



Ken Baier

Torrey Hawk #5

Many of you may know Ken as an excellent paragliding pilot and instructor, but Ken's history with hang gliding goes back to the 70's.

This old postcard image to the left (photo by John Heiney) shows Ken Baier flying a tandem at the Torrey Pines Gliderport nearly 20 years ago!

Ken was recently selected by Mayor Sanders to represent the sport of hang gliding on the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board (below).



Above - Ken Baier gives paragliding lessons to an aspiring young pilot at the Little Black training hill on May 8th, 2005.

Below - Ken Baier calls it a day after issuing another P1 rating to another new student on March 13th, 2004.



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : May 23, 2008

TO : Council President Scott Peters & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointments to the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Ken Baier, Virginia Barnes, Ronald Brown, Mary Coakley, Ken King, Dr. David Metzgar, Chris Schmidt, Edward Slater, Lorraine Stein, Michael Stepner, and Brian Thompson to the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board.

Ken Baier is the Sole Proprietor of AirJunkies Paragliding, a paragliding instruction company established in 1990 and has been flying hang gliders since 1973. Mr. Baier began flying hang gliders at the Torrey Pines Glider Port in 1977, and collectively has more than 35 years experience in both hang gliding and paragliding. In addition, Mr. Baier teaches and certifies paragliding instructors through the United States Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association (USHPA), and previously served on its Board of Directors. His knowledge, experience, and skills in hang gliding and paragliding are reflected in his long history of instructor and leadership positions amongst various hang gliding and paragliding associations. Mr. Baier is a former Regional Director for the United States Hang Gliding Association, and a former representative to the Torrey Pines Soaring Council. He holds a master rating in both hang gliding and paragliding, and is a USHPA Administrator for Tandem and Instructor Clinics for paragliding. Mr. Baier is also a long-standing member of the San Diego Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, and a founding member of the Torrey Hawks Hang Gliding Club. Mr. Baier will represent hang gliding, and serve as the Torrey Hawks Hang Gliding Club representative, who is also a member of the San Diego Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, on the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board for a term expiring November 1, 2008. He resides in Encinitas.