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Transmitter



September 2021

AMA Charter 141

Predident Joe Villarreal asked Steve Gebler to write this month's presidential column.—(editor)

Field Search Team Update

Your field search team consists of Bill Hill, Joe Villarreal, Jim Christy, Eric Armstrong, Chris Wilson, Rick Hilton and Steve Gebler.

As you may know, we have been meeting regularly to exchange ideas and to investigate potential new locations for our club. This has not been an easy task as finding flat, 25+ acres in the area are nearly impossible.

Several of our members have offered referrals to sites that might be appropriate, but, so far, they have not panned out. I encourage each of you to contact local Real Estate professionals that you might encounter to assist in the search.

Ideally, we would like to have a "land use agreement" (that means FREE use of land), but we can likely swing a purchase of the property if we establish a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT).

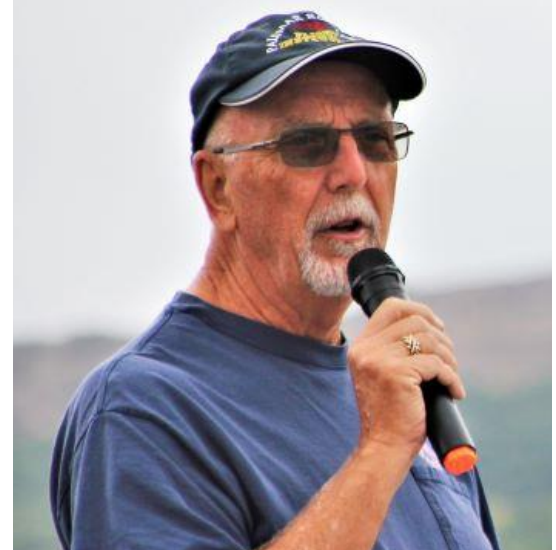
There has been some encouraging news, however. Our current landowner, Pappas Investments, has written a glowing recommendation letter to be used as a reference should we locate a suitable property.

Thanks to Bill Hill's initiative, Bill, Joe, and I visited the former county dump site near Valley Center on August 25.

The site has promise for a replacement site for a new field location.

It's large enough to support both fixed wing and helicopters. It faces east and west with a westerly takeoff direction like we enjoy now.

There's plenty of parking for regular use and for events.



Preliminary info says that the cost would be about \$500 per month.

Bill will be getting in touch to get more details on acquiring the spot from the County real estate division. The people that manage the dump sites were very encouraging about our use of the location and there have been other clubs, like the Wingmasters, that occupy other county dump sites.

The runway would need to be constructed of Geotex fabric like many other RC fields have deployed.

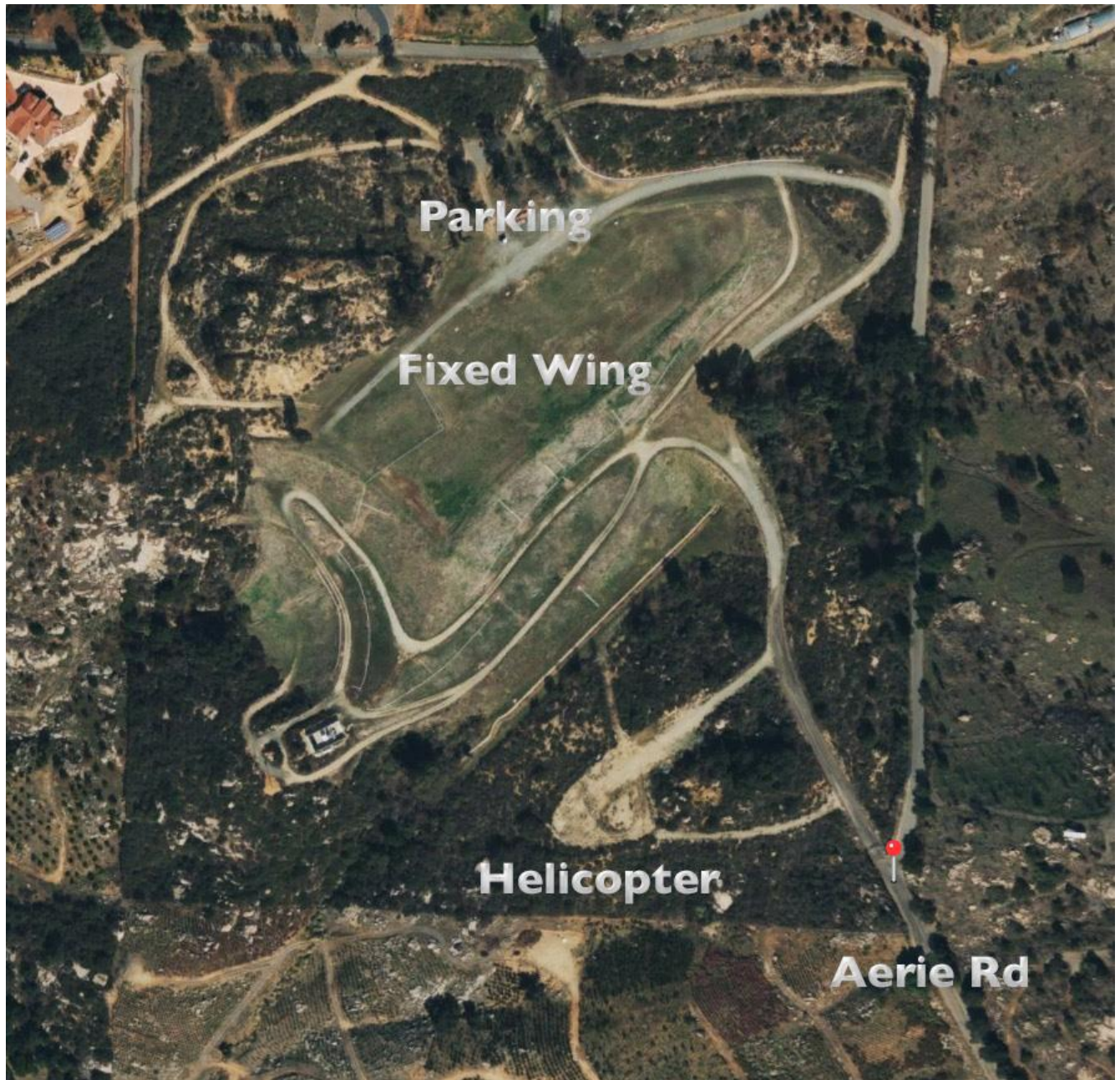
This location is approximately 18 miles from our current location.

The intent would be to grab this location but continue to pursue other locations.

**See the location at 28601–28699 Aerie Rd
Valley Center, CA 92082 on your mapping apps.**

Keep those referrals coming!

**Steve Gebler
Search Committee Chairperson**



My Cherokee 2 was “shot down” in a “dogfight” with Jim Gallacher’s 1-26. Here are some photos in memory. The in-flight photos were taken with Jim G’s camera mounted to the wing of the Cherokee 2. Mike Lonnecker



The following air-to-air photos are among the finest printed in the Transmitter! These are awesome, Mike! - like you! If one did not know these are not full-scale, one could easily mistake the photos for full-scale. Take a little time to savor them.





Doesn't it feel like you are flying!



This is a superb, contest winner! Doesn't it look full-scale!!



MID-AIR's ARE NOT FOR THE WEAK-OF-HEART



After a proper amount of time for mourning (three months) I figured it's time to document this tragedy. This is still a problem because one of the participants is still listed as "missing in action". One limped home and one did not. The participant's in this travesty of "Safe PRCF flying practice" were two good friends, Mike Lonnecker and Jim Gallacher. Both fly almost exclusively sailplanes both electric launch and tow assisted. Both pilots understand the laws of physics which states "two identical fermions (matter particles) can't occupy the same quantum state. In simple terms, two identical things can't occupy the same space. Well actually two identical fermions can but, it's noisy and messy. This is especially true when the closing speed is ~60MPH. The two Fermions in question here are shown at the top of this page. Both are 1/4 scale versions of their full size sailplanes counter parts. The Fermion on the left is a Cherokee II which was a home built sailplane from a kit in the 1950's. The Fermion on the right is a Schweizer SGS 1-26B which was a factory built sailplane also from the 1950's. Fermion number one was originally designed by Stan Hall to have a little bit better performance than Fermion number two. However, in combat it has been shown decisively that Fermion number one used construction techniques that were much lighter hence Fermion number one's "missing in action" status. Or as when cars play "chicken", HEAVY WINS.

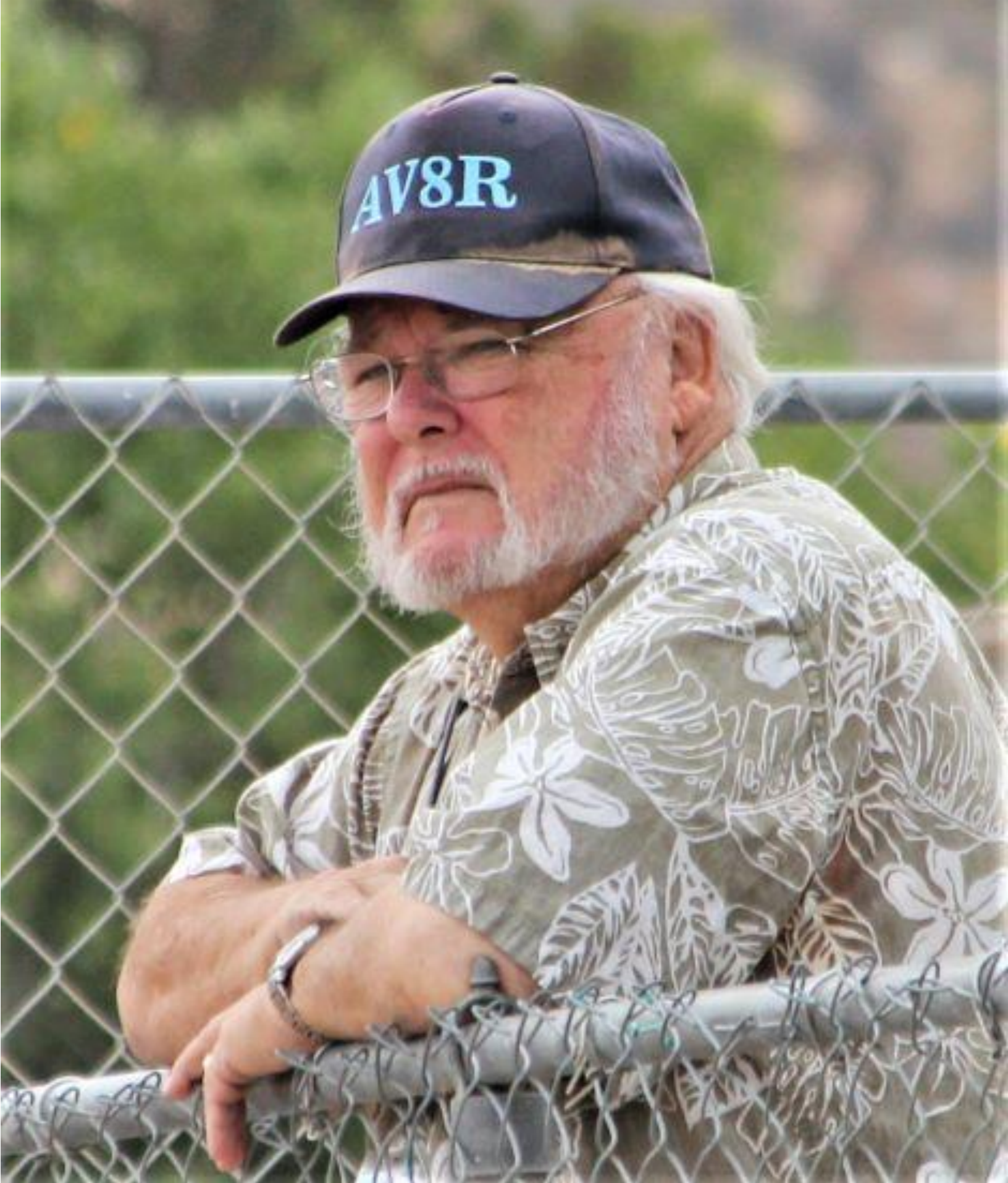
Let's go back in time a few months. It is June's First Saturday of the Month Aerotow. Mike and I were the only planes in the sky. Lift was all over the place. We had both been flying for 10 minutes or so, heading at each other both with telemetry reporting the same altitude. Mike said "I think I am higher than you" I agreed. **This might have been a good time for one or both of us to announce the altimeter info we both had at our disposal, one would think.** But NOOOOO we continued on our deadly path to the quantum state collision event. With both of us completely dumbfounded at the collision, the sound arrived ~1.5 seconds later. Fermion number one lost a wing in the quantum state event and plummeted into the jungle trailing the severed wing by the electrical wiring. It disappeared in the trees about 1000' east of the approach end of the runway. Fermion number two changed heading about 20 deg. to the left and continued flying on a course 180 deg. away from the approach end of the runway. I tried to turn the 1-26 to the left but it would not respond, I tried to the right and got a very slow but positive response. I managed to level the 1-26 with a heading directly at the runway approach end. While circling to land the left aileron could be seen flapping in the breeze. After landing it was found that the right aileron could only go up. The left aileron broke three out four hinges. The right wing rod tube had lifted up about 1/2" changing the included dihedral by about 6-7 deg. This change in dihedral more than likely was the reason the 1-26 righted itself to fly back to the field. So that part was fortunate.

This has been very cathartic but it still to this day turns my stomach.

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The safety hint #1 for this event is highlighted in **RED** safety Hint #2 is below in **RED**.

KEEP BLUE SKY BETWEEN YOU AND ALL OTHER PLANES OR THIS WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.



Jim Gallacher



Master ship modeler, master plane builder, master sailplane pilot; Mike Lonnecker is an extraordinary man and built the Cherokee II.



Jim Gallacher Victor Lanz Mike Lonnecker



Jim

August 2021 Minutes
Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

**President: Joe Villarreal Vice President: Chris Avelino, Treasurer: David Ellis,
Secretary: Patrick Pranica. Safety Officer: Jim Christy**

**Board members: Chris Wilson, Trent Stadick, Doug Abel, Don Davis, Scott Dedic,
Phil Kogan Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Don Davis, Membership
Chairman: Steve Kerrin. Webmaster: Richard Torres**

Call to order: 6:30 via zoom

Treasurer's Summary for August 2021

(Summarizes transactions for month of July)

Total Income: \$840

Big items include:

\$840 Membership

Total Expenses: \$1,526.92

Big items:

\$250 Website

\$725 usual field maintenance items

\$515 Events 4th of July & Heli

Net income: \$686.92

End of Month Balance: \$105,713.45

Chair Reports:

Membership: Assistant to Steve Kerrin. Sheryl Johnson, kite flyer. Will assist the increasing work load.

Safety: New members need to abide by club safety rules. Concern about mixing different types of aircraft in airspace. Members continue to walk in front of flight line fence to stage their airplanes while others are flying.

Fixed Wing: Aerobatic class proposed for members wanting to increase their skills. Considering purchase of pre-own Edge and \$10 donation for batteries.

Drone: Nothing new to report. Practice gate is missing.

Heli: Low turnout at the heli site. Hot weather. Caution for commercial activity that wants to use our site for their purposes.

Flight Training: Very busy, very strong. Well organized.

Field Maintenance: Signage in the pits, no taxi stenciling applied. New Chairs needed to replace sun damaged fabric. Waiting for sales to lower the cost.

ADA Improvements: On going.

Search Team: Steve Gebler. Lots of referrals. Land value is high. Landfills seem to be promising. County park inclusion is most preferable. Need is for a flat 25 acres. Lease or purchase. Will take a year to sort out. Urgent we find a new site.

Aero Tow Changes: Jim Gallacher. Communication between powered and sailplane pilots found wanting. Proposed that a field marshal be present to control that airspace when sail planes must take off and land. Once a month we will now open the field to sailplanes from 11:30 to 3 PM to free up airspace and increase safety margins.

General Membership Meeting: Saturday August 21, 9 AM

New Business. Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM

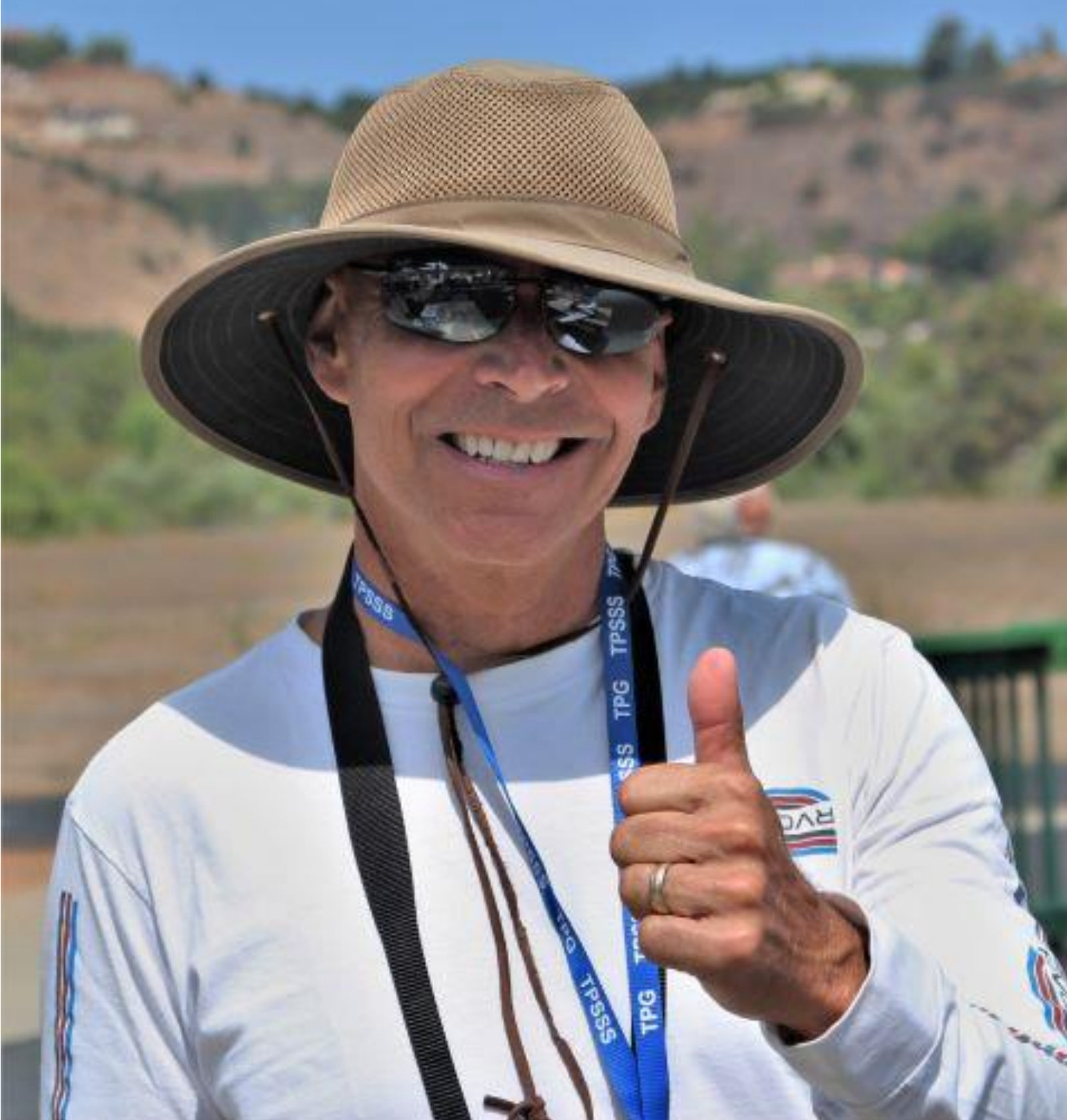


Adrienne Lyle, Steffen Peters, Sabine Schut-Kery Three silver medalists in team dressage for the USA. Phot courtesy of *US Equestrian*.

Steffen Peters is a club member.

In the second grouping of combinations, Peters and Suppenkasper, a 13-year-old KWPN gelding owned by Akiko Yamazaki and Four Winds Farm, rode one of their best tests to date and earned a superb score, improving from their previous test in the team qualifier competition.

"This is exactly what I wanted for my team. It's one thing to ride individually, but when you pull a good score for your team, it's an incredible feeling. When we came out of the arena, I gave Mopsie a big hug and thanked him from the bottom of my heart," Peters said. "We were seriously in the zone. When we were out there about to go in the ring, I said, 'Mopsie, please just do what we just did out here in warm-up,' and we had a good schooling this morning. He did that for me when it counted, and it's an incredible feeling when a horse will fight for you like that in the arena."



Steffen Peters returned from the Tokyo Olympics with a silver medal in Dressage!

The jet he flew on August 12, 2021 is on the following page.



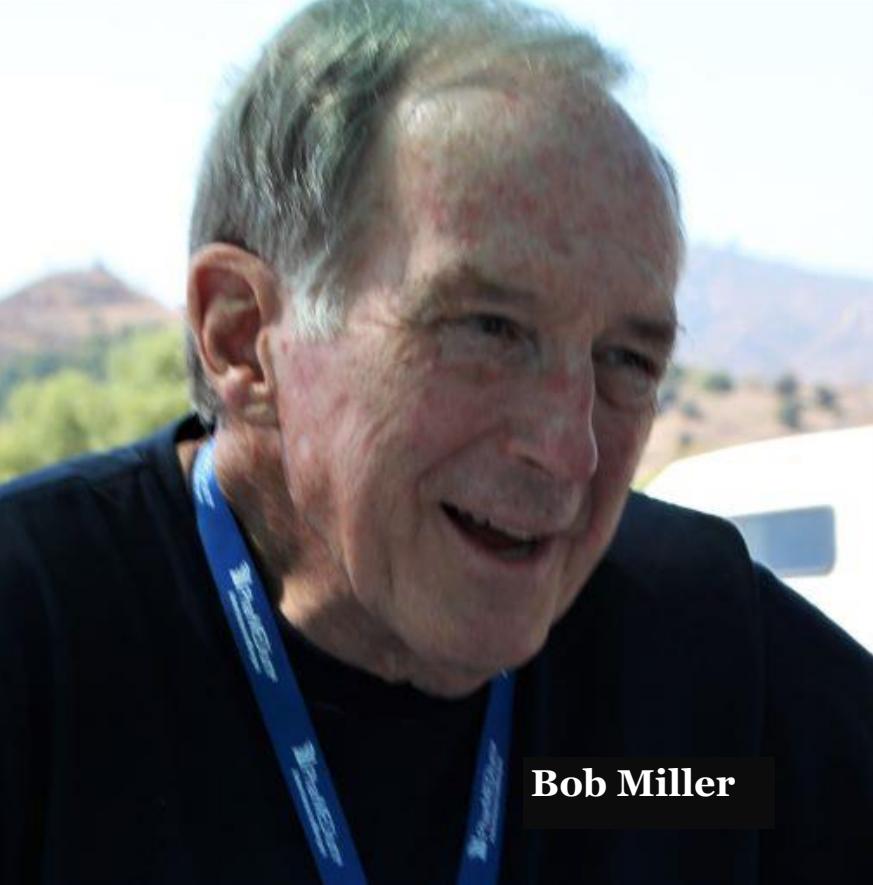
Tom Minegar @ Torrey Pines launching Joe Buko's ASW-17



Greg Wilson Aug. 5, 2021



Jim Christy and Joedy Gregory



Bob Miller



Steve Staudenmeir

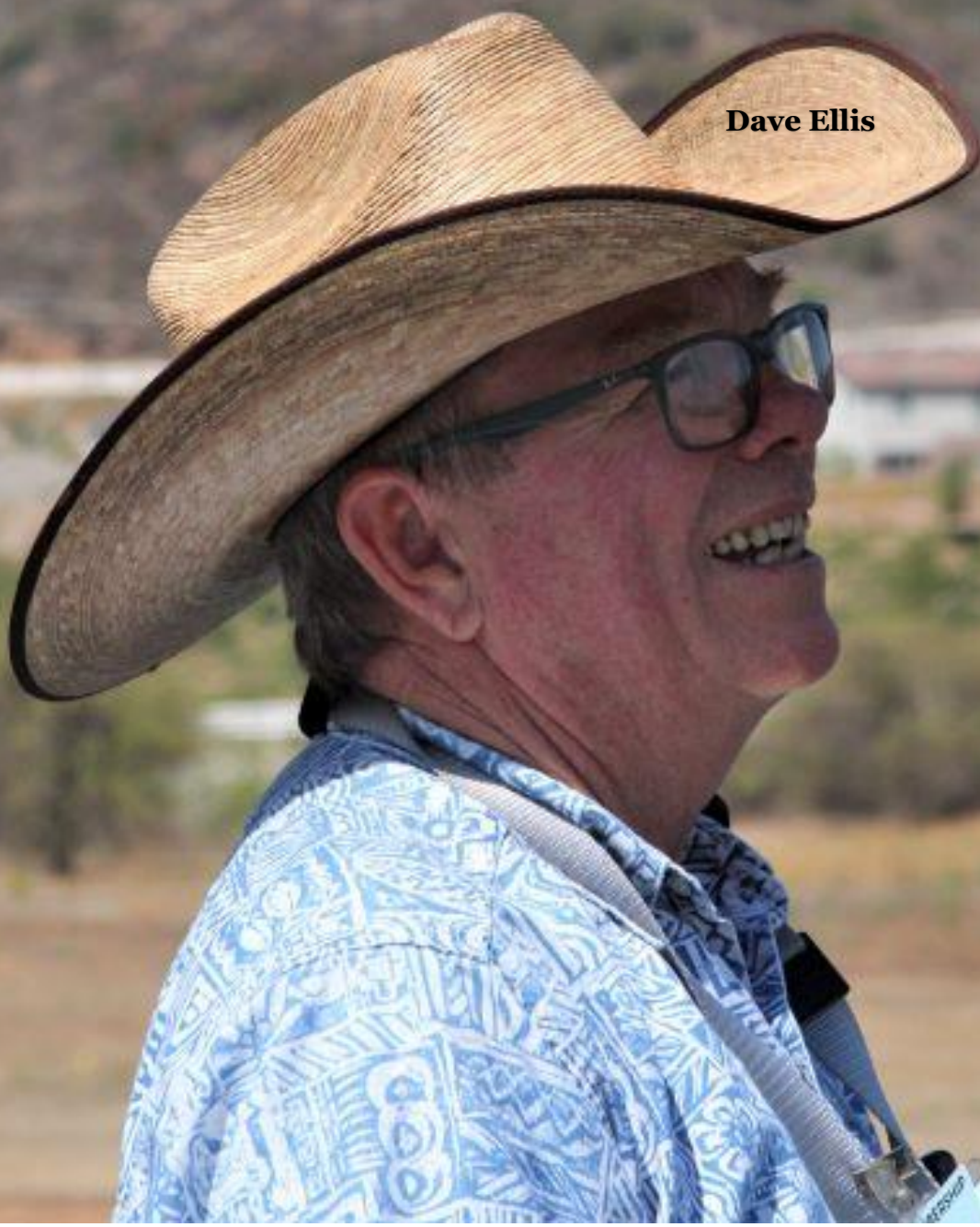


**Our honorable Treasurer
Dave Ellis**

Dave's plane



Dave Ellis



Patrick Pranica's foam-core plane built by Bill Hill and finished by Patrick.



Greg Wilson's 3-D plane

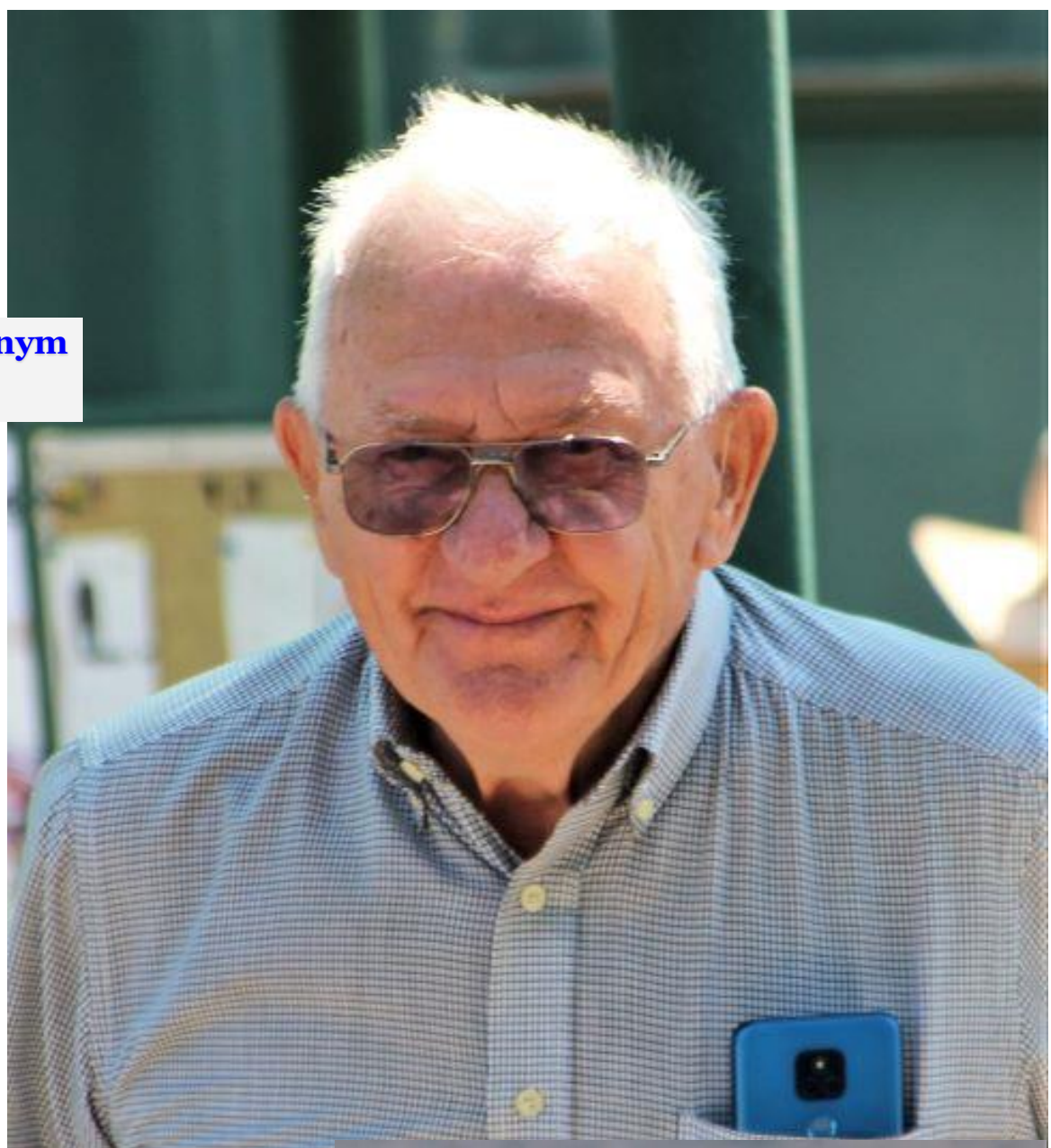


**Bill Hill Prsident
Emeritus**

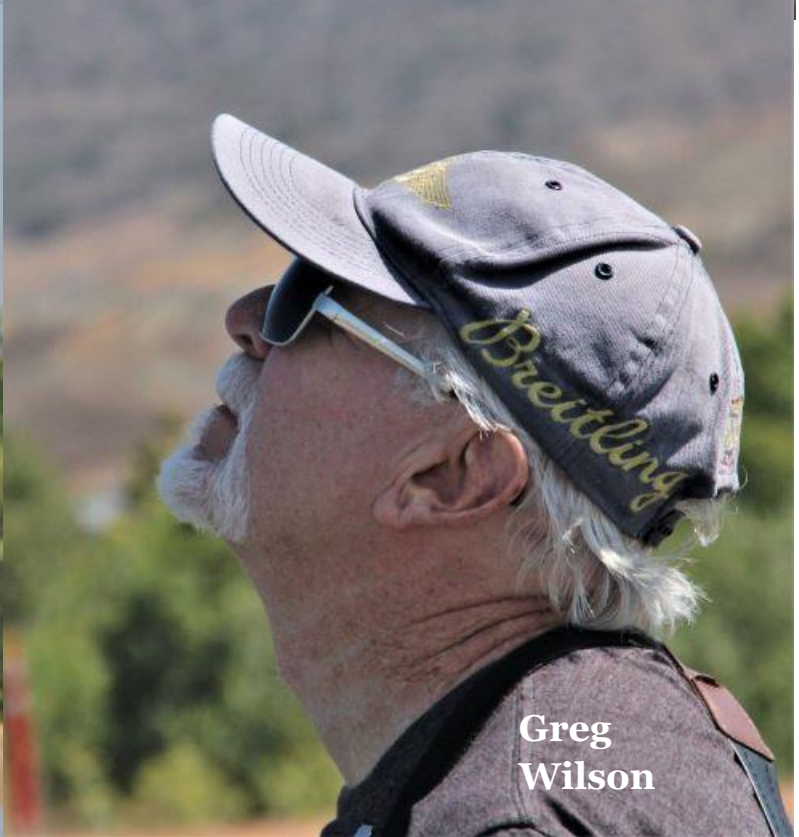
**George Dawe Pres-
ident Emeritus**

**Secretary Patrick
Pranica**

**Lord Creedon, the eponym
of Southampton**



Board Member Phil Kogan



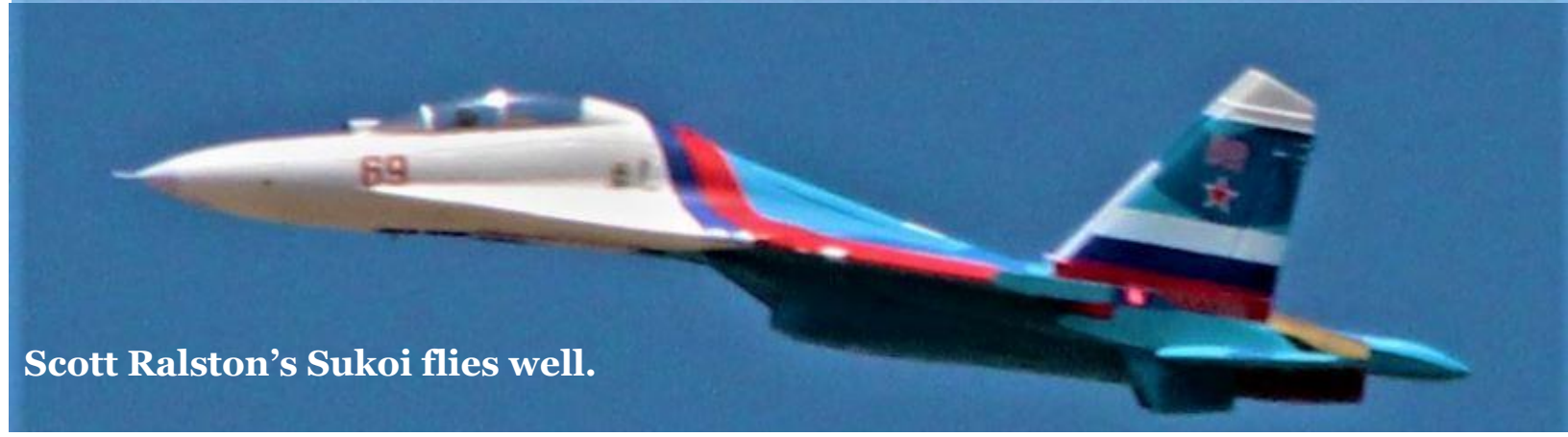
**Greg
Wilson**



Scott Ralston's A-10 Warthog flies really well.



Cesar Fernandez and Phil Kogan both fly a Merlin.



Scott Ralston's Sukoi flies well.



Presidents Emeritus Bill Hill and George Dawe Patrick Pranica Greg Wilson



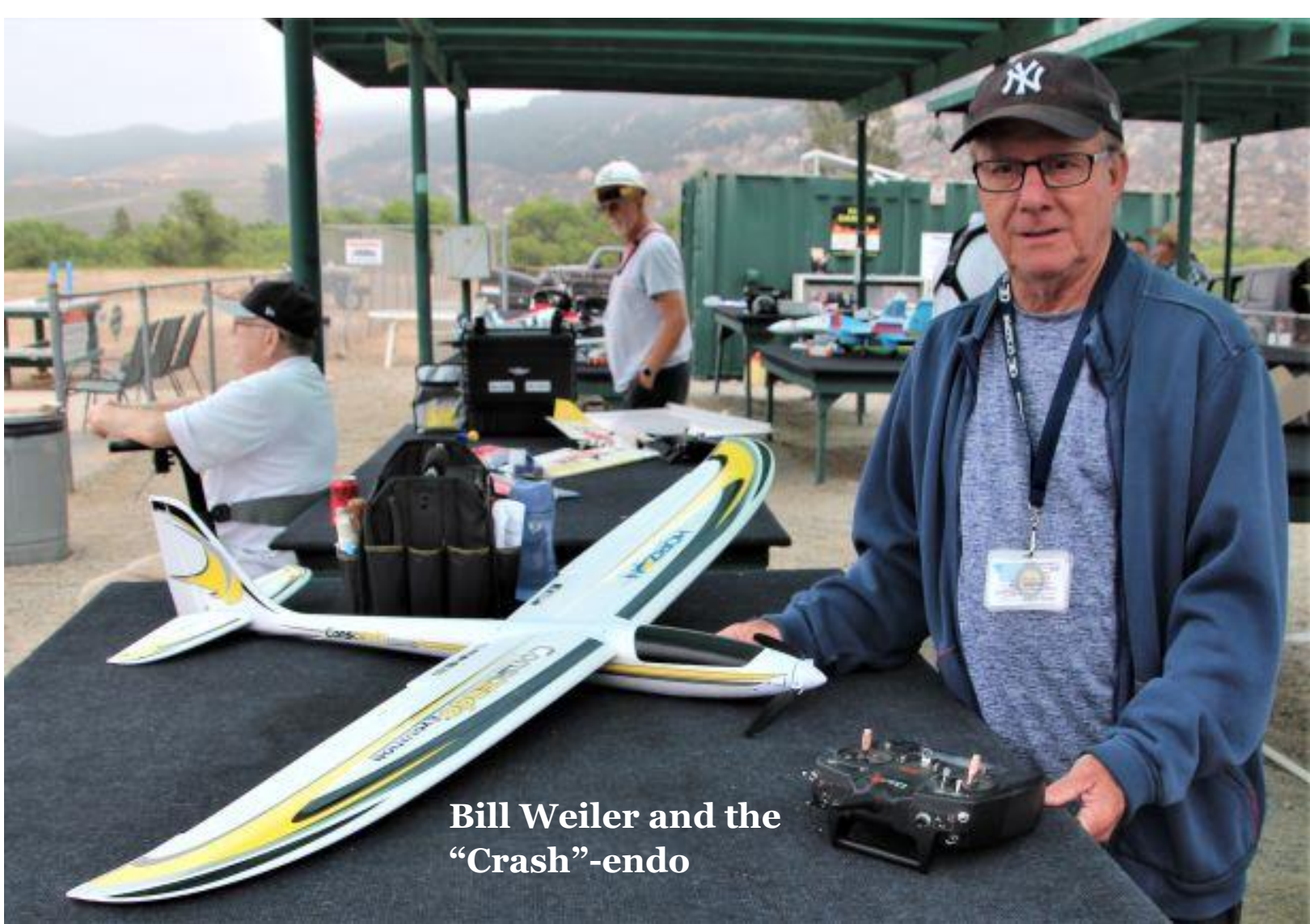
President Emeritus George Dawe



These two planes belong to Bill Hill.



This heavily modified Polish Vilga belongs to Roger Cosio



**Bill Weiler and the
“Crash”-endo**



John and Tracy Petrash and cute Bella



Bella



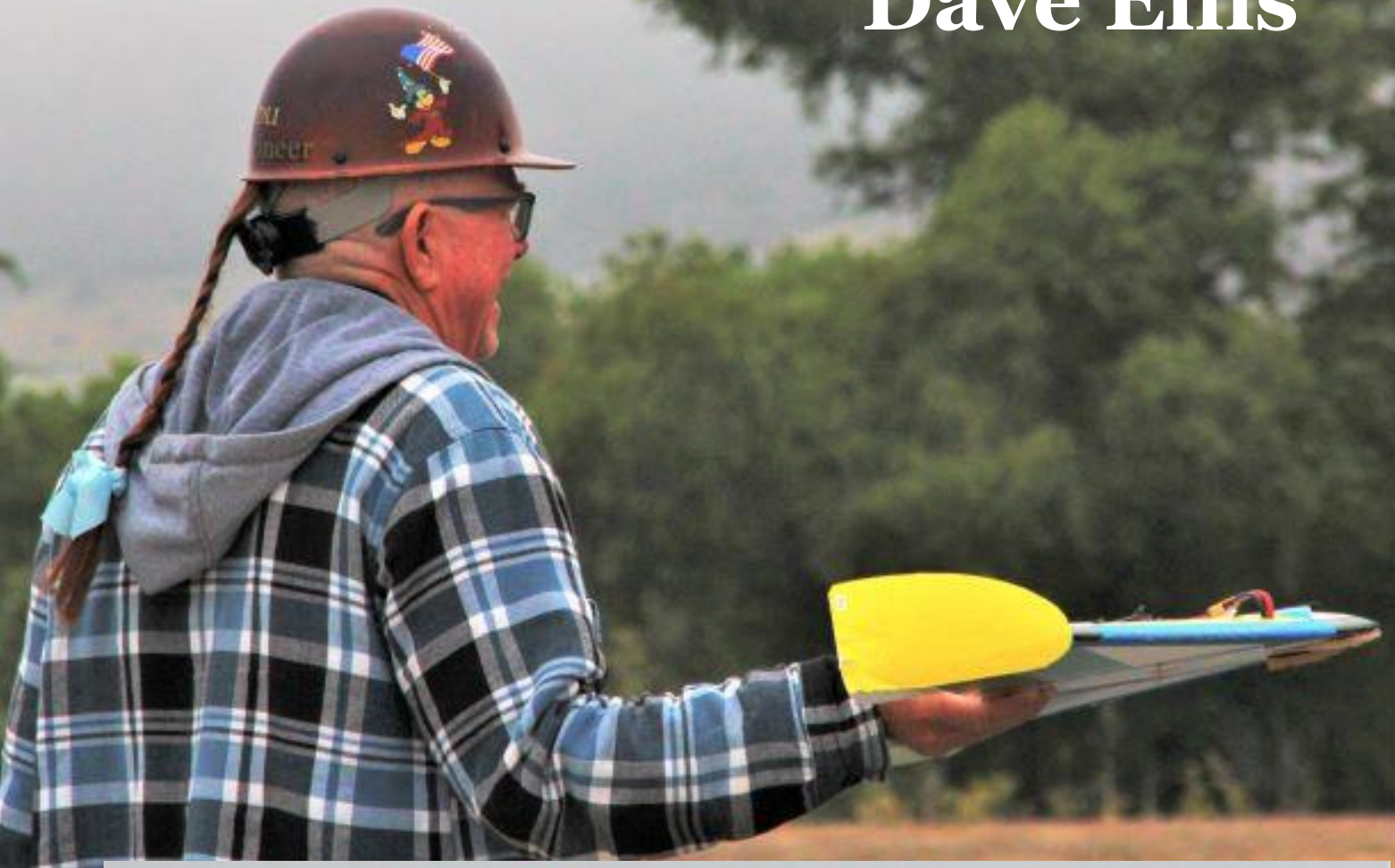
TRIFECTA—Aug. 8, 2021 An Overcast Day



Randy Brunette, Dave Ellis, Eric Armstrong, Steve Gebler, Tim Hitchcock, Chuck Riley, Joe Villarreal —the usual suspects who flew the Trifecta.



Dave Ellis



**Randy
Brunette**

Going down but he recovered.



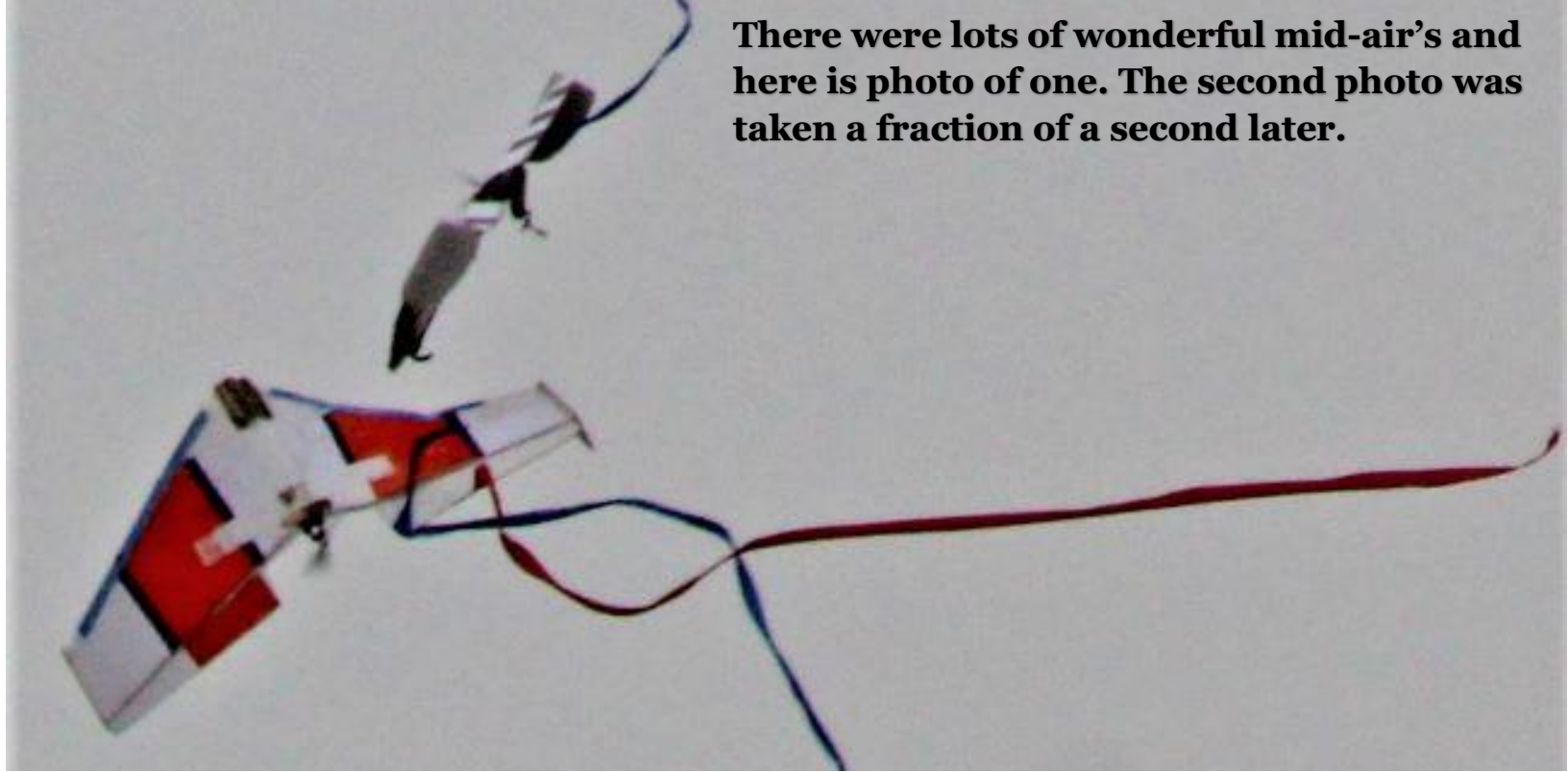
Eric Armstrong



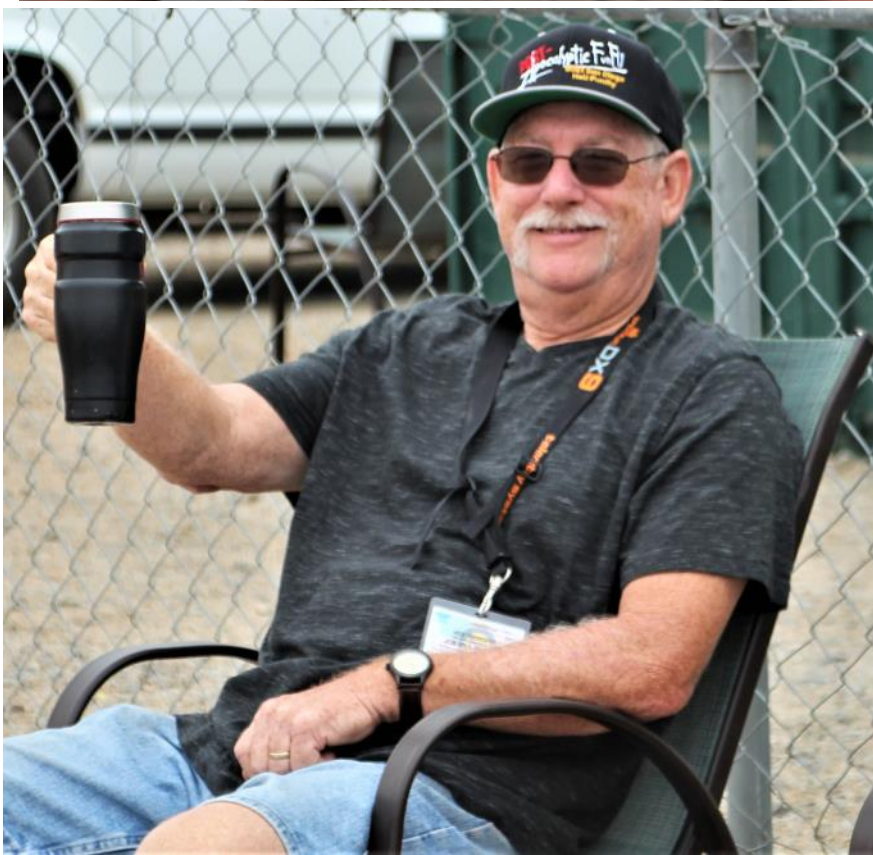
President Emeritus Steve Gebler



There were lots of wonderful mid-air's and here is photo of one. The second photo was taken a fraction of a second later.



Scorekeeper Scott Ralston



President Joe Villarreal

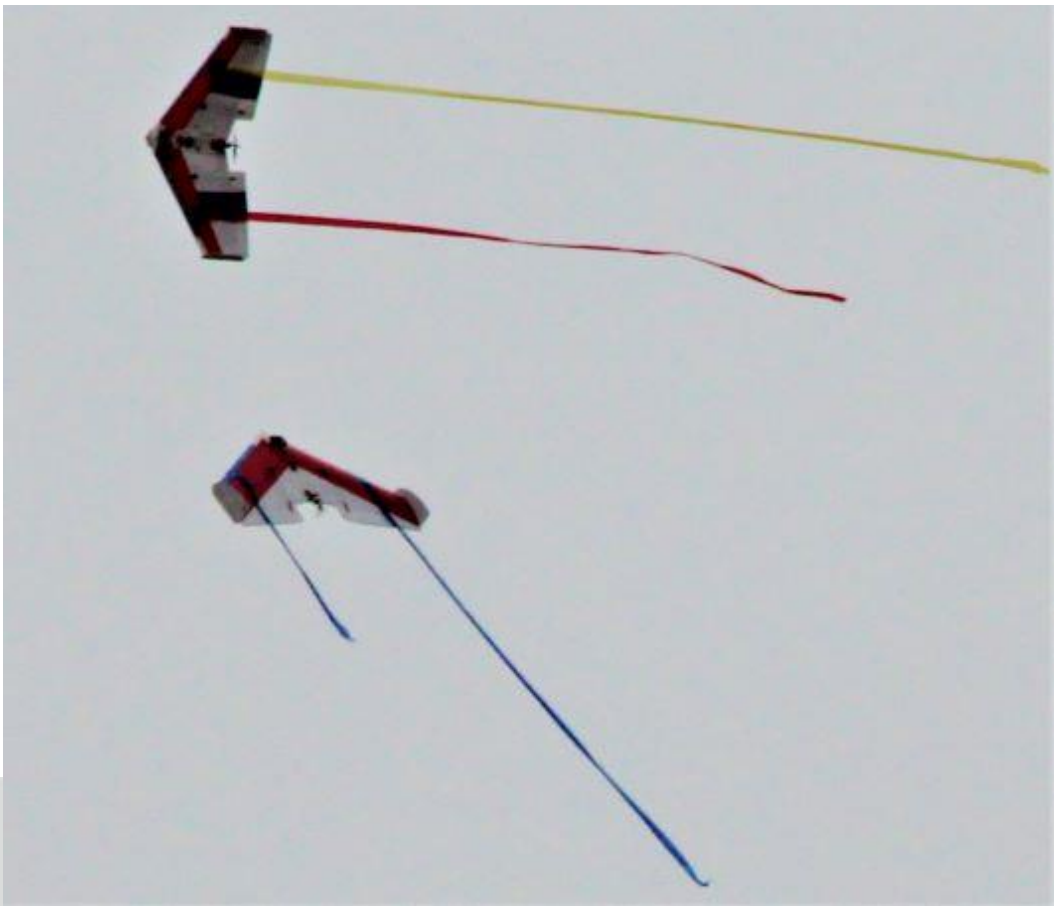
Scott McClintock



Tim Hitchcock



Chuck Riley



Randy Brunette gets to wear the tutu.



There were many delightful mid-air's that caused two batteries to fly off the planes. They went searching and found both!!



It's hard to see some of the seven planes during "horse-shoes" They climb³⁴ for 20 seconds, cut power, and glide to a designated landing circle.

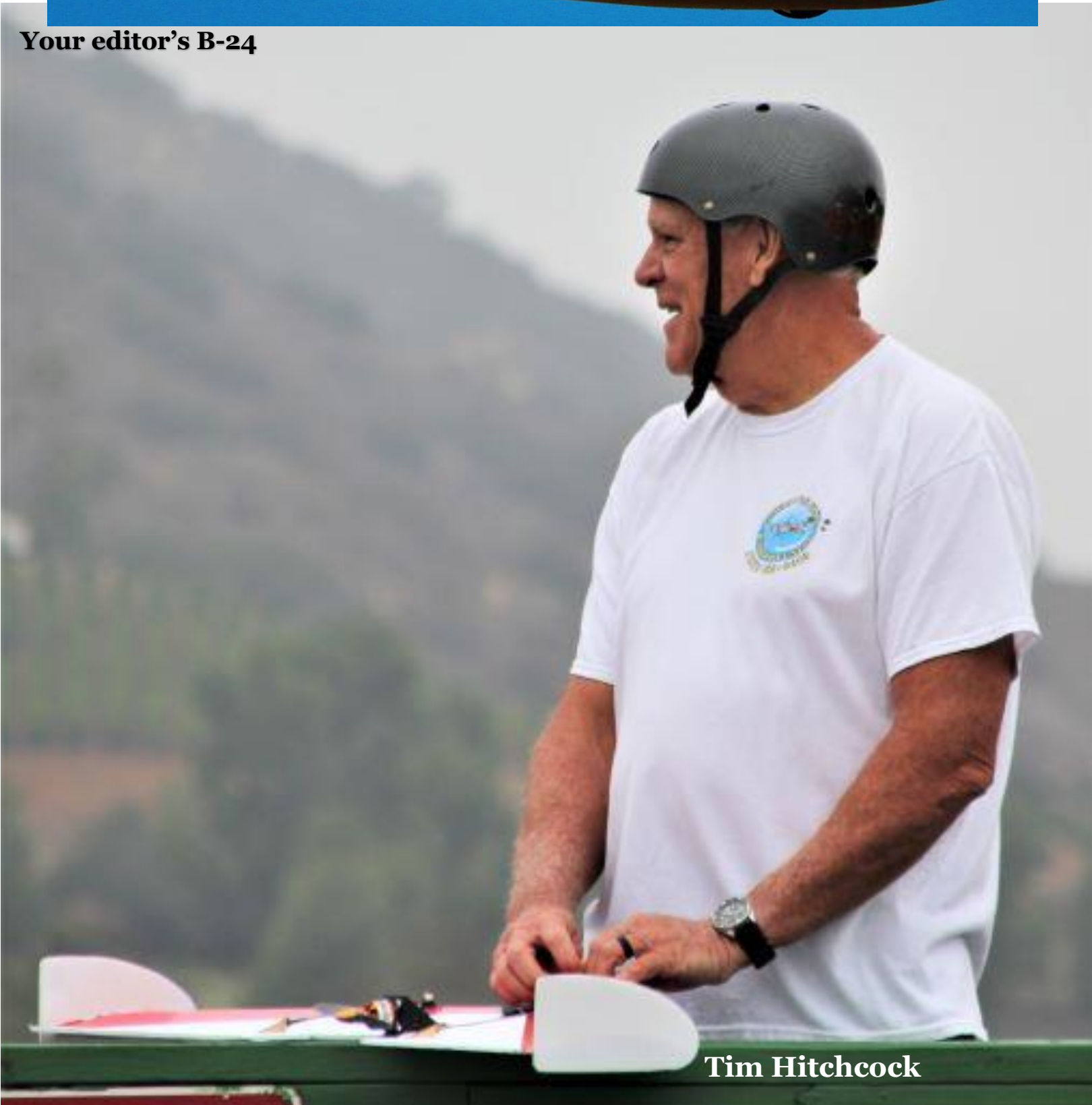


It takes skill to land within the circle.





Your editor's B-24



Tim Hitchcock



**Steve Gebler provides this important info!
Ho ho ho!**

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provide a receipt
that matches
what you told
your spouse you
paid.**



Lori Cosio, Dave Ellis, Steve Gebler, Scott Ralston, Joe Villarreal, Randy Brunette



1st place Tim Hitchcock

2nd place Randy Brunette

3rd place Steve Gebler



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Steve Gebler 's new Cub with full length wing slots is heavy. Look at that wheel-splay.



Dave Litaker





Joe Villarreal provided these two photos of the Club and Classics Day on Aug. 14, 2021. Above, L/R Chris Thompson, Bobby Johannes, Phil Kogan, George Dawe, Chuck Riley, Doug Abel, Bill Hill.



Bill Hill's Model-of-the-Month Waco YMF-5. Excellent!





**President Emeritus,
Bill Hill**

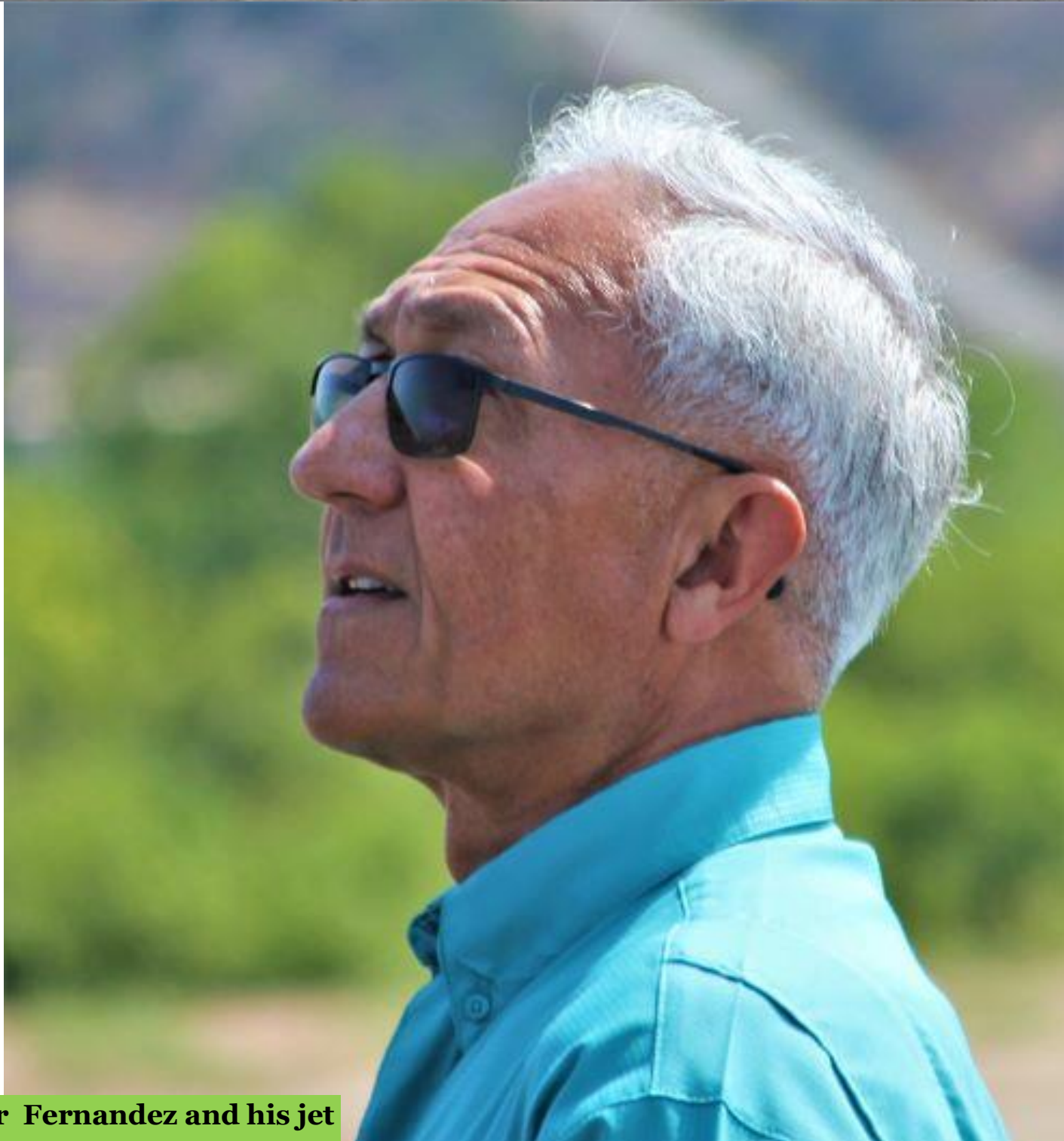


This is a real airplane. Why? Because it has two wings and a propeller. All other planes are wanna-be's— wanna be this pretty!



James D'Eliseo



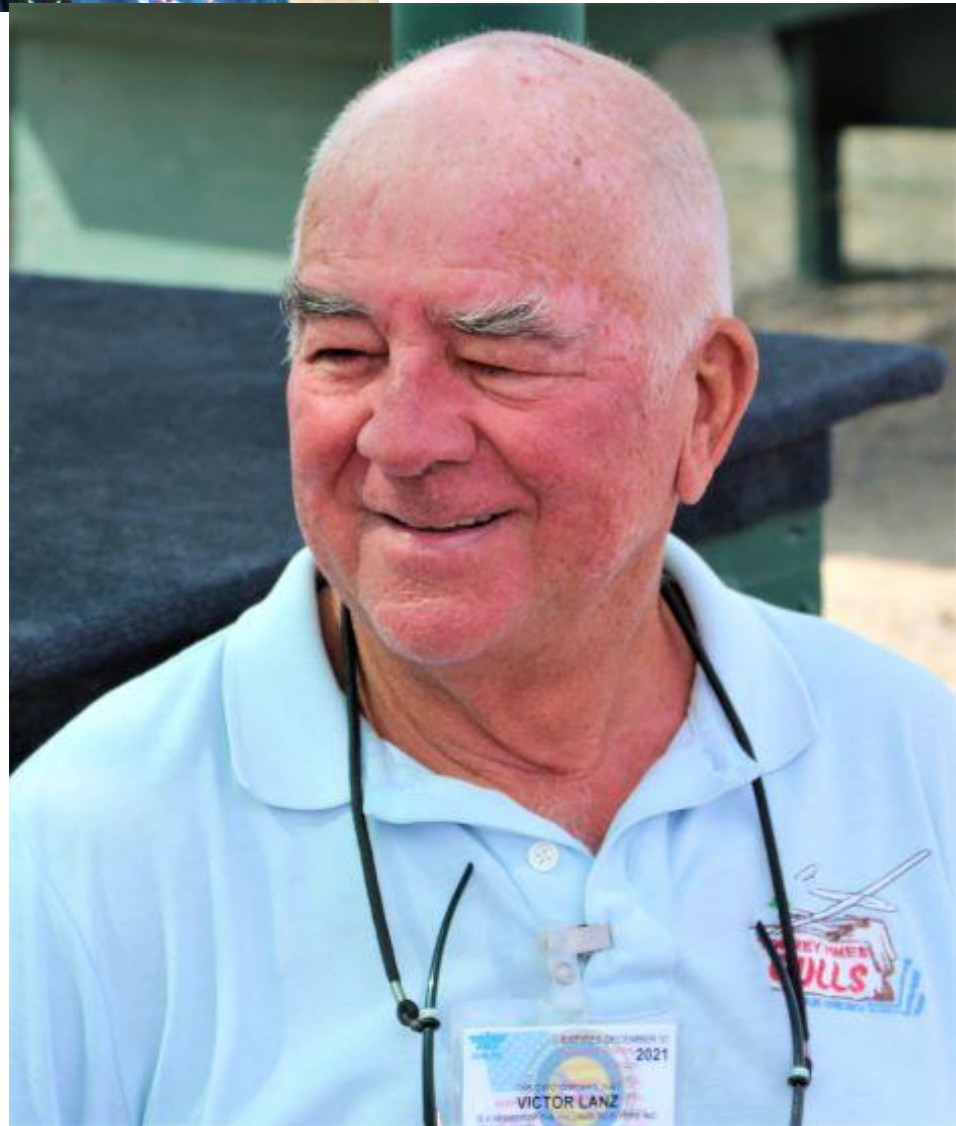


Cezar Fernandez and his jet



John McDonald is back flying! We've missed you! Good to have you back!

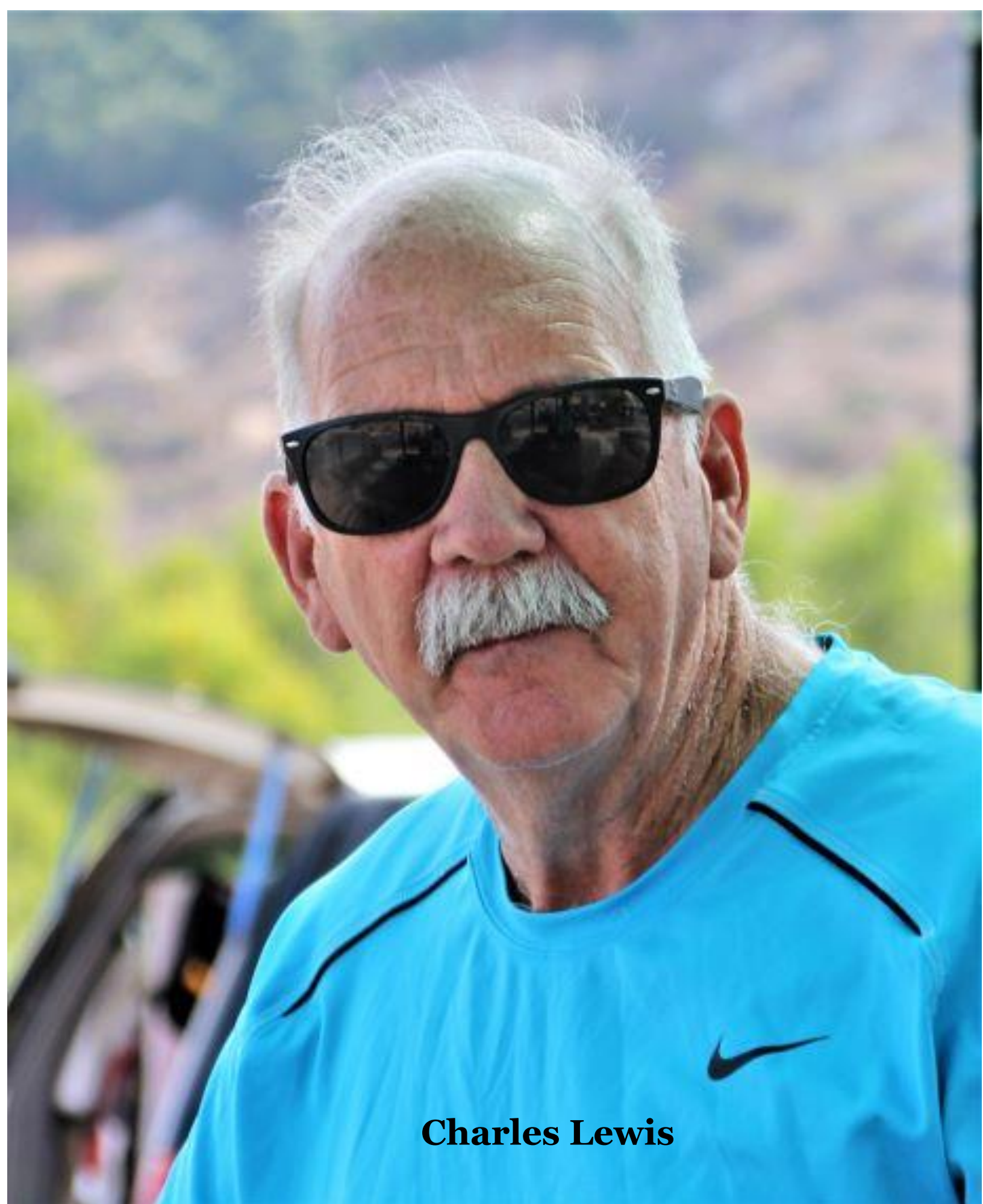
Aug. 19, 2021 Victor Lanz visited the field. It is so good to see you! Notice the logo on his shirt– Torrey Pines Gulls aka Torrey Pines Sea Gulls!





Dave Martucci

Dave is new to our club. Welcome! May you enjoy many years of flying with us!



Charles Lewis



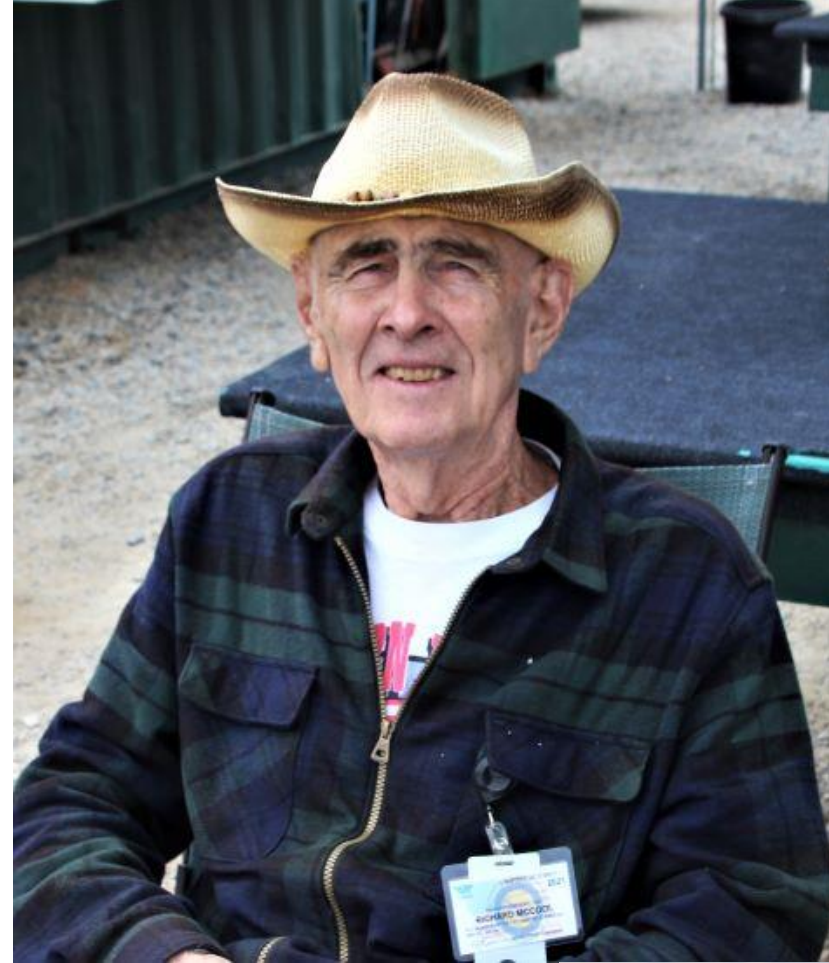
Johnny Johannes pilots his big Shock Cub well.



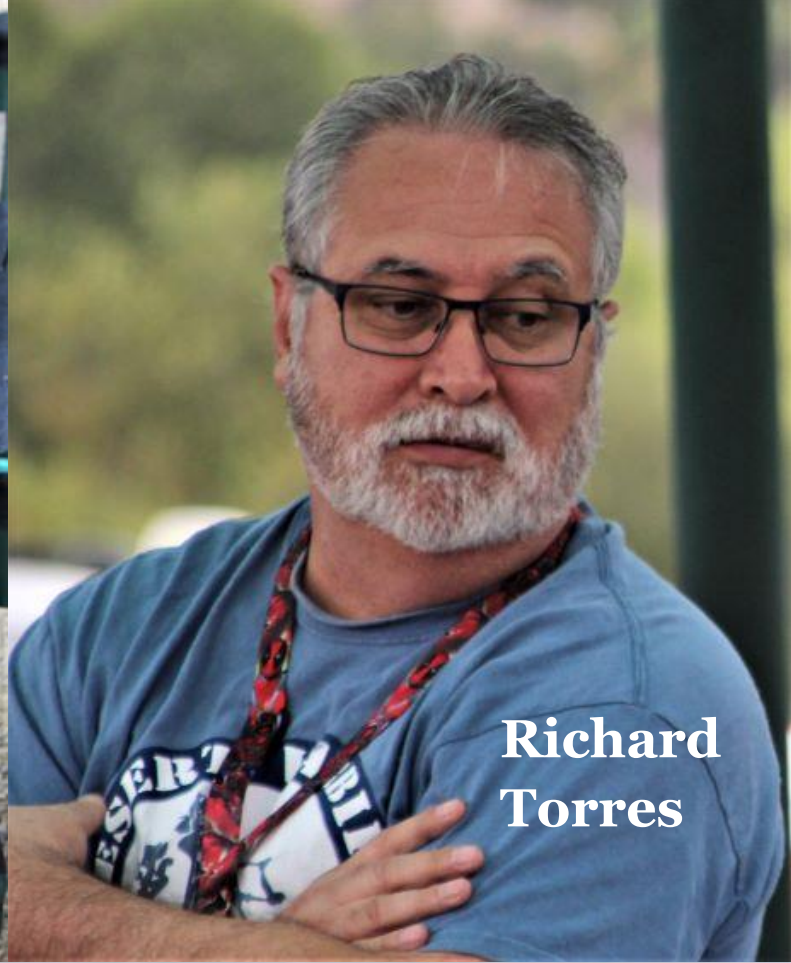
Club Meeting August 21, 2021 @ the field



President Joseph Villarreal ⁵²



Richard McCool



**Richard
Torres**

**This page dedicated
to three
“Richards” who
attended the
meeting.**



Richard Nelson



Roger Cosio's 2 hats are unique. Do you know anyone who wears two hats at the same time!?



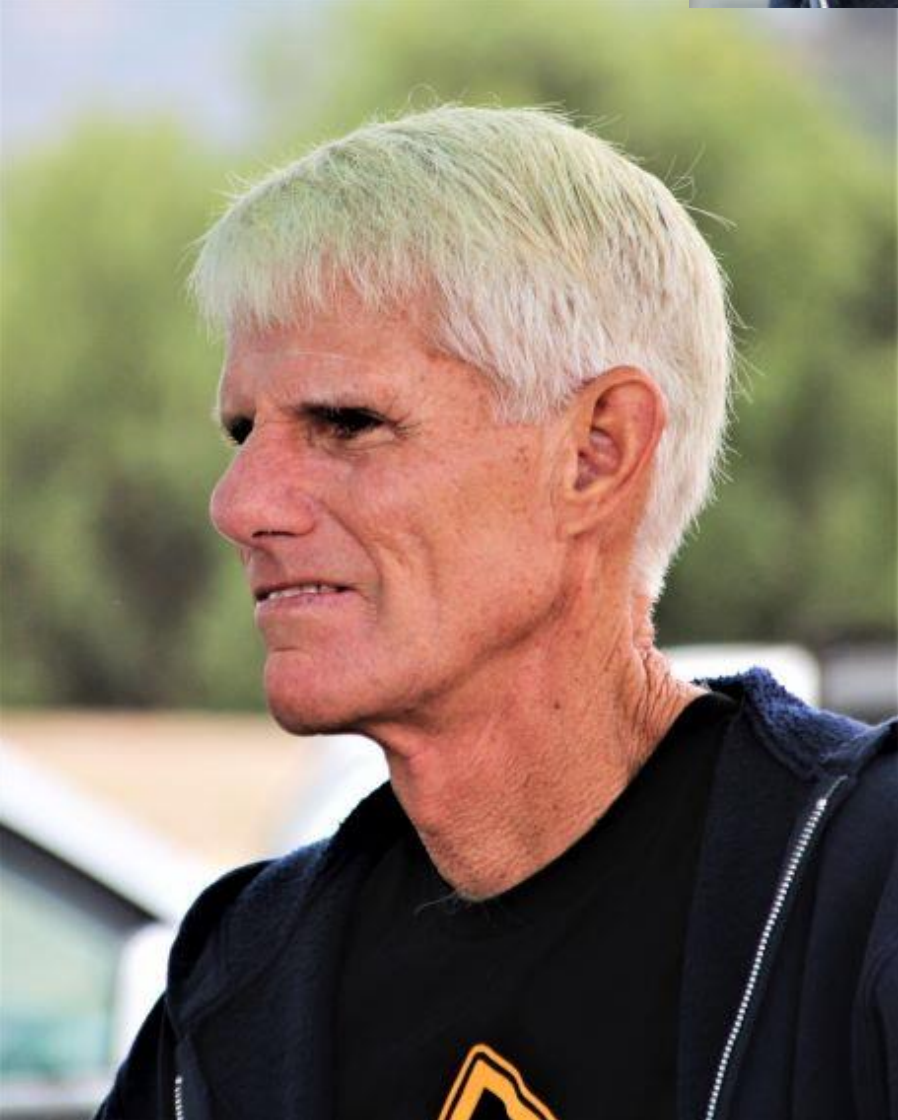
Welcome to a new Palomar member, John Richwine! He was introduced at the meeting.



Doug Abel offered instruction on building foam planes.

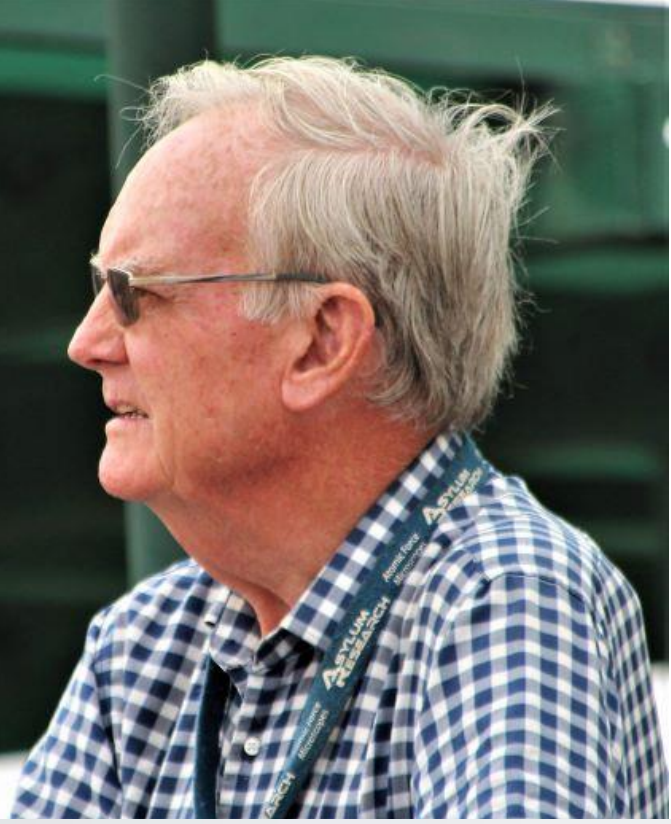


John Hartsell Sr.



John Hartsell, Jr.

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Don White aka Donaldo Blanco



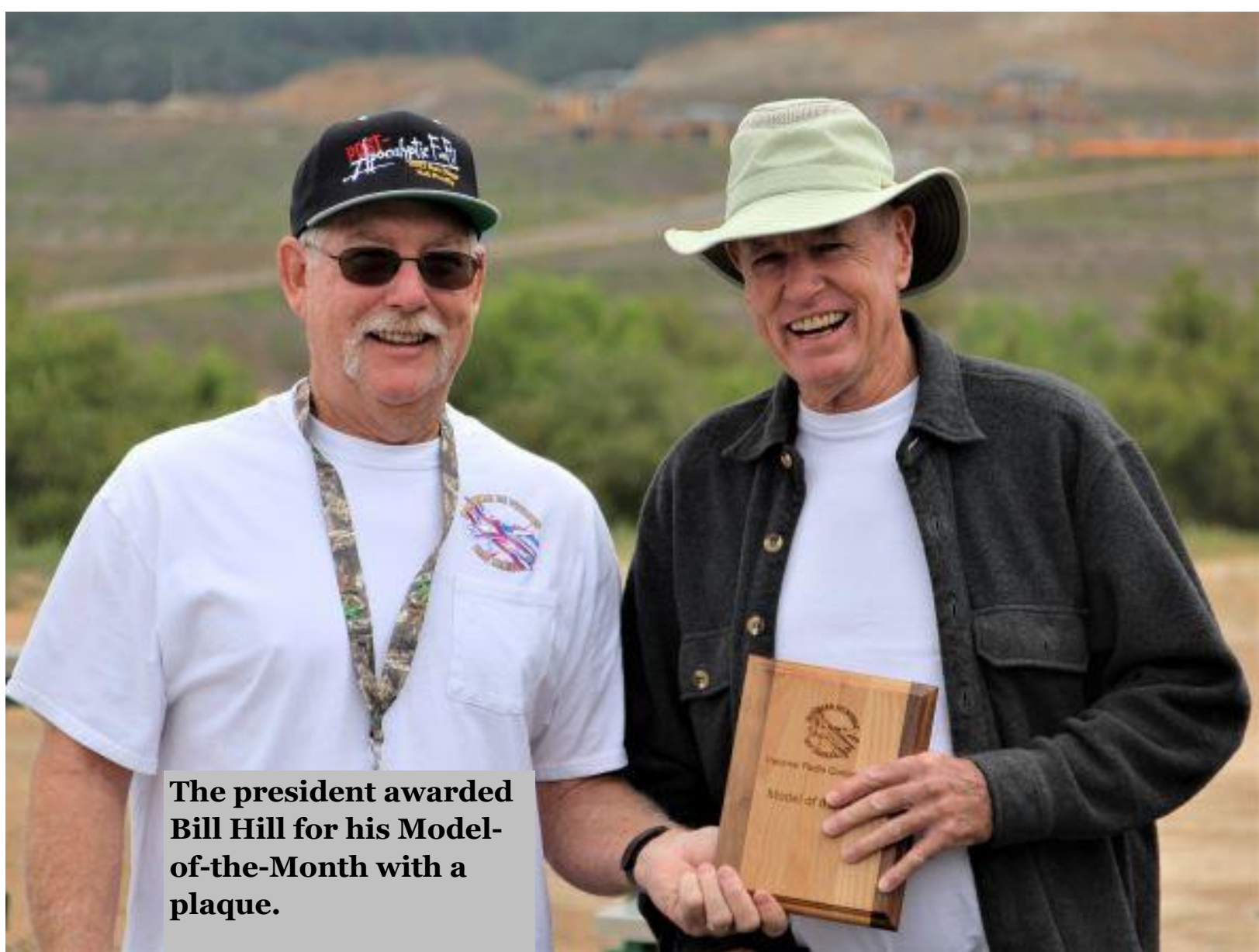
President Emeritus Steve Gebler gave a presentation about our search for a new flying site.

Roger Cosio brought a Nobler to show for Model-of-the-Month. This is a control-line plane kitted by Berkley in the 1950's. I'm told it also flies well with r/c.



President Emeritus Bill Hill brought his Waco YMF-5 and won Model-of-the-Month for his craftsmanship! Great going, Bill!





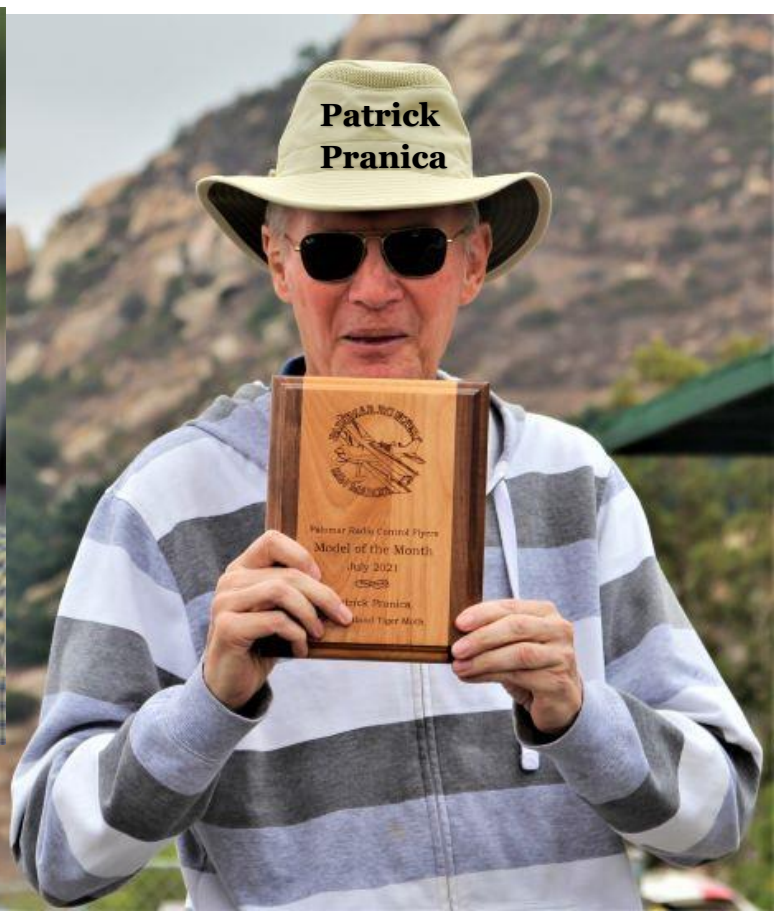
The president awarded Bill Hill for his Model-of-the-Month with a plaque.



Patrick Pranica received his award for July Model-of-the⁶⁰ Month at the meeting for his electric DeHavilland Tiger Moth.



Tim Daugherty



Patrick Pranica



John Cutler received his plaque for the June Model-of – the Month for his Spitfire as the meeting concluded.

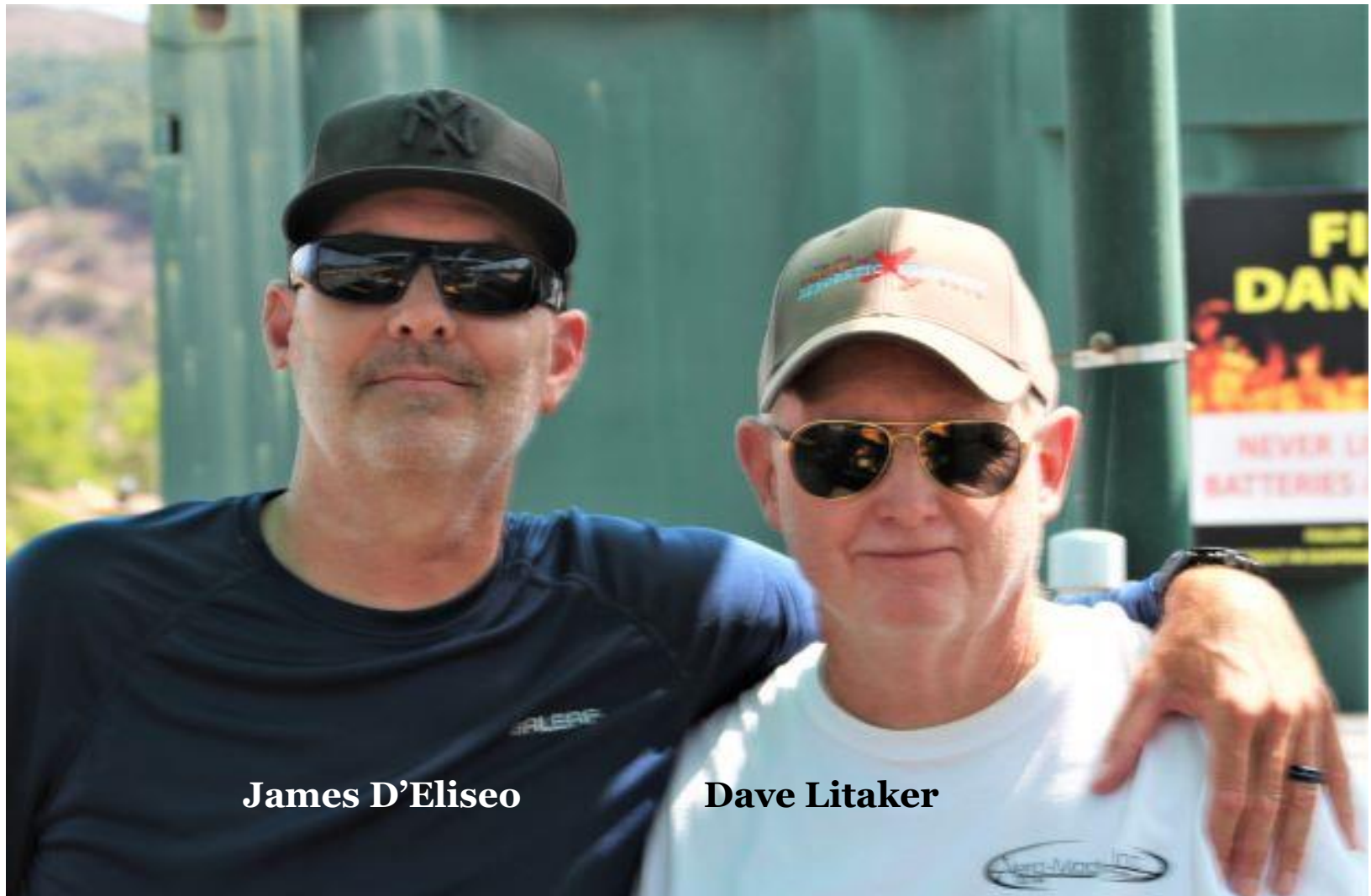


Steve Scott and James D'Eliseo— Aug. 12, 2021



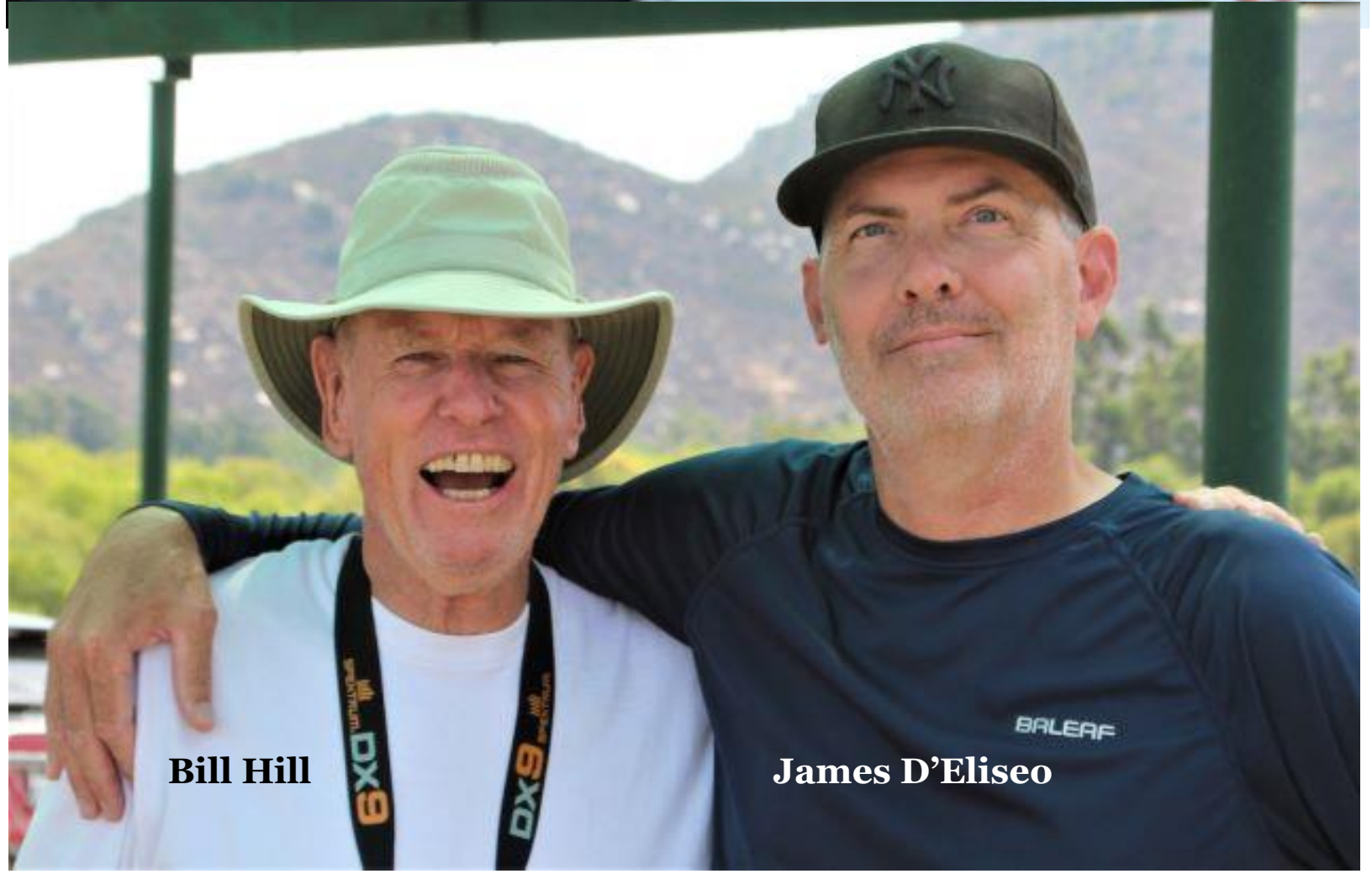
James D'Eliseo

Patrick Pranca



James D'Eliseo

Dave Litaker



Bill Hill

James D'Eliseo



This Neuport 28 came to Patrick Pranic from Bob Broughton. Patrick maidenied it on Aug. 17th and it was more than a handful! George Dawe bought it, made modifications and flew it on Aug. 24. It was a harrowing flight and George determined the CG was too far back. He managed to somehow land it safely! I thought his chances of a successful flight were 15%! George was so happy it stayed together and with several more ounces of nose weight, it may prove to be a good enough flyer! Top photo before the flight. Bottom photo after the successful flight.



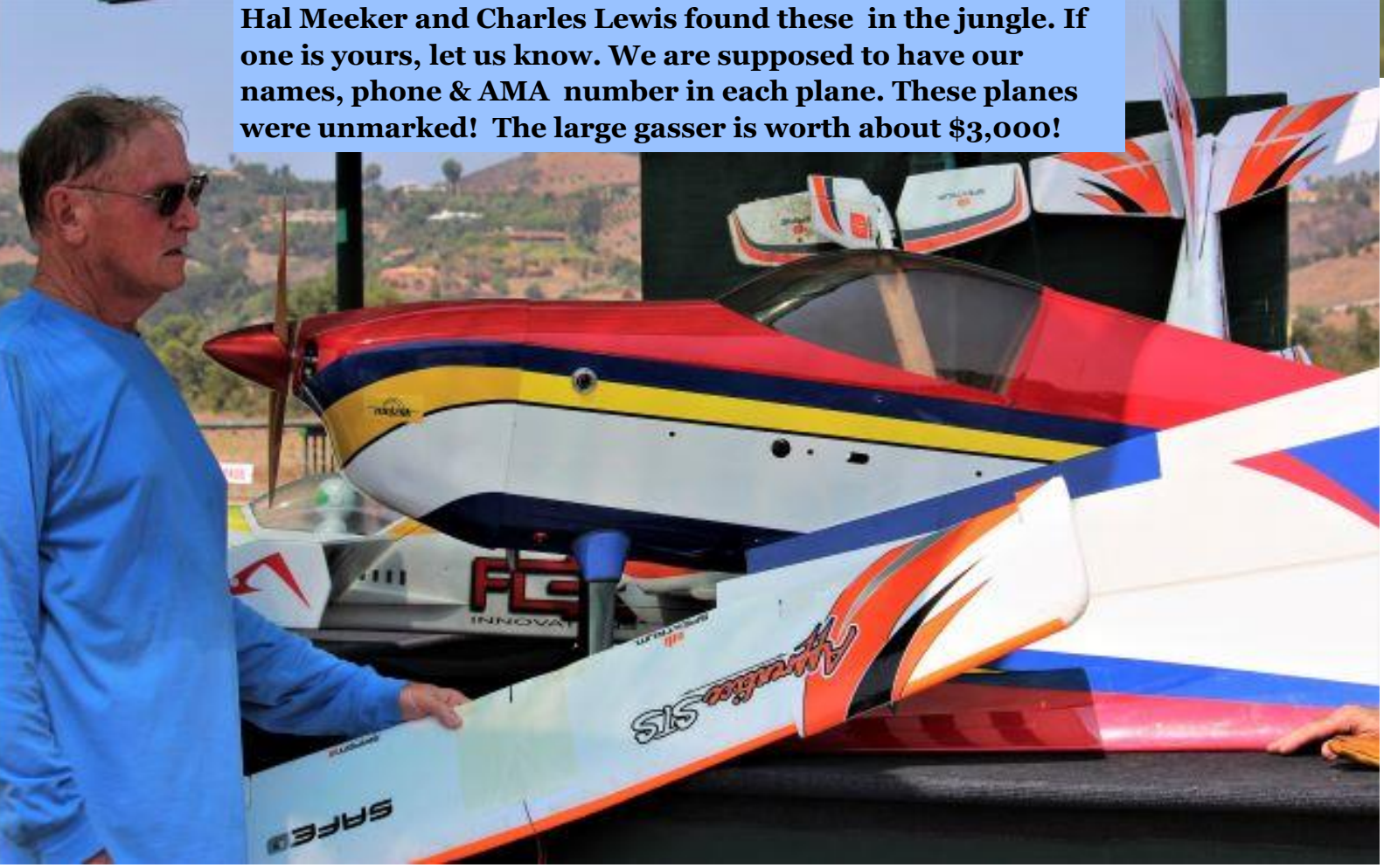


Patrick Pranica's PT-17



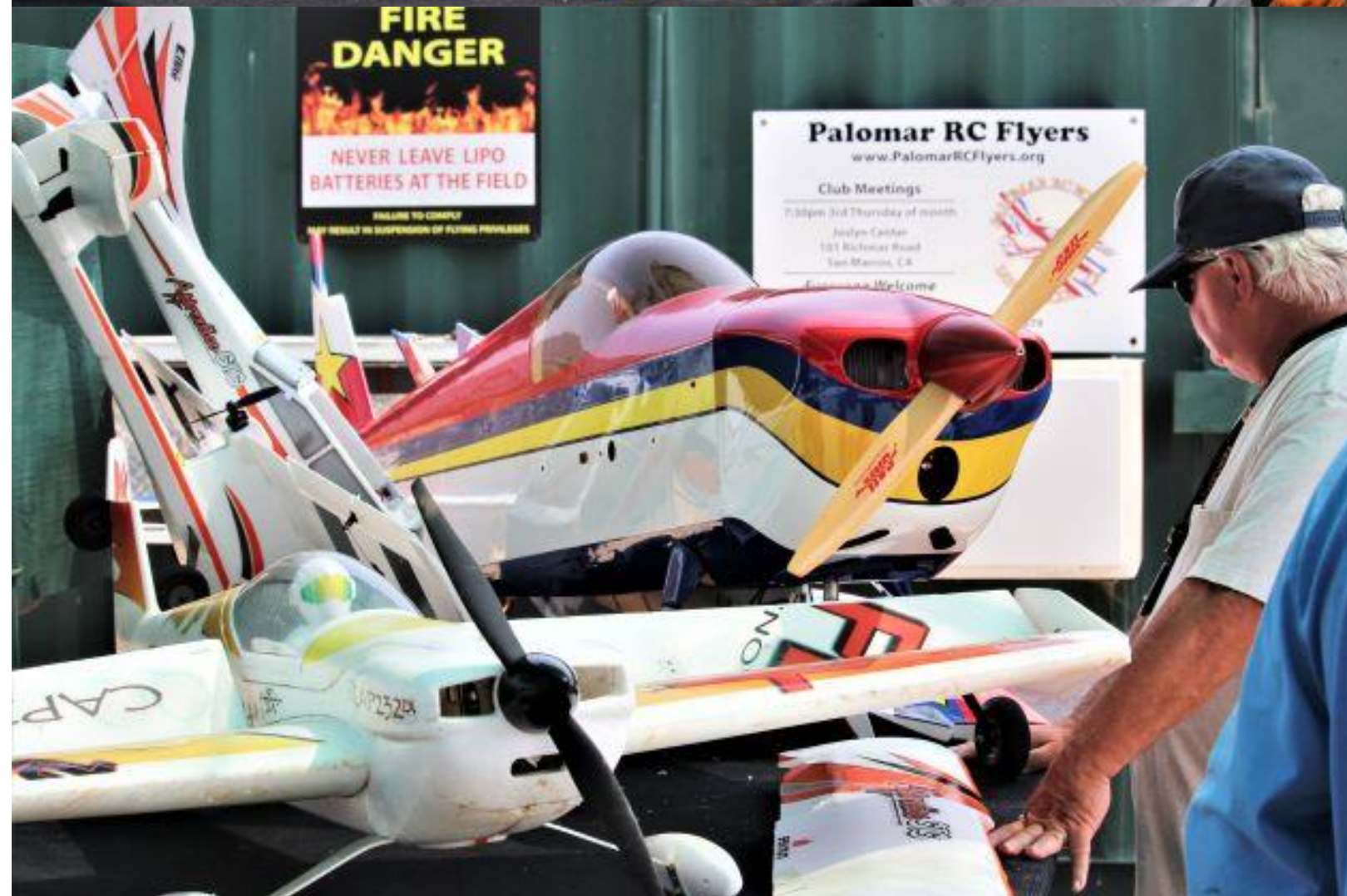
Scott Ralston and his tiny plane.

Hal Meeker and Charles Lewis found these in the jungle. If one is yours, let us know. We are supposed to have our names, phone & AMA number in each plane. These planes were unmarked! The large gasser is worth about \$3,000!





Charles Lewis



Are any of these yours? They were all found in the jungle!!

**Mike Lonnecker's Cherokee 2
that was eaten by the jungle. It
was a special beauty!**





John McDonald's U-2 spy plane

You have just seen 136 photos! Producing the Transmitter is a joy and this issue is the largest since Covid began! It's like holding a mirror to show you some of what we do.

We have an awesome club with outstanding members who work to make this a happening club! You will not find another model airplane club that publishes a monthly photographic journal like ours! We are among the best model airplane clubs in America, are 66 years young and getting better with age! We have something to CROW about and are serious about our wonderful hobby!



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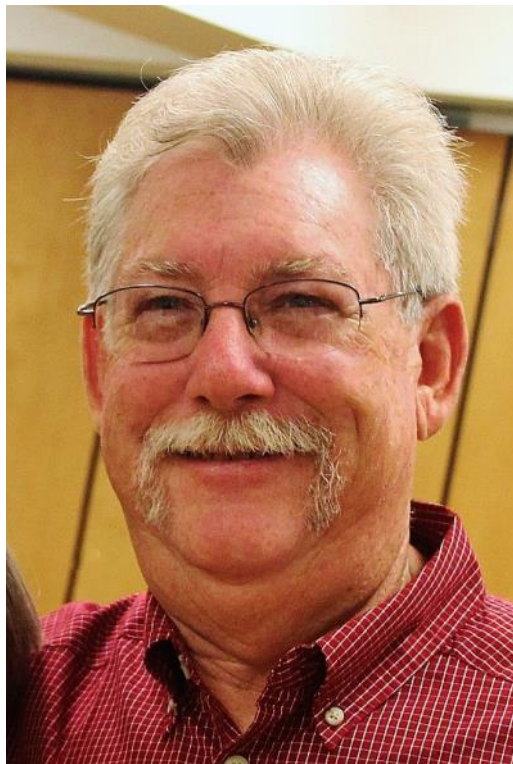
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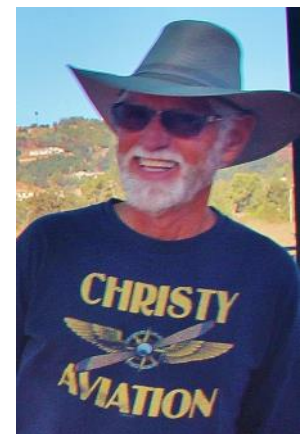


Secretary Patrick Pranica



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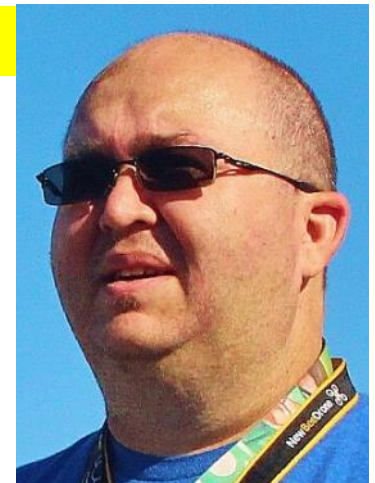
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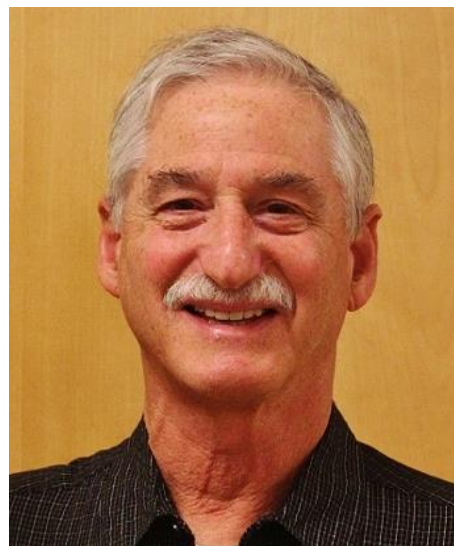
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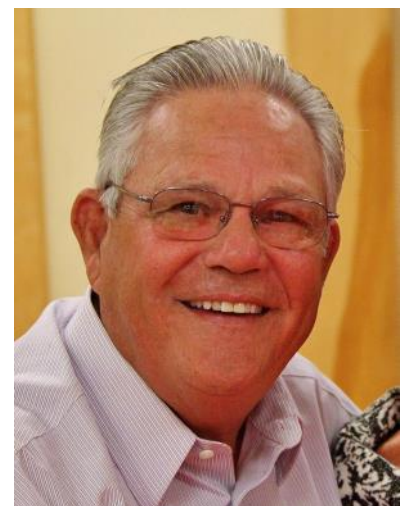
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