



**Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.**

# **Transmitter**

**March 2024**

**Presidents' Letter**



**Hello and welcome to the March Transmitter. We have had a lot of rain. Our maintenance committee has decided to use some excess gravel, from west of the wheelchair access, to fill in some spots along the access road to address the rut issues.**

**LIPO Batteries. Recently, we had a member charging batteries in his truck at the field. The battery, “went off”, meaning the chemicals interacted with each other and caused a fire, in the backseat of his truck! Fortunately, he saw the flames and was able to save his rig. Please use caution and NEVER leave the charging battery unattended. Overcharging batteries is risky and “topping off” batteries can also be risky.**

**The Dawn Patrol and Golden Age fly in was a moderate success. Rain or the threat of rain kept the overall numbers down. Those who attended had positive comments concerning the event. George Dawe and Curtis Ketteringham did a good job of promoting the fly in.**

**Valley Center. Some of you may have driven by the Valley Center site and noticed a large for sale sign on the property. The property has always been for sale, the sign is new. We spoke to the owners who assured us that it will be some time before the property is developed. Given that, with interest rates as high as they are, permits that need to be pulled and sewer lines that need to be built, our time on the property could be for several years. The owners had said that it isn't likely, given their asking price, that any development will occur soon. If sold today, 3 to 5 years before anything starts there.**

**As many of you know, absence Valley Center, there is nothing.....no other place to go.**

**As always, you, the members, are encouraged to reach out to me or/and the board for any suggestions.**

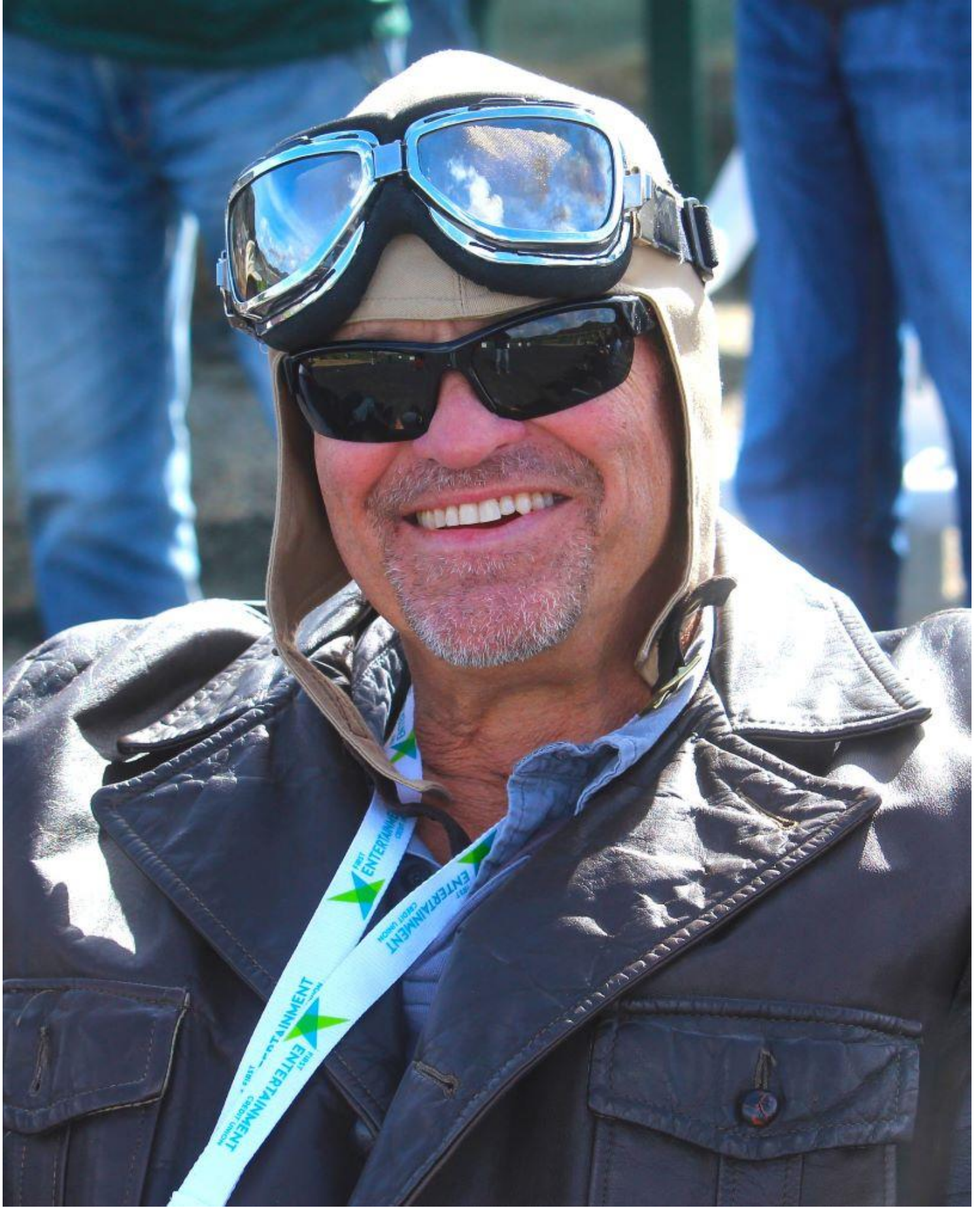
**Charles Lewis**

**President – Palomar RC Flyers.**

# *Dawn Patrol & Golden Age Fly-In 2/3/2024*



**CD President Emeritus George Dawe and his Sopwith Camel led the day off with an early flight. George initiated the Dawn Patrol event and worked diligently with the AMA, sponsors, advertising, securing food, prizes, registration and more! Many thanks to you, George! You are dedicated!**



**Here he is in his WWI leather jacket, and looks fresh from a movie set! Thanks for your hard work with Curtis Kitteringham to make this event successful! It rained heavily several days before, and Roger Cosio said that it even rained that morning at his home in Oceanside! Consequently, some pilots were scared off by the deluge we just experienced.**



Curtis Kitteringham was co-CD with George Dawe for today's event. He deserves much thanks and praise for the smooth running of this day. He was teased by some who predicted rain. He responded that NONE of the events he has run were ever rained out. His luck held because it was a bright, sunny day with little wind. Good goin' Curtis! His Fokker D-7 is pictured in the next 6 airplane photos. It's a beauty!







**Curtis Kitteringham and John Cutler flew their WWI planes together. A photo on the page after next shows their planes on the runway preparing to take off.**



**We had a picture-perfect day for the Dawn Patrol!!**



**Taken a few days after the event in Vista, CA.**





**Board member Chuck Riley restrains John Cutler's Nieuport 28.**



**John Cutler and Curtis Kitteringham on the flight line. John's "28" is a gasoline powered beauty.**





Kenneth Kaye

Jim Gallacher



**John Cutler**



**Phil Kogan**

**Tim Daugherty**

# *Dawn Patrol & Golden Age Fly-In 2/3/2024*



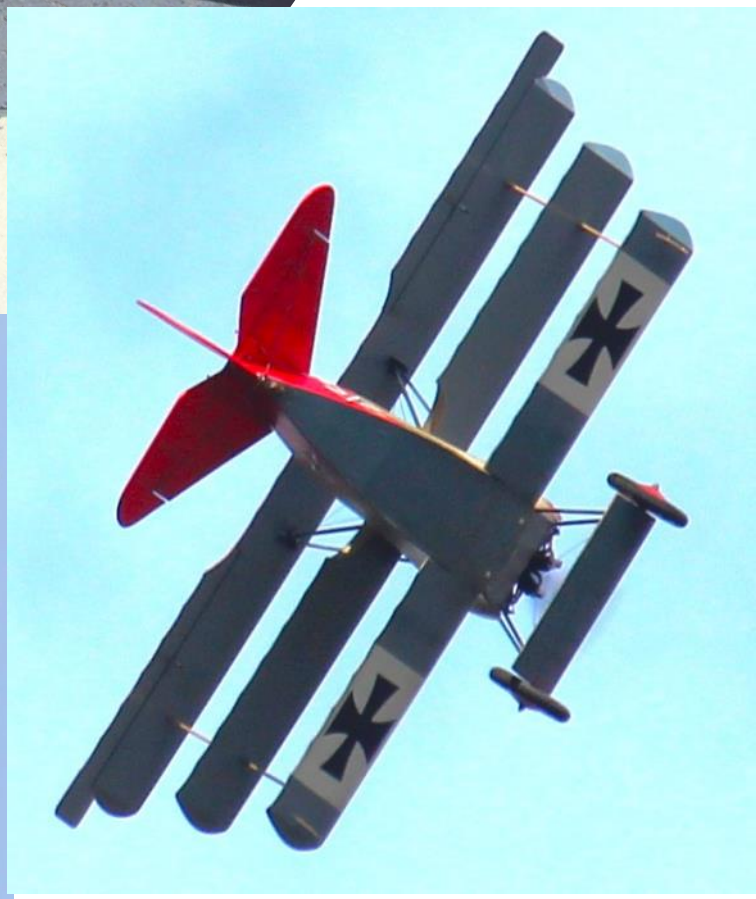
**Bob Simon's Fokker Tri-Plane's cockpit. Bob is from San Diego and is a member of the Alpine Aero Squadron.**



**Bob prepares his DR-1 to fly.**



Bob Simon











**Robert (Scott) McCurdy is a club member. His SPAD-XIII looks great and flew well. Next three photos are of his plane in flight.**



**Scott McCurdy**



**Bob Simon's Albatross**





**A special event took place, something many have never seen! John Hartsell Jr. flew an electric powered “Nobler,” a control line model popular in the late 1950’s! In those days, it flew with a Fox or McCoy 29 or 35 – nitro powered. John’s father controlled the electric motor while John flew it. What a hoot! Thanks muchly.**



**Gary Marquardt**



**Joe Harter with his British SE-5A. Joe is a member of the Alpine Aero Squadron. He flew his plane well and landed it perfectly!**







Seated L/R Patrick Pranica, George Dawe, Mark Olarsch, Lori Cosio, John Hartsell Sr. (mostly hidden) Dave Bracci and his shaggy dog, Standing is Roger Cosio.



Tom Minnegar

John Cutler





Wayne Bonfietti

Chuck Riley

President emeritus Joe Villarreal



**Curtis Kitteringham's Fokker D-VII. Patrick Pranica and George Dawe are seated. If you look carefully, you'll see that two photos were joined to make this photo.**



Bob Simon





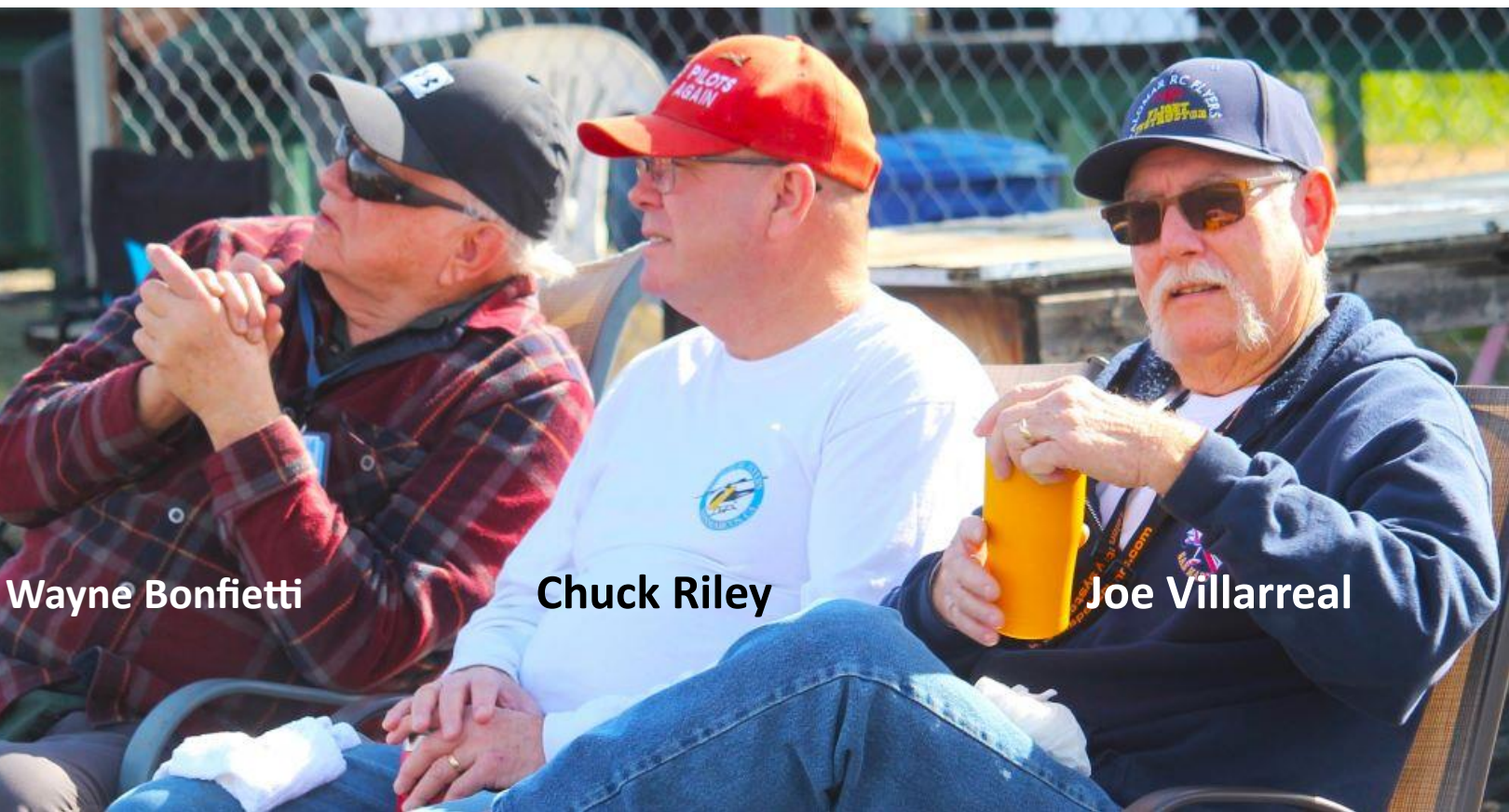
**Bob Simon**



**This colorful Albatross is a Maxford ARF. It looks and flies great.**







**Wayne Bonfietti**

**Chuck Riley**

**Joe Villarreal**



**President Emeritus Bill Hill**

**Nieuport 17  
from a Proctor  
kit!**



Joe Villarreal and Bill Hill cooked. Many thanks.



**Bill Hill**

**Joe Villarreal**

**Mark Olarsch**





**John Hartsell, Sr.**

**Phil Kogan**

**Wayne Bonfietti**

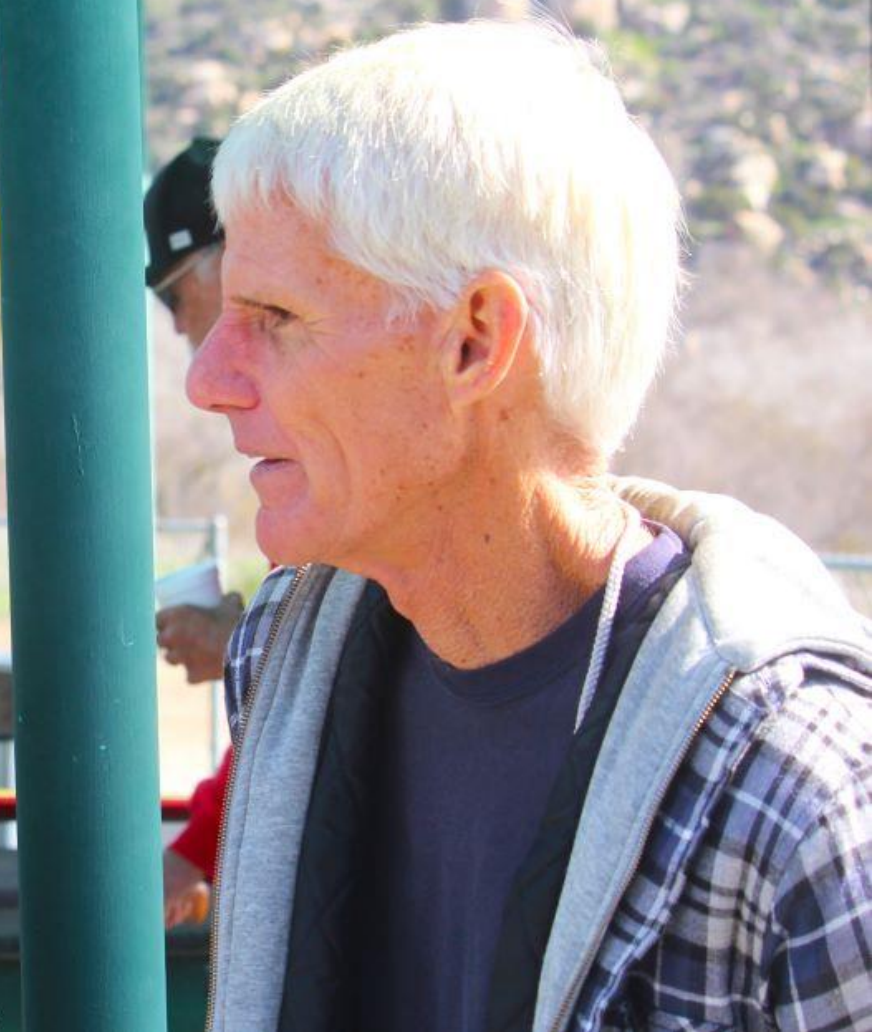


**Ian Middleton**

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**Roger Cosio**



**John Hartsell, Jr.**



**Scott McCurdy's Bristol F-2 Fighter with a DLE-20. The prop is only for show. It is an ARF from 2002!**



**Tim Daugherty**

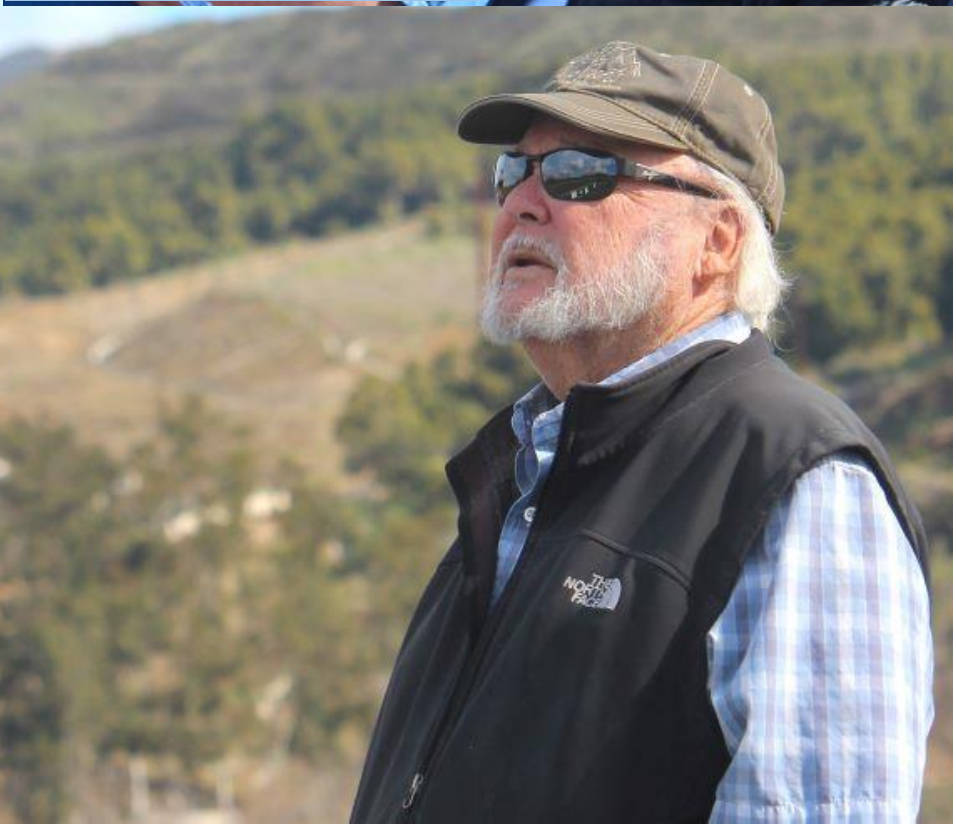
**Jim Gallagher's second photo is here, thus surpassing the one mandatory photo .**



**Mark Olarsch and Lori Cosio**



**Curtis Kitteringham**



**Jim Gallacher**



*Treasurer Doug Abel*

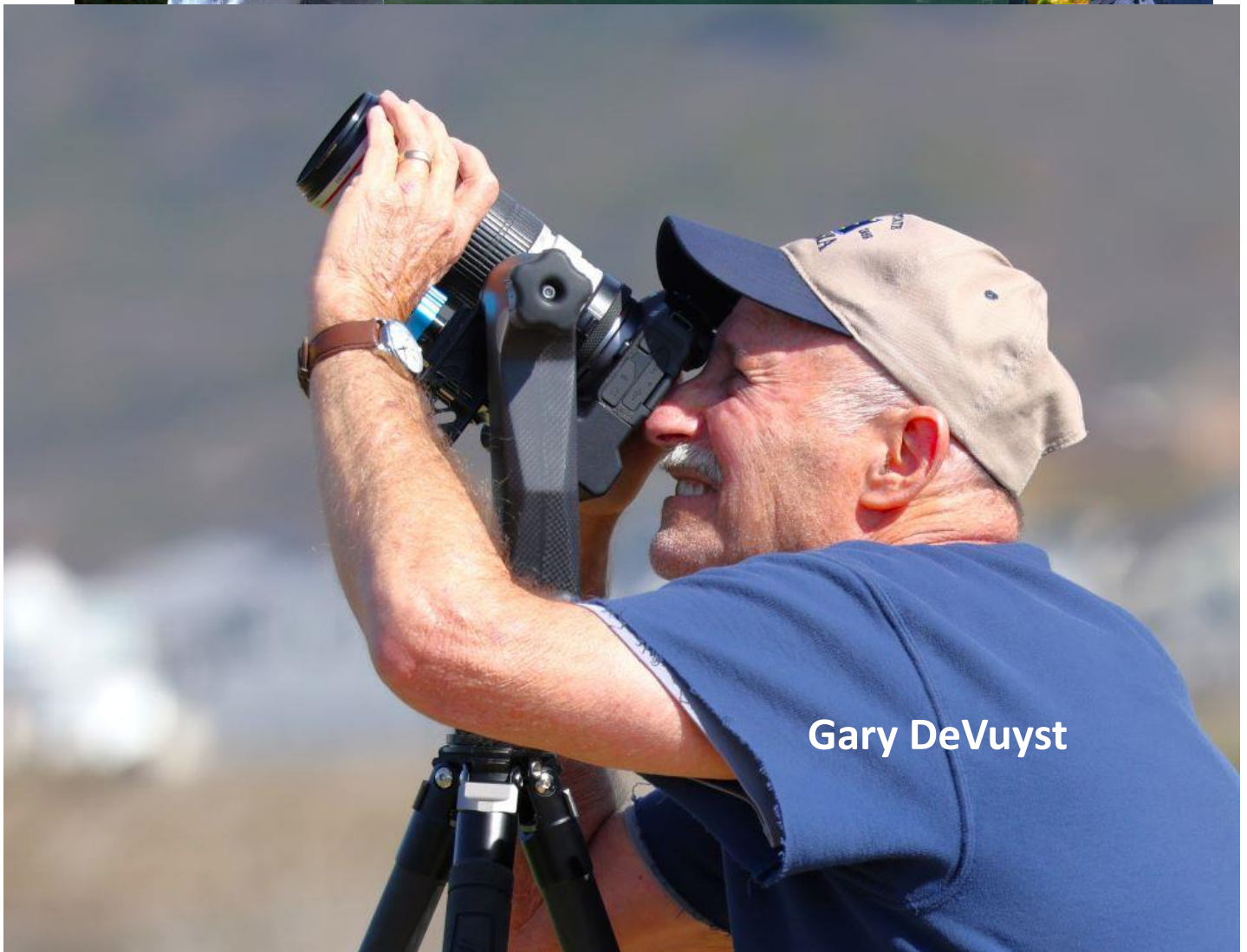


*Secretary Patrick Pnanica*



Don Davis

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Gary DeVuyst



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# Feb. 17, 2024 Club Meeting



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**Treasurer Doug Abel**





*Richard and Jennifer Torres*

Lori Cosio and John Hartsell Jr.



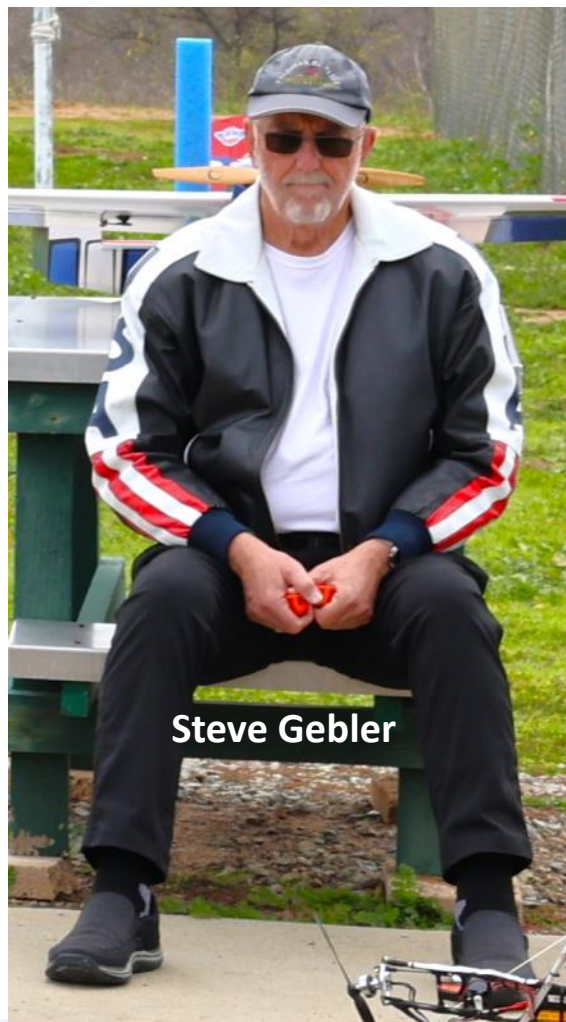
Eric Armstrong



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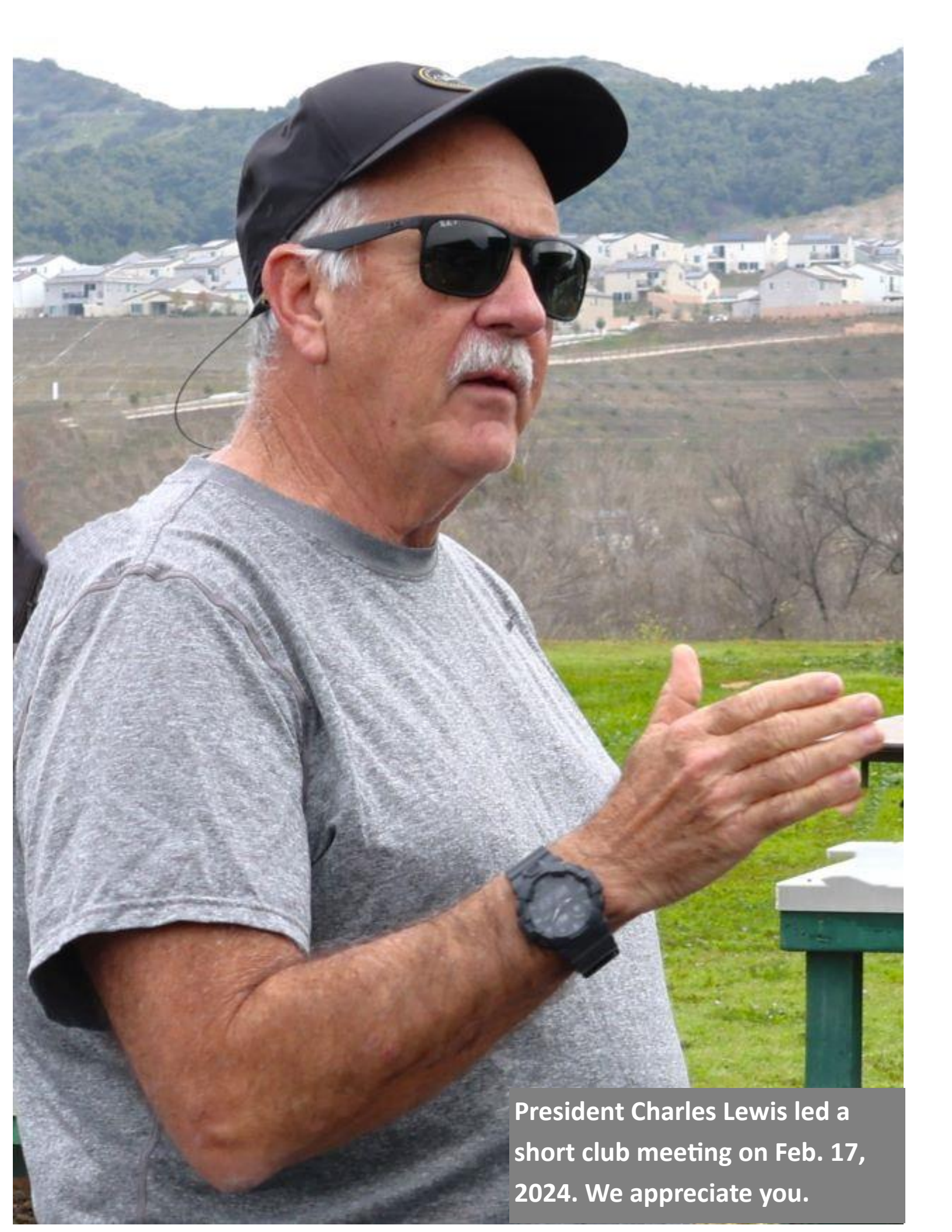
**Scott Ralston**



**Steve Gebler**



**Captain Barry  
Hirschberg flies for  
Delta.**



**President Charles Lewis led a short club meeting on Feb. 17, 2024. We appreciate you.**



**Bob Hague**

**Rick Hilton**



**Safety Officer Jim Christy addressed the club.**



Curtis Kitteringham Chris Avellino President Charles Lewis Jim Christy Steve Gebler

Curtis spoke about the successful **Dawn Patrol and Golden Age Fly-In.**

**Eric Armstrong took the next 9 photos at the heli field.**



Mr. Don White flying one of his Align 700 size gassers.



**A look at the heli pits.... Scott Travers' heli's are on the nearest table. Scott is one of our newer members and has really taken to flying rc helicopters! When Scott isn't flying, he is busy training Eric Armstrong's dog, Rez. They have become quite good buddies!**



**Expert flyer, Dave Lester preparing his SAB 580 nitro for a flight. Dave was mentioned in a podcast recently. They were talking about senior pilots that still "bring it". If you ever get a chance to see Dave fly, you would understand that comment. Dave is an excellent heli pilot!**



**Rick Haymann on the left: "I told you flying inverted that low was a bad idea."**

**Doug Abel on the right: "No you didn't - you said go lower!"**

**Rick: "That was Don White."**





**Chilly morning at the heli port...**

**Left to right: Joe Villerreal, Dave Lester, Don White, Scott Travers**



**Varley Longson flying his electric SAB 580 RAW. Varley is getting better every week and is really enjoying the learning curve of flying rc helicopters.**



**From left to right: Scott Travers, Varley Longson, Ruck Haymann, and Mr. Don White. Varley's heli's are on the table.**



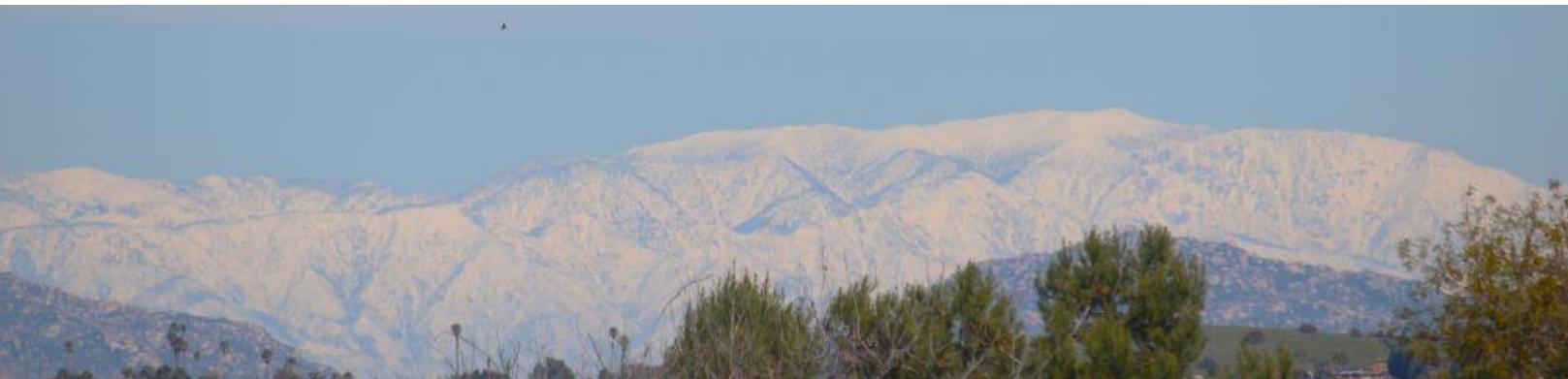
**Mr. Don White supervising the activities at the heli port. Don runs a tight ship, but we appreciate his leadership! Rick Haymann is flying in the background.**



**Bob and Jerry Doeblner**



**Scott Travers took this panoramic shot early morning. The view is from the helicopter port looking northeast toward the fixed wing runway. Beautiful shot, Scott!**



**The Idelwild Mountains near LA as taken 100 miles south from Vista, CA in mid-February.**



# February 2024 BOD Minutes

## Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

**President:** Charles Lewis **Vice President:** Don Davis, **Treasurer:** Doug Abel **Secretary:** Patrick Pranica.  
**Safety Officer:** Jim Christy

**Board members:** Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Scott Dedic, Eric Armstrong, Vic Lerum. **Additional Roles:**  
**Chief Flight Instructor:** Don Davis, **Membership Chairman:** Jim Christy. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

**Call to order: February 18, 2024, 6:30 PM Via Zoom.**

### Treasurer's Summary for Month of January 2024

**Total Income - \$5,260.00**

Big Items: (approx.)

\$160 Dawn Patrol event

\$5100 Membership for 2024

**Total Expenses - \$6,491.48**

Big Items: (Approx)

\$3000 for Valley Center rent

\$2344 for porta potty, trash, road repairs, and gate repair for field maintenance

\$230 for membership materials (printer ink and stamps)

\$100 for PayPal fees

**Total Net Loss of -\$1231.48**

**Total Account balance for the club as of 2-13-2024 is \$117,802.57**

**Membership:** Nothing to report

**Dawn Patrol:** Successful and well received. Exceptional models were present and flown. As always, the food was excellent. Template for future events. Kudos to the organizers.

**Heli Fun Fly:** Scheduled at this time for May 2-5. Sanction submitted.

**Sargent of Arms:** To be appointed at the next meeting to marshal activities at the field.

**Valley Center Progress:** Extensive discussion on what is needed to prepare this site for use. As of this meeting no report from the county yet as to requirements needed to occupy the space. **The Board will move immediately** after the county issues are resolved. FRIA will cover the entire site.

Plans for road grading and reworking the slopes and gullies were proposed. Sketches were made. Estimated one day's work to complete this phase of the grading. Signs need to be made for this site.

**No Flying will be permitted at the Valley Center site** until approvals are met. BOD approved this measure.

February 24 Johnson Field clean up scheduled.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM**

*The next Trifecta will be  
on Saturday, March 2,  
2024 @ 9 am.*

You have just seen 106 photos! To see photos of the last Trifecta, please go to our website. Richard Torres has posted them there.



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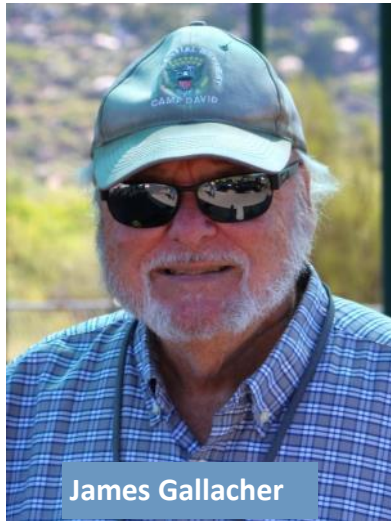
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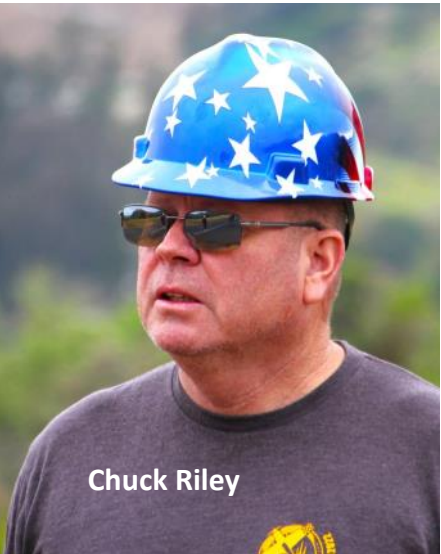
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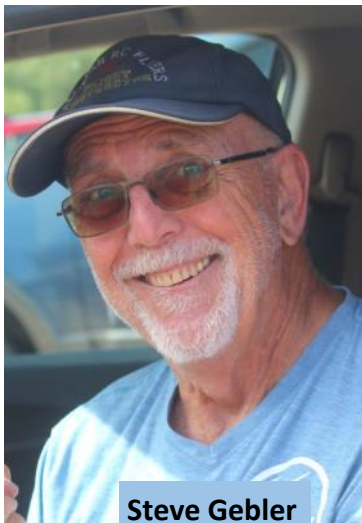
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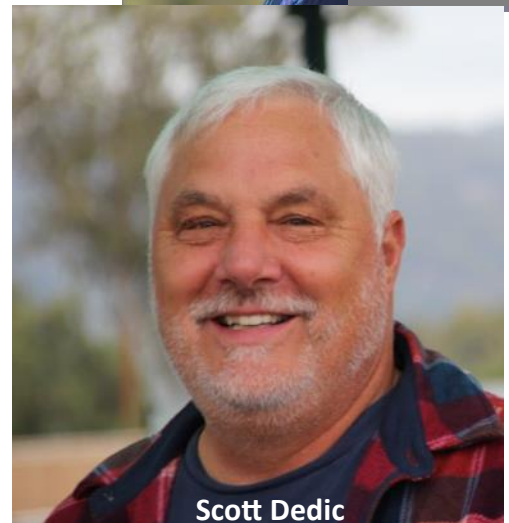
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