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Ian Cummings

Whew, it's hard to believe the end of the year is bearing down on us. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual holiday party on December 11th, at 4:00 PM. We're switching things up and making it a Sunday afternoon this year. Once again, we will be serving up Phil's BBQ at AleSmith Brewing Company for TPG members and their significant others. Of course,

there will be plenty of craft beer on hand for purchase. This will be a critical meeting where you'll have a chance to vote for club officers. We need some volunteers to take on leadership roles on the Executive Council, so please consider volunteering. As of this writing, positions that need to be filled are: President and Vice President. That said, we always need help with field maintenance and events throughout the year.

We also need photos submitted for a slideshow at the holiday party. Please pick your best images of 2022 and get them to Dale Gottdank no later than Dec 1. Horizontal photos are preferred at 1920 pixels on the longest edge. We can also use short video clips, but please check with Dale before sending huge files. Dale's email address is:

communications@torreypinesgulls.org

Happy Landings,
Ian



It's That Time Again Gulls!

We are happy to announce that this year's *TPG Holiday Party* will be held on *Sunday, December 11th* at the *AleSmith Brewing Company*
9990 AleSmith Court, San Diego, CA 92126 (off Miramar Rd.)

No cover charge

Food will be provided by
Phil's BBQ

There will also be a vintage RC kit free raffle prize!

Bring a dozen holiday themed cookies to share for dessert.

Doors open at *4:00 pm*, and we'll kick off the 2022 annual meeting and awards presentations sometime after *5 pm*.

Please RSVP by December 4

to vp@torreypinesgulls.org so we can give our host a head count.

Hope to see you there!

Bob Hirsch
Torrey Pines Gulls
2021 Vice President



TPG November/December Events

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
November 5	F5J Fun Fly (& Contest/Clinic)	Poway Flight Center Register on F3X Vault
November 13	F5J Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on F3X Vault
November 19	DLG Contest	Poway Flight Center Register on F3X Vault
November 26	No Shopping Saturday	Torrey Pines Gliderport No Contest Registration Required Fun Fly!
December 11	Torrey Pines Gulls Holiday Party	AleSmith Brewing Company 9990 AleSmith Ct, San Diego, CA 92126

Club Elections – Nominations Welcome!



The TPG Executive Council (otherwise known as the Board) is always on the lookout for members to step up and help out with leadership duties. We meet monthly, on Zoom and review everything from upcoming contests and events and conditions at our flying sites to the financial well-being of our organization.

Election of Executive Council members for 2023 will be taking place at our annual Holiday Party on December 11th. If you would like to nominate a fellow member (with their permission, of course), or if you're interested yourself, please contact me at secretary@torreypinesgulls.org.

If you think you might be interested but aren't sure, come to our next Executive Council meeting on November 15th at 6:00 pm. Drop me a line and I'll send you the Zoom link.

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 currently 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 last meeting, on October 25th, featured Corky Miller of [Sonoran Laser Art](#) and Larry Jolly sharing some of their knowledge and experience about F3RES, the new FAI class "F3L" that utilizes 2 Meter - Light Weight - Bungee launch - RES gliders. It was a fun meeting, with lots of questions and input from attendees and garnered some real interest in this new FAI Class.

Also, congratulations to Paul Nibecker, winner of the free raffle prize; a vintage Dodgson Designs Todi Kit!

Our next meeting will be the Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11th at the AleSmith Brewing Co. **in person!** Don't miss 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**



Dale Gottdank

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!

November Issue highlights include:

- [Holiday Party Announcement!](#)
- [Vintage Sterling Schweizer 1-34 Build by Brad Lang](#)
- [2009 Modeler of the Year Don Lochhead 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>.

News from the Slope – Mark Baldacchino, Slope Coordinator



Bob Hirsch for
Mark Baldacchino



Pilots setting up for this month's Redman Rules Fun Fly at Torrey (Dale Gottdank photo)

Well, as our SoCal winter sets in (with apologies to our Northwestern and Eastern friends), we are finally getting a little more consistent flyable air. Our relationship with the flight directors and paraglider pilots seems to be improving with noticeably better adherence to the rules. Please do the same the next time you fly at Torrey. We are all there for the same reason, so there is no reason we shouldn't all make the effort to get along and fly safely! If you're not flying, then offer to be a spotter. We need to do all we can to keep our window safe.

As you can see, tumbleweeds are still a problem at Torrey. Our fearless crew of 3 volunteers (Ian Cummings, Jim Birkett and myself) did a great job last weekend of clearing away those wing grabbing plants just in time for the Redman Rules Fun Fly (more on that next). We ended up with several more loads like the one in the photo, and it would have been lot easier if more members had turned out to help. Donuts and drinks were provided. We hope next time more of you are motivated to help maintain our site. I don't think an hour or 2 of your time is too much to ask.



Ian Cummings, Jim Birkett and a load of tumbleweeds (Bob Hirsch photo)

News from the Slope (continued)

The Redman Rules Contest at Saturday's Fun Fly was a great time for those that competed. The SW wind direction made for a more challenging event than expected, but the pilots soon adapted and more successful passes were made,

The Limbo contest was dominated by our youngest member Dmitri, maidenizing a newly acquired foamy that he was flying for the first time! The other events were Beer Can Bowling and Carrier Landings. The overall winners were Dmitri Redlin, Scott McCurdy and Ray Pili. TPG president, Ian Cummings, who managed some nice carrier landings himself, also provided the hot dogs, chips and drinks for the participants, families and friends. Hopefully we'll do this again next year. The last time this contest was held at Torrey was in 1978! Thanks to OG Mike Redman for setting up the contest, great to see you back!



Mike Redman conducting the pre-contest pilots meeting (Ian Cummings photo)



Mike, clipboard in hand ready to judge the contests (Dale Gottdank photo)



Ian Cummings brought the grill, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Thanks Ian! (Dale Gottdank photo)

News from the Slope (continued)



Bob Hirsch and Mike setting up the limbo contest (Ian Cummings photo)



Mike launching his vintage Ken Banks design glider. Check out his vintage TPG jacket! (Ian Cummings photo)



Dmitri maneuvering his plane under the limbo line. Click on the photo to see a quick video. (Dale Gottdank photo)



A Ka-8 approaching the limbo line (Dale Gottdank photo)



Mike's plane approaching the limbo line (Dale Gottdank photo)



Winners (L-R) Scott McCurdy (Beer Can Bowling), Ray Pili (Carrier Landings) and Dmitri Redlin (Limbo). Congrats! (Ian Cummings photo)

News from the Slope (continued)

Finally, I thought it might be nice each month to feature a member's latest build seen flying at Torrey. To start things off, I'm featuring Jim Birkett's beautifully built classic Sagitta 600. Jim took his time building this one and it shows, looking as good on the ground as it does soaring over the ocean. Well done, Jim!



Jim Birkett's Airtronics Sagitta 600 (Bob Hirsch photo)

TPG Gliderport Schedule for 2022

November 26 th	No Shopping Saturday – A couple of days after Thanksgiving to get out of the house
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That's all for this month, see you all in the air and please fly safe!

Blue skies,

Bob Hirsch
TPG Vice President

October TD Contest Report – Cliff Hunter, CD

The bi-monthly contest took place on October 9th. The contest rounds were as follows: 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10-minute flights with a 50-point landing. We had 7 pilots sign up.

The air was great; even with a cloud cover. The difficult round was the 2-minute flight. You had to move fast after launch and set for the landing, however, everyone did manage to get times except the CD, who forgot to put his times in the vault. The contest was a lot of fun. See the overall standings below.

First Place went to Steve Condon, with a score of 4,945.71 out of 5,000 points.



Second Place went to Mike Smith, with a score of 4,943.78 out of 5,000 points.



Third Place went to Tom Watson with a score of 4,918.78 out of 5,000 points.



Sorry, but no photo from the contest.

Preliminary Overall Standings

Rounds (1-5)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Round 1	Round 2	Completed Rounds (No			
						Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	4 Steve Condon 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4954.71		976.33	985.96	1000	992.42	1000	
2	5 Mike Smith 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4943.78	-10.93	970.41	996.49	985.29	996.21	995.38	
3	1 Tom Watson 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4918.46	-25.32	1000	975.44	977.94	969.70	995.38	
4	3 Erik Larson 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4884.05	-34.41	928.99	978.95	990.20	990.53	995.38	
5	Arthur Markiewicz 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	4198.24	-685.81	982.25	975.44	705.88	1000	534.67	
6	6 Steve Hurd 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	3813.48	-384.76	857.99	989.47	975.49	990.53	0.00	
7	2 Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸 🇨🇦	2167.67	-1645.81	0.00	1000	779.41	388.26	0.00	

October DLG – Poway Invitational Report – Mengchen Li, CD

On October 15th, we held a special full-day DLG contest, the 2nd Poway Invitational. Last year, we had our 1st Poway Invitational in September, and we weren't 100% sure if we were going to make it an annual event. Last month, we got a request from our friends in Arizona. They would make our contest in October in preparation for the Blue Sky over Arizona in November, so they wanted to have a longer contest to make the trip worthwhile. This was also a very good motivation for us to hold our 2nd Poway Invitational, which may finally become an annual full-day contest.

We organized this contest from scratch within a limited timeframe. We created a rough plan in mid-September, and then started our preparation. We had everything ready in late September were able to announce the October 15th contest. A shoutout to everyone involved in organizing this contest: Gary, Chuck, Don, Cliff, Bob, Justin, John, and maybe myself. Great teamwork!

We had 19 pilots registered, with 17 showing up to compete. Besides pilots who are very familiar with Poway field, we had Charles Martin and Ed LaCroix making the trip from Phoenix, Kevin Jantz from Thousand Oaks, Matthew Calkins from Victorville, and Will Lalla, a middle school student from the east LA area. It was also good to see the return of some old friends who haven't been involved in contests for a while.

I left for Poway from LA at 4:30am. Cliff, Chuck, and Don helped me set up the field. The pilots meeting started at 8:15am. I introduced the rules and regulations at Poway field to those pilots who came here for the first time. The contest started right after the pilots meeting, at 8:30am. Thanks to Chuck and Gary for helping me deal with the timing and speaker system, so that we could start the contest on time.



Pilots meeting (Chendhan Liu photo)

October DLG – Poway Invitational Report – (continued)



Group picture (Chenghan Liu photo)

The first round was All Up Last Down. I was hoping this task would make some huge differences on scores as the first round when I set the task list. The air in the morning is floaty. If you can launch high enough, you'll be able to cruise around with low sink rate and find a thermal. 5 pilots got the K in this round, and 3 of them were in heat C.

We then flew Task A, Last Flight (5:00 max in 7 minutes). The conditions were perfect. 16 pilots got the K in this round. Everyone had a great time.

The third round was 1234. Ed from Arizona got the K in heat A. Jun only dropped 1.4 seconds in heat B and made the K with no doubt. I dropped 5.3 seconds in heat C and made the K.

The fourth round was 5 Longest; another quick turn task. Brent, Jun, and Kevin were the K in heat A, B, and C with 6.4s, 3.6s, and 5s drop respectively.



Mengchen and Ron preparing for launch (Chenghan Liu photo)



Will and SWSS member Charles Martin launching (Chenghan Liu photo)

October DLG – Poway Invitational Report – (continued)

Round 5 was 3 of 6 (3:00 max). This is not a quick turn task, but requires some strategy. Jun was the only pilot making the whole 9 minutes. Justin and Charles got the K in heat B and C with 7+ minutes.

After round 5, we took a lunch break, returning at 1:30pm. Some pilots stayed at the field, while others went to Poway to grab some food. Some pilots visited Rubio's, where we used to have a group lunch after the half-day monthly contests. I drove my friend, Chenghan Liu (today's photographer), back to La Jolla, so it took me a while to get back to the field.

Round 6 began at 1:30pm. The clouds were scattered, and we could see dense dark clouds to the east, so we would have to proceed with caution. This round was a new 2020 Task; 2 flights in 10 minutes. Mengchen Li made 9:47.7, which was the longest time in this round. Kevin and Jun made the K in their heat.



Matthew and Kevin during the contest (Chenghan Liu photo)



Gary focusing on his plane (Chenghan Liu photo)

Round 7 was 3 x 3:20. We were definitely starting to see dark clouds approaching from the southeast and a cluster of newly developing cumulus clouds appeared in southwest. The first two heats were fine, but the rain started right before the heat 3. I made the call to continue and finish round 7 and then call it a day. Jun, Kevin, Dale, and I (of course with our loyal timers) stood and flew in the rain for ten minutes. Cliff, Brent, and Jun got Ks in this round.

I had planned to call it a day after round 7 due to safety consideration. However, people were more vigorous than me. They insisted to wait for another 30 minutes and see what will happen. We kept checking and refreshing radar map and forecast under the tent. It was funny. Fortunately, the rain stopped in 20 minutes, and it never became as heavy as I have to stop the contest, so we continued to round 8.



Scott waiting for the buzzer (Chenghan Liu photo)

October DLG – Poway Invitational Report – (continued)



Dale preparing to launch (Chenghan Liu photo)



The Arizona crew (Chenghan Liu photo)



Don and Cliff chatting during the contest (Chenghan Liu photo)



Chuck and Don, eyes on their DLGs (Chenghan Liu photo)

Round 8 was big ladder. The condition was just fine with little wind. Brent, Jun, and Mengchen got the Ks.

We took a short break to put all the scores in and see who would make the flyoffs. After I double checked all the scores, we had Kevin, Jun, Justin, Brent, and me, Mengchen, in the flyoffs. Interestingly, the score difference between No.5 and No.1 in the 8 preliminary rounds was only 172.72 points, so all the flyoff positions were well deserved!

The flyoff rounds included most challenging tasks: Huge Ladder, Single Flight, and 3-call Poker. It was already late afternoon. The air was chilly and not active anymore; and it was almost impossible to find a strong thermal. Finally, Jun came back from 4th place after preliminary rounds and won the contest. Mengchen was in the 1st place after preliminary rounds and finished with 2nd place in the flyoffs. Brent, Justin, and Kevin were in 3rd, 4th, and 5th place respectively. All of them brought some hardware home after an exhausting day.

October DLG – Poway Invitational Report – (continued)

Rounds (1-8)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops In Effect)							
				Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8
1	3 Mengchen Li 🇨🇳	7945.67		1000	1000	1000	994.97	982.22	1000	968.48	1000
2	10 Brent Lytle 🇺🇸	7850.49	-95.18	1000	1000	994.96	1000	977.63	1000	1000	877.90
3	6 Justin Tolman 🇺🇸	7825.74	-24.75	1000	1000	974.61	975.13	1000	943.00	983.24	949.76
4	19 Jun Catacutan 🇵🇭	7779.68	-46.06	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	779.68	1000	1000
5	15 Kevin Jantz 🇺🇸	7772.95	-6.73	1000	1000	993.44	1000	919.81	1000	929.70	1000
6	2 Edward LaCroix 🇺🇸	7382.70	-390.25	852.78	1000	1000	983.32	918.89	724.35	974.52	928.84
7	14 Matthew Calkins 🇺🇸	6931.95	-450.75	953.89	1000	984.36	977.53	845.89	599.44	865.24	705.60
8	1 Charles Martin 🇺🇸	6772.63	-159.32	771.85	1000	835.84	970.35	1000	407.05	920.21	867.33
9	16 Ron Rossetti 🇺🇸	6450.91	-321.72	984.63	1000	991.98	960.58	792.92	956.56	764.24	0.00
10	7 Clifford Hunter 🇺🇸	6273.01	-177.90	680.19	1000	712.72	815.06	817.86	524.91	1000	722.27
11	9 Chuck Norris 🇺🇸	6001.70	-271.31	0.00	1000	986.97	896.97	901.14	526.97	796.06	893.59
12	11 Will Lalla 🇺🇸	5157.32	-844.38	788.15	1000	883.90	733.32	725.50	362.94	0.00	663.51
13	8 Don Lochhead 🇺🇸	4778.70	-378.62	669.07	989.00	749.29	640.67	459.22	353.24	585.61	332.60
14	13 Dale Osborn 🇺🇸	4670.06	-108.64	475.95	1000	782.42	728.54	459.59	209.63	527.07	486.86
15	17 Scott Mccurdy 🇺🇸	4558.89	-111.17	610.74	1000	754.76	878.10	893.77	521.52	0.00	0.00
16	18 Mike Ray	4015.44	-543.45	711.60	1000	939.02	765.93	598.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	5 Gary Fogel 🇺🇸	1000.00	-3015.44	0.00	1000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	20 Darth Vader 🇺🇸	0.00	-1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	4 Eric Williams 🇺🇸	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Flyoff #1 Rounds (3)

#	Pilot Name	Total	Diff	Completed Rounds (No Drops In Effect)		
				Round 9	Round 10	Round 11
1	19 Jun Catacutan 🇵🇭	10583.72		1000	816.45	987.59
2	3 Mengchen Li 🇨🇳	10366.14	-217.58	817.96	602.51	1000
3	10 Brent Lytle 🇺🇸	9956.99	-409.15	539.49	731.36	835.65
4	6 Justin Tolman 🇺🇸	9652.66	-304.33	805.73	476.50	544.69
5	15 Kevin Jantz 🇺🇸	9647.79	-4.87	570.97	1000	303.87

Thanks everyone for coming! I really appreciate it! I got a few messages from our pilots saying they could only stay for a few rounds and had to take off early because they had other stuff to do; but they all showed up for the contest and showed their support for me.

I couldn't have successfully CD'ed this contest successfully (hopefully it was 😊) without you all. This is a special memory for me.

The next Poway DLG contest will be on November 19th, which will be our last DLG event this year. I hope to see you at Poway again!



Everyone enjoying a great day at Poway (Chenghan Liu photo)

Sterling Schweizer 1-34 Build – Brad Lang

We received an email from Brad Lang describing his build of a vintage Sterling Schweizer 1-34 kit that he completed a few years ago and recently maiden at Torrey:

I built and Monokoted a Sterling 1-34 around 1976 which didn't last too long. It was not pretty. In 2012 I purchased another kit and decided to glass it, paint it with Klass Kote, urethane and some Callie graphics. Lots of wood! I Finished it like my classic pattern airplanes. The wingspan is 100". The 1-34 is a little heavy at 4.75 lbs. and includes Graupner spoilers and reflexing ailerons. The build is posted in RCG's Sailplane Talk.

It flies very well at Torrey with 15-17 mph wind; Futaba Super 7 SS for guidance. It was completed in 2017 but the First flight was earlier this year at Torrey. Lots of help from TPG club members for the maiden...Thank you!

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2869320-Sterling-1-34>



Brad Lang photo



Maiden flight launch

TPG History: The Trophy – Gary Fogel

This Month: Don Lochhead, 2009 Modeler of the Year



Don Lochhead was born in Ithaca, New York near Cornell University. He grew up in the community of Essex Fells N.J. as a child. Don's interest in aerospace began with Estes model rockets, which he enjoyed launching with friends in the area. This included not just standard rocket models but those that had a CG shift or boost gliders for additional fun. He also built plastic models, but models that sat there on a desk didn't seem as appealing.

After doing well in high school he applied to one college, Cornell University, and was accepted with early admission. He focused during his first two years on general courses in engineering towards a bachelor's degree. However, in his third year he clicked with several professors involved in the emerging field of solid-state microwave devices. This led to a new cycle of morning classes and lab work in the afternoons, with accelerated learning in labs with federal funding. As a result, Don became adept at developing breadboards using the devices developed by his professors, publishing his research with organizations such as IEEE. After graduating with his BS in Engineering, he continued at Cornell with a Master's Degree in Engineering in just 1 year (a non-thesis degree).

After his graduation, he took two interviews with companies in Los Angeles (TRW and Hughes) and opted to take the position at TRW. These job offers came right away given the nature and importance of Don's technical work. When Don arrived in Los Angeles from New York and saw the palm trees outside of LAX, he figured that southern California was for him. He found a place to live nearby in Redondo Beach.



TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

At TRW, his initial efforts focused on communications and very shortly he was given increased responsibility on a variety of projects regarding satellites. As TRW wanted to expand its interests to avionics and also expand its geographic reach, it established a new division in San Diego (first at Sorrento Valley and then at Carmel Mountain Ranch). Don was asked if he wanted to move to San Diego. The answer was of course, yes. He found a place to live in Rancho Bernardo and largely worked on avionics for military aircraft including the F-22 and F-35 and other projects largely sponsored by Lockheed and Boeing. This position also required Don to travel regularly both nationally and internationally. He also helped develop avionics for the IAI RQ-5 Hunter unmanned aerial vehicle and perhaps one can consider this as his first foray into RC, except at large scale. Following 36 years of continuous effort for TRW (and then Northrop Grumman after the purchase of TRW), Don retired in 2008 having generated numerous patents and publications.

In about 2004/2005, Don read an interesting article in the San Diego Union; a short note about an international RC model glider contest being held in Poway. It sounded interesting so he checked it out and was amazed to see a bunch of pilots doing DLG at the IHLGF. This was cool! He purchased an EZ Glider for training on a hi-start and joined the club in 2005. After a year of learning on the EZ Glider (actually several...), Don purchased a used Lighthawk II from Aradhana Singh Khalsa of New Mexico who had attended IHLGF and he flew that plane for a time; then purchased a Blaster II; then a first-generation Snipe; then short nosed Snipes, and most recently a Concept CX5 and BAMF2. When Don was also starting out, he purchased a Shadow and flew that at both Poway and Encinitas for thermal duration but gravitated more towards hand launch than thermal duration over time.



Don Lochhead (pilot) and Mike Ray (timer) enjoying the Poway air at the September 2022 monthly TPG DLG Contest/Clinic.

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

During 2007-2008 the TPG was just commissioning the Encinitas field, and there was a general request to help with projects to get that field established. Don answered the call, connected with Keith Finkenbiner and Cliff Hunter and helped get the trailer set up with shelving; helped fix the solar cells on the storage container for battery charging; helped build wooden barriers for the methane pipes at the field with Cliff and Arthur Markiewicz; and even built picnic tables for the club's use at club fields. He also helped build the carts for the club winches and all of the signage at Encinitas. Given all of the effort being made, Don was an easy choice for the Modeler of the Year trophy at the December meeting in 2009, largely for his effort at the Encinitas Field and general support of the club.

Don's effort however, didn't end there. In 2010 he was asked to serve as winchmaster, which he did for one year. However, the club had a more pressing need in 2011 for a treasurer and Don volunteered to switch to that role; a role he continues to serve to the present. Given a corporate background, Don reorganized the club's finances. In 2011 he received the Modeler of the Year award again as Treasurer along with Mark Canfield (President) and Mark Wood (Slope Coordinator) specifically for helping "the club to recover its footing after becoming a bit disorganized over the past year or two." Bill Eckles, then newsletter editor noted: "These three guys deservedly are being recognized for service well above and beyond the normal expectations of club members. Don has gone to great lengths to untangle a confused financial situation and bring order and reason to our fiscal future."



Arthur Markiewicz (left) and Don Lochhead (right) help a contestant at one of the annual SC² thermal duration contests the club was involved with at Poway in 2010. At that time, the winches were on nice wheeled dollies, each also associated with a retrieval system.

TPG History: The Trophy (continued)

Don continues to help the club in many ways beyond just finances. He's helped build the wireless speakers for the DLG contests, charging systems, etc. Whenever the club has asked Don to help, he has volunteered. However, these attributes have a strong familial relationship. His grandfather was Archie Lochhead, the first Director of the Exchange Stabilization Fund who served as Technical Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. under the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Interestingly, Archie also volunteered during World War I for service and became a certified pilot in the 182nd Aero Squadron of the Army Air Corps.



Don Lochhead receiving the Modeler of the Year trophy at the year-end club party in December 2009. (From *Gull Wings*, January, 2010 newsletter)

Club Membership Update – Cliff Hunter



Cliff Hunter

Hello Gulls,

It's time to Renew your TPG Membership beginning on November 1st, 2022, for calendar year 2023.

Welcome the following 6 new members and 1 renewal member to the Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society.

New: Eric Williams, Kyle Ungar (Youth Member), Albert Drew, Alex Gould, Edward LaCroix and Charles Martain

Renewed: Richard Redhead

Membership Activity Summary as of October 18, 2022

The table below is a summary of new, renewed and lifetime members (3) 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. 3 lifetime)	136			
New and Renewal Members for 2022		39	95	134
Google Group Members*	151		NA	151

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

Membership Processing

Please use the link below when joining as a new member or renewing an existing membership. Fill out the registration form completely and pay using PayPal, credit card or check. Current members 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.

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

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

Club Membership Update (continued)

Annual Membership

TPG's membership period is January 1st through December 31st. Renewals begin November 1st of each year.

Club 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
- Work Credit You will receive a credit of up to \$20 on your annual dues; \$10 per each half-day working at any TPG flying field. When filling out your registration form, there is a place to input your hours/credit.

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.

You can get more detailed information regarding your yearly membership benefits by using the following link: [Torrey Pines Gulls Membership Guide](#), which will provide answers to many of your questions regarding Torrey Pines Gulls activities. Also review the TPG Club Bylaws for more information at: [Club Bylaws](#)

Cliff Hunter

Membership Chairman

membership@torreypinesgulls.org

760-703-4497 cell

Sample Membership Card



Note: TPG membership information will not be shared or sold and will only be used to contact members for purposes of TPG business.

Where We Fly – 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.



How We Compete

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

or contact Chuck Norris at dlg@torreypinesgulls.org

How We Compete (continued)

2022 F5J Fun Fly and Contest/Clinic Series



Don Lochhead

November 5th marks the fourth and final event for the year. We started out calling this a foamy event because the Night Radian was (and continues to be) the most popular plane to fly. However, as the year progressed, we have been simply calling it an F5J Fun Fly because any glider under 2 meters that can be flown to the F5J rules as we apply them at Poway is welcome. In fact, our February event was won by Corky Miller flying his Yellow Jacket.

We configure the field with landing tapes and the sound system to get as close to full-up F5J flying as possible. To maximize everyone's time flying we reduce the flight window to 7 minutes.

If you have been thinking about getting into F5J, but weren't sure where to start, this is the event for you. Night Radians are not only affordable but also fly surprisingly well. In fact, they have even been known to be spotted at our regular F5J monthly contests.

Pilots meeting is at 8:45 with first up at 9 am. We typically fly five rounds of a 3-heat format finishing up by noon. The event is free to TPG members and \$5 for guests. We do ask everyone to pre-register on the F3X Vault so we know how many pilots to expect and can run the matrix ahead of time.

https://f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=2335)

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.

See you on November 5th!



What is LSF? – Gary Fogel



Gary Fogel

Hi Gulls,

Although we haven't planned any LSF-specific events for 2023, 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.

What is LSF? – (continued)

In order to participate in the LSF program, please go to:

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

Submittal of a completed voucher is as follows:

1. Email the LSF Secretary John Marien: john@ne-aero.com 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).

How We Connect – Google Groups

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!

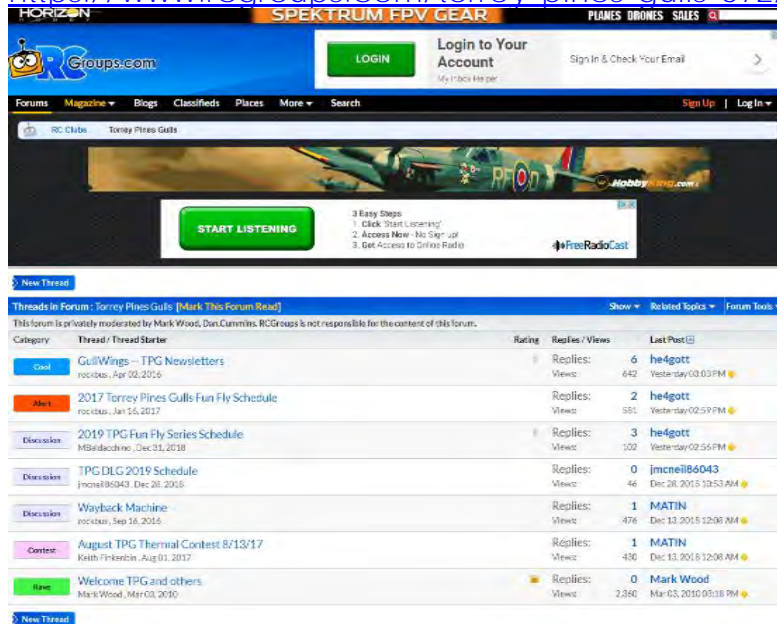
RCGroups – Torrey Pines Gulls Forum

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/>



Category	Thread / Thread Starter	Rating	Replies / Views	Last Post
Cool	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: 561	he4gott Yesterday 02:59 PM
Discussion	2019 TPG Fun Fly Series Schedule M8elbachne, Dec 31, 2018		Replies: 3 Views: 202	he4gott Yesterday 02:56 PM
Discussion	TPG DLG 2019 Schedule jmcneil86043, Dec 28, 2018		Replies: 0 Views: 46	jmcneil86043 Dec 28, 2018 12:53 AM
Discussion	Wayback Machine roccas, Sep 16, 2016		Replies: 1 Views: 476	MATIN Dec 11, 2018 12:08 AM
Contest	August TPG Thermal Contest 8/13/17 Keith Finbench, Aug 01, 2017		Replies: 1 Views: 430	MATIN Dec 11, 2018 12:08 AM
How	Welcome TPG and others Mark Wood, Mar 03, 2010		Replies: 0 Views: 2,240	Mark Wood Mar 03, 2010 03:18 PM

If you haven't yet joined RCGroups, click on the **Sign Up** link at the upper right and follow the instructions.

Once you've navigated to the Torrey Pines Gulls Forum, you can subscribe to the Forum or to any of the individual threads within the Forum.

To subscribe to the Forum, click the **Forum Tools** link and select "Subscribe to This Forum" from the dropdown menu. Then choose from the notification dropdown menu. If you want to subscribe to a specific thread, click to open the thread, and click the **Thread Tools** link. Select "Subscribe to This Thread" from the dropdown menu. Again, choose from the notification dropdown menu.

Unlike the old Yahoo Forum, RCGroups allows you to post photos and videos. By subscribing, you can keep up with the latest events, club activities and member postings.

What do YOU think?

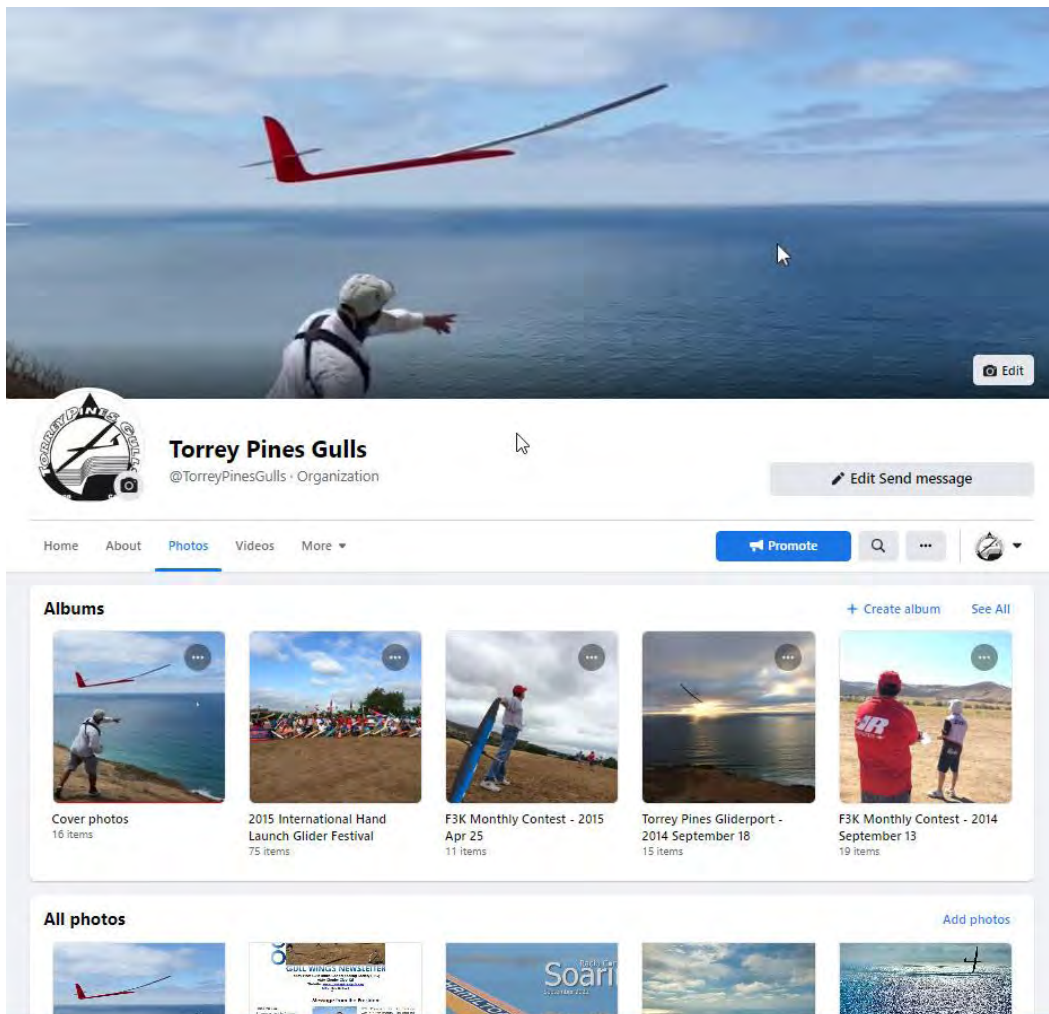
You can express your opinion at: www.torreypinesgulls.org.

We have a [QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS](#) link in the drop-down menu that appears when you scroll over [TORREY PINES GULLS](#) next to [LOCATIONS, CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP...](#) If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. for the board, here's your chance.

Check out the TPG Facebook Page

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page by clicking the links below for new content posted by club members and friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/TorreyPinesGulls/>



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Photo of the Month Contest

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

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

Email your photos (JPG format and original high-resolution version, please) to Dale Gottdank at submit@torreypinesgulls.org. 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)

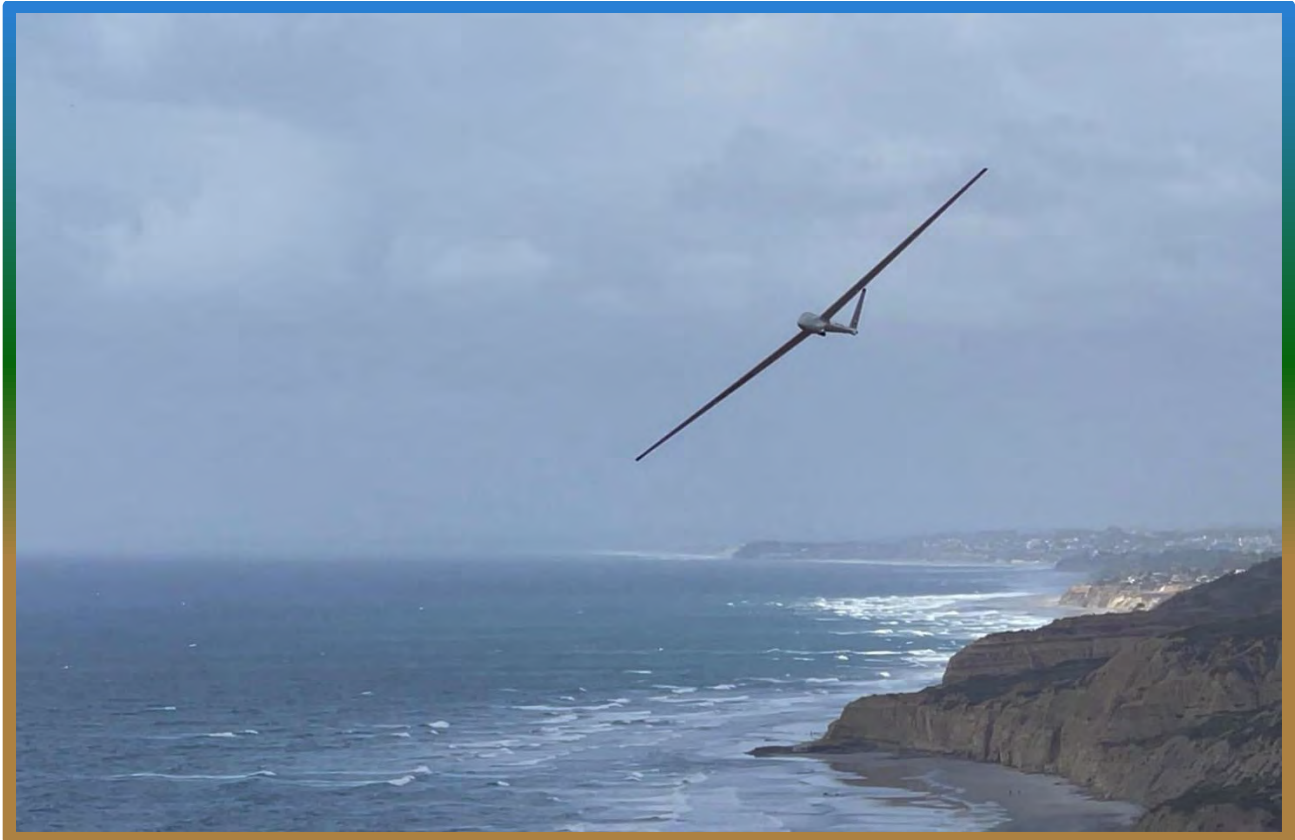


February Winner – George Clarke's close flyby with his Ka-8 at Torrey (Mark Baldacchino photo)



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)

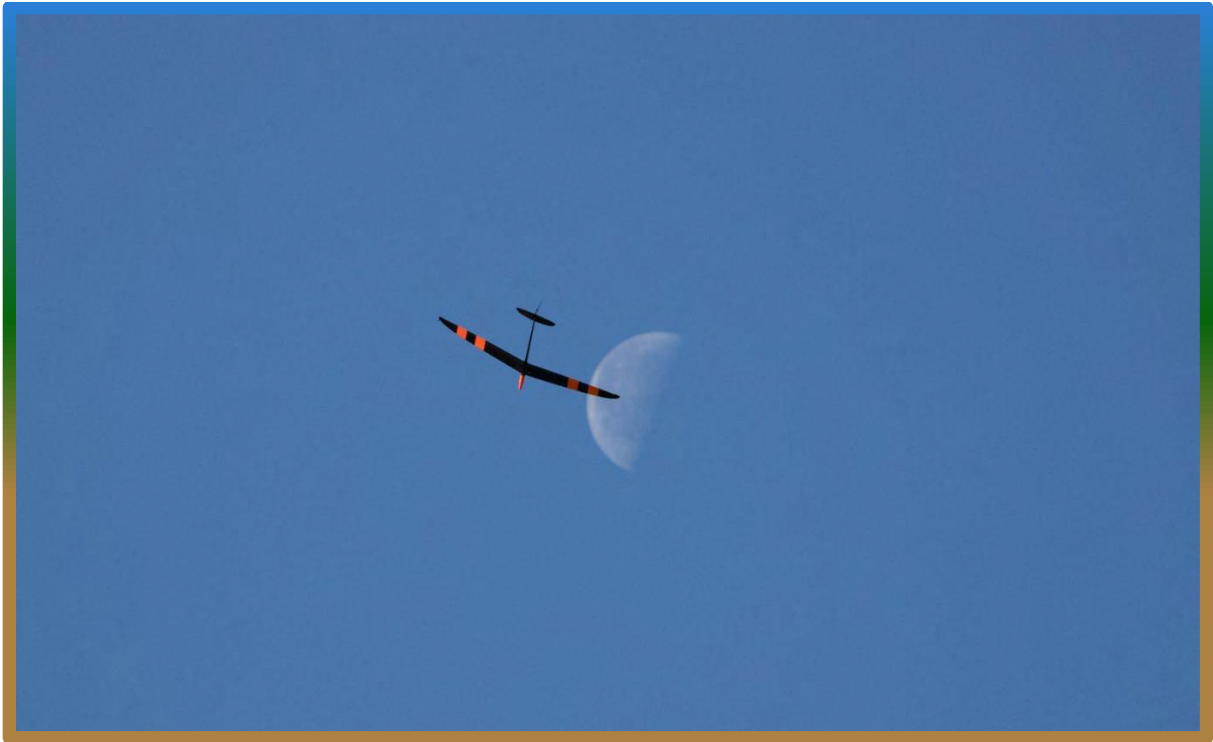


April Co-Winner – Gary Fogel's Schweizer TG-3 after launch by Greg Schibler (Mark Baldacchino photo)



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

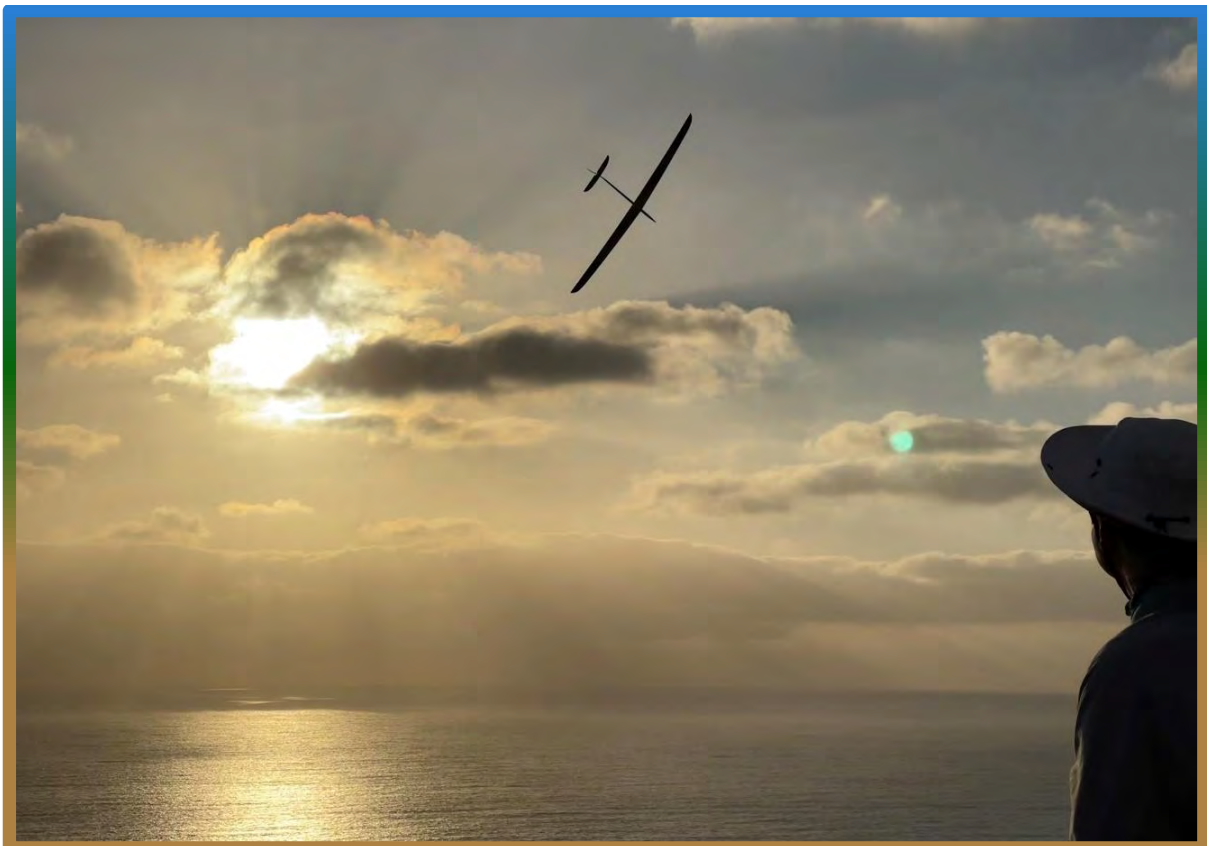


June Winner – May 15th blood moon eclipse (Burt Crismore photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Summer Winner – Tom Ramirez (TRISME on RCGroups) launches Matin Taraz's Hellcat at Cajon Pass (Greg Houck photo)



September Co-Winner – Marty Dine with his Espada shortly before sunset at Torrey (Scott Basehore photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



September Co-Winner – Marty Zimmerman with his modified Ventus-c2 in late afternoon (Marty Dine photo)



Steffen and Aaron doing a flyby (Thomas Moller photo)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



Steffen Peters' LET DG-1000 (Steffen Peters/Thomas Moller screenshot)



October Winner – Ray Pili launching his Espada (Bob Hirsch screenshot)

Photo of the Month Contest (continued)



November Winner – Maiden launch of Brad Lang's Schweizer 1-34



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TPG Classified Ads Policy

Classified ads are free to TPG members for non-commercial purposes. Commercial customers should contact the editor. To submit an advertisement, send the information to communications@torreypinesgulls.org. Ads must be submitted by the 25th of the month to appear in the next issue. All advertisements will remain in the newsletter for the month of issue and will be removed for the following issue. If you wish to advertise for another month, you will need to notify the editor or resubmit.

Vixen 2 F5J – V-tail

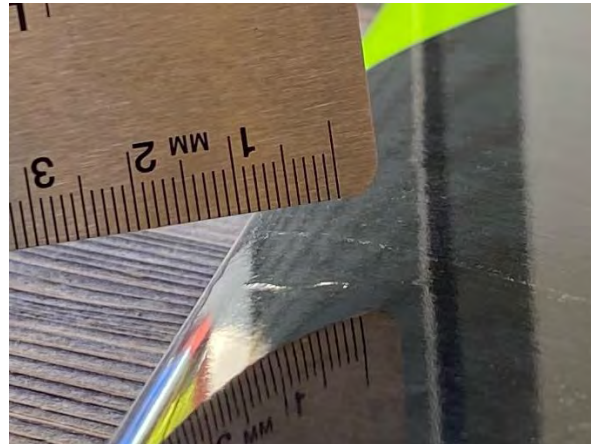
- Ready to fly
- Spektrum NX10 transmitter and 8010 receiver
- MKS 6100 servos
- Neu motor and Castle speed control
- Pristine build!
- Over \$3,200 invested
- Asking \$2,700 for the whole package (might consider parting it out)

Contact Patrick Dionisio at bpdionisio@san.rr.com





AND WANTED





Quote of the Month:

“You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out.”

~ Jay Leno



Torrey Sunset (Marty Dine photo)