



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

# **Transmitter**



**March 2019**

AMA Charter 141

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN-Steve Gebler**

**Rain, rain, go away! Once again the rain has caused havoc on our roadways and events. Despite reworking the roads and giant sinkholes around the field, please continue to use caution when driving around or walking to retrieve an errant aircraft.**



**The rain is likely to postpone the Trifecta Combat event again, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 3 until March 10**

**We'll be conducting our semi-annual field cleanup March 9 & 10, weather permitting. Bring your weed whackers, rakes, mowers, and other implements of destruction to the field on either of those two days. Palomar Dollars will be awarded to participants those days and there are likely going to be some donuts at the field early in the morning.**

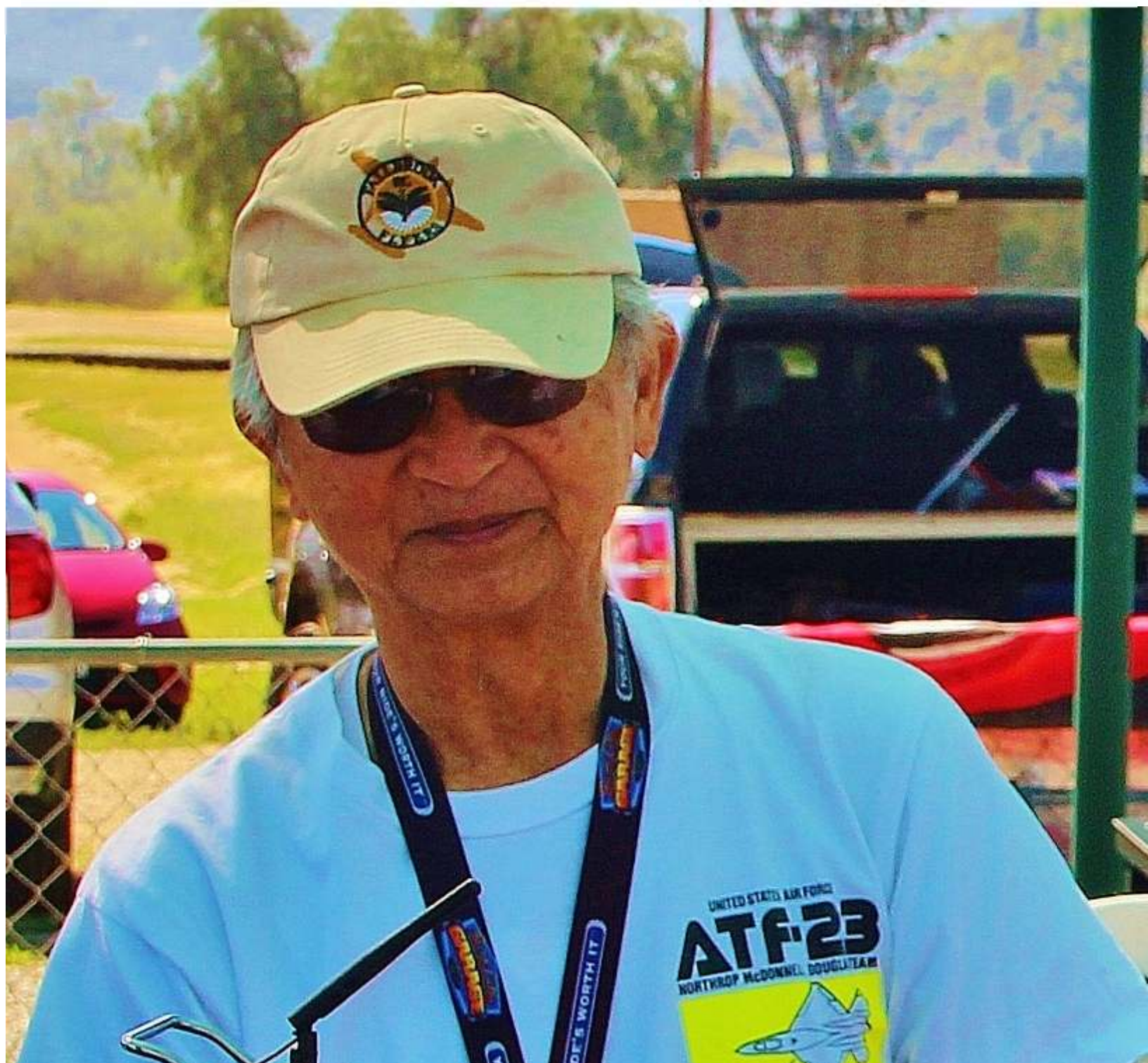
**Remember to affix your FAA registration numbers to your planes. The requirement to have the AMA and FAA numbers on the outside of your aircraft became required on February 25.**

**Congratulations to this month's Model of the Month Winner, Chris Thompson for his beautifully detailed plane. Chris has got a great artistic touch for airbrush detailing.**

**See you at the field soon!**

**Geb**

# IN MEMORIAM ELLIS CHEE



**Club member and aerospace engineer, Ellis Chee, passed away on Feb. 25, 2019. He was a long-time devotee of the hobby. He graduated from the Northrup Institute and had a reputation for building wind-tunnel models for testing. He travelled the country and his expert services in wind tunnel were sought after. He was born in the Sacramento area, married for well over 50 years, and leaves his wife and two children, a son and a daughter. He was 80 years old. He had a collection of six pristine Corvettes. We will miss his humor, gentle spirit, and wisdom. May Ellis rest in peace.**



## 20 years and counting – A short history of the San Diego Heli Fun Fly

This year, 2019, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year that the Palomar RC Flyers have hosted the San Diego Heli Fun Fly event. That's quite an accomplishment for any RC club and throughout all of those years the event has grown to be the best and longest running heli fun fly in all of California. I started doing some research to find out more about the beginnings of this event and its path across the last 20 years.

The very first San Diego Heli Fun Fly was probably held in 1998 or 1999. Shawn, who worked at Discount Hobby Warehouse, and John Weaver, the owner of DHW, asked Bob Lang (the PRCF Club President at the time) if he'd be interested in hosting a 1 day heli event at the field. Bob being Bob was game to try new things, especially anything that was helpful to the hobby.

After a couple of years of success, the PRCF hosted the Hirobo Cup. Model Rectifier Corporation, or MRC, was the US Distributor for Hirobo products at the time and sponsored various fun fly events around the United States to stimulate interest in radio control helicopters and further the hobby.

The 2001 San Diego Fun Fly was held on Nov. 2-4, 2001. The event was managed by Augusto Arevalo who was our club Heli Chairman at the time. Most of us recognize Augusto as the man behind AVANT Helis and also one of the initial designers of the RealFlight simulator program. A big deal during this fun fly was a drag race between an electric Mikado heli that beat a 60-size nitro. Check out this video of a young Jason Krause flying some extreme 3D with a flybarred heli:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBjSkRB74M>

Here's a 3D image of the field made by Mark Ryder at the time to show off the field.



Notice that the awnings at the heli field had not been built yet. Look at all of the cars in the parking area, we had a great turnout even in those early years!

**The 2003 San Diego Fun Fly event was held Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2003: This fun fly was once again et up by Augusto Arevalo from AVANT Heli and CD'd by Bob Lang who was PRCF Club President at the time. Mark McAlpine ran the Scale Heli competition. This fun fly may have been a part of the Hirobo Cup event.**



**Here's a video of Alan Szabo flying a Picolo Pro heli (Now that's old skool!) from the 2003 San Diego Fun Fly: [http://video.helifreak.com/?subpath=DebianDog&filename=AlanSzabo\\_Piccolopro2003.wmv](http://video.helifreak.com/?subpath=DebianDog&filename=AlanSzabo_Piccolopro2003.wmv)**

<http://www.isber.ucsb.edu/>

**Here's a special Thank You from Bob Lang, PRCF Club President, following the event that was posted on RunRyder:**

**I would like to thank all of the pilots that attended our San Diego Fun-Fly this weekend. Many of you have attended every one of our events and I hope that all of you had a great time, I did, and I want you all to know that the pleasure was all ours.**

**Thanks and a well done to Greg Pyros and his crew for the great pictures of our pilots and our new RC car track.**

**Also to Steve and the guys from Zooms for bringing the shop along with them. A special thanks to Nadir and Rosie from MTA who have supported our heli fun-fly's since we started holding them three years ago.**

**Also to Jeff Green and the folks at Altech Marketing. Airtronics jumped in this year as did e-heli.com. Along with Extreme Carbon and ACE. Your help with our event, especially the raffle, made for some very happy pilots.**

**A special thanks goes to Augusto, our clubs helicopter chairman, for all of his help organizing and promoting our events.**

**To Mark Ryder for covering the scale guys up north and our event on the same weekend.**

**The noon demos by Mike Porter, Eric Stolz, Ian Crane, Dixon Lopez, Marty Kuhns and Ray Ne-movi on Saturday were awesome and thanks to all of you for helping the newer pilots.**

**And a very special thanks to our club members who cooked lunch for all of us on Saturday and Sunday and stuffed us all with barbecued chicken Saturday night. They were my wife Maxine Lang, Pat White, Harvey Atkinson and Roger Corley. Look for something Italian for our Saturday night dinner at our fall event in October on the 15th, 16th & 17th.**

**To Don and Pat White and Roger Corley for staying at the field in their motor homes and seeing that the early arrivals were helped. Roger helped me with the transmitter impound and registra-tion while Don did whatever else we needed.**

**And to those other 300+ clubmembers who graciously relinquish their use of our RC airport about 15 weekend days a year so we can host these and other events, my hat is off to all of you.**



We will work on the directions to our field and have a larger list of hotels and motels for our out of town pilots for October.

And for those of you that may be wondering, we had to search the entire North San Diego County due to a shortage caused by last years fall event, but we were able to fill "Big Rob" up with chili?

Prez, Palomar RC Flyers

**In the old days this is how the Heli Fun Fly stations were positioned:**



I know this isn't heli related but the PRCF Club built an RC car track that year which was located immediately south of the heli pit area (opened in July 2004):



In 2004 the San Diego Heli Fun Fly was held on May 14-16, 2004. Here's a copy of the event announcement: <https://web.archive.org/web/20050212200725/http://www.geocities.com:80/SanDiegoFunFly/>

The event continued on a regular cadence held in May of 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2008 the San Diego Heli Fun Fly was held May 9-11, 2008. This time the event was managed by Jason Bell and Ray Nemovi. Jason was flying for AVANT Helis and Augusto Arevalo at the time as well as another club member named Justin Barry. Special guests at this fun fly included Bobby Watts, Curtis Youngblood, Alan Szabo, Danny Szabo, Bert Kammerer, Jason Krause. Here are some great videos taken during that event from Bob "Finless" White: <https://www.helifreak.com/showthread.php?t=73887>

In 2009 the San Diego Fun Fly was held over the May 22- 24 weekend. Again, Bob "Finless" White captured some great video : <https://www.helifreak.com/showthread.php?t=141212>

The following year, 2010, saw PRCF Club Heli Chairman managing the San Diego Fun Fly on May 21-23, 2010. Ray was able to bring in a variety of pro heli pilots including Jason Krause, Bert Kammerer, Nick Maxwell, Bobby Watts, Kyle Dahl, Tim Jones and many others. Here's a great link to videos from Bob "Finless" White that he made of the various pilots at the 2010 San Diego Fun Fly: <https://www.helifreak.com/showthread.php?t=216448>

In early 2011 we planned for and held our annual San Diego Heli Fun Fly in May with Scott Dedic as the new PRCF Club Heli Chaiman. Later that year we were approached by the owner of the HeliFreak forum who asked us if we'd be willing to host their fun fly event. The southern California club who had agreed to host the 2011 HeliFreak Fun Fly had a scheduling conflict and had to back out of the deal. The PRCF Board of Directors discussed the opportunity and agreed to host the HeliFreak event at our field. With less than 60 days before the event date we had a lot of work to do but pulled it off with more than 150 pilots attending. Holding two heli fun fly events was a lot of work but we pulled it off successfully. Here are some videos from both events that year:

2011 SDHFF: May 20-22, 2011 <https://www.helifreak.com/showthread.php?t=308099>

2011 SoCal Helifreak: Oct. 7-9, 2011. <https://www.helifreak.com/showthread.php?t=347532>

This was the year that Bruce Jenner attended and flew an Align TREX 700 EFL for the crowd at the HeliFreak Fun Fly: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GxrX-yshpE&feature=related\[/ame\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GxrX-yshpE&feature=related[/ame])

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbUcLCRTplc>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zelmRnrZv2Q>

On Oct. 4-7, 2012 we held the second SoCal HeliFreak fun Fly which was also well attended by pilots and pro pilots. Here is some video taken during the weekend:

Video: <https://youtu.be/kraPwaSQmxY>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzLwvxYSUF0>

Following two years where the PRCF Club hosted the HeliFreak Fun Fly the Board of Directors decided to return to only one heli fun fly event per year. So in 2013 we returned to our regularly scheduled event and the 2013 San Diego Heli Fun Fly was held on May 24-26, 2013. Sean Garcia, better known as "Egyptsean" made a great video of the weekends events: <https://youtu.be/jzx9Jftpizc?t=5>. One of the cool things that he did was place a small camera on an RC car and then run it up and down the flight line with all of the registered pilots standing behind their helis.

In 2015 we continued see RC multirotor growing in popularity and the club decided to do something a little different. Besides holding the 2015 San Diego Heli Fun Fly on May 22-24, 2015 we also hosted the 2015 San Diego Multirotor Extravaganza on Sept. 18-19, 2015. Lucien Miller and Innov8tive Designs was a huge sponsor.

Here's a good slideshow from the 2015 Heli Fun Fly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAfFFCXAS8k>

2017 Heliween Fun Fly: October 13-15, 2017. Due to major construction at the front entrance to the flying field along Pankey Rd. the May Fun Fly was cancelled. Later that year when the construction subsided we rescheduled the event in October and launched it as the 2017 Heliween Fun Fly. We partnered with the USMC out of Camp Pendleton and the Toys For Tots program. We collected toys as part of the entry fee as well as gathering cash donations from the pilots to give to the program. A great success and a lot of fun.

Corey Nellis night fly at Heliween: <https://enterprisehobby.com/blog/item/161-corey-nellis-heliween-san-diego-funfly-2017>

After the road construction along Pankey Rd. settled down we went back to our usual dates and held the 2018 San Diego Heli Fun Fly on May 18-20, 2018. We had Tim Jones, Alan Szabo, Ben Storick, Justin Coe, Donnie Petsche and others attending along with our usual strong attendance of regional heli pilots. Tim Jones and a few others provided some awesome night flying demos under the rented light towers.

Go here for several videos of the Enterprise Hobby/Align pilots flying at the 2018 San Diego Heli Fun Fly: <https://enterprisehobby.com/blog/itemlist/category/56-san-diego-funfly-2018>

And so here we are 20 years later and another San Diego Heli Fun Fly will be held on May 17-19, 2019. This years SDHFF will be preceded by, for the second year in a row, the Align Flight Academy. It's great that we have such a long history of quality heli fun flys supported by pilots and club Officers. So this year it's not just another fun fly.... it's an anniversary celebration!





These are great historical records of the San Diego Heli Fun Fly and our special RC club.

A very BIG THANKS to JC Zankl for helping me obtain archived RunRyder posts as well as HeliFreak for keeping these videos and posts available. And of course Bob “Finless” White for all of his video of our events over the years. Also to Sean “Egyptsean” Garcia.



**Beach Fly**  
**JAN 23, 2019**

Photo created by Richard Torres. It's a combo of two photos. Nice job! Editor



# February 2019

## Palomar RC Fliers Board of Directors meeting minutes

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

**Board Attendants:** Steve Gebler, President, Chuck Riley, Chris Thompson, Joseph Villarreal, Richard Torres, Patrick Pranica, James Gallacher, Chris Avellino, Chris Wilson

**Non Attendants:** Scott Dedic, Steve Kerrin,

**Call to order: 6:50 PM**

### **Treasurer Report:**

*\$18,019 income, \$1080 expenses, \$78544.19 Balance*

*New P&L Format: Purchase in Progress*

**Membership:** 198 paid members. Renewal reminders are out.

### **Chair Reports**

**Safety:** *Stable*

**FW:** *Field maintenance needed from flooding*

**Heli:** *Fun Fly in preparation. \$50 entry fee includes food. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. T-shirts are ordered and paid for.*

**Glider:** *Sanction submitted.*

**Flight Training:** *Ready for launch. Recognition for Ken Stough*

### **Gate Repair Status - JV and SK:**

*Installing special box for emergency response vehicles. \$121 approved.*

### **Drone Field Setup March 17 Trial Run:**

*Drone racer club to test the location. Will be sponsored for weekly events. Short term test period to provide viability. Doug Able focal.*

### **Paintball Recap – Geb:**

*Great fun. \$183 cost for gun and ammo. \$5 per round. Noon start suggestion.*

### **How to deploy Cosio Field:**

*Park Flyers only or a car track to sort out.*

- **UCSD Triton UAS — Geb:** Autonomous fixed wing competition. Five weeks, after 11 AM on weekends through May.

### **RealFlight Simulation of Johnson Field — Torres:**

*Needs higher resolution*

## **New Logo — contest to win plane**

### **Locks switched over to combo:**

*To be changes soon.*

### **Charter Renewal – Geb:**

*Renewal submitted. Higher Insurance rate selected.*

### **FPV Frequency Boards:**

*Signage to be posted to define freqs and locations.*

### **Pizza Night at Club Meeting in May:**

*Absolutely, YES*

### **Jet Transition Training — Thompson:**

*Intro to flying jet airplanes as they are popular and growing.*

### **Driveway repair:**

*\$2500 approved for grading and gravel spreading on effected area of property roads*

### **General public pay parking:**

*Will collect data to evaluate this requirement.*

### **Field cleanup:**

*Weed cleanup will be required following the rains. Approval for tractor rental passed. This may be an ongoing challenge.*

### **FPV Frequencies:**

*Need to sort out the issues. Banner for frequency requirements will be posted.*

### **AMA Charter:**

*FAA registration numbers are up to members to apply on outside of airplanes.*

## **Events**

- March 3 - Combat Trifecta
- March 11 — Flight training resumes
- April 12-14 - Campout & Night Fly
- April 13 Meeting at the Field with Aero Tow event
- June 9 — Delta Wing Pylon Racing
- June 22 — Warbird Fun Fly
- July 13 - Nutball Speed Build (change in Date)
- May 18-20, 2019 — Heli Fun Fly
- August 17 — Model Aviation Day
- October 19 – Poker Fun Fly

**UP COMING EVENTS AS PRESENTED AT THE CLUB MEETING  
ON FEB. 21, 2019 BY PRESIDENT STEVEN GELBER**

- ☐ Sunday, March 3 — Trifecta
- ☐ March 18 — Monday Flight Training Resumes
- ☐ April 13 — Aerotow
- ☐ April 12-14 — Campout and Night Fly
- ☐ May 15-16 — Align Heli Flight Academy
- ☐ May 17-19 — Heli Fun Fly
- ☐ June 9 — Delta Wing Pylon Racing
- ☐ July 13 — Nutball Speed Build Contest
- ☐ June 22 — Warbird Fun Fly Event — Torres
- ☐ August 17 — Model Aviation Day

**Continuing Club Meeting Agenda follows on the next  
4 pages.**



# Paintball Blaster

Over 1,000 rounds fired

- ☐ Armstrong scores major takedown
- ☐ Villarreal self-imposed takedown
- ☐ Next outing with tow plane and target banner
- ☐ Next event Sunday, April 28 at 11 AM

# Aerotow

- ☐ April 13
- ☐ Volunteers Needed
- ☐ Jim Gallacher

# Heli Fun Fly

May 17-20

? Field closed to all other flying

# Poker Fun Fly

? October 19

? Richard Torres

? Pilot draws 2 cards at registration

? Complete 3 flights lasting 3 minutes

with successful taxi back to start

? Card is drawn for full flight

? After the 5th card, a card can be

discarded and a 4th flight can be

attempted to get a replacement card

**GOOD LUCK!**



## **Field Clean up Sunday, March 9-10**

- ☐ Weed Whacking
- ☐ Mowing
- ☐ Hard backed Rakes
- ☐ Leaf Blowers
- ☐ Weed Killers
- ☐ Table Vacuum



# Model Aviation Day

August 17

☐ Open to the Public

## Club Meeting at the Field

**Saturday, April 13, @ 8:30 am.**

## Pizza at the May Meeting

☐ Free Pizza and Soft Drinks for all in attend-

## FAA UAS Registration

AMA or Club membership are not contingent on registration — Palomar Radio Control Flyers will not be checking. Member's responsibility

- ☐ Registration must be on outside of aircraft
- ☐ All aircraft over 1/2 pound required to have registration
- ☐ AMA and FAA Registration must be displayed
- ☐ Event registrants not required to have registration to

# Editor's Comments:

February proved to be one of the wettest months on record in San Diego. Little flying was done between the rainstorms. Look at page 13 and you'll see why we didn't fly much. One club member, who shall remain anonymous (First initial is E) drove his 4 wheel drive Jeep until it settled into the earth up to the bottom of the floor-pan! A mere four hours later, AAA hauled it out!

Consequently, this issue of the "Big T" is attenuated. (Only 96 photos!) When the rain stops, we will regrade our roads and spread gravel to make them more passable. At best, flying was spotty. The Trifecta was rained out twice! One event that took place was the Paintball bash.

It happened on Feb. 10th but ended when rain began! Paintball guns are probably the safest gun, except for water pistols! It has a very low muzzle velocity; you can actually watch the paintball in flight, (as my photos will show) and when it hit the plane, splattered. No one should be concerned about this event because the gun seems to have been designed for teens so they can shoot at each other. The only damage done to a plane was to Steve Gebler's flying hydro-plane which was brought down by a lucky shot by Eric Armstrong. (Hum, his first initial is E!)

I thought the idea of paintball shooting was more fun than the its execution! If there were multiple paintballs ascending at the same time, it would be like having a plane run the gauntlet! As it was, one had to lead the plane by about 5 feet and hope that as the paintball traversed its arc, it would hit the plane. It was more difficult than you think. It was lots of fun and can develop into something even more fun.

**Joe Buko**

Editor

## Here begins the Feb. 10th Paintball Bash!



**El Presidente Geb began the event with a few “destructions” or was it instructions?**



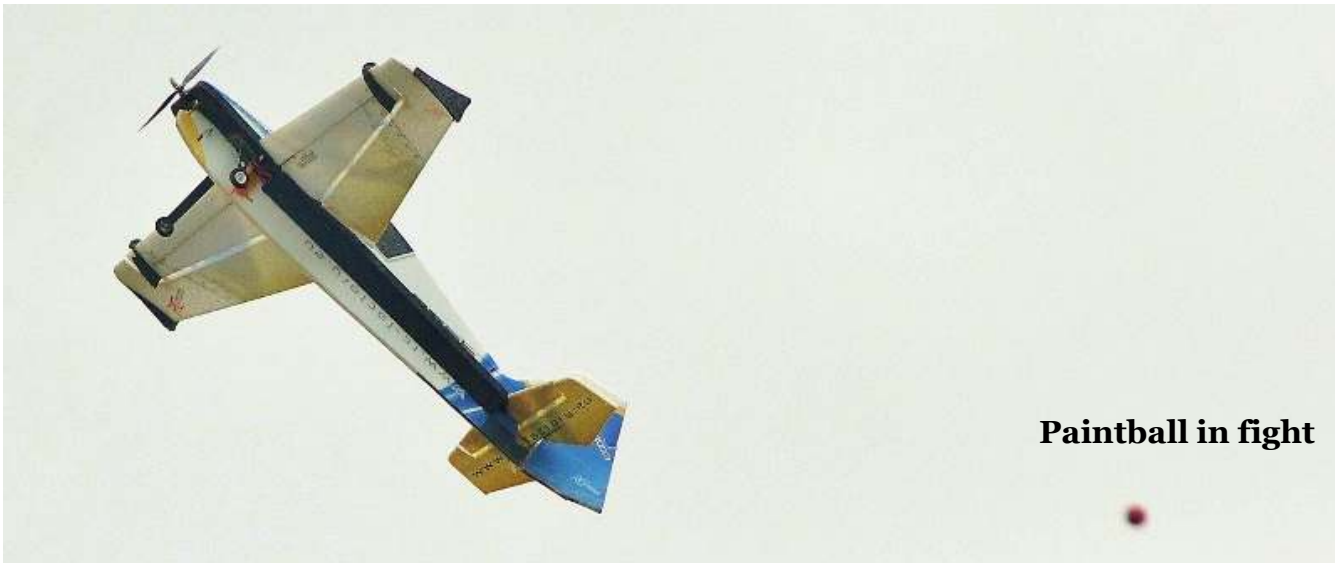
**Joe Villarreal pretended to know what he was talking about!**



This was their reaction to Joe Villareal's words! That's El Presidente on the left and El Money-bags Treasurer on the right. In other words, it's Steve Gebler and Chuch Riley on the left.

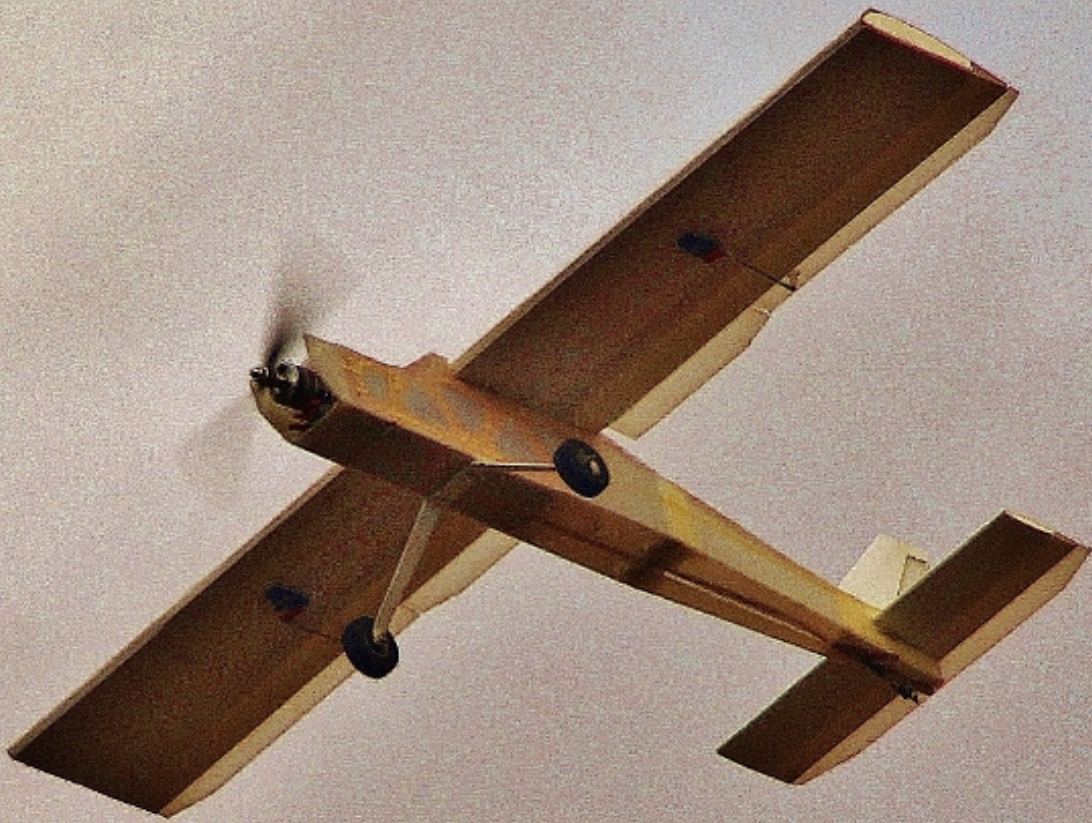


**Kelvin  
Phoon**



**Paintball in flight**





**The paintball is so slow it almost lumbers onto the plane! There it is in full view!**







**A lucky shot by Eric Armstrong to a control horn on an elevon brought down the "hydro-plane". It seemed to flutter to the ground and was not much damaged.**



**Joe Villarreal**









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**Aircraft finder, path finder, Roger Cosio.** Doesn't he look so wise, like he's contemplating? Like he's looking into the future!





**Jim Gallacher**

**Ron Schuyler**

**Andy Schuyler**



**Kelvin Phoon-dead eye!**





**David Bracci**



**David Storey**



**Richard Torres**







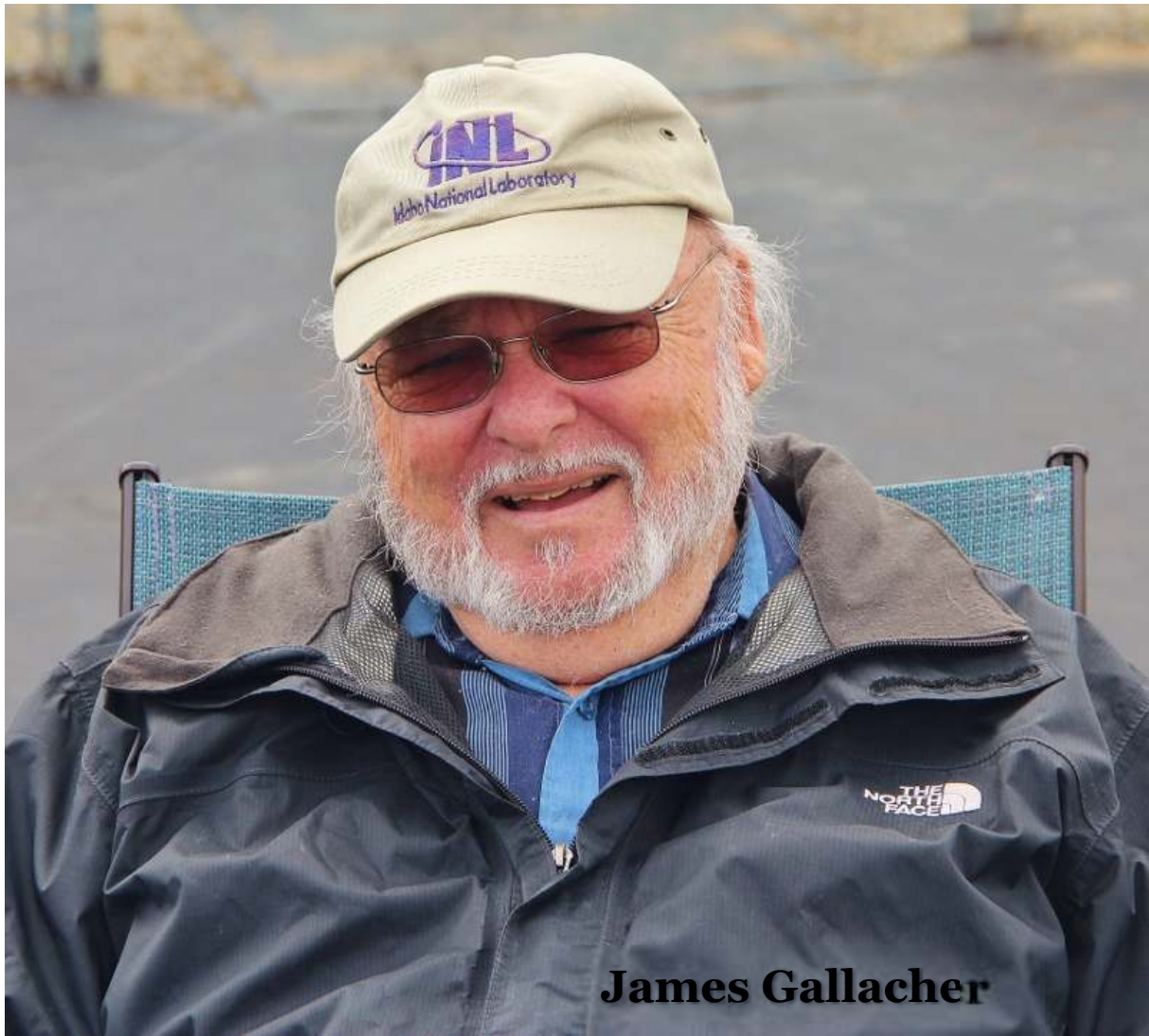


**David Bracci**





**Richard Torres**



**James Gallacher**





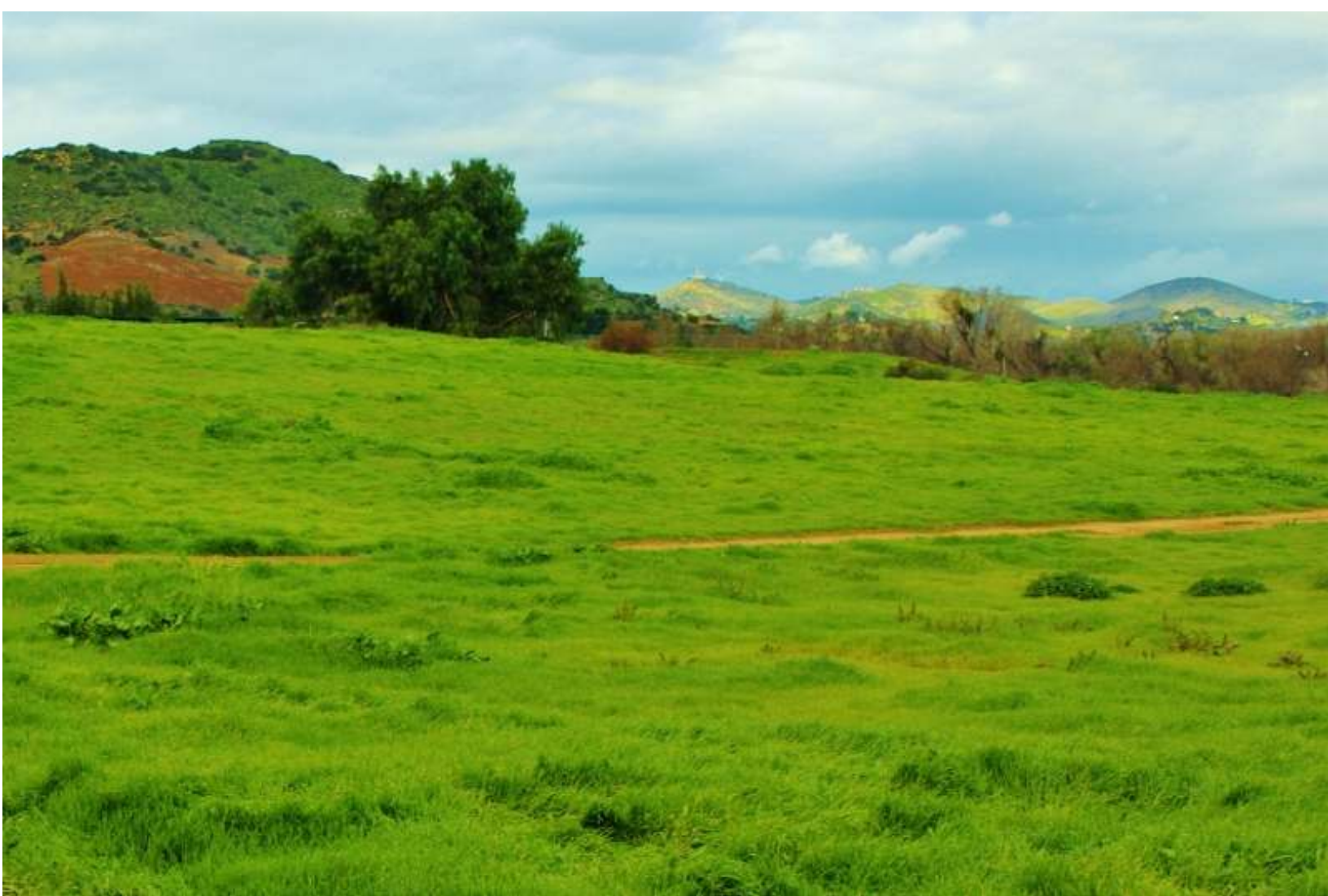
**Eric Armstrong, Kelvin Phoon, Joe Villarreal and Brodie Stadick**



**Chris Avellino**

**Trent Stadick**





**Time to mow the lawn!**



**David Storey**



# AS SEEN AT THE FIELD



**Here is Dave Ellis with an Edge 540T from Extreme Flight. He got it used from Eric Armstrong and has made 20 flights already in 1 week.**

**It has a 60 in. wingspan. The electric motor is an Extreme Flight 4016T / 500v2 and it has a 6S battery.**



**Jim Christy maidenied his new MX-2 from RC Jet World. Plane was manufactured by Fly-Model. The wing-span is 73 in. It is powered by a DLE-35 RA gas engine running a 19 x 8 prop. It has MKS 1230 servos and it weighs 11 lbs. 6 oz.**





**L/R Frank Burke,  
Rhonda and Varley  
Longson, John  
Cutler, Donaldo  
Blanco, (aka Don  
White) David Ellis**



**Photos taken on President's  
Day by Steve Gebler**

**Standing is Alan  
Wolstenholme. Sitting is Ron  
Schuyler.**



# **Palomar RC Flyers**

## **Annual Spring Aerotow**

**AMA Sanction #1684**



### **About The Event**

**Date: Saturday April 13th. Towing begins at 1030 AM – The end of thermals.**

**Location: Palomar RC Flyers Club “Johnson Field” located off I-15 and Hwy. 76 in Fallbrook, CA.**

**Cost: \$15 per pilot. Tow pilots FREE.**

**Participants: We will have tow planes for the Big as well as the small Aerotow sailplanes. Electric launch sailplanes welcome. You must be a current AMA member to participate (will be checked). Spectators are welcome to attend at no cost (yea, that’s right – FREE!).**

**BBQ Lunch will be available.**

# ***PRCF AEROTOW EVENT RULES***

There is a need for a minimum of 5 personnel to adequately staff the event. The Safety and Queue lines to the right of the normal PRCF Pilot Stations in the dirt and extending to the east end of the runway should be established with line markings before starting the event. The personnel required are listed with their duties below.

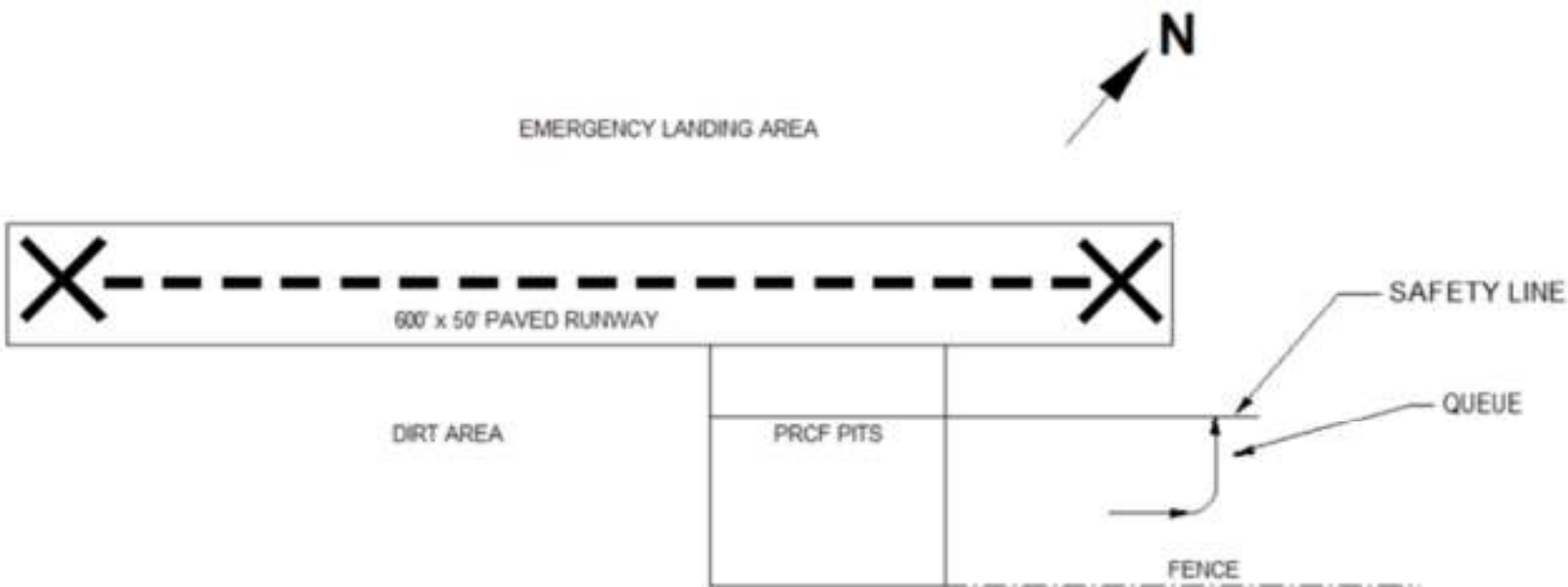
**Line Chief:** Runs the tow line. When pattern is clear he calls for the next sailplane in the Queue. He (or the Line Assistant) helps to restrain the tow plane on the runway when it is being started. He stands with the sailplane pilot while the tow progresses to provide an extra set of eyes in case of an early emergency such as tow line break, he continues until the tow reaches pattern altitude.

**Line Assistant:** Helps the Line Chief in his duties as needed and also moves the sailplane pilot back behind the safety line to his chair, if possible after the release from tow.

**Pit/Runway Safety Assistant:** He is stationed at the west end of the PRCF Pilot Stations, in the dirt. He helps the sailplanes to clear the runway after landing and to safely pass the PRCF Pilot Stations which sometimes has the returning sailplane wings extending over part of the main runway when they are being towed back to the take-off Queue.

**Registration:** Handles all registration duties including handing out a copy of the event rules to each of the pilots.

**Floater:** Spells other personnel as needed.



***ABSOLUTLY NO FLYING OVER THE FREEWAY FOR ANY REASON!***

***Give way to manned aircraft*** over flying the field. Individual pilots are encouraged to have their own spotters looking for manned aircraft.

***NO Spectators*** except for the pilots spotters allowed on the runway side of the fence after tow ops begin.



**Only** the **Tow Pilot, Sailplane Pilot, Line Assistant and the Line Chief** will be forward of the **Safety Line** during towing ops. All launch personnel should begin to move off the runway to behind the safety line as soon possible after the launch has completed. The **Queue Line** will determine the next sailplane/self-launch sailplane to be allowed on the runway except for hand launch electrics, which will gain launch permission from the Line Chief. Hand launch electrics will launch from near the end of the runway and will move behind the safety line as soon as possible.

All pilots **MUST** fly from behind the **Safety Line**. The **Line Assistant** will assist the sailplane pilot back to his/her chair after tow release or in the case of a hand launch electric after motor shutdown.

**ALL PILOTS** will announce **LANDINGS**. Use the terminology “**TOW PLANE** or **SAILPLANE LANDING**” loud enough so the Line Chief and other pilots can hear the call.

The **Line Chief** should be informed of **all landings** and will inform the pilot of any obstruction on the runway. When preparing for a landing the sailplane/tow pilot should move forward to the safety line.

Pilots landing a sailplane should try to turn to the left off of the pavement and onto the dirt area south (left) of the paved runway **after passing the PRCF Pilot Station area** thus clearing the runway for the next sailplane/tow plane landing.

Full size sailplanes turn right on tow release and tow planes turn left to clear the line maybe something to try here.

If a sailplane and tow plane are in the pattern simultaneously the tow pilot should give way to the sailplane by aborting the approach until the runway is clear. If that's not possible the tow plane should roll to the far end to give the sailplane as much room for landing as possible. Sailplane pilots don't crowd the tow plane in the air, remember the tow line whipping around back there.

Tow planes after the back taxi should clear the runway to behind the safety line if another tow is not imminent as per the Line Chief. This is a good time to check fuel level, not when you are on the runway ready to hook up.

## **NO! I DON'T HAVE THE...**

**Time, desire, talent, ... Most of us have said this at one time or another if you have been in a club for any time at all. Many years ago after I was pushed into being president of the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California (full scale) after being in the club for a few years I was talking with one of our older members about him running for next year's president and he said that he felt that he could have "all the fun he was looking for without running for office". He was right! However there will always be something missing in that scenario.**

**Being a part of the direction of the club.**

**Helping to make the operation better.**

**Being able to bring pet projects to the fore front.**

**Pride of ownership.**

**I know it's early for us think about the next club board, but it's not too early for you to start convincing yourself that you will participate in the process this time. Every time you think "why are they doing it that way" think about what you would do instead. This is what the board try's to do at every board meeting. Why not attend a board meeting check it out see if you could be of some help in real time not just after the fact. We need some new blood, new ideas. We need more than 1 entry for each position on the board. I feel it isn't your club until you have helped to guide it. Last year I decided to try being a flight instructor. After the first night I almost decided I was not going to be able to do it. I spent most of the time saving the trainer from disaster. Nothing I said to the students worked!! After a few weeks I started to enjoy doing this. It is great to see a student making progress and having fun at this endeavor we enjoy. Yes it takes care of Monday night after work it starts at 5PM and goes to sun down which is 8PM in the middle of summer but it is still fun.**

**Jim Gallacher**

**Board Member**



**The next fine 16 photos were sent in by Chris Thompson who took them, except of course for the one in which he appears. Duh! Nice job. Thanks muchly!**







**Kelvin Phoon's bi-plane as taken by Chris Thompson<sup>39</sup>.**







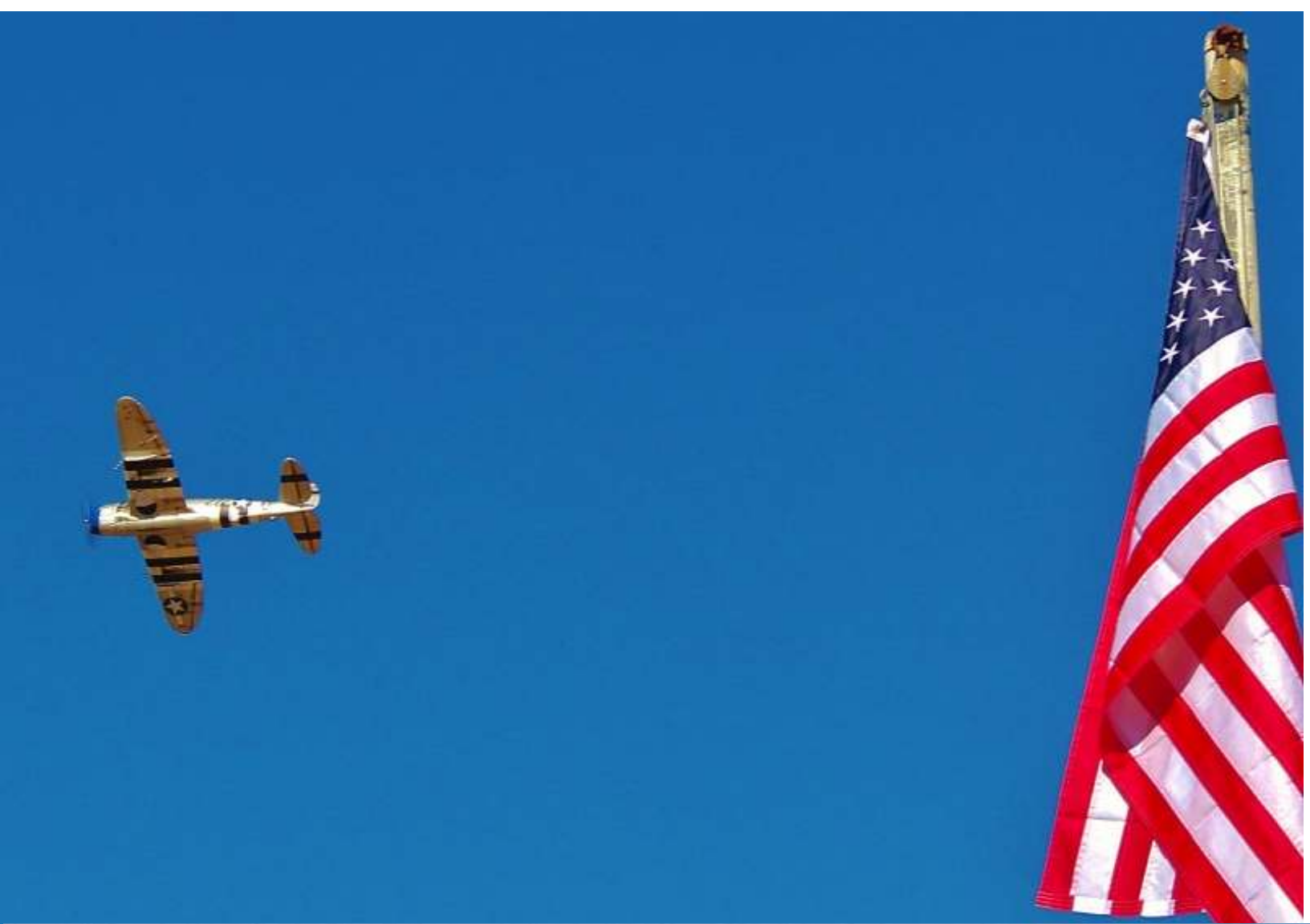


Chris Thompson's p-40



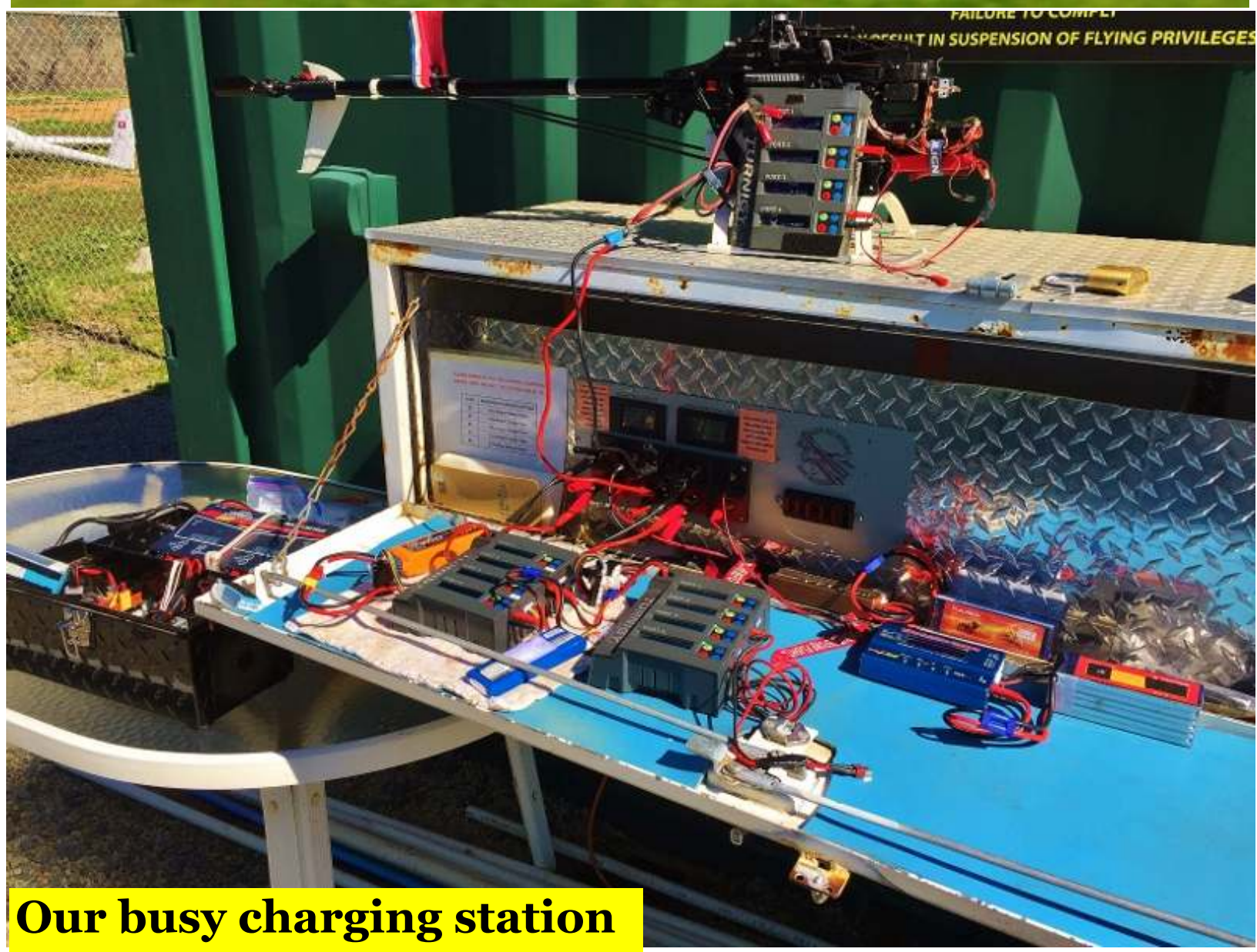


**Richard Torres' P-47 on Saturday Feb. 23**



**Mike Elrod's Freewing F-86.**





**Our busy charging station**





**Mike Lonnecker's ASw-28 landing on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2109.**





## Chris Thompson's F-18 Super Hornet

This is the end of Chris Thompson's photos.



Bill Evans and his E-Flite Cirrus. It flies as good as it looks.





**A fine photo of the handsome Chris Thompson**





**We've had so much rain at the field that even our butt-can is sprouting. One wag said that these must be tobacco plants! The only tobacco in this photo are the cigarette butts in the container.**





Top photo shows James D'Eliseo  
Bottom photo shows Pancho Castillo







**Your editor's Flagship Detroit, a DC-3 from 1937.**



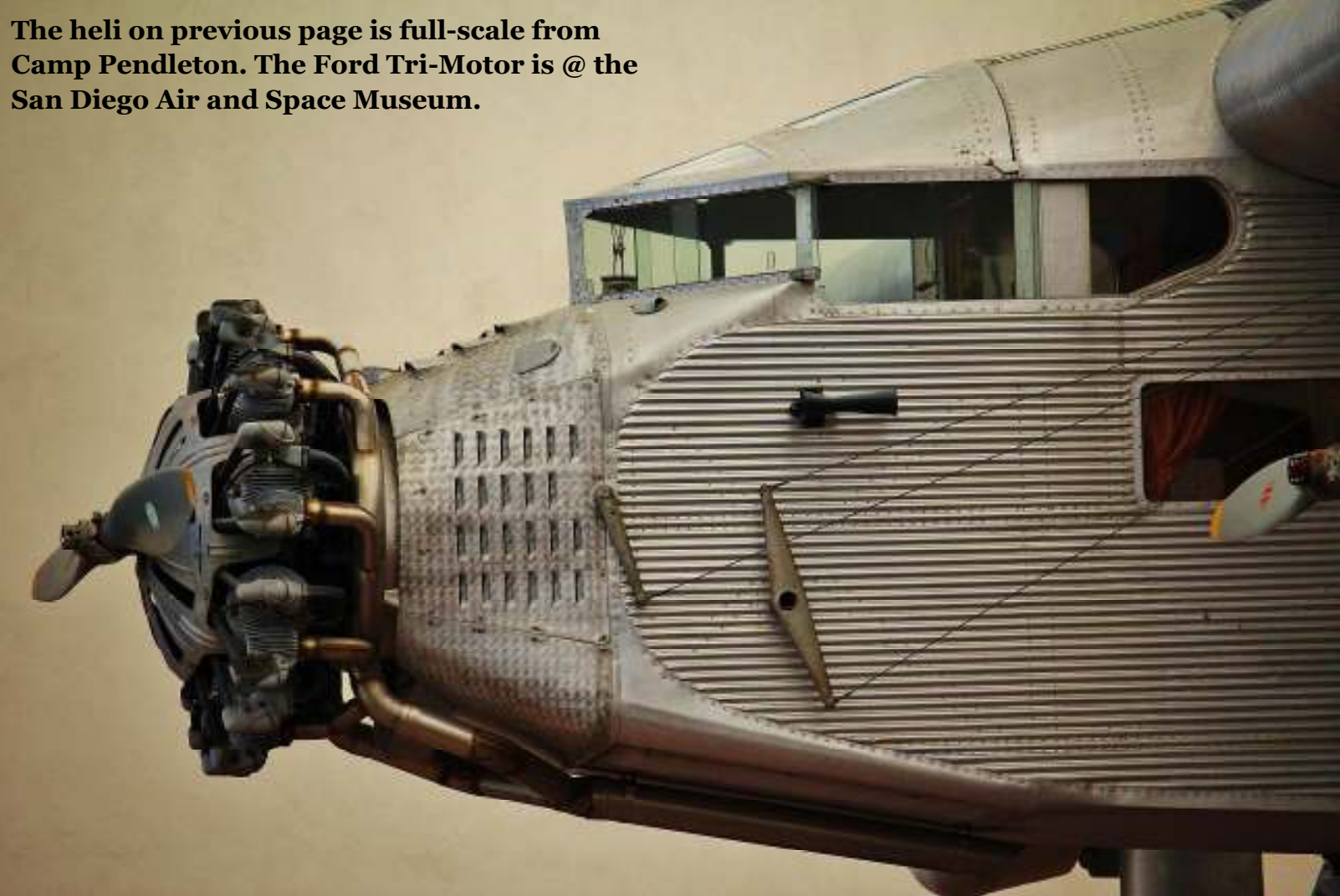
Photo taken at our field. Is this full-scale or a model? See next page for answer.



**Clean-up days will be March 9+10. Photo was taken during our last clean-up day.**



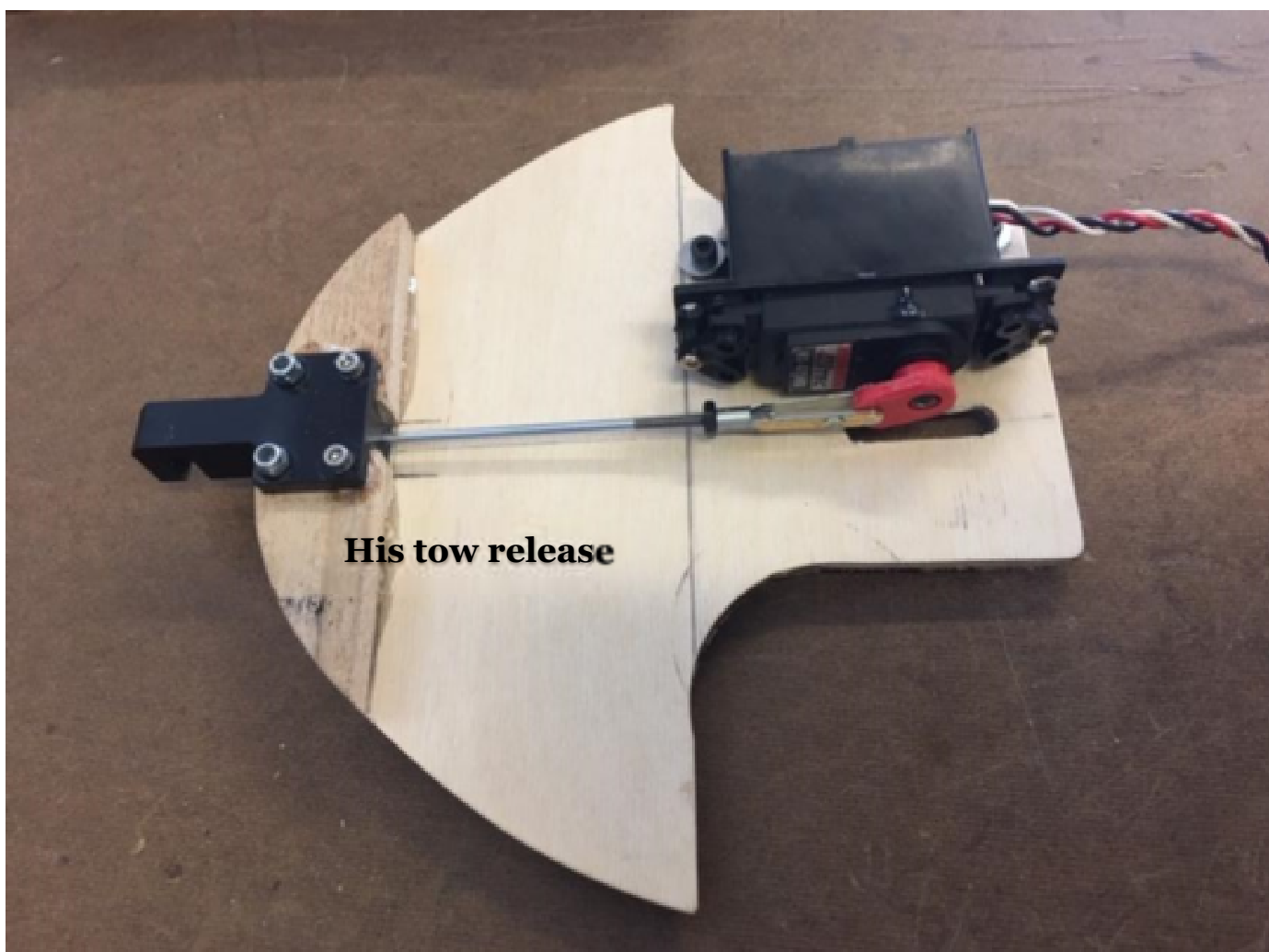
The heli on previous page is full-scale from Camp Pendleton. The Ford Tri-Motor is @ the San Diego Air and Space Museum.



**On Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 Tim was flying his Pawnee when it suffered catastrophic structural failure on his third flight. The wing strut broke away from the fuselage, lawn-darting the bird from 200'. The Brilleli 46cc engine was running well and Tim felt confident this would soon be a good tow-plane. It was a total loss but at least his newly installed tow-release survived! So, Tim is looking for another tow plane. If you know anyone that might be selling one, please let Tim know. Thanks**

Tim Hitchcock @ 760-458-8961









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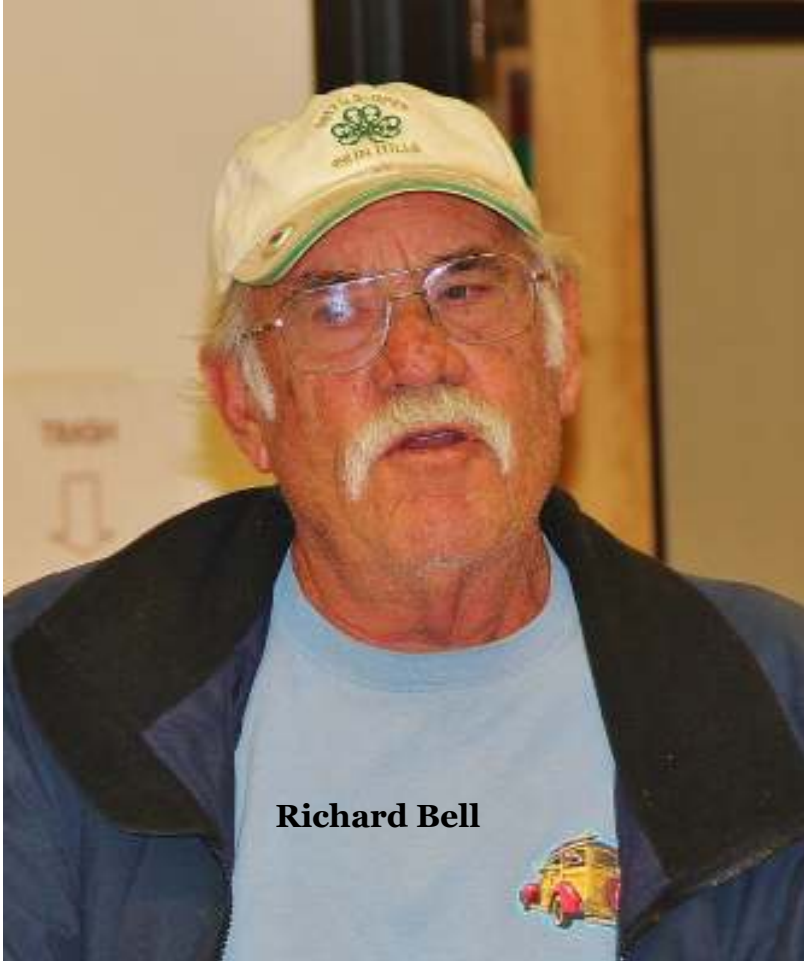


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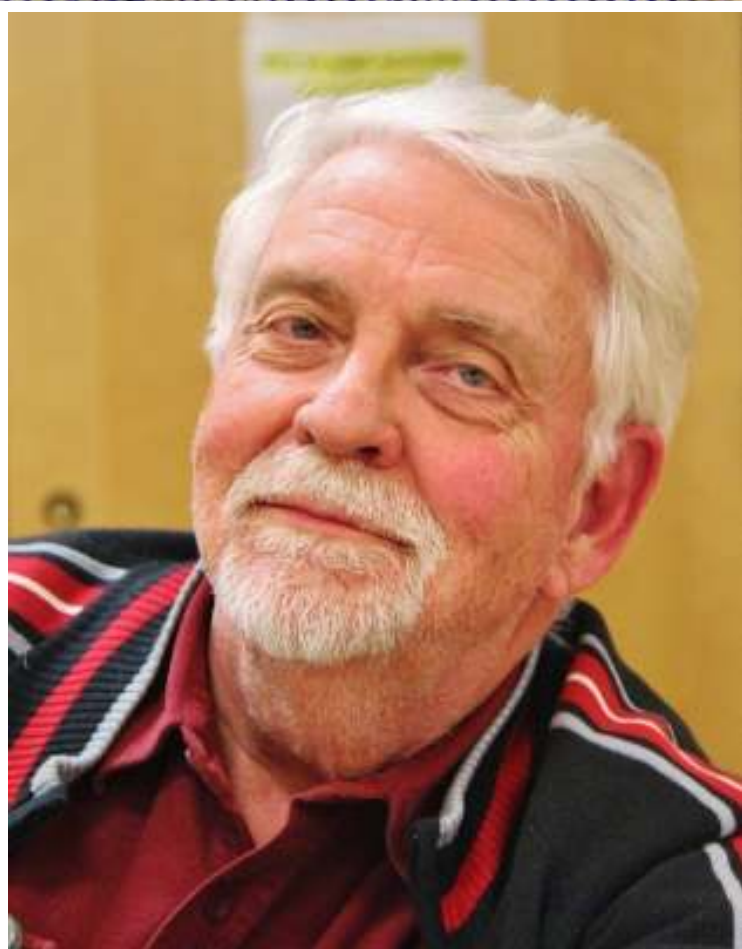




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**Doug Abel**

**and GLS Steve Kallam**



**Tim Daugherty**

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# Model of the Month Feb. 2019









**Master artist Chris Thompson won Model of the Month for his rendition of this beautiful P-40. I took one look at this plane and knew immediately that Chris created it. No one does it better! Good going, Chris. You deserve an award for your outstanding creation!**





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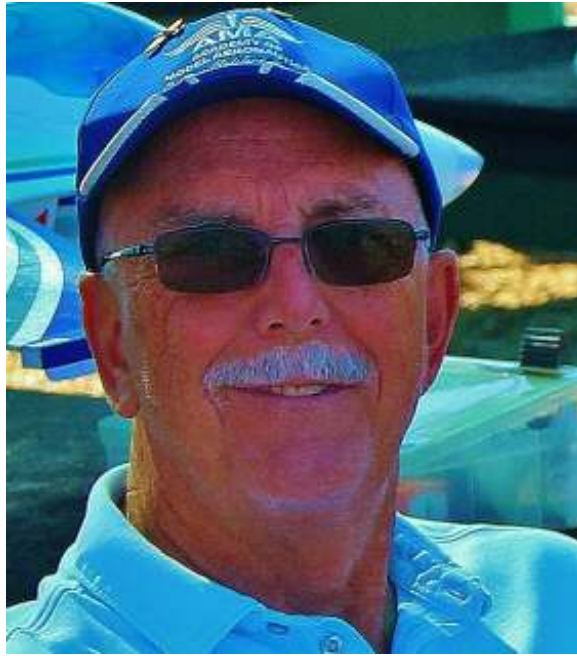
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