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AMA Charter 141

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the January meeting at the field. We had a great turnout. For the immediate future, meetings will be held at the field on a Saturday morning. The next meeting will be February 20th at 9am. Model of the month will also be resuming next month. Not only will we be selecting model of the month, members are encouraged to share any new projects they are working on.

Our next virtual board meeting will be February 3rd. The main theme of this meeting will be picking dates for upcoming events such as the Heli-Fun-Fly, Jet and Warbird Events. Most of our major events will begin closer to summer when the current health crisis is projected to be less of an issue. The next scheduled event will be the Combat Trifecta. It will take place Sunday, February 7th from 9-10am. If you would like to become an Event Coordinator check out the AMA website for the requirements. We currently only have four. You can help with organizing events, and it does have other advantages! Members can contact me with any questions.

Field maintenance: the gravel on the entry road has held up well during the most recent rains. The new DG dirt placed at the Heli field, pit area has also been a great improvement! We will be starting some more weed abatement to counter the rains we have been getting. Contact me if you can help with hand spraying and tractor spraying. Joe Villarreal, Hal Meeker and Steve Kerrin are working on setting up the new sensor on the gate. When we replaced the stolen gear, the manufacturer of the gate upgraded and changed the system we previously had installed. When entering or exiting the field, as soon as the gate opens, pass through in a timely manner. Two cars can safely get through before the timer will close the gate.

Housekeeping: Please have your club IDs displayed when you are at the field. This is especially helpful on the weekends when we have guests, visitors and travelers at the field. Please renew/register with the FAA as an operator of model aircraft and display the your registration number somewhere on the outside of all models. You must also have your required identification information on, or in, your models listing your AMA number, Name and phone number.

Don Davis and Chris Avellino have pretty much wrapped up putting together our new training syllabus and instructor guidelines. We will be ready ahead of the scheduled opening of training in March. If you have an interest in helping out with Monday evening (5pm- dusk) training as an instructor or assisting in the operation, contact Don Davis.

Club meetings at the field will of course be dependent on the weather. Between now and May, we may have to reschedule due to weather. We will advise members in an email blast if a meeting will be rescheduled. Bring a lawn chair to help with social distancing. All are encouraged to participate in Model of the Month and if you have a current project, we would love to see it!

David Storey has generously donated several panes to the club. All members who show up to the next meeting will receive a raffle ticket and a plane will be given away. I look forward to seeing everyone who can make it out!

Chris Thompson
President



Next Trifecta- Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 @ 9 to 10 am.

In Memory of Darrell Albert

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the passing of Darrell Albert. Darrell passed away at 2 AM on New Year's Day, his body finally shutting down after years of battling diabetes and congestive heart failure.

His son, Darrin, reported that he had been in hospital through Christmas and was in a nursing home until Wednesday, when he wanted to go home. He wanted to be part of the upcoming Trifecta, but the "Man Above" had other plans for him.

Darrell embodied the generous spirit of our club. He was truly "Mr. Combat" and helped promote the original nitro combat competitions, posted scores on the national scoreboard and, in later years, was the Trifecta scorekeeper and awards distributor.

Darrell was a Vietnam Veteran.

His son Darren reported, "He had full renal failure due to diabetes and congestive heart failure. All the times in hospital and dialysis over the last 5 years and he never once complained or said, "Poor me."

For his service to the club, Darrell was a Life Member.

Darrell will be greatly missed.

Our wishes go out to Doug, Keith, Darrin and all the rest of the Albert family.

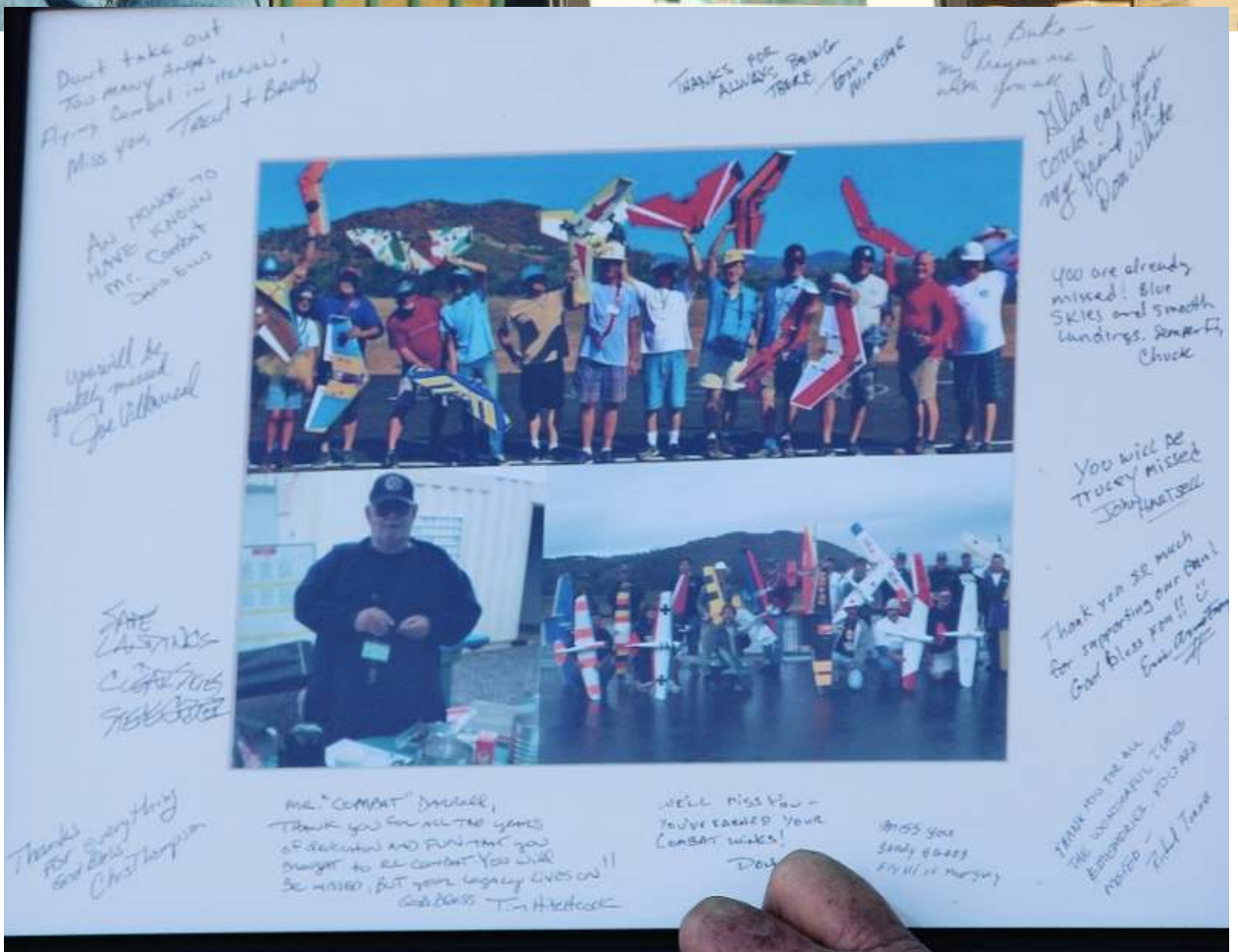
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Steve Gebler

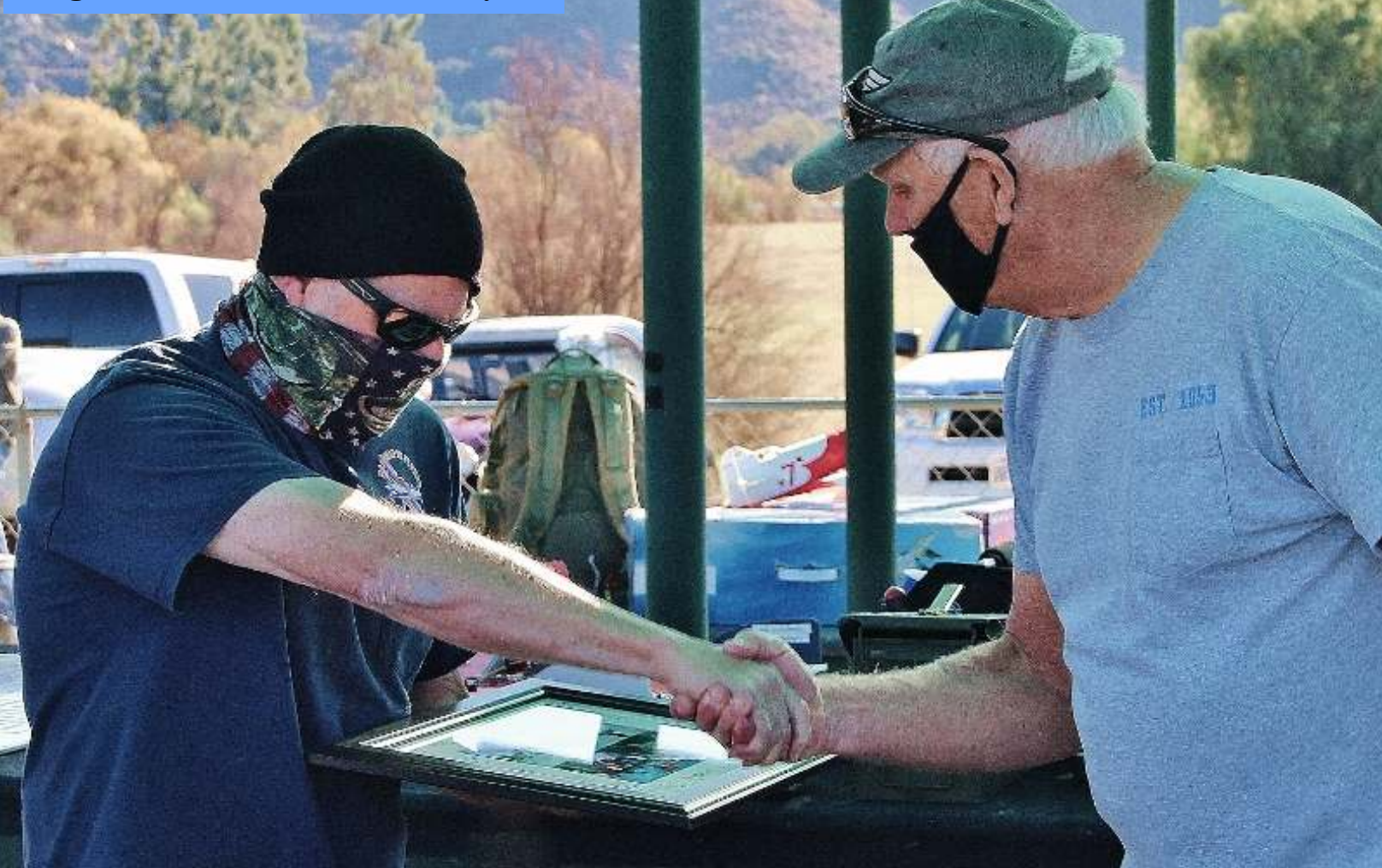


Darrell Albert

Tim Hitchcock showed the plaque which the combat pilots prepared for Darrell Albert's family as their tribute to "Mr. Combat." Later, club members were invited to sign it.



Tim Hitchcock presented the plaque to Doug Albert on behalf of his family.



Heli-Field Pit Project took place in late Dec. 2020. Eric Armstrong with rake. Matt Boteler is driving the Cat. Chris Wilson photos.









Don White

Jan. 9, 2021 Monthly Club Meeting at our field. Cap't Steve preparing for transition of presidency to our new president, Chris Thompson.



Frank and Ethel Burke arriving at the field



Tim Dougherty is feeling better and attended the meeting with his friend, Elise. Tim flew B-47's and B-52's. He has quite a history! We've missed you and it's good to have you back!

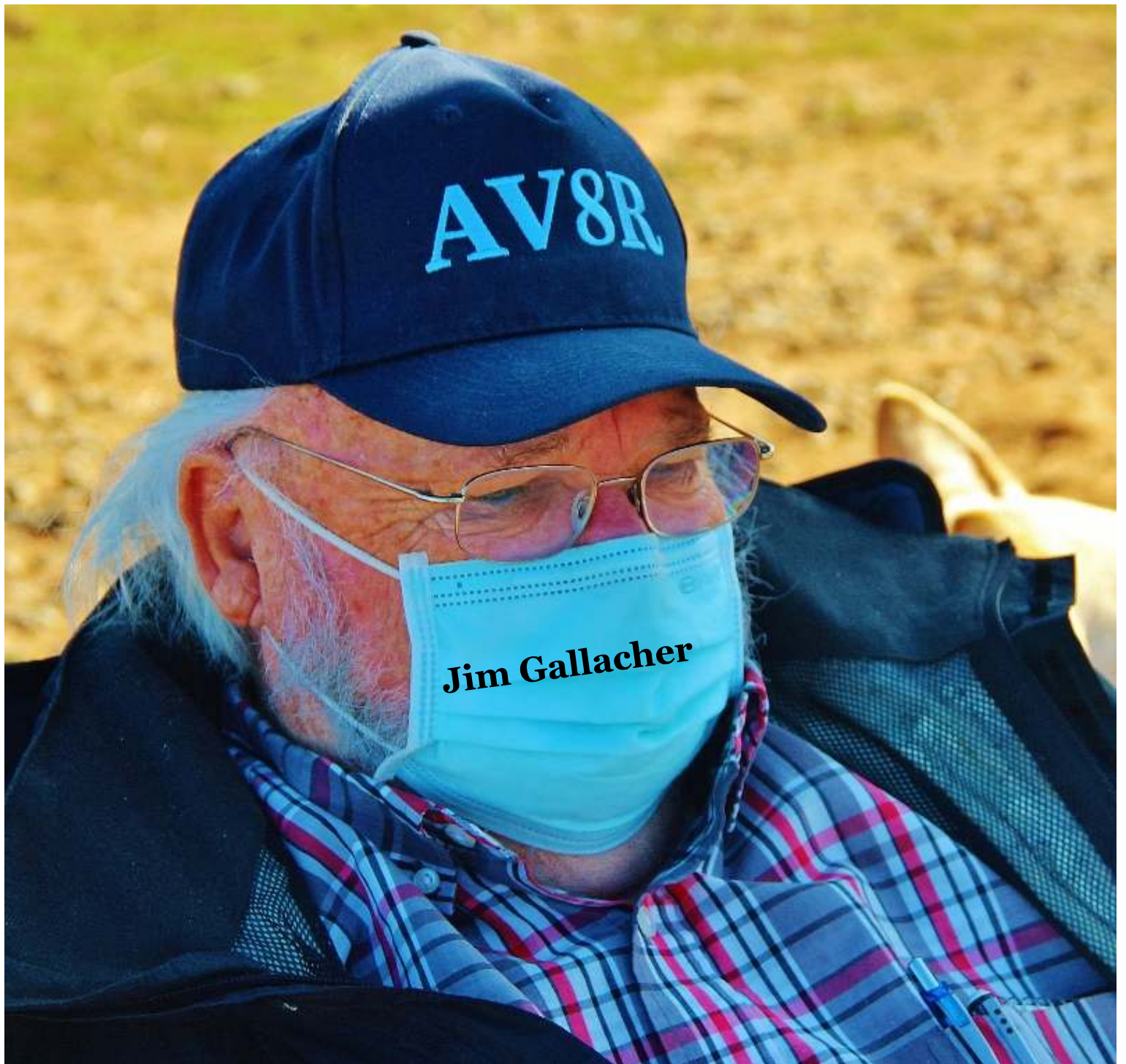


Pretty Elise Schneider attended the meeting with her friend, Tim Daugherty. It's good to see you again. ¹¹



Richard Torres Treasurer Dave Ellis

Tim Hitchcock



Jim Gallacher

Pancho Castillo's Spitfire with Czechoslovak insignia. Your editor's mom was born in that country!



Bobby Johnannes' Ryan STA flies as good as it looks.





Master-builder John Cutler scratch built this immaculate Taylorcraft to perfection!

MODEL OF THE YEAR 2020!

Very well earned Congratulations to Master Builder, John Cutler, for his magnificent Taylorcraft! John builds to the highest standards. No praise is sufficient to compliment him for his superb work! It is a high honor to have such a fine builder in our club. You join the ranks of Lou Proctor who once was a member of our club! That says it all, our friend! You are one of our very best builders and would easily place high in the AMA Nationals!





President Emeritus Varley Longson

Frank Burke



Don White (Donaldo Blanco)

President Emeritus
Jim Jenkins and his
American Airliner



*Welcome to our new
board member, Phil
Kogan!*





The first photo ever taken in the entire world of our newest president, Christopher Thompson, in action!

Congrats!



Treasurer Dave Ellis gave his financial report at our meeting.



Don Davis is a new board member and instructor on Monday evenings. Welcome!



Prsident Chris Thompson shows one of the books written for new comers to the hobby.



**One of our new members, Mike Eversman.
Welcome to our flying club!**



Randy Brunette



Outgoing president Steve Gebler was awarded a lifetime membership in the club for his outstanding work on behalf of our club. Well deserved! Chris is on the left and Steve is on the right. Congrats!



Incoming Vice-President, Joe Villarreal, was awarded a lifetime membership for his continued selfless work on behalf of our club. Recently, he used his welding skills to repair our automatic gate opener after it was vandalized. He cooks at our events and is constantly giving his time and talent to our club! Congrats, Joe! Well deserved!



Don Davis was awarded for his work and dedication to the club. He is our head instructor for Monday night flight training. Here Don is presented with a crying towel. Why? Because when a student crashes, Don can now wipe his eyes dry!



Board member Phil Kogan was granted a presidential pardon for the unusual aircraft he is known to fly!

A big thanks goes to Life Member Glenn Pohly for donating a weed whacker and trimmer to the club! With weed season soon upon us, this is gratefully appreciated! [Steve Gebler](#)



Richard Torres our web-master receives an award for his outstanding work!



Hal Meeker receives a token of our gratitude for his work for our club.



Steve Kerrin receives an award for his work and dedication as membership chairman and a life-time membership which was unanimously approved by the attending club members.



Jim Gallacher receives an award for his work as sailplane chairman



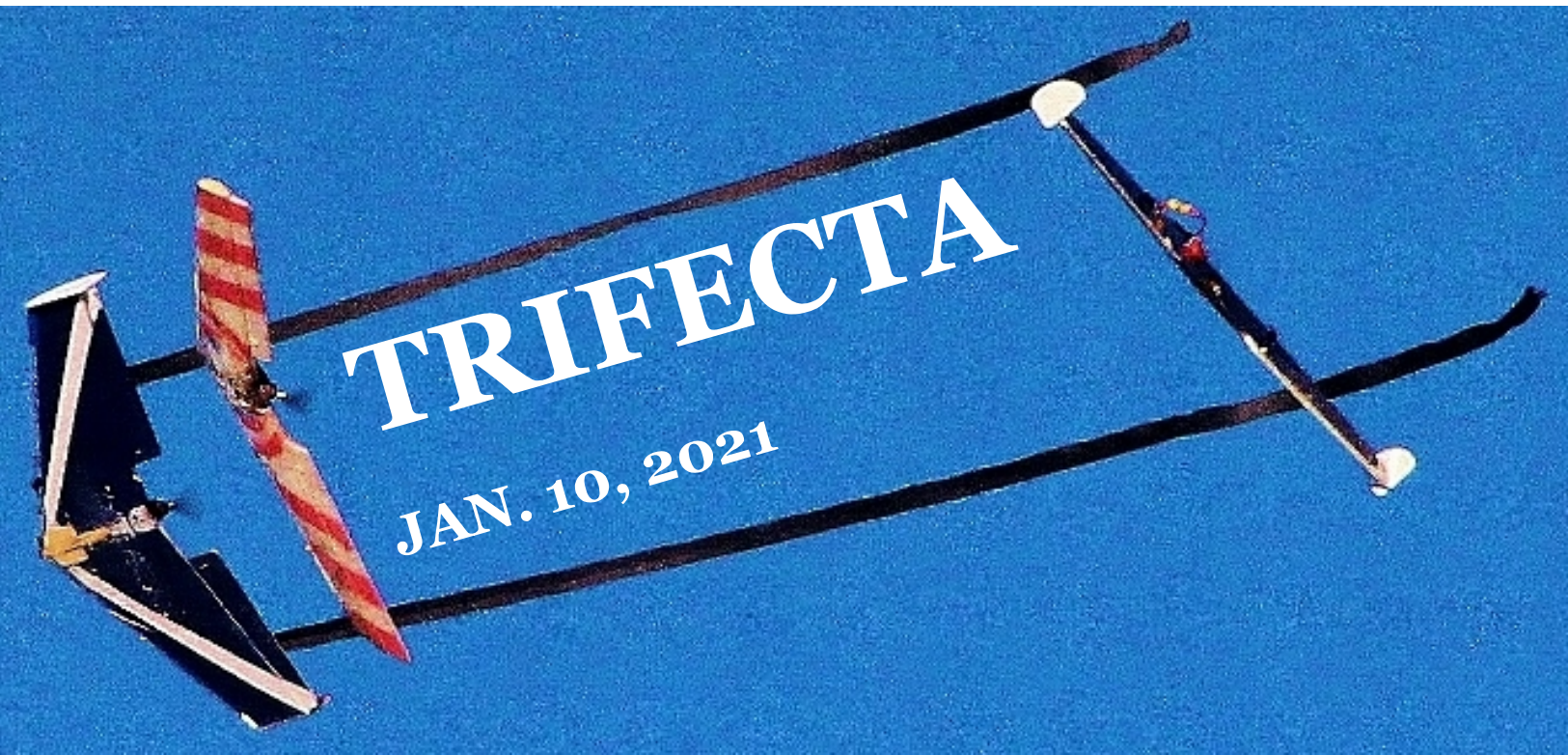
Ethel and Frank Burke awarded for the couple of the year!



John Cutler receives an award for Model-of-the-Year for his excellent Taylorcraft!

President Chris Thompson was awarded “MEMBER-OF-THE-YEAR” for 2020! Congrats to you. You deserve it!





Richard Torres, Alex Walsh, Doug Abel, Dave Ellis, Joe Villarreal, Tim Hitchcock, Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Eric Armstrong and Jake his dog





Tim Hitchcock salutes Darrell Albert in whose honor this Trifecta was flown. The DA stands for Darrell's name.



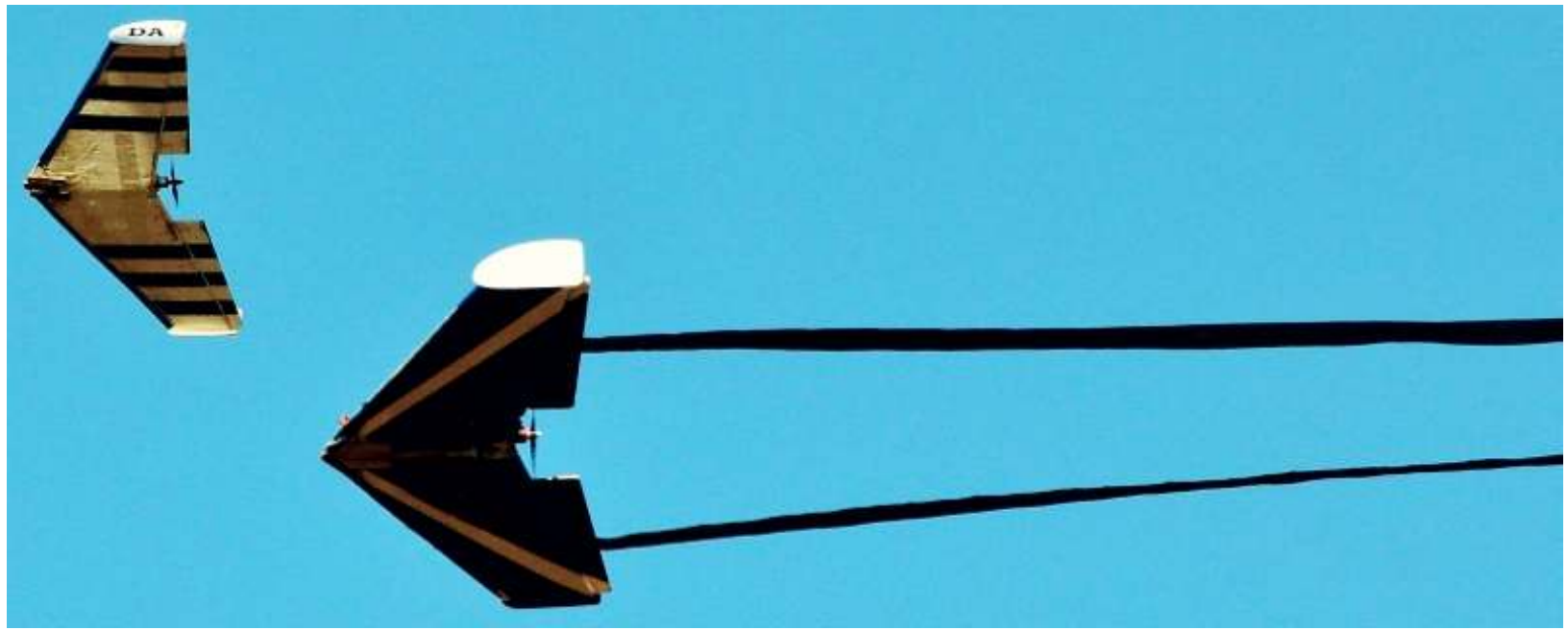


Alex Walsh's big plane!





Eric Armstrong with faithful Jake



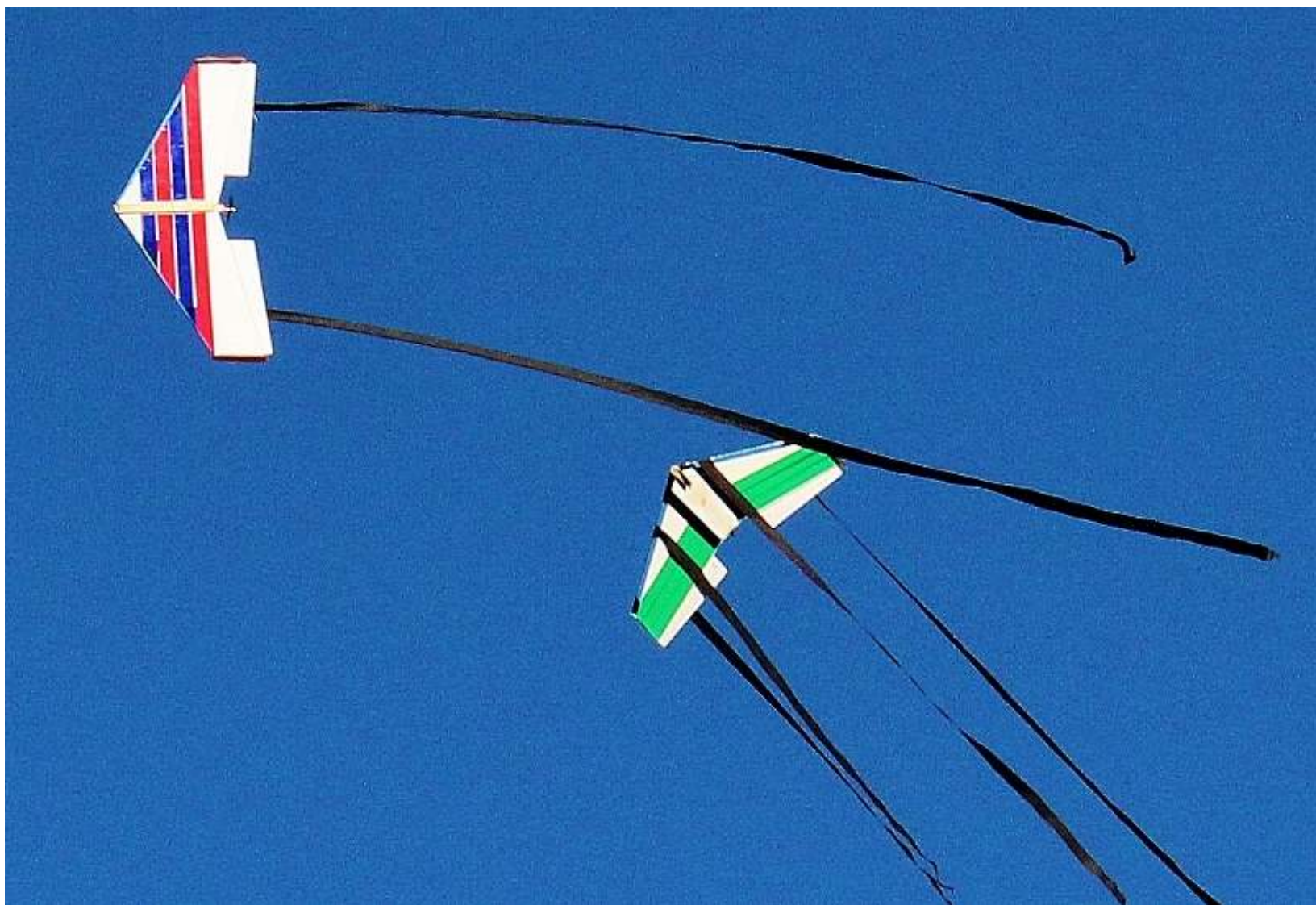




Doug Abel

D.A. on the planes is for Darrell Albert in whose honor this Trifecta was flown.



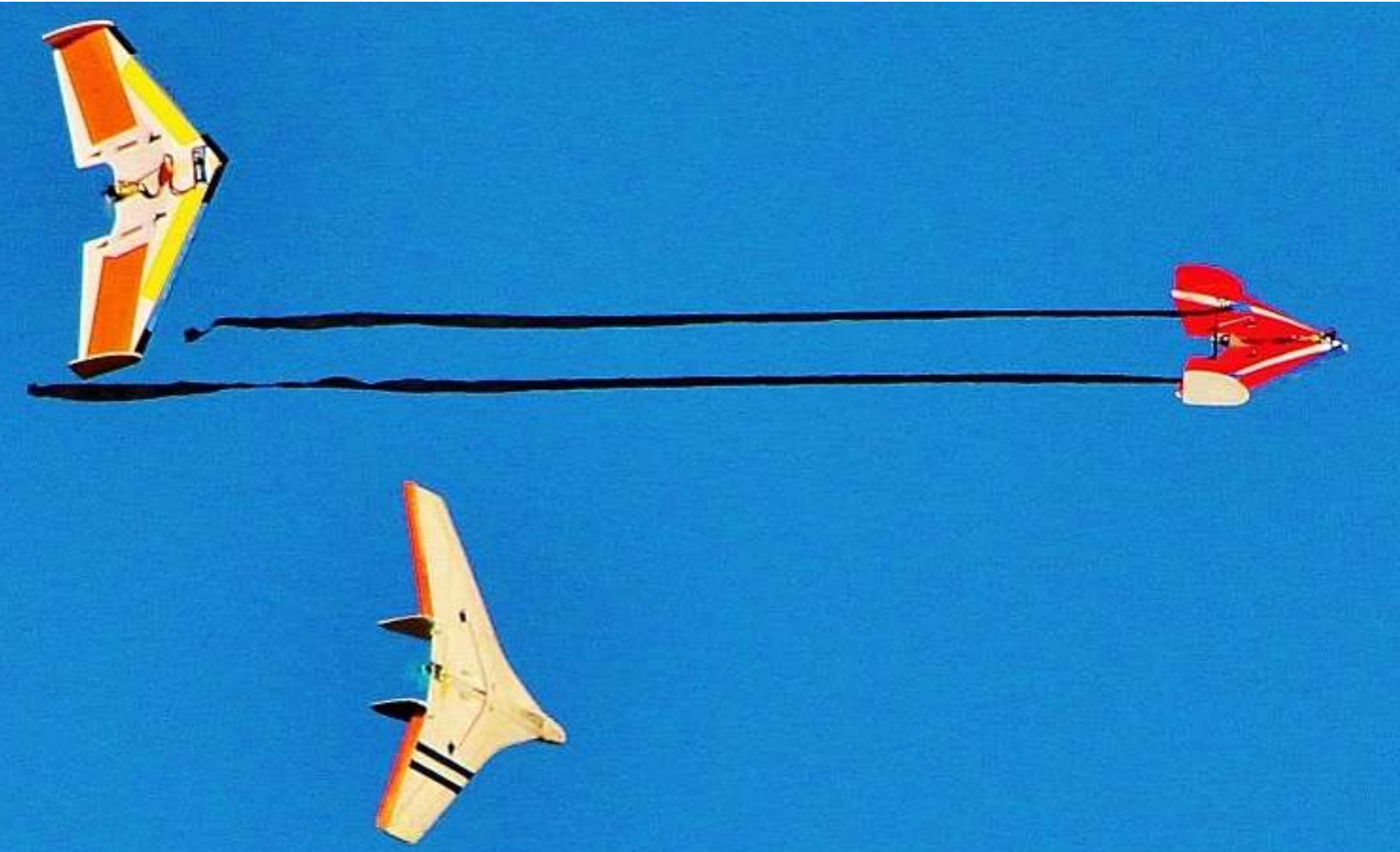




L/R Dave Ellis= 2nd place; Joe Villarreal=First place; Chuck Riley 3rd place



Brody Stadick



Alex Walsh's plane taxied into the spot-landing area perfectly- with no power. We all gave him a well-deserved "shout-out!"

A mistake was made counting Trifecta points which led to the belief that Chuck Riley was the high scorer in combat. But his glory was short lived and the tutu had to be passed to Joe Villarreal. Here Tim Hitchcock is helping Chuck don the skirt.





Joe Villarreal

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Board Member Trent Stadick kept score. We miss you Darrell!



This event is named "horseshoes." Everyone takes off simultaneously, and cuts power after 20 seconds of flying. Then they try to make a spot landing in a circle. The plane nearest the small plastic cone in the circle wins.





Tim Hitchcock won the award for wearing the tutu or skirt the most often during 2020. (editor's note: I'm not sure if I should smile or cry!)



Doug Riley comes to cheer on his son, Chuck, who flies in the Trifecta. When his grandson, Charlie, now in the USMC, flew too, he had two folks to cheer-on. Hey Charlie, if you see this, we miss you! Happy New Year to you!



Pancho Castillo and his Fw-190. It first flew in 1939, 82 years ago!



Sunsets in California during the winter are often gorgeous like this.





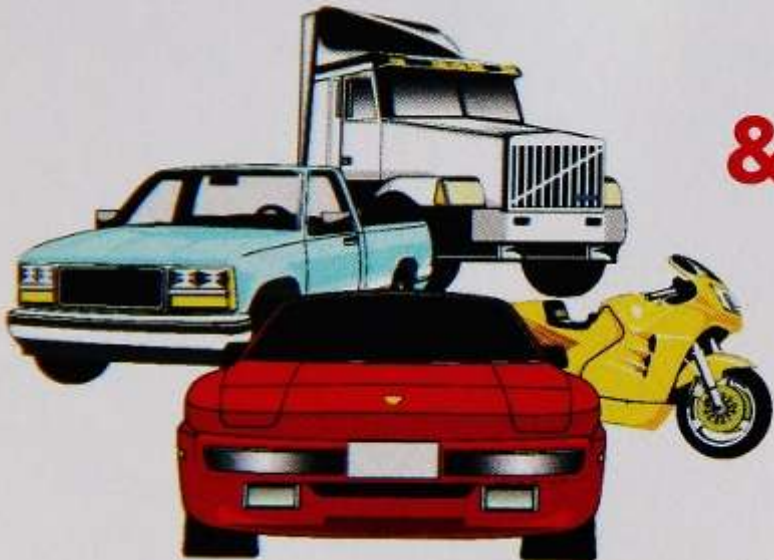
Membership Chairman, our chief scientist, Steve Kerrin. He deserves a page for all the work he does! Keeping the roster, issuing electronic keys, handling dues, keeping it all straight and remaining the wonderful man he is! For all his diligent work, Steve was given a well-deserved lifetime membership in our club on Jan. 9, 2021 at the monthly club meeting that took place at our field under sunny, warm skies. Air temp=65.

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