

## CST donates *PRO-PLUS* Bagging System!

Gail Gewain of Composite Structures Technology has once again donated this outstanding bagging system. And when I say system, I mean system. Everything you need to produce professional quality vacuum bagged wings, save and except the wing, etc., is included in this system. The heart of the system is the powerful 1/16 hp. Gast motor which is rated for 10,000 hours of maintenance free operation and carries a two-year unconditional warranty.

CST carries a full line of products used in composite construction, including West Systems Epoxy and related West Systems products. Gail can be reached by calling 800-338-1278.

By the time you read this we will have completed the inventory of prizes for *SUPER RAFFLE '96*. We have done our job. Now it's up to you guys to do yours. What's your job? Your job is to purchase your hobby related merchandise from the wonderful vendors who make the *SUPER RAFFLE* possible. When you purchase their products we all win. It just makes good sense. And remember, every time you communicate with a vendor who has donated an item(s) to the *SUPER RAFFLE*, the Gull's Nest, or as a Door Prize for the Christmas Party, be sure and tell them that you are a TPG member who appreciates their tremendous generosity. Trust me, it pays **BIG DIVIDENDS!**

You could be one of those lucky people who joins our February *SUPER RAFFLE* ticket winners, on the stage in December selecting one of these fabulous prizes. Or, you may just be one of those *unlucky* (?) people who win one, or more, of the other 120+ Gull's Nest prizes that will be won this

year by you and your fellow Gull's members. Keep reading this column, stash some money away every week and then when the monthly TPG meeting rolls around dig up the old bank roll and buy lots of Gulls Nest tickets.

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

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## **INTERNATIONAL HAND LAUNCH GLIDER FESTIVAL**

Ron Scharck

### ***It's Official! Airtronics Inks IHLGF Sponsorship Agreement.***

We are happy to announce that Airtronics has chosen to sponsor TPG's 1996 International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF). This commitment on the part of Airtronics is the latest, and most significant, endorsement of the IHLGF as the premiere R/C Hand Launch Glider (RCHLG) event in the country. It was just a short two years ago while in the search for a signature event for the Torrey Pines Gulls that the IHLGF was conceived by Steve Stricklett, Steve Condon and a small group of HLG fanatics.

The names Renaud and Airtronics have, for many years, been synonymous with outstanding sailplanes and radios. Many national and world championships have been won by pilots flying a sailplane designed by Lee Renaud. Tim Renaud, an outstanding pilot, sailplane designer and former national champion, was the driving force behind the Airtronics Vision radio which, until the recent release of the Stylus, was the radio of choice of many champi-

ons. It is still the most popular competition sailplane radio in use.

Airtronics has been keenly aware of the growing popularity of RCHLG. It was only a matter of time before Tim Renaud would put his creative mind to work on a RCHLG that was worthy of the name Airtronics. With design input from former F3B world champion and premiere RCHLG pilot, Joe Wurts, Tim has designed the "Gem", a championship caliber RCHLG. Tim picked the IHLGF, with its international reputation as a championship caliber event, to introduce the *Gem* to the RCHLG community.

The IHLGF will be held on June 15 and 16, at the TPG Poway Flight Center, Poway, California (15 miles NNE of San Diego). CD Steve Condon has announced that there will be 6 rounds of competition on Saturday, followed by four rounds on Sunday. The top ten pilots, as determined by the 10 rounds of open competition, will compete in a three round fly-off to determine the 1996 IHLGF Champion and final standing for the remaining nine pilots. All scores will be carried forward from the open rounds into the fly-off. Plaques will be awarded through tenth place and there will be a special plaque for the Junior/Senior Champion.

After the contest on Saturday evening we will adjourn to the Round Table Pizza in Poway to have an old fashioned "all you can eat" Pizza Party. The Pizza Party will cost \$8 per person and includes a variety of pizzas, a salad bar and soft drinks. For those of us who want to celebrate making it through the first day with arm in tact, beer and wine will be available on a "pay for what you drink" basis. CD Steve Condon is planning an "after dinner fun-fly" for

those who just can't get enough of a good thing.

The entry fee for the two-day contest will be \$25. Included in the entry fee will be a complementary lunch on Saturday, sponsored by Airtronics, and a '96 IHLGF T-shirt. Entries will be limited to 50 pilots. Registration forms will be mailed out April 1st. *The entry forms should be returned, complete with payment, no earlier than May 1.* Entries postmarked May 1 and later will be opened May 15. The first 50 qualifying entries will be accepted. Thanks to the communication super highway, the Internet, we already have 17 persons from outside California who have shown an interest in attending the IHLGF. We should have representatives from Colorado, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Ohio and Vienna, Austria.

If you are a TPG member you will receive an entry form in the April Newsletter. If you are not, or know of someone who would like to receive an entry form, give me a call at 619-454-4900 or send the mailing information for the interested party to me at 7319 Olivetas Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037.

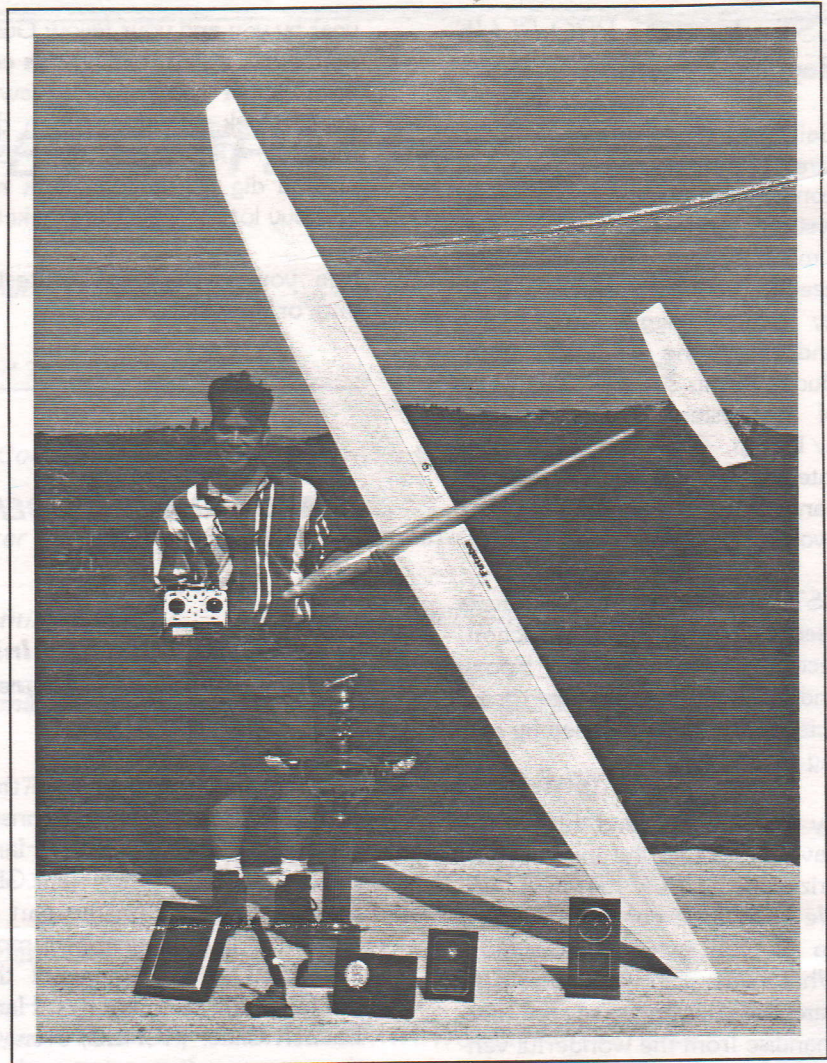
With TPG and Airtronics teamed up, you can expect the very best in RCHLG competition at the 1996 International Hand launch Glider Festival. Plan to take part in this championship event.

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### **AN INTERVIEW WITH: PATRICK DIONISIO**

Ron Scharck

Winner of the TPG's Most Improved Pilot Award for 1995, Patrick Dionisio is a fine young man, a loving husband and very proud new father. His son, Aaron, accompanied his dad for



this interview. Patrick is one of the most promising young pilots to come our way since Aaron Valdez, the 1995 LSF/AMA National Champion.

Flying an Esteem 120, Patrick rolled up a string of victories in 1995 including the Thousand Oaks SC2, where, competing in the Sportsman Class, he outscored the entire field of pilots scoring a phenomenal 2998 points out of a possible 3000. He easily won the TPG Sportsman Division and twice was the outright winner of our TPG monthly contest. In the following interview, Patrick shares some of the keys to his success.

**Ron:** Congratulations on winning the Most Improved Pilot Award for 1995. How did it feel to win this prestigious award?

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**“Always fly with a goal in mind. I fly every flight as though it is a contest flight. I set a task and fly the task.”**

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**Patrick:** I was very excited and a little surprised. Considering the number of pilots who made tremendous improvements this past year, it was very encouraging to receive this award.