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trying to find a new JR X388S radio to take to the NATS as it has some super wiz bang features that Fred has been salivating over. It seems as though there was a huge demand for that radio and they were all but impossible to find. I called Jim and asked him if he could help Fred, particularly since Fred had a great chance of carrying off an arm full of hardware at the NATS. It is not Jim's job to locate radios for people. His job is to make you want to buy them and obviously he is very successful at what he does. But instead of politely bowing out with the "it's not my job" routine, Jim pulled strings and a week before the NATS Fred had his new JR X388S. Fred didn't disappoint anyone except himself at the NATS. Individually, he took a 1st, a 2nd and missed the High Points Trophy by less than 150 points (out of 11,750) and, as a member of the TPG team consisting of fellow teammates George Joy and Ron Scharck, Fred won the Dan Pruss Trophy which is awarded to the three man team with the highest total points in the three thermal events.

As promised, Tim Renaud of Airtronics did deliver a Peregrine to me for inclusion in the **SUPER RAFFLE**. For those of you who were not able to take a close look at this beautiful kit at last month's meeting, take it from me, the kit is masterpiece. The fuse weighs in at 10 ozs, the wing panels at 17 ozs each and the stab, including stab joiners, came in at 55 grms. The wings and stab are presheeted with root ribs and joiner tubes in place. The sheeting is flawless. With everything else they included in the kit, I was surprised not to find epoxy, CA and an X-Acto knife! Virtually everything else you need to complete this kit comes neatly packaged, including such extras as a maple sanding block (complete with sandpaper), mylar hinge tape and gap seal. A 21 page instruction booklet guides you through each phase of construction aided by one sheet of blue line drawings. The instructions are clear, concise and accurate.

The Peregrine, which incorporates the popular SD7037 airfoil, has a 117" wingspan with a 14.2 to 1 aspect ratio. The kevlar reinforced epoxy/glass fuselage has a long tail moment for smooth pitch response and a stretched nose to reduce the amount of

nose weight required to balance the plane. The flying weight of the Peregrine should be in the low to mid 70's giving it a wing loading in the 10.5 to 11 oz range. If the plane flies as good as the kit is beautiful, the Peregrine will be a real winner.

Speaking of winners, there are at least three more chances for you to join the **SUPER RAFFLE** winners circle, so bring your money and buy those Gull's Nest raffle tickets at the September meeting. Remember, with all the Gull's Nest prizes (20+) that will be raffled off at our next meeting your chances of winning are getting better all the time.

I just got off the phone with David Layne of Layne/Urwyler, the manufacturer of the the Saturn line of sailplanes. David, as I'm sure you know, has generously donated a Saturn 2.9T unlimited class sailplane to the **SUPER RAFFLE**. He called to let me know he was shipping it and to be expecting it in the next few days. Thanks, Dave.

The Saturn 2.9T is an excellent sailplane and is quite popular in Northern California, Arizona, Texas and just about everywhere except Southern California. The plane can be built as either a T-tail (that's what the "T" represents) or as a V-tail depending on your preference. There is a great construction article in the August edition of Radio Control Soaring Digest on the Saturn 2.9T. I will be bringing the Saturn to our September meeting so you can see the quality of the kit.

See you at the next contest(s) and/or meeting(s)!

International Hand Launch Glider Festival Steven Stricklett

Are you a closet hand launch glider person? Have you ever actually built one of those small lightweight gliders, but kept it in your garage or worse yet the trunk of your car because it wasn't as exotic as the unlimited ships everyone else was flying. Have you every taken a hand launch glider out to the field to fly only to be told that you will be in the way of the other flyers, and if you want to fly it you should go over to that far away corner of the field by the trees where the weeds are up to your thighs. Have you ever waited patiently in the pits for all of

the other pilots to finish for the day only then to pull out your hand launch and to start flinging it around as everyone else is going to lunch together. Have you ever skipped a morning of work to sneak out to the field to take advantage of those good morning thermals on an off day when no one else is at the field. Have you ever gotten up before the sun was up in order to get to the field long before other pilots so you could get some hand launch flying in before anyone else shows up and sets up the winches. Have you ever pulled a new hand launch glider out of your car only to have some foam brained, epoxy eyed composite guy sarcastically say "New airplane? Cute. Polyhedral huh."

Well, if you can identify with any of these situations, or if you have ever been subjected to any number of other insulting situations, maybe you are a hand launch glider person. Well, if you are, *rejoice!* Your time has come! Hand launchers no longer have to feel like second class citizens. Now you can step forward and be properly recognized as the talented R/C pilots that you are.

The *Torrey Pines Gulls* are pleased to announce, and invite everyone, to the first every two day competition for hand launch gliders. It is being called the **INTERNATIONAL HAND LAUNCH GLIDER FESTIVAL** and is scheduled to be held on October 29 & 30 in San Diego. It will feature ten rounds of man on man competition followed by a head to head three round fly off for the top ten contestants. Several of the tasks are new to hand launch glider competition, but have been tried out in recent contests with great success, including the AMA Nats. The *Torrey Pines Gulls* are the club that recently ran the soaring portion of the AMA Nats in Lubbock, Texas.

The Gulls are doing everything they can to make this a contest a *class act*. It will be complete with tee shirts and a BBQ on Saturday night at the field catered by Tony Roma's. Trophies will be awarded to the top five finishers as well as the top three members of the winning AMA chartered club.

If you every wanted to have a great time flying hand launch gliders and fly against some of the best in the world, this is the event to come to. The

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Torrey Pines Gulls

Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL HAND LAUNCH GLIDER FESTIVAL

Date: October 29 & 30, 1994

Place: Torrey Pines Gulls Thermal Field
West Garden Road
Poway, CA (San Diego, CA)

Times: Pilot check in - Saturday 7:30 AM
Pilot's meeting - Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM
First Flight - Saturday & Sunday 8:30 AM

Tasks: **Saturday**

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
1	10	unlimited	longest three flights
2	7	six	one five minute
3	10	unlimited	increasing flights, must have at least 3 flights, first flight must be at least 15 sec., to receive credit for a flight it must be longer than the previously credited flight
4	10	unlimited	a two minute flight, a three minute flight, a five minute flight
5	10	unlimited	accomplish the following flight times in sequence: :15, :30, :45, 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2:00
6	10	six	longest five flights, none over two minutes

Sunday

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
7	10	unlimited	longest three flights
8	10	unlimited	accomplish the following flight times in sequence: :15, :30, :45, 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2:00
9	10	unlimited	increasing flights, must have at least 3 flights, first flight must be at least 15 sec., to receive credit for a flight it must be longer than the previously credited flight
10	7	4	three longest flights, none over two minutes

Fly Off - for top ten competitors

Round	Window	Throws	Objective
1	5	3	longest flight
2	4	4	three one minute flights
3	10	6	five two minute flights

Awards: 1st - 5th, top team (3 from AMA club) **BBQ:** Sat. night, \$9.00, catered by Tony Roma

Entry Fee: \$20 non refundable **Tee Shirts:** \$12.00

Lodging: -Camping at field, no hook ups **CD:** Steven Stricklett
-La Quinta Inn, \$43/night, two queen beds 2376 Viewridge Place
619 - 484 - 8800, mention contest Escondido, CA 92026
-Poway Country Inn, 619 - 748-6320 619 - 741-1037

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____ AMA # _____

Address _____ Frequency 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ AMA club _____

Tee Shirts: @ 12.00 each Small _____ Med _____ Lg _____ Xlg _____ XXlg _____
Dinners: @ \$9.00 _____

Entry Fee \$20.00
Tee Shirts _____
Dinners _____
Total Enclosed _____

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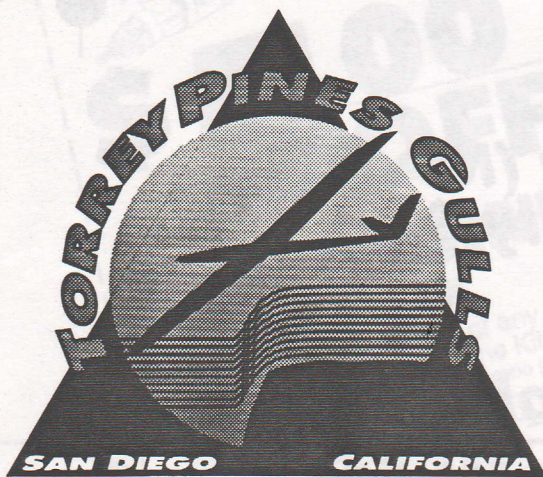
CLUB SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Ron Scharck, Fashion Editor

Gull's member and slope racer par excellence, Paul Naton has done his magic once again. Paul is in the business of enhancing corporate images through creative graphics. Paul has volunteered his company's (Maximum Graphics) services to the club on more than one occasion. As a matter of fact, most of the graphics you see on club shirts, trophies, plaques, etc. are Paul's creations.

I asked Paul to come up with a logo that we could put on shirts for the TPG NATS Soaring Team. We wanted something new, interesting and distinctive. Paul delivered. I had so many positive comments about the shirts that the board of directors voted to make it the official club logo and asked me to have some shirts made for sale to club members.

This is the logo that will appear on the back and on the left top quarter (smaller version) of each shirt.



These shirts are of excellent quality (your fashion editor hand selected them!). The standard T-shirt will be 100% cotton and will sell for \$10.00. The standard golf shirt will also be 100% cotton and will sell for \$23.00. The shirts will be white with dark blue logos. Sizes will range from Large to XXLarge.

There will be some options (pockets, color, fabric blends, smaller sizes and style) available to you. These options may alter the price slightly. For

September SC2 Contest

host
El Dorado

date
September 25, 1994

tasks
Round 1: 4 minute 900/100
Round 2: 4 or 8 min 700/300, 900/100
Round 3: 8 min 900/100
landings: 25' tape

sign ups
8:00 am

example, a cotton Dacron blend brings the price of a golf shirt down to \$19 and a T-shirt to \$8. Pockets and color add a \$1 each to the "standard" price. It should be noted that all special orders will require prepayment with your order and that some special orders will require a minimum of 6 shirts per size, per color.

This does not mean you must buy six shirts to make a special order, it simply means that the minimum order I can make is 6 shirts per size, per color.

If all goes well I should have a batch of "standard" shirts ready for the September meeting. Hope you like them!

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competition should be good with some of the top finishers at this years AMA Nats already registered and many of the top flyers from the L. A. area already verbally committed to it.

The weather is San Diego is great that time of year and the thermals should be booming. So plan now to enter the contest and delight yourself with two days of hand launch ecstasy.

There is a registration form elsewhere in this newsletter that details the individual rounds. Why don't you take a few minutes and review that form and then take out a pen, fill it out, and send it in. You will be guaranteed to have the time of your life. Well, maybe not that good, but it will be a good time.

TPG Christmas Party and Dinner

Karla Shelby

Its that time of year again! Time to start planning for the TPG Christmas Party & Dinner.

Please mark your calendar for December 14th - 7:00 pm at the San Diego Aerospace Museum (Balboa Park). We would like to invite not only all TPG members but also their spouses and/or quests. We are planning an exciting evening of fun, food, flying, and as requested last year - prizes for females as well as males.

We had so much success with last year's Potluck Style Dinner that we are going to do it again this year. Please follow the list below to find out what we would like you to bring.

LAST NAMES:

- A - H: Salad, Fruit, or Vegetable
- I - Q: Dessert
- R - Z: Main Course

The club will supply drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils! If you have any questions, please contact Karla Shelby at 945 - 4342.

Hope to see you there!!!

New Airtronics crystal channel 36, \$10.00.

Jerry Fry 619 - 695 - 8952

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