

International Hand Launch Glider Festival UPDATE

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IHLGF Tops Out At 57!

Fifty-seven pilots from 9 states and three foreign countries will converge on Poway beginning June 14th (Practice Day) to compete in what will be noted as the premier R/C HLG event of the year. The field of pilots is truly outstanding including three World Champions, the 1995 LSF/AMA HLG National Champion, three state champions, and a host of other guys that convert HLG into an art form.

If you are not registered for IHLGF, I invite you to come out and watch some of the best HLG pilots in the country compete. With 10 to 12 pilots throwing into the air at one time vying for the same thermal, HLG competition can truly be a spectator sport. Besides watching the competition, you will be able to talk to the leading manufacturers of HLG kits about their products as seven of them will be competing in the contest.

The contest begins Saturday (15th) morning at 9:00 a.m and will continue for six rounds or until about 3:30 p.m. Sunday will be about the same. The last 3 rounds on Sunday will be the Championship Fly-Off which will include the top ten pilots, as determined by the 10 rounds of open competition, flying man-on-man, "take no prisoners" fashion to determine the final standings.
In a word: "EXCITING".

The Vendors have really re-

sponded to our requests for donations for the IHLGF raffle. A list of the donating vendors and the very generous prizes they have donated appears on page 9. As stated in last months newsletter, 100% of the proceeds from raffle ticket sales will be donated to the Child Abuse Prevention Center of San Diego. This very worthy local charity supports a network of organizations with one goal in mind—to eradicate the scourge of abuse to children in the San Diego area.

Two of the outstanding prizes include a RTF Climmax Poly-Pro HLG donated by Charlie Richardson of CR Aircraft; a RTF Gem HLG and a Quasar computer radio donated by Airtronics Bob and Tim Renaud; and, a RTF Western Flyer HLG donated by Bob Matheson of Cloud 9 Models. Steve Helms of Futaba Corp. of America

donated a Skysport 6 radio and Marcia Primm of Hitec/RCD, donated a Flash 4(G) radio.

There are a host of great prizes that are waiting for you to win. The vendors

have done their generous part in donating these great prizes. Now it's your turn to support the raffle. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for the kids! Tickets will be sold in the following price/quantity ratios: \$5/6 tickets; \$10/15 tickets; \$20/40 tickets. Because all proceeds are going to the Child Abuse Prevention Center, you may purchase tickets with a check made payable to them. Open your hearts and open your wallets for the kids. **You need not be present to win.**

On behalf of the IHLGF commit-

tee and the TPG Board of Directors, I thank the vendors for their generous donations and I thank you, in advance, for your support. If you are not going to be able to be at the IHLGF but would like to participate in the IHLGF raffle, call me at 619-454-4900 and I will make arrangements to get your tickets to you. Remember, **you need not be present to win.**

15th ANNUAL ROSE BOWL SOARING FESTIVAL

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The second part of the Western States Triad was held next to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on April 20th and 21st. The weather was warm and sunny with some patchy clouds. When the weather is this warm and sunny, you need to apply lots of SPF, drink plenty of fluids, and munch on enough food so you're not thinking about your stomach when you should be thinking about where to find the next thermal. The local Boy Scouts organization provided staffing for plenty of BBQ'd foods, as well as landing judges throughout the weekend. It's nice knowing your money for food is spent for such a worthy cause. You had just enough time between your rounds to satisfy your hunger pains.

The two-day contest also included a two-meter class as well as unlimited. With just under 120 pilots in attendance, the four rounds on Saturday seemed to move along well. High wind conditions fluctuated in the afternoon over the weekend which made for some fast-moving lift. At times it seemed like the lift pockets were quite small while other periods produced bouyant lift in an entire quarter section of the sky.

Saturday's tasks included a preci-