



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

# **Transmitter**



**December 2020**

**AMA Charter 141**

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

### **From the Resolute Desk**

It has been my distinct pleasure to be your club President for the past three years. We've all enjoyed some great times and challenging times, together, too.

Thanks to all of you for inspiring me, to give me great ideas, some well-deserved criticism, much appreciated accolades, and patience. While the flying is great, the camaraderie is even better.

When we are not flying at Johnson field, it's been a pleasure to fly with you at other venues, too, including the Walrui Night Fly at the Beach, Float Planes at Mission Bay, Dave's Beach Slope Soaring, visits to Lake Casitas and the Ventura Comets, the Alabama Hills, and even a trip for some float plane action at Catalina Island.

During the past three years our membership has grown and our cash available for future developments have grown, too. We've enjoyed new events and activities. Our field has never looked better. We are fortunate to have a great venue and fabulous members in our club.

None of this would have been possible without the great volunteers that we have in the club. My thanks to all of the Officers and Board members who have served with me to make Palomar Radio Control Flyers the best flying club in the west.

### **The Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the (non-contested, non-recounted, non-chad, non-electoral college) election this year.

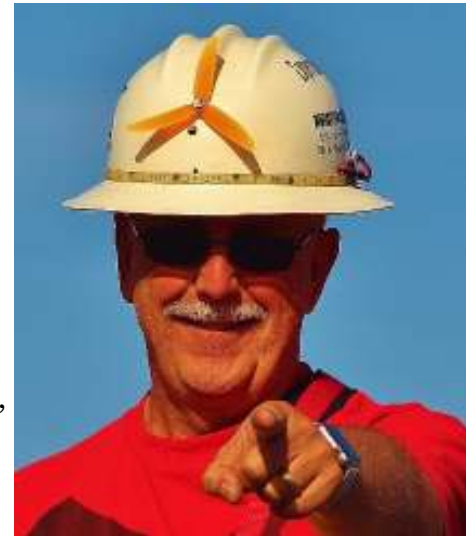
Your new leadership team is:

President — Chris Thompson  
Vice President — Joe Villarreal  
Treasurer — David Ellis  
Secretary — Patrick Pranic  
Membership Chairman — Steve Kerrin  
Board Member — Trent Stadick  
Board Member — Chris Avellino  
Board Member — Chris Wilson  
Board Member — Doug Abel  
Board Member — Don Davis  
Board Member — Phil Kogan  
Board Member — Scott Dedic

The club is in good hands with our new leadership.

Many thanks go to our Board Members this past three years and a special thanks to those Board Members that gave so much but have stepped down including David Drowns, Richard Torres, Sean O'Connor, Chuck Riley, Scott Dedic (who's back again), and Jim Gallacher. Each of our Board members has worked very hard to insure that we are and remain a first class club.

I would like to make a special thank you to the heroes and unsung heroes that make such a difference in making our club such a success:



## **Chris Thompson**

**Chris is a well-liked and engaging member is always available to lend a helping hand. His dual responsibility included the Flight Trainer Hotshots and Safety Officer. This year was a challenging one for safety and health reasons and Chris' calm demeanor and patient execution of the items that needed to be addressed were evident throughout the year. Chris' focus on training and recruitment of new, well-trained pilots were one of the biggest factors for our club's growth.**

**Chris will make an excellent President and his wife, Lisa will make an excellent First Lady.**

## **The Flight Training Crew**

**Chris, Don Davis, Jim Gallacher, Trent Stadick, Joe Villarreal, Keith and Doug Albert, Chuck Riley, and Steve Staudenmeir gave of their time and experience selflessly to help other, new, pilots to learn to enjoy our great hobby. A special shout out goes to Don Davis and Steve Staudenmeir who have gone the extra mile to make themselves available to new pilots during the days and weekends.**

## **Our Do Anything Superstars**

**If the club ever needed to get things done, there are always the people that you know will be there to make things happen.**

**Steve Kerrin — Our tireless membership chairman. Steve has one of the most challenging jobs in the club. He's required to make sure that dues are collected, badges and gate keys passed out and that each member has AMA certification. Steve also served as club VP for two years. And, oh, did I mention that he was one of the chief engineers on our fantastic automatic gate? In his spare time, he does flight training, too! Steve also helped to keep me in line!**

**Joe Villarreal — Joe was the guy that originally proposed our electronic gate and acquired the equipment, welded the thing together, and insured that it kept working. Joe gets extra points for being married to his wonderful wife Barbara, who, together, were always available to make our finest meals for events (hello, pulled pork and mac salad) and contributed each year to make our holiday party special.**

## **Trent Stadick**

**Many thanks to Trent for serving as our VP this year. Besides being well known for bringing crack-pilot Brody to the field each week, Trent was responsible for having us work with the AMA to earn the AMA Gold Club award this year.**

## **Patrick Pranica**

**When you look up courage, class, and determination in the encyclopedia (or Wikipedia today), you see a picture of Patrick. Despite a devastating illness this year, Patrick continued to make a strong contribution to the club in his role as Secretary. You can always depend on a kind word and positive attitude from Patrick. We look having you back to full speed in 2021, Patrick.**

## **Joe Buko**

**Our tireless Transmitter editor (and past President). Joe creates one of the best newsletters in our hobby. His great photography and editorials make it a must-view each month. Somehow, Joe even found time to get married this year!**

## **Richard Torres**

**The Webmaster supreme. Going well beyond the normal Web Site, Richard instituted the Paypal payment system, created our new club logos, and created and sold our new club apparel. Having Jennifer as his aide-de-camp (and surprise marriage proposal) was a highlight of the year.**

## **The Build Teams**

**Whether it was building something or maintaining something, you can always count on Bill Hill, Don White, Wayne Bonfietti, Wayne Bendelow, Don Davis, Tim Hitchcock, Cesar Fernandez, and many, many others to help when something needed to get done. Our flight line fence, shade pavilions, and cleanly mown fields are testimony to their work. OK, I get a little credit for running a Kubota on the roads, too.**

## **Special Teams**

**Our club is a special place because of the great events that we have:**

**Trifecta — Thanks to my co-founder, Eric Armstrong for creating the Trifecta Combat event and to Darrel Albert for being our scorekeeper**

**Paintball — David and Peri Lynn Storey for hosting Paintball and providing so much of the equipment. They have also been extremely generous contributors with their donations to the annual auction**

**Aerotow — Thanks to Jim “Yoda” Gallacher for organizing this popular event and for all the tow pilots and support teams**

**Heli Fun Fly — Always one of the best events, Chris Wilson, Scott Dedic, Scott Paige, Don White, Alfonso Alvarez, and crew always put on one heck of an event**

**Warplanes and Jet Events — You can always count on Chris Thompson and Richard Torres to put on a winner**

**Model Aviation Day — one of our best attended events ever thanks to the contributions of the entire board and numerous volunteers**

**Community Outreach — Doug Abel has volunteered many hours to keep our club involved with the community at the Maker’s events. Bill Hill, Patrick Pranic, Chris Avellino, and Keith and Doug Albert make a big difference working with the ROTC Cadets program**

**Snacks — The meetings wouldn’t be the same without the generosity and great snacks provided by Marlene Abel**

**Logo Wear — Designed and managed by none other than Richard Torres**

## **Unsung Heroes**

**Two guys that you can always count on are Roger Cosio and Ron Schuyler. Roger can frequently be found behind the grill helping JV prepare our meals. Did you know that Ron Schuyler quietly empties our trash cans each week? He was never asked to do it. He just took on this necessary and sticky task. To Ron “Tex” Roberts — who generously donated a yard tractor and mower to the club when he departed to his new home in Texas.**

## **Our Former Presidents**

**This club was built on the giant shoulders of our past leaders including the famous Granger Williams of Williams Brother’s Manufacturing, Bob Wisniewski, Jack Reid, Bob Lang, George Dawe, Varley Longson, Joe Buko, Jim Jenkins, Jimmy Mazurek, Bill Hill and all the others before them. It is through the dedication, leadership, and selfless contributions that they made over the years that informed me on how to continue their fine legacy.**

## **Challenges**

**The club will be facing a big challenge, soon. Our biggest priority, moving forward, must be to secure new property for our next flight field. Due to the generosity of Pappas Investments, we have enjoyed Johnson Field for more than twenty years.**

**The inevitable construction of a shopping center and new homes will consume our field in the coming years. It's critical to continue the search for a new field NOW. If you have contact with Real Estate professionals near the field that may have a specialty in rural property, please introduce them to one of the club officers.**

**In short, we need 25+ acres of flat land that is away from housing or commercial development. We have developed options to purchase the land if necessary, but a no-cost land use agreement similar to what we enjoy with Pappas would be preferred.**

**On behalf of my wife, Brenda, my dog Gryff, and me, we thank you for supporting my Presidency the past three years. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you.**

**See you at the field!**



**Steve Gebler**

**Did you know that Tom Minegar quietly replaced the field perimeter flags last week. Did you know that he put up the poles, originally, more than twenty years ago? Did you know that Tom and Varley Longson also periodically replace our windsock without ever asking for so much as a thanks? Thank you!!**

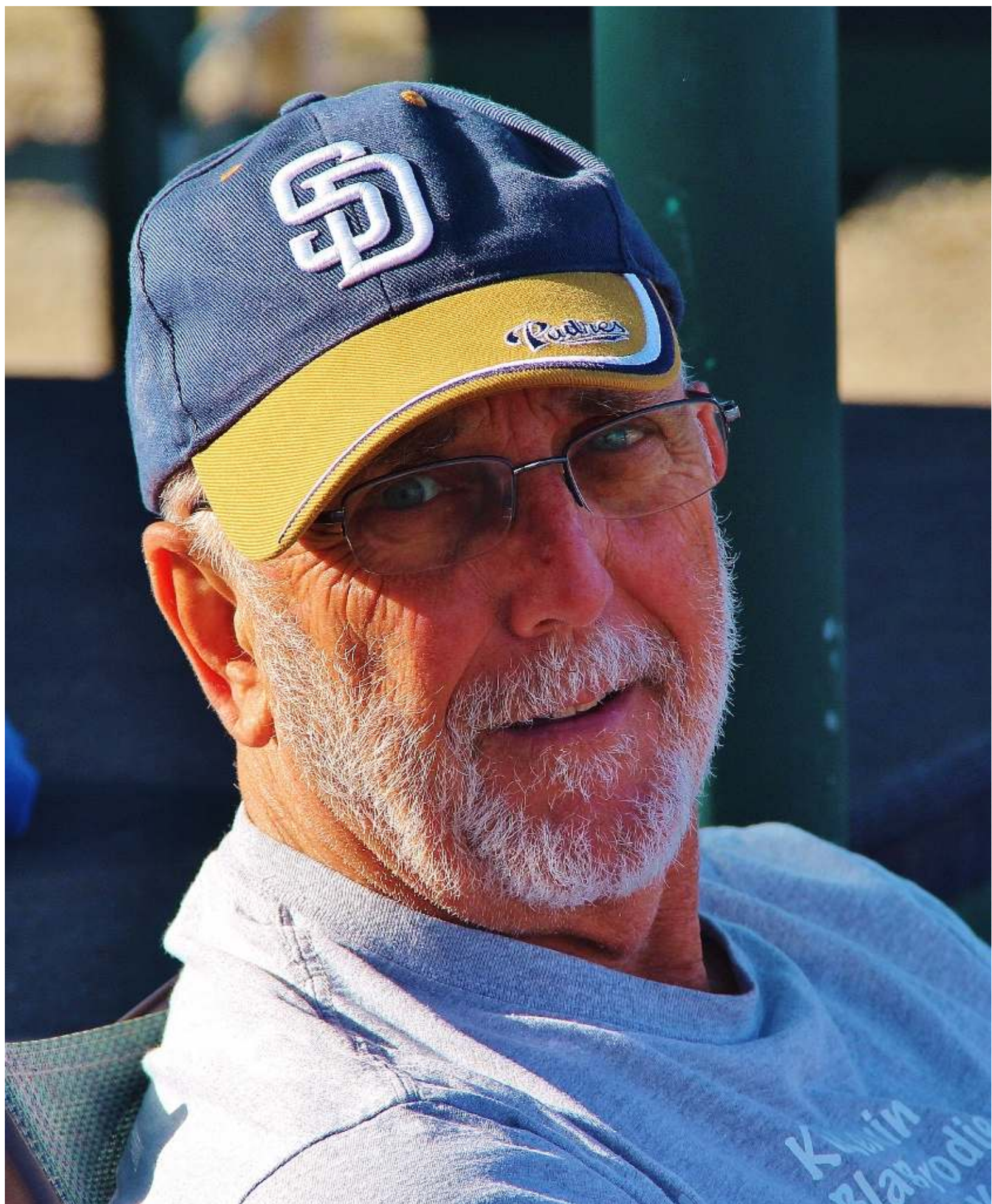


**A coyote having a field day....**



**President Steven Gebler**





S. Gebler

# **Election Results**

**Congratulations to the 2021 Palomar Flyers Officers and Directors. Scott Dedic will return to the board after a brief absence and will be joined by newcomers Don Davis and Phil Kogan for the three vacated seats on the board.**

**The results of the Life Member balloting will be announced by president-elect Thompson in December.**

**A huge thank you to Steve Gebler for his leadership and innovation during his term as president.**

## **Election Results:**

**President: Chris Thompson**

**Vice President: Joe Villarreal**

**Secretary: Patrick Pranica**

**Treasurer: David Ellis**

**Directors: Chris Avellino**

**Chris Wilson**

**Trent Stadick**

**Doug Abel**

**Don Davis**

**Scott Dedic**

**Phil Kogan**

**November 2020  
Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF**

**President: Steve Gebler, Vice President: Trent Stadick, Treasurer: David Ellis,  
Secretary: Patrick Pranica. Safety Officer: Chris Thompson,  
Board members: James Gallacher, Chris Avellino, Chris Wilson, Joe Villarreal, Doug  
Able, Richard Torres  
Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Chris Thompson, Membership Chairman:  
Steve Kerrin. Webmaster: Richard Torres**

**Call to order: 6:30 PM via Zoom Nov. 11, 2020**

**Treasurer's Summary for Month of October 2020**

**Total Income: +\$1,490.00**

**All Membership**

**Total Expenses: -\$3,270.09**

**\$2,000 hit for gate replacement, plus usual field maintenance items.**

**Net income: -\$1,780.09**

**End of Month Balance: \$89,595.82**

**Membership: Mailed ballots are out and coming back. 40 ballots returned. Renewals continue to trickle in. Possibility of ties for board members.**

- **Chair Reports**
  - **Safety: Nothing new to report. Pilots continue to encroach the flight line during fly byes. Masks and check rides continue to be an issue of discontent. Some members refuse to abide by the current Covid rules. Others take offence to perform a check ride before being allowed to fly.**
  - **Fixed Wing: Nothing to report**
  - **Drone: Nothing to report**
  - **Heli: Nothing to report**
  - **Glider: December aero tow now scheduled for December 12**
- Flight Training: Has concluded until next spring. Was a good season.**

**Invited Guests — Dedic, Davis, Pollinger, Kogan**

**Voting for Officers, Board, and Life Members: Lots of competition for board member seats. Will know totals soon.**

- **Gate Repaired**  
**Reimbursements will be provided to those that are out of pocket on expenses. Kudos to those members that spent many hours refitting and securing the new gate systems.**



**Field Search: Continues through member real estate agents. A real-estate investment plan is being explored.**

- **Auction November 21, 11 A.M.**
  - **Bill Hill, George Dawe and I as Auctioneers**
  - **Blasts soliciting donations will go out**
  - **Bill Lane Donation Pickup in Vista morning of event**
- Staging at the field and collecting items and bids will begin at 9 AM.**

- **Raffle Plane**
  - **1 Ticket for small stuff, 2 tickets for nicer stuff**
  - **Raffle Tickets for Sales 6 for \$5**
  - **Petty Cash on Hand: \$100 approved**
  - **Toys for Tots**
  - **Blasts will go out to membership**
- Chris Thompson to collect and distribute the toys to the Marines**

**Transition Plans: Are in work. December Zoom meeting may be needed to complete the hand off.**

**Heli Field Gravel Acquisition: \$500 approved for gravel delivery.**

**Something Instead of Holiday Party: \$1000 approved for member gifts to be distributed at a later date.**

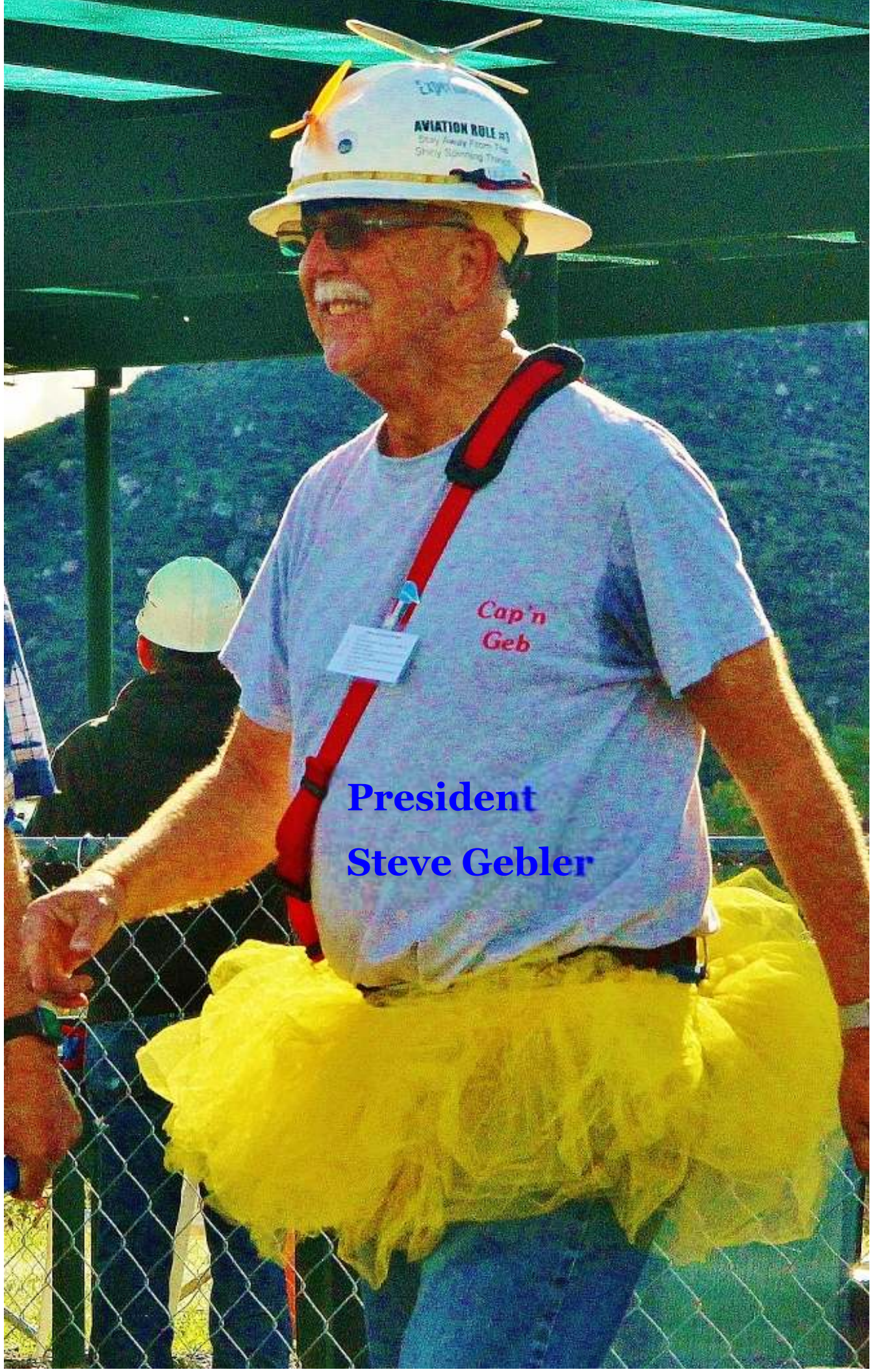
**Thank You Lunch — Saturday, December 5. Cancelled.**

**Events:**

- **November 11 — Board Meeting**
  - **November 14 — Jet Event**
  - **November 21 — Club Meeting, Auction, Elections**
  - **December 12 — Aerotow**
  - **December 5 — Trifecta**
  - **December 5 — Holiday Party**
- December 9 — Board Meeting**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:45 PM**





**President  
Steve Gebler**



After being president for three years, Steve is stepping down. He has done a truly wonderful job and is to be highly congratulated and thanked!!

*Captain Geb has been an outstanding president working behind the scenes, often unnoticed. His accomplishments and service are too long to mention but here are few. He presided at the rebuilding of our roads, shade structure, automatic gate installation, helped to create the Tri-fecta with Eric Armstrong, builds and flies unusual aircraft, and always has been pushing the bounds like night flying, camping at the field and more! He is highly talented! Geb, you can hold your head very high!!*







**Sopwith Pup, one of the best flying planes of WWI. This and the following 10 pages of photos taken by Chris Thompson at Bomber Field in Texas, and at our field.**



**Fokker D-VII– best fighter of WWI.**





**Another Sopwith Pup**



**Douglas Dive Bomber**



**FW-190**





**Chris Thompson**

**Joedy Gregory**

**Hal Meeker and Chris Thompson**





Steve Staudenmeir (instructor) & Kathleen Gregory (student)







**Joe flew his first jet for the first time. An Eflite Viper with a 80mm EDF.**



**Jim Jenkins and his Rascal**





**Bill DeMore**



**Varley Longson**



**Alan Wolstenholme**



**Frank Burke**







**Kathleen Gregory**



**Don Davis**



**Steve Nelson**



**The John Hartsells**







**Chris Thompson and his 1 1/2 year old grandson. He loves planes already. After I flew, he walked up and wanted to help me push my plane back to the pits.**

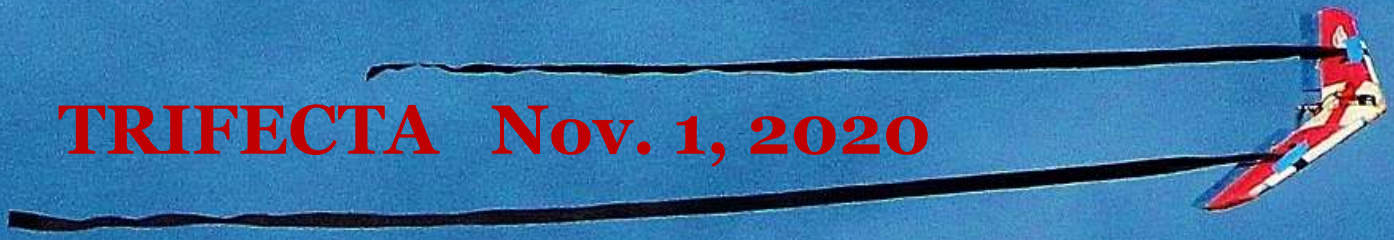




**Russel Parks and his Flite-Test foamboard Cubs. One regular and one enlarged.**



# TRIFECTA Nov. 1, 2020



**The unusual suspects: Vadim Klyushnichenko, Eric Armstrong, Steve Gebler, Joe Villarreal, Tim Hitchcock.**

**Steve Gebler**







Tim Hitchcock







Tim Hitchcock



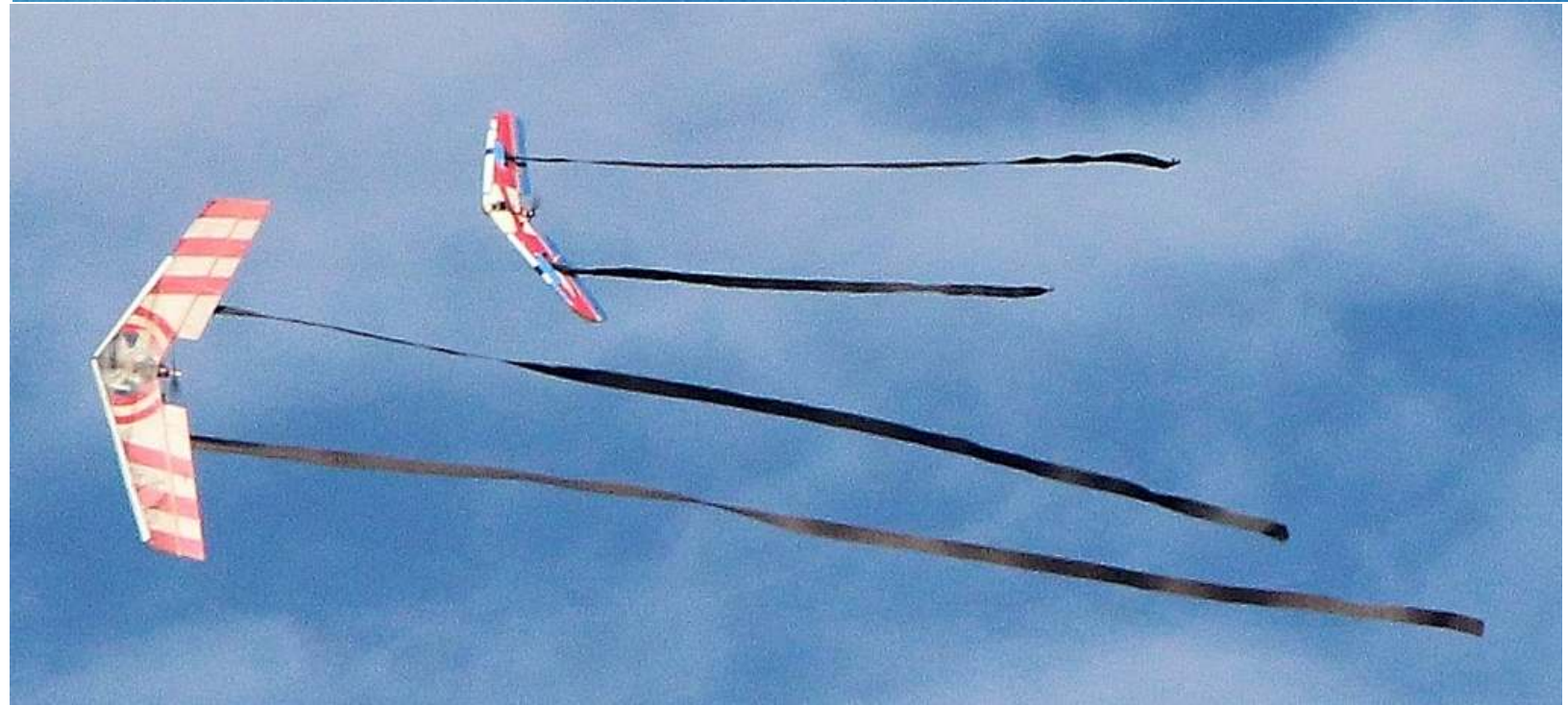




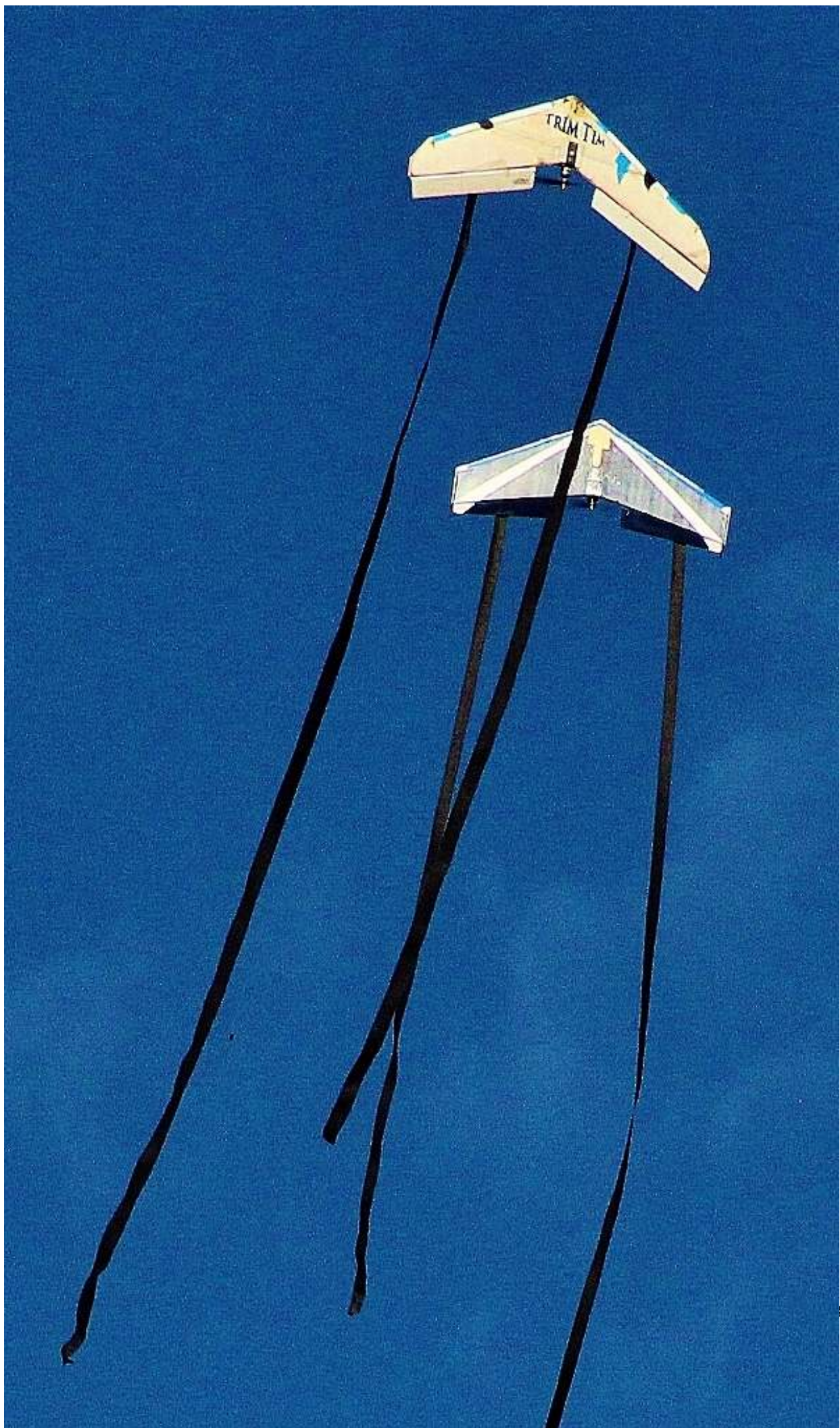
Eric Armstrong



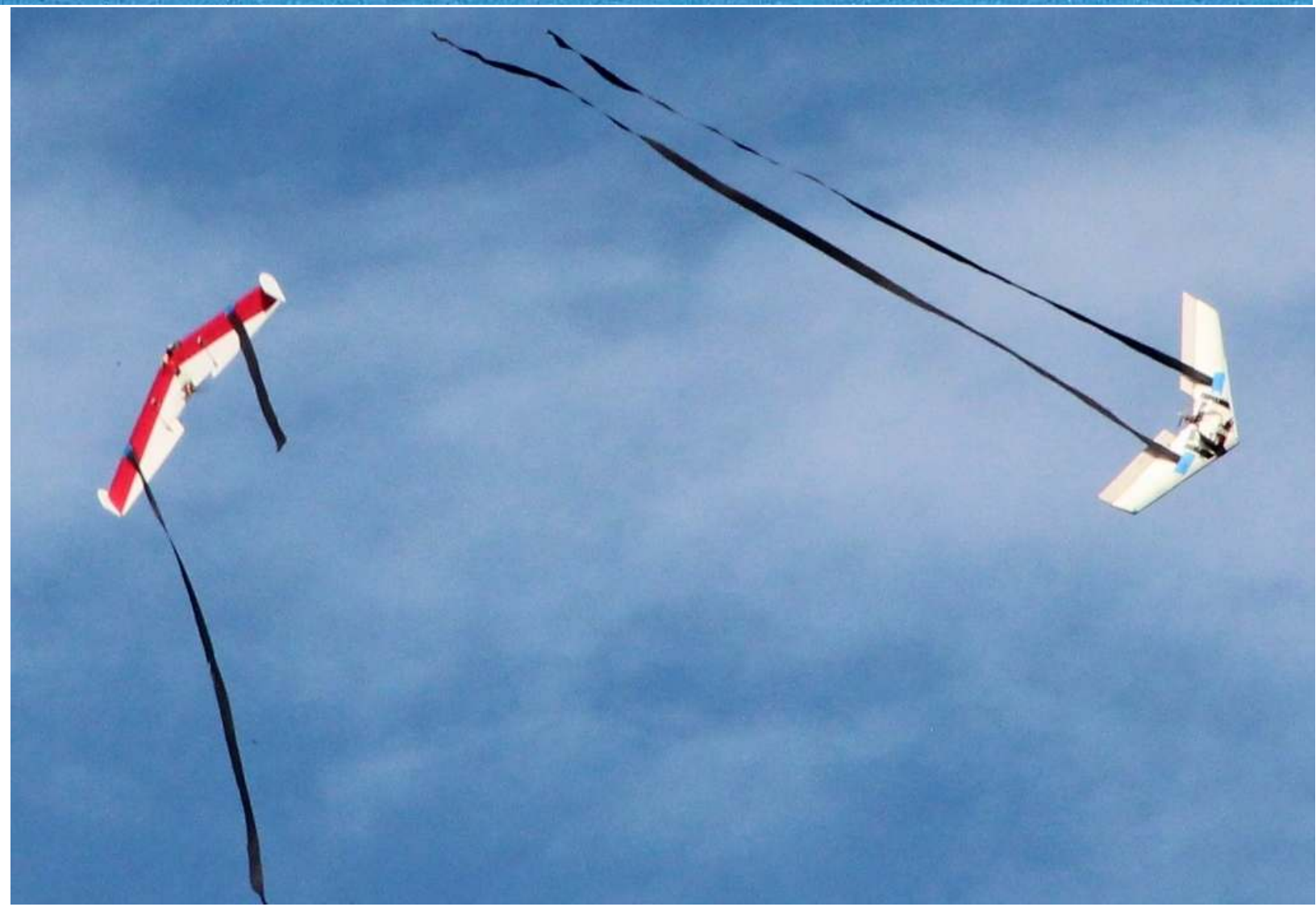




















**Darrell Albert**  
our score keeper

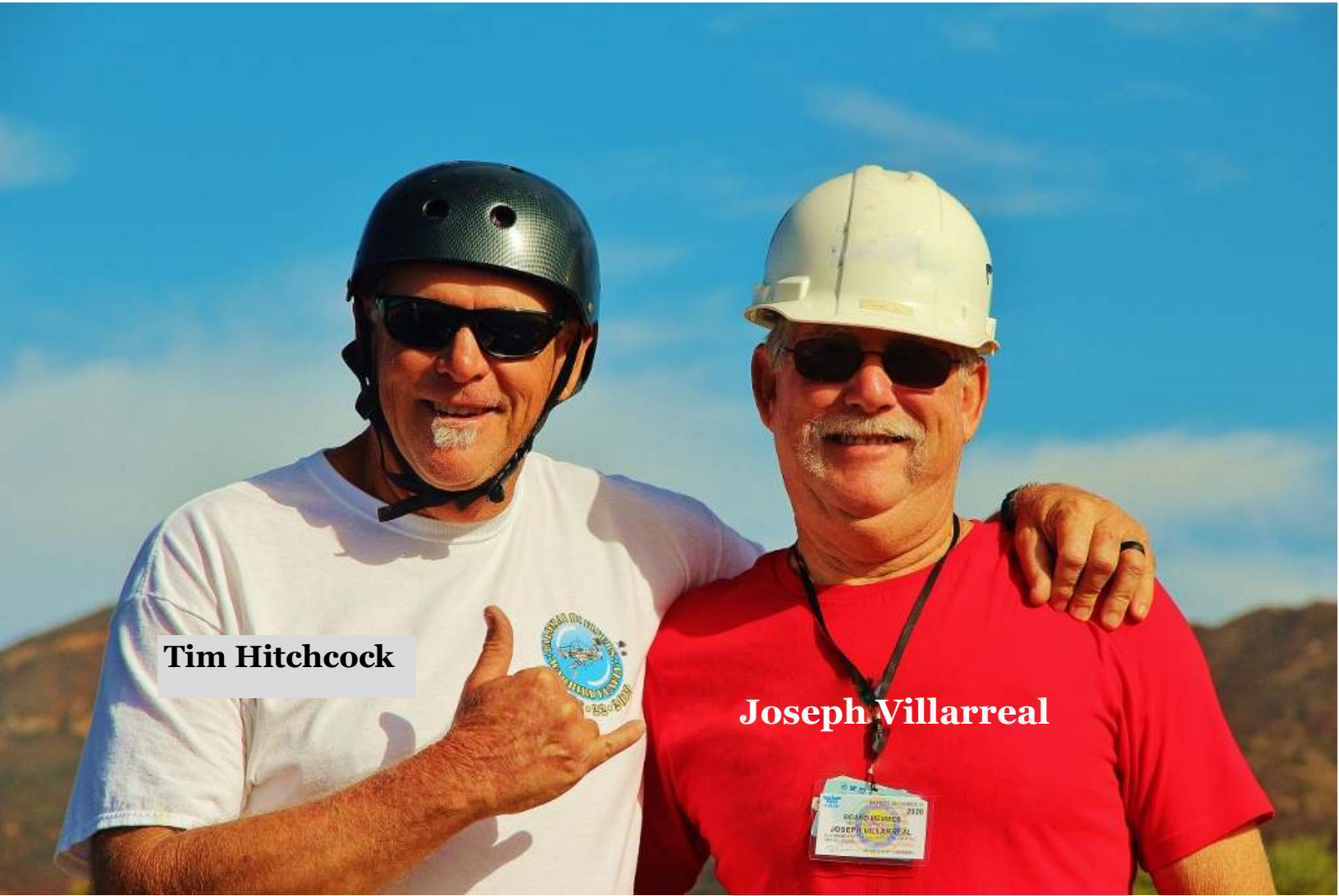




**Mike Lonnecker, Joedy Gregory, Jim Gallacher, Vic Lerum, Phil Kogan, unknown and Hugh Greenwald seated.**

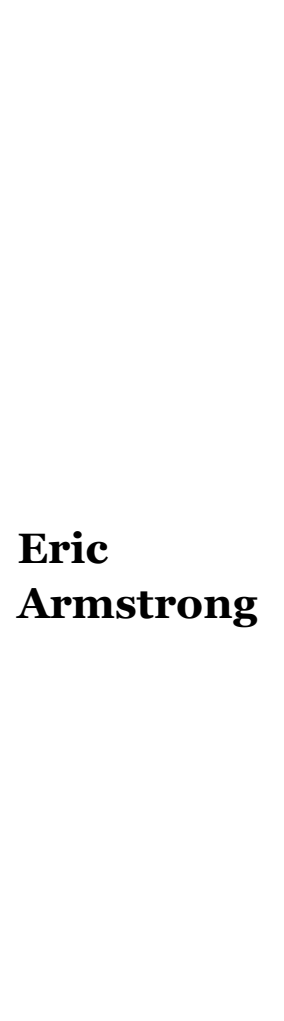






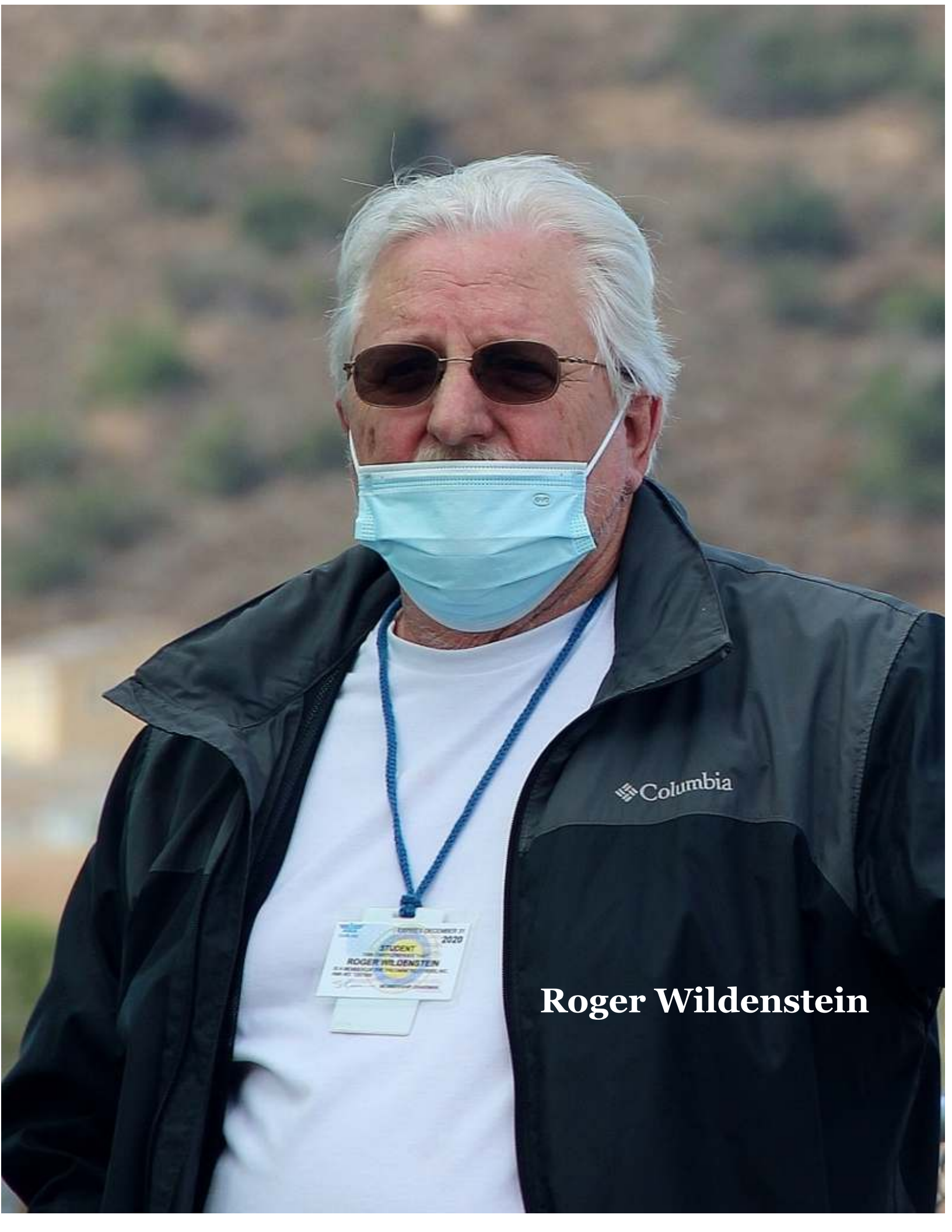
**Tim Hitchcock**

**Joseph Villarreal**



**Eric  
Armstrong**





**Roger Wildenstein**





**Doug Abel**







**This was taken at our field. Is it a model or full-scale? Answer on next page.**





# ANNUAL AUCTION NOV. 21, 2020



**George Dawe president *emeritus*, was our auctioneer. George paid for the original paving of our 600' X 40' asphalt runway! Did you know that? He is one of the club's "old timers" who also wrote our bylaws, and articles of incorporation! We owe a huge debt of gratitude to this generous man whose legacy lives on in our club. Once again, we say Thank You for all the gifts you have given us. We appreciate you! Here George is saying, "I have \$70. Gimme 75!" The next photo shows what was sold for \$75. (Answer– full-scale)**





**Bill Hill, president emeritus, helped run the auction. He is holding Tom Johnston's T-28 which Tom generously donated to the club along with an E-Flite Albatross pictured below.**







**Varley Longson, president *emeritus*, donated this beautiful Senior Cadet.**



**Young Henry won this model which made him smile broadly!**







**Before the auction began, our president had a few words.**



**A preview of some of the auction items.**



Do I hear \$1.00?







**John Cutler-master builder, John Hartsell Sr., President emeritus Jim Jenkins**





**A collection of Toys for Tots was donated to the marine families on Camp Pendleton.**



**A p-39 built from an older Top Flite kit**





**L/R Soon to be “First Lady of the Club”, Lisa Thompson, president elect– Chris Thompson and Hal Meeker who bought Tom Johnston’s T-28.**

**Congratulations to our next president!!**







**A highly talent heli pilot, a professional at it, is Ray Nemovi. He makes a heli fly amazingly, superbly well! You rock!**

**Richard McCool**

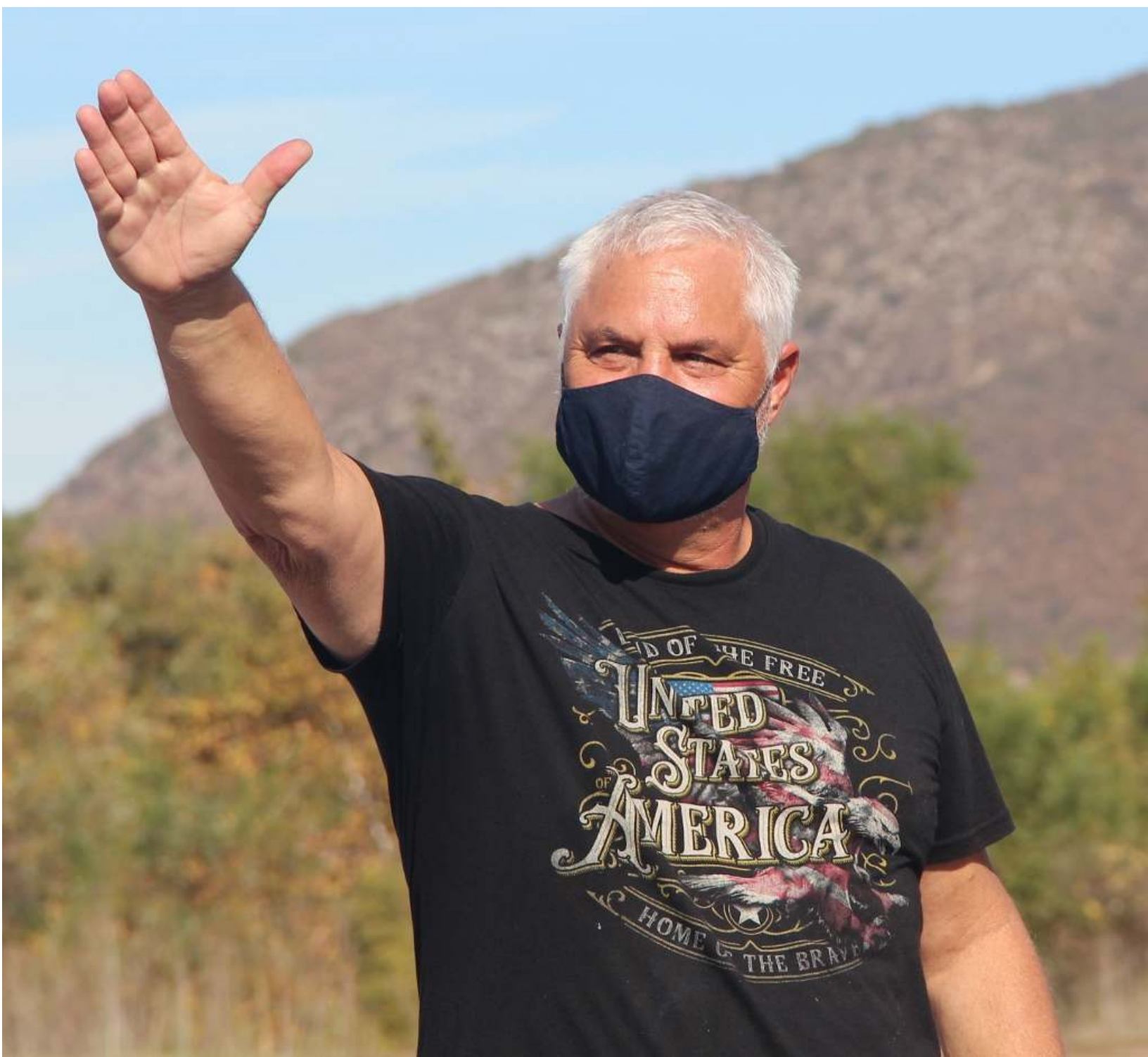






**The lovely, beautiful Jennifer Walker Torres<sup>46</sup>**





**Incoming board member, Scott Dedic**



**The next Trifecta will  
be on Saturday, Dec.  
5th, NOT on Dec. 8.  
Dec. 5, Saturday, is the  
next Trifecta!!!!**



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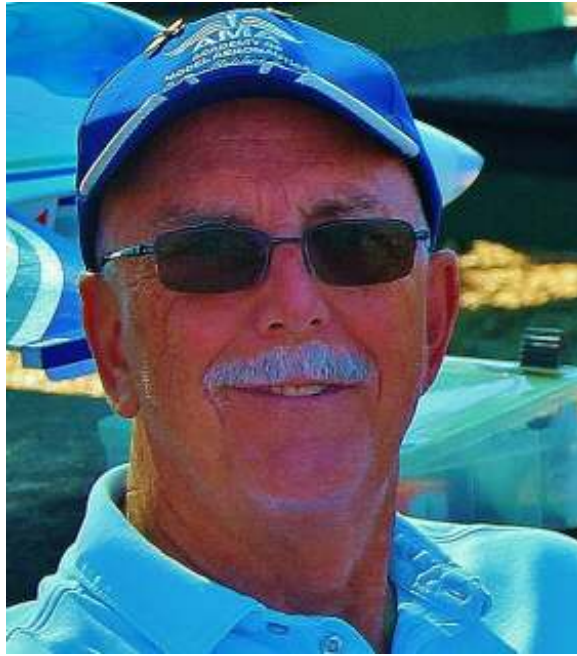
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## Board Members



**Chris Thompson**



**Chris Avellino**



**Joseph Villarreal**



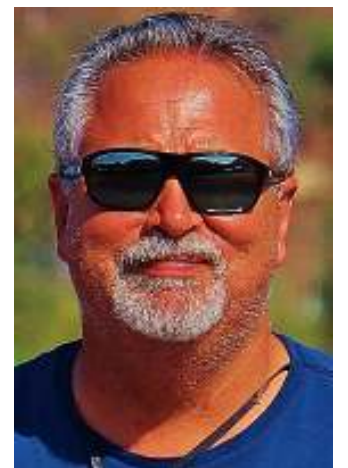
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