

International Hand Launch Glider Festival

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It's Official! Slegers International to Sponsor IHLGF '98

We are happy to announce that Ed Slegers of Slegers International has chosen to sponsor the Fifth Annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival. This commitment on the part of Slegers International is the latest, and most significant, endorsement of the IHLGF as the premiere RCHLG event in the country. It was just a short four 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 IHLGF will be held on June 6 and 7, at the TPG Poway Flight Center, Poway, California (15 miles NNE of San Diego). CD Dave 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 1998 IHLGF Champion and final standing for the remaining nine pilots. Plaques will be awarded through tenth place and there will be a special plaque for the Junior (15 and under) and Senior (50 and getting better) 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 \$10 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.

The entry fee for the two-day contest will be \$30. Included in the entry fee will be a complimentary lunch on Saturday, sponsored by Slegers International, and Sunday, sponsored by TPG. Entries will be limited to 70 pilots.

Registration forms will be mailed out the first week in March. The entry forms should be returned, complete with payment, no earlier than April 1.

Entries postmarked April 1 and later will be opened April 15. The first

70 qualifying entries will be accepted. Thanks to the communication super highway, the Internet, we already have 38 persons from outside California who have shown an interest in attending the IHLGF, including three International pilots. Each year the IHLGF becomes a more national and international event.

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 my e-mail address (Scharck@aol.com). For more information be sure and see our web site

(www.TorreyPinesGulls.org).

With TPG and Slegers International teamed up, you can expect the very best in RCHLG competition at the 1998 International Hand Launch Glider Festival. Plan to take part in this championship event. ✈

The Gulls Nest

Steve Condon

Twelve great prizes will be given away...they will include:

- Grand prize will be a Delta Drill Press!
- Super Raffle Ticket
- A beautiful pre-built HLG from the Czech Republic called the "Handy"
- A Dozuki precision hand pull-saw
- Another X-Acto cutting mat
- A Dremel Mini-Mite
- Two micro servos
- AND, five other surprise modeling accessories!

Gull Wings Editorial Calendar

Issue	Focus	Article Ideas
April	Beginners Issue	Starting the training season, first and second gliders, learning to fly, learning to thermal, learning to launch, etc.
May	Hand Launch	Getting ready for the IHLGF. Latest designs, throwing technique, thermal finding, competition hints, etc.
June	Combat	Latest planes, flying technique, construction techniques, etc.
July	Launching	Launching techniques, winch and retriever maintenance, retrieving, repairing line breaks, setting up the winches, building high starts, etc.
August	Thermal Duration	Thermaling techniques, construction hints for open class ships, landing techniques, timing, the first contest, etc.
September	Construction	Fuse construction, core cutting, vacuum bagging, lining things up, radio gear installation, assembling today's kit that came with one page of instructions, etc.
October	Trimming and Programming	Discussions on trimming techniques, best programming hints on various radios, my favorite programming trick, mounting servos for precision, etc.
November	Soaring Aerodynamics	Airfoils, moments, planforms, for the beginner. Airfoils compared, etc.
December	LSF Special	A description of the LSF program and how to get started. The LSF tasks. LSF stories from some of our Level IV and V members. How LSF can improve your flying, etc.