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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN-Steve Gebler

As always there is a lot going on at the field, but before we get into the events, there are a lot of “shout outs” this month to our outstanding members.

Field Cleanup Weekend

The turnout was great and the efforts made to make our beautiful field even more beautiful were outstanding.

Sam Terry brought his Montgomery Ward – yep, that “Monkey Ward” -- giant mower to the field (again) to keep the weeds from taking the place over. Did you know that there are at least two things that are 85 years old at the field? It's Sam (whose birthday was this month) and that ancient Monkey Ward tractor!

Some things that are old are new again. This certainly applies to new member Steve Harlan (who used to be a member years ago) and who rejoined the club this year. Steve takes the prize for extra effort this month by spending 3 days at the field with his monster mowing machine making things beautiful. Thanks for the extra efforts, Steve!

Joe Villarreal was out with his welding gear fixing the storage shed to make it more impervious to break-ins.

Steve Kerrin had his science-fiction inspired weed killer atomizer at work at the field.

Thanks to all the rest of you whackers, rakers, mowers, sweepers, and killers that made it out for the effort. The place looks great!



Serving Our Country

As many of you know, our friend Charlie Riley has been at Marine Boot Camp recently and will be graduating soon. Super Member Wayne Bonfietti made a great suggestion at the last club meeting to have members make contributions to buying Charlie his dress uniform for graduation. A great number of members stepped up and so far we have gathered about \$500 for this effort. If you would like to contribute to Charlie while he is serving our country, see me at the field or you can make a PayPal donation to sgebler@gmail.com and use the “friends and family” option and I will make sure that Chuck and Charlie Riley receive your generosity.

In Other News

If you are looking to spruce up your spring and summer wardrobe, we have a great opportunity for you. I’ve made arrangements with the Columbia Sportswear Company and Palomar Radio Control Flyers is now able to enjoy the huge discounts available for the wide variety of cloths, shoes, and sports equipment available at their store in Carlsbad. Look for the coupon that you will need to enter the store in this month’s Transmitter or it is also available on the Web Site. You must bring your club badge with you with the coupon to enter the store.

The San Diego Maker’s Faire is on June 15 & 16 this year and Palomar Radio Control Flyers will be there! Doug Abel is leading this important event to get the club and our hobby recognition. If you would like to help out by volunteering a couple of hours on one of those two days, see Doug or myself. Your excitement about our hobby is contagious and the families that will be attending will appreciate seeing you!

Flight Training

Chuck Riley and his FFI (Fearless Flight Instructors) are now training new pilots for free at the field on Monday evenings now. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this fine activity.

Roadwork

Hopefully the rain has stopped in such abundance for a while. The Board is considering proposals to implement a more durable solution to the challenges that we have encountered with the roads to the field. Stay tuned for more information on the repairs that will take place soon. In the meantime, please be very careful out there as there are a large number of ruts and holes.

Coming Events

April 7 – Trifecta Combat – 9 AM

April 12 – 14 – Family Campout and Night Fly

April 13 – Aerotow

April 13 – 9 AM Club Meeting at the Field (No Thursday Night Meeting)

April 28 – Paintball Blaster 11 AM

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Editor's Comments: February 2019 was the wettest month for any February on record. It impacted our dirt access road and this Transmitter begins with how our field looked on March 8, 2019. When the road dries, we will be able to add gravel and fix it. As of mid-March, the rain continued, thus postponing road repair.





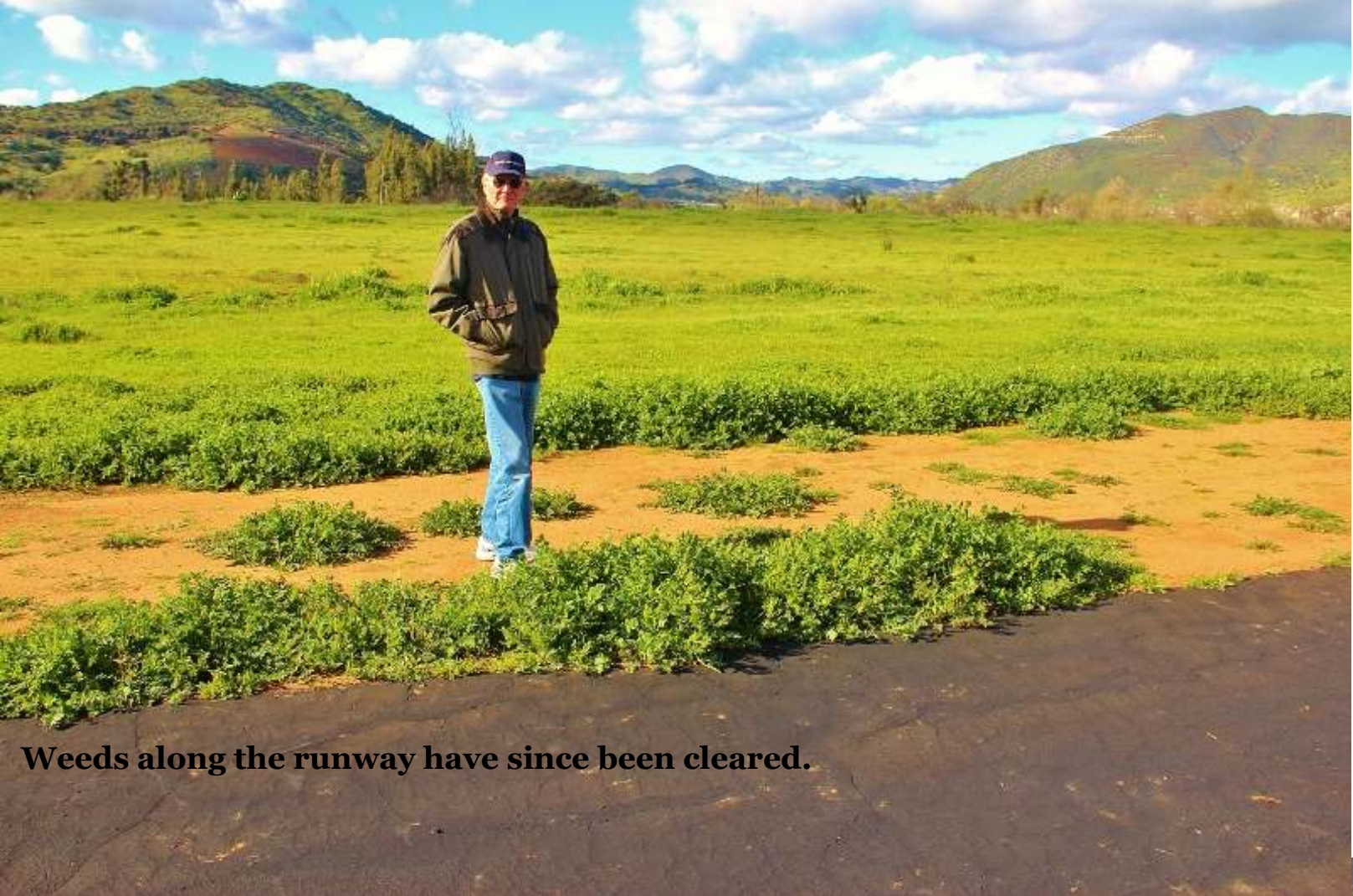








That's Patrick Pranica, Club Secretary, on our clean runway on March 8th.



Weeds along the runway have since been cleared.



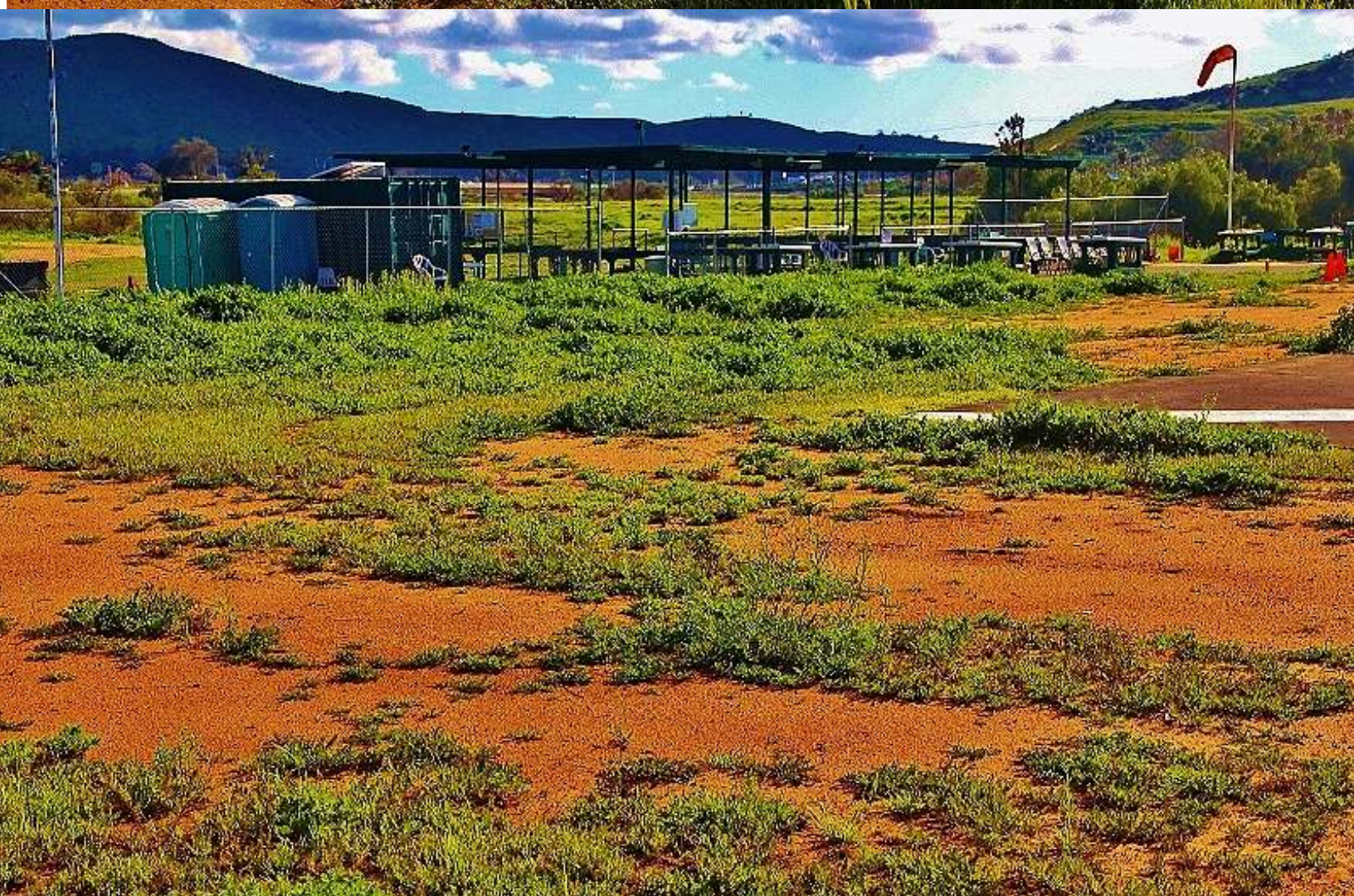


Airplanes R US



Weeds R US







Coyotes use our runway “X marks” as door mats to clean their feet. That’s what one of them said! Believe it or not.

Aileron Reversal: Do you think that we modelers are the only ones who sometimes reverse the ailerons? The April 2019 issue of "Flying Magazine" on page 28, has a report about a fatal accident in Utah that killed both pilots because the control cables on a Spectrum Model 33 business jet were reversed!!!! The mechanic accidentally hooked up the controls in reverse and as the jet took off, it rolled to the right. This was a 7,300 pound all composite jet that had logged 44 air hours! So guys, it happens to full-scale aircraft and sometimes happens at our airfield! The date of the accident was July 25, 2006. Be careful!

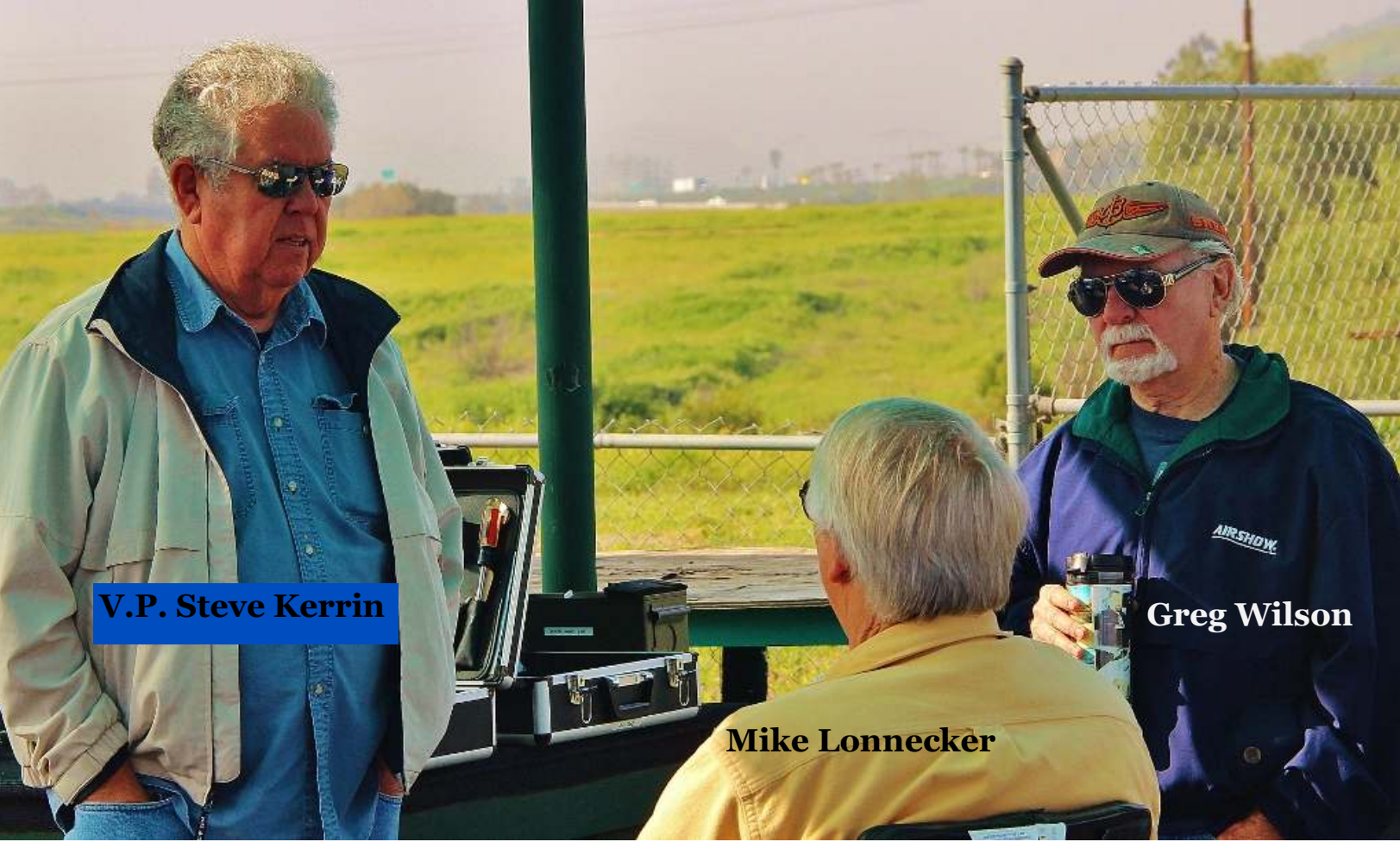


Often the Marines fly the V-22 Osprey over our field. The cost of one bird, according to Wikipedia is about \$100 million a copy! It flies a bit over 300 mph. It's ugly but it gets you there.



This beautiful, poetic bird belongs to master of soaring, James Gallacher.





V.P. Steve Kerrin

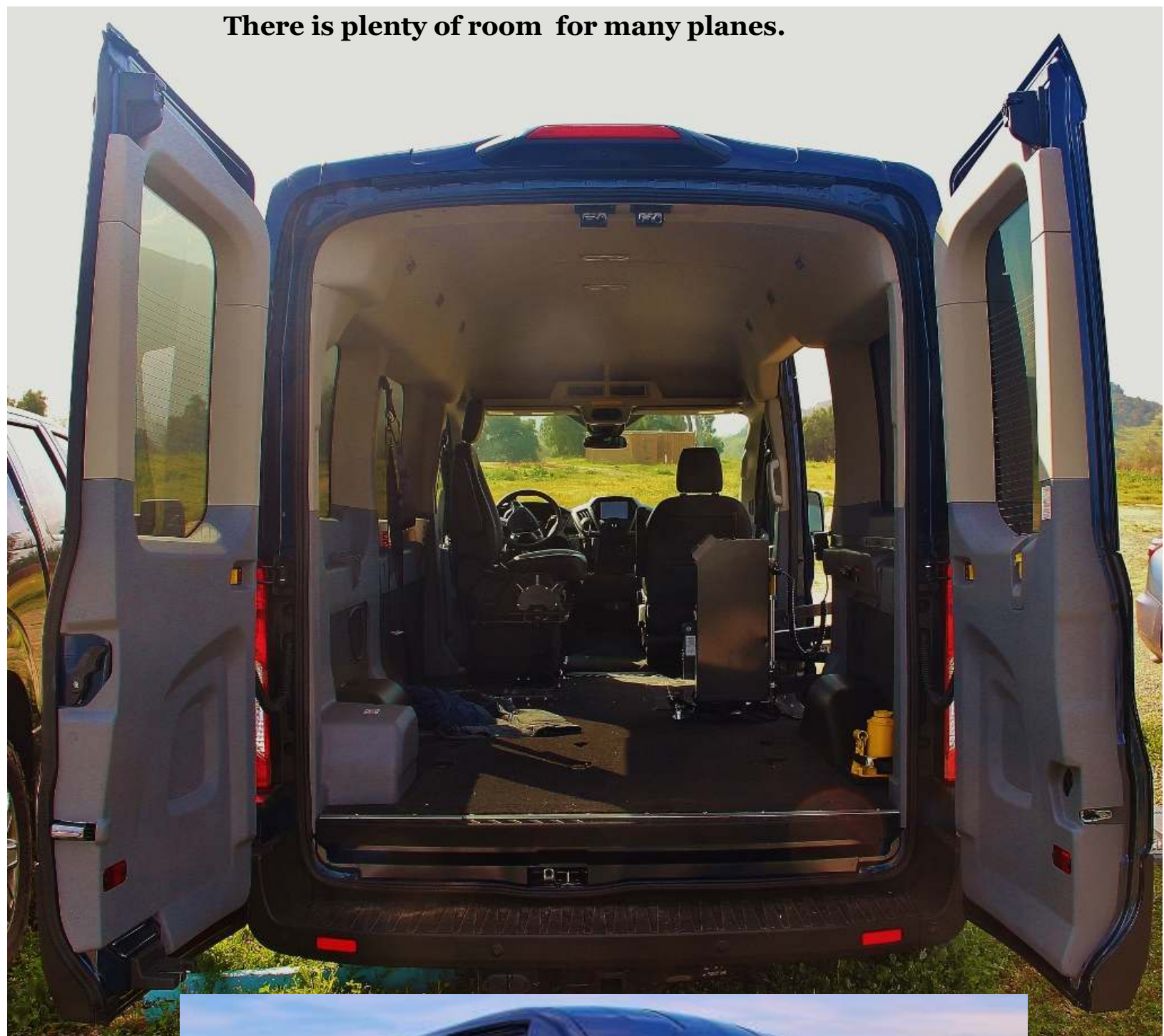
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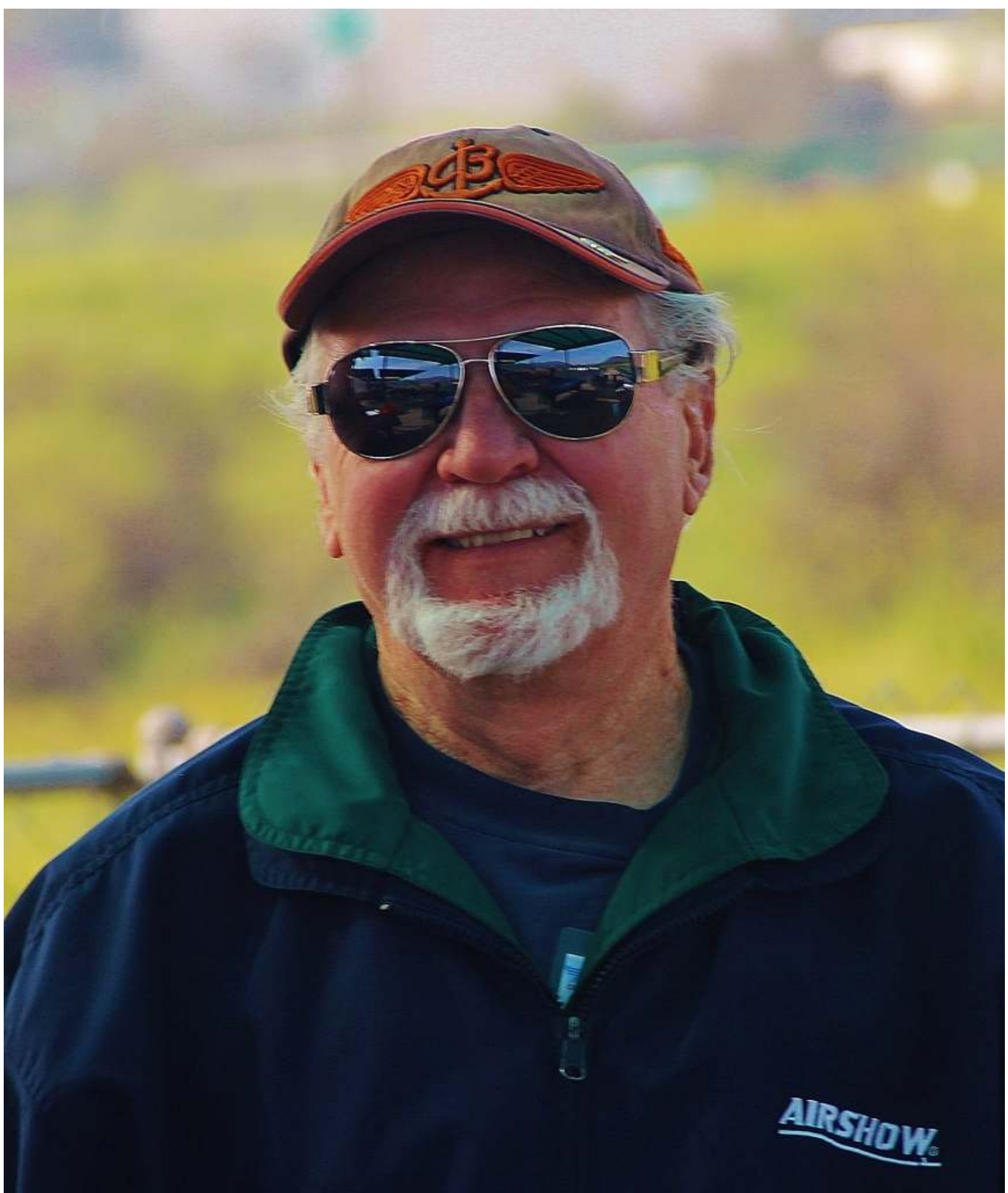
Mike Lonnecker



Mike Lonnecker's new Ford Van

There is plenty of room for many planes.





Handsome Greg Wilson



**Don White is called
Donaldo Blanco by
J.Villarreal**





Our scientist Vice President– Steve Kerrin







Safety Officer Chris Thompson and Don Davis



Chris Thompson's de Havilland Mosquito plywood bomber from WWII.







Patrick Pranica and his PT-17





Chris Thompson brought his Bearcat to our March club meeting and won Model-of-the-Month.





President Steve Gebler

always conducts a good meeting. The agenda follows.



**Sunday, April 7, 2019
Combat!**



Camp Out and Night Fly April 12-14, 2019 at the

Paintball Blaster

- Over 1,000 rounds fired
- \$5 fee for shooting
- Next event Sunday, April 27 at

Heli Fun Fly

May 17-20, 2019

Field closed to all other flying.

Align Academy May 15-16

Club Meeting at the Field

Saturday, April 13 8:30 AM

Pizza at the May Meeting

Free Pizza and Soft Drinks for members

Up Coming Events

☒ March 18 — Monday Flight Training Resumes

☒ April 7 — Trifecta

☒ April 13 — Aerotow

☒ April 13 — Club meeting at the field

☒ April 12-14 — Campout and Night Fly

☒ April 27 — Paintball 11 AM

☒ May 15-16 — Align Heli Flight Academy

☒ May 16 — Pizza night at the club meeting

☒ May 17-19 — Heli Fun Fly

☒ June 9 — Delta Wing Pylon Racing

☒ July 13 — Nutball Speed Build Contest

☒ June 22 — Warbird Fun Fly Event

☒ July 13 — Nutball Speed Build

☒ August 17 — Model Aviation Day

☒ October 19 — Poker Run

☒ November 9 — Jet Fun Fly & Paramotor Event



Board Member Scott Dedic gave an informative presentation about helis. Scott has great expertise in this area and leads the huge Heli Fun Fly in May.



David Long spoke about his vintage heli with wooden blades.



Ian Middleton from Canada



Ernest Emery



Ray Klotz

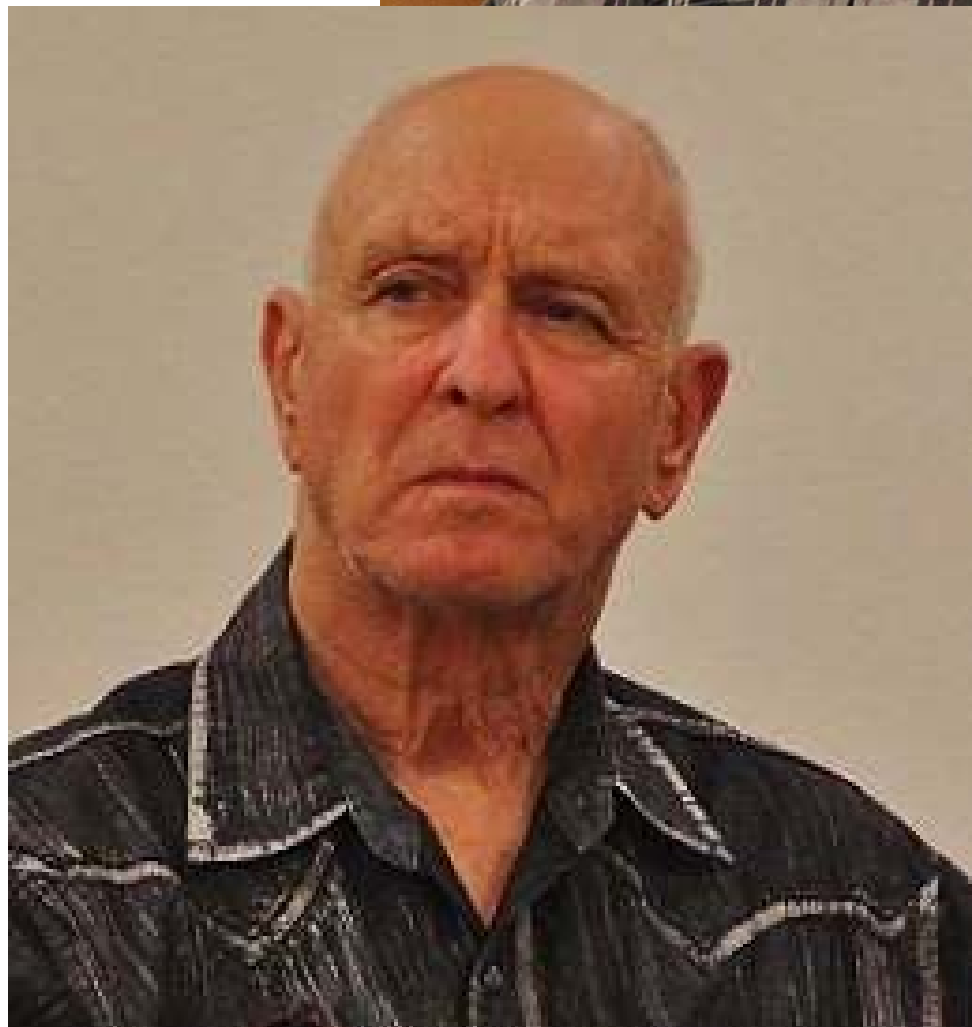


Rick Hilton



Master-builder John Cutler and his new Taylorcraft he's building from plans.

Wayne Bonfietti



Robert Haskell
(nick-name Beau)

Doug Abel brought his latest cardboard creation to show as Model-of-the-Month.



Greg Hardesty brought a powered sailplane for Model-of-the-Month.



Safety Officer Chris Thompson won Model-of-the-Month with his Bearcat that is truly awesome in the air! His 24X10 prop windes-out!

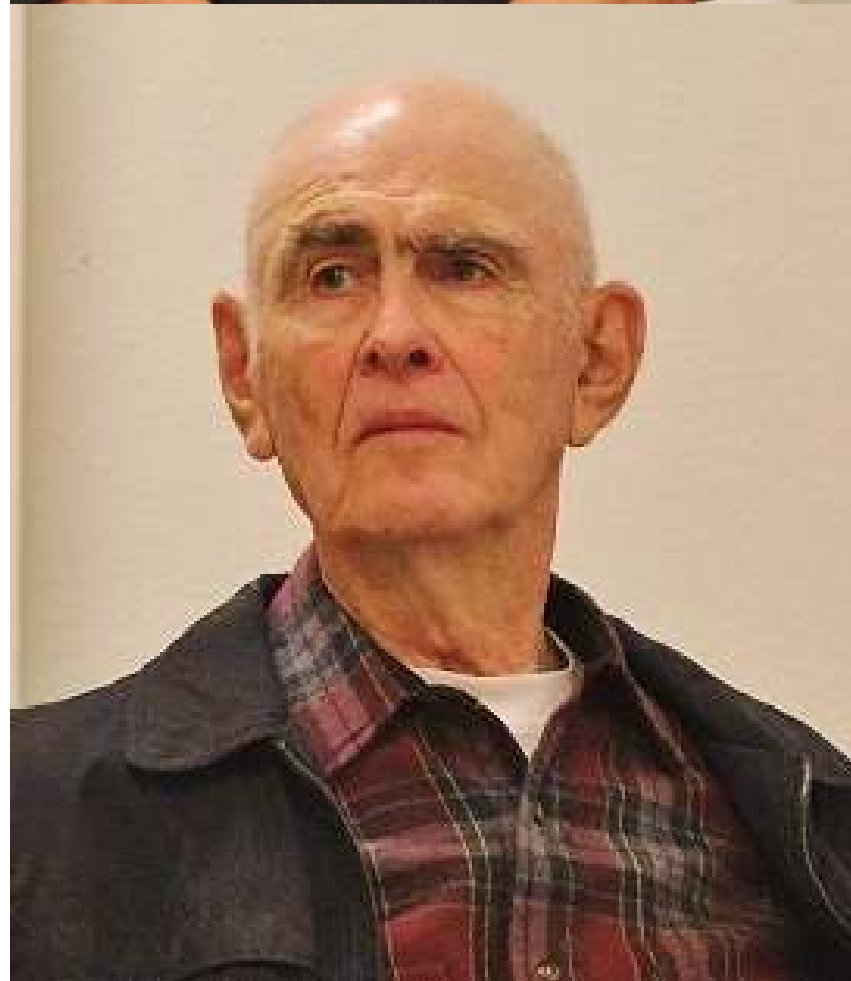
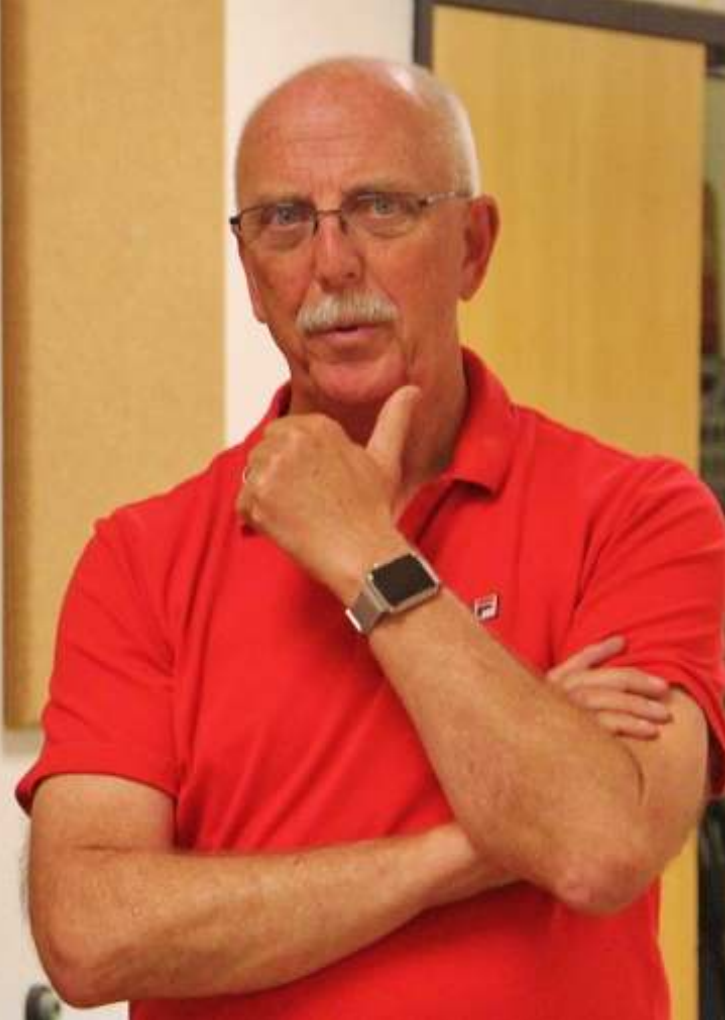


Chris Thompson received his plaque for February Model-of-the-Month and will receive one for March too.





Dave Bracci and the President, Steve G.



Richard McCool



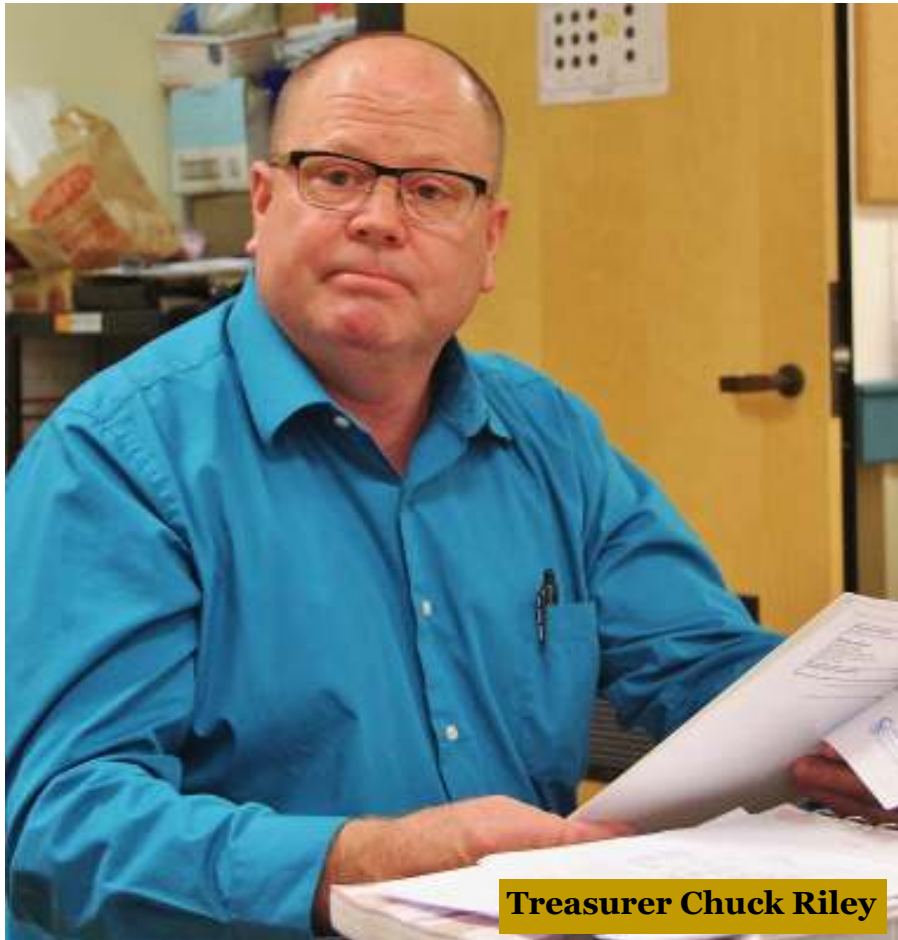
Gene Besne



Board Member Chris Thompson presented Chuck Abel with his Flight Certificate.



Jim Aaron



Treasurer Chuck Riley

March 23-24, 2019 Field Clean-up Day

(Photos take by Chris Thompson)



Mike Lonnecker on runway. It looks like Dave Bracci up front.







Joe Villarreal @ left Chris Thompson above.



Doug Abel



Joe Villarreal

AS SEEN AT THE FIELD



Alan Wolstenholme has maidenied his new Dauntless warbird ARF from VQ. The wingspan is 60 in. and it has electric retracts. It is powered by an OS-65 AX glow engine and is flown with a Futaba 2.4 radio 7 channel.



Dave Swaffer is flying his P-38 Lightning ARF from VQ. The wingspan is 83 in. and it weighs 26 lbs. The electric twin motors are Dualsky FM-5060 running both 16 Vario 3-blade props. The 2 speed controls are Castle Creations Phoenix Edge 100. Two 5S batteries are 5000 mAh. The tri-gear electric retracts are E-flite.



Chris Thompson has maiden and is flying this Bearcat ARF from VQ. The wingspan is 80 in. It has a Dualsky GA 6000.8 electric motor with two 6S batteries 5000 mAh. It has electric retracts, bomb release, and he has airbrushed the panel lines.



The owner of Bailey and Molly on the right is Jim Christy who is pictured below. These are the best, nicest, dogs in the world!





Patrick Pranic is flying Tom Johnston's Crescendo.



No wheels so Mike Lonnecker built a dolly for his carbon fiber flying arrow.



Even the great Donald Blanco has slid down the slippery slope and is flying a foamy!



“This is a 1/3 scale replica of the Jonkers JS-1C Revelation EVO. The full-scale racer is manufactured in South Africa, and spans 21 meters. The model is produced by LET Model in the Czech Republic, spans 7 meters, and is optimized for GPS Triangle racing.

The GPS task requires the pilot to complete as many laps as possible around a 2.4 kilometer (1.5 mile) triangle-shaped course, within a 30-minute window. Altitude upon starting the task must be under 500 meters, and speed less than 120 kilometers/hr. Once on-course, altitude and speed are unlimited. GPS gear aboard the plane tracks its path (and thus verifies that all turnpoints are observed) and telemetry informs the pilot on position, altitude, speed, number of laps, task time remaining, and variometer data. Contests are flown with multiple planes on-course simultaneously, and the scoring is man-on-man with assigned heats. A typical score for a skilled pilot flying in average air is 8-10

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Tom Watson is one of many sailplane drivers we have in our great club. This last weekend he managed to maiden his new Jonkers JS-1C GPS racing sailplane and sent me this article for the Transmitter. .” (Courtesy of Jim Gallacher)



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An Impossible Story At the Field

On March 28, 2019, your editor was flying an E-Flite Corsair. He was fooling around with it on that cross-windy day by deploying the landing flaps and flying it as if it were a glider! Got news for ya. The Corsair is a war-bird and not a sailplane! As the plane flew against the wind, it flew so slowly that a person could walk faster than the plane's ground speed! Your editor was enthralled with its slow-flight characteristics and then turned and flew downwind.

AH! A fatal error! Now the lift suddenly diminished because the Corsair was flying with the wind. In the blink of an eye, the Corsair tip-stalled and went into a right hand spiral. Sure looked pretty as it twisted on down. Your editor chopped the power, pulled up elevator, but the plane continued down as it went out of sight below the hill on the right side of the runway!

The plane was flown not that far out and we thought the wreckage might be on the hillside. After looking to no avail, Patrick Pranica and I drove my car down onto the road in the jungle for a look. Then Donald Blanco appeared above us as he stood on the edge of the field. He hollered down, "Does your plane have yellow on the rudder?" "Yes," your editor shouted back. Then Donald said, "It's right over there!" We could not see it but it was in plain view for him. He said, "It looks like it made a flat landing!" He carefully descended the hill, lifted the plane from the grass and declared, "There's not a mark on it!" Impossible!

The plane had survived a death spiral into the ground and like any other foamy should have been destroyed instantly! I examined the plane and it's true; it is in perfect condition. James Christy remarked that I must have said a few "Hail Marys!" Others said that it was not normal for a plane to go down like that and survive perfectly! Somebody was watching out!

In all the years I have been flying, I have never seen an airplane perfectly survive a death spiral into the ground! It's impossible! Something should have broken. I got a pass on that one! No more ultra slow flying with the Corsair!

All who wish to touch the special-impossible plane can do so for only \$2.00. No appointment necessary!

Your editor

Joe Buko



Chris Thompson and his Bearcat!





Chris Thompson's Bearcat is awesome!

Patrick and the other clapped for the fabulous flight!





Jim Gallacher's new wheels. How it sparkles!



Patrick Pranica's Maxford Nieuport 28. Needs more nose weight and it'll fly well.





Jim Gallacher's tow-plane





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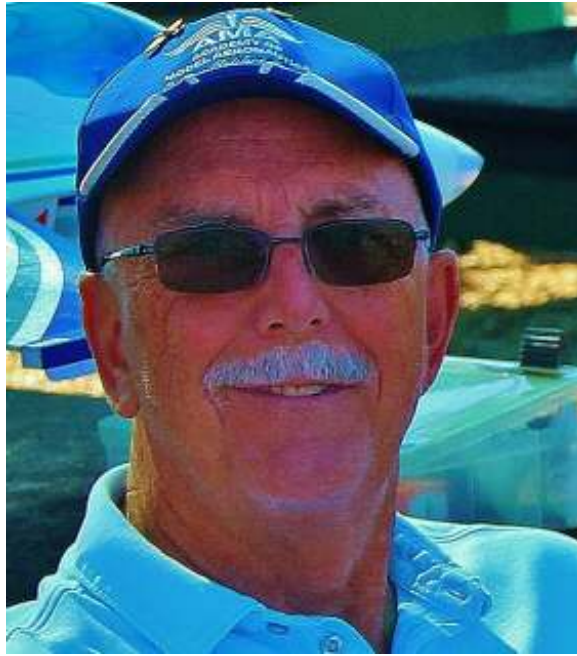
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