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AMA Charter Club 129

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Marty Dine, Pres.

Hello Gulls,

Welcome to the November edition of the TPG Newsletter. As the Holidays approach, please note the date for the TPG Holiday Party: December 9th at the Automotive Museum. If you haven't already done so, please hop on to the Yahoo group and signal your intention to attend and the number of guests you plan to bring. We will have Phil's catering again, and of course you can tour the Museum before dinner. Also, we will be holding elections for the Board of Directors, and the yearly awards presentations, so it promises to be a full evening of fun and fellowship with your fellow glider guiders. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Well, I'm off to start my vigil for the Great Pumpkin!

See you at the bluff,

Marty



Note **From the Slope**,

From the slope: Not much to report on this front, but there have been lots of flyable days lately and we're looking forward to some good breeze during the upcoming "rainy" season.

When you fly Torrey, please remember to check in at the shack, pay your daily fee, and hang your card up on the board **before** you fly. It's really easy to forget, and that can cause problems with the Flight Director. Happy Thanksgiving.



See 2014 Club Meetings and Activities on page 3

Join the Yahoo Forum! (reprinted as a reminder to club members)

By Lenny Brzezinski -TPG Moderator

The Yahoo forum was formed Oct. 18th, 1999. There are over 200 members in the Yahoo Group. This group has many things to offer for the club. It is a way of communicating with each other. If you have any concerns you can post them here. Other questions about almost anything having to do with flying, building, finding another person, and so on.

If you are new to the club, the website will give you a lot of information about the club. On the website there is a link that you can use to join the group. This group is moderated. Please use this group for flying related items. You can post on the Yahoo group files, photos, polls, members, and calendar. All of these sections are available to any member. I hope that your experience with this group will be great. Click the link below for more information: <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/forum.htm>



Check out the TPG Facebook page, too.

From John Blaske:

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our TPG Facebook page for more information, photos, videos, etc.

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



Dale Gottdank

Newsletter Update - Dale Gottdank

We're well into fall and there are only a few more contests before the year's end.

And remember:

Please send some articles! They don't have to be a "thesis," just a paragraph or two about something that interests you related in some way to RC soaring...even something interesting you happened upon on the internet –I'd like to have the newsletter published by the first week of every month. To make the timely issue possible, I need the club members' support and help in providing me with **recent** pictures, articles and any upcoming events. If there are too many, we'll save some for the next issue.

Please send in your articles or photos (dgottdank@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month so they can be included in the monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be found on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>

Club Meetings and Activities

As previously announced, the schedule for general membership meetings has been changed from monthly to quarterly (or thereabouts) in an effort to increase attendance, and make the meetings a bit more "special." Consisting of a series of fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, members will have ample opportunities to take advantage of our trio of excellent flying sites. **Check out page 5 for the next event!** Be on the lookout for upcoming details and scheduling for all TPG and related events on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at:

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

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar.htm>

DLG – C'mon out to Poway – Because it's cool(er)!

The fall weather is making for some cooler flying conditions at the Poway Field. Dust off your DLG's and don't miss the last opportunity of 2014 to hone your DLG skills as the DLG Clinic/Contest Series resurrected by Tim Traver, John McNeil and Gary Fogel closes out this year with Tim Traver serving as DLG Coordinator.

For more information about Torrey Pines Gulls DLG, including format, cost, schedule (and why this is such a great idea), check out the full announcement on the Torrey Pines Gulls web site at

<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/handlaunch.htm>



Tim Traver



John McNeil



Gary Fogel



Mark Canfield

November TD Contest – Mark Canfield – CD

November 9, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Sign-up: 8:30 AM

Pilots Meeting: 8:45 AM

Contest Starts: 9:00 AM

Entry Fee: \$10.00 One Class, RES or ALES

\$20.00 One Class + RES or ALES

Free for AMA Juniors & Seniors

Tasks:

The tasks are yet to be decided at the time of this publication. However it goes, you know it'll be fun so come on out for a great contest!

Check out the TPG web site (<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>) for further updates.



Keith Finkenbiner

Oct. TD/(SC)² Contest Results – Keith Finkenbiner- CD

Sunday, October 26, 2014 – TPG Thermal Contest, Encinitas Field

Thermal Duration Soaring Contest, Sanctioned Contest – AMA Cards

Tasks

3 Rounds

Round 1: 8 Minutes for 975 Points

Round 2: 10 Minutes for 975 Points

Round 3: 10 Minutes for 975 Points

Total of 28 Minutes

Landings: Three circles (like Visalia) worth 25,15,10 points

Flight Order: Open in Order

ALES 150 Meter cutoff

Results

Expert Class

1st Arthur Markiewicz (TPG)

2nd Robert Cavazos (ISS)

3rd Mario Scolari (TPG)

Int. Class

1st Erv Szego (HSS)

2nd Major Anderson (SWSA)

3rd Steve Hurd (TPG)

RES Class

1st Mike Reagan (TOSS)

2nd Robert Cavazos (ISS)

3rd Gary Filice (TOSS)

Lift was scarce to start, with downwind launches and landings making eight minutes difficult for many. Conditions improved and many made the ten minutes tasks. 37 pilots attended.

All contestant scores are posted on the (SC)² Web Site:

http://www.sc2soaring.com/uploads/2014_SC2_9_TPG_10-26-2014_Web_Scores.pdf

*Southern
California
Soaring
Clubs (SC)²*



Tim Traver

November DLG Contest – Tim Traver- CD

November 22, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest

Ok, so the plan is to do the last of the official TPG monthly series on Saturday November 22nd. That is the weekend before Thanksgiving. (We're going to take December off).

TPG has decided to make this a special event. A club championship, shall we say. As a treat, it will be a full day contest at a new GRASS location in Temecula, CA (Galway Downs). It's a horse track in Temecula that has lots of room, and is a lot closer to all you guys in the north.

And TPG will be providing lunch!

I will make a separate announcement thread for this event with all of the details, and we will need everyone to sign up in the vault way beforehand so we can get a good count. Here's the link to the event registration:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=277

Fees will be \$15 for non-TPG members and \$10 for TPG members. The rental of this new location is primarily what those fees will go for, and TPG will be picking up the rest of the tab to throw this fabulous day event! More info to come...save the date!

Also, check out the TPG web site

(<http://www.torreypinesgulls.org>) and the RCGroups link (<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2070798>)



Doug Cronkhite

October DLG Contest Results – Doug Cronkhite -

October 18, 2014 – TPG DLG Clinic/Contest, Poway Glider Field

Sanctioned AMA Contest

Pilot's meeting 8:45, fly at 9:00

Results

- 1st Michael Seid
- 2nd Jun Catacutan
- 3rd Tom Knudtson

All contestant scores are posted at the F3X Vault site at:

http://www.f3xvault.com/?action=event&function=event_view&event_id=276

Also check out the RC groups thread:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2070798>

See next page for event recap from Chris Brooksby.

October DLG Contest Recap from Chris Brooksby

Thanks again to all the guys who helped get the contest together! I know Doug was the one there pulling the strings, (or pushing the buttons on his phone as the case may be but), but I know there is a group of guys who pull these things together so thanks to all of you.

As always it was great to see everyone there, although we were missing quite a few of the usual suspects hopefully they will be back at the next one... It also was good to get to meet both Danny and Don who came and checked it out, hopefully those guys will both be back but with airplanes next time.

The new task is interesting, not sure exactly what happened except my plan was to hold at the launch and poach off of everyone else, turns out the buzzer buzzed and I threw while everyone else sat and watched... It's a bummer when you land out. It's really a bummer when you get greedy and do something stupid and land out by 5 feet. It's and even bigger bummer when everyone watches you do it.

All in all it was a fun morning spent standing in a big dirt field flying toy airplanes with a bunch of buddies in air that one moment seemed to say "thanks for the airplane I think I'll just keep it", to pudding a few moments later, all the while standing near some horses who apparently don't like planes. I can't wait to do it again. 😊

Cheers!
Chris





Mark Canfield



2014 TPG Holiday Dinner



It's hard to believe that 2014 is quickly coming to an end, and it's time to celebrate another successful year. I hope you'll join us at the annual "2014" TPG Holiday Dinner!

It will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, 6:00pm at the Auto Museum.

In addition to the fantastic meal we have planned (Phil's BBQ), we'll also be handing out awards for the club Thermal Duration contests and "Modeler of the Year" and announce the winner of the "Photo of the Month" contest.

Also, we'll use this time to vote in the new 2015 board members.

And like years before, we'll have full access to the Auto Museum and the multitude of awesome vehicles they have on display!

Looking forward to seeing you there, it's sure to be a fun evening.

Let me know (via e-mail) how many will be in your party (the more the Merrier!)

Thank you,

Mark Canfield
mcanfield5@roadrunner.com

F3J is Coming to Southern California November 8-9

Hello All Fellow RC Soaring Enthusiasts!

I know this is on somewhat of a short notice, but F3J is coming to Southern California. On Nov 8-9, with help from members of the Inland Soaring Society, we are hosting an F3J contest in Perris, CA.

New to F3J?

No Problem. Come out Nov 7th, Friday afternoon and we will have winches setup to help dial in your plane for safe, yet competitive launches. We'll do a few 5 min "test" rounds to help you get the flow of things.

This format features a man on man, simultaneously mass launched flying in a 10 minute working window for the preliminaries. There will be more details on www.F3xevents.com and <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2260424>

Mark your calendars and see if you can come out to enjoy some serious yet fun competition.

Thanks!
 Tuan



Bill Eckles

Membership – Bill Eckles

We'll be getting the reminders to renew memberships out during early December with no major changes. We will be counting on renewals, so be sure to return your applications early. And all you competitors, remember your memberships go a long way to provide the monthly contests and pay the fees. So, have lots of fun and take home a trophy! As of October 1, the dues return to \$60 but extend until the end of 2015 rather than 2014. So, new memberships can achieve a three month bonus over the normal 12 months of the calendar; renewals simply get a head start on the new membership year.

It has been a good year as we added a half dozen or so new faces and lost only a few to things like family expansion, changing locations and even a little lethargy. Still, membership in the Gulls remains a bargain giving you a choice of three formal club-maintained flying sites and a lot of club equipment to share...winches, high starts, landing tapes and other competition paraphernalia. As well, there is much camaraderie to support utilizing aero-tow facilities and shared rides to off-trail slope soaring locations.

We hope you'll continue your memberships into the new year. The plan is to keep membership the same price as previously, provide four membership meetings held at flying locations for non-competitive activities, provide appropriate competitions for slope, thermal and hand launching as well as access to literally hundreds of "soaring minds" with experience in areas in which you ponder on your own! We'll attempt to build memberships more aggressively in 2015, but the core benefits will remain that we've provided during the history of the club.

Here's wishing you continued thrilling and peaceful (both) soaring and safe one-piece landings!

Every year we need a good strong membership to continue to provide the services we offer:

- ✓ Access to three Flying Fields in La Jolla, Encinitas and Poway.
- ✓ Quarterly (or thereabouts) fun-fly clinic events to be held at our thermal soaring fields and at Torrey Pines Gliderport, 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 guys 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 holiday party that's the envy of most gourmands in Southern California.
- ✓ A web site for current and past information www.torreypinesgulls.org
- ✓ An interesting monthly newsletter with current information to help keep members informed
- ✓ We are an AMA Chartered Club #129, with benefits - field Insurance etc.

Dues are as follows:

- ✓ Dues for the membership (calendar) year are as follows for submissions during.
- ✓ January through June are \$60
- ✓ July through September are \$30
- ✓ **October through December are \$60 (gives you a jump on next year)**
- ✓ Juniors age 15 and under \$5
- ✓ Receive a *credit* of up to \$20, ten for each of up to two half-day work sessions helping the club.

If you haven't re-upped yet, or would like to join the club for the first time, go to www.torreypinesgulls.org and click on the tab "Membership". We'll make it as simple as possible to continue your membership.

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

Club Sponsors

The Torrey Pines Gulls members would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations and supporting Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society. Without the support of these fine companies, the success of many of the Club events would not have been possible.

To our members, when you are thinking of buying a hobby-related item, please consider these outstanding companies first. Please click on vendor's logo to go to their web site for more information.



Photo of the Month Contest

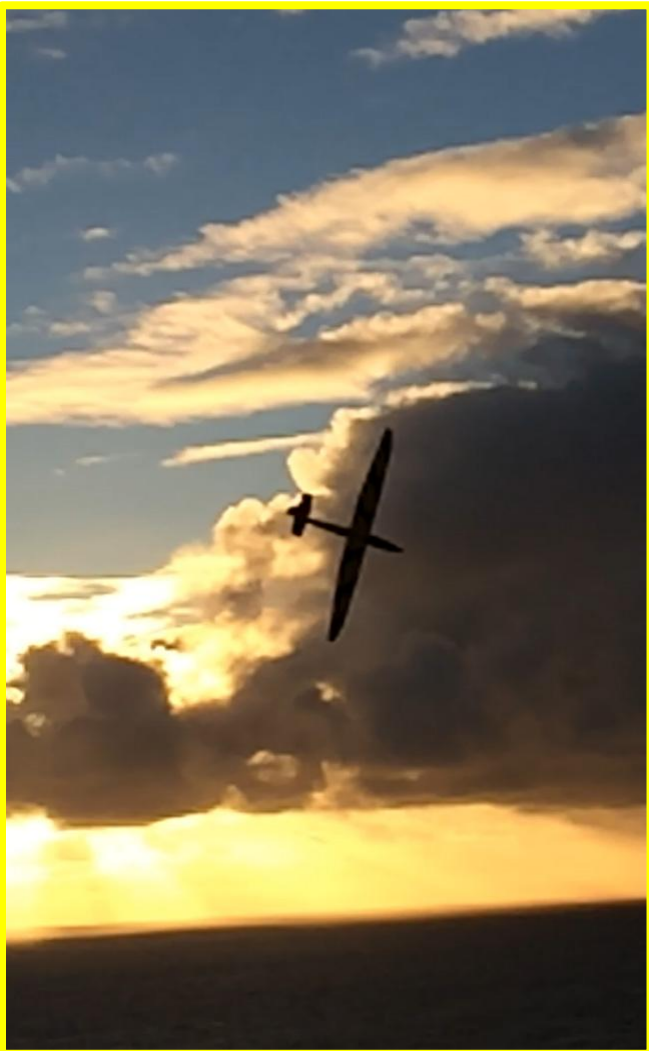
Each month club members (if they want to) can submit photos of an activity related to soaring and the newsletter editor will post a winner to be chosen by the Board of Directors. A yearly winner will be selected from among the monthly winners and will receive a prize (yet to be determined). Email your photos (.JPG format preferred) to Dale Gottdank at dgottdank@gmail.com. Please provide your name, location of photo and what we are looking at.



January/February 2014 Winner (Ian Cummings)



March 2014 Winner (Mark Canfield) F3J in the Desert



April Winner (Scott Condon) - 1/3 Scale L-213 at Torrey



May Winner (Marty Dine) Oran's Big Pink Knockin' Down the Cans at Dave's Beach



June Winner (Dale Gottdank) Perfect CFIT (Pilot Unidentified) at Torrey



July Winner (Matin Taraz) Greg Houck's One Day Build P-39 Maiden at Dave's Beach



August Winner (Ian Cummings) Steffen Peters and Phil Davy Launching Mark Foster's 5m Arcus at Torrey



September Winner (Marty Dine) The Legendary Bob Martin Surrounded by Some of His Designs at Torrey



October Co-Winner (Greg Houck) Dan Cummins' Zephyr over Cajon Pass



October Co-Winner (John Blaske) Torrey Sunset



November Contest (Greg Houck) Brian Laird's Schmitty over Dave's Beach



November Contest (Oran Bloodsworth) Scepter Re-Maiden over Dave's Beach



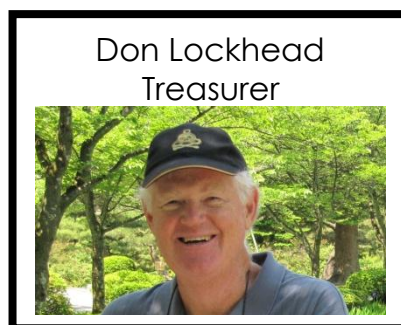
November Contest (Greg Houck) Jim Scott's Lightweight Cobra on a pass over Dave's Beach



November Contest (Greg Houck) Jim Scott's Lightweight Cobra and Brian Laird's Schmitti Dogfight over Dave's Beach

2014 Club Officers & Contact Information

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TP Soaring Council (TPG)	To be filled	
TP Soaring Council (AMA)	To be filled	



2014 Contest & Activity Calendar (subject to change)

Month	RES/TD	CD	HLG	Slope Race	SC2
January	12	Keith		socalsloperacing.com	
February	9	Parviz	15	socalsloperacing.com	23 SWSA
March	9	Cliff	15	socalsloperacing.com	23 VVRC
April	13	Steve	19	socalsloperacing.com	27 SULA
May	See SC2	Mark	17	socalsloperacing.com	18 at TPG Encinitas
June	8	Tom	28	socalsloperacing.com	22 ISS
July	13	Keith	19	socalsloperacing.com	27 HSS
August	10	TBD	16	socalsloperacing.com	17 SWSA
September	14	Scott	13	socalsloperacing.com	21 TOSS
October	See SC2	Keith	18	socalsloperacing.com	26 at TPG Encinitas
November	9	Mark	22	socalsloperacing.com	17 Rain Date
December	14	Mike		socalsloperacing.com	Sula & DSH

Note: Calendar subject to change at any moment without warning or notice. Check the Calendar often at www.torreypinesgulls.org for updates. The SC2 schedule could change on availability of club field's check website: <http://site.sc2soaring.com/> and <http://www.torreypinesgulls.org/calendar.htm>



Quote of the Month:

When asked by someone how much money flying takes:
Why, all of it!

— Gordon Baxter