



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

January 2024



Welcome to the January 2024 Transmitter! I hope all of you had a great Christmas and an enjoyable New Years!

We say goodbye to Joe Villarreal as outgoing president. He's done a great job and I believe he has made my transition into the position quite easy. We have an exciting year ahead of us; Helicopter Fun Fly returns and the eventual move to Valley Center. While we have had an agreement with the Property owners for several months, we must make the move without disrupting San Diego County. It's important that any questions we may have, we have the correct answers to. We, the board, have reached out to knowledgeable people to have those answers and I am looking forward to beginning the move, SLOWLY, to the new site. With our most recent rain, seems like a suitable time to clean up our road into Johnson field AND smooth out the access to/from VC.

As always, you, the membership, guides us, what we do and how. I and the Board will gladly listen to any suggestions or concerns you may have. I have asked Joe to continue as the liaison between the VC Property owners as he has an established report with them.

We have a new treasurer, Doug Able. Doug has been "spending" time with Dave Ellis to get the hang of this very important position, I am pleased to see Doug step up and take over; we are in good hands!

Charles Lewis

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

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2024!

Christmas came early for Palomar RC Flyers as some of our Members have generously donated their cash or their Palomar Dollars back to the club. Individual contributions have been as high as \$125 And we wish to recognize these people for their donations: In alphabetical order:

Tim Daugherty
Bill DeMore
Rob Guth
Mark Olsen

These contributions are greatly appreciated, especially at this time when we will have a lot of expenses in our Moving to the new Valley Center site.

These contribution will be duly noted in our club roster.

What do you think? Tis the season right?

Jim Christy

December 2023 BOD Minutes

Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

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

Board members: Charles Riley, Doug Abel, Don Davis, Scott Dedic, Steve Gebler, James Gallacher **Additional Roles:** **Chief Flight Instructor:** Don Davis, **Membership Chairman:** Jim Christy. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

Call to order: December 14, 2023, 6:30 PM Via Zoom.

Treasurer's Summary for Month of November 2023

Total Income: \$2,810.82

Big items: (approx.)

\$1,000 Christmas Dinner

\$1,400 Auction

Rest was membership

Total Expenses: \$1,478.30

Big items: (approx.)

\$500 Christmas Dinner

\$500 Field maintenance (including equipment rental)

Net income: +\$1,332.52

End of Month Balance: \$117,653.08

Membership: Jim Christy reports current membership at 235. Renewals are going well.

Safety: A member was injured by a prop strike from an electric airplane. Issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

FRIA application for Valley Center: FAA is backlogged so it will take longer than expected. George Dawe reports.

Election went smoothly: Welcome to our new 2024 Board of Directors, Eric Armstrong and Vic Lerum. **And our new President Charles Lewis**

Christmas Banquet: was a big success although smaller than normal. 50 attendees. Special awards for **Life Members**, Jim Christy, Richard Torres.

Members of the year, Jim Christy, Don Davis.

We have \$280 credit at the San Marcos trophy shop.

Lou Harris from Temple Adat Shalom requested our attendance for a hobby day brunch on March 10, 2024. 858-449-7421

Cap Cadet Regional Director: Ron Wheeler requesting another cadet visit to the field.

Thanks again: To Don Davis for working through the AMA Field improvement grant process. Steve Gebler to assist.

Thanks: To Dave Ellis for his extraordinary service as treasurer. Good luck to his successor Doug Able.

Road Work Needed: At Johnson Field. The ruts are getting bigger because of the rains.

Upcoming Events:

Jan or Feb: Dawn Patrol, WWI airplanes

May 2024: Proposed Heli Fun Fly. Second weekend.

Jan. 6, 2024 @ 9 am Trifecta

Jan. 20, 2024 @ 9am Monthly Club meeting at the field

Meeting adjourned: 7:17 PM



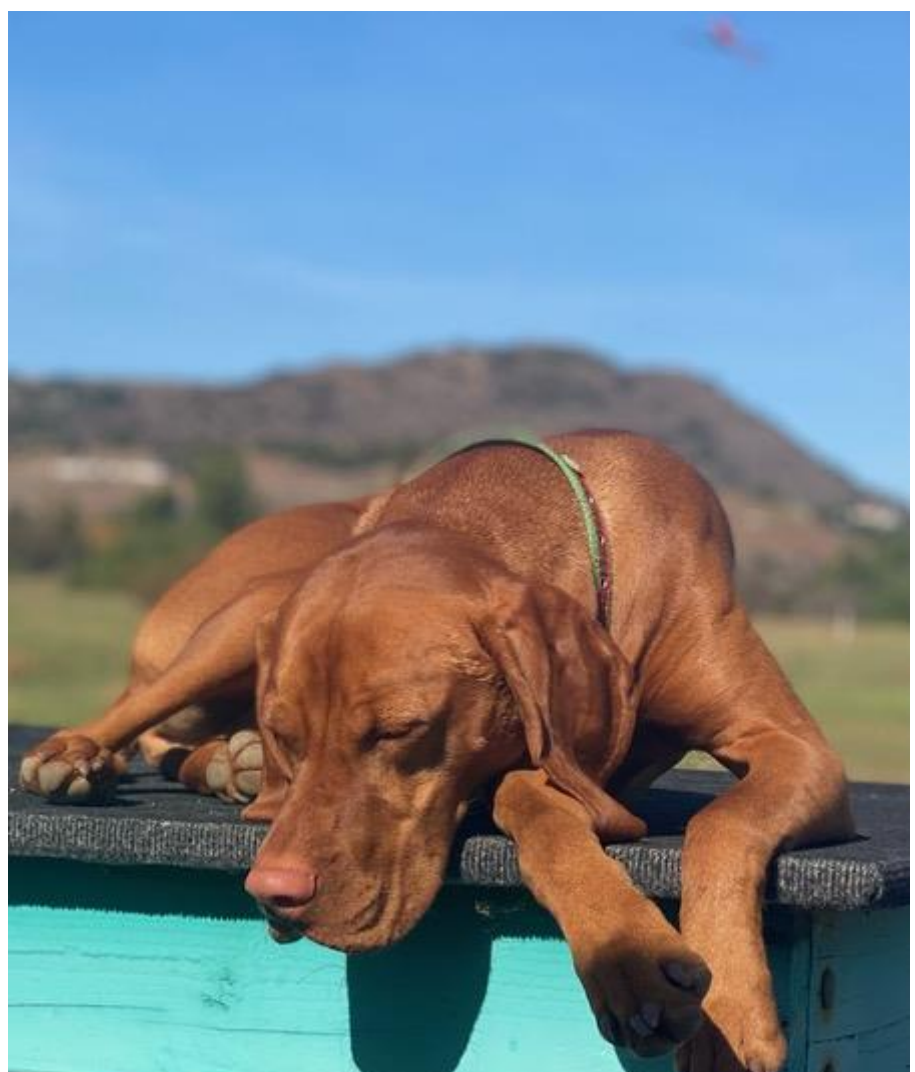
This is Don White's brand new heli. But this is no ordinary new heli - this is the only one of its kind flying in the world! There is one other in Texas but it has yet to be built and flown. It's an Align, Blackout TB70 with a custom gasser conversion that was built in Spain . (6 heli Photos and text by Eric Armstrong)



Cool shot of gasser heli's



Previous two from December 2 - good group of pilots and LOTS of heli's!



Rex taking a siesta on one of the heli staging tables. The orange blur
In the background is Eric Armstrong flying one of his heli's.



Dave Lester practicing low inverted flying!!

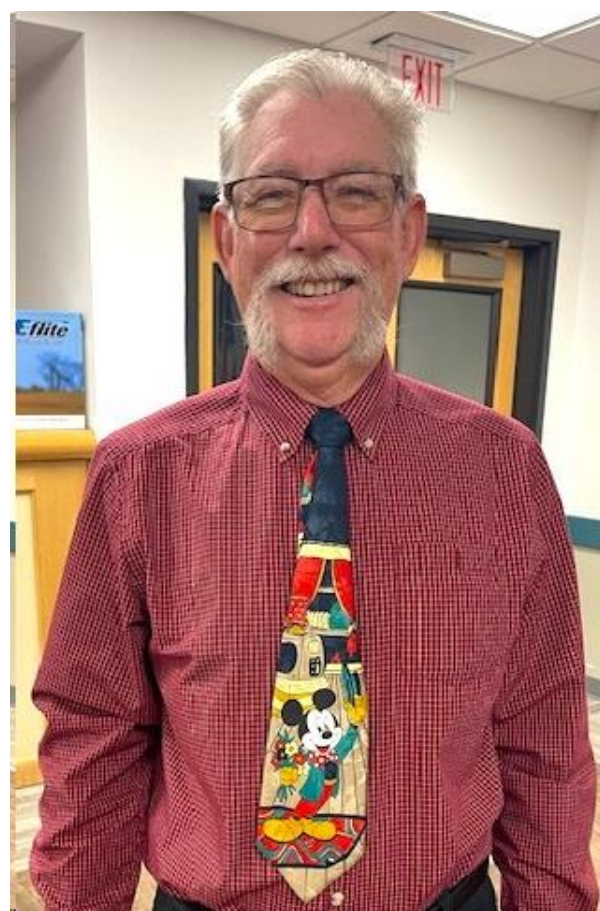
Christmas/Holiday Club Party Dec. 8, '23 2023



President Joe Villarreal

Scott Ralston

All party photos taken by Steve Gebler. Many thanks for covering this for us. Good photography! The next 18 pages!!



President Joe Villarreal

Linda, Steve Gebler's girlfriend



L/R

Tami Dedic

Mrs. Hirschberg

Captain Barry Hirschberg



Scott and Tami Dedic



Mrs. & Capt. Barry Hirschberg and Doug Abel



Mark Olarsch and sons



L/R Sammy and Mike Lonnecker

James Gallacher Bobby Johannes



L/R Jennifer and Rick Torres, Dru Marquardt, Carol and Caesar Fernandez, Mrs. Bonfietti, Gwen Riley Wayne Bonfietti, Chuck Riley



Same table from the opposite side.....

During December, your editor and wife got COVID. Although we are over it, it brought some fatigue. Steve Gebler was kind to cover our Christmas/Holiday party for the club. I was fortunate to be able to work on the Transmitter and you are double fortunate that there is no such thing as electronic COVID from me to you! Then throw in the holidays and I'm lucky to have produced anything this month!

Happy New Year!



Same table as below from the other side.



Elise Schneider, Tim Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs Bob Hague, Don and Amy Davis



Dennis Tiesen

Vic Lerum

Corey Nellis



Ernie Gebler

Linda

Bill Hill

Elle Hill

Eric Armstrong



Martha and Richard McCool



Mr. & Mrs. Vic + Angel Lerum

Mrs. & Mr. Doug Abel



Hahn DeMore

Below are winners of the ugly sweater contest:

Corey Nellis and Barbara Villarreal





Varley Longson and Alan Wolstenholme



Jim Christy (left) receiving recognition for the many tasks he does to keep our club functioning. Thanks, dear Jim! We appreciate you and your unseen work behind the scenes.



Richard Torres receives recognition and thanks for running our website! It takes a club to run a club! He was awarded a life membership in the club, something he truly deserves!



Our new VP, Don Davis, is thanked for his role as head instructor for new pilots. Along with Jim Christy, Don was awarded Member of the Year! Congrats!

President Joe Villarreal and Safety officer and Membership Chairman, Jim Christy. Jim was co-winner with Don Davis as Member of the Year. He was given a life-membership. Congratulations!



Beautiful Vanna White, I mean Jennifer Torres, shows one of the raffle prizes apparently won by Mr. Sail-plane himself, Jim Gallacher. Jim's photo below fulfills the mandatory requirement that his photo must be in every issue of the Transmitter! Is it ok now Jim?





Linda



Amy Davis



Don Davis, Chuck Riley, Cesar Fernandez, Doug Abel, Vic Lerum Flight Instructors



President Joe Villarreal and Barbara Villarreal



Gwen Riley won this giant poinsettia.



Steve Gebler



Bobby Johannes



Joe Villarreal



Richard Torres



Since Varley Longson started flying helicopters, he was awarded the "Old Dog learns a new trick" award. Kind of a joke by president Joe Villarreal.



Before the Trifecta, Pancho Castillo got in a flight with his magnificent Corsair.



What is this? Steve Gebler's new costume!



**If this were a turkey outfit,
it would be a photo of
Steve "Gobbler".**



**Pancho Castillo's Spitfire is superb and so is the way he flies it!
It's a delight to watch his Spitfire aloft!**





Ernie Gebler, you have the best smile! That's president Joe Villarreal in the background. The next photo is of Steve Gebler actually successfully launching his plane in that "get-up"!

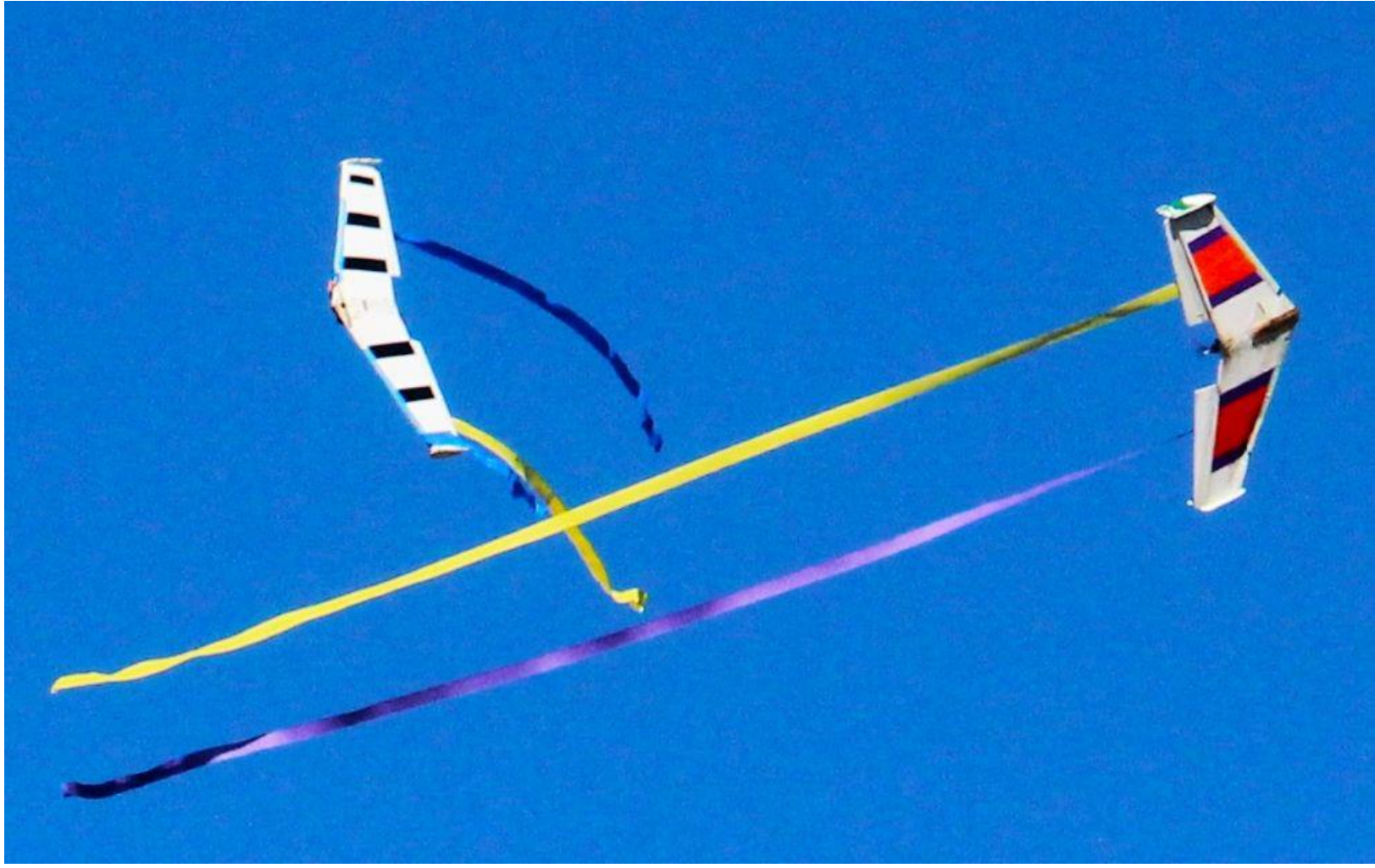
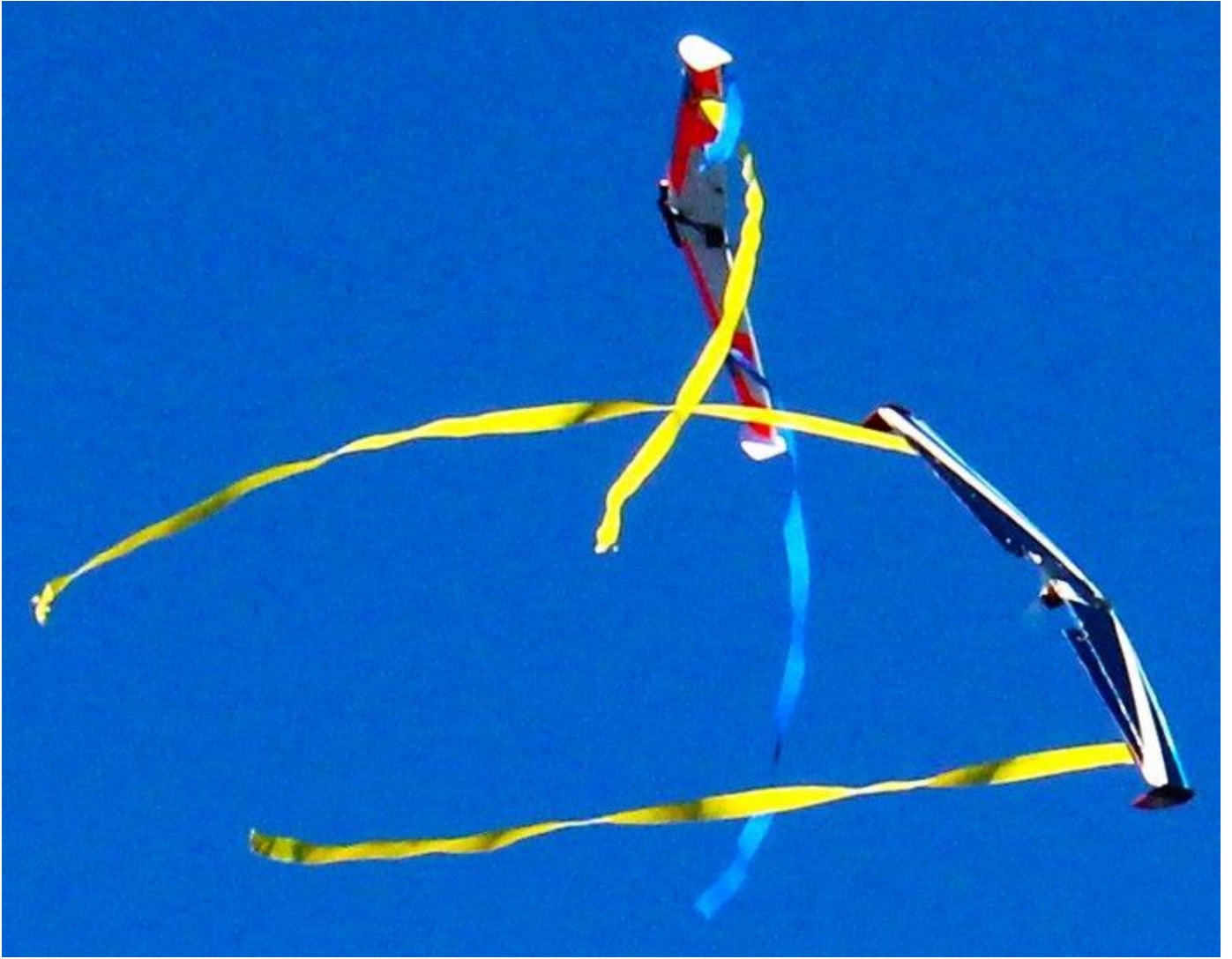


President Joe Villarreal



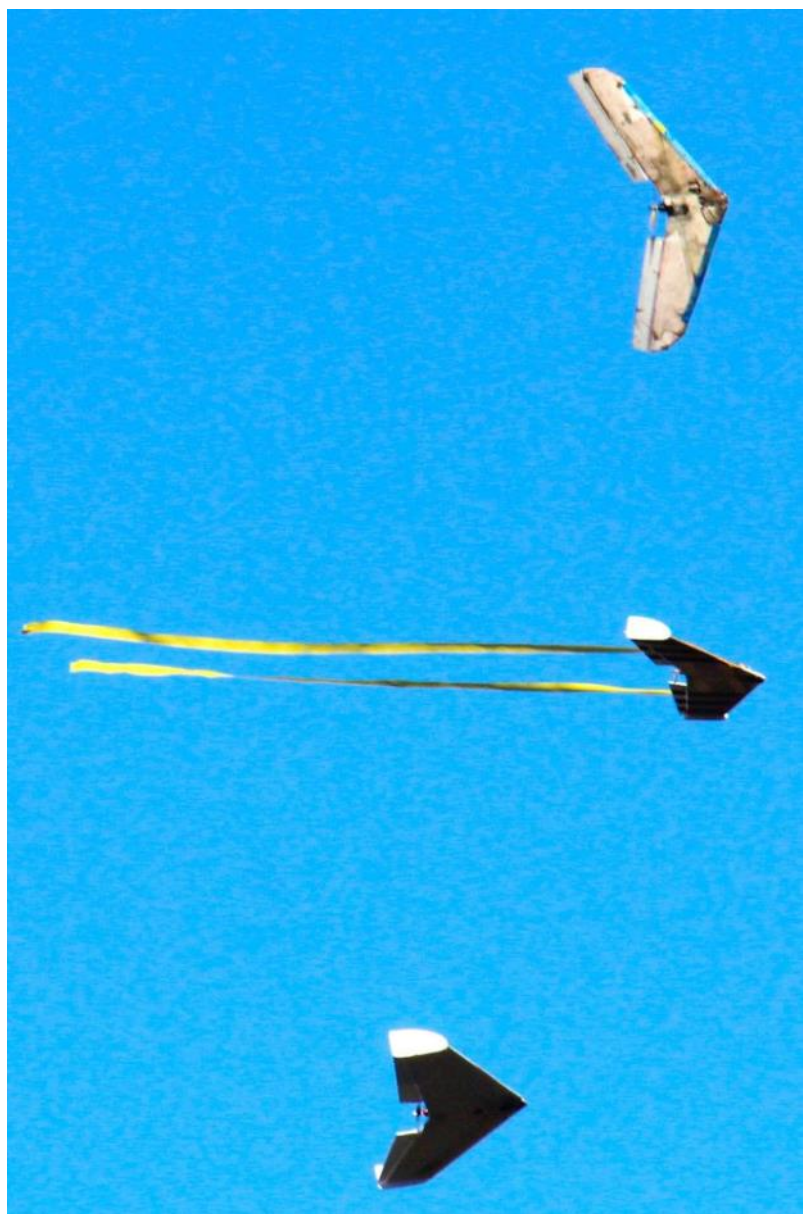
Mark Olsen







Tim Hitchcock is showing scorekeeper Mark Olarsch a fine point about scoring. Might this have anything to do with Tim coming in first?!



**Board Member Scott
Dedic**





Steve Gebler is chicken and what's that thing Tim Hitchcock is wearing?



Doug Abel



Randy Brunette



World Champion Tim Hitchcock!



Scorekeeper Mark Olarsch



Doug Abel, Mark Olsen, Steve Gebler, Randy Brunette, Tim Hitchcock, Joe Villarreal



Trifecta Winners: Randy Brunette-3, Mark Olsen-2, Tim Hitchcock-1



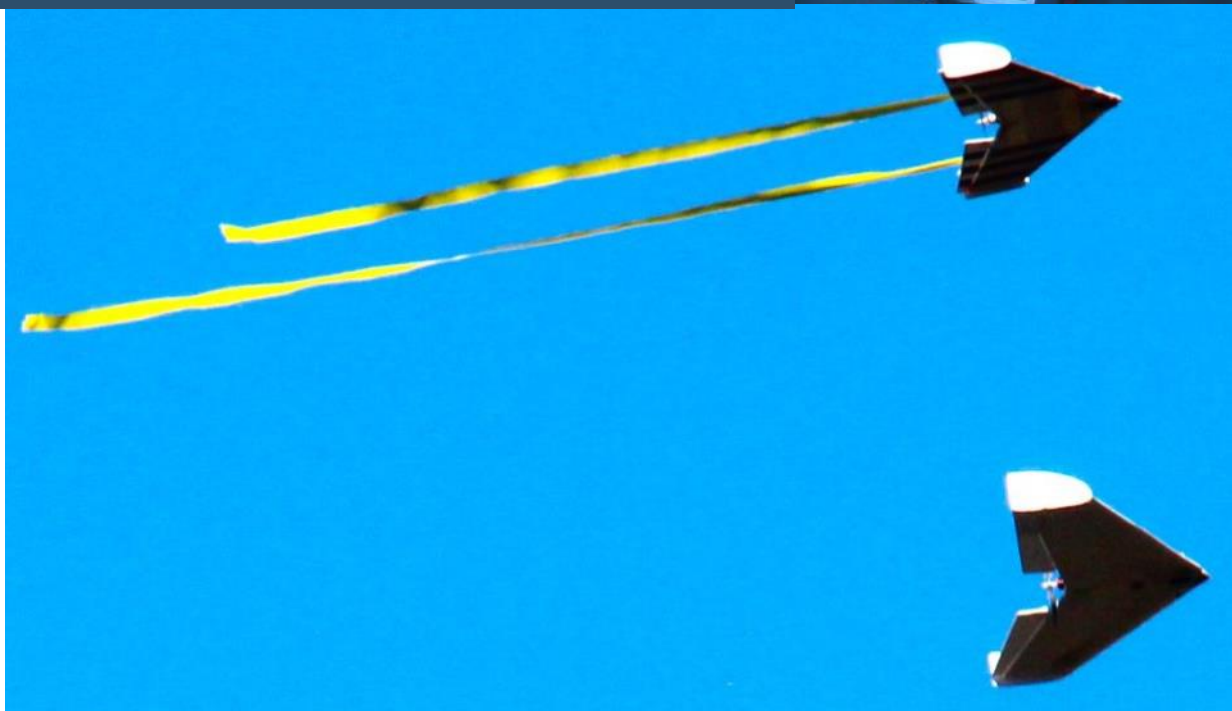
In appreciation for his work on the Transmitter, Joe Buko was given a gift certificate for a restaurant. I appreciate the club's thoughtfulness! It's a joy to produce the Transmitter!



Paul Broyles



James Moore and his son Gavin





Tim Hitchcock was awarded overall 2023 Trifecta Champion!

The next Trifecta is on:

January 6, 2024 @ 9 am

Saturday



President Emeritus Bill Hill



This classic beauty belongs to Roger Cosio.



Chad Villarreal



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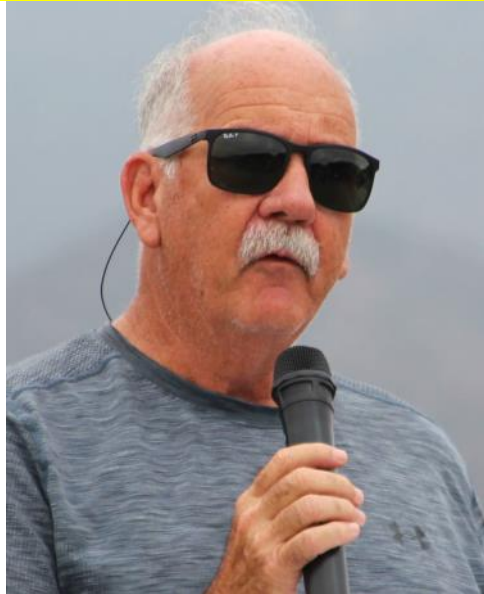
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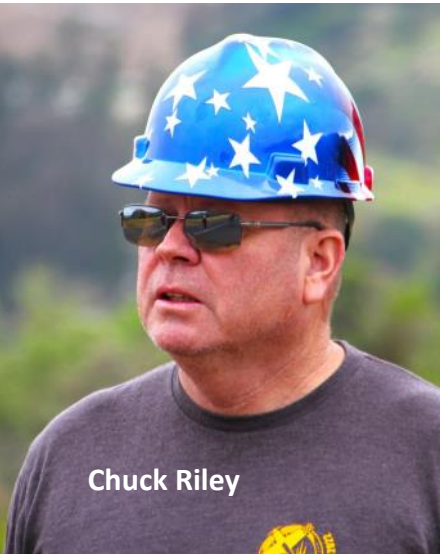
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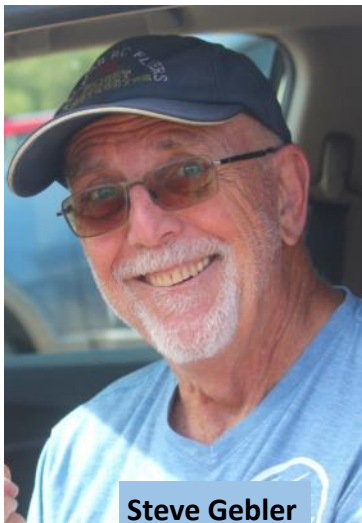
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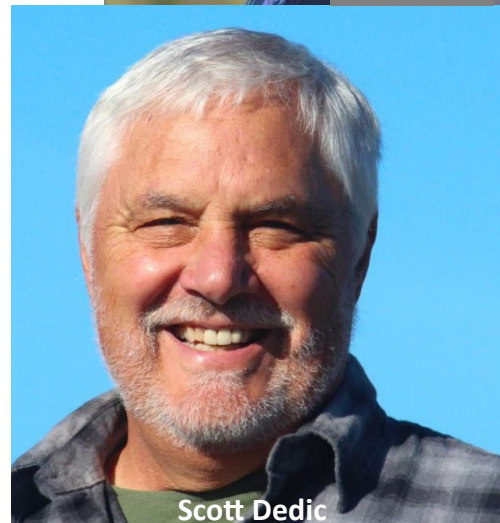
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