

**AMA Charter 141** 

## JUNE 2023 PRESIDENTS COLUMN

**Transmitter** 

**June** 2023

I'm sure most of you have heard by now that we will be able to keep our field until the first part of 2024. This gives us a lot of breathing room to make plans for moving to our new field sometime in 2024. We are waiting for the Valley Center partners to approve and sign a land use agreement to lock in our new site by July 1st.

In the mean time we will be working on some field maintenance, on going mowing and some ideas to improve the poor condition of our runway. A \$5000 expenditure for re-coating the runway for only 9-12 months would not be smart so the idea is to use a power brush to remove the loose coating that keeps flaking off. The surface under the existing top coat doesn't look too bad and is pretty much intact. It should serve us well until we have to move.

As our weather warms up (hopefully soon) our resident snake population will be reappearing. Please be careful and on the alert especially if you walk into weedy areas or poke around under trees and bushes. We have never had a reported snakebite at the field...lets keep it that way.

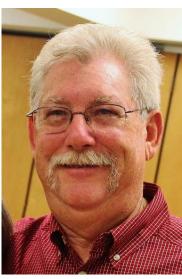
Special kudos to Don Davis and our excellent flight training team who had 11 new students on their first night of training on May 22. Great effort gentlemen.

See you at the field

Joe Villarreal

**President PRCF** 





This and the next six photos were taken by Joe Villarreal.

# Vic Lerum with his new SAB Raw 420

# Your President with the first snake of the season

# A California King snake



# Eric Armstrong with his new Align 700





Tim Hitckcock with his new combat bird on May 28.







# Don White with his T Rex nitro

President Emeritus George Dawe took this photo of a rattler on May 30, 2023!



# May 2023 BOD Minutes Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

# **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

President: Joe Villarreal Vice President: Charles Lewis, Treasurer: David Ellis, Secretary: Patrick Pranica. Safety Officer: Jim Christy

Board members: Charles Riley, Doug Abel, Don Davis, Scott Dedic, Steve Gebler, James Gallacher Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Don Davis, Membership Chairman: Jim Christy. Webmaster: Richard Torres

#### Call to order: May 12, 2023, 6:30 PM Via Zoom.

#### Treasurer's Summary for Month of April 2023

#### Total Income: \$150.00

Big items: (approx.)

\$150 Membership

#### Total Expenses: \$633.26

Big items: (approx.)

\$470 Field Maintenance

Net income: -\$483.26

End of Month Balance: \$125,609.01

#### Membership: 200 active members

Prorated membership dues proposed for all who were waiting for a new field? Unanimou vote. \$150 renewal will be sent to members.

**By law changes:** Tabled for now. June meeting to vote on changes. Will be published Transmitter.

Monday Night Flight Training: Starts May 22? Need more batteries.

Safety: Nothing to report

Field Maintenance:

Mowing...Thanks to Charles, Tim, John, Scott, Larry and Don. We are low on fuel.

Clean off runway: Sat May 20 (before or after meeting?)

Flying Site Assistance: AMA Application available Oct 1, Deadline, Feb 1, 2024. Will help us with the new flying sight.

We need a coordinator to start application process. BOD members have volunteered.

Johnson Field news: Revised leave date: Jan -April 2024 (maybe later)

VC Field update: Land use agreement (revise 10-year plan) to yearly plan.

Certificate of insurance \$80. Possession date, July 1, 2023 check for \$3000 to hold the deal.

**Upcoming Events** 

June 3, Aero Tow June 4, Sunday Trifecta Combat....9:00 June 10, Campout and night flying June 17, Club Meeting

- July 1-4: Club campout/night fly/BBQ on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- Aug-Sept: Heli Fun Fly?

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 PM

# Next Trifecta on June 4, 2023 Sunday at 9 am.

# Learn to Fly Radio Controlled Aicraft FREE!





The Palomar Radio Control Flyers are hosting FREE flight lessons on Mondays from 5PM until sunset. (Weather permitting, May 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>.)

**Register for lessons on our website** 

at: <u>www.palomarrcflyers.com</u>.

We provide the airplanes. So, if you're not sure you want to get into the hobby, don't spend your money on an airplane now. We'll train you on our planes... then, when you get hooked... we'll guide you in the right direction for your first plane, or second... or third...

Palomar Radio Control Flyers is located close to the intersection of I-15 and Route 76 (Pala Road) in Fallbrook. From Interstate 15 go east on Pala Road approximately 1/4 mile to Pankey Road and turn north (left) onto the dirt road to the field.

If you have ever considered becoming an RC pilot, this is your opportunity to learn more about this engaging hobby.





# Learn to fly RC **Free** Pilot Training!

When:
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -July 31 <sup>st</sup>
Monday Evenings
Except Holidays/Rainy Days
Time:5pm to dusk

All equipment will be provided at the field!

Location: Johnson Field - Pankey Road/Hwy 76 (Hwy 76 just east of I-15)







The PT-17 was introduced in 1934.





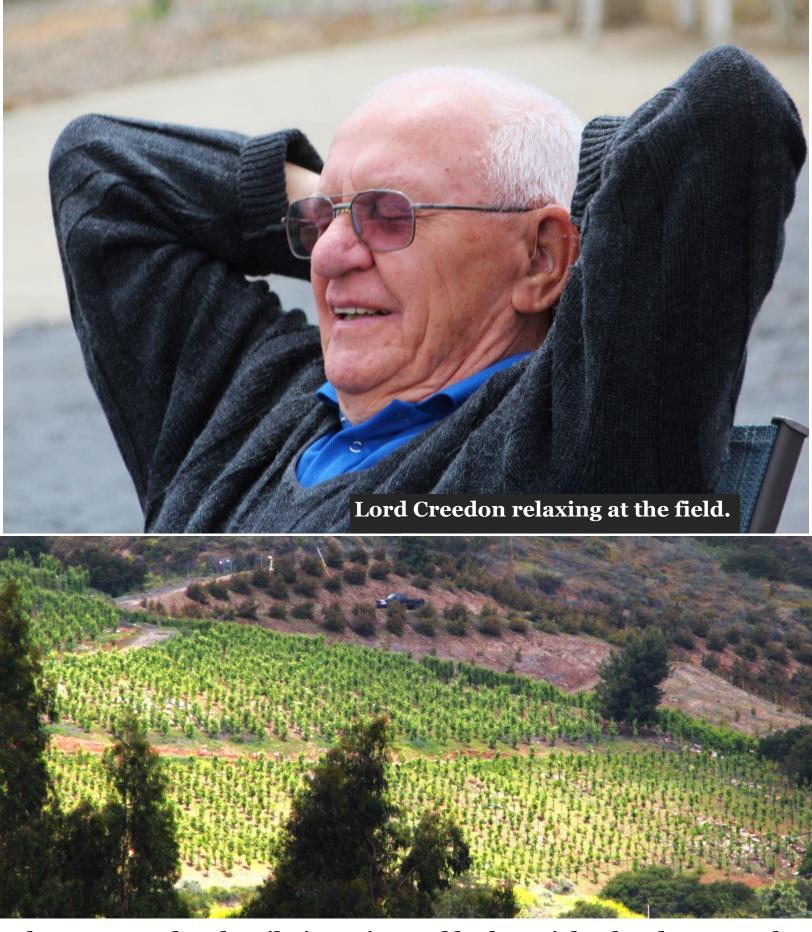






# Beechcraft D-18S from 1937





When you stand at the pilot's station and look straight ahead, you see the planted hillside. On this overcast day, the sun broke thru and shone like a spotlight on this area.



This is the date inscribed in cement at the field when it was poured. However, according to president emeritus George Dawe, pictured below, who was there at the time, we flew at our field a year prior to this date, We are going to be at our field until sometime in 2024, which means we shall have enjoyed a quarter of a century of flying at our field! The Papas Corporation that gives us the use of this premier flying site can't be thanked enough!



# **Steve Nelson**

TIGER'S REVENCE

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Miles Padberg's P-51 landing

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President emeritus Bill Hill flew George Dawe's Albatross DV.



Mandatory photo of James Gallacher doing what he loves!





President Joe Villarreal, Tim Hitchcock, Brandon Liesemeyer, William Taft, Chuck Riley. All Trifecta photos by Steve Gebler except last photo of our president

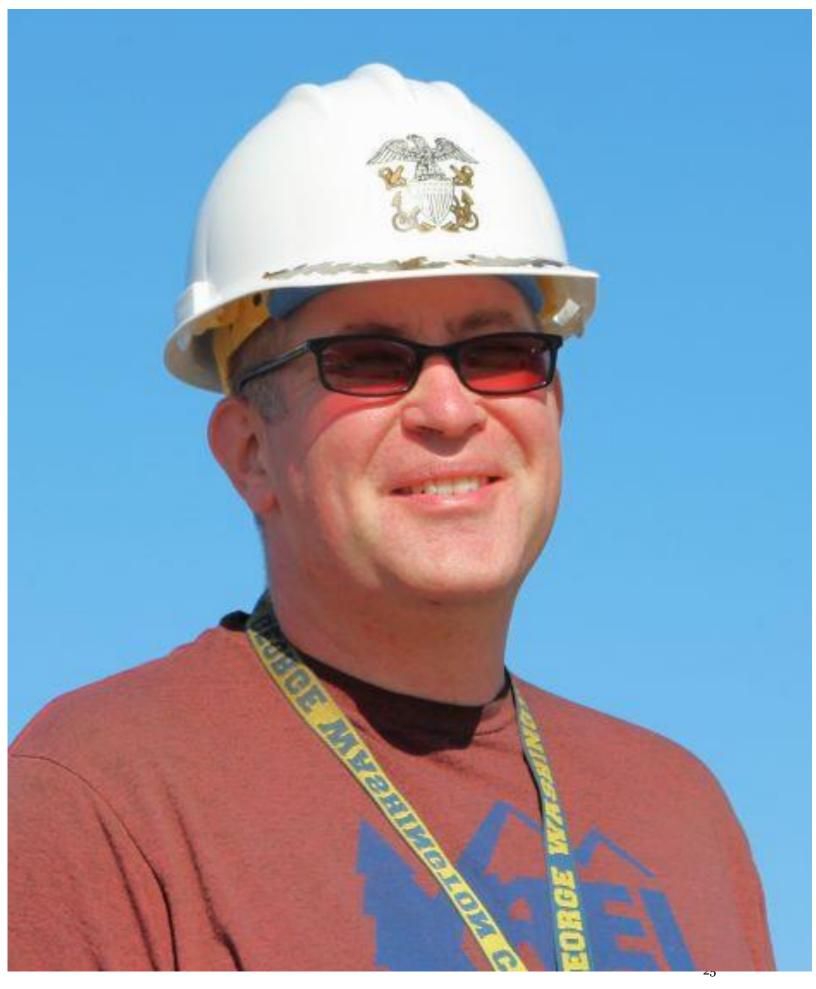




Think of the story behind Brandon Liesemeyer's plane!



Trifecta winners: L/R Chuck Riley second; William Taft first; Tim Hitchcock third



Trifecta winner was William Taft. (Buko photo)

Elise Schneider earned her wings as a flying member of the club! Congrats to her and to her friend Tim Dougherty who helped along the way. Don Davis presented the certificate to fly!



**Roger Cosio with his Model-of-the Month plaque for May 2023.** 



Roger Cosio won Model-of-the-Month with his old timer freeflight with R/C assist.



Photos of club meeting by Steve Gebler

Leading the May club meeting was President Joe Villarreal.

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There is an expression about the weather in these parts which says:

"May gray; June gloom; July fry." May more than lived up to its name for gray, overcast weather. I am not the only one who does ot appreciate flying in heavy overcast. Consequently, I flew only a few times during May and so visited the field infrequently. I showed up but the white/gray background to fly against wasn't pleasant. Thus the Transmitter reflects this by its shortness.

# **Editor**

# Joe Buko

"When I was a boy - probably about 10 or 11 - a small municipal airport offered plane rides around the town I grew up in." You'd show up, pay for your ticket, and then get about 10 minutes in the air to see the sights.

A friend and I decided to take advantage of the offer. We were strapped into the small plane (a Cessna or something like that) and taxied out to the runway. As we lined up on the runway, the pilot asked both of us "Either of you been in an airplane before?" We both shook our heads, NO!

The pilot pushed the throttle forward and said, 'Me neither.'"

{From the internet}



President Emeritus Varley Longson's excellent P-40 Warhawk.<sup>28</sup>



Your editor's DC-3 was painted by Patrick Pranica– 1937 version of the Flagship Detroit restored in 2014 to flight status.



Jim Gallacher's Fiesler Storch flew into the ether! May she rest in pieces!









# John Cutler's excellent 1/4 scale Nieuport 28.



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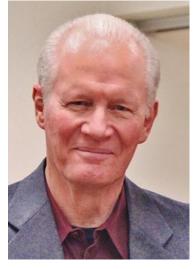
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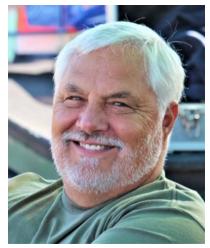
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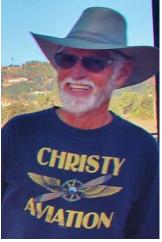
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