

provided a topographical map and I plotted the distances and elevations. No interference was likely at ground level but most of us try to avoid ground level flying except for take off and landing.

The only solution was an airborne test. The Poway Pilots graciously volunteered an aircraft and pilot. **Don Richmond** and **Larry Blume** drove to the proposed Beeler Canyon site with a cellular phone and a transmitter on channel 12. On arrival, they called the TPG site to say they were ready. **Hans Ritter** took off from TPG's field and flew (using channel 12) toward Beeler Canyon. They maintained phone contact continuously.

Patrick Dionisio offered his excellent eyesight to verify that the test plane was as far away as a good thermal pilot would fly. When the test airplane was far from TPG's site toward Beeler Canyon, **Larry**, in Beeler Canyon, turned on the channel 12 transmitter.

Hans was immediately unable to control his airplane from the TPG Garden Road site. **Larry** quickly turned off the Beeler Canyon transmitter and **Hans** regained control. Just to be certain, they performed the test a second time. The results were the same.

The Beeler Canyon site is not compatible with our Garden Road site.

After returning to Garden Road, Don Richmond said, "Turning on the transmitter wasn't even necessary. When I made visual contact from Beeler Canyon of the plane that took off from Garden Road, I knew the sites were not compatible."

It was disheartening for Poway

Pilots to see the results. I commend them for working with TPG to make a real-world test before commencing work on their field.

INTERNATIONAL HAND LAUNCH GLIDER FESTIVAL RESULTS

Ron Scharck

After two days of intense competition and great camaraderie, one hell of a pizza party (75 in attendance) and an extremely successful raffle that generated \$1,600 for the Child Abuse Prevention Center of San Diego, the 1996 version of the International Hand Launch Glider Festival is now history.

Without going into the details, which I believe will be better reported to you by a number of sources including Model Builder Magazine, R/C Modeler, R/C SD and individual contestants who are RCSE subscribers, I would like to post the official final standings. After the 10 rounds of the contest the following finished in the top ten (out of a possible 10,000 points):

1. Daryl Perkins	9,548.25
2. Buzz Tokunaga	9,398.46
3. Fred Mallett	9,253.93
4. Bill West	9,248.38
5. Phil Pearson	9,232.91
6. Joe Wurts	9,223.06
7. Dave Kornberg	9,211.32
8. Steve Cameron	9,203.49
9. Arthur Markiewicz	9,164.40
10. Don VanGundy	9,069.12

The top ten then competed in a three round fly-off to determine the final standings and the 1996 IHLGF Champion. The final results and scores are as follows:

1. Daryl Perkins	12,278.09
2. Joe Wurts	12,223.06

3. Steve Cameron	11,967.41
4. Fred Mallett	11,906.43
5. Don Van Gundy	11,879.72
6. Arthur Markiewicz	11,852.19
7. Buzz Tokunaga	11,532.50
8. Bill West	11,106.68
9. Phil Pearson	10,694.23
10. Dave Kornberg	10,116.02

Watching the fly-offs was worth the entry fee! There was some really gutsy flying, especially in the 12th and 13th rounds when the wind picked up and there were few, if any, thermals around. Picture throwing the plane as high as you can, flying down wind 200+ yards to a tree line or the side of a hill (covered in small trees and cactus) and trying to slope soar off of these until you find a thermal that has been kicked off by these same structures, then following this tiny thermal downwind past these structures hoping you get enough altitude to make it back to the field flying into a 15-20 mph head wind. It took a lot more than guts to fly in these conditions, it took outright unadulterated talent. And that's what made the fly-offs so spectacular.

Thanks to all 60 pilots who came from eight states, Japan, Austria and Australia, for it was their participation and level of competence that made the 1996 IHLGF the great event that it was.

Thanks to the great vendors, too many to name here, that donated so generously to the IHLGF Raffle and to all of those who bought raffle tickets. Because of this terrific combination we will be presenting the Child Abuse Prevention Center of San Diego, a check for \$1,600, which represents the total proceeds from ticket sales.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of those club members who made the contest a success, a great time was had by all!

SUPER RAFFLE

News

Ron Scharck

IHLGF RAFFLE Raises \$1,600 for Child Abuse Prevention Center!

While this column is dedicated primarily to the *SUPER RAFFLE*, there are times when something special happens in one of our other raffles that supersedes *SUPER RAFFLE* news. This is one of those times.

Thanks to the generosity of the wonderful vendors who are named elsewhere in this newsletter and the fantastic support of many Gull's members and a number of non-Gulls members who just couldn't pass up the opportunity to donate to a very worthy cause, the International HLG Festival Raffle was an unprecedented success.

Twenty-eight vendors, including most of our *SUPER RAFFLE* donors, once again contributed radios, kits (including RTF's from Airtronics, C.R. Aircraft and Cloud-9 Models), Bagging Systems, Receivers, Servos and a whole shopping list of hobby supplies. I can't tell you how special these vendors are and how much we need to support them. You really need to either be in my seat or, more importantly, the vendors seat in order to know the extent to which these very generous people go out of their way to support the Torrey Pines Gulls. And of course, the fact that 100% the proceeds from ticket sales was going to be donated to the Child Abuse Prevention Center certainly was a factor in their decision to

donate so generously.

In my opinion, the true value of an organization is not fulfilled until and unless it contributes to the community in which it thrives. The Torrey Pines Gulls can be proud of the fact that they have chosen to contribute part of their prosperity with a community based organization whose sole purpose is to improve the community. Such an organization is the Child Abuse Prevention Center.

June SUPER RAFFLE Ticket Winners

Kevin Murphy
Marshall Geller

Previous SUPER RAFFLE '96 Winners

Don Richmond
Gediminas "Red" Ivaska
Jerry Fry
Doug Huggard
Ron Scharck
Patrick Dionisio
Bill Everitt
Brian Bartindale
Dominic DeVita

Once again, thanks to the vendors for their selfless donations and congratulations to those of you who chose to participate in the IHLGF Raffle, for whether you won something or not, you are a WINNER for participating.

June Gull's Nest big success!

Whether it was Joe Wurts being the speaker or the list of great prizes that were raffled in last months Gull's Nest Raffle or the

unbeatable combination of the two, the Gull's Nest generated another big chunk of change that went into the TPG coffers. I will keep furnishing an array of nice prizes as long as you keep buying those Gull's Nest tickets. Check out the prizes for July. I am looking forward to another successful night for the Gull's Nest.

Back to the SUPER RAFFLE—sort of!

Due to my involvement in the IHLGF and the deadline requirements for the newsletter, I am not going to be able to do my usual *SUPER RAFFLE* prize Reviews this month. I will be back on schedule next month with reviews of the new Futaba System Eight 8UAF computer radio, the California Condor unlimited competition sailplane by Slegers International and the composite Salsa slope racer from Cloud-9 Models.

Make something happen—Get Involved!

Thanks to the IHLGF Crew

Ron Scharck

To promise something is relatively easy. To deliver on the promise, especially when it is to conduct the "Premier HLG Contest in the World" is the really difficult part. Thanks to all of those whose efforts helped make the IHLGF the success that it was. We delivered on our promise. BIG TIME!

The IHLGF Committee consisted