were:

1. Gary Fogel (5945.31)
2. Mengchen Li (5844.44)
3. John McNeil (5789.20)

The detailed scores can be found here:

https://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=2239&tab=

Preliminary Overall Standings									
Rounds (1-6)									
#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	3 Gary Fogel  	5945.31		1000	1000	1000	1000	945.31	1000
2	1 Mengchen Li  	5844.44	-100.87	986.07	1000	1000	994.58	1000	863.79
3	6 John McNeil  	5789.20	-55.24	987.24	1000	1000	963.75	892.55	945.66
4	2 Justin Tolman  	5572.85	-216.35	944.46	831.67	1000	948.23	848.49	1000
5	10 Ron Rossetti  	5370.86	-201.99	982.75	1000	1000	1000	678.54	709.57
6	4 Chuck Norris  	5242.95	-127.91	1000	1000	1000	951.04	828.37	463.54
7	11 Dale Osborn  	4467.52	-775.43	667.80	980.37	571.43	971.47	1000	276.45
8	9 Clifford Hunter  	3799.36	-668.16	787.00	692.59	771.43	457.39	588.92	502.03
9	7 Peter Zhang	1198.65	-2600.71	0.00	627.22	571.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	5 Christoph Efstathiou  	979.45	-219.20	979.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	13 Luke Skywalker  	0.00	-979.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	12 Mike Ray	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

A fun fact is that Gary and I were always in the same heat for the whole contest; and the same thing happened to John and Cliff. I swear I didn't cheat in making the draw. 😊

The next DLG monthly contest will be on June 18th. I hope to see you there next month.

Best regards,
Mengchen Li

May Foamy F5J Contest & Clinic Report – Don Lochhead, CD

Date: May 28th

Location: TPG Poway Flight Center

This month's event was truly more a fun fly than it was a contest. We started out with 5 pilots, but by round three we were down to only three due to airplane issues.

For the last three rounds we decided to have us all fly at the same time. When the scores were finally totaled up the win/place/show went to Gary, Dale and Don.

The next fun fly is August 27th. This is a great way to get into F5J so pick up a Radian and come out and join in the fun.



From a previous Foamy F5J Contest and Clinic: Corky Miller launching his Yellow Jacket with Don Lochhead timing. Cliff Hunter launching Radian beyond (Dale Osborn 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.

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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 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
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TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel

This Month: Drew Arnett, 2007 Modeler of the Year

Drew Arnett grew up in central Illinois and, although model airplanes weren't generally a part of the picture, he did enjoy model rockets for a while. He remembers reviewing a Tower Hobbies catalog in the early 1980s with a friend and, while the RC sailplane section got his attention, flying something like that seemed unachievable at that age.

Drew eventually studied electrical engineering receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois. He also took up an interest in amateur radio and received his ham license. After college he worked for a few years in Illinois before coming to San Diego and finding a job in the wireless communications industry.

It was at that time that a co-worker in likely 1999 purchased a Great Planes "Fling" RC glider. This caught Drew's attention and he bought a MAD Aircraft Works "Highlander" EPP 2-meter glider kit. The Highlander was a popular trainer at the time capable of both slope and thermal. Drew learned that the Torrey Pines Gulls had a "late-in-the-day" training program at the Poway field and decided to check it out first before finishing his Highlander build. There he met George Joy who was instructing not one, not two, but three students at the same time all with their gliders in the air. Drew felt a little timid about going up to a guy who had three things in parallel but upon seeing another trainee, George said "come over here!" Soon after George was putting up the club's (immaculately covered) Olympic II on the winch and handed the transmitter to Drew and



and just like that, Drew was flying. George had Drew repeatedly fly a landing pattern but high up in the sky, just getting used to turns, etc. When the plane got closer to the ground, George took command and landed it safely. A few repeats of this

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and Drew was hooked. He returned the next time with his finished Highlander, got it straightened out and after two sessions with George was hi-starting the glider on his own at Poway, and he joined the Gulls. George had properly hooked another victim.

With the Poway slope nearby offering additional airtime without using a hi-start, Drew built a delta-wing glider made of foam board called a Pibros <https://rc-soar.com/pibros/> to learn elevon flying. Slope combat was also en vogue at the time and Drew build a Zagi 3C and joined with the slope combat guys who were flying every weekend at Poway slope. He also started flying in TPG thermal duration contests occasionally with one plane or another. TPG raffle did add to his stable and picked up a used “Sapphire” at some point.



Pibros



Zagi 3C



Airtronics Sapphire 3M

However, in the early 2000s Drew attended a TPG DLG contest and, as if the hook wasn't already set, DLG really made it more permanent. The contest saw everyone flying javelin-launched gliders while one person flew a discus launched “Uplink”. The difference in launch height was the difference in finding lift for an easy victory! Drew purchased a Mountain Models DL-50 kit and began flying in DLG contests as well as the IHLGF.

TPG was a slope and thermal club, and Drew loved flying both (though not a fan of the crowded airspace at Torrey on the weekends). TPG was great, offering slope and thermal contests as well as fun flies. He enjoyed attending the club meetings and rapidly became an active force in the TPG, making even more stuff happen. The internet, a brand new RCGroups system, and the club mailing list were useful for doing that.

Drew and several others got some fire going in monthly DLG contesting. This started in 2006 with the “IHLGF-or-bust” contest series. <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=5084144&postcount=1>

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That continued with regularly monthly contests that the DLG crew organized and CD'ed. Drew learned lessons about organizing and promoting that he was able to use later on. (Secret: make noise before and after events. RCGroups and the TPG mailing list were great for that.) This warm-up series continued through the rest of 2006, 2007, and got going in 2008 before Drew dropped out.

Drew wrote a bit of software to build a timing “tape” and used MP3 player and guitar amp which he described in the March 2003 issue of RC Soaring Digest. For those of you used to our current systems this is really worth your read (page 26)! <https://rcsoaringdigest.com/pdfs/RCSD-2007/RCSD-2007-03.pdf>

Here are some examples from that time (August 2006):

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=5864964&postcount=6>

Mid 2006 monthly contest paperwork:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?539088-SoCal-TPG-HLG-Contest#post5864987>

Summary of the 2007 DLG series:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?790054-2007-TPG-HLG-results#post8786427>



Drew catching his DL50 discus launch glider at the April 2005 monthly contest at Poway. That's a Hitec Flash 5 in his left hand. Remember those? (Photo from the May 2005 TPG newsletter)

Drew attended club meetings but helped make the summer fun fly series a reality, actively emailing people in advance of events to foster increased participation, helping to set up monthly DLG contests, etc. Because of his considerable effort and impact to club success, he was awarded the Modeler of the Year trophy in 2007. Other members nominated that year included Parviz Kamiab, David Klein, and Ron Scharck.

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Drew has worked for the last 15 years at Qualcomm, most recently as part of a millimeter wave R&D team, working with software and hardware and doing radio. He hasn't had the time to be flying with TPG much lately, but always enjoyed flying with so many great folks and great pilots. When asked what pilots were influential, Drew reeled off two dozen names without slowing down and then realized that "it was everyone." Thank you Drew!



Drew after launching his RC glider at Torrey – note folks were still on 72MHz back then...glider in lift above the photo. It's true! (Bill Eckles photo)



More recently as a ham operator, Drew has done some pretty interesting things including this remote antenna rig in the local mountains as a part of a Field Day project in 2019. It doesn't fly but it still is cool! (Roger Deran photo)

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)



Drew Arnett accepts the Modeler of the Year trophy at Poway for his many efforts on behalf of TPG. (Photo from the January 2008 TPG Newsletter)

Photo of the Month Contest

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

A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (their photo will be used as the website and newsletter masthead AND will appear on the following year's club membership card); so horizontal format photos are preferred.

Email your photos (JPG format and original high-resolution version, please) to Dale Gottdank at 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)

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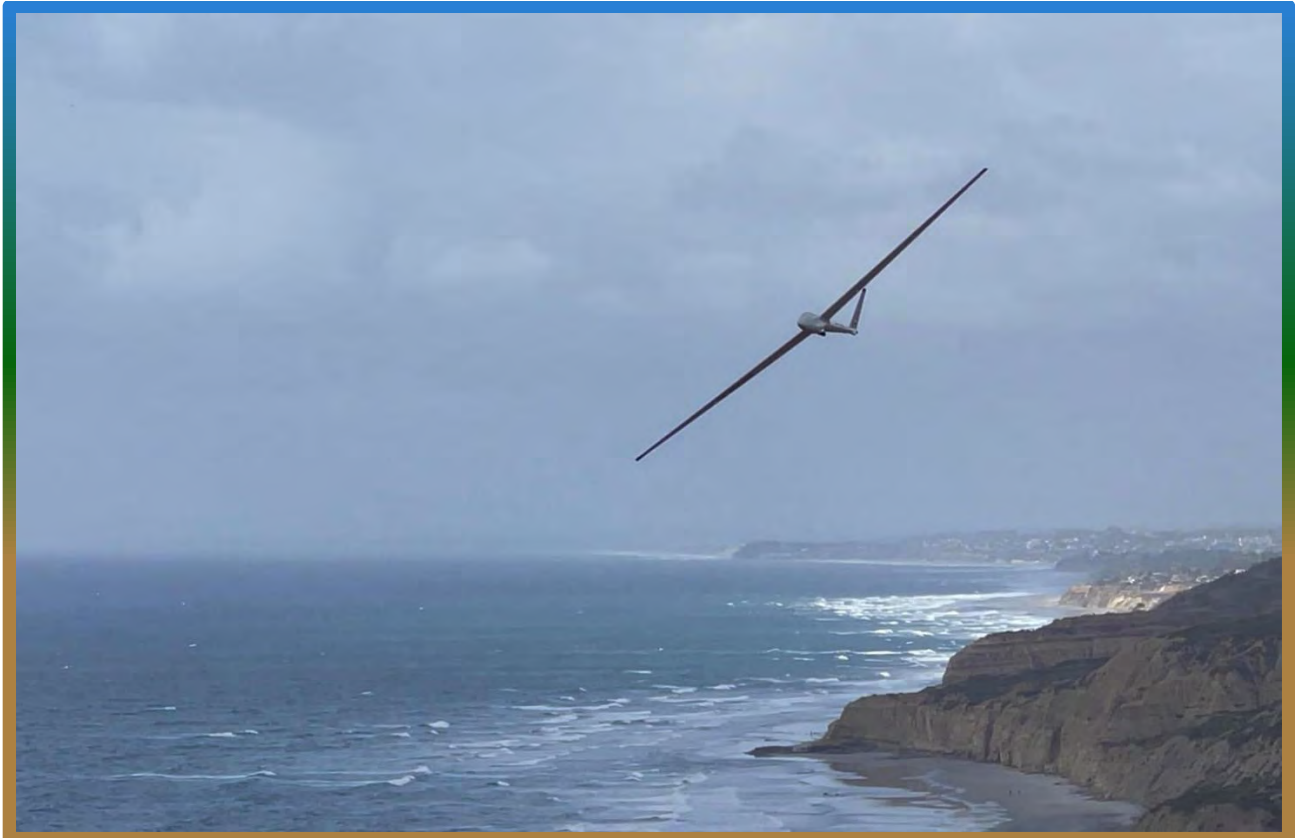


February Winner – George Clarke's close flyby with his Ka-8 at Torrey (Mark Baldacchino photo)



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)

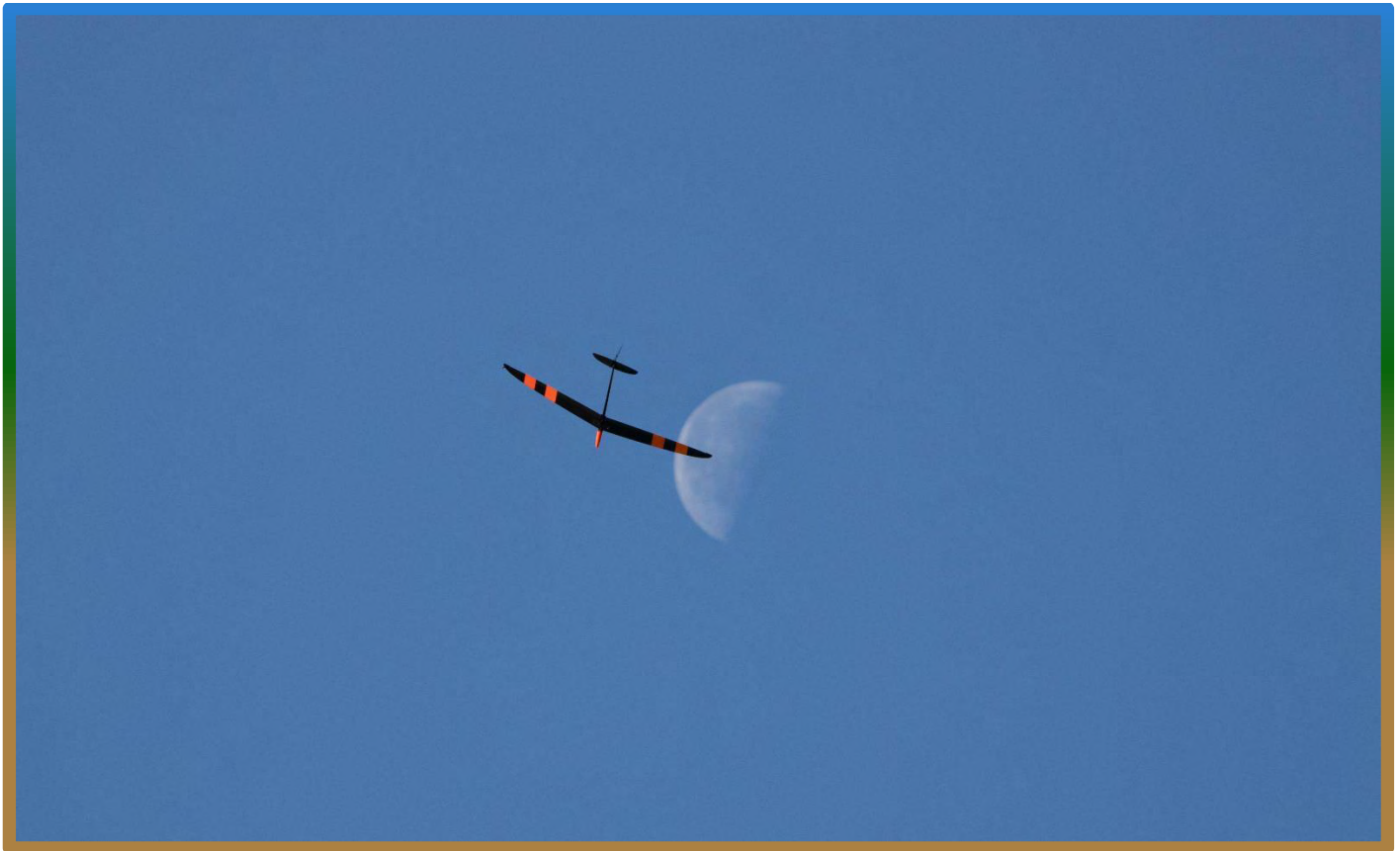


April Co-Winner – Gary Fogel's Schweizer TG-3 after launch by Greg Schibler (Mark Baldacchino photo)



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

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



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



Mario Galliano's CX5 from IHLGF pilot Paul Reese

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



June Winner – May 15th blood moon eclipse (Burt Crismore photo)

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Quote of the Month:

“Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible.”

~ Lord Kelvin, 1895



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)