



Gull Wings

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IHLGF Set for June 7 and 8

The Torrey Pines Gulls is pleased to announce the forth annual **International Hand Launch Glider Festival**, June 7 and 8 at TPG's Poway Flight Center in Poway, California. In it's brief three year history, the IHLGF has become the signature event for our club, expanding our name and reputation to the four corners of the globe.

The brainchild of Steve Stricklett, the IHLGF was the first two day hand launch glider competition ever held. It put the art and sport of hand launch gliders on a par with major thermal duration contests. Each year the IHLGF has improved and is now considered the premier HLG event in the world.

We are proud of the fact that, once again, *Airtronics* has chosen to sponsor the IHLGF. With TPG and *Airtronics*

teamed up, you can expect the very best in RCHLG competition.

Behind the strength of *Airtronics* sponsorship and the marvels of electronic mail, last years IHLGF became more than a Southern California RCHLG Championship event. Fifty-

"... this has got to be the one contest of the year that a true HLG fanatic should attend, whether they fly or not."

Fred Mallet
R/C Soaring Digest
March, 1997

seven pilots representing nine states and three foreign countries made the 1996 IHLGF an international event.

Early commitments from current F3B World Champion and IHLGF Champion, Daryl Perkins, the 1997 United States F3B team of Joe Wurts (two-time IHLGF Champion), Randy Spencer, Gordon Jennings and B. J. Wiseman, together with a majority of the outstanding field of pilots from last year led by the likes of Steve Cameron, Fred Mallett, Joe Hahn, and TPG's Arthur Markiewicz, George Joy, and Don VanGundy give the 1997 version of the IHLGF all the markings of a world class contest.

CD, Steve Condon, has announced 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

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April Meeting Program

Date: April 9

Place: San Diego Aerospace Museum

Time: 7:00 P.M.

April program promises to be a Hitec adventure

Mike Mayberry, Hitec / RCD's Director for Consumer Relations, will be our featured speaker for April. Mike's program will give the Gulls a better understanding of the new radio equipment that Hitec has recently introduced as well as a sneak preview of new merchandise that will be available soon.

Mike has been involved in all areas of radio control including boats, cars, airplanes and sailplanes. You may know him for his many years as an employee of Hobby Shack in San Diego and El Cajon. What he likes to

do best is to test Hitec's new equipment or, as he put it, "play with the goodies."

Hitec, a twenty year old Korean Company, has for the past nine years had it's USA operations headquartered in

Santee. They presently have twelve employees and have committed themselves to producing quality RC equipment.

Mike's presentation will include new product information with some "hands on" opportunities for all of us. Please mark your calendars now, so you will not miss this exciting program! ✈



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open competition, will compete in a three round fly-off to determine the 1997 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. Additionally, we will be awarding a plaque to the Junior (age 15 and under) and Senior (55 +) Champions. There will also be a Championship Team plaque awarded to each member of the three man team with the highest cumulative score.

In our traditional manner, we have selected a series of tasks for the IHLGF that will be fun and challenging. With an emphasis on thermalling, there will be tasks that will challenge the pilots ability to control his craft and others that will require strategy, and of course, as with all RCHLG events, it helps to be a bit athletic.

After the contest Saturday evening we will adjourn to the Round Table Pizza in Poway to have an old fashioned "all you can eat" Pizza Party. For those of us who want to celebrate making it through the first day with arm in tact, beer and wine will be available.

The entry fee for the two-day contest is \$25. Included in the entry fee will be a complementary lunch on Saturday, sponsored by *Airtronics*. Entries will be limited to 70 pilots. An entry form is printed on page 23 for your convenience. Please note that entry forms must be mailed in and that the earliest postmark that will be accepted is April 10. We encourage all TPG members to come on out and enjoy the world class competition that will take place at the IHLGF. Whether you participate in the contest or not, you don't want to miss the pure spectator sport that is the International Hand Launch Glider Festival.

If you would be interested in additional information, please give me a call at (619)454-4900 or e-mail me at Scharck@aol.com. Other members of the IHLGF committee who would be happy to provide you with information are: Steve Condon (619) 630-2909; Don Richmond (619) 587-0226; George Joy (619) 748-2187 and Tom Clarkson (619) 486-4068. ✈

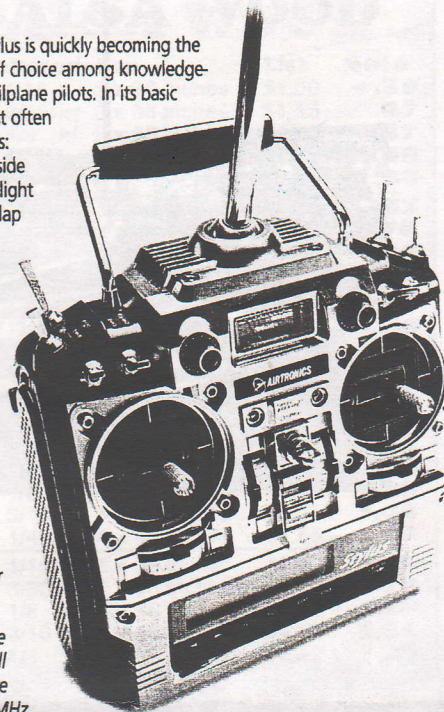
Sailplane Systems

Stylus

The Stylus is quickly becoming the radio of choice among knowledgeable sailplane pilots. In its basic

configuration, the Stylus has the most often used features for full house sailplanes: independent camber control on the side of the transmitter case, a 3 position flight mode switch, dual aileron and dual flap servo capability, aileron differential, landing differential, a wide array of mixing options including crow, V-tail, aileron>rudder, flap> elevator, elevator>camber and aileron>flap, a built in timer/stopwatch, model naming, switch assignability, an automatic landing mode actuated by the the flap stick, and the ability to operate any brand of FM receiver currently on the market. With all these features, plus a long list of standard convenience features, it comes as no surprise that the Stylus will be the leading sailplane radio for years to come.

Stylus 8 Channel Sailplane systems are available with either 2 or 4-94141 Ball Bearing Micro Servos. Transmitters are available seperately. Available on 72MHz.

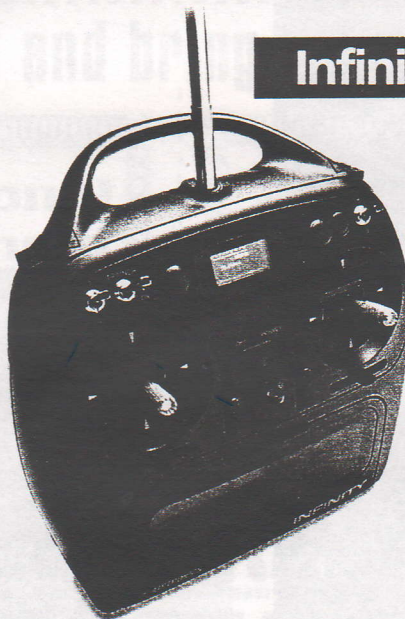


Infinity 660

With its sleek styling and carefully engineered ergonomics, the Infinity 660

has been designed for the advanced sailplane pilot considering a computer radio for a full house sailplane. An easy to use Menu System and two line LCD display allow the user to fine tune a high performance sailplane with features like aileron>rudder mixing, flap> elevator mixing, two aileron servo capability, aileron differential, crow mixing and the option for V-Tail mixing. Add these performance features to convenience features like servo centering adjustment, 4 model memory, switch assignability, trim memory, EPA, model naming and a built in timer, and you can see that the Infinity 660 is definitely a potent package for sailplanes.

The Infinity 660 Sailplane system includes 4-94141 Ball Bearing Micro Servos. Available on 72 and 50 MHz.



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