



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

# **Transmitter**



**July 2020**

AMA Charter 141

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

Thanks to all of you that are wearing your masks and observing social distancing at the field.

Just a few words of caution — we have observed an uptick of rattlesnake sightings at the field and the weed growth is loaded with ticks. Should you have the unfortunate need to retrieve a plane that has gone into the weeds or jungle, be sure to exercise extra caution when retrieving your planes due to the snakes, ticks and squirrel and rabbit induced “mine fields” at the field.

Thanks to a great suggestion from Brian Otto for recommending recycle bins. The now designated “OttoCans” are now in place at both the Fixed Wing and Helicopter fields. Please be sure to deposit any recyclables into the blue cans.

Given that it is election season, it's time to think about the future leadership of the club. There will be a few board positions available at the end of the year and I will be stepping down at the end of the year as the President of the club — an honor that I have really enjoyed and appreciated. Should you have an interest in determining the future direction of the club, I would encourage you to attend a Zoom Board meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 to observe, first hand, the behind the scenes work that is conducted on behalf of all members by the board. To find out more, see me at the field or give me a call. I am happy to answer your questions. This year's Board did an outstanding job working through the issues related to COVID-19 — a time that no one had a play book for directions on.

Many thanks to Roy DeMille, who elected to withdraw from the hobby, for his generous contribution of his airplanes and supplies to the club. Dave Ellis, our Treasurer who ran the auction, indicates that the sale of the gear netted a nice contribution to be used for the acquisition of planes and supplies for flight training and general maintenance of the field.

I'm happy to say that we will be resuming the Trifecta Combat on Sunday, July 12. Dust off those combat wings and prepare to do battle!

Flight training resumes on Monday, June 29, at 5 PM at the field. If you have neighbors, friends, or co-workers that would like to participate in our wonderful hobby, have them come by the field. It's free and our flight instructors are top notch!

See you at the field!

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# June 2020

## Palomar RC Fliers 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 Abel, Richard Torres  
**Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor:** Chris Thompson, **Membership Chairman:** Steve Kerrin. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

**Call to order: 6:30 PM**

**Meeting conducted at 6:30 on June 10. All Board members present via Zoom internet conference meeting.**

### **Treasurer's Summary for Month of May 2020**

**Total Income: \$256.00**

**Mostly Apparel**

**Total Expenses: \$1,933.78**

**Approximate sums of major categories ...**

**\$200 annual website**

**\$1200 field maint (mowing, trash, porta)**

**Net income: -\$1,677.78**

**Membership: Membership has been on hold during Covid but will be accepting new members. Website will provide details.**

- **Chair Reports**
- **Safety: Social distancing is in effect and has been holding up. Snakes are abundant and aggressive. Encounters must be avoided. The jungle is showing high snake activity and should be avoided.**
- **Fixed Wing: Nothing to report**
- **Drone: Nothing to report**
- **Heli: Fly in event needs to restart and reset requirements.**
- **Glider: Aero Tow was hampered by low clouds which created difficulty tracking gliders that attempted to penetrate the cloud cover. One glider was lost due to low cloud cover.**

**Flight Training: No report. Will resume soon.**

- **COVID 19 Report**
- **Social Distancing, Masks, Sanitizer have maintained safety requirements. Will continue to follow County guidelines as we work through the pandemic.**

**New Memberships:** We will reopen our memberships and manage those new members to adhere to current social and safety requirements.

**Resumption of Certain Activities:** Activities will resume selectively as we sort out the risk factors and country guidelines. Website will alert the changes.

- **Trifecta:** Will be announced
- **Flight Training:** Will be announced.
- **Opening of Charge Station:** Conditions show that with hand sanitizers and proper social distancing, the charge station will be reopened.
- **Chairs:** Chairs will be brought out on the condition that members wipe them down before use.
- **Family and Visitors:** Will be permitted as long as they practice social distancing and wearing masks.

**Model Aviation Day:** Cancelled

- **Flight Line Carpentry and Paint**

Palomar Dollars to Hitchcock, Fernandez. Thanks to David Ellis.

### **Safety Issues**

- **Snakes:** As stated, the jungle is showing high snake activity and should be avoided. Sightings have shown they are big this year.
- **Bunn Prop Strike:** Pusher prop airplanes are popular but can produce serious lacerations to the arm when launched. A member experienced what they can do. All pushers should be two hand or discus launched for safety.

**Jungle Jeep - Rookie Pilot Checkouts:** Car must be taken to identify the proper CG before flight. Especially with Rookie members.

- **Pest Control** — Jason Loukakis bid for black widows and rodents

**Gold Club Status** — The club will be awarded a gold standard rating. All members will receive a pin for that achievement.

- **Summary of Board actions and conclusions:**

- **Trifecta Landing Zone Painting:** Will be applied with permanent paint
- **Zoom vs Physical Meeting:** Zoom favored over physical meeting
- **Camp Out and Night Fly in July:** To be decided.
- **Donations by Roy DeMille:** Will be auctioned at the field

- Chairs will be returning to the field
- Charging station will be reopened
- New Membership applications will be accepted
- Flight training on Monday evenings will resume soon
- Trifecta combat will be resuming
- We are contemplating an Independence Day BBQ. Notification on whether this is a “go” to be determined in two weeks.

Visitors, family members, and guests will be allowed but must observe mask wearing and social distancing.

All events are tentative. Website will confirm

June 6 — Aerotow

June 6 — Trifecta

June 10 — Board Meeting

June 18 — Club Meeting

June 27 — Warbird Event

July 4 — Independence Day

July 4 — Aerotow

July 5 — Trifecta

July 8 — Board Meeting

July 16 — Club Meeting

July 18 — Pylon Racing

August 1 — Trifecta

August 1 — Aerotow

August 12 — Board Meeting

August 15 — Model Aviation Day: Cancelled

August 20 — Club Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

### **Editor's note:**

**Most of the photos in this issue were taken by Chris Thompson a fine photographer as all can see! Others contributed as well. Some members who sent photos were Eric Armstrong, David Storey, John Cutler and Kelvin Phoon. Many thanks for your photos. You made the issue....I shall resume photographing at the field in July beginning with the Trifecta on July 12, 2020.**

**Joe Buko-editor**



**Dave Bracci**



**David Storey's Freewing F-22 Raptor** *(including next five photos)*







**Chris Thompson created this collage of master-builder John Cutler's extraordinary clipped wing Taylorcraft.**





**Mike Elrod's Freewing F-86 Sabre Jet looks sleek in flight. The plane was designed about 70 years ago!**



**David Storey and his F-35 Lightning– Freewing**





**David Storey and his A-10 by Elite**



**David Storey's Freewing L-39 The cradle is by Hobby King.**



**A gigantic Ugly Stick by Frank Burke. When the design was originally created by Phil Kraft more than a half-century ago, it was a test-bed.**



**Master-builder Mike Lonnecker and his new Cherokee. The plane was originally a home-built sailplane decades ago.**



**Annalise is Chris Thompson's granddaughter. The plane is a Stuka dive bomber which Germany used against Britain when Lord Creedon was in his teen! The plane is an ARF, is produced by Seagull, and has a 90" span.**



**The other plane, a Cloud King, is John's creation too, but it belongs to Tom Minnegar.**



**We sure do like 'em big! This Cloud Kind was originally a free flite model from the 1930's or early 1940's. It was scaled up to about 1/3 the size of a full-scale plane.**







**This photo of Senator Tom Johnston was taken 4 and a half years ago when Tom was a youngster of 86.**



**Eric Armstrong**

**James Aaron**

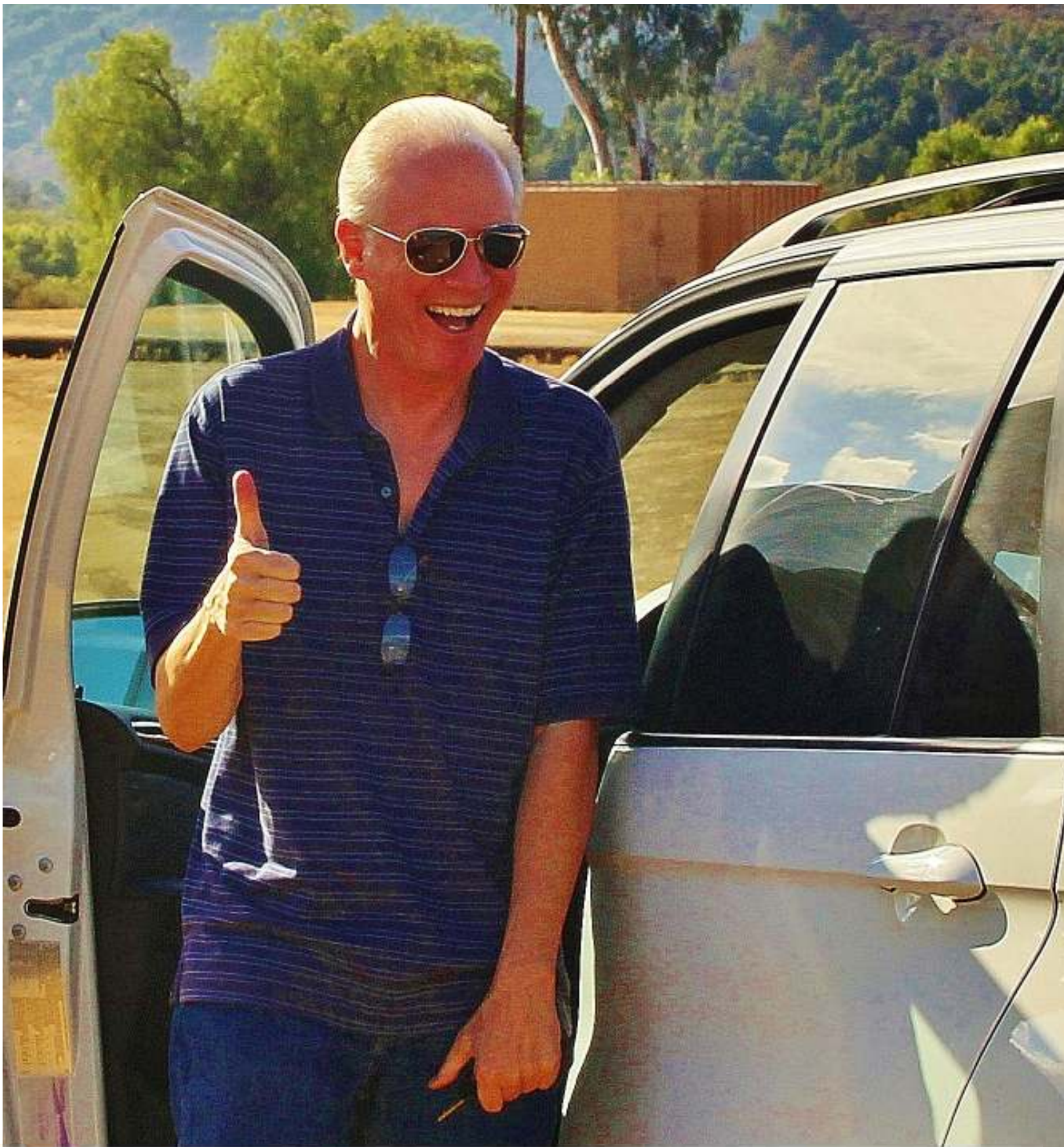
**Joe Villarreal**



**James Aaron**



**President emeritus Varley Longson and his beautiful wife were married 5 years ago on July 20! Congratulations!**



**Patrick Pranica, our club secretary, continues to recover from surgery and treatment. We wish him a speedy and full recovery. This photo was taken a while ago when he was young.**



**Eric Armstrong sent this photo of Kelvin Phoon and his GAUI which he brought from Chris Wilson.**



**Kelvin Phoon with a Gaudi**

**Eric Armstrong with an Align 550E**

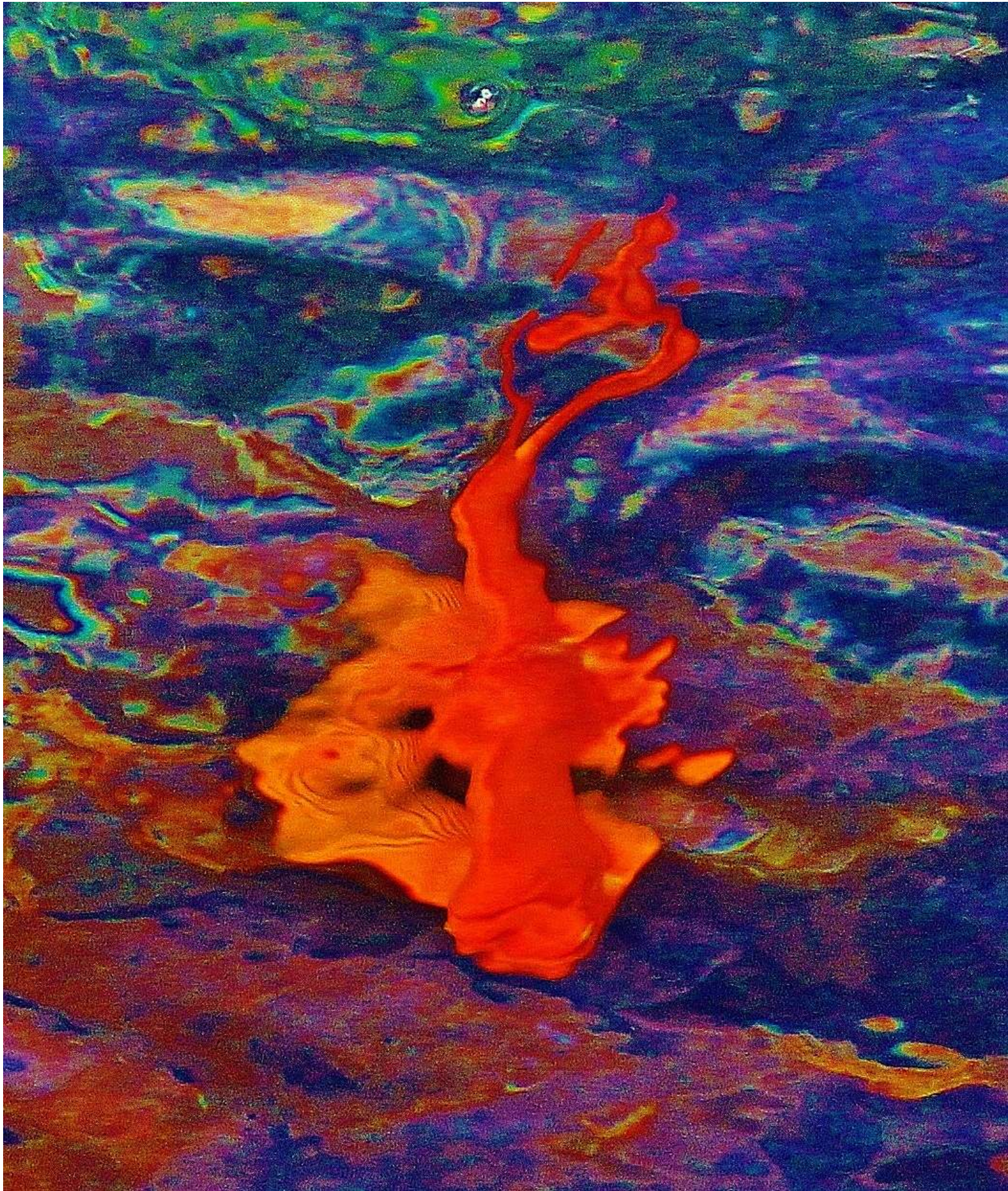
**Kelvin Phoon and Eric Armstrong spending time on the dark side!!**





**Mike Gallacher sent these photos taken at the June 27th tow-event.** This is a clip from a video taken from Jim's Turbo Duster looking back at Mike Lonnecker's Ka8 on tow.





**Can you guess what this is? It was taken at Catalina and is a photo of a fish taken thru the water. It looks like a painting, doesn't it?**



# News and Updates

**I am pleased to announce the resumption of Monday Night flight training commencing Monday, June 29. Head Instructor Chris Thompson and his crack team of flight instructors will be at the field on Monday evenings starting at 5 P.M. If you have friends or family members that are interested in getting started in our hobby or are looking for a refresher, tell them to come to the field! All new pilots and instructors must wear their masks and bring hand sanitizer.**

**Sunday, July 12 celebrates the return of the Trifecta Combat. Tune up those flying wings, grab your helmets and let the games begin at 9 AM.**

**Thanks to all of you for observing social distance and wearing masks at the field. Remember that when approaching another member within six feet you must BOTH don your masks. It does little good if only one of you are wearing a mask during the “close encounters”. If you observe other members not wearing masks, let them know that you expect them to wear them to protect YOU!**

**See you at the field,**

**Steve Gebler**

# Independence Day Changes

Unfortunately, based upon the increase in COVID-19 cases around the country and right here in our own back yard, we are going to change the plans for July 4. Originally we had announced a BYOB (Bring Your Own BBQ) event that would invite families to attend.

We are changing this day to a normal fly day and ask that you do not bring family members or guests to the field during the holiday weekend.

This past Saturday we had a very large turnout at the field for normal flying and for the Aerotow event. I suspect that this weekend will also be well attended. The pilots in attendance this past weekend did maintain good social distances and wore masks when appropriate.

As always, if you are in the high risk group, we strongly recommend that you stay home.

CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain.

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.

Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings.

Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

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Steve Gebler

Let's Go Flying at the Palomar RC Flyers Field!



**During these lock-down days, I laid a new oak floor in my upstairs living room which kept me busy. The JN-4D Jenny was given to me by Jack Diedrick 2 years before he passed. 3,500 hours went into this Lou Procter kit! It “flies” under a 14 foot ceiling and is suspended below a 6’X8’ skylite in my entry way. Jack flew it twice and did a masterful construction job. It is museum quality.**



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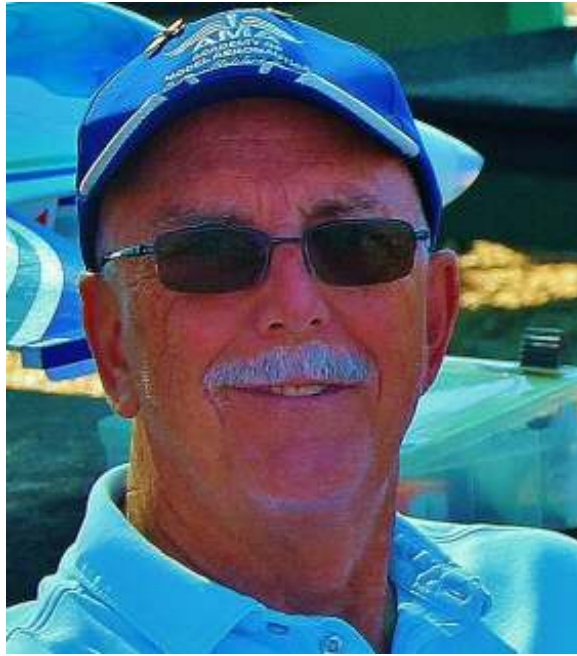
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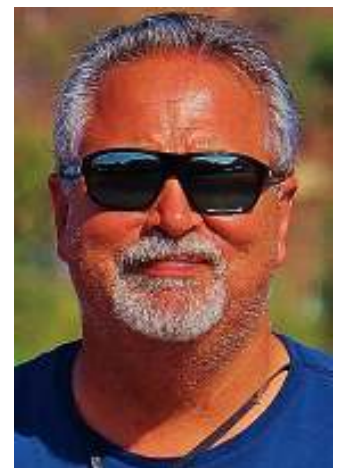
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