



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN-Steve Gebler

Happy March!

It looks like most of the cold weather has passed, the rains have diminished (hope I am not jinxing this), and the roads are in good shape.



Pappas Investments, the owner of the land that we have enjoyed for so many years at Johnson Field, informs me that it will likely be more than two years before they will even start to draw permits on the development of the land for the proposed housing and shopping center that will eventually take place. That said, we need to continue to investigate new field locations for the future. We have posted a general appeal that can be distributed to Real Estate agents, Chambers of Commerce, your elected officials, etc. You can find this at <https://www.palomarrcflyers.com/parcel-of-land>. Please tell everyone you know about our needs for a field. We need 25+ flat acres that won't impact developed housing or other commercial developments.

You've no doubt become aware of the proposed actions by the FAA to make changes to our hobby that can cripple the safe flying actions of clubs like ours and that may cost each of us a great deal of money and time to implement these proposed changes. It is crucial that each of us takes advantage of the ability to comment your concerns to the FAA.

You must make your comments no later than March 2

Make mention of the following points:

80 years of safety records for organized clubs like ours

Your concern about the potential subscription fees required for EACH aircraft that you own

Custom models might be eliminated negating your desire to mix and match motors, receivers, servos, etc. or the ability to build your own aircraft.

Potential requirement for hardware upgrades to track your models

Post your polite, but effective, comments at <http://tinyurl.com/tvsv2z3> today!

As some of you may know, we had a visit from the CHP to warn us that a plane was seen flying over the freeway from our field. Be certain to adhere to the boundaries when flying at the field.

We continue to have a few pilots not calling out their intentions on the flight line. Shout your intentions out and respond to your flight line pilots to let them know that you heard them.

Our very effective former club President, Bob Lang, passed away a few weeks ago. Bob was instrumental in making what Johnson Field is today. Our sympathy and best wishes go to the Lang family.

Bill Hill, Patrick Pranica, Chris Avellino, Doug Albert, and others have been volunteering their time with the Civil Air Patrol Cadets in Escondido. If you would like to assist in some of the flight training that is conducted once per month in the evenings, contact Bill or Patrick to offer your time. It's a fabulous program with some great kids.

It's your last chance to order hats, shirts, and jackets with the new club logo. Order your goodies here: <https://www.palomarrcflyers.com/prcf-clothing>

See you at the field!

Steve Gebler, President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

COMING EVENTS

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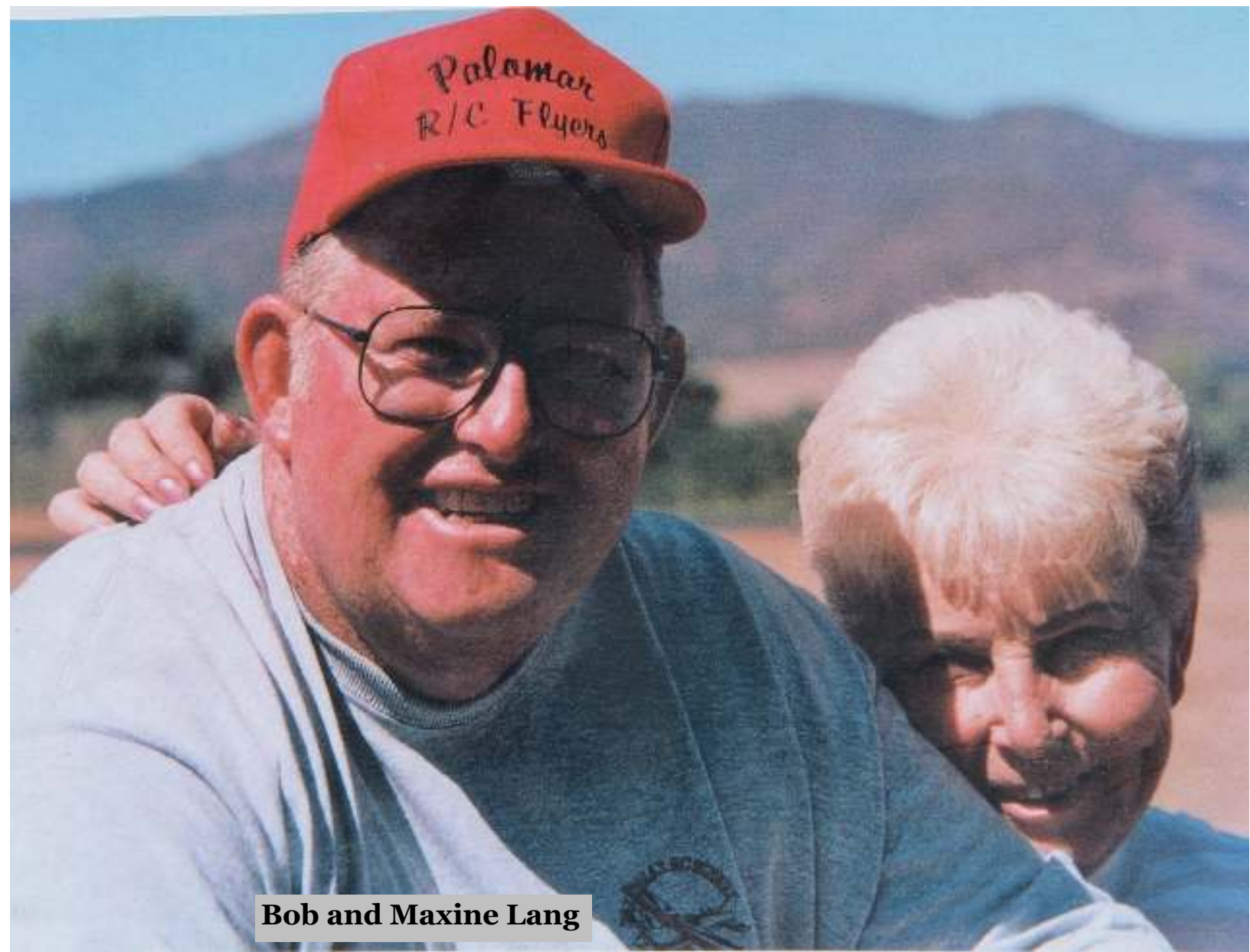
IN MEMORIAM

Club member Don White informed us that Bob Lang passed away on Feb. 4, 2020.

According to president emeritus George Dawe, Bob Lang was the founder of our-modern Palomar R/C Flyers Club and without Bob's efforts, our club as it is today would not exist!

Bob was a heavy equipment operator who engineered our flying field. Photos show him driving the big CAT as he prepared the field for paving which was paid for by George Dawe! It originally had petro-mat, but was upgraded to asphalt.

In his later years, Bob had congestive heart failure. He was a lifetime member of our club with his beloved widow, Maxine. We stand on the shoulders of giants when we are at our field! Back when the field was completed, more than \$50,000. was invested and Bob and George had everything to do with it!



Bob and Maxine Lang

Meet the Founder of the Modern Palomar R/C Flyers - Robert Lang!

(This 2 page article originally appeared in the July 2013 issue of the Transmitter and is reprinted here.)

Bob's interest in aviation begins with his father, Lynn, a WW II aviator with the U.S. 8th Air Force in England who was a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator. After Lynn's bomber took off, it circled until 500 planes were aloft and then they headed to their targets in Dresden, Berlin, Dusseldorf, the refineries @ Ployesti, and the ball bearing works in Schweinfurt *et cetera*. His father said that the FW-190's flew so close he could spit on them! After a mission, they counted 247 bullet holes in their Liberator! During that era, an aviator had to complete 31 missions before being relieved of this deadly duty. Amazingly, his father survived and completed 31 missions! This enabled Bob to be born just after the War's end. Bob is a 1946 model from Santa M

When Bob was small, his dad built a rubber powered B-24. His father built and flew model planes when he was a child, and Bob became interested in airplanes too. They often went to what is now LAX to watch DC-4's and Super Connies. As a kid, Bob started with gliders, control line and outdoor rubber. He began building r/c 31 years ago.

He joined the Palomar R/C Flyers in 1984 when Granger Williams (of Williams Brother Manufacturing) was president. (I remember Granger well since I was a member at that time too.) Bob is one of our life-members.

Bob recalled that back then, Frank White was a Palomar Club member for a year. Frank was #32 pilot in the USA and his 1917 license was signed off by Wilbur and Orville Wright! Ladies and gentlemen is not that amazing to have had such an historic club member?!

Bob said, "One day in 1997, I got a call from a member of the Bonsall Flyers club. He was a volunteer sheriff and had been involved in recovering a lot of stripped stolen cars from a property east of I-15. He told me that the property was too big for their club but was sure that with the sheriff's help our club could acquire the use of it. I enlisted Tom Minegar to negotiate with the owner and after a couple of telephone calls had the owners' blessings and a property use agreement on the way to us.

The property had become a public nuisance with an absentee owner over the years. There were many stripped cars and piles of trash all over the 100 acres. There was also a thriving meth lab in the creek on the east side of the property that took up a lot of the sheriffs' time. The County of San Diego had stepped in to clean up the trash and the cars with a bill for about \$10,000.00 going to the owner. Our part of the deal would be to maintain a presence on the property and keep it mowed.

The first thing we had to do for the owner was to install a gate at the entrance to the property and keep it locked. He was afraid for the safety of a member that might be out there by himself and to keep people from sneaking in and dumping their trash (old habits are hard to break) so we had to agree to lock the gate behind us.

Then member, Larry McDougal, made arrangements for us to use the facilities of a scrap yard in Vista to build the gate. The two brothers that owned the yard, Jack and Joe Lee donated the material and the use of a welder. Larry was the welder and I was the gopher. Dave Truax also helped out. It took us two Saturdays to build it. It weighs over 1,000 lbs. **and is set in five cubic yards of concrete!**

During the time we were building the gate and grading for our runway and pit area, one of our senior members, George Johnson who was 76 years old at the time had been retrieving trash that the County had overlooked. He had asked me to get him a large roll-on/roll-off dumpster that he could put it in.

George was an amazing man for his age. I called the trash company to find out about the bill and they said that the dumpster held ten tons of debris! At the next board meeting we named our new facility "Johnson Field" in George's honor. He took it upon himself to patrol the property when we started to have a vandal problem and he spent many nights by himself waiting and watching. George lived just long enough to attend our first "Top Dawg" ⁴

Scale Fly-in” in 1998. His wife Elizabeth brought him to the field wrapped in a blanket. He sat next to me as I announced the event and cried as he saw how well his idea had turned out.

In the late 1990’s, someone donated a completed Kit Fox full-scale airplane to our club, sans a data plate. The builder removed it because of insurance reasons. Leaving it on meant he became the manufacturer and that made him liable. Our club sold it on E-bay, but in the end only received \$4,000 for it. (Now back to Bob.)

After high school, Bob joined the union that covers giant earth-moving equipment. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for 53 years and has run just about every piece there is.

Bob and Maxine will be married for 38 years in November. Bob has a son and Maxine has a daughter and a son from a prior marriage. Maxine has four living grandchildren and one deceased. He is a great-grandfather now.

Bob and Maxine have given so much to our club. If you ask the “old timers” among us, men like Evan Davidson, Dave Truax, George Dawe, Rich Anderson, John Cutler, Tom Minegar, Glenn Pohly, Dave Drowns, Butch Abongen etc., you can learn about the many club events Bob and Maxine managed (about 17 per year)! When Bob was president for 9 years, from 1996 to 2005, membership was as high as 435 members. Our club once was the largest R/C club in the USA!! In those days, Bob wrote, printed, and mailed out the Transmitter! It was a monumental work! Compared to that time, producing the Transmitter electronically is rather easy .

When you stand at the fence at the pilot’s station, you are standing at a well-built, red-wood fence which Bob made in his garage, trucked it in, and set it up. Bob was responsible for buying our first tractor and he located our present 45 hp Ford tractor. Bob and Maxine have given this club years of service for which there are no proper thank-yous!

Bob said that if one stands at the pilot’s station and looks west, you can see the swale that goes down to the road below. That’s the road that leads to the heli field. The swale went right through our runway @ about a 6 to 7 foot dip and he had to fill it in!

If you have never read the history of our club, please do so. It is on our web-site; Bob wrote it for us. Thanks Bob for all you have done. Your legacy lives on and on. We are deeply indebted to you as we enjoy Johnson Field. We love you.

Joe Buko

Editor



Hats off to Foreman Dave Litaker and to Dave Ellis for procuring the materials necessary to build the additional tables at the FW field. Dave Litaker put together “kits” yesterday that made the building of the tables today a snap.

Also on hand to help with the building were Varley Longson, Mike Elrod, yours truly, and Ray Fischer.

Paint supplies were laid out today in the hopes that someone will step up to paint the tables before carpeting them this weekend.

A gigantic thank you to all that contributed!

Steve Gebler,

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.



Steve Gebler photo

Steve Gebler and Joe Villarreal stapling carpeting to the new fixed wing tables.



Board Member and Fixed Wing Chairman, Chris Avellino, just earned his Contest Director certification. Custom photo Courtesy of Steve Gebler. Hey, vuts dem glasses and teeth about? Chris is a good skate!



Geb took photos of some of us wearing our goggles while I was flying today; we got some students involved and they were clearly enjoying the flights! Doug Abel on Drone Day at the field.



Paint crew for the tables

Photo courtesy of Steve Gebler



Chris Wilson wiping out the weeds at the field with our new weed sprayer.

TRIFECTA

Feb. 1, 2020

Doug Abel, Steve Gebler, Eric Armstrong, Tim Hitchcock, Vadim Klyushnichenko





Steve Gebler



Eric Armstrong

Steve Gebler



Vadim Klyushnichenko



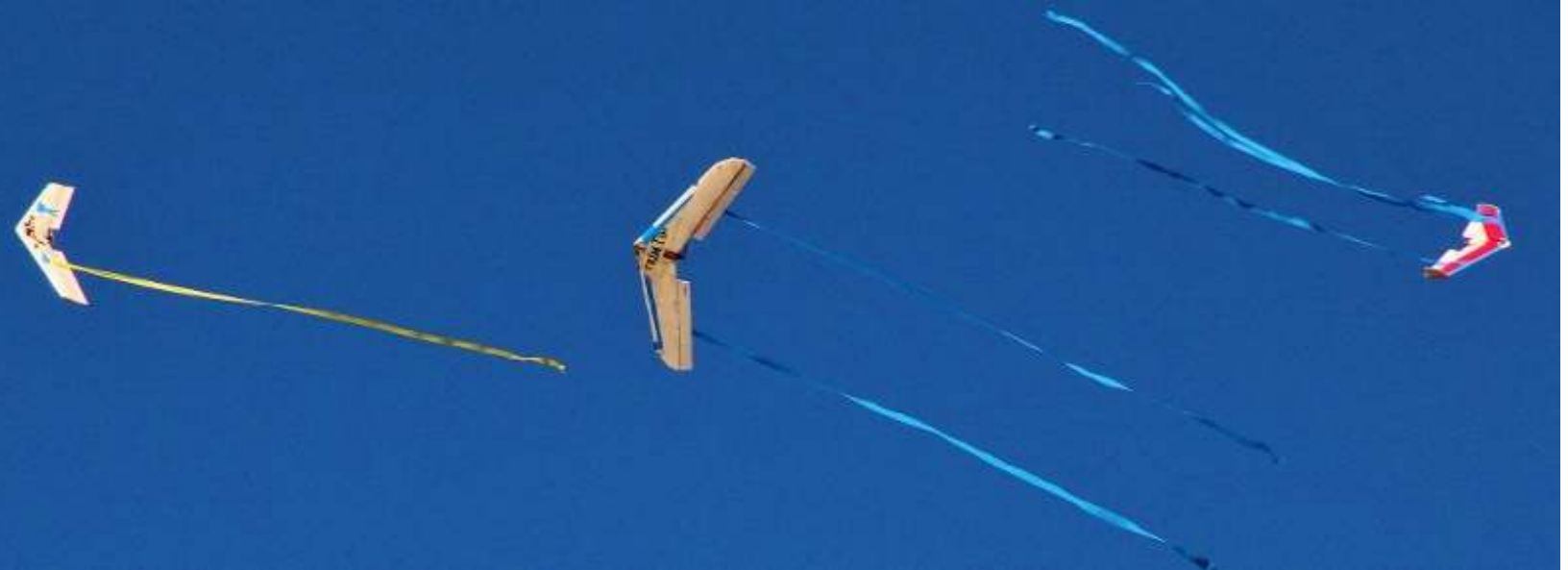


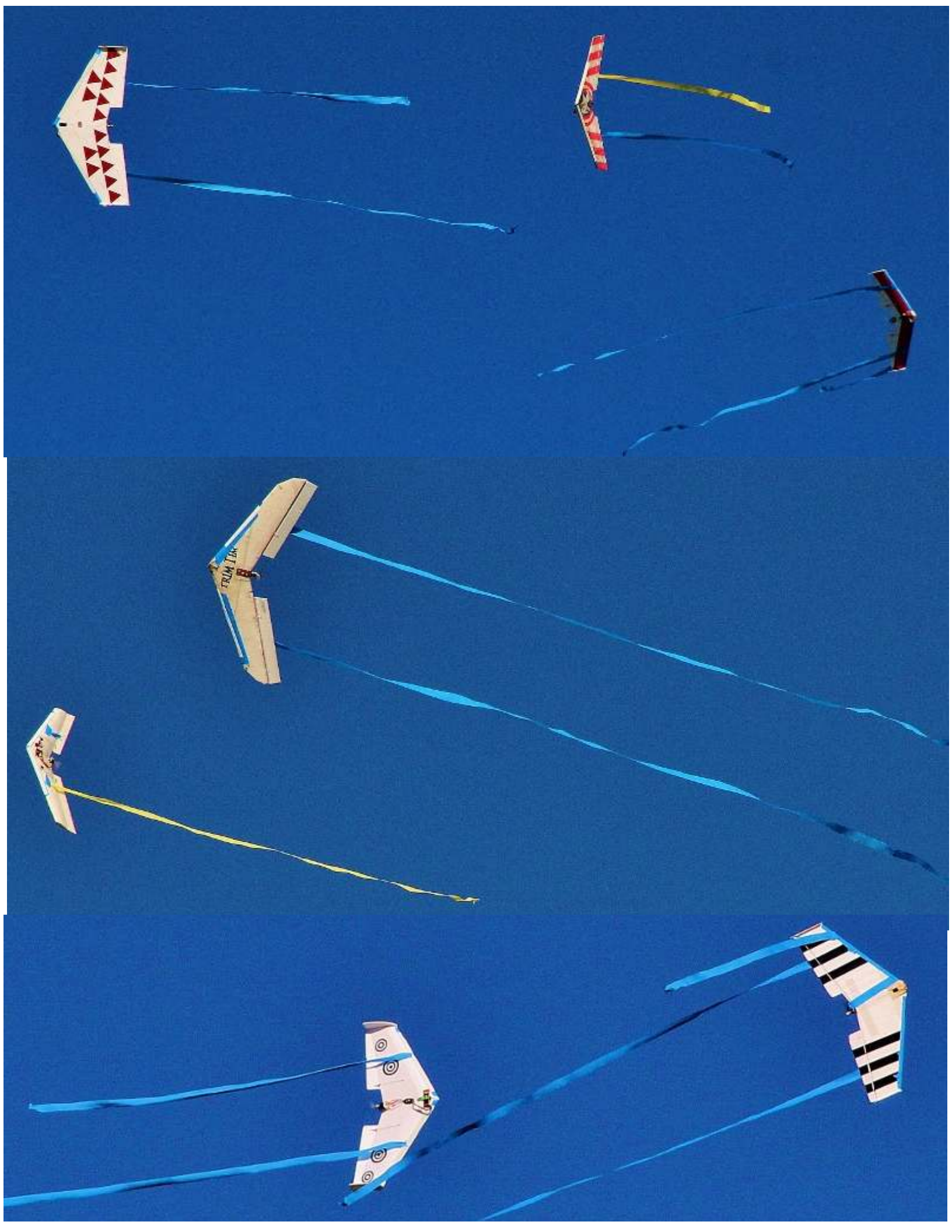
Vadim's plane on its final launch. It now rests in the trees as seen below.



Chris Avellino kept score.









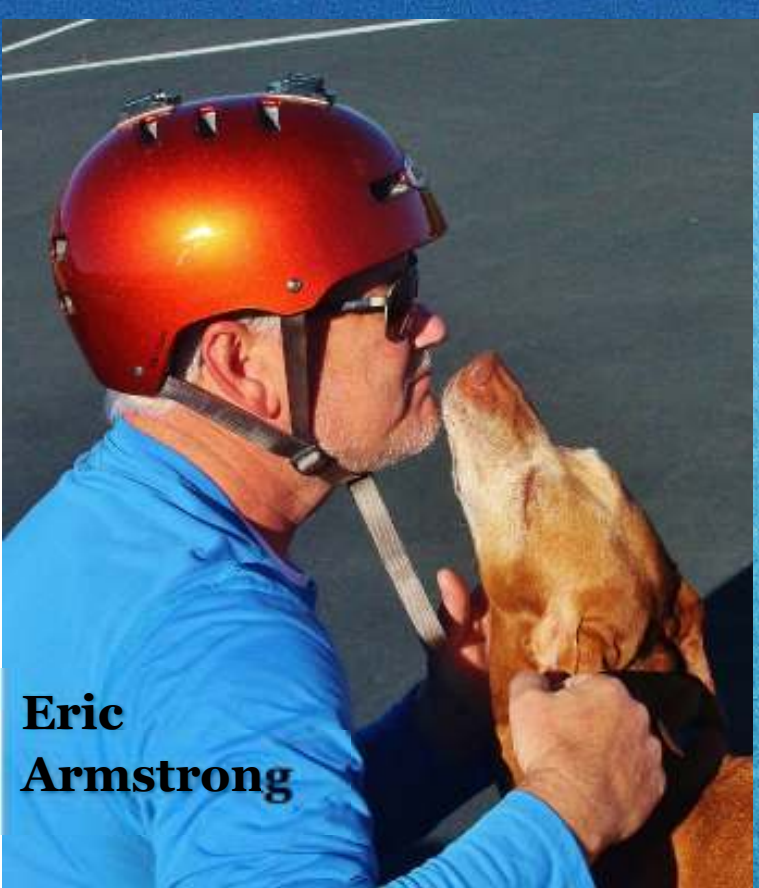
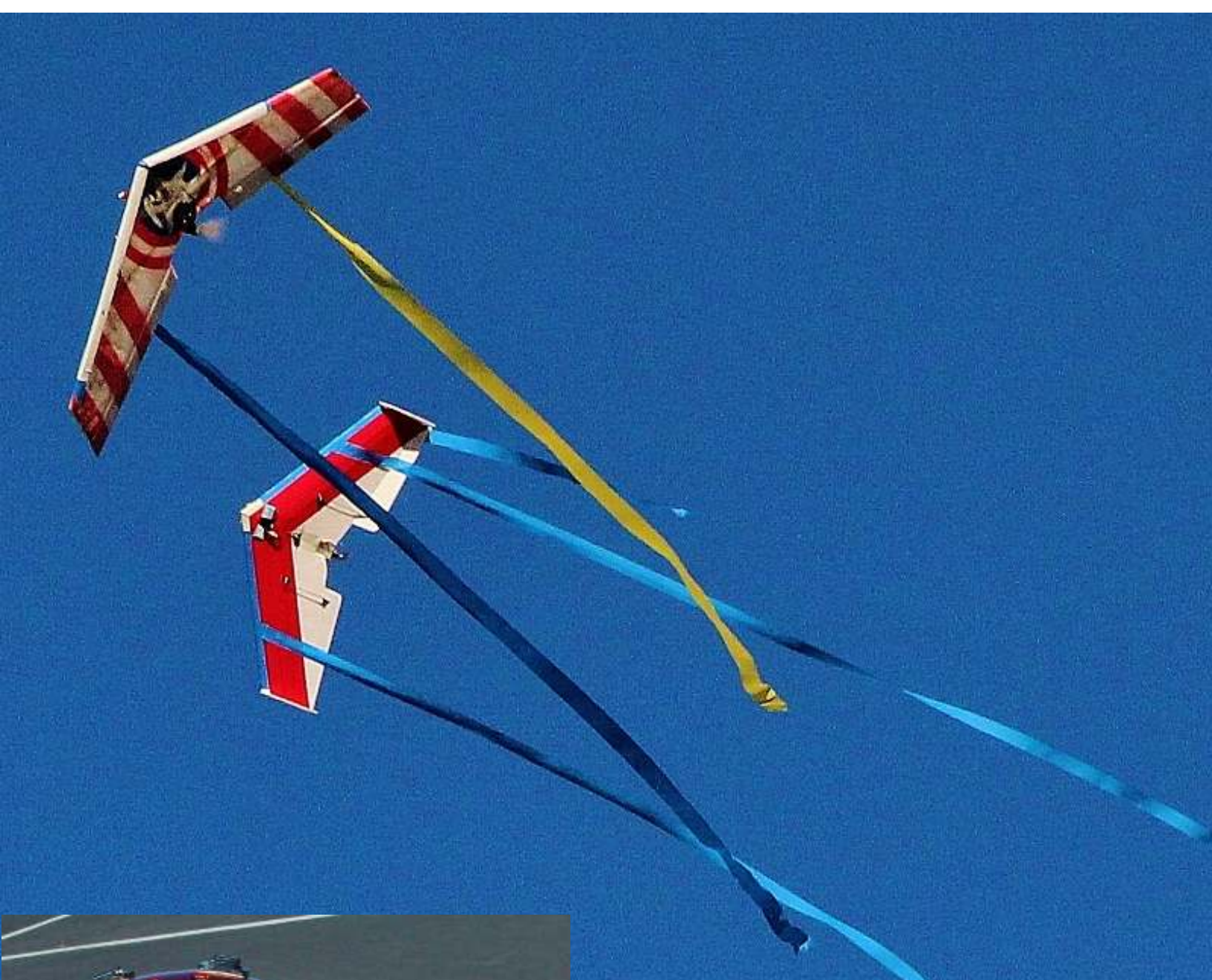


Tim is pointing to a broken propeller blade suck in his plane!

AWWWWWW!

**Poor little pouty lips
Timmy!**





**Eric
Armstrong**





Tim got to wear the skirt and became creative– sort of.



Trifecta Winners:

L/R First place: Tim Hitchcock, Second Steve Gebler, Third Doug Abel



Tom Minegar

February 2020

Palomar RC Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

President: Steve Gebler, Vice President: Trent Stadick, Treasurer: David Ellis, Secretary: Patrick Pranica. Safety Officer: Chris Thompson, Board members: James Gallacher, Chris Avellino, Chris Wilson, Joe Villarreal, Doug Abel, Richard Torres Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Chris Thompson, Membership Chairman: Steve Kerrin. Webmaster: Richard Torres

Call to order: 6:31 PM

Treasurer Report: Total Income: \$1,687.00 mostly membership dues.

Total Expenses: \$822.52 porta-potty, trash, tractor rental.

Net income: \$864.48

Balance as of 1/31/2020: \$94,890.68

Membership: Currently 226 active members. 8 new, 50 renewals.

- **Chair Reports**
- **Safety: Flight line communication continues to be unacceptable. Intentions are not called out loud enough to hear, nor are they confirmed by other pilots. The lack of consideration is creating dangerous situations.**
- **Drone: Saturday event. Low attendance. A need for check rides for new pilots to insure safety.**
- **Heli: Good turnout at the field. Heli event in work. Activities proposed**
- **Glider: Low turnout. Suspect other area events impacted attendance.**

Flight Training: \$200 approved for misc. costs. \$400 approved for aircraft replacement and repair.

Our Mission: All board members required to submit mission statements for consideration. The combination of the best two will be chosen.

Logo Clothing Purchasing: Orders are coming in through our website.

Shirts will be available at our club meetings.

- **New Field Locations: Emergent search underway**

REIT: Real Estate investment trust. The question is how many other clubs own their fields. Will that template work for us? Can we find enough members willing to invest in property acquisition? 24

Life Membership Discussion: Differed for further discussion.

- **“Gold” Club Recognition: Has been submitted. Waiting for response.**

Holiday Party Date Changed to December 5: Approved.

Herbicide battery operated sprayer \$150 plus herbicide \$23/gal: Working well. Rains may require several applications to control weeds.

Training dates continue on Mondays

Guest Speakers: All board members are required to provide one guest speaker per meeting, be it themselves for a guest.

Proposed new FAA issues: Members will be asked to submit commentary letters to the FAA. Encouraged to not use templates. Urgent matter. High Priority.

Drone Training for aircraft selection and basic flight operations: The need for drone training is becoming apparent as it is a new interest that needs management.

Table Build Team: Palomar Dollars need to be awarded to those members that build additional tables in the pits. Work was completed. New table configuration finished. Well done.

Flowers for Ethel Burke: Approved and sent

April 10-12 Campout & Night Fly. Chili Cookoff?

Model Aviation Day August 15: We are registered.

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After the Trifecta, there was a glider tow event. Doug Abel has a discus-launch glider which Tim Hitchcock is about to fly.



A self-powered sailplane.

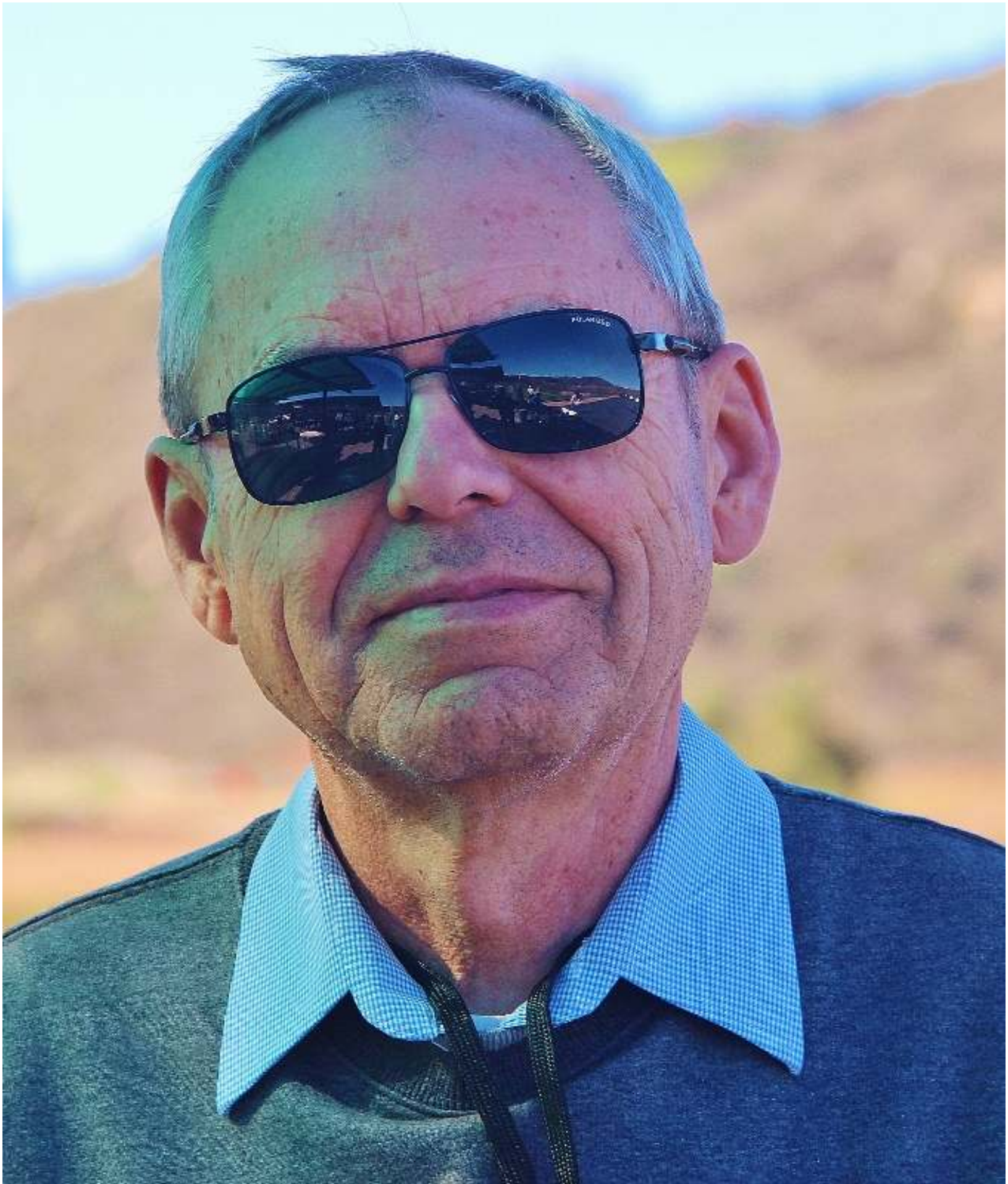


Tim Hitchcock and Steve Gebler repositioned tables under our double shade structure to make room for more new tables.



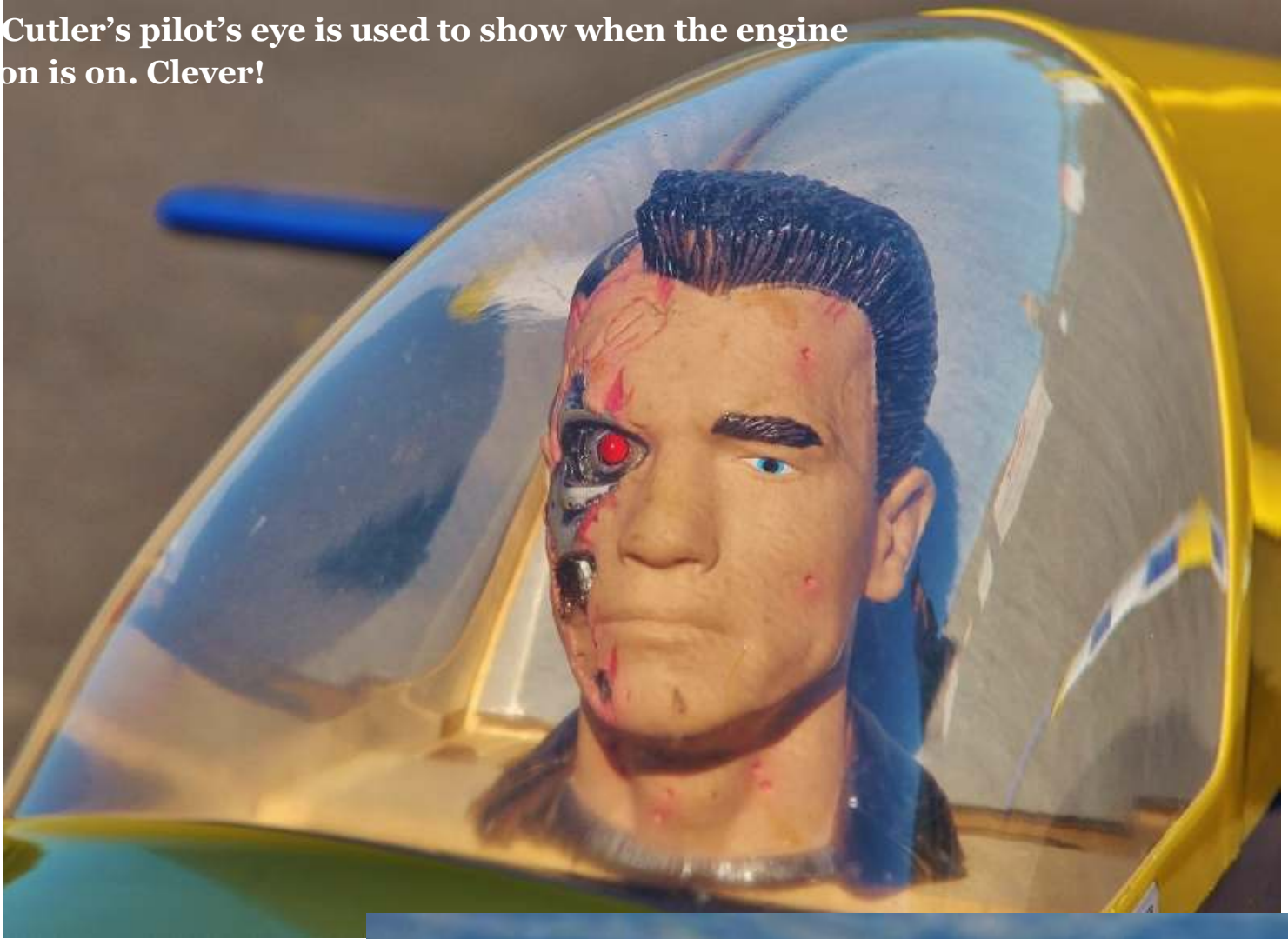
James D'Eliseo

Dave Litater



Val Bunchak– a new student pilot. Welcome!

John Cutler's pilot's eye is used to show when the engine ignition is on. Clever!



Victor Lanz





Our snow-bird friend from Canada, Ian Middleton



An old Fokker DR-1 built-up from Great Planes. Originally, president emeritus Jimmy Mazurick owned it. He sold it to your editor for \$400. about 7 years ago. It had a glow engine, and an old 72 MH receiver. It was a hangar queen collecting dust for years, so I gave it to Bill Hill who converted it to electric. It's construction is fragile, but if one is careful, it will hang together. It flies ok but one must be VERY careful on take off and especially landing. It loves to tip over.



Bill Hill is always giving models away to club members. He is super generous. It's about time we gave him something to honor his munificence!



PT-17 by E-Flite



Patrick Pranica



Bob Kopolow (Joe Buko's friend)

Bill Hill

Patrick Pranica

President emeritus, George Dawe

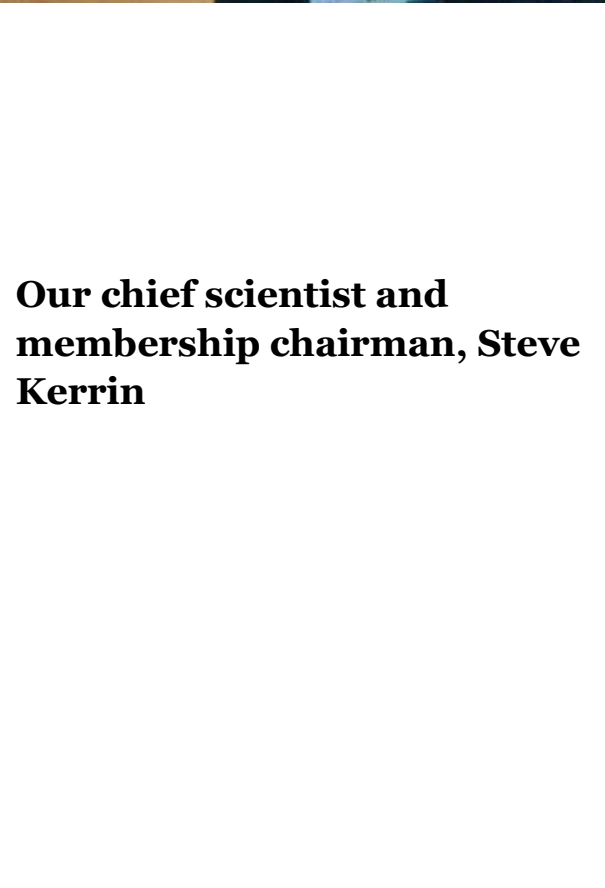


Bob Kopolow

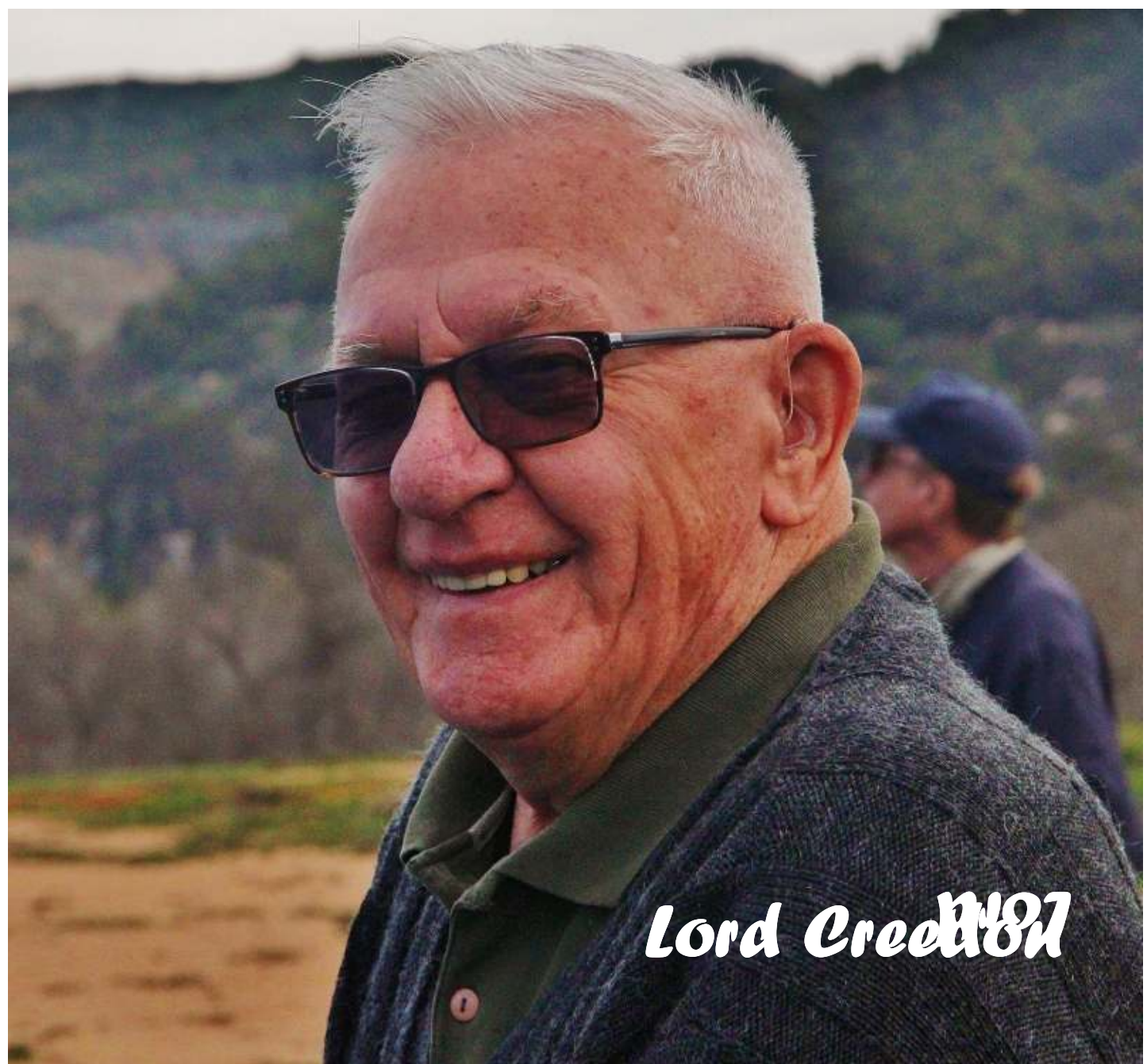




Elise Schneider Tim Dougherty



Our chief scientist and membership chairman, Steve Kerrin



Lord Creed 1987

Jeremy Schmidt usually flies helicopters and also is a fine fixed wing pilot. A few photos of his bird in flight appear next.





Bill Hill acquired this model from Matt Evans. He flew it for the first time on Feb. 20, 2020 and it flew fine right from the start.





Steve Harlan and Tom Pollinger. That's Tom's Ag-Cat below.





Phil Kogan and his new Radian with interior led's.



Vulture's Row: President emeritus George Dawe, Secretary Patrick Pranica, President emeritus Bill Hill, (Resident emeritus) Phil Kogan



Jim Gallacher said, "Look at dem tundra tires!"



Lou Governale and Phil Kogan (Resident emeritus)

Club Meeting Feb. 20, 2020



Bruce Aguilar



Keith Peterson

New members

Take Action NOW!

So far, only about 10,000 comments have been made out of a total population of approximately 195,000 AMA members and potentially over 500,000 RC pilots.

- ❖ March 2 is the last day to comment
- ❖ Write your comments in your own style
- ❖ No taunting or profanity
- ❖ Include the points mentioned
- ❖ Boilerplate comment at <http://tinyurl.com/s627o83>
- ❖ Post your comments at <http://tinyurl.com/tvsv2z3>

Take Action NOW!

- ❖ 80 years of Proven Safety Record of Models without cameras or remote navigation
- ❖ Need for regulation for non-club related activities
- ❖ Proposed broadcast and network identification of all aircraft
- ❖ Subscription service for *every model and every flight* expected to cost \$5 per model per month
- ❖ Software on drones can already accomplish flight activities tracking
- ❖ Applications for new field locations may be prohibited
- ❖ All models over .55 lbs. need to be registered individually
- ❖ Compliant RTFs without ability to have interchangeable components
- ❖ Limited use of existing models in your hangar
- ❖ Hardware upgrade for Park Flyers
- ❖ Tamper Proof Hardware

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Mission Statement

- ❖ Creation of our Mission Statement that will be included on the Web site and all publications
- ❖ We invite you to submit one
 - ❖ Suggested statements:
 - ❖ Palomar RC Flyers exists to provide a safe, fun, family-oriented atmosphere for the enjoyment, promotion, and growth of the RC aviation hobby. This is accomplished by providing a first-class facility for RC aviation activities combined with training, community support and social functions for the membership.
 - ❖ Our mission is to actively and enthusiastically promote the hobby of model aviation through education, community outreach, and member participation to bring the joy of flight to both young and old.



PATRICK PRANICA

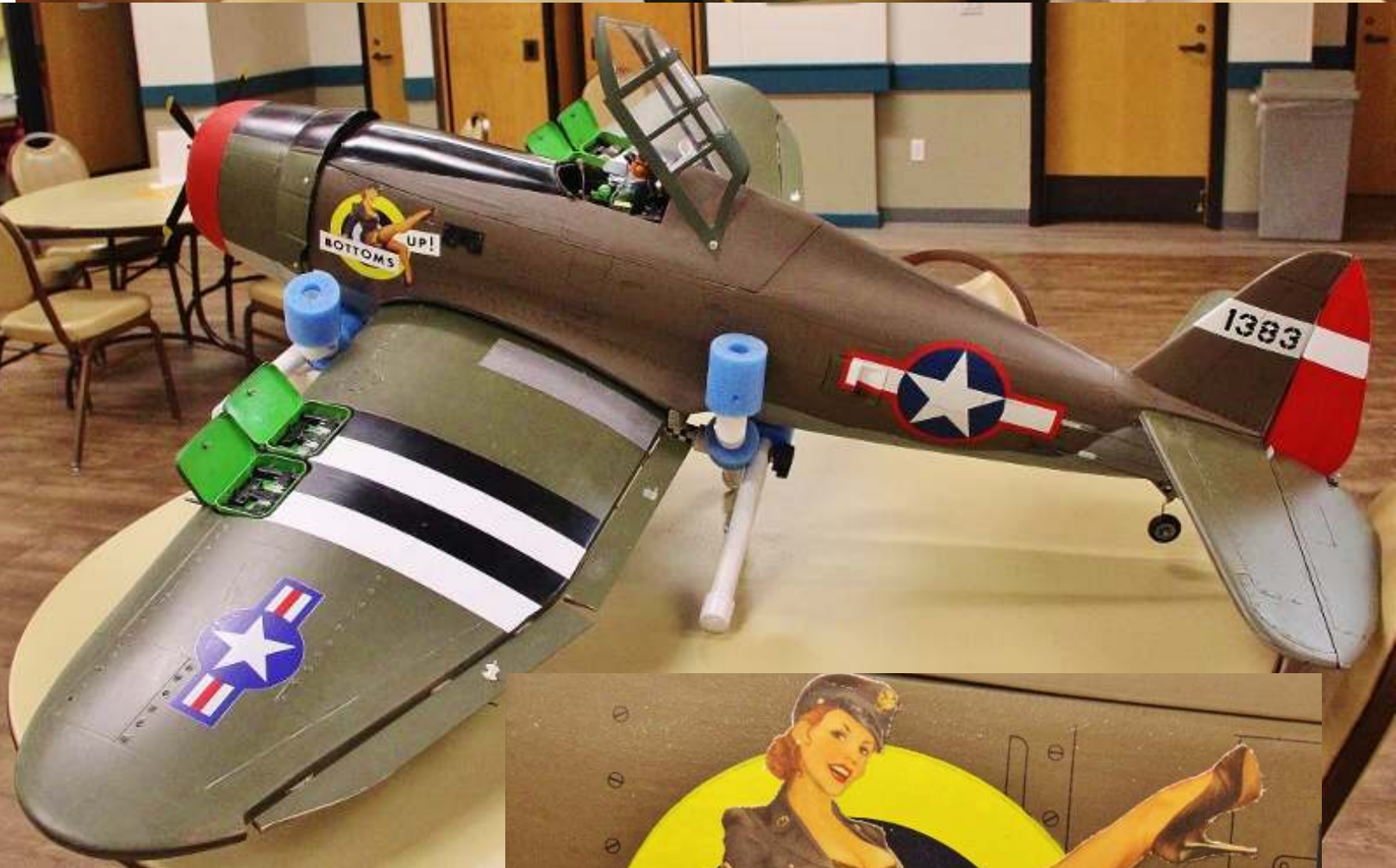
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- 4 TV Stations, 4 Production House, Freelance
- 18 years as Commercial Producer/Director
- Produced and Directed over 2000 Commercials
- Over 20 years, The Boeing Company
- 8 years as Senior Embedded Producer, 787 Program



Patrick gave a fine presentation on the building of the 787 program. Such credentials! WOW! There be giants among us!



Tom Polinger brought his Boeing 737 for Model of the Month. He painted it in a beautiful livery of WESTJET. He tied with Wayne Bonfietti for the honor as both models received the same number of votes. Wayne's P-47 appears on the next page. Congrats to you both!





Wayne Bonfietti did a great deal of work to bring his P-47 to this stage of development! Well done!



Spring comes early here in San Diego County, the finest county in the USA! That's why we live here! This is a flowering peach tree in my backyard. Below are desert flowers in bloom at this time of year.





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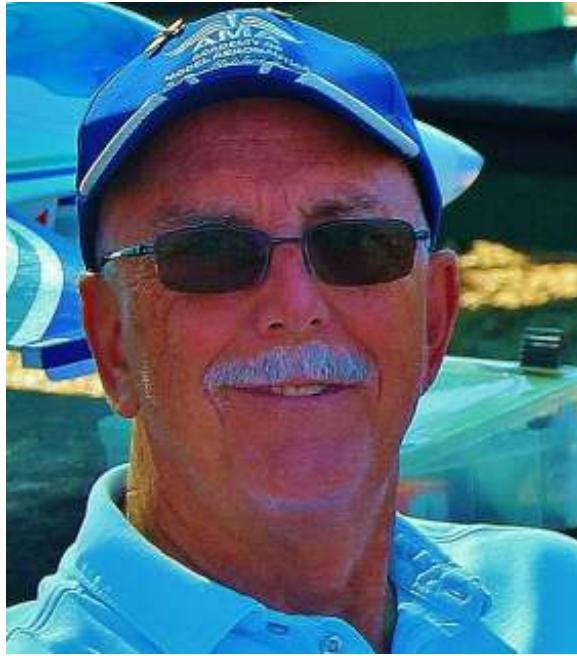
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