



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter



December 2017

AMA Charter 141

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN-Bill Hill



The Holiday season is upon us. It seems like it hit suddenly and I find myself confronted with the impending Christmas season before I've had time to fully give "Thanks". The end of the year is rapidly approaching; the new club officers and board members have been determined, we're preparing for the Christmas banquet on December 16th, and the last combat of the year will be just next weekend on Sunday December 3rd. I'm reflecting back on all that's happened this year and even though it seems like we haven't been that busy, there's a lot to be thankful for.

I need to say thanks to the club officers and board members who had my back this year and made my job a little easier. A special thanks to Sean O'Connor who after 5 years of service will be stepping down next year as club treasurer. I need to recognize Steve Gebler who has done an incredible amount of work on behalf of the club, thank you, Steve. Thanks to Scott Dedic for stepping up and fulfilling the Heli chairmen's position and creating the "Heliween Fun Fly". Steve Kerrin has been working hard assuming the membership chairmen's position and we need to thank Steve again for his work on the club's charging station. I be amiss if I didn't mention Joe Villarreal and his wife Barbra, they've been a great help.

We had a great time at the November meeting and the annual club auction. Two members that must be recognized for their contributions are Tom Johnston and Victor Lanz, both donated a valuable collection of models and accessories to be auctioned. Thanks to all the other members who donated and participated, the club raised just under \$1800, this may be a record for the auction!

I was saddened this year by the loss of Chuck Micheli and want to say thanks to his wife Melody. Melody took care of the club meeting snacks for countless years at least back to 2012 and I think longer. I'll miss Chuck, and my heart goes out to Melody, I wish you the best.

Thanks to all of you, the members of Palomar RC Flyers, for all your help and support, it's been an honor to serve.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday season, Bill Hill

Editor's comment: *The Michelis have been providing snacks for 30+ years!*

Palomar RC Flyers, Inc.

Christmas Dinner

Sat. Dec. 16, 2017 @ 7PM

Tickets: \$20.

Contact Joe or Barbara Villarreal

760-390-1470

*Place: At our monthly club meeting
room in San Marcos.*

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900 on Thursday November 16, 2017.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as published in the Transmitter (motion passed).

Treasure's Report:__ Treasurer O'Conner reported a checkbook balance of \$71,127.94.

Club Business:

After a very brief business meeting, last call for ballots was made. Ballots would be accepted until the meeting break. Bill Hill and Steve Gebler discussed the auction which had two new features: a silent auction for some very nice models generously donated by Victor Lanz and a raffle for several other items present.

At the break, the new officers and board members were announced:

President: Steve Gebler

Vice President: Steve Kerrin

Secretary: Patric Pranica

Treasurer: Chuck Riley

Directors:

Chris Avellino

Scott Dedic

David Drowns

Jim Gallacher

Chris Thompson

Joe Villarreal

Chris Wilson

The auction then resumed and continued until the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Kerrin, Secretary

Palomar RC Flyers Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM, Adjourned at 8:30

Attendants: Patrick Pranica, Chuck Riley, James Gallacher, Sean O'Connor, Steve Gebler, William Hill, Scott Dedic

Final board meeting of the year. Treasury reported \$68.219

Discussions:

November Auction Planning. Predicted to be a big gathering. Discussed the Victor Lance airplane donation.

Holiday Party Status. Same as last year's set up.

Heli Fun Fly for 2018. Scott Dedic will chair May 18 to 20.

Meeting room rentals for next year. TBD (to be decided) for new board

Membership drive discussions, including Drones and STEM. (Science, technology, engineering, math)

Combat on Dec 3rd the last for 2017, all electric next year.

No Board meeting for December restart January 10, 2018

There were no motions or hard action items except for cutting the December board meeting. Steve Gebler overviewed the latest information on the new field search. All is pending.

Sean O'Conner presented his last BOD treasury summation.

Bill Hill thanked the board for their unending support throughout the year.

The attending members thanked Bill Hill for his extraordinary service to the club.

Meeting Notes taken by: Patrick Pranica for Steve Kerrin

For two decades, they have gathered in a big, mostly vacant field in **Fallbrook**, drawn together by their love for -- some would say obsession with -- radio-controlled airplanes and helicopters. In blissful isolation from the residential neighborhoods and retail centers miles away, members of the Palomar Radio Controlled Flyers club have enjoyed building, repairing and flying their somewhat pricey and noisy aircraft without annoying anyone. Because there hasn't been anyone around.

That's about to change.



“Within a 1.1-mile radius, 1,100 homes are going in and right past that tree line is where Palomar College is building a new campus,” said Steve Gebler, the incoming president of the club.

He speculated that, in a few years, the site where the 200-member club now gathers could be the future home of a McDonald's or a Mervyn's, or even a car wash. Maybe all three.

The property sits in the northeast corner of the intersection of state Route 76 and Interstate 15. Its remote location allows members to fly without concern of hitting

Palomar Radio Control Flyers Club members Chris Avellino and Curtis Pineau team up as they prep this Laser 230 airplane for flight during a session at the club's Fallbrook facility. (Don Boomer / Don Boomer)

anybody or annoying anyone with the whining and buzzing the aircraft create as they take off and land on the 600-foot-long runway.

Gebler and current club president Bill Hill said even though the property is not currently slated for development, there is little doubt that will soon change. Land surveyors and engineers have been seen on the property recently. And before that happens, they said, some homes in a nearby development under construction now called Horse Creek Ranch will soon be occupied.

“In two years, those people are going to be complaining, and once that starts, we're going to be shut down,” Gebler said.

Nearly a decade ago, the county approved three big housing developments for the area, known for years as the “Three Ps,” but it wasn't until recently, with the revitalization of the economy, that construction has begun.

The 90 acres the club uses is on private land owned by a development company based in Sacramento. The club has insurance that protects the owner from liability and in return the hobbyists' presence has been an effective deterrent to trespassers who in past decades would dump trash there.

For some time now, Hill and Gebler have been looking for somewhere suitable to relocate the club's flying field. A privately owned piece of property would be best. So far, they've had no luck. That's unsettling for the men; flying the small planes is a big part of their lives.

A retired BMW mechanic, Hill has been the president of the club for the past eight years. He has no idea how many planes he owns — perhaps 100, he guesses. He admits he's obsessed, like many of the club's members.

"My garage is filled with airplanes," said Hill, 70, of Escondido. "My attic is filled with airplanes. And I'm still building. I've got a few planes in the works right now."

"Everybody has a different interest," Gebler said. "Some people like to design the airplanes. Some guys just like to build them. Other guys want to fly them and that's all they want to do. And all of us love to repair them."

One of those who loves flying them the most is Eric Armstrong, a banking and finance industry head hunter, who one recent morning was performing advanced tricks with his 60-inch Extreme Flight Extra 300 plane.

"For me, it's therapeutic," he said. "Day-to-day life stuff is a grind. This is therapy for me. It is a challenge to master some of these (flying tricks). There is a sense of accomplishment when you can get better at a craft."

Armstrong flies for hours most every weekend morning at the field, something he said his wife fully supports. Several members said the time consumed by the hobby is similar to time spent by golfers on the links, and though the sport isn't cheap, it costs less than a regular golf addiction.

"My wife sent me an article the other day with a note that said, 'Keep Flying'," Armstrong said. "The article said the one common thread between all these (mass) shooters is none of them had a hobby and they had no associations. They were all kind of loner people. She said keep flying, you're on edge all the time when you're not."

Hill has been involved in the hobby since he was 28 years old. He was looking for something to do with his father to take his Dad's mind off the recent loss of his wife, Hill's mother. They briefly flew model planes at Torrey Pines, but his father quickly crashed two and decided it wasn't for him. "He never got into it, but I got way into it," Hill said. "I just got hooked."

Hill said the club is important to him for many reasons.

"There are a lot of ways you can spend your time," Hill said. "But I think probably for me one of the most important things is the camaraderie. I don't know where else I would go to meet guys of such a high caliber. It's a wonderful group of guys. Just top-notch."

Gebler said members of the club are very passionate.

"You've heard talk about the opioid addiction that's going on right now? You ain't seen nothing until you've seen guys flying airplanes."

The Palomar R/C Flying Club has existed since the 1950s and today is populated by a diverse group of people, almost all men, who come from every walk of life. Most live in San Diego's North County or Riverside County, but some come from elsewhere. High-powered business executives, former mechanics, ex-fighter pilots and others interact daily at the field, drawn together by the various components of their singular hobby.

The search for a new home has led Hill and Gebler to unsuccessful talks with government agencies who appear to have little interest in providing a flying area.

It was once hoped that the creation of the San Luis Rey River Park, a long-planned, miles-long park along the banks of the San Luis Rey River not far from the current location might be a possibility. At one time, a flying field was in the master plan of the park, but the area where it was to be located was obliterated when Caltrans recently realigned and widened Highway 76. The field has been taken out of the master plan and won't be coming back, they've been told.

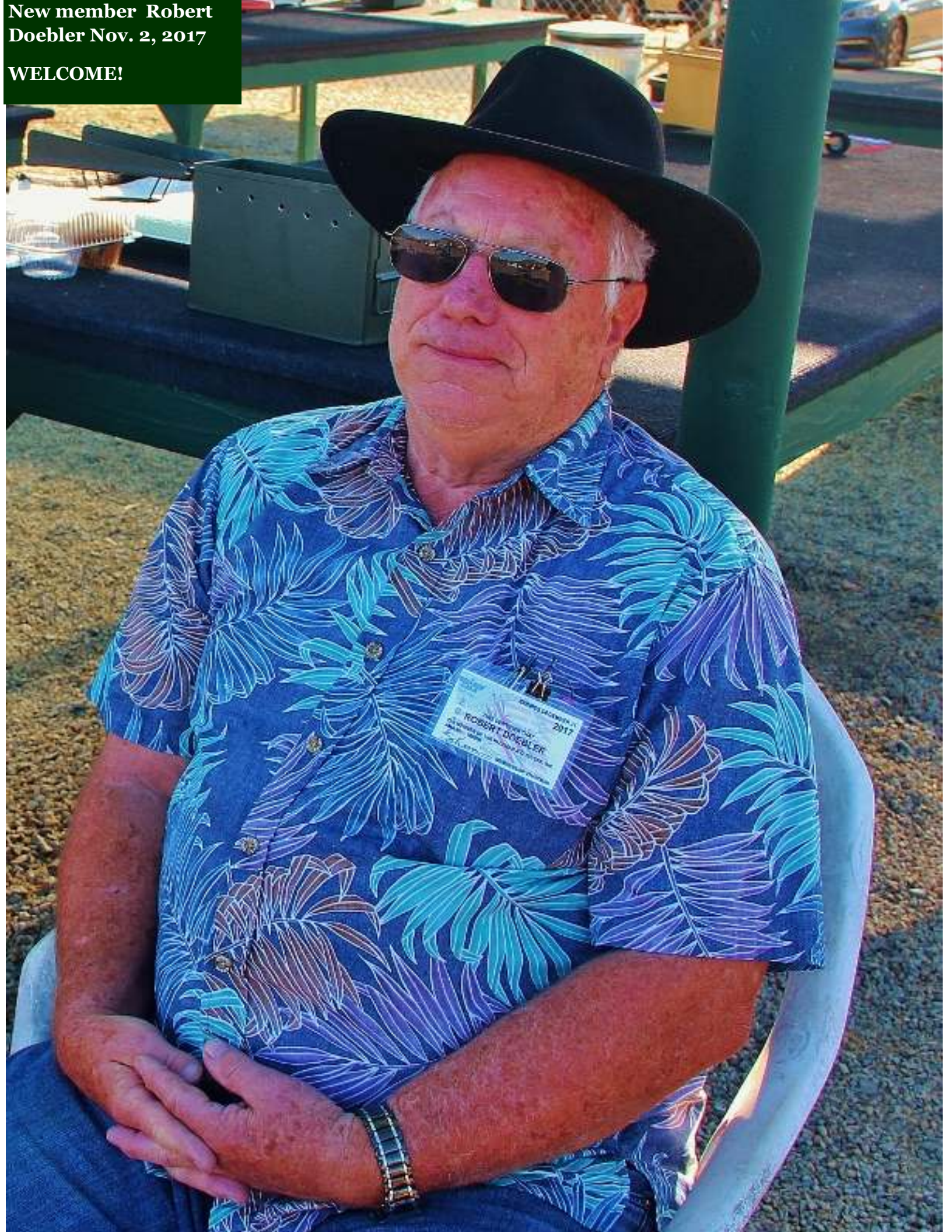
Gebler asks anyone who might have suggestions on a new location to give him a call at (760) 487-8723.

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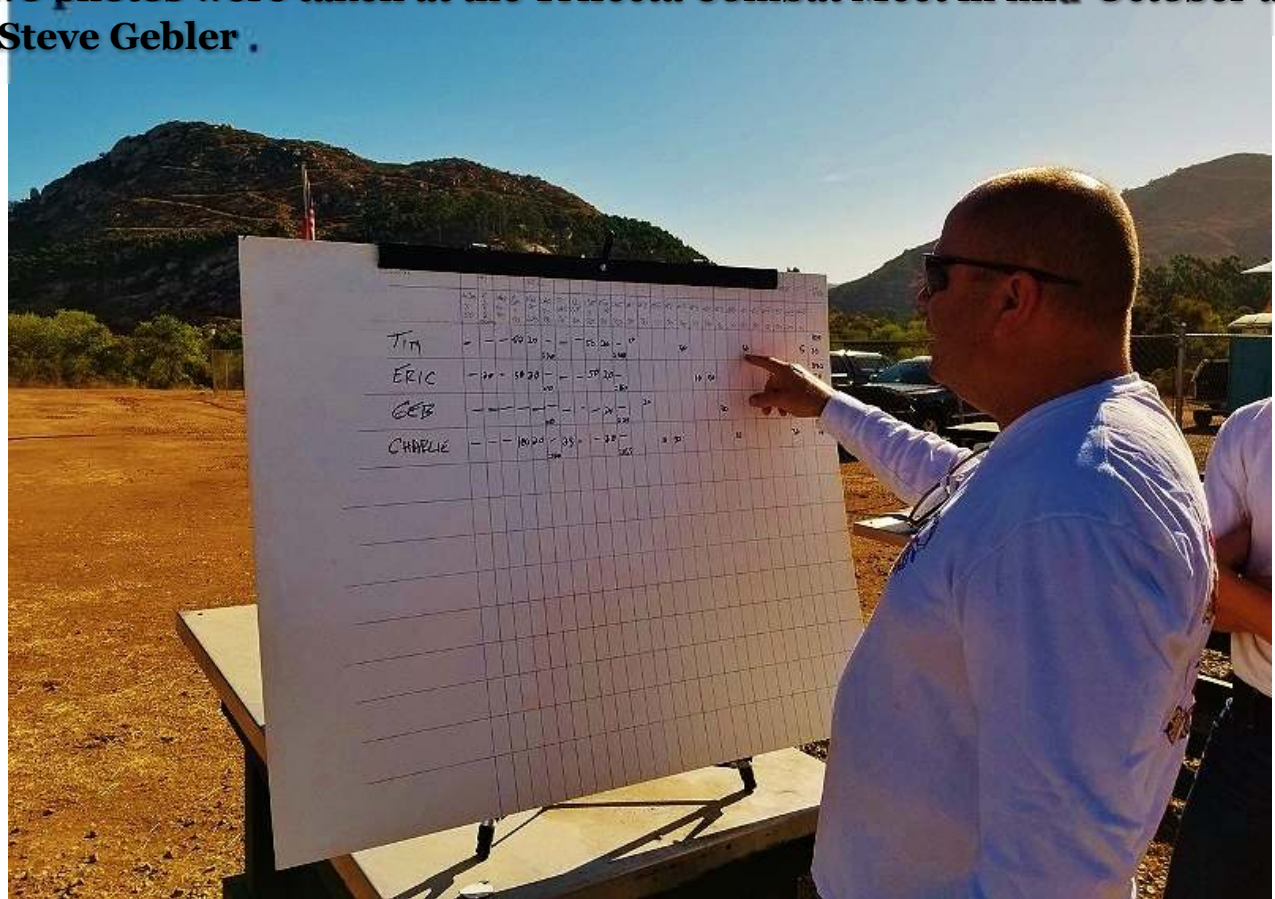


My son Scott and I went slope soaring for the first time in a 20 mile an hour wind. \$66. dollar foam plane mastered the slopes. This was in Greer Arizona, elevation

New member Robert
Doebler Nov. 2, 2017
WELCOME!



These two photos were taken at the Trifecta Combat Meet in mid-October and initiated by Steve Gebler .



Steve Gebler IV

Eric Armstrong



The Patriots @ the Mira Mar Airshow



Greg Wilson, Patrick Pranic, James Gallacher, Lord Creedon, Mike Lonnecker, James D'Eliseo

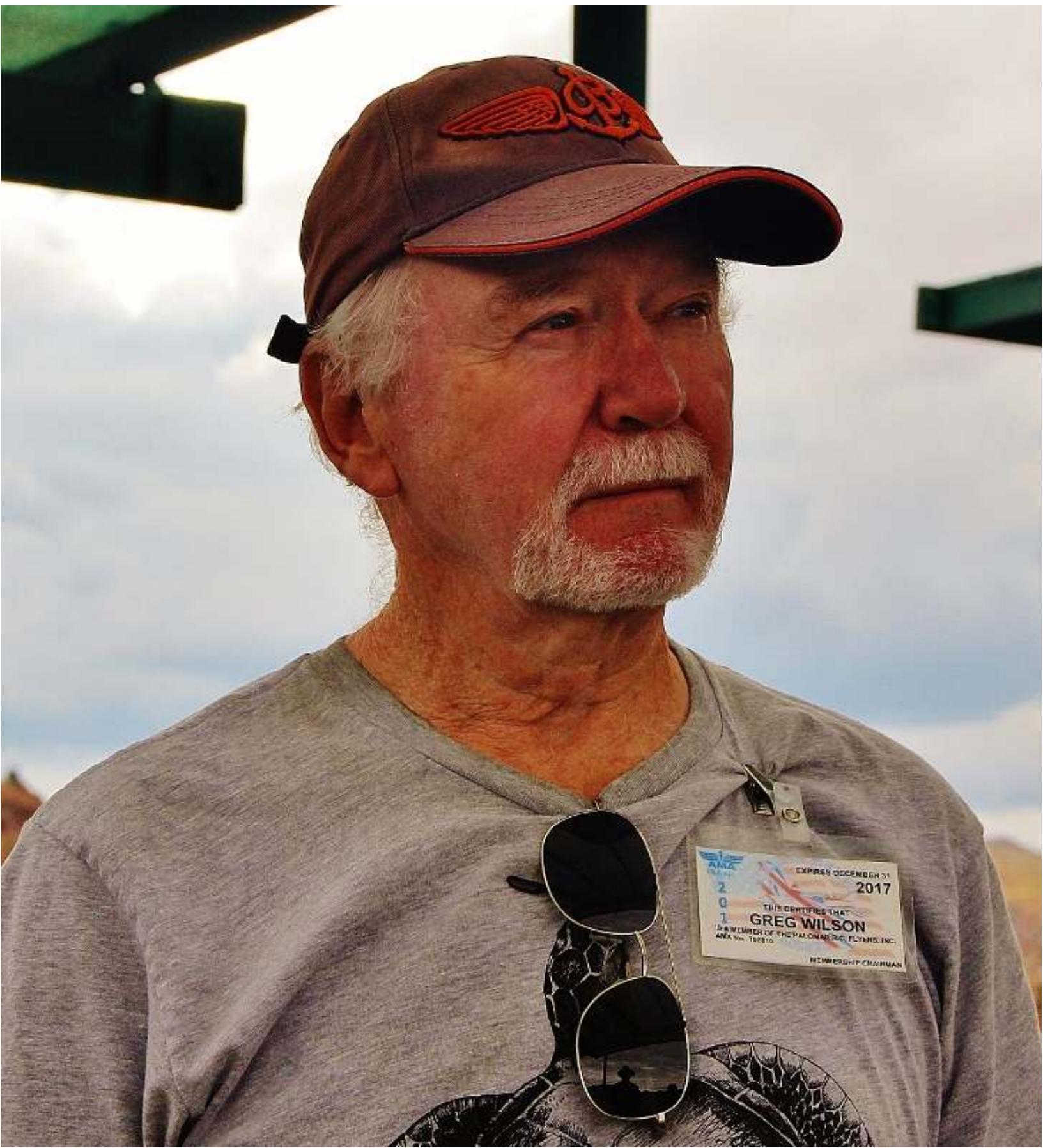




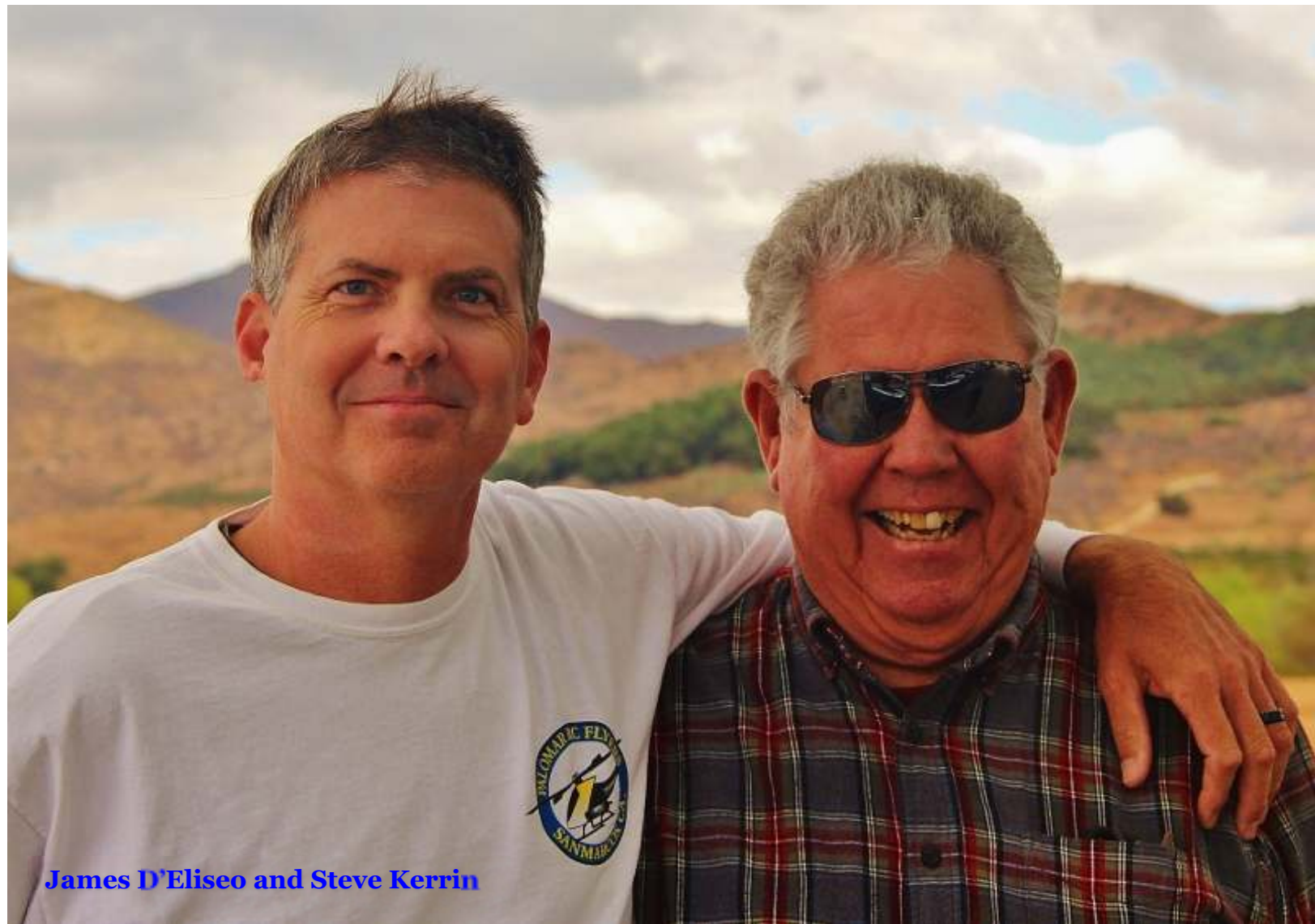
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A Sikorsky Sky Crane with a nozzle to suck up water to fight fires in the L.A. area taken in mid-October.



The B-29 is part of the Air Museum at March AFB in Perris, CA and Patrick Pratica was indeed there. The answer is it's a real photo, but it could have easily been faked.



James D'Eliseo and Steve Kerrin



Greg Wilson



James D'Eliseo

James Gallacher



Tom Minegar and John Cutler

James Gallacher



Lord Creedon Hey Steve Kallam– Here is what handsome looks like!



Heli pilot and new board member Chris Wilson enjoyed flying his fixed wing.



James D'Eliseo and Sam Terry, a new member— WELCOME!



Richard Torres was caught on camera at the precise moment when he was chosen to pose for the Union Tribune article. He was quite taken that out of our 200+ members, his face was deemed most handsome. There— take that Steve Kallam! Jennifer agrees with their choice of photographic subjects.





The top photo was taken on Nov. 7 and the bottom on Nov. 8, 2017. Fall and winter are when the most colorful sunsets come to San Diego County.

Patrick Pratica and his PT-17 from E-Flite. Notice the Polish marking on the front side of the fuselage. It's the emblem of red/white squares.

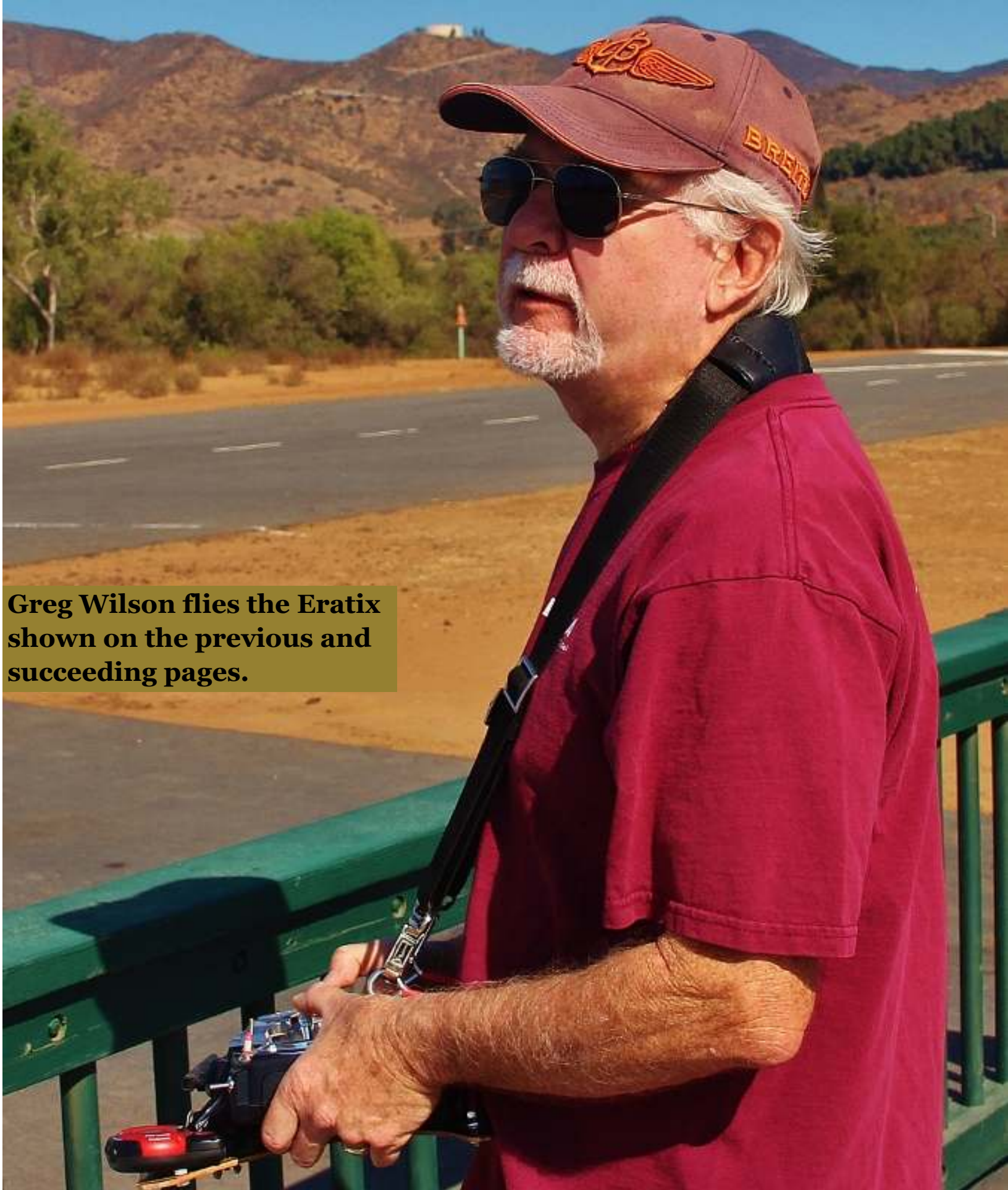






Tom Minegar and John Clark





Greg Wilson flies the Eratix shown on the previous and succeeding pages.





Ian MacGlaughlin



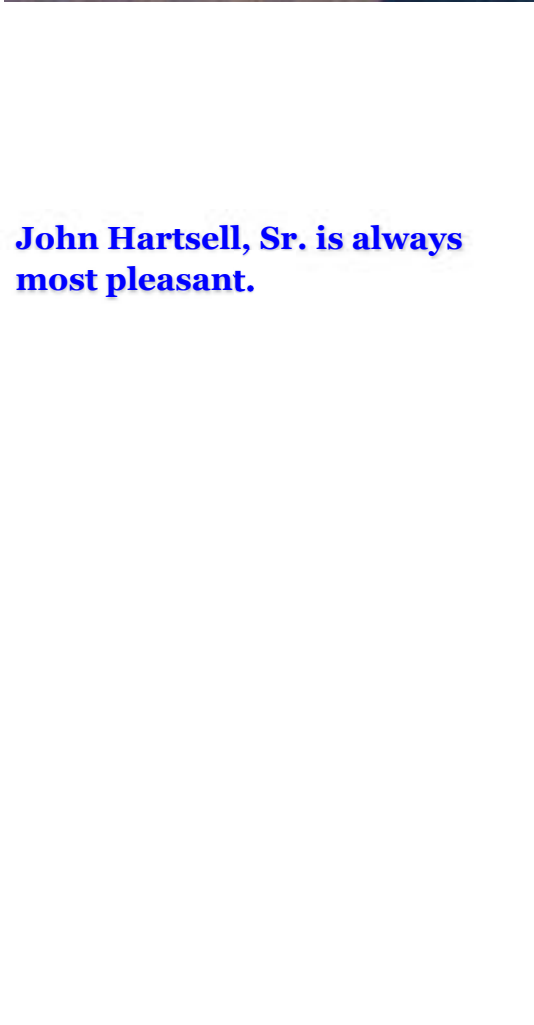
Why show this?

This is what our aluminum clad tables look like after our glo-engines dump on them. We thought that if you see them up close, we “glowers” might have a change of heart and clean them. They are filthy and revolting! Who is going to clean them? Our request is simple. Act responsibly and clean up after yourself. Thank you for your kind cooperation which we expect. I cleaned the bottom table and that’s what all tables are supposed to look like. Right?





Ron Madison



John Hartsell, Sr. is always most pleasant.

Roger Cosio and his "Piece O'Cake" an old time free flight converted to r/c assist. It 'sorta' flies.



Brian Otto





James D'Eliseo the best pilot!



Tim and daughter Kelly Daugherty and Pickles. Tim is a new club member, and flew B-47's and B-52's. Welcome!

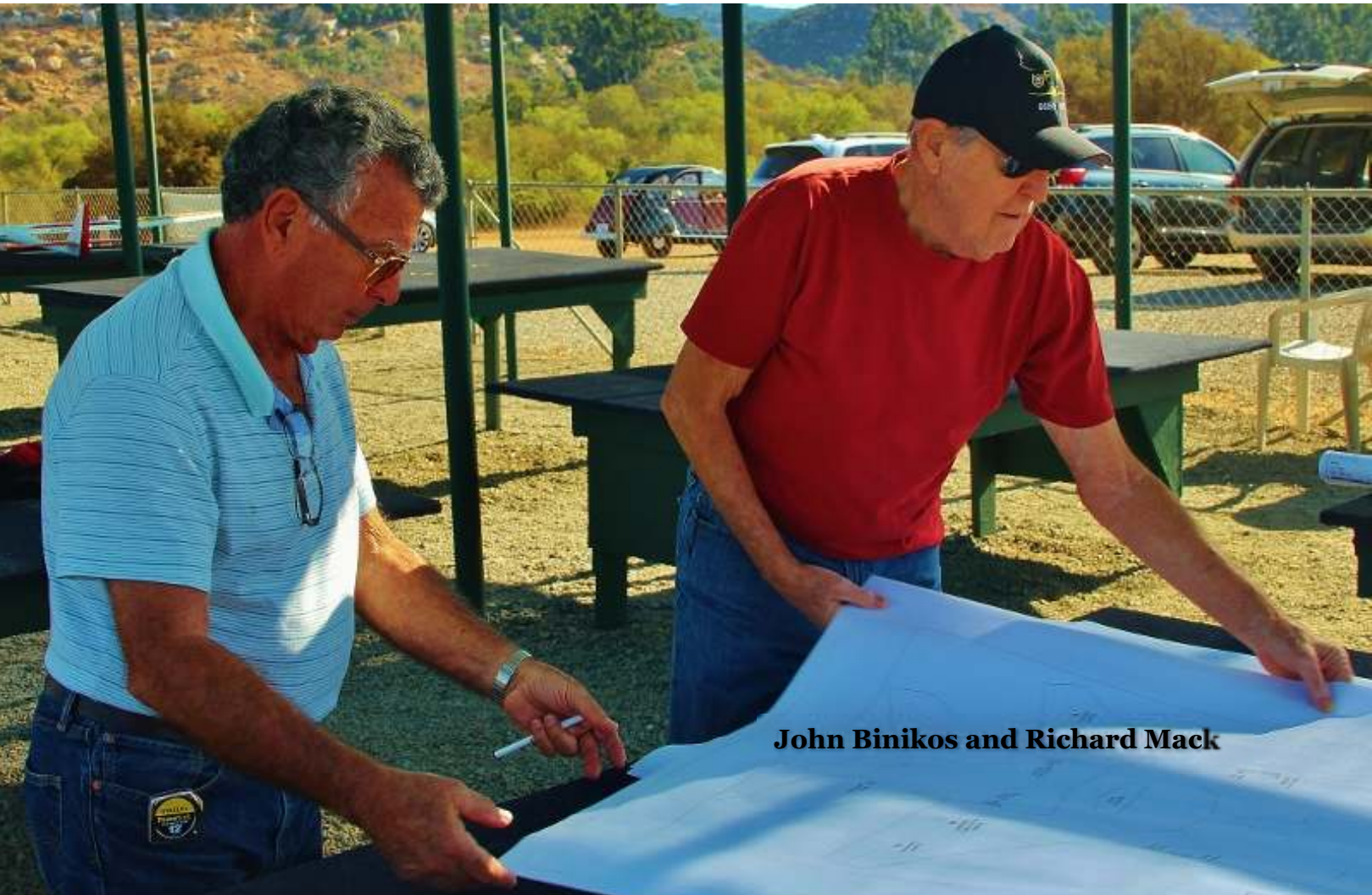




Just finished my RC Mini Pietenpol. Built from poster board and painted with Rustolium. Flitetest.com sure makes fun kits. First flight on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017. Flew well. Patrick Pranica







John Binikos and Richard Mack

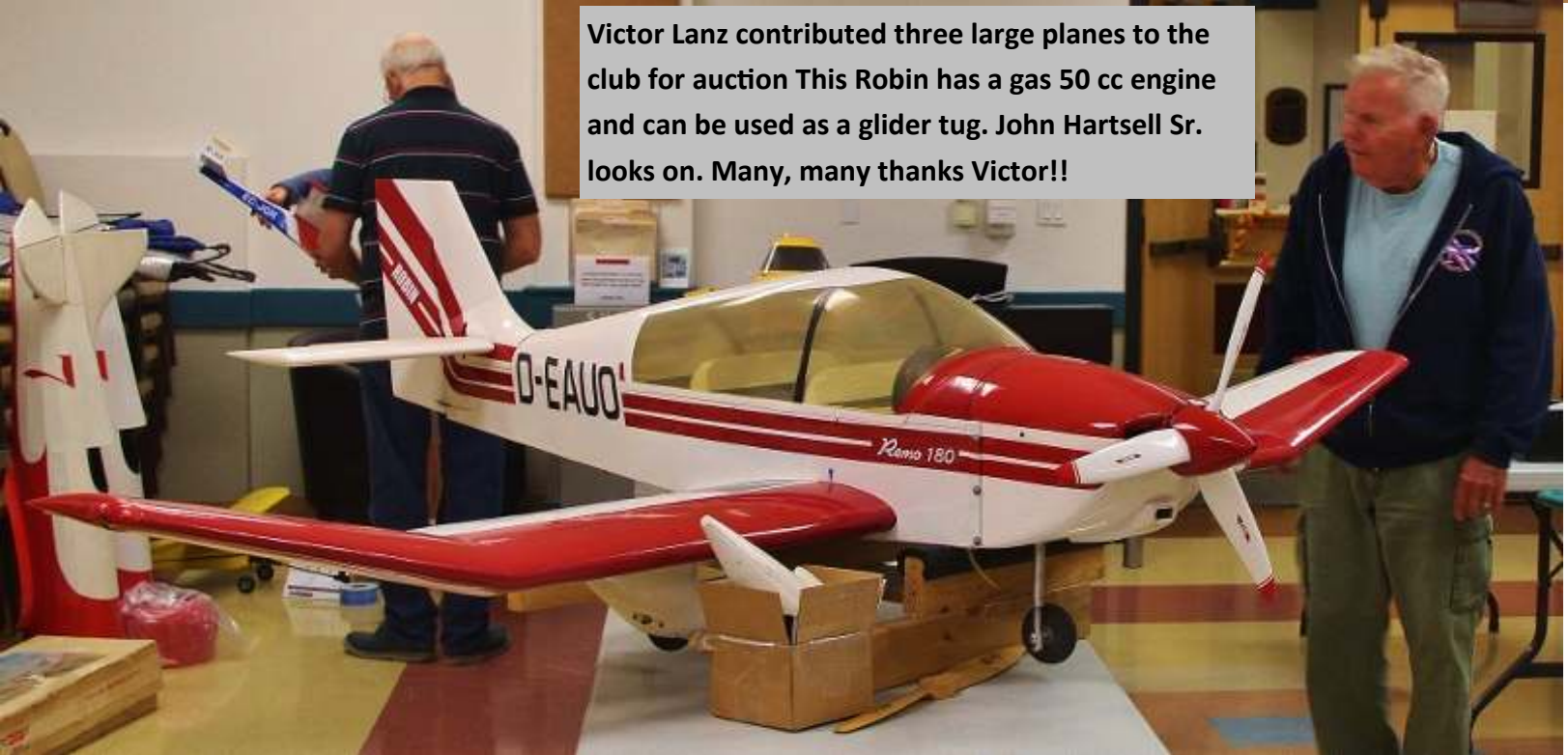


Annual Club Auction and November 16, 2017

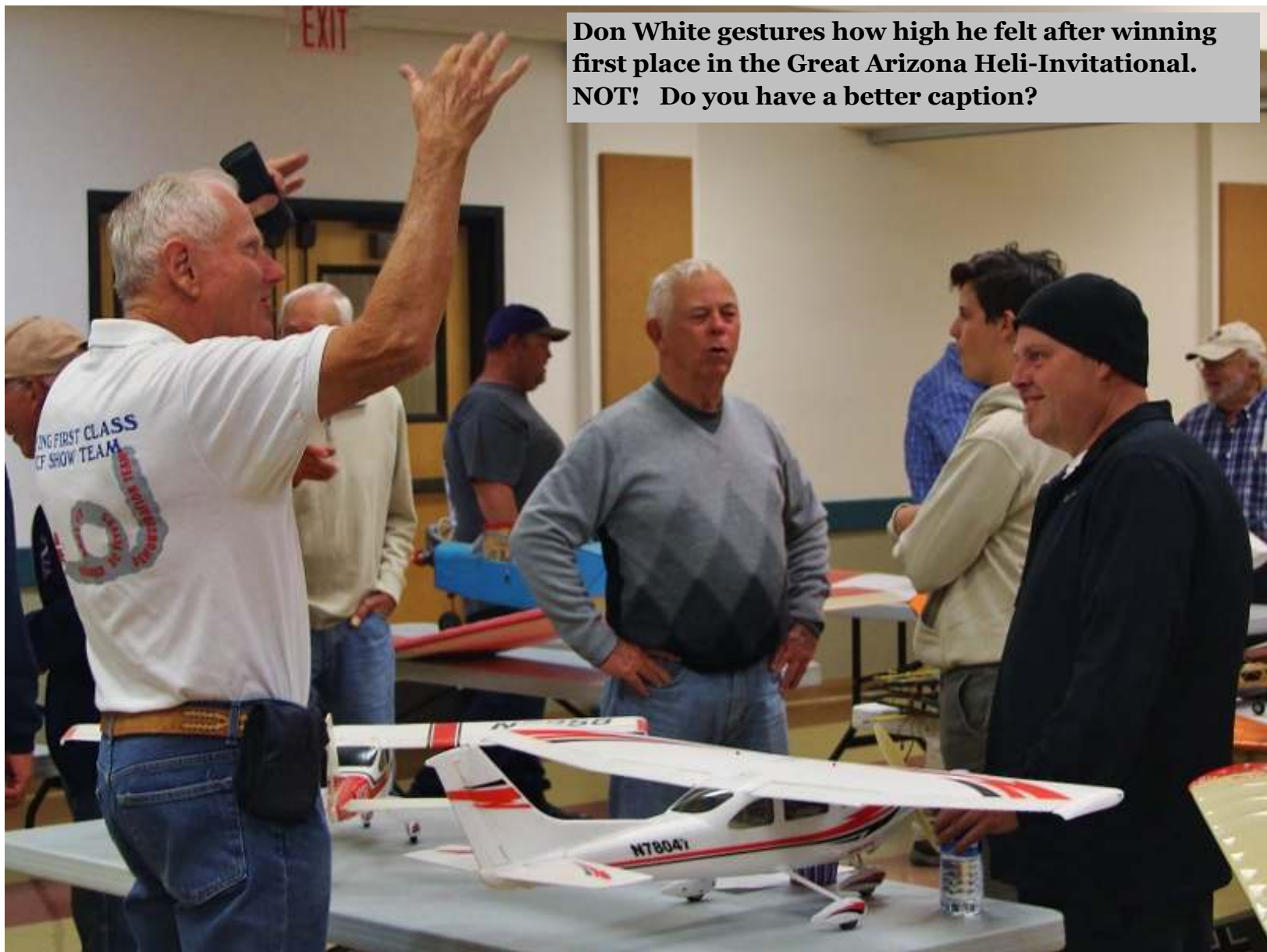
Membership meeting



Victor Lanz contributed three large planes to the club for auction This Robin has a gas 50 cc engine and can be used as a glider tug. John Hartsell Sr. looks on. Many, many thanks Victor!!



Don White gestures how high he felt after winning first place in the Great Arizona Heli-Invitational. NOT! Do you have a better caption?



Steve Kallam poses well, don't you think? The left photo is better.





These were the planes brought for our annual auction to benefit the club.



Roger Cosio and his free advertising for Krispy Kreme.



Chris Thompson and Roger Cosio.





Most of the 2018 Officers and Board. President Steve Gebler, V.P. Steve Kerrin, Treasurer Chuck Riley, Secretary Patrick Pranica. L/R Chuck R, Joe Villarreal, Chris Thompson, Chris Avellino, Patrick Pranica, Steve Gebler, Jim Gallacher, Steve Kerrin, David drowns. Chris Wilson's photo is on the following page.



Charles Micheli and his wife Melody provided the snacks for our club meeting for 30+ years! This was a small token of our esteem for him.



Welcome to new board member Chris Wilson!

President Bill Hill did a great job as auctioneer for our annual club auction. He is presenting a new SSC combat plane for sale.







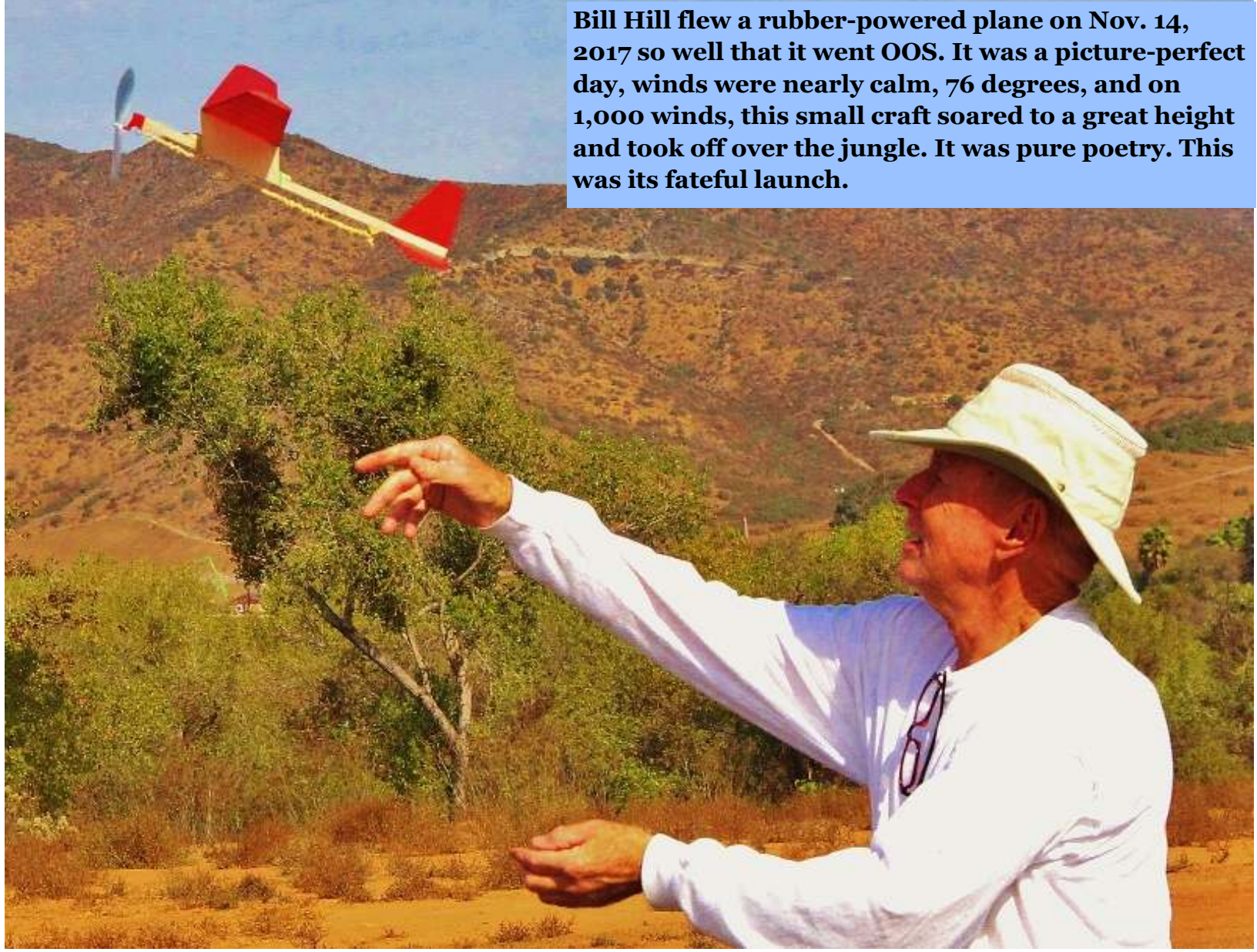
Marv Clements brought this “bare bones plane” for auction.

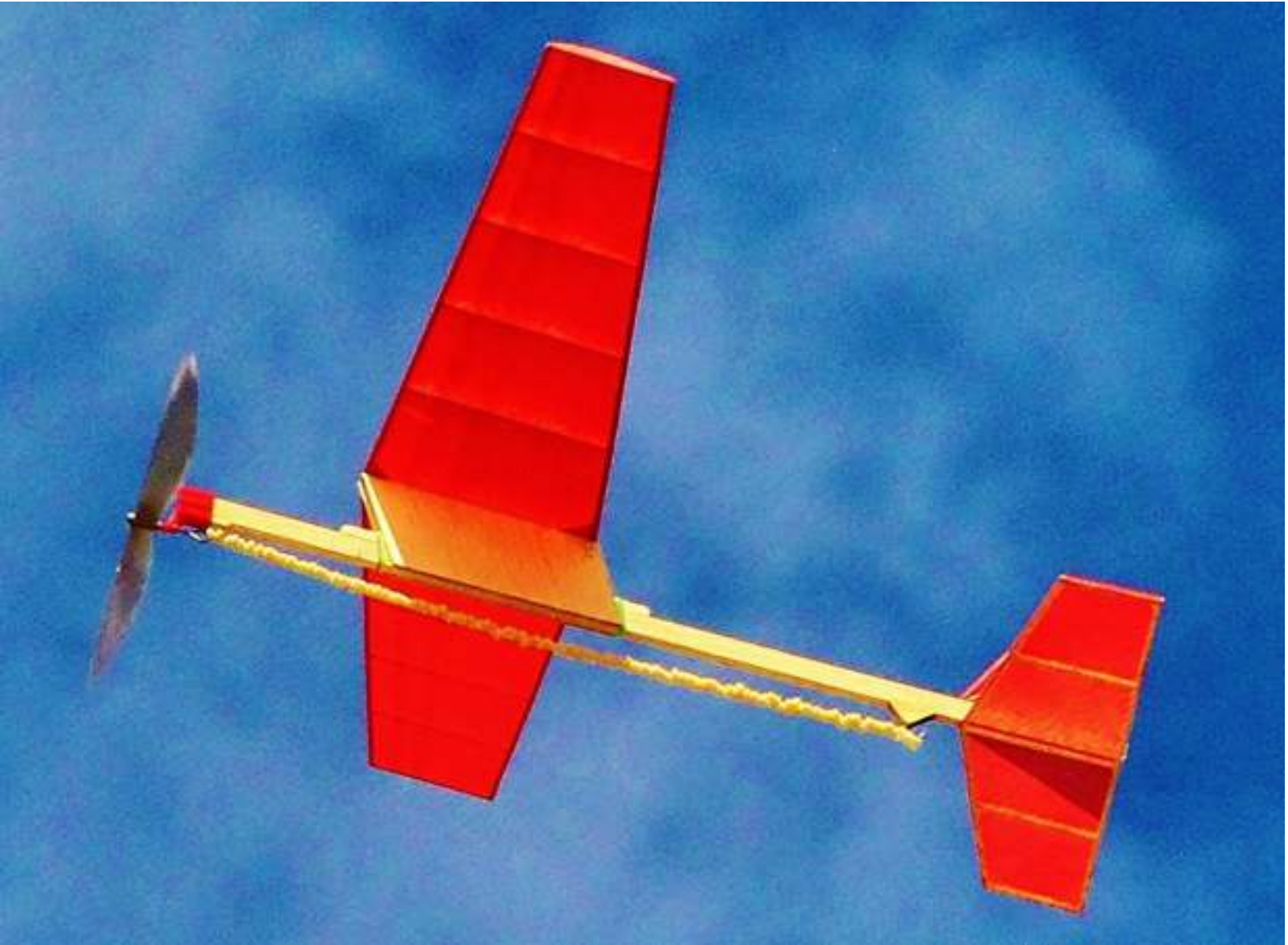


El Presidente
Bill Hill



Bill Hill flew a rubber-powered plane on Nov. 14, 2017 so well that it went OOS. It was a picture-perfect day, winds were nearly calm, 76 degrees, and on 1,000 winds, this small craft soared to a great height and took off over the jungle. It was pure poetry. This was its fateful launch.





OOS= out of sight

AS SEEN AT THE FIELD



Alan Wolstenholme has a new Bearcat that he built from a Royal kit. It has a 62 in. wingspan and weighs 11 lbs. It is powered by an OS-95 AX glow engine running a 3-blade 14 x 7 prop. It has E-flite electric retracts and Century Jet struts. It is covered with Solartex and painted.



Varley Longson has a new Vanquish pattern plane with a 48 in. wingspan from Extreme Flight. It has a Torque electric motor, 45 amp ESC, and 4S battery 3600 mAh.



John Cutler has a new MXS from Extreme Flight. The wingspan is 83 in. It is powered by a DA-35cc gas engine with a 20 x 9 prop. Weight is 12 lbs.



Larry Stainbrook is flying this Hobby Star 60 from Hobbico. It has a wingspan of 72 in. It is powered by a Saito 91 four-stroke glow engine running @ 14 x 6 prop. It weighs 7 lbs. 4 oz. The nose gear has a spring installed for softer landing of tri-gear. The fuselage has been cut just behind the wing so it can be unbolted and separated for transporting.



Ron and son Andy Schuyler. The one with hair is Andy!

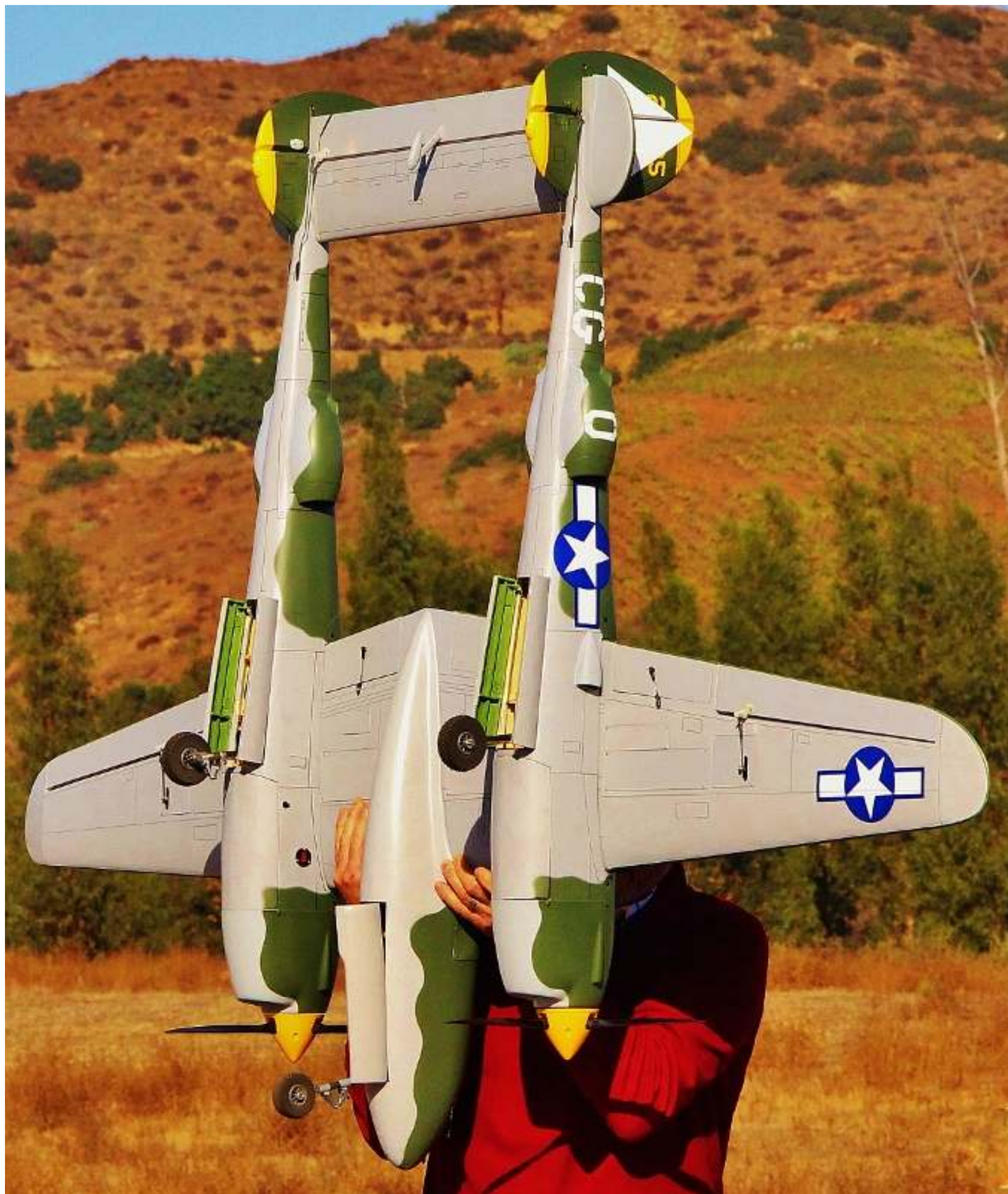


Dave Swaffer and his awesome built-up P-38 Lightning. It has 17 servos, weighs 26 lbs. and flies beautifully! Well done! An extraordinary airplane.





L/R Dave Swaffer, John Cutler, President Emeritus Varley Longson, Tom Minegar



Triple WOW!

Dave Swaffer and Treasurer Sean O'Connor



This is John Cutler's plane with the head of the Terminator as pilot.

Frank's Japanese fighter



Roy DeMille, Bill DeMore, Frank

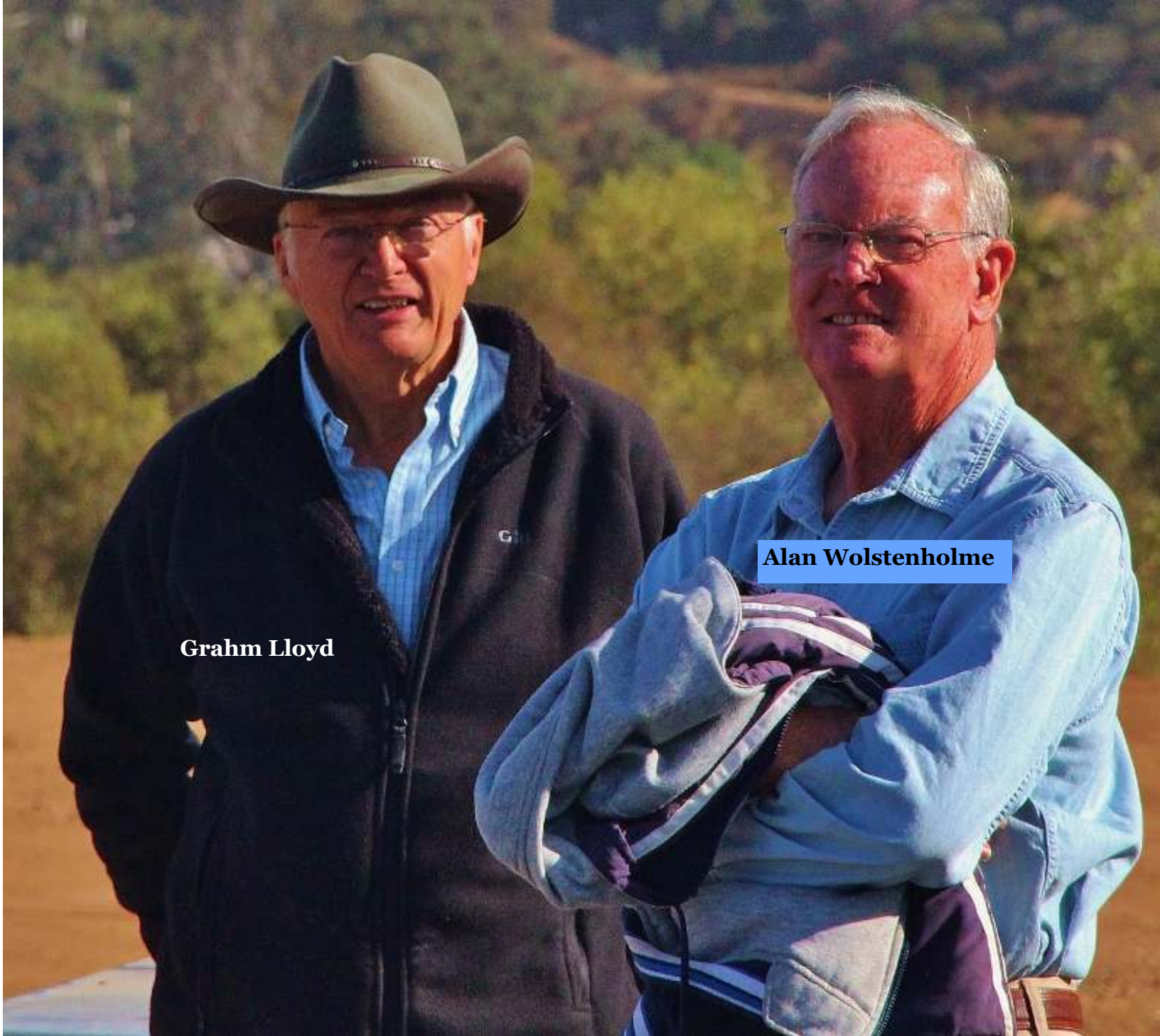


Tom Minegar's giant Kloud King



Drive quickly and we make dust clouds.





Grahm Lloyd

Alan Wolstenholme





This is a photo of Troy Malone and his 12 year old son Jamis (correct spelling) from the Bay area. They were visiting family in our area during Thanksgiving week school break and joined us at the field for a couple of days flying both a small electric and a PAU Viper powered by a DA 120. They are both very good 3-D pilots and at 12, Jamis will have the likes of Charlie, James, and Chris looking over their shoulders. Hope to have video on the website at some point. An impressive young talent.

Steve Kerrin

Don "Heli" White and David Lester "Chillin like a villan." This and the next 5 photos by Heli Chairman, Scott Dedic.



Jeremy Schneider finishes a flight.



Jay Wooten standing his Protos 800 on its tail. This is a **large** heli.



Don "Heli" White walking back to the pits after a successful flight of his nitro T Rex 700.



Jay Wooten and his Protos 800

Jeremy Schneider's 3 blade Fast Devil 380 TBR



I spoke with Bill Hill this weekend at your field regarding our upcoming 6th Annual Desert Warbirds event, sponsored by the Coachella Valley RC Club, and benefiting our wounded veterans through the Wounded Warriors Project and Rebuilding America's Warriors (RAW). The event is January 13-14, 2018 (the weekend after the AMA Expo). I posted a flyer at the field, but Bill suggested I forward a pdf copy of the flyer to you to include in your great newsletter. I really enjoy all of the great photos you put in your newsletter. Please find a copy of the flyer attached, and I hope you can include it in your newsletter.

We have typically had about 30 pilots from as far away as Arizona, and are hoping to build to 35-40 this year. We have a 70' x 800' paved runway, and allow turbine jets (with AMA Jet Waiver) and RV parking. We would love to see some of the Palomar members come out to help support our vets! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me. Thanks for your assistance!

*Alan E. Williamson, M.D.,
F.A.C.S.*

January 13-14, 2018

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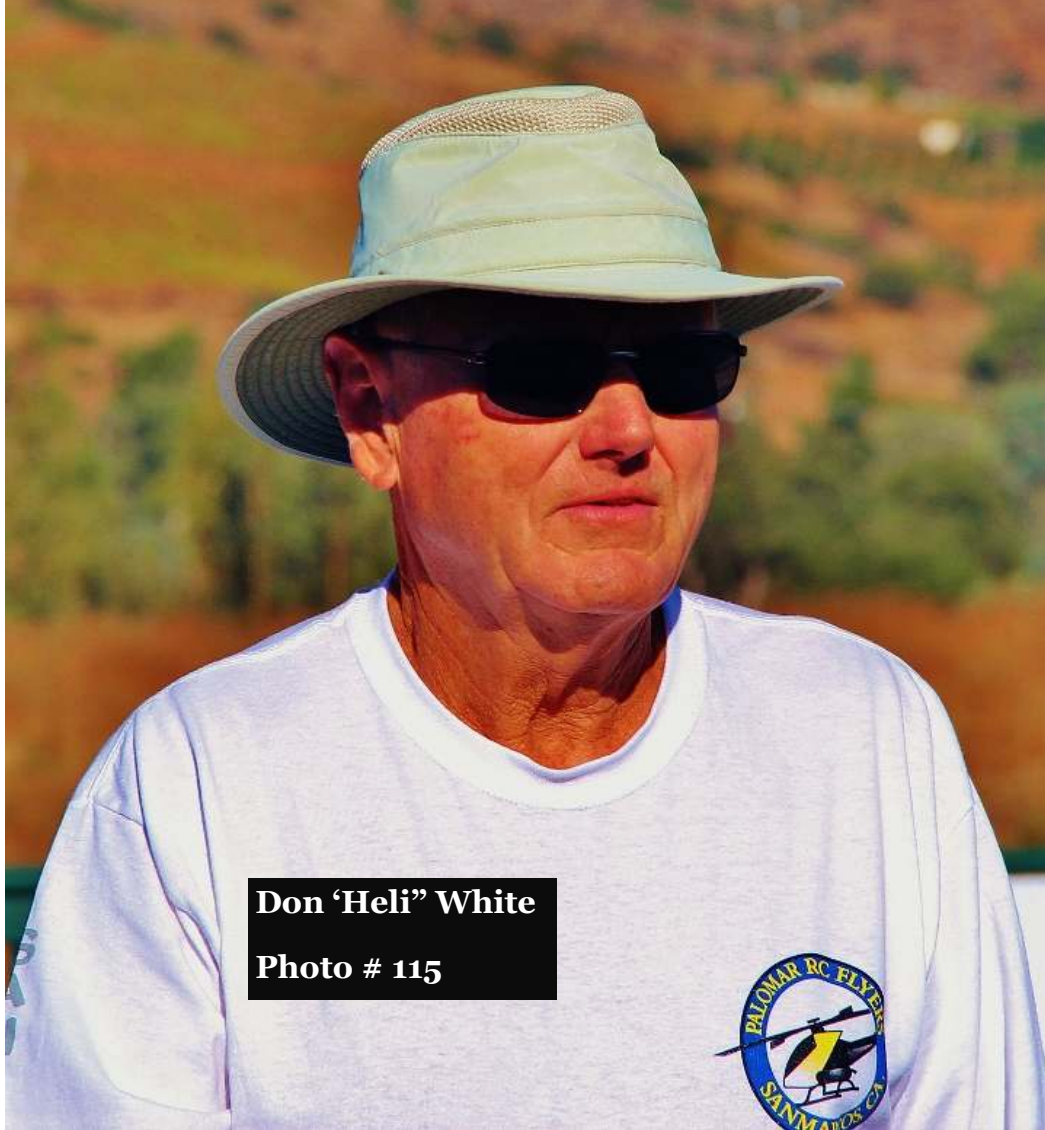
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The 6th Annual
Desert Warbirds





Don 'Heli' White
Photo # 115

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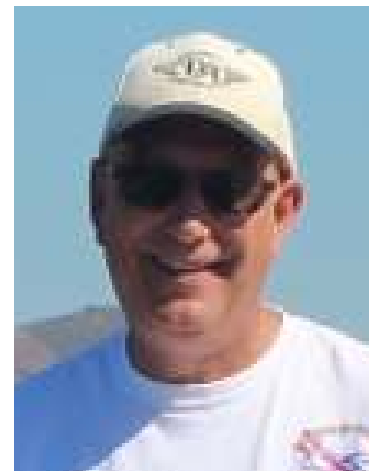
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