

# Torrey Pines Gulls

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc.

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Newsletter

## October Meeting

- Report on Visalia
- Report on Fall Speed Festival
- Report on Electric Pylon Team
- Big Time Show and Tell  
Bring everything you haven't shown
- Sept Meeting Attendance - 94

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ELECTIONS

There are several upcoming events you do need to be aware of and to be planning for. The first probably the most important is the upcoming election of officers for the next year. Steve Condon is heading up a task force to set up a slate of candidates. If he taps you on the shoulder or gives you a call, please listen carefully and consider running for an office. From my own personal perspective it has been a very rewarding experience.

If you think your too busy, well think again. Everyone is too busy. But we have a very understanding group of people in this club. Just look at how forgiving you are over this issue of the newsletter. (I hope, I hope, I hope.)

The point is, IT IS FUN! Please consider running.

### FALL SPEED FESTIVAL

Erik Larson and the slope guys are going to be putting on our annual Fall Speed Festival. It should be a good time and bring in slope flyers from all over Southern California. It happens the weekend after the Big Visalia Contest.

They could use lots of helpers during the two days. I can tell you again from personal experience that it was a special treat to work some of the big slope races we have put on in the past. There just isn't much to compare to the thrill of working the far turn and watching those unlimited slope racers coming out of a 500 foot dive, level out going about 400 miles per hour, and bearing down directly at you. Then to see them turn only feet (hopefully) in front of you and head back is a sight to behold. They may not be actually hitting 400 MPH, but

when your working the far turn and three or four of those fully ballasted beasts are heading right at you going as fast as they can, it sometimes seems like 400 MPH.

I can assure you it will be some time well spent if you help out.

### INTERNATIONAL HAND LAUNCH GLIDER FESTIVAL

The registrations are already coming in for this event and the field is rounding out nicely. Hand launch pilots for all over Southern California will be here for this inaugural event hosted by TPG. There is plenty of time to still register. All you have to do is fill out the entry form in the newsletter and send it in. If your thinking of flying in this event be sure and get your entry in early, because some of the frequencies are already being duplicated and there is a limit to how many can participate on one frequency.

The shirts for this event look great and with the Saturday night BBQ being catered by Tony Roma, it should make for a great two day event. There is still time to build a hand launch glider for this.

If you would like to participate in this, but your not sure how your arm would hold up, don't worry. We will help you connect up with someone who will be willing to throw your plane for you.

If you never have seen a hand launch contest, be sure to plan to come and watch. Unlike thermal duration contest, a hand launch contest is much more of a spectator event. Plan now to come and be part of the fun and enjoy the BBQ with us. You won't be alone. The number of BBQ dinners already ordered are running almost 2 to 1 ahead of the number of contestants.

Here's hoping everyone has a good month of flying.

## Editor's Note

*Steven Stricklett*

First and foremost, my apologies for the newsletter this month. As you can see, it is not up to normal. The explanation is simple. My heavy work schedule this month left me with one Saturday to do what normally takes me forty hours to do. Forty hours of desk top publishing was just not going to happen especially when you mix in a heavy dose of domestic chores on the same day.

You guys deserve the best and I've tried to deliver, at least until this month. Please forgive!

As it turns out, my schedule was not the only tight one this month. John McNeil, our very capable president this year, was up to his eyeballs in sweat over a project at work and couldn't work up a president's report this month.

Be assured that is all is well with the club. It just didn't make it into print this month.