## Torrey Pines Gulls

Torrey Pines Gulls Radio Control Soaring Society, Inc.

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Newsletter

## September Meeting

- Don Edberg To Speak
- Show and Tell
- Gulls Nest Raffle Including:

Airtronics Infinity 600 Radio
Super Raffle Ticket (See Page 2)
C.R. Aircraft Climmax HLG
Easy Answer 2 Meter Glider
Dremel Router Attachment
Subscription to R/C Soaring Digest
Robart Incidence Meter
Power Duck Antenna
Dynaflite Upstart
Monokote Iron
Monokote Heat Gun
X-Acto File Set
X-Acto Knife and Mat Set
HobbyPoxy Finishing Resin
LOGS (Lots of Other Good Stuff!)

July Meeting Attendance - 75

## President's report John McNeil

Well here we are at month nine. It is time for us to start thinking about next year's program and board of directors. We are working now to get next year started with a bang! Next month we will present a schedule for the first several months of the new year so you can plan your calendars.

I couldn't help but reflect back over the accomplishments of this board as I wrote this report. Thanks to our fine officers, the financial condition of the club is completely understood and under control. The club is stronger today, financially speaking, than it was at the beginning of the year. I think this is great news

Because of this, next year's officers will find that creating and managing a budget will be much easier than in the past. Our contest running capabilities for slope and thermal are fully equipped and fine tuned. We should be in great shape heading into next year. We have launched the International Hand Launch Glider Festival which we hope will develop into a large annual two day contest. With the addition of a Hand Launch Coordinator next year and this contest ready for it's second year our overall contest capabilities should be in good shape.

All of the equipment has been reworked and is in top running order. This along with the raised turn arounds and winch stands have not only made the contest much more fun, but has greatly cut down on

the expenses the club will have to cover. The savings in winch and retriever line alone will more than pay for the cost of these improvements.

Why am I telling you all this? Because I want you to seriously consider becoming an officer of the Torrey Pines Gulls. Over the past few years many hard working individuals like you have brought the club to the national stature it now rightfully enjoys. This is the main reason we are supported by so many vendors in the super raffle. It is also one of the reasons why the AMA felt comfortable asking the Gulls to run the soaring portion of the AMA Nats this year.

It is your turn to continue that tradition, and continue to move us forward into the coming years. Your predecessors have taken care of the basics. We need you to build on those

basics to ensure the long term growth of the club. Contact myself or our Nominating Committee Chairman, Steve Condon, if you are interested in being a board member or if you just want to get some further information about what the board does and how it works so you can think about it further.

On a different subject, our June thermal contest fund raiser was a great success. We brought in \$200 in donations which was matched by the Gull's nest to give us \$400 for new retrievers. Thank you to all of you that supported the club in this way. We are in the process of acquiring one, and hopefully two, VMC retrievers with this money.

Be sure to be at the club meeting this month. This is one you will not want to miss. Don Edberg will be the speaker. He is not only a very knowledgeable and experienced sailplane pilot, he is also the featured soaring columnist for R C Modeler magazine. In real life he works for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in their Advanced Programs & Technology area, so he knows his stuff.

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