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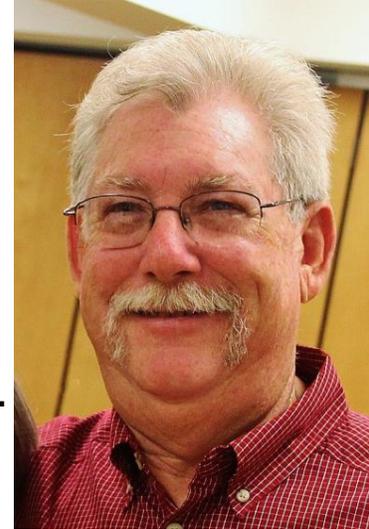


February 2022

AMA Charter 141

February brings us full speed ahead going into 2022. At the forefront will be our field search as I anticipate that there will be some information coming soon about how long we will get to remain at Johnson Field. More to come at our next Club Meeting at the field on Saturday February 12.

In the mean time, I have confirmed that another club in San Diego County was recently forced to suspend all flying activities for 60 days. In a surprise visit, the FAA found multiple violations of club members in regards to no FAA identification numbers on aircraft and members with no TRUST certificates.



Doug Abel has graciously written the following article addressing the requirements we all must follow. I know that all of us dislike more rules encroaching on our hobby, but I would dislike even more having to suffer through a club shut-down because we don't require their enforcement. If you haven't already done so, please comply with the two FAA requirements ASAP because starting on March 1 we will start spot checking to make sure you have all appropriate identification on your aircraft (helicopters and multirotors too) as well as a TRUST Certificate in your possession.

Joe Villarreal

President PRCF

January 2022

FAA Requirements

These rules are required of all club members and guests of club members flying at a Palomar RC Flyers flying field.

In 2017, the FAA implemented the Drone Registration Act, applying to all unmanned aircraft weighing greater than 0.55 lbs, or 250g. This Act applies to all unmanned aircraft, whether it is a fixed wing, helicopter, multirotor, or glider, and refers to all unmanned aircraft as drones.

The FAA also classified two different types of pilots for Unmanned Aircraft:

Part 107 - This classifies any unmanned aircraft pilot who flies for commercial, government, or non-recreational purpose (such as aerial photography for commercial purposes, home inspection, aerial surveying, etc) AND is flying unmanned aircraft under 55 lbs, as a Part 107 pilot. Part 107 pilots are required to be 16 years of age or older, must pass a more intensive knowledge test with an FAA certified instructor, and must have unique FAA registration numbers for each aircraft they fly. While Part 107 pilots can fly their aircraft recreationally, there are more restrictions applied to them vs. a Recreational Flyer, such as limitations of flying at night.

Recreational Flyers - This classifies any aircraft pilot who flies an aircraft over 0.55 lbs or 250g, AND under 55 lbs, for fun and personal enjoyment, or for an educational institution, as a Recreational Flyer. Recreational Flyers are required to take the free TRUST test and obtain their TRUST certificate, and register their aircraft. Recreational Flyers are permitted to use one FAA Registration number for all aircraft, and do not need to have unique numbers for each aircraft. Limitations with this, however, state that you cannot use your aircraft for commercial, government, or non-recreational purposes, or else it would be classified as Part 107 operations. Most Palomar RC Flyers members would fall into this category.

FAA requirements state that all members flying unmanned aircraft in either category, must register their aircraft with the FAA, regardless of type of aircraft.

Two things need to be done for Recreational Flyer registration, and can be done in any order:

- 1) Take the TRUST Test. This is a free test that is offered through various entities, such as the Boy Scouts of America, several colleges and institutes, but the easiest one to go through is the Academy of Model Aeronautics, or the AMA, at <https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>**
- 2) Register your Aircraft. Registration is easy and can be done at <https://faadronezone.faa.gov>. If you do not have internet access, there is also a paper copy that can be printed out and submitted; however, all pilots are still required to register their aircraft with the FAA.**

The FAA requires that we have copies of our Drone Registration card and TRUST certificate when we fly; this can either be printed out, or kept in an electronic format, and stored on a smartphone or tablet.

The FAA states on its website that all aircraft must have a registration number visible on an outside surface, and can be either engraved, marked with permanent marker, or a permanent label.

Palomar RC Flyers will be requiring all members to put this on their aircraft and will be spot checking members for compliance

On January 6, 2022, Jeff Zevely from CBS TV-8 in San Diego visited our field to publicize our need for a new flying site. His segment was on CBS TV on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2022. The link to view the program is above, however, you must manually type the link to view it. Below, President Joe Villarreal is speaking with Jeff Zevely. Later, Jeff flew a plane while on a “buddy-box.” Subsequent photos of the shoot courtesy of CBS.





Jeff Zevely on left with Steve Gebler. President emeritus Bill Hill arranged for the shoot! Many, many thanks go to Bill!



Jeff Zevely took this photo of Patrick Pranica's PT-17. Looks full scale!



Jeff enjoyed piloting a plane while being “buddy-boxed.” Patrick Pranica extracted these photos from the video feed that was broadcast. Standing behind Jeff is Don Davis, our chief instructor.



cbs8.com



**Jeff's exuberance needs no comment!
That's Bill Hill in the plaid shirt.**



Steve Gebler



That small object above Jeff's head is the plane he was piloting.



Jeff with Joe Villarreal's plane.

Bill Hill was the catalyst for the recent TV broadcast that KFMB8 did on our club's need for a new flight field (Google "Zevely Stormy Skies" if you haven't seen it yet). While we have received a few leads so far, none have yet panned out.

We all enjoy flying at our beautiful field. But, as you know, time is growing short before we must move to a new, yet to be located, site.

Despite all of the efforts of our club's Search Committee, we have yet to locate a suitable long-term site. So, we need your help.

Please copy and paste the text you will find at the end of this message, edit as you see fit, and send it to at least three people. If all 280 of our members did this, we would have more than 840 points of contact that might provide a referral to a new field site.

Send this to:

- Real Estate Agents & Loan Officers
- Press, TV, and Radio Contacts
- Your area elected officials (don't worry about duplicates)
- Your neighbors and friends
- Your holiday card list
- Law Enforcement Organizations
- Chamber of Commerce
- Community Service Organizations
- Scout Leaders
- Church members and clergy
- Bankers
- CPAs & Accountants
- Doctors, Lawyers, and Indian Chiefs
- Facebook, Twitter, and other social media

and a bunch of others. Get creative!

If we want to keep flying, we need a new site — and soon! Please don't delay on getting the word out!

+++ Copy and Paste The Below Text +++

I am writing to you today to make you aware of an urgent need that our club has that may benefit you and the community that you serve.

The **Palomar Radio Control Flyers Club** is an organization consisting of approximately 280 members drawing from throughout San Diego, Riverside, and Orange County.

We were established in 1955. Over the years, we have been located at various locations in North County San Diego and our present flying field, called Johnson Field, is located very close to the intersection of Route 76 and Interstate 15 in Fallbrook. You may have seen our aircraft flying at that location as you travel in the area.

You see, after 20+ years at our current location, we are in danger of losing our flying field due to some new development of a Community College and associated housing adjacent to the field. We know that within the next year or two, our field will soon be populated with new housing, shopping, and other buildings.

Jeff Zevely of CBS8 TV recently did a profile of our club. You can visit it here: <https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/local/zevely-zone/remote-control-flying-club-needs-new-home/509-92cfee22-c96e-4d33-b1a7-obc8ebcfd1ea>

You might be interested to know that we were afforded the opportunity to fly for the past 20 years at our location due to a need that the landowner had that we were able to fulfill. You see, prior to our occupying the site, the landowner had a great deal of problems with vandalism, trash depositing, drug activities and other nefarious activities. One of our flying club members was a former Deputy Sheriff and talked about our taking a passive surveillance role on the property.

Due to the activities of our club, we are on the flying field site seven days a week and have provided constant surveillance and management of the approximately 80 acres that we currently enjoy.

The cost of the improvements that were made to the open acreage were made at no cost to the current landowner. Our well-funded club provides full insurance for the landowner and our club membership and our guests.

The benefit of all of this is that what once was a problem area for law enforcement and the landowner now has a near perfect record of cleanliness and safety for the community.

What we are looking for now is for some open land that you might be aware of that might afford another landowner the relief from vandalism and other activities that impact the owner.

Our Requirements:

- 25+ acres
- Relatively Flat
- Not in close proximity to housing or other structures

Ability to have a runway that is in excess of 500'

Would you please spread the word about our needs? If you can suggest a landowner that might benefit from a mutual relationship with our club it would be gratefully appreciated.

I'd also like to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues to come visit us at the field and see the wide variety of exciting Radio Control aircraft that our members fly every day. While there are members available nearly every day (especially in the mornings), I would recommend stopping by on the weekend when there is the most activity. If you have ever wanted to explore flying RC aircraft, we offer free flying lessons!

Please visit our Web site, www.palomarrcflyers.com, to learn more about our club. I hope to meet you personally soon!

Steve Gebler Palomar RC Flyers

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January 2022 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: Chris Avelinno, Trent Stadick, Doug Abel, Don Davis, Scott Dedic, Steve Gebler **Additional Roles:** **Chief Flight Instructor:** Don Davis, **Membership Chairman:** Steve Kerrin. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

Call to order: January 12, 2022, 6:30 PM Via Zoom.

Treasurer's Summary for January 2022

(Summarizes transactions for month of December 2021)

Total Income: \$8,700.00

Mostly Membership

Total Expenses: \$4,109.58

Big items:

\$2,500 Christmas Dinner (I am assuming that the \$234 listed as "Uncategorized" will end up belonging here)

\$400 usual field maintenance items

\$300 PayPal fees (lots of online membership renewals)

\$350 club administrative expenses: mailings, website, "Office" for Joe Buko's Club computer

Net income: +\$4,590.42

End of Month Balance: \$112,893.41

Chair Reports

Membership: We currently have 227 members with more to come.

FAA compliance: Steve Nelson: We are designated a Recreational Flyers only club. AMA is the gateway to the FAA.

Requirements are, all members must have passed and hold a Trust test card.

All members must display their FAA registration on their aircraft including their names and contact information.

We may still fly above 400 Foot Rule as per AMA Safety Officer, Tony Stillman while a waiver is being developed in conjunction with the FAA.

Safety: All members must fly within the property boundaries, what we call the box to avoid incursions on the residences, people and roads.

Out of bounds flying will not be tolerated.

Maps of boundaries will be provided soon.

Spotters are recommended to ensure compliance.

Revision of Club Flying rules last done in 2017 will be revisited.

Communication at flight line needs to improve.

Throttle cut must be available on all aircraft.

Club liabilities: Researching increased insurance in progress

Field Search information: Waiting on status of available properties. Will schedule a site visit to VC landfill site

2022 Calendar:

Jan. 15: Club Meeting at the field

Feb. 5: Aerotow

Feb. 6: Trifecta

Feb. 10: Board Meeting

Feb. 12: Club Meeting at the field

March 5: Aerotow

March 6: Trifecta

March 10: Board Meeting

March 12: Club Meeting at the field

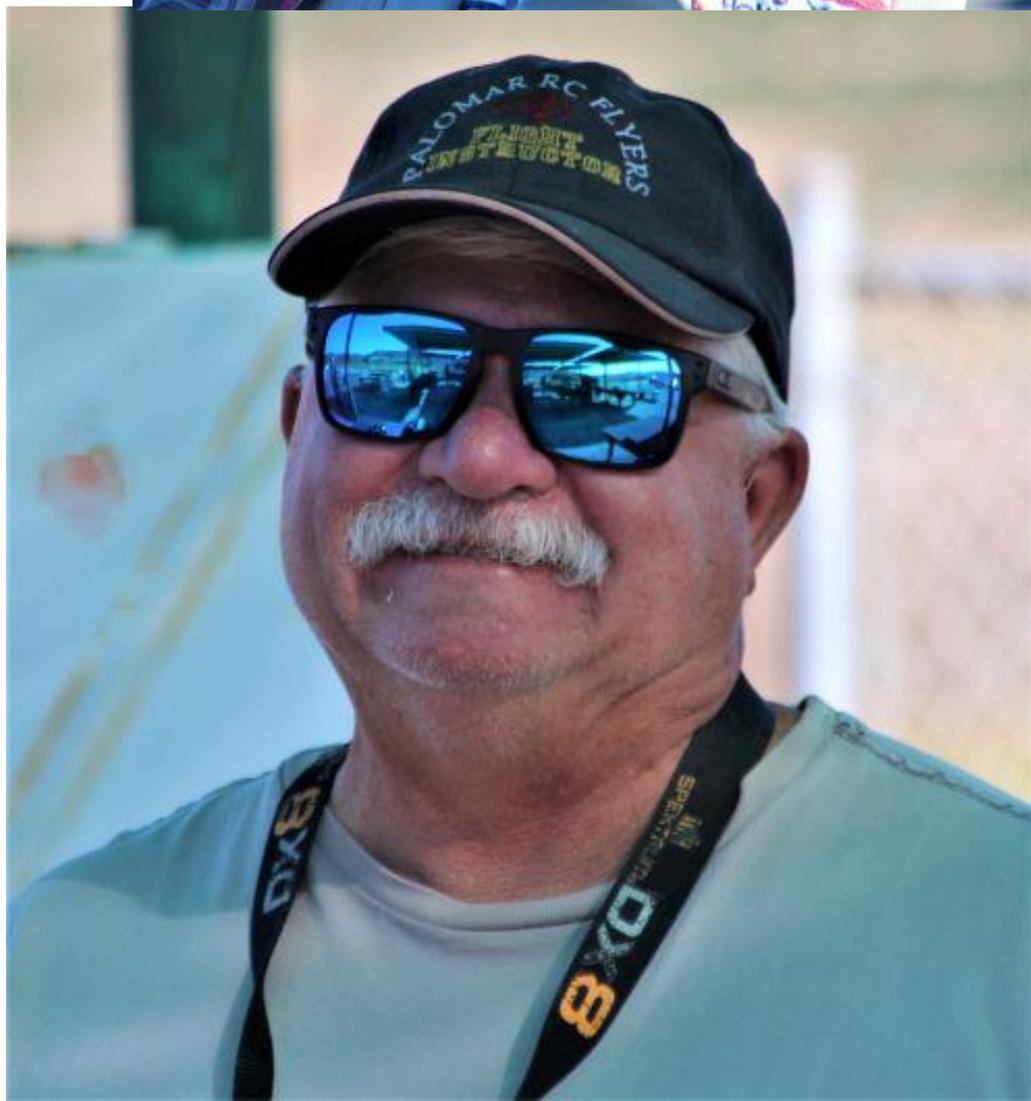
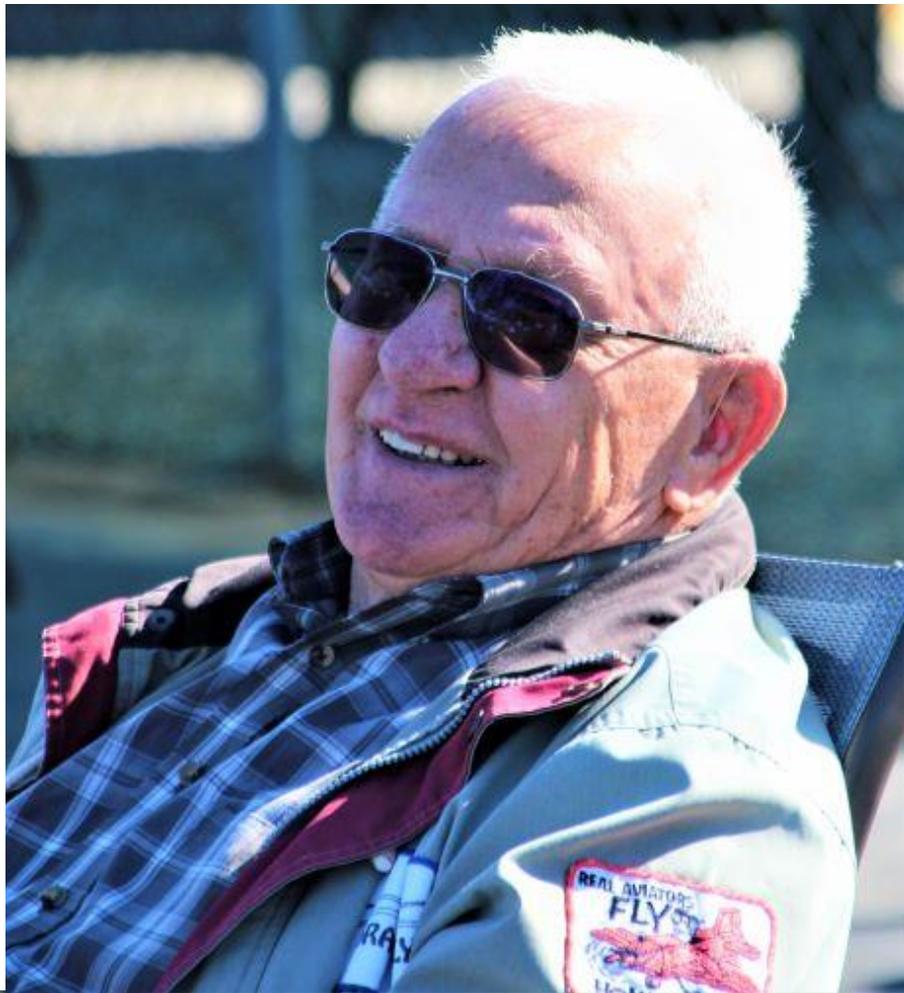
May 12-15: San Diego Heli Fun Fly

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Feb. 6, 2022 @ 9 am – Sunday – The next Trifecta

Feb. 12, 2022 @ 9 am Saturday Club Meeting

Lord Creedon from Southampton, England. He is an aeronautical engineer and a member of the Royal Spitfire Society! He worked on this famous fighter! He also built and flew a full-scale home-built for many years. While he doesn't fly these days, he visits the field at least several times a week for friendship and to trade insults! (the friendly kind for fun)



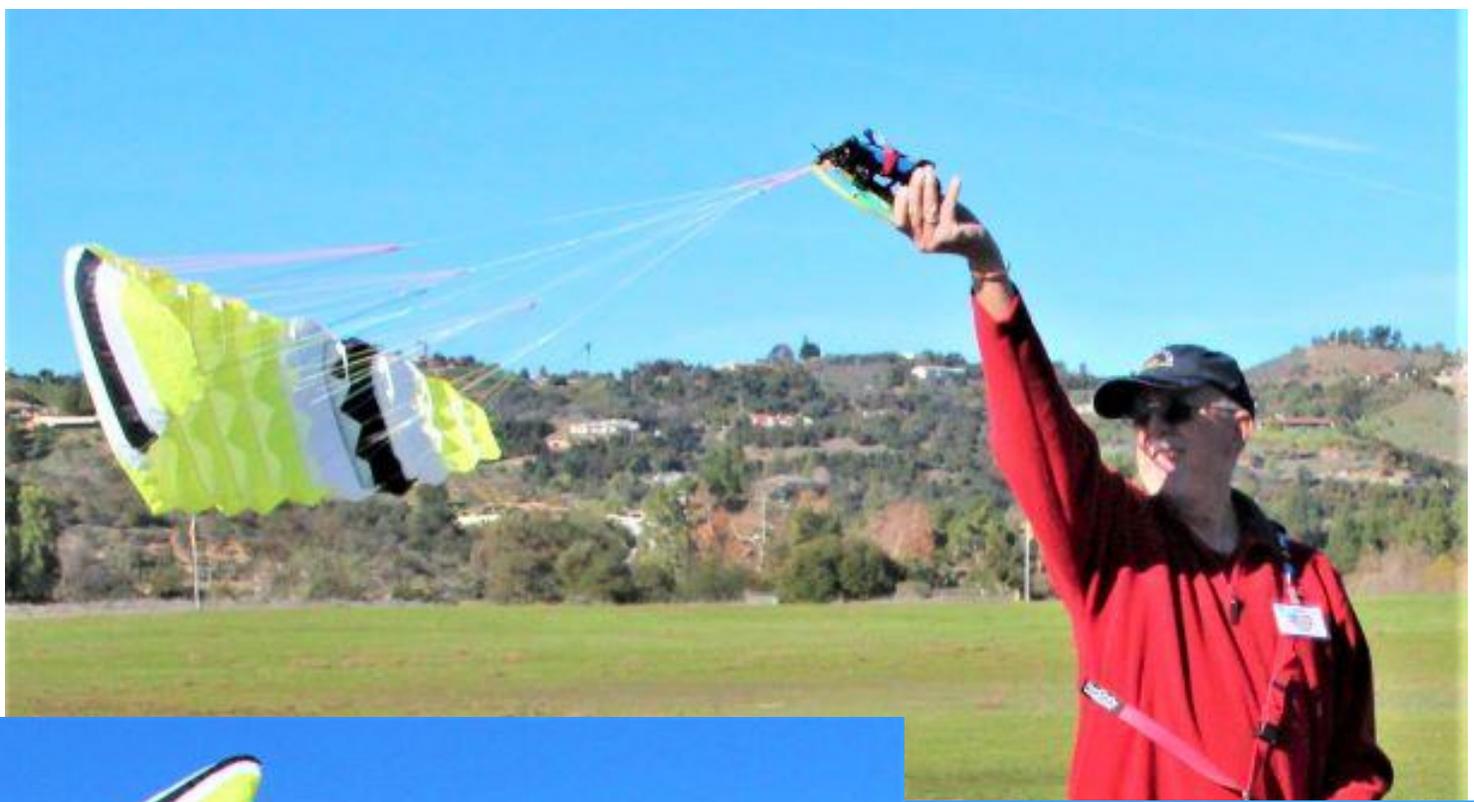
Steve Staudenmeir



January 4, 2022 President Emeritus George Dawe and his livery of WWI planes. George wrote our club constitution, by-laws, articles of incorporation and arranged for our club to be incorporated as a 501- C7 organization. George paid for our runway when it was first paved! We owe a huge debt of gratitude to him! He is a generous, intelligent man indeed and one of our club's treasures! No one has ever spent more on this club than George- period! Thank you George! Thou rock-est!! (For those who don't get it) You rock!

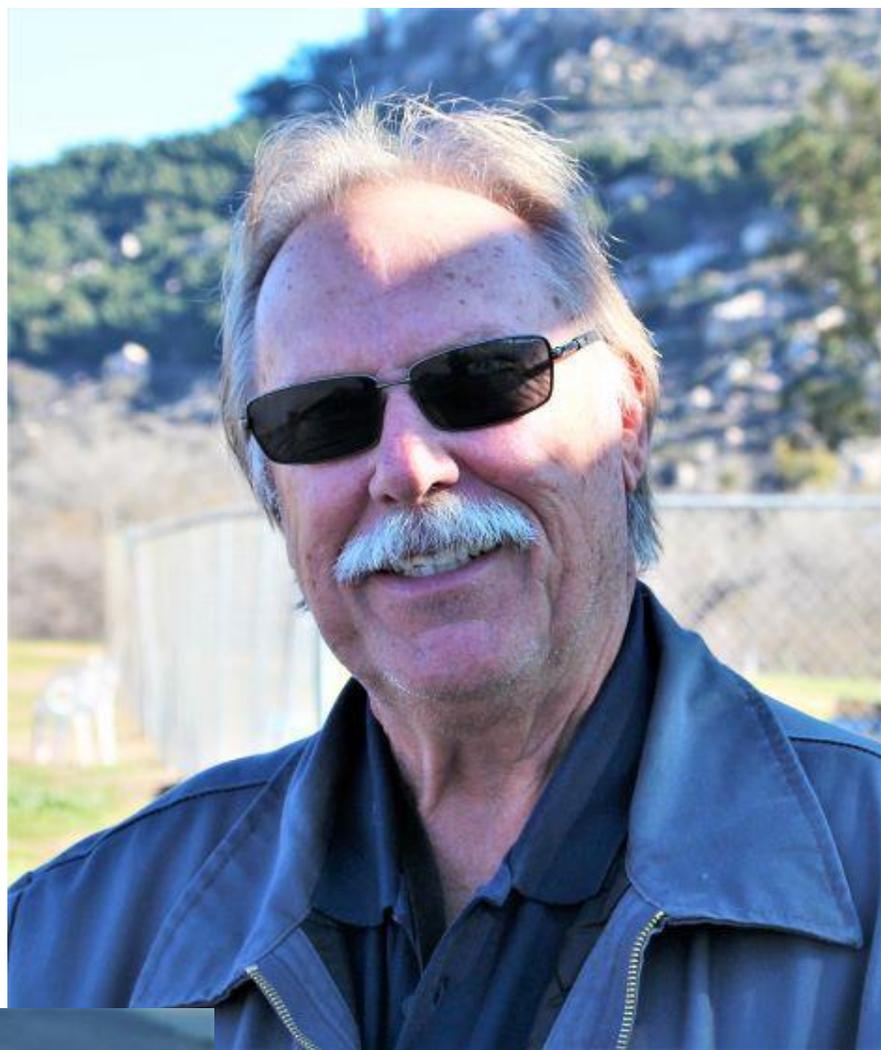
**On the following page,
president emeritus and
current board member
Steve Gebler shows how
to launch his powered
parafoil.**





Jan. 4, 2022 Two prospective members visited our field to see our flying site. It was a picture-perfect day, calm, and in the mid 60's. I don't ever recall a more perfect day for flying! Ron Kennedy is to the right and Tom Kind is below. I told Tom, "You are the 'kind' of member we'd enjoy having! Wasn't that a kind thing to say? Kind of!

We had another picture –perfect day on Jan. 20 with the temp in the mid 70's! East Coasters and Midwesterners– eat your hearts out!!

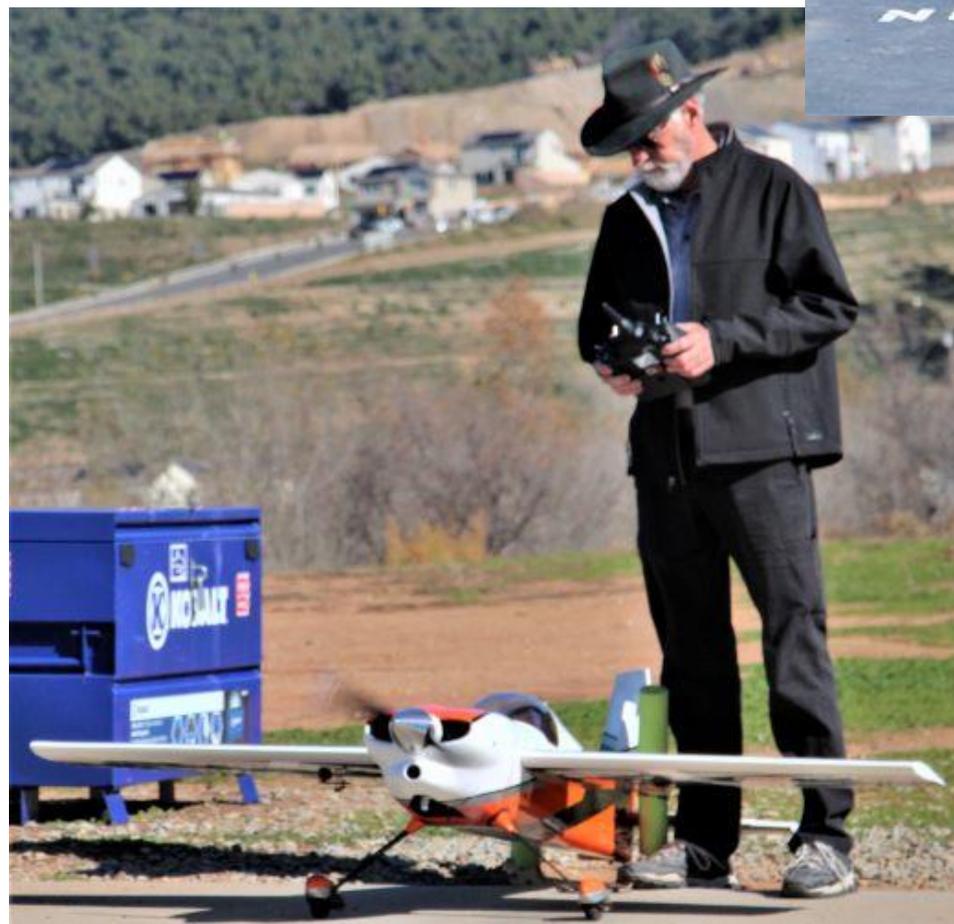
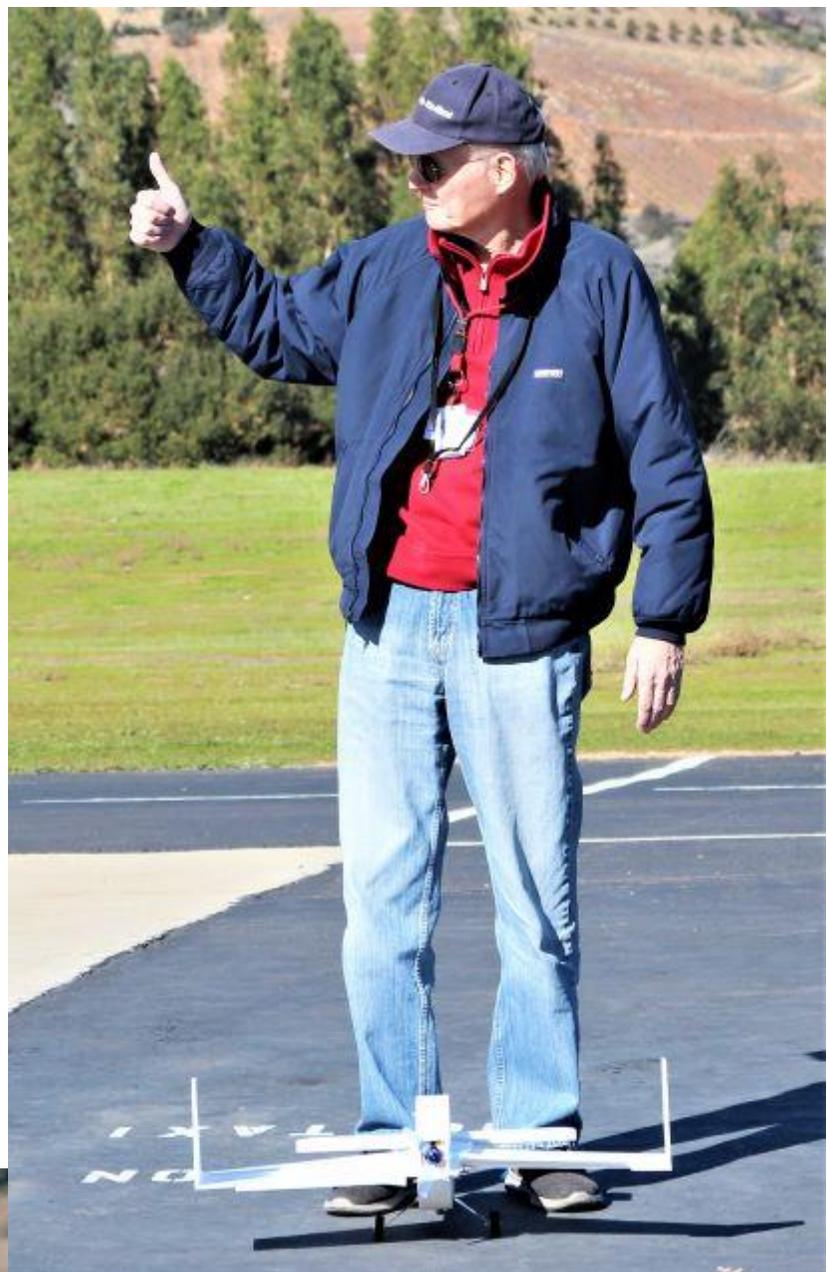




President emeritus Bill Hill flew his canard but being all white, it is difficult to decipher its details in flight.



Club secretary Patrick Pranica helped Bill Hill to range-check his canard before flying it.

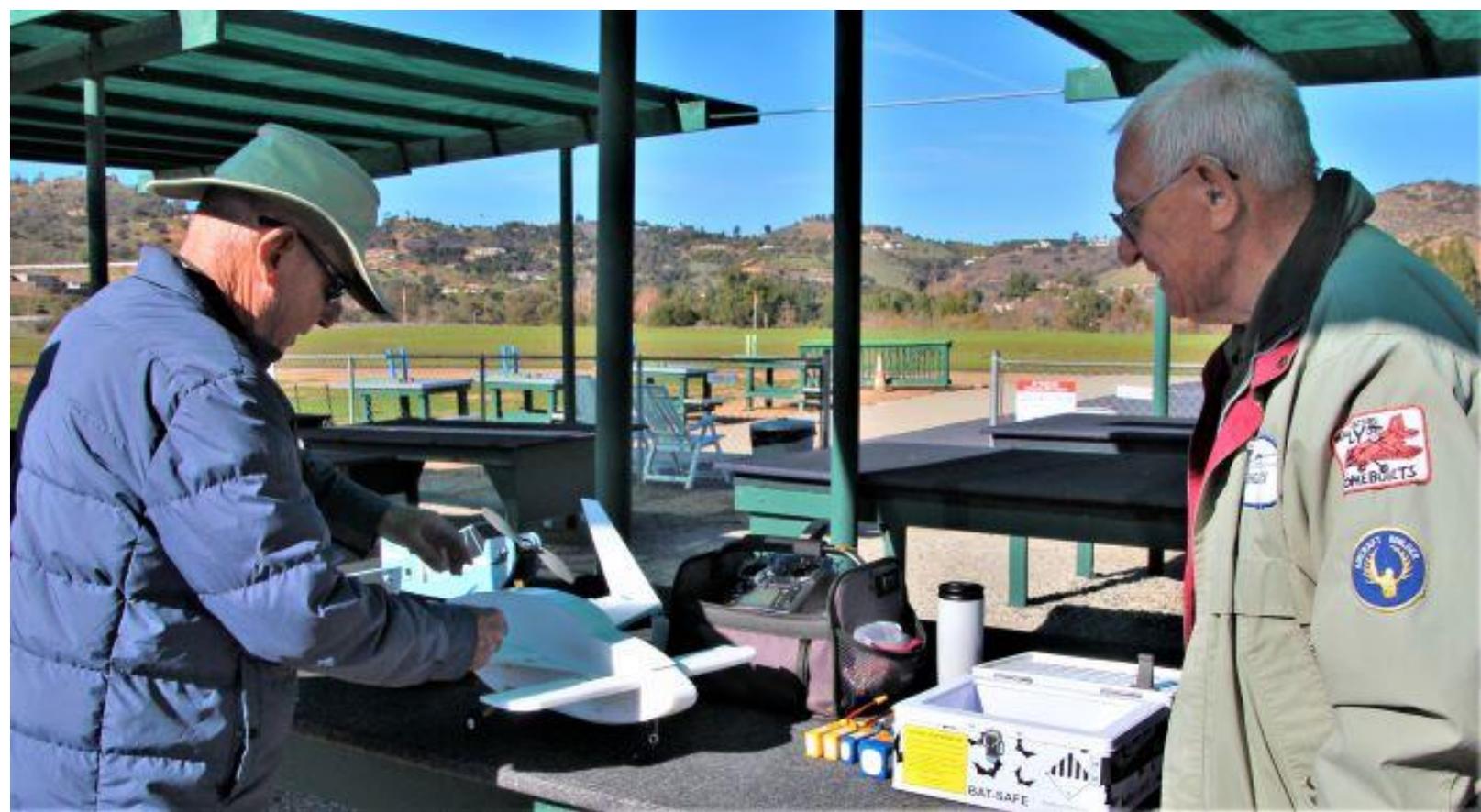


Safety officer Jim Christy flies this gasser 3-D.



**Jim Christy also flies
this 3-D foamy well.**





Above: Bill Hill and Lord Creedon

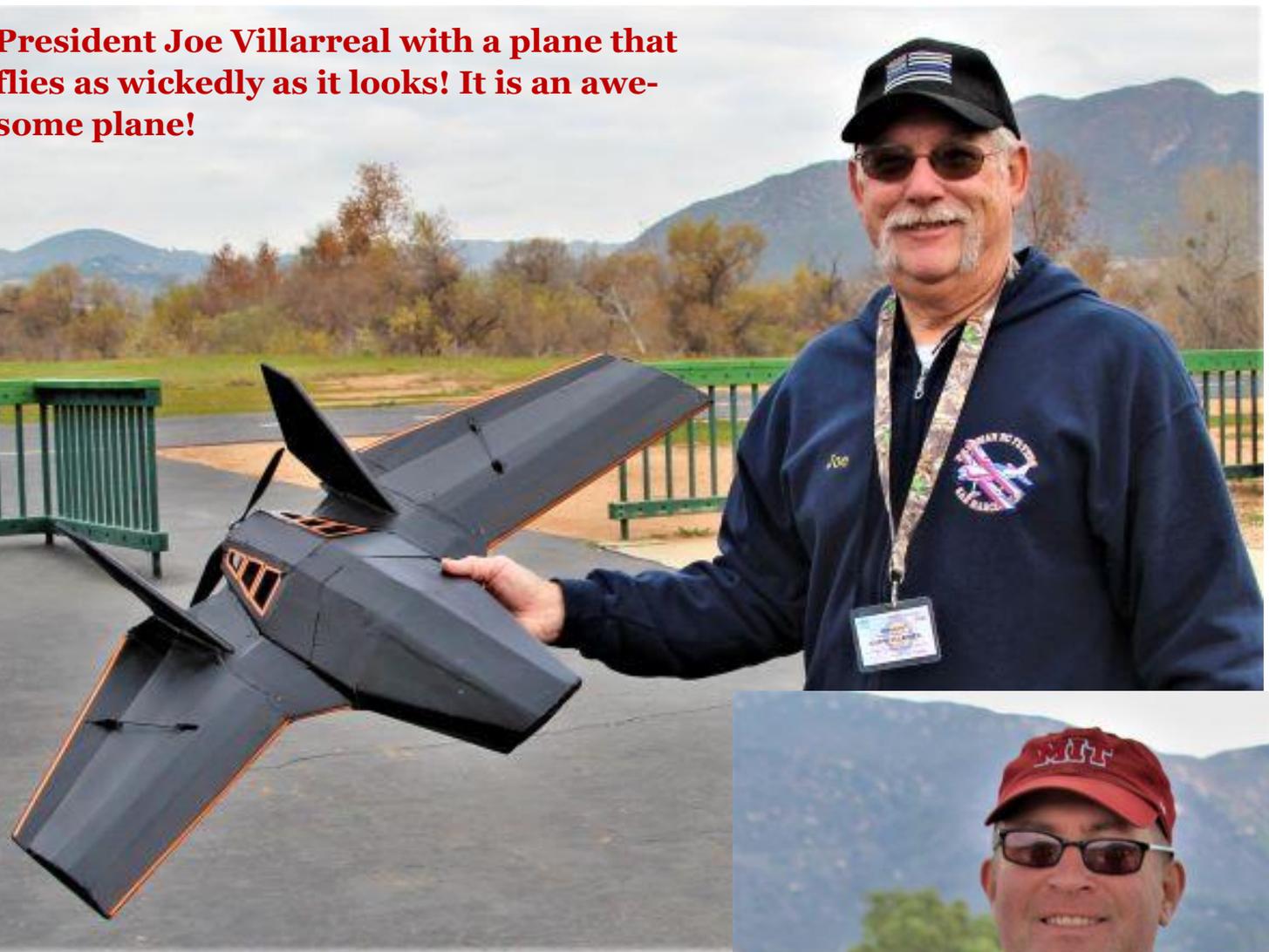
Below: Patrick Pranica and Steve Gebler





Chuck Riley Tim Hitchcock Eric Armstrong

President Joe Villarreal with a plane that flies as wickedly as it looks! It is an awesome plane!



William Taft and his fast micro-jet

The Gebler family would like to thank all of you that have provided support for my son, Grant, who suffered a massive stroke in November. For each of you that offered kind words and prayers, made a financial contribution, and attended the benefit event at Black Plague Brewery, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The benefit was a tremendous event. We estimate that more than 1,000 people attended. Everyone that came had a good time meeting with friends and neighbors, enjoying four bands, a car show, and lots of beer and burgers.

He is still hospitalized. As you can imagine, the path to stroke recovery is very expensive. Even with insurance, the cost of the equipment and care that he needs that is not covered by insurance is massive. It's likely that he will require care for years that is not covered by insurance.

The generosity of those who donated will go a long way to getting the care that he will need going forward.

You've touched our hearts. His grandfather, Ernie, his sister, Shay and her husband, Chris, and, of course, Grant and I can't thank you enough.

Steve Gebler



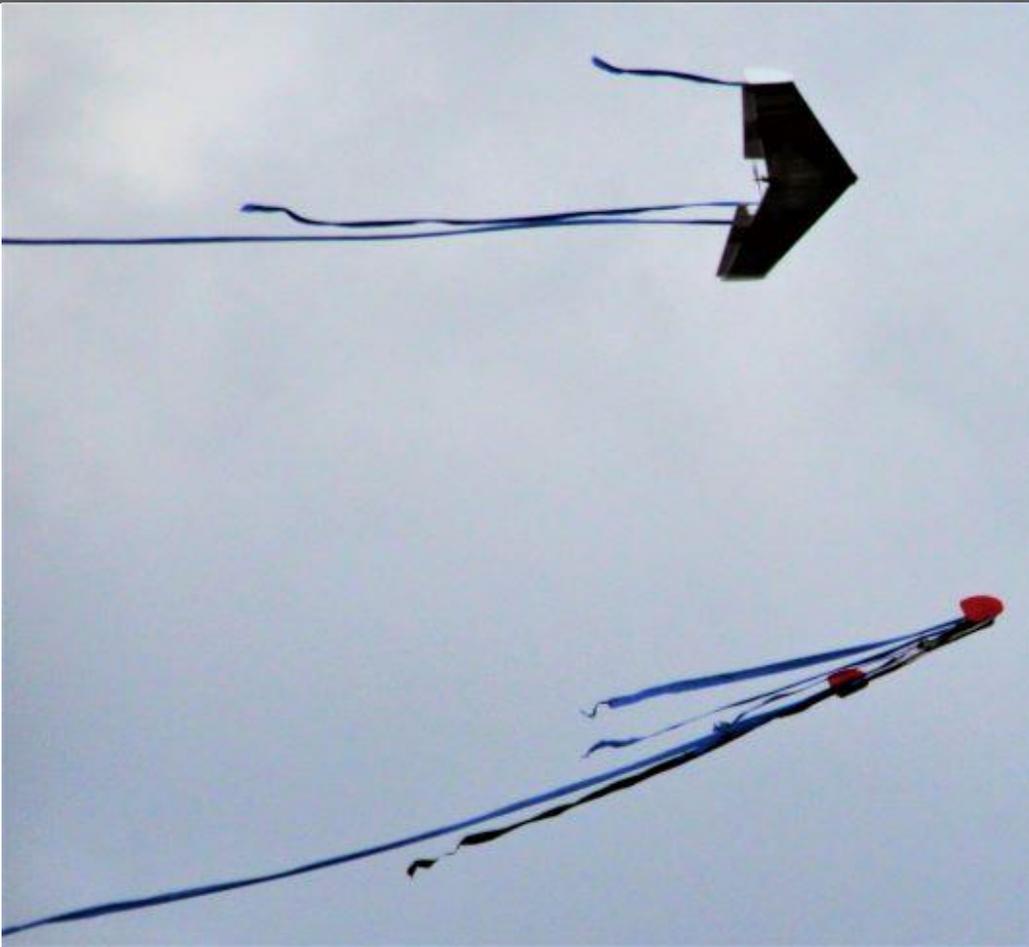
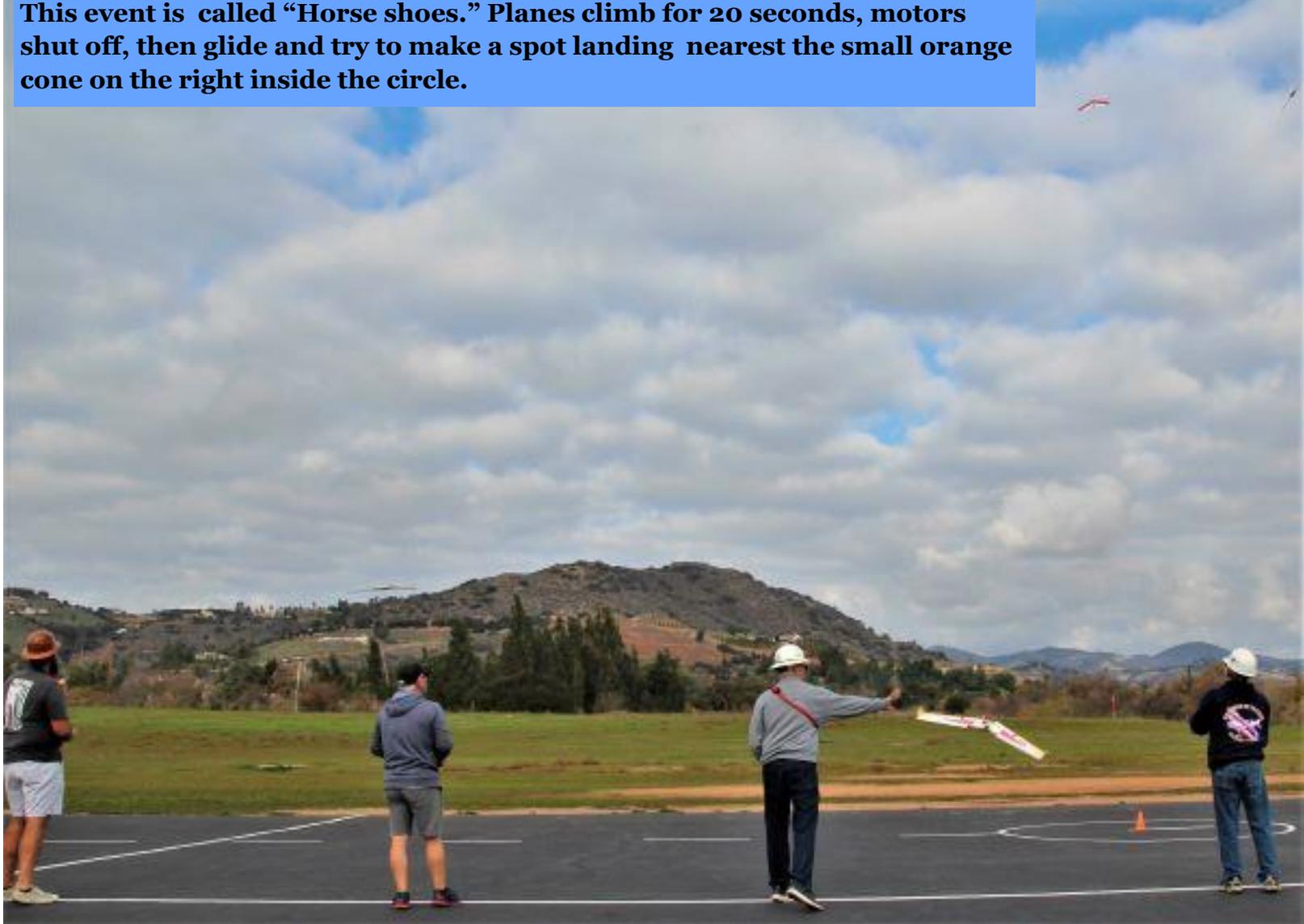
TRIFEFTA JAN. 8, 2022



You can almost feel Tim Hitchcock telling his story.



This event is called "Horse shoes." Planes climb for 20 seconds, motors shut off, then glide and try to make a spot landing nearest the small orange cone on the right inside the circle.





President Joe Villarreaal



Eric Armstrong



President emeritus and present board member, Steve Gebler and Griff



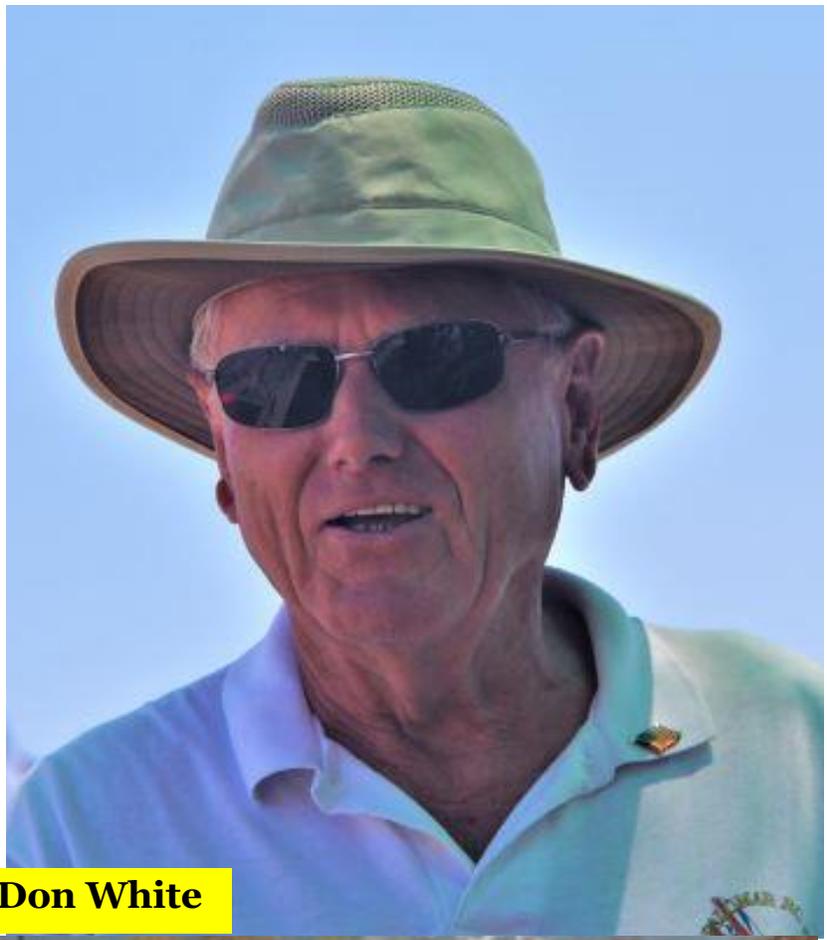
Scott Ralston

Tim Hitchcock and Chuck Riley had a mid-air. The object on the far left is Tim's aileron which was torn from his plane. Both cork-screwed down.



Tim's plane minus the left aileron.





Patty and Don White



Joe Villarreal is looking for trouble.



Chuck Riley



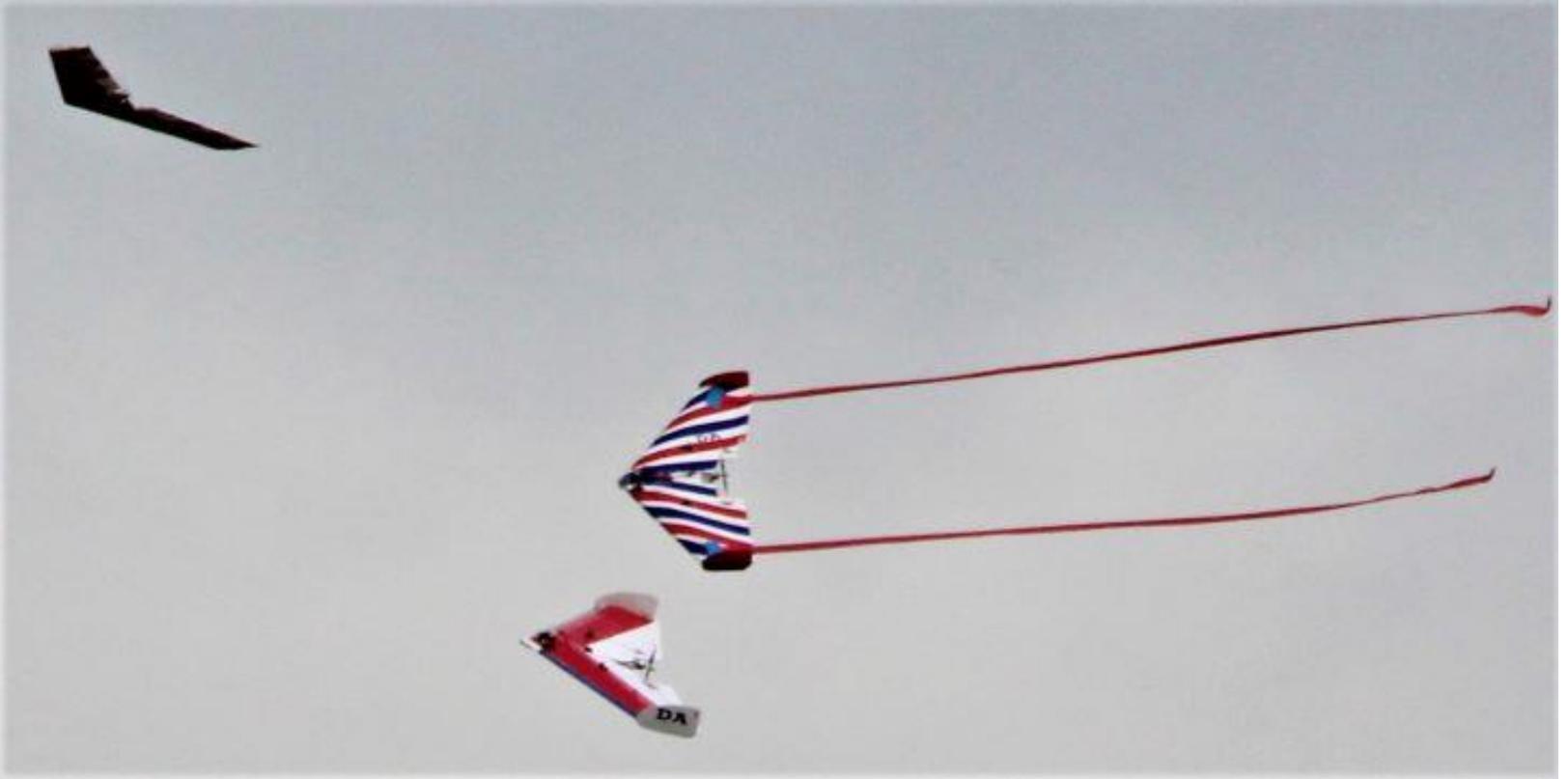
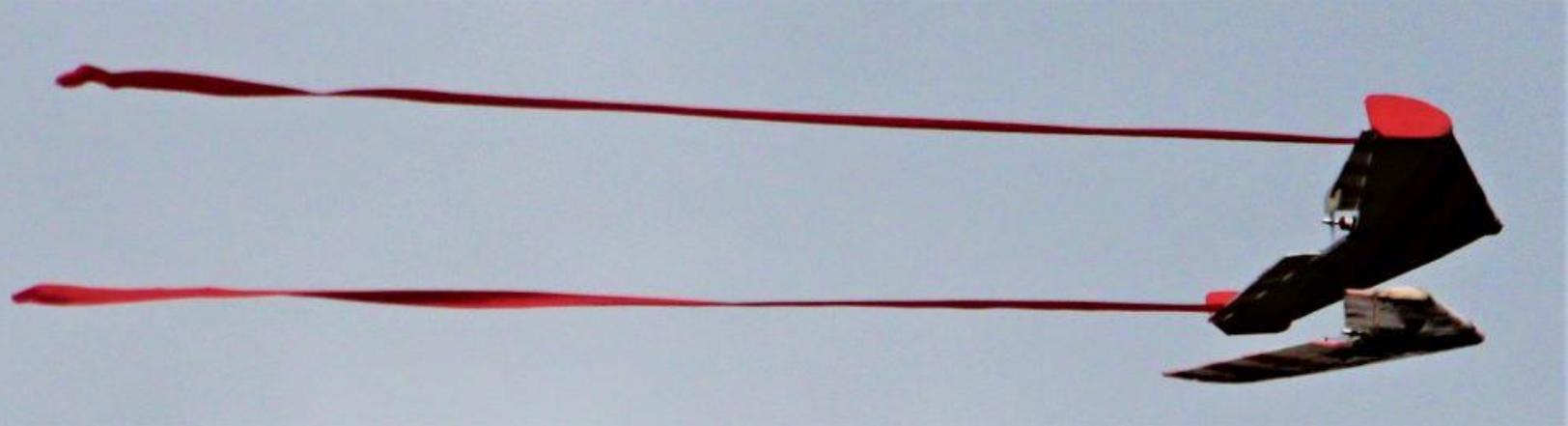
L/R Scott Ralston, Eric Armstrong, Randy Brunette, Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Tim Hitchcock, Joe Villarreal



Once again, Joe Villarreal's pose is the most creative!









Tim Hitchcock was presented with a plaque for being the Trifecta Champion for 2021! (See next photo for close-up.)



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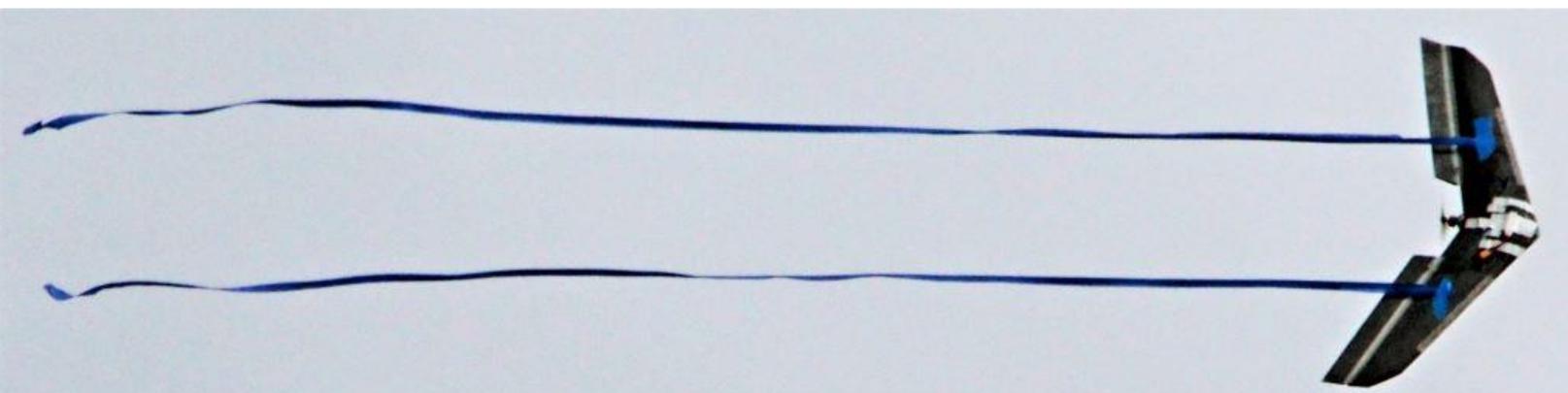


2021 Trifecta Champion

Tim Hitchcock



Trifecta Winners: Randy Brunette-1st; Chuck Riley-2nd; Tim Hitchcock –3rd.





Doug Riley. His son is Chuck Riley who came in second place today.



January 11, 2022 George Dawe and his Sopwith Camel. It sure looks full-scale!





**President emeritus
Bill Hill**





Phil Kogan is teaching Cynthia Johnson to fly. She lives nearby within site of the field!





Manny Souza



Is Don White carrying a pitchfork?



Phil Kogan



High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him,

however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

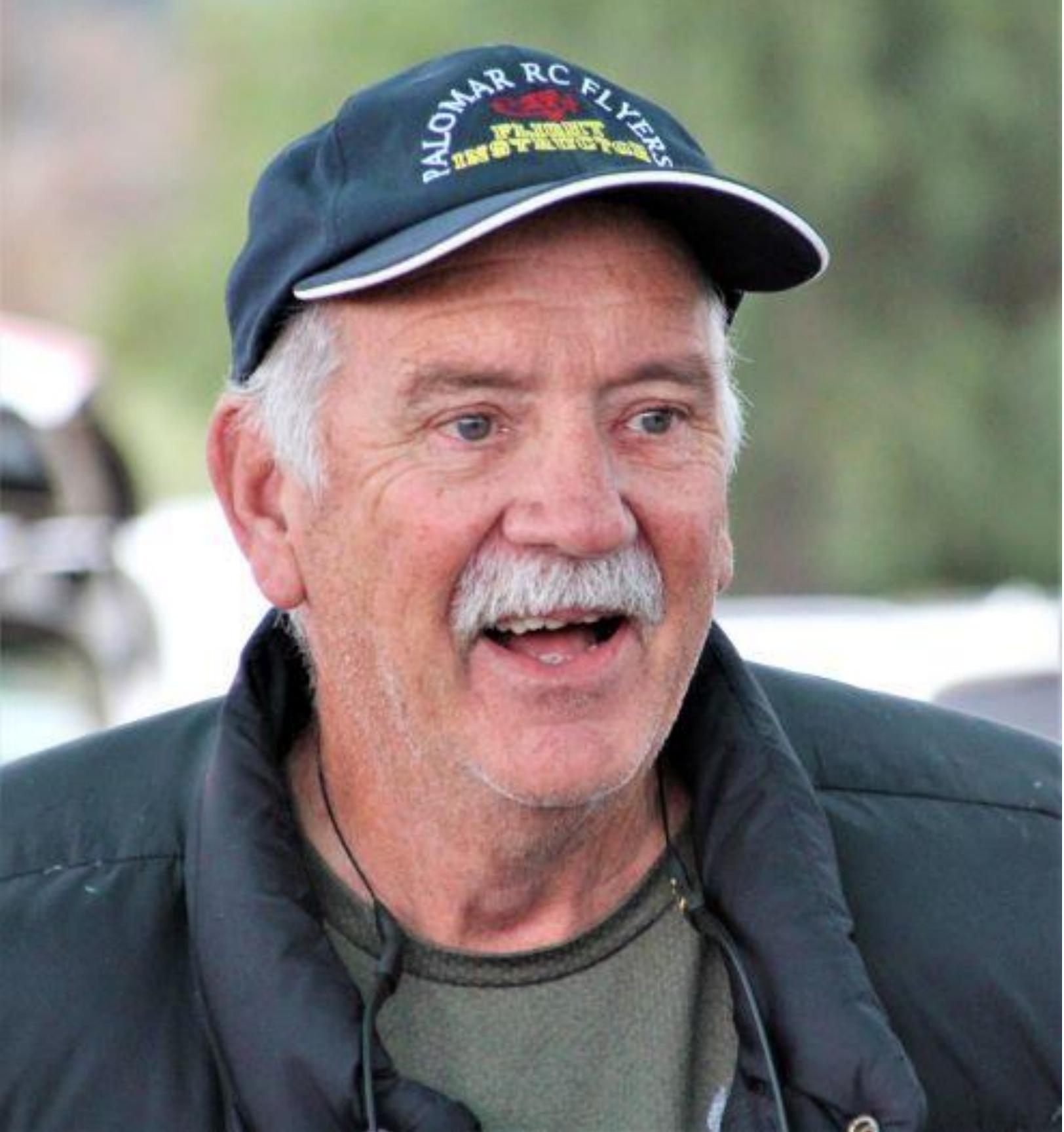
"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

Board member Steve Gebler sent this clipping in! Thanx!



Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 Monthly Club meeting at the field. President Joe Villarreal⁴⁵ lead the meeting. Joe read the treasurer's report because Dave Ellis could not attend.



Vice president Charles Lewis at our club meeting Jan. 15, 2022.



Our web-master, Richard Torres, tries to cover up his sweet roll so that Jennifer wouldn't see what he was eating! That sign of DANGER behind him is what Jennifer would have said! ⁴⁷

Steve Gebler reported on the efforts made to secure another flying site.



George Dawe brought his Heinkel HS-129-B for model-of-the-month.



Wayne Bonfietti won Model-of-the-Month with his Top Flite DC-3 with fixed gear. Those are invasion stripes.





Joe and Barbara made this unique club flag which Joe is displaying.

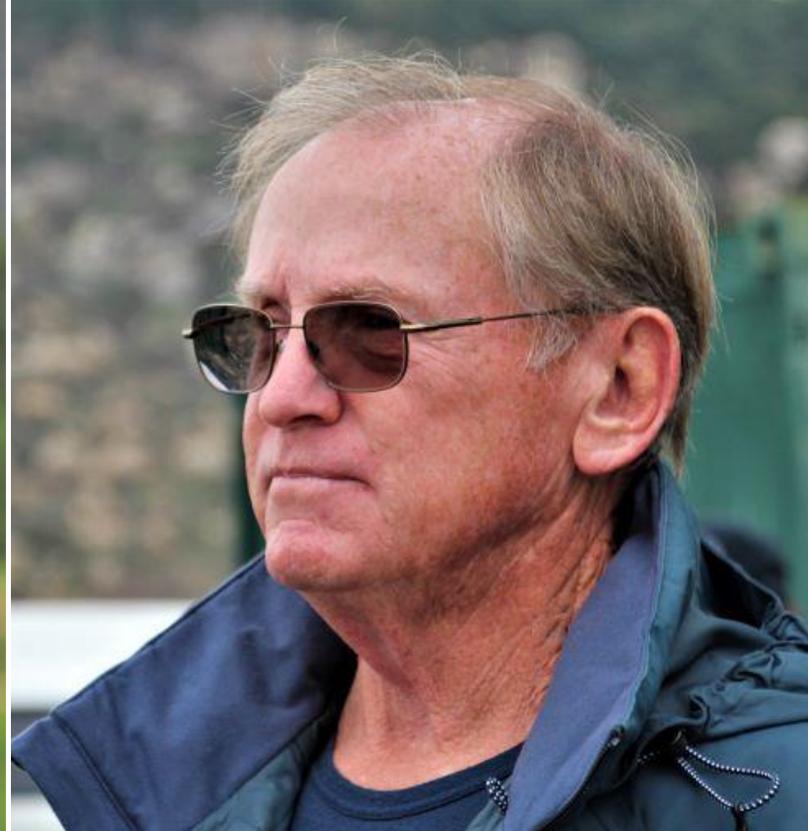


Paul Broyles flew this handsome “forked devil”, a Lockheed P-38 Lightning. It is always a stunningly beautiful airplane

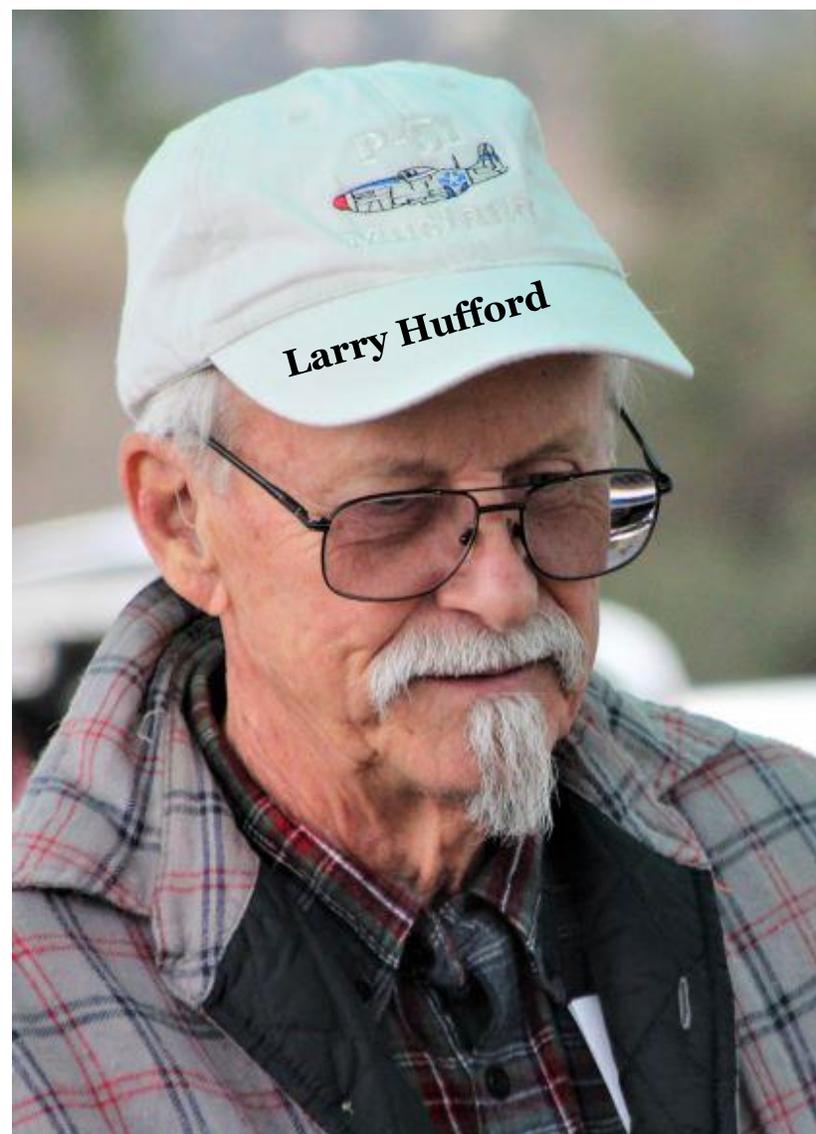




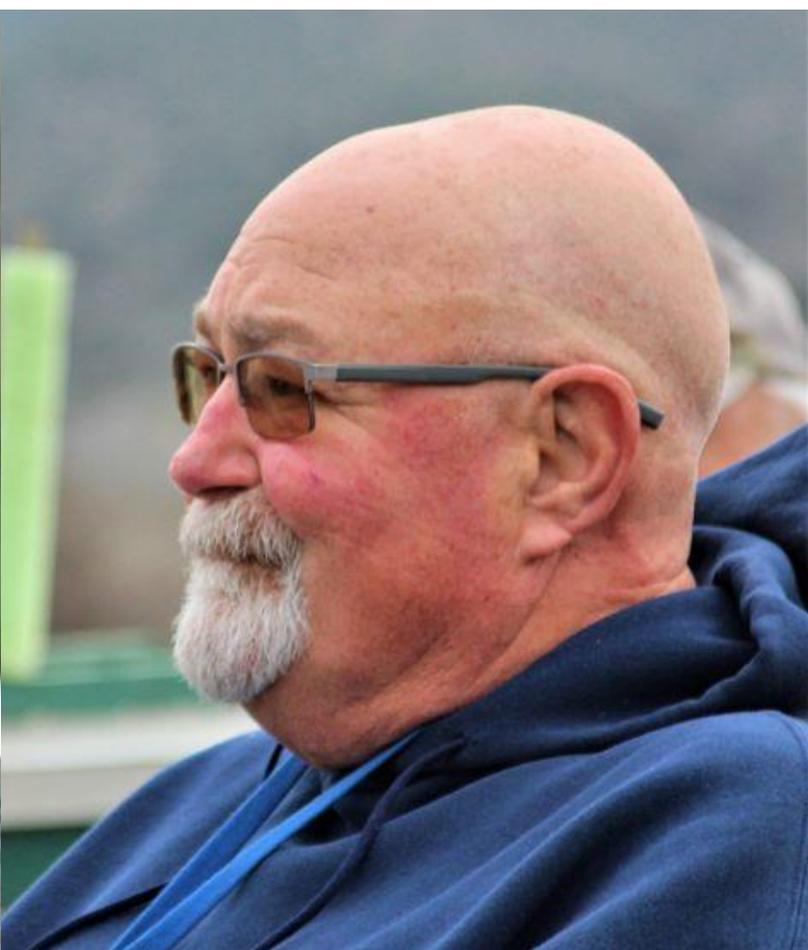
Rob Guth



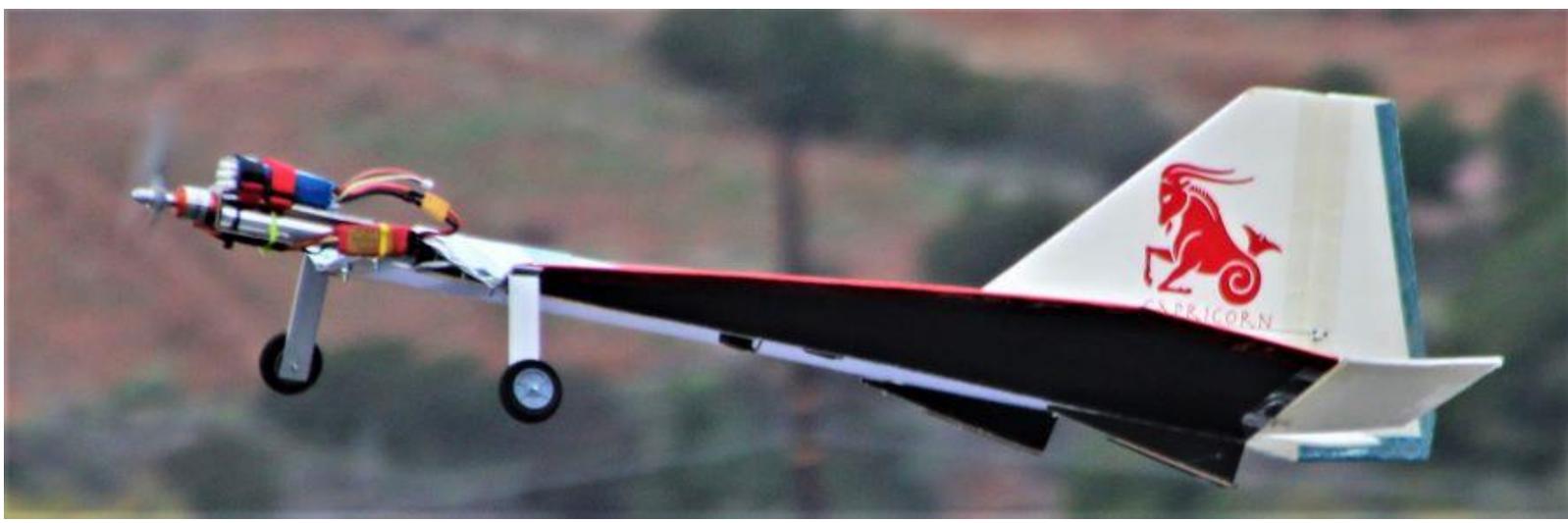
Hal Meeker



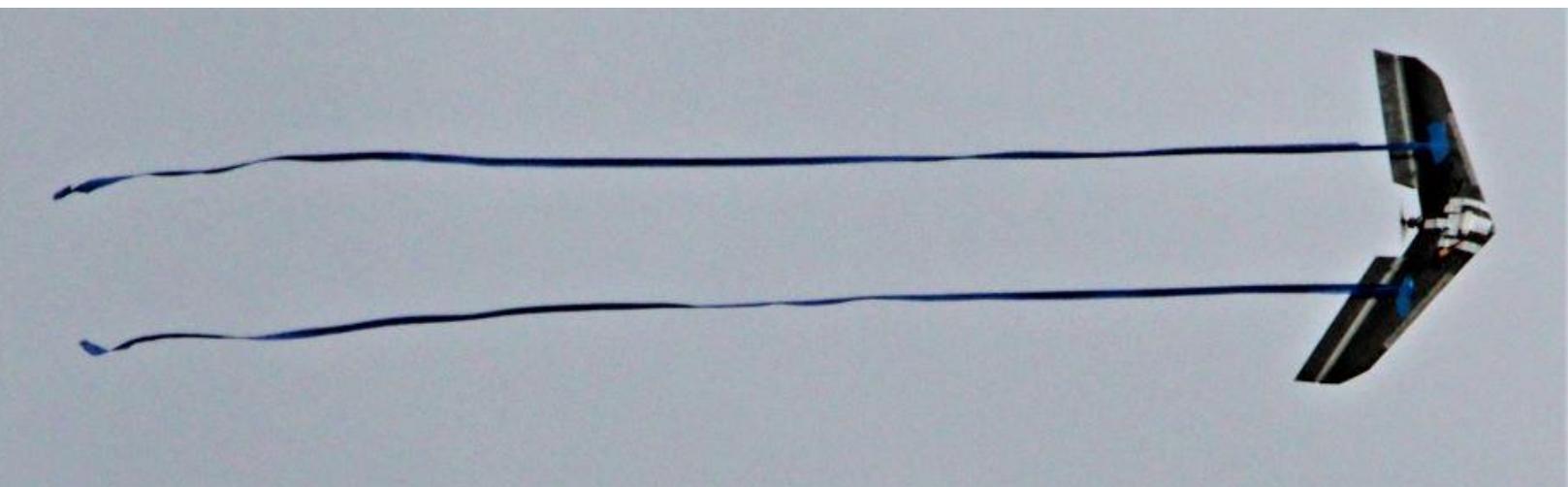
Larry Hufford



Rick Hilton



This assembly of parts flies well. Did Steve Gebler design it or did he find the plans in an old *Mechanic's Illustrated Magazine*? It looks like it was a kit? It certainly is off-beat.





Russell Parks

As your editor and historian, I'd like to share a thought. I have a copy of our club roster dated Oct. 15, 1983, almost 39 years ago when we had 225 members. Out of them, guess how many are still members! Guess how many are members who still fly! The answer to the first question is "3". The answer to the second question is "2". The three who are still members are as follows:

- 1) Joe Buko your editor**
- 2) Russell Parks pictured above**
- 3) Ed Ramsay– but Ed has not flown for a while due to health issues.**

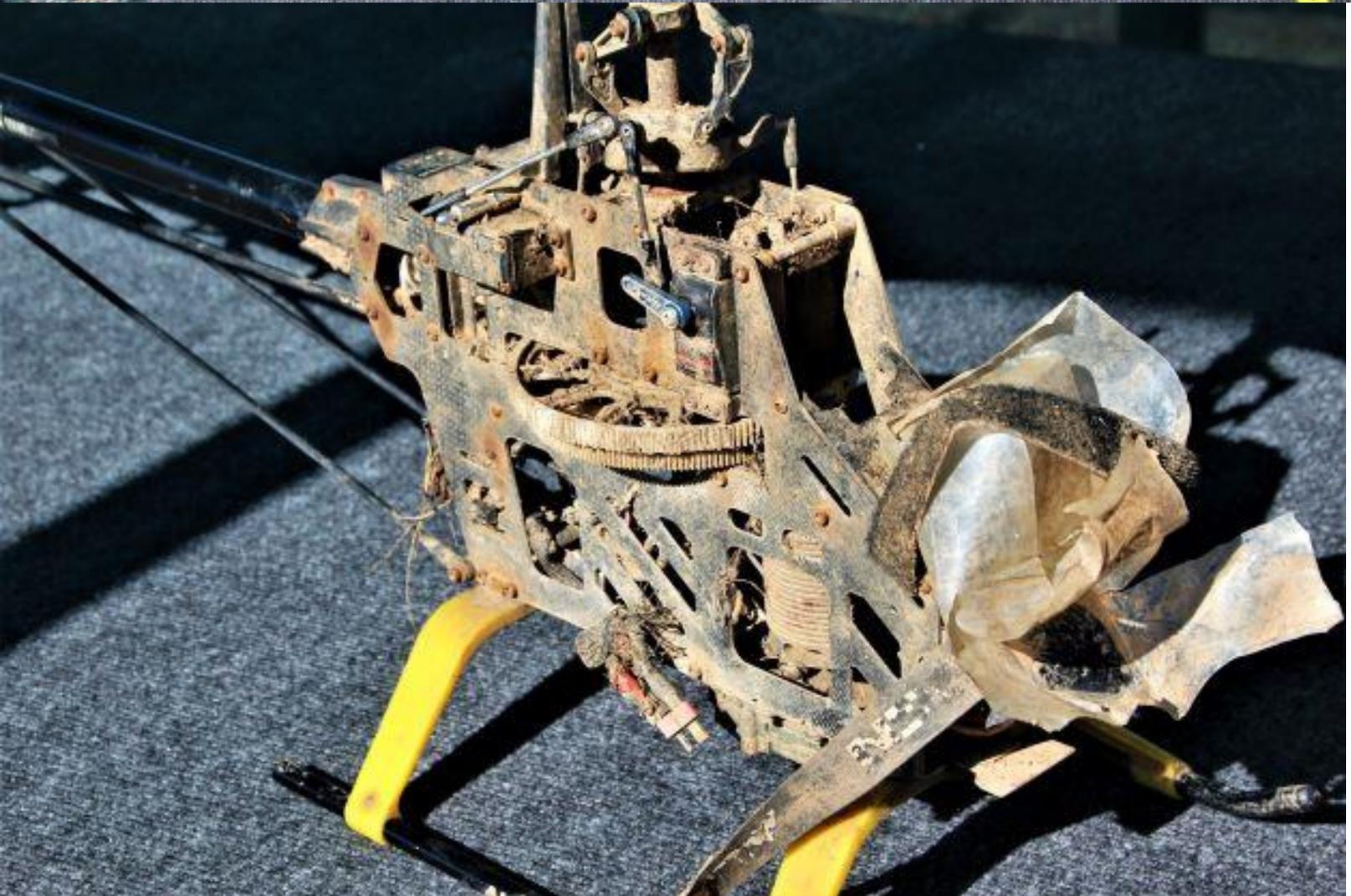
Thus, only 2 of us are active and can tell the tale! Many have died, moved away, lost interest in flying, or are unable to fly. Club membership changes with the passage of time! Russ, Ed, and I remember the good OLD days when we flew in San Marcos off Linda Vista Road not far from where Fry's used to be. We could give a presentation at a club meeting of some of our club's history.



Russell Park's cartoon-like plane!

**Cesar Fernandez and
Jim Christy's cute
dog.**





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Hal Meeker found this in the jungle– an Align 550 heli. I tried to gift it to Lord Creedon, but he refused my super-generous offer! Can you imagine!? 1/20/2022

Don Davis to the right.

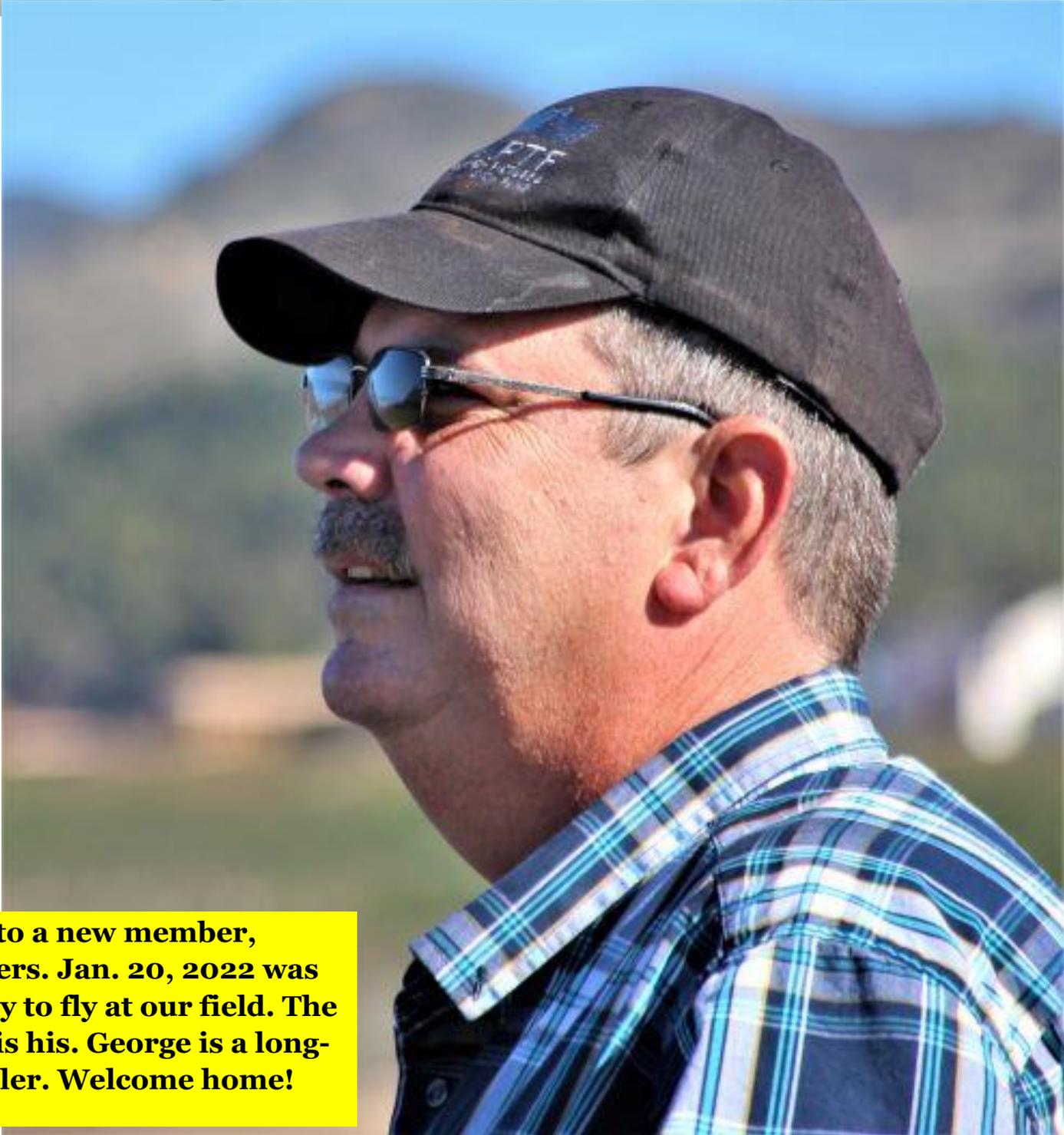


Dave Ellis our treasurer below.





Cesar Fernandez



**Welcome to a new member,
George Tuers. Jan. 20, 2022 was
his first day to fly at our field. The
Wart Hog is his. George is a long-
time modeler. Welcome home!**



Don White



Patrick Pranica's T-28 taking off on Jan. 20, 2022— a perfect flying day!



Student-pilot Paul Palmer is also a member of the Torrey Pines Gulls.



Curtis Kitteringham



Johnny Johannes' Ryan STA— a very pretty plane



Jan. 26, 2022 David Storey brought this derivative of the Polish Vilga, a STOL plane with great performance. Dave can reverse thrust to backup the plane! One wag asked if he could take off backwards! Dave said that the original full-scale plane has crashed. Because of its wing slats, this plane can take off at a 45 degree angle or higher!

Darrell Albert, we miss you!







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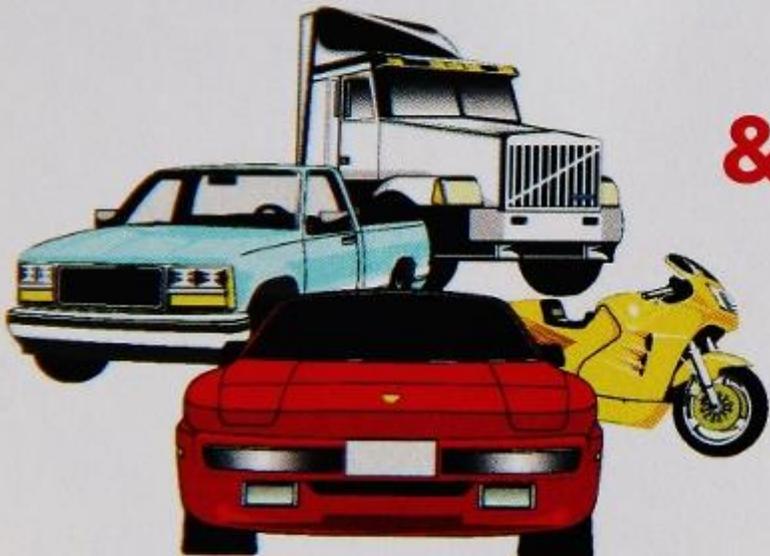
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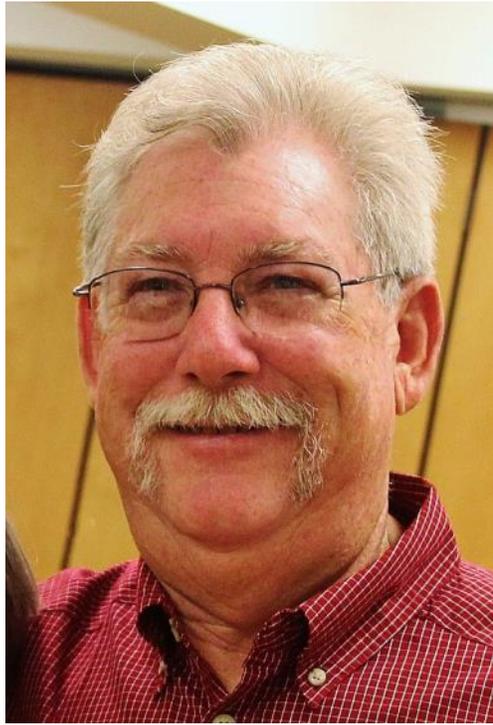
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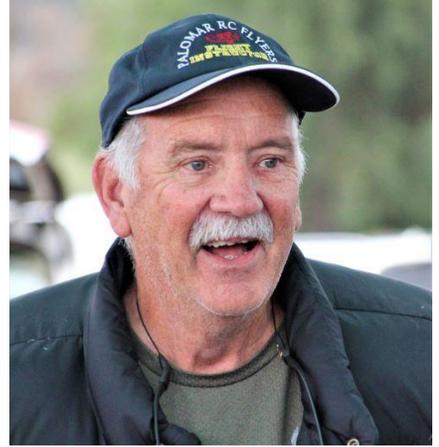
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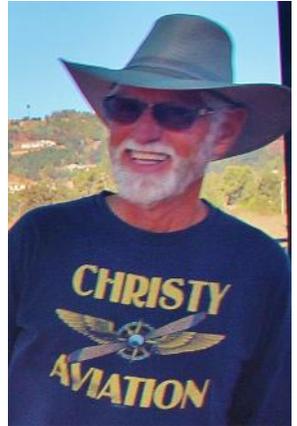
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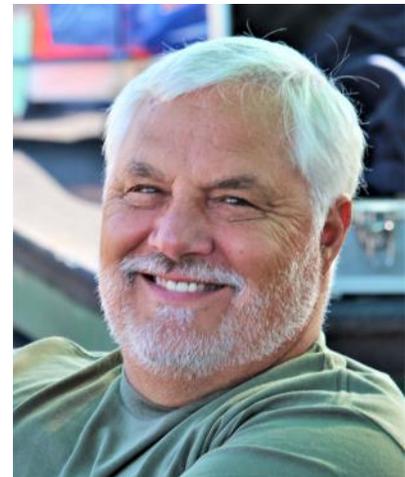


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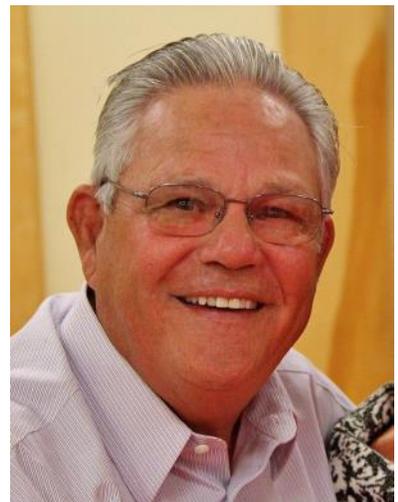
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