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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN-Steve Gebler

The holiday season is, once again, upon us. I wish to each of you and your family and friends a wonderful, healthy, and relaxing season.

There's a lot to be thankful for. I'd just like to mention a few things that I am thankful for and hope that you feel the same way.

Our Wonderful Flying Field

Thanks to the generosity of the Pappas family of Sacramento we have enjoyed our location for more than 20 years. If you would like to send them a note of your appreciation, you can drop them a note at pappas@pappasinvestments.com I think Patrick Pranica summed it up for me one Sunday morning when he said, "this is like therapy, man!" Therapy, religion, addiction, family, or *whatever*; aren't we lucky!

Our Great People

People ask me all the time — "What's your favorite part about the hobby? Is it *building* the planes or *flying* them?" I have to confess that I can't decide between just the two. The third, and heavily weighted component is the *people!* What would this club be without the great people that constantly keep us in good spirits!

I couldn't talk about the people without a few shout outs.

Bill Hill — you ever need someone that you can *count on*? Bill's your guy. Between helping with field projects and events, he spends tons of time with the CAP Cadets and helping other pilots with great build ideas.

Don White — Don's always there, too! Sometimes it's hard to find him 'cause he's always switching between the heli and fixed wing fields!

Joe Buko — Have you ever looked at any other club's newsletters? They're Taco Bell and Joe's *Transmitter* is a Michelin Four Star steak house! His presence at all club functions, taking great photos and doing all the editing on the newsletter himself sets him apart!

Then there's three guys that I will miss a lot at the Board meetings.

Scott Dedic has just retired from his job at Sony and plans to spend time traveling and will be stepping down from the Board at the end of December.

Then there's tireless Steve Kerrin. Steve has one of the hardest jobs in the club as Membership Chairman. He has a great deal to do with his community's fire district and having to keep me in line is a bit too much for anyone to handle. So, Steve will be leaving the Board at the end of this year. Happily, Steve is going to continue as the club's Membership Chairman.



Finally, I am really going to miss Chuck Riley's time on the Board. His work as Treasurer has been great — it's an extremely important job. Chuck spends *tons* of time with his Flight Instruction team. That team is responsible for recruiting and training our new members. Job responsibilities are making it difficult to spend as much time on the club's duties as he has in the past.

So there's some big shoes to fill and we have some great guys to do it!

Scott Dedic's Board position will be filled by Doug Abel. He's also going to be our Drone Chairman. Doug has also worked, tirelessly, at public events this year to represent our club's and hobby's interests.

Steve Kerrin's position will be filled by Trent Stadick as the new club Vice President. Trent's leadership background and love for our hobby will be a great addition to the club and the team. Four more years and Brody can take over for Trent!

Chuck Riley's departure creates two important roles. David Ellis has stepped up to perform the role of Treasurer. Chris Thompson will be the new Training Chairman.

I am also so thankful to Chris Avellino, Jim Gallacher, Patrick Pranica, Richard Torres, Joe Villarreal, and Chris Wilson all who will be returning to the Board in 2020.

Speaking of Chris Avellino, Joe Villarreal, and Richard Torres... these guys are always there to help out. I'm not sure if Chris spends more inspiring us with his own 3D flying capabilities or the time that he spends with students and old timers to give them a hand with improving their skills. Joe and his wife Barbara — when he's holding barbecue fixings, you know it's going to be good! Richard, when holding a keyboard and Web site development tools, you've got a winner!

If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership by mailing in the application or signing up on line at <http://tinyurl.com/sjvdcon>

The Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 14 at 6:30 P.M. at the San Marcos Senior Center. You can pay for your tickets by seeing Joe Villarreal or by signing up on line at <http://tinyurl.com/yyj2gxmp>

Did you know that at this past month's aircraft auction, we raised more than \$2,800 for the club? That's a record! Thanks to all of you that donated aircraft and equipment and for those of you that made bids on the items.

We have a lot of deserving people to consider for the Member of the Year. Won't you drop me a note, give me a call, or whisper in my ear with your nomination?

We'll be doing some major planning for events, field improvements, and programs at our Board meeting in January. If you have items that you would like to have considered or concerns that we should address, please let your Officers and Board Members know.

Finally, thank all of you for allowing me the privilege of being your President for the past two years and electing me to serve you again in 2020. It's going to be a great year!

Happy Holidays!

—
Steve Gebler

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Patrick Pranica with Tom Johnston's Crash-en-do!



Bill Hill's Piper "Club"

November 2019
Palomar RC Fliers Board of Directors Minutes
Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

Board Attendants: Steve Gebler, President, Richard Torres, Patrick Pranica, , James Gallacher, Chris Avellino, Chuck Riley, Chris Thompson, Chris Wilson, Trent Stadick, Steve Kerrin

Guests: Dave Ellis

Non Attendants: Scott Dedic, Doug Abel, Joe Villarreal

Call to order: 6:40 PM

Treasurer Report: Balance: \$78,633.13 Income: \$2400 Expenses: \$2744. Last entry by Chuck Riley. Kudos to Chuck for his extraordinary service. David Ellis will assume Treasury duties if elected.

Membership: Membership currently is at 251 members. 34 renewals. \$2k from Pay Pal. No changes for membership rules and dues. Steve Kerrin will continue as membership chair.

- **Chair Reports**

Safety: Flight line call outs continue to plague operations. Some signs of improvement are followed by continuous failure to call out intentions. Discussion about a Trifecta incident was had. No injuries. Safety equipment prevailed.

Fixed Wing: Nothing to report

Drone: New drone gates are in. Field demo in progress. \$100 approved for new larger gates to enhance the experience.

Heli: Gained another member. 15-20 active Heli members to date. May Heli event to be sanctioned. Gratitude given to fixed wing members that support the Heli group.

Glider: A large competition glider was lost due to improper release from tow plane. Tow line detached the tail of the glider which crashed into the jungle. It was retrieved.

Flight Training: Chuck Riley was applauded for the sterling work he has done leading the training program. Chris Thompson to assume duties of training chairman.

Logo Clothing Estimates — Richard Torres is heading the effort. Test printing proving very positive. Prices will remain the same as the last batch. Anticipate new shirts to be available early 2020.

Elections — Steve Kerrin reports the ballots are printed and on the way. He will be continuing as membership chair but will leave his VP post to Trent Stadick if elected. Kudos to Steve for his service.

New Field Locations: San Luis Rey park development considered the best alternative. Leveraging influences such as our CAP outreach and drone operation were discussed. Highest priority for the board.

Holiday Party — December 14

Same price and catering as last year. \$1000 for gifts approved. Magic and Piano entertainment by members to be present.

Auction — Setup and organization. Bill Hill will be the auctioneer. Anticipation of a very large cache of hobby supplies to be auctioned. Silent auction will be employed to the more valued items.

Veterans Monument — Members who have passed. Discussion on how we would do that. Work in progress to determine feasibility.

Club and Event Promotion: Looking for opportunities to promote the club and activities. Will be holding two large CAP events in April and September next year. News coverage encouraged.

- **Columbia Sportswear Company Store is offering up to 60% off with proper club ID. Located in Carlsbad off Eagle Drive. Coupons required on the Web site.**

No December Board Meeting: Giving the holiday calendar there will be no board of directors meeting this December. No issues foreseen.

Events

- **November 15 — Butterfield Ranch Campout and Flights**
- **November 21 — Club Auction**
- **December 7 — Trifecta and Aerotow**
- **January 4 — Aerotow**
- **January 5 — Trifecta**
- **January 8 — Board Meeting**
- **January 11 — Paintball**
- **January 16 — Club Meeting — Dave Ellis on Disney**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 PM

1st Annual Paramotor fun fly on Nov. 16, 2019

Woody (Toy Story) finally did fly after several failed hand launches from his handler. (Thanks to the coaching I received from Steve & Jack). We had “gaggle” of Paramotors in flight at the same time (four total). It was fun to fly with professional Paramotor flyers such as Steve Gebler, Jack Zabawa, and Vahe (sorry I didn't catch his last name) from Silent Fliers Mission Bay. Joe Villarreal saw the fun we were having and flew Steve's Paramotor for the first time. Rumor has it, Joe bought a Paramotor! Maybe the 2nd Annual Paramotor fun fly there will be aerobatics, formation flying, and combat??

Next six photos and above text by Tim Hitchcock









Brody was selected along with 8 other kids to assist show pilots in a game of Musical Planes at the AMA show. Pilots had to land, or be assisted by the “helpers” on pieces of foam board. When it came down to the last two pilots and the music stopped, The two last planes were inches from the last board. Brody won the sprint with a great slide and moved their plane onto the board first! All of the kids received a UMX Timber and DX6e transmitter! Courtesy of Horizon Hobbies!



Chris Thompson photo and text



Bill DeMore and Alan Wolstenholme with their mating Texans. Lookin' good! This and the next 7 photos are by Chris Thompson.



James Christy and his 3-D plane. Sure is pretty!



New/returning member, Bobby Johannes and his e-Flite Stearman



Ron Roberts



Jim Gallacher practices for combat!



Phil Hughes



Rick Hilton passes his check ride! Chris Thompson, instructor, holding the plane.

The "Judging committee"



This is the 7th and final photo by Chris Thompson in the series.



A Commander by Horizon Hobby– looks fine in the air, doesn't it?

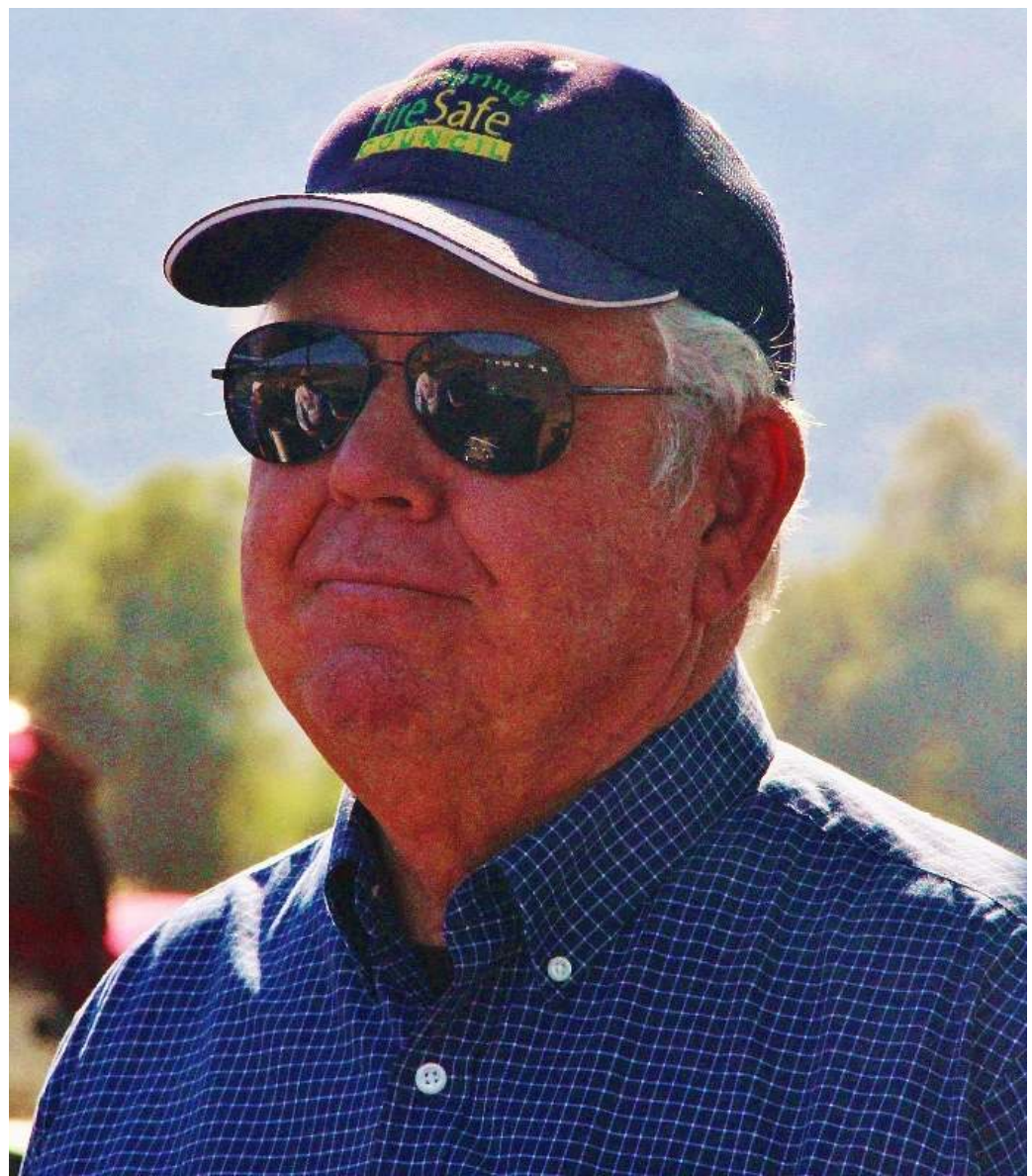


Don Wadlington's RV-4



Don Wadlington and his RV-4. Don is a past club secretary and drives to our field from El Cajon! The hour drive each way shows how much Don loves to fly with us and we with him! Don, you rock!

Our vice-president and membership chairman, Steve Kerrin. He's also our resident scientist.





Ernie Leep's 3-D plane



Kelvin Phoon's 3-D plane



Patrick Pranica's C-47 An A3X-like receiver toned down this plane and makes it almost enjoyable to fly. For those who don't know, those are Invasion Stripes used on D-Day in Europe during WW II.



Kelvin Phoon + student-pilot Jon Rosen. Jon's brother Moss is also a student pilot.



Tim Dougherty's friend, Elise Schneider, is learning to fly with us! Welcome!



Mike Lonnecker and his very slick carbon fiber beauty of a sailplane!



Phil Kogan with his Valiant, a scale airplane, and Greg Wilson.



On Nov. 20th, I received an e-mail from Flying Magazine. The above photo was attached. I copied it and hereby credit Flying Magazine for their photo. This plane was shown at the Dubai Airshow and is named, "White Lightning." Condor Aviation of England produced this bird and it is the first racing plane solely powered by electricity! It races around a 5 KM circuit @ just 10 meters above ground at speeds up to 450 KPH or 279 mph! It's a heavily modified Cassutt race plane with 150 KW of continuous power! The Cassutt racer was used in the 1980's and 90's.

I show this plane to make us aware of the development of full-scale electric planes. We aren't the only ones flying electric powered planes which are in the future of full-scale aviation too!!!



Steve Gebler flies this beautiful Spitfire. No matter the year, this iconic plane that won the Battle of Britain is always beautiful!



Chris Thompson's plane with an electric ducted fan.



A perfect photo of a perfect launch of Bill Hill's jet by our president, Steve Gebler! Wow! Isn't that pretty?

Club member James Aaron



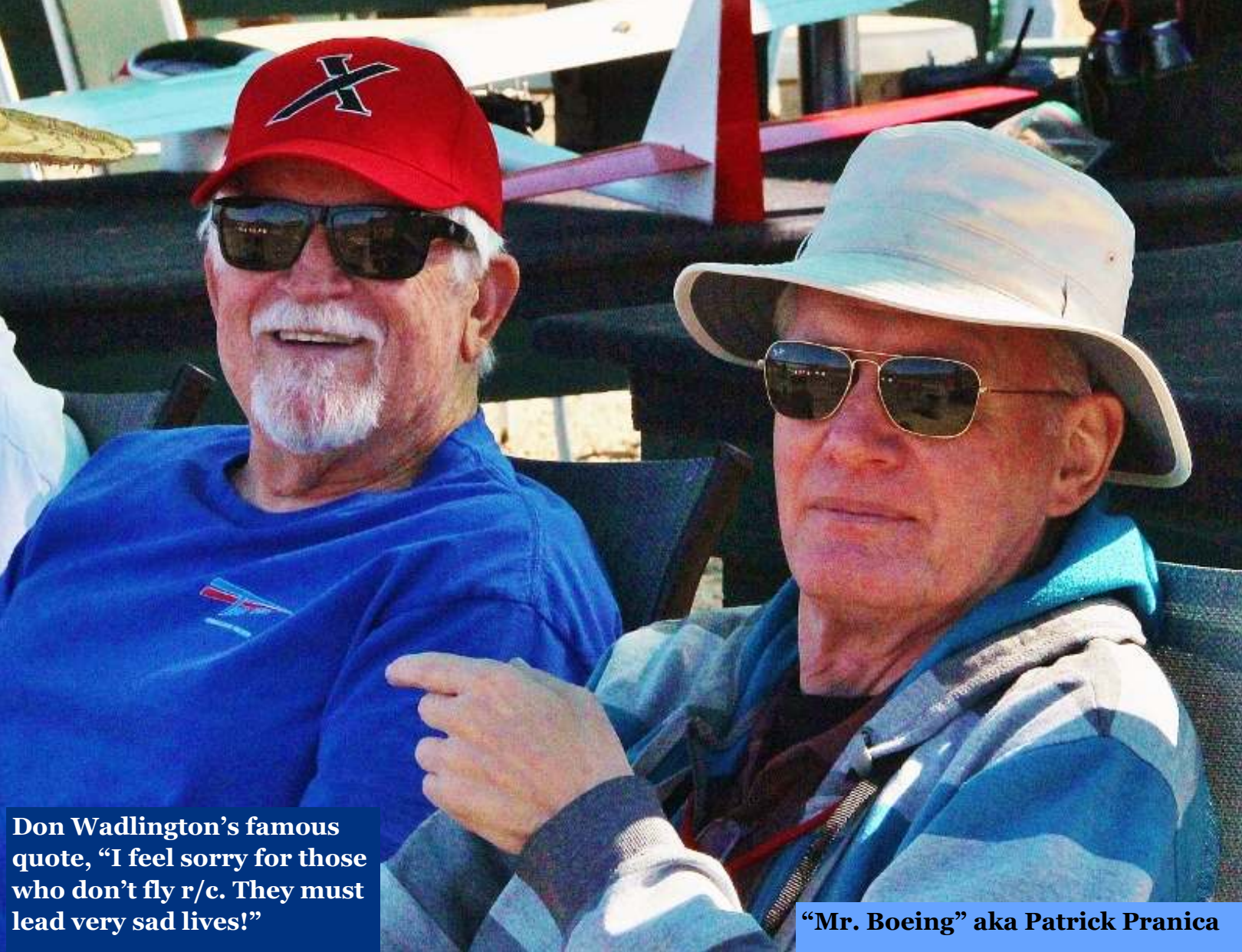
Steve Gebler's faithful dog, Grif, who stays by Steve's side even when he flies! Take a look at the next photo!



Here's Grif at Steve's side! Is that dog faithful or what?



**Don Thompson and
his son Chris...Ops!**



Don Wadlington's famous quote, "I feel sorry for those who don't fly r/c. They must lead very sad lives!"

"Mr. Boeing" aka Patrick Pratica

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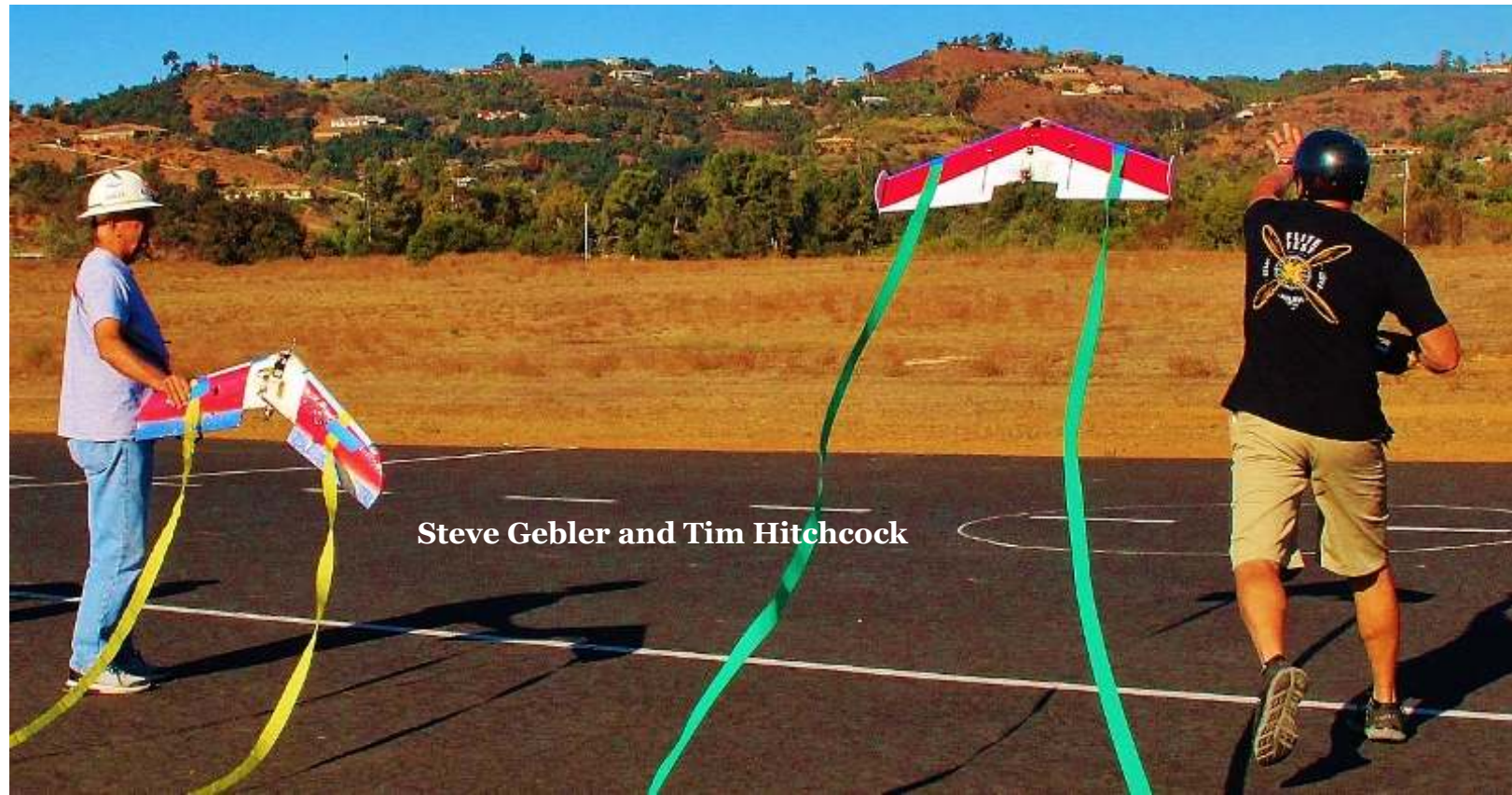




The unusual suspects: Richard Torres, Joe Villarreal, Brody Stadick, Doug Albert, Dave Ellis, Kelvin Phoon, Keith Albert, Tim Hitchcock, Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley.



At the pilot's meeting...



Steve Gebler and Tim Hitchcock



Trent and Brody Stadick

Chuck Riley



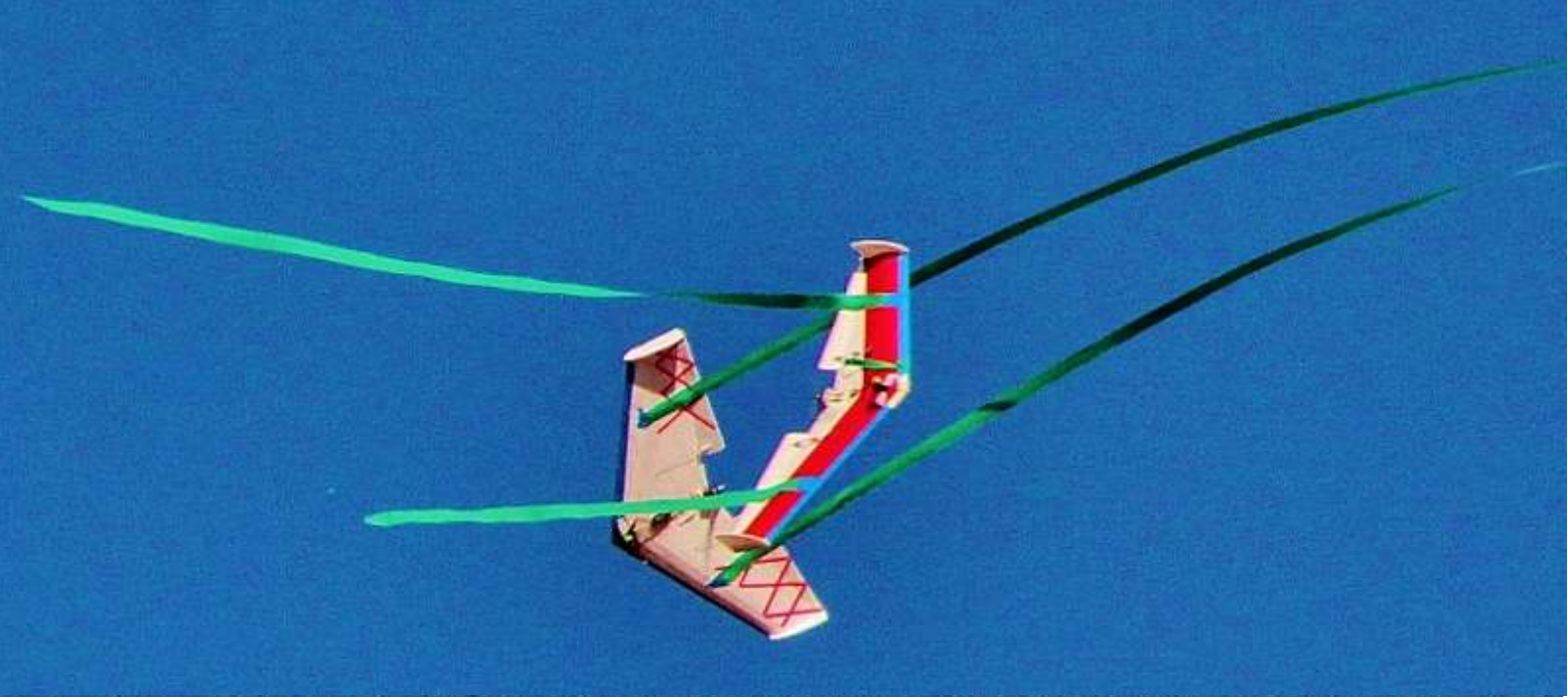
Brody Stadick

One of the a mid-air! Take a close look at the extreme left and you'll see half of a prop blade broken off from the collision!



Another crash and the plane is headed down!





Another beautiful mid-air mash! This time you can see the entire propeller flying away, again on the upper left of the photo! Photographing a crash the instant it happens is pure luck! Everything has to be just right and this photo is NOT photo-shopped. This is a way cool shot!





Spot landing contest



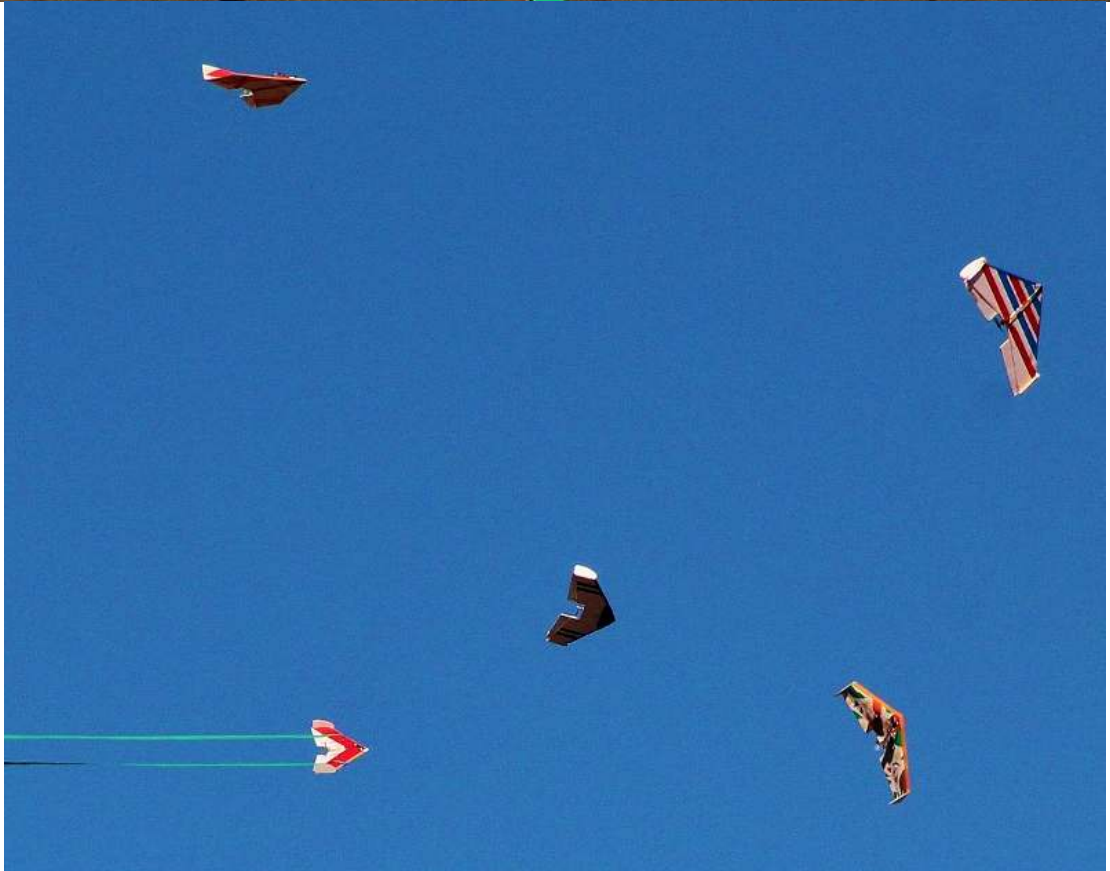
Tim Hitchcock is making a “spot landing!” That’s not exactly how it’s supposed to be done, is it?

These guys are serious when they break out tape measures!





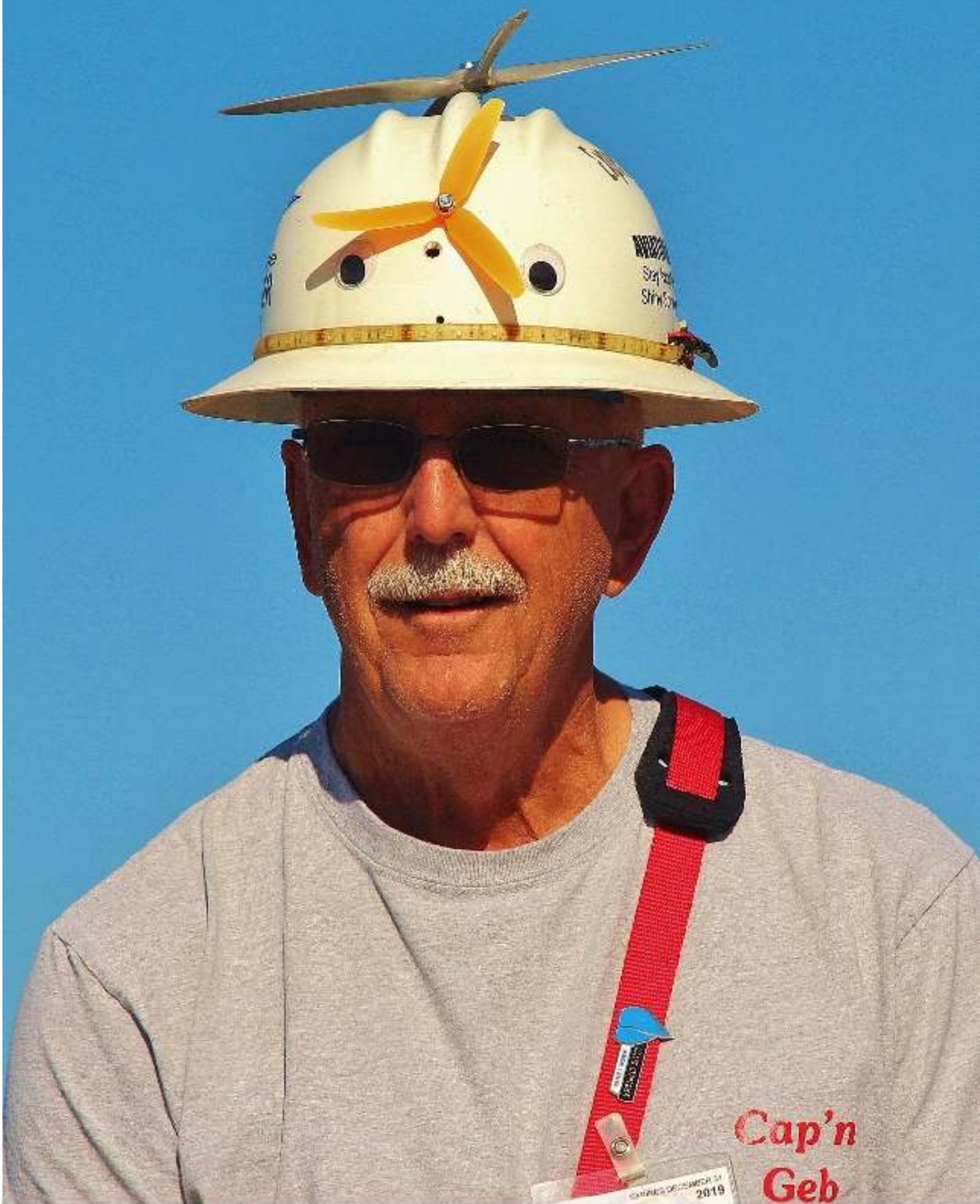
Tim Hitchcock got to wear the tutu because he was high scorer in combat. He took off with streamers and was followed by everyone else who tried to cut his streamers as seen in the bottom photo.





**Chris Avelino
launching Steve
Gebler's plane as it
loops back.**





We are truly gifted by having Steve Gebler as our president. Our club has grown and prospered under his wise and creative leadership! Many kudos to you, dear Steve! We appreciate you!! Thanks so very, very much!



Tim Hitchcock came in first place in the Trifecta. Congrats to a great pilot and a equally great guy! (even if you wear a skirt!) See how accepting we are!



Darrell Albert was the official score-keeper for the Trifecta, and was assisted by Sandra Hardesty. Mr. Combat, as he is affectionately known, is always faithfully there to support the crew! Many thanks to you, Darrell!



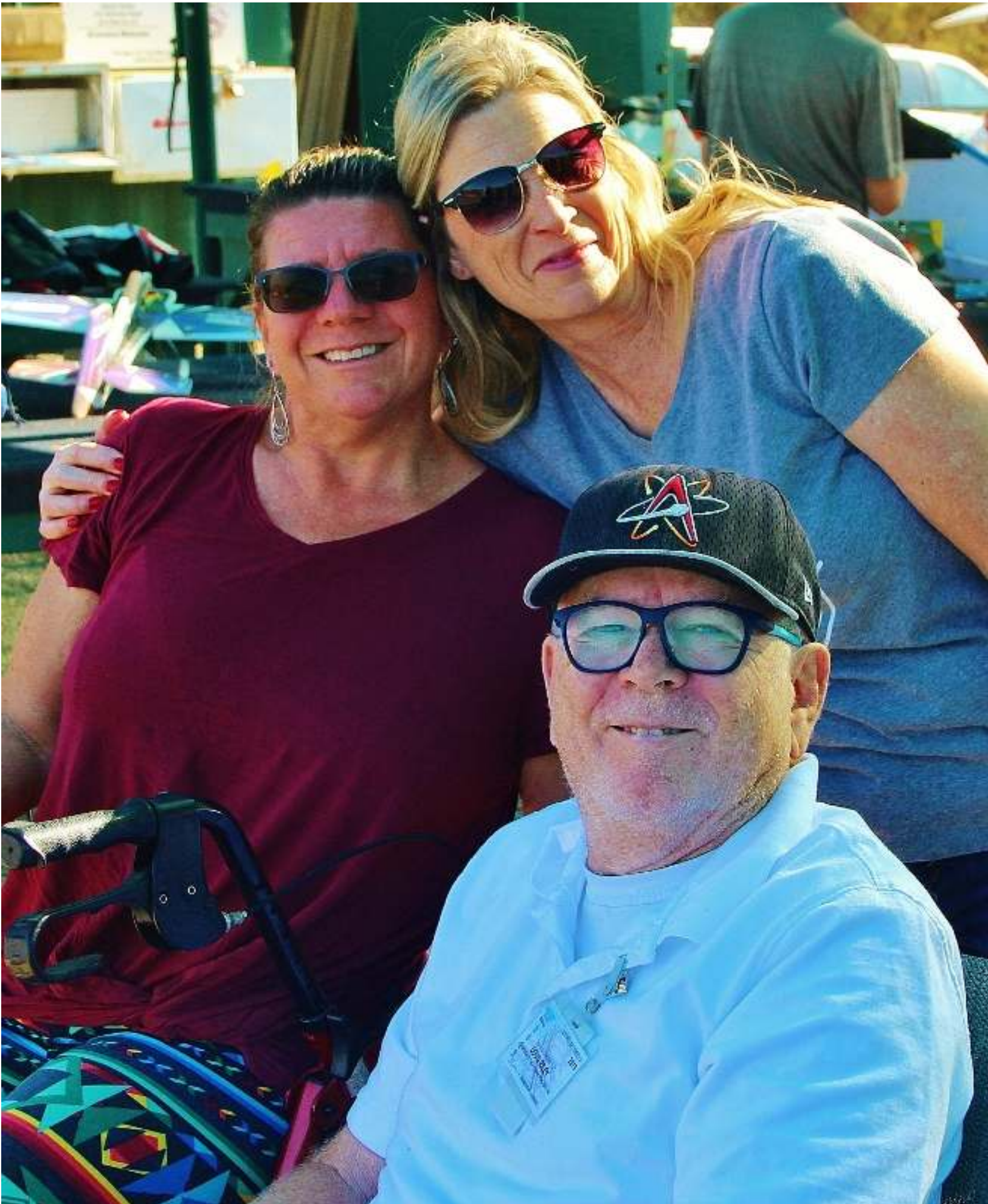
Welcome to Doug Abel, our newest board member! Doug does more to promote model aviation and club membership than 9/10 of the rest of us! He is an electrical wizard with drones! His knowledge of batteries and motors is dazzling! Doug is very smart, community minded and a real gentleman!



Welcome to our new members, Vadim and Irene Klyushnichenko, student pilots being taught by “THE MAN!” Kelvin Phoon.



These planes look so innocent, but they are out to devour each other! Sometimes they succeed!



Gwen Riley, Jennifer Walker, Doug Riley. We have warm moments often!



Raymond Fischer and Jim Christy



Kelvin and Kacey Phoon and Steve Gebler

Third place winner of the Trifecta was Dave Ellis collecting his winnings from Darrell.



Second Place winner of the Trifecta was Doug Albert collecting his winnings.





First place winner of the Trifecta was Tim Hitchcock. He is collecting his winnings.





The three winners of the Trifecta:

- 1) Tim Hitchcock=center**
- 2) Doug Albert=on right**
- 3) Dave Ellis=on left**

Steve Gebler, our president





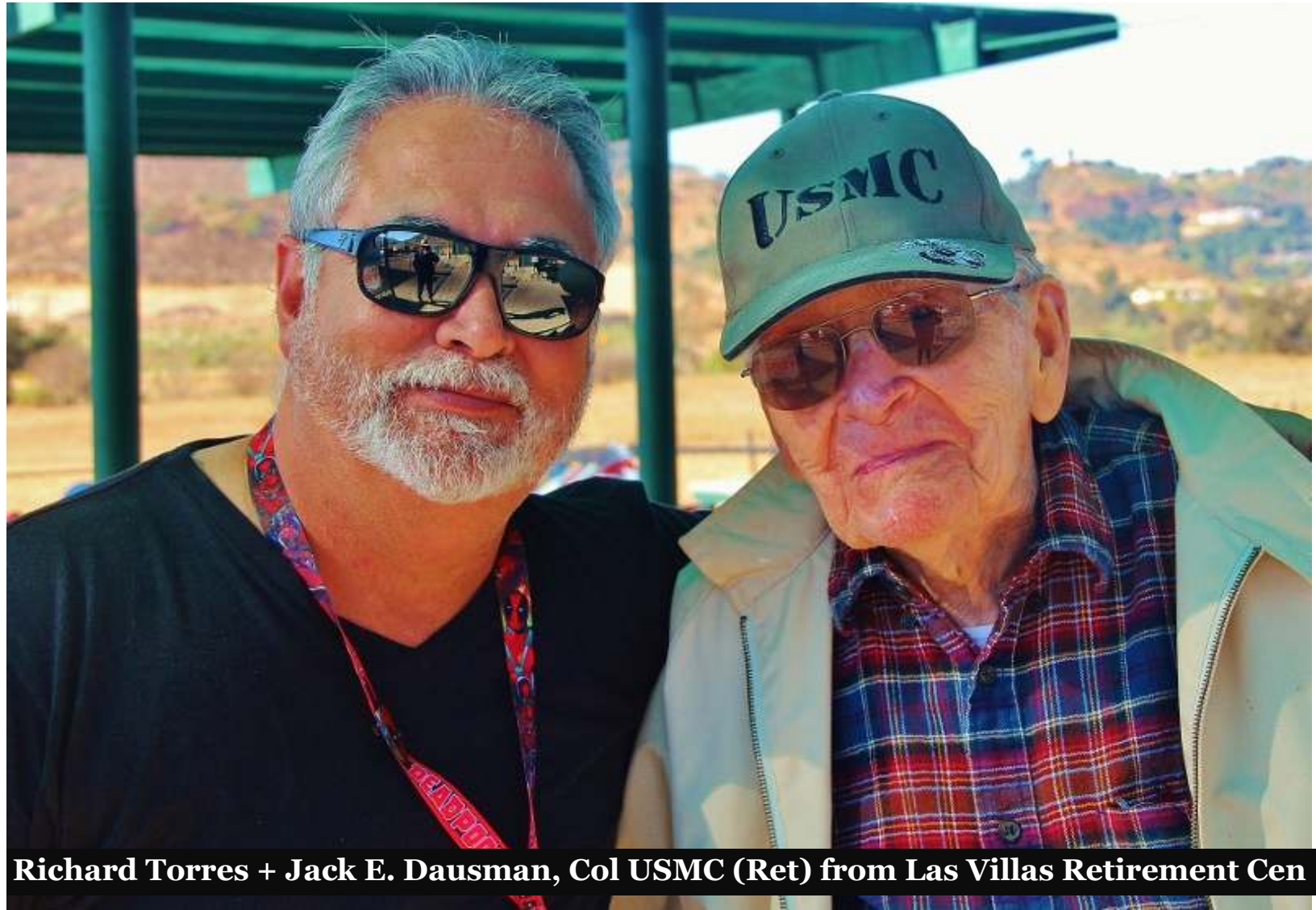
Senator Tom Johnston visited with friends from Las Villas Retirement Center on Nov. 14, 2019.



A heli from Camp Pedleton overflying our field.



An almost finished Waco-YMF5. It has Stits covering. Bill Hill electrified it and Joe Buko built it. Actually, your editor gave it to Bill to keep. Bill then installed an electric motor to power this 15 pound, 6 foot span biplane. He then gave it back to Joe! Talk about what goes around, comes around! It flies very well and the nicest looking biplane from the Golden Age of flying. It's 1/5 scale and was a Pica kit.



Richard Torres + Jack E. Dausman, Col USMC (Ret) from Las Villas Retirement Cen



Joe Buko, the Newsletter editor, with his Waco YMF-5.



Our November Monthly club meeting photos follow. We had our annual auction.



Bill Hill and Steve Gebler were the two auctioneers. They did a great job. Many thanks!



Rick Hilton completed his student pilot training and was presented with his flight certificate!







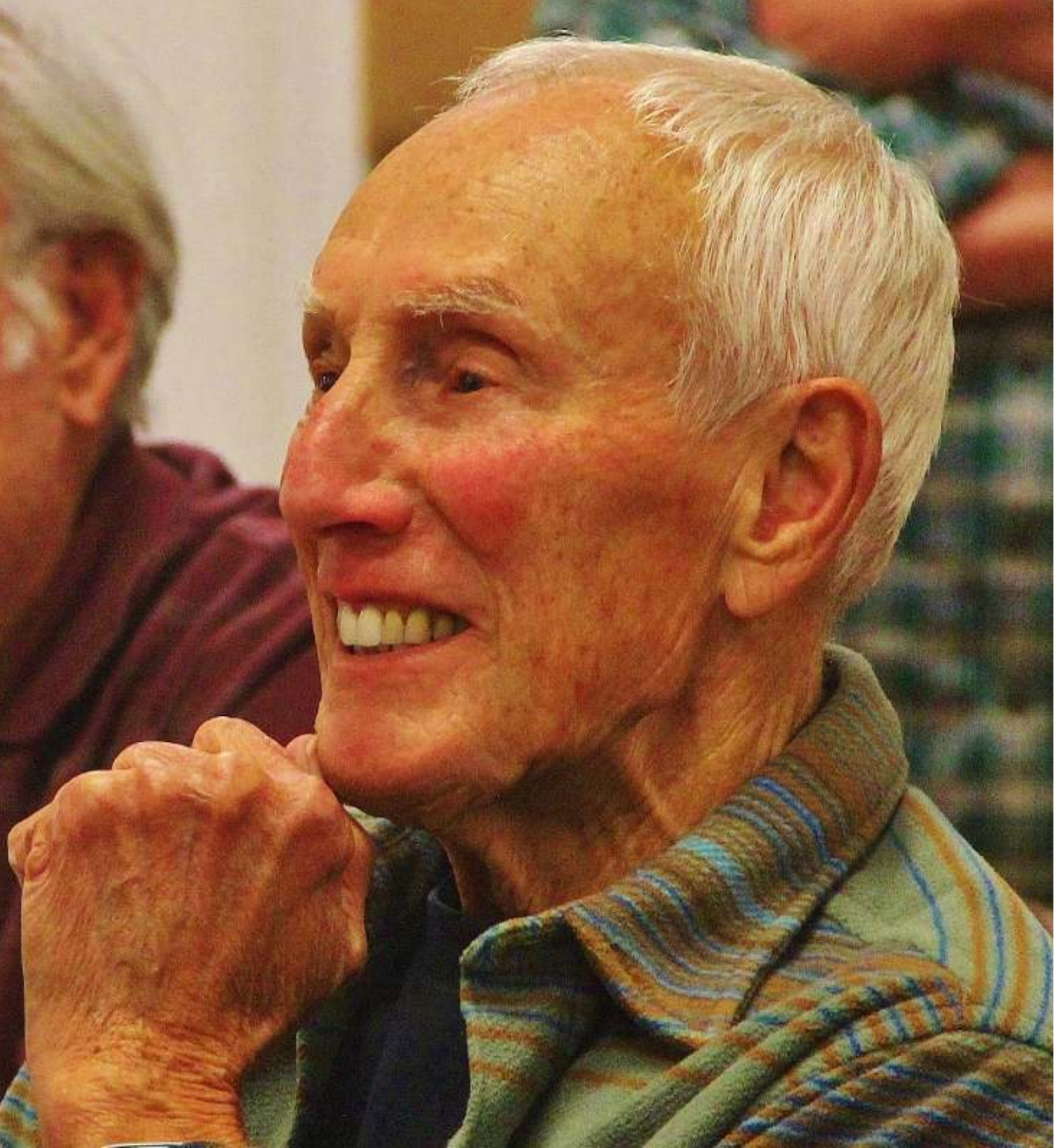
Steve Gebler and Bill Hill, registered auctioneers!

Bill Hill about to auction an autogyro



Steve Gebler





Ernie Emery⁵⁸



Juan Duran

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New member Welcome aboard!



Greg Hubbard new member Welcome aboard



Tom Pollinger

Due to rainy weather and the Thanksgiving holidays, this issue of Transmitter is attenuated. There are 103 photos in this issue,



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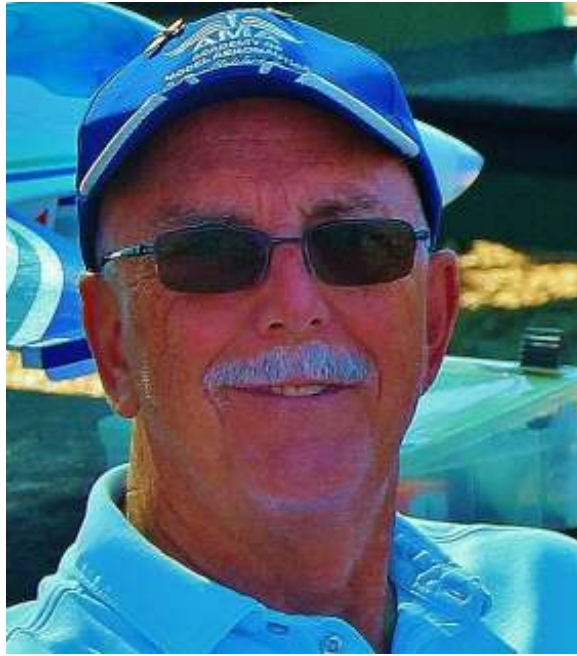
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