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President's Column December 2023

It's that time of year again rolling into the Holiday Season. Seems the older we get the faster time flies. Our Christmas Banquet is only a week away so I hope everyone has purchased their tickets. Its going to be a great evening.



The work on the new Valley Center field is in a holding pattern right now. We are waiting for some much needed rain to make the upcoming road improvements much easier to do. The road improvements will allow us to access the area in the center of the property that we envision as the runway and we will also be able to smooth out this area also to do some preliminary sound testing and flight pattern testing as we gradually move onto the site. Hope the rain will come soon but we still have a number of months to get it done.

As my time as club President draws to a close I want to thank everyone for the privilege it has been. I couldn't have done it without all the help and guidance from all my Officers and Board Members. You, Gentlemen are the backbone of our club and I am sure your leadership will continue to shine as we go into 2024.

Again, my thanks to all club members for all your support the last few years. Its been a great pleasure to serve as your President.

Joe Villarreal

President PRCF . Inc.



2024 PRCF Officers and Directors

The results of this year's balloting for 2024 Board of Directors are:

Officers:

President: **Charles Lewis**
Vice President: **Don Davis**
Treasurer: **Doug Abel**
Secretary: **Patrick Pranica**

Safety Officer

Membership Chair **Jim Christy**

Directors at Large:

Steve Gebler

Chuck Riley

Scott Dedic

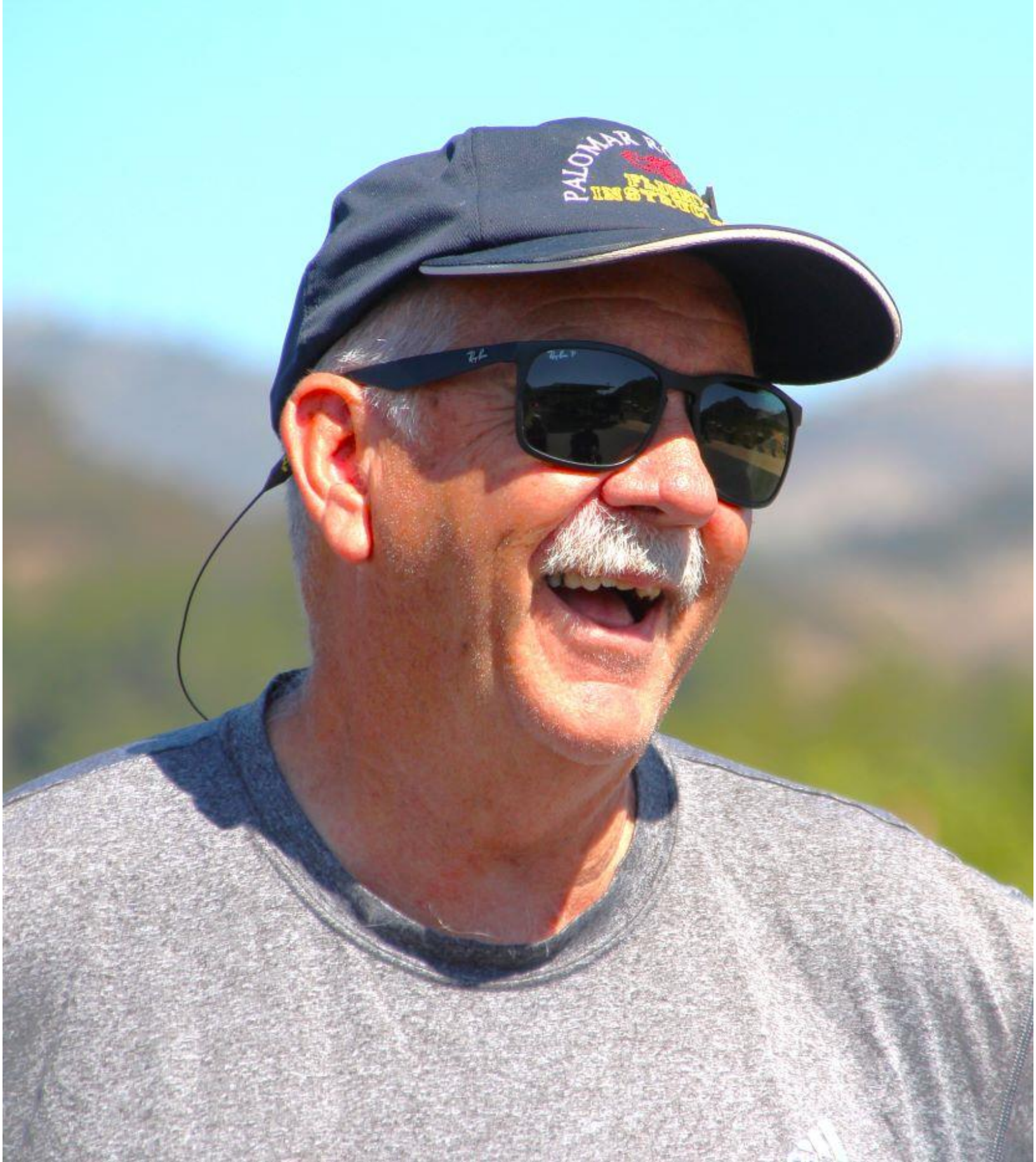
Jim Christy

James Gallacher

Eric Armstrong

Vic Lerum

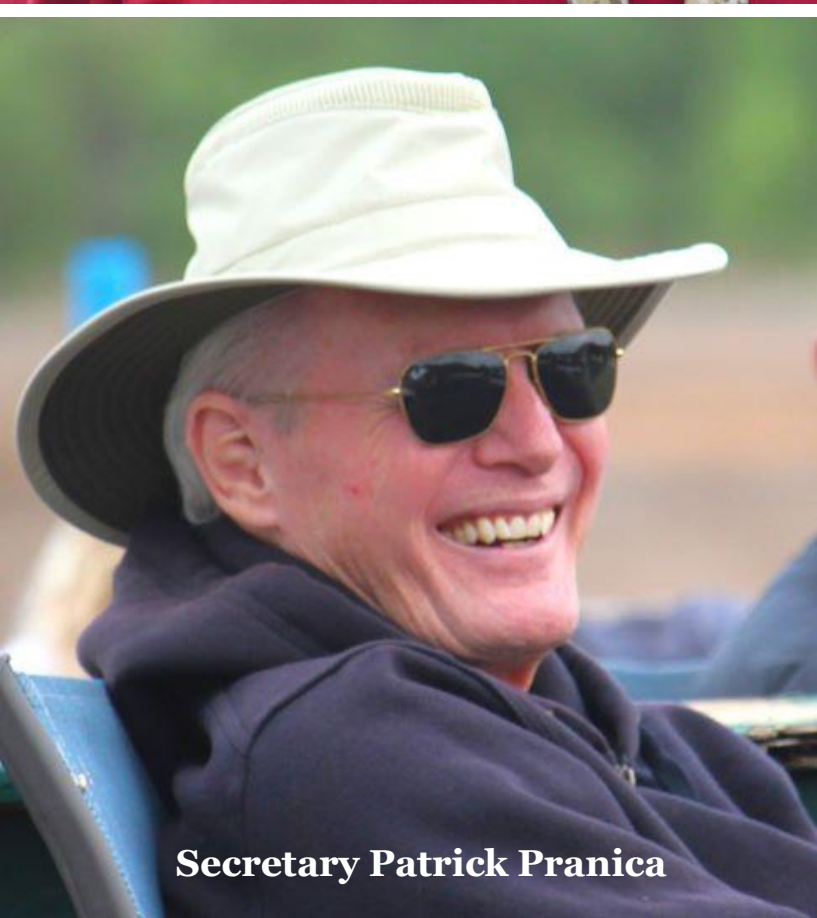
Note: Dave Ellis was elected as a Director at Large but has decided to take a year off so Vic Lerum joins the board as the next-highest vote recipient.



President-elect Charles Lewis— Congratulations! Thank you for taking the helm. You indeed are one of the best!



**Vice President-Elect
Don Davis**



Secretary Patrick Pranca

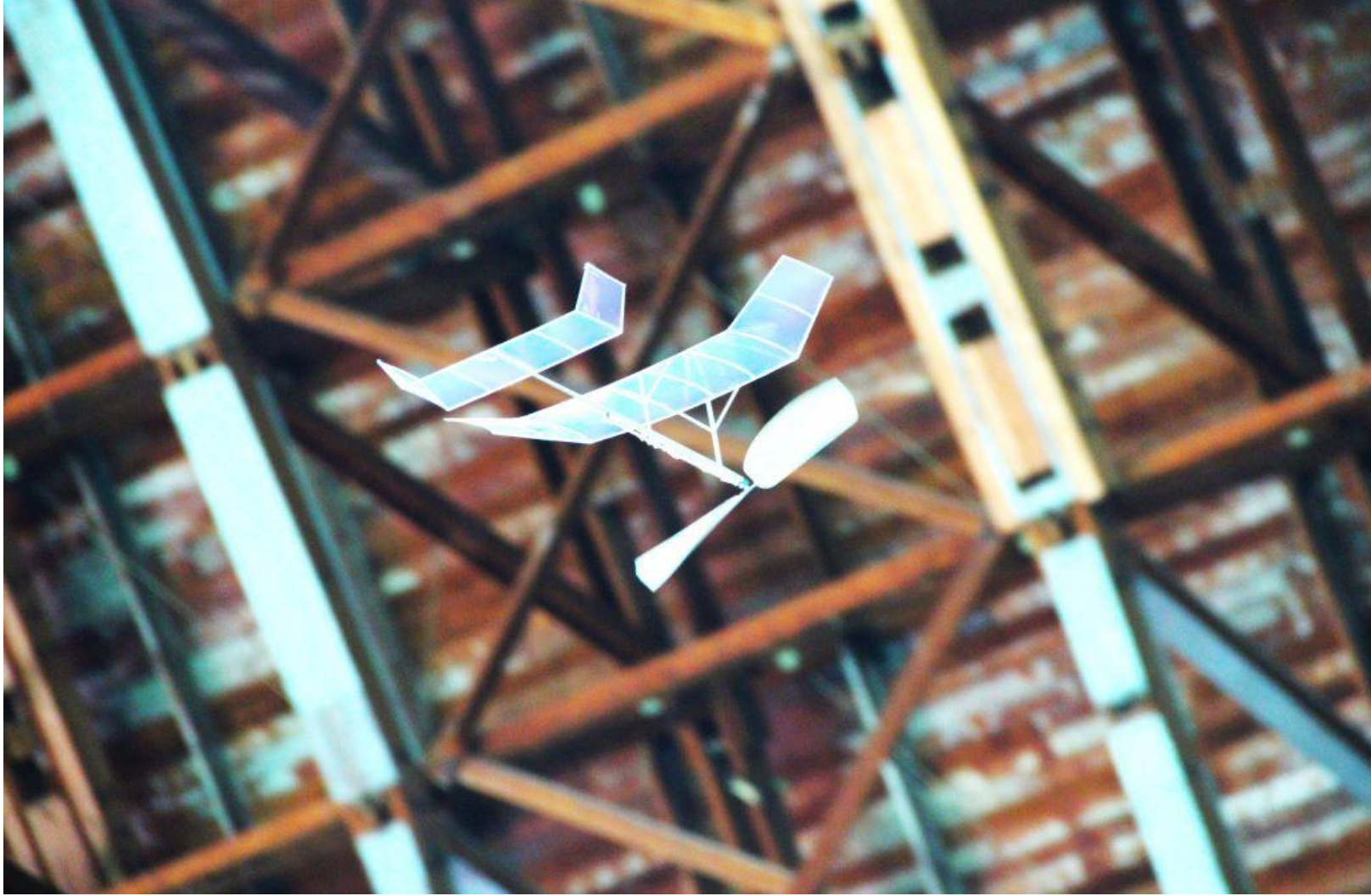


Treasurer-elect Doug Abel

WORLD FAMOUS NORTH BLIMP HANGAR AT TUSTIN BURNED DOWN ON 11/7/23! A number of us flew rubber powered planes in the great hangar.



This was the side entrance to the great hangar. The huge front stanchion is visible.

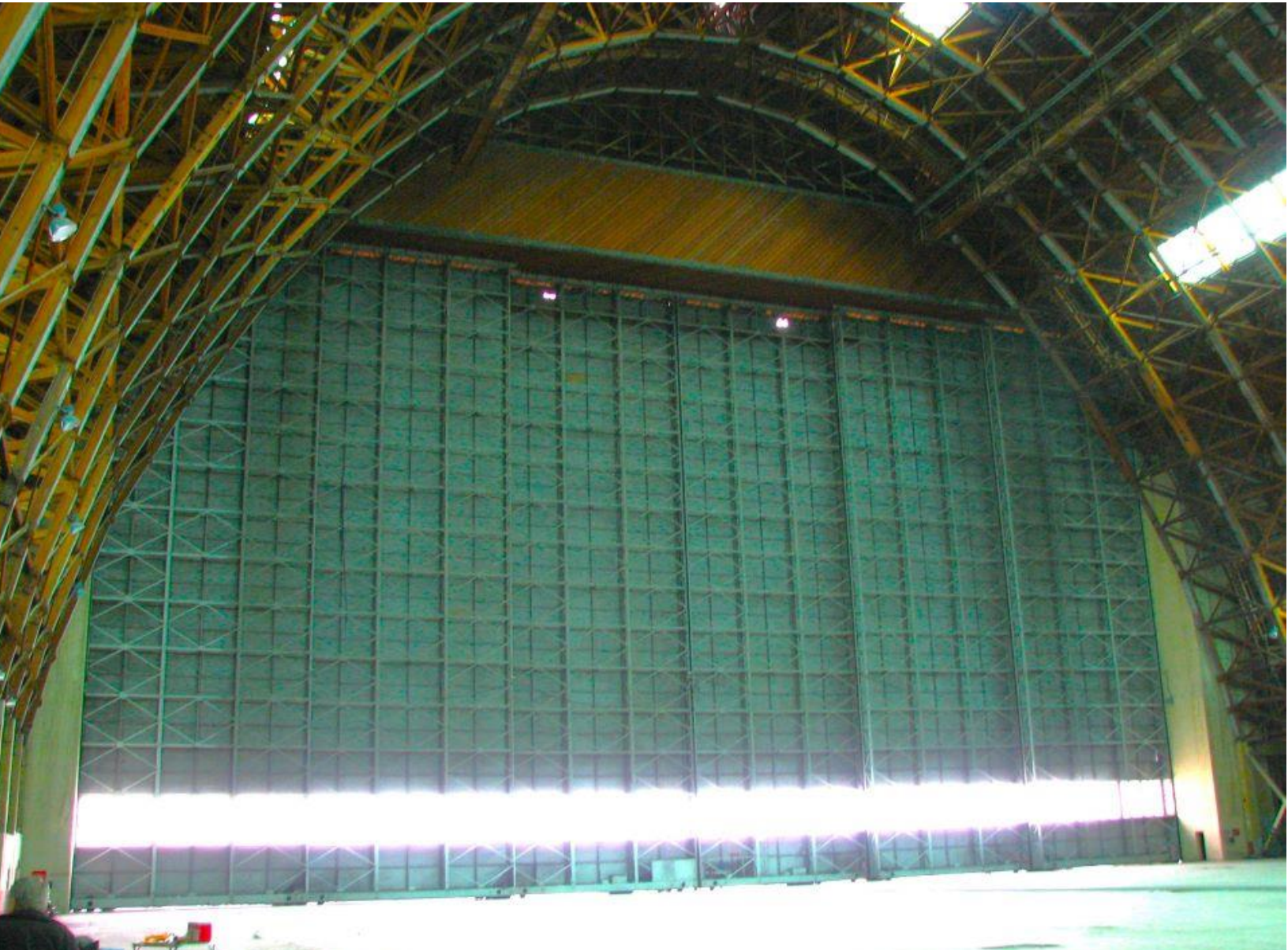


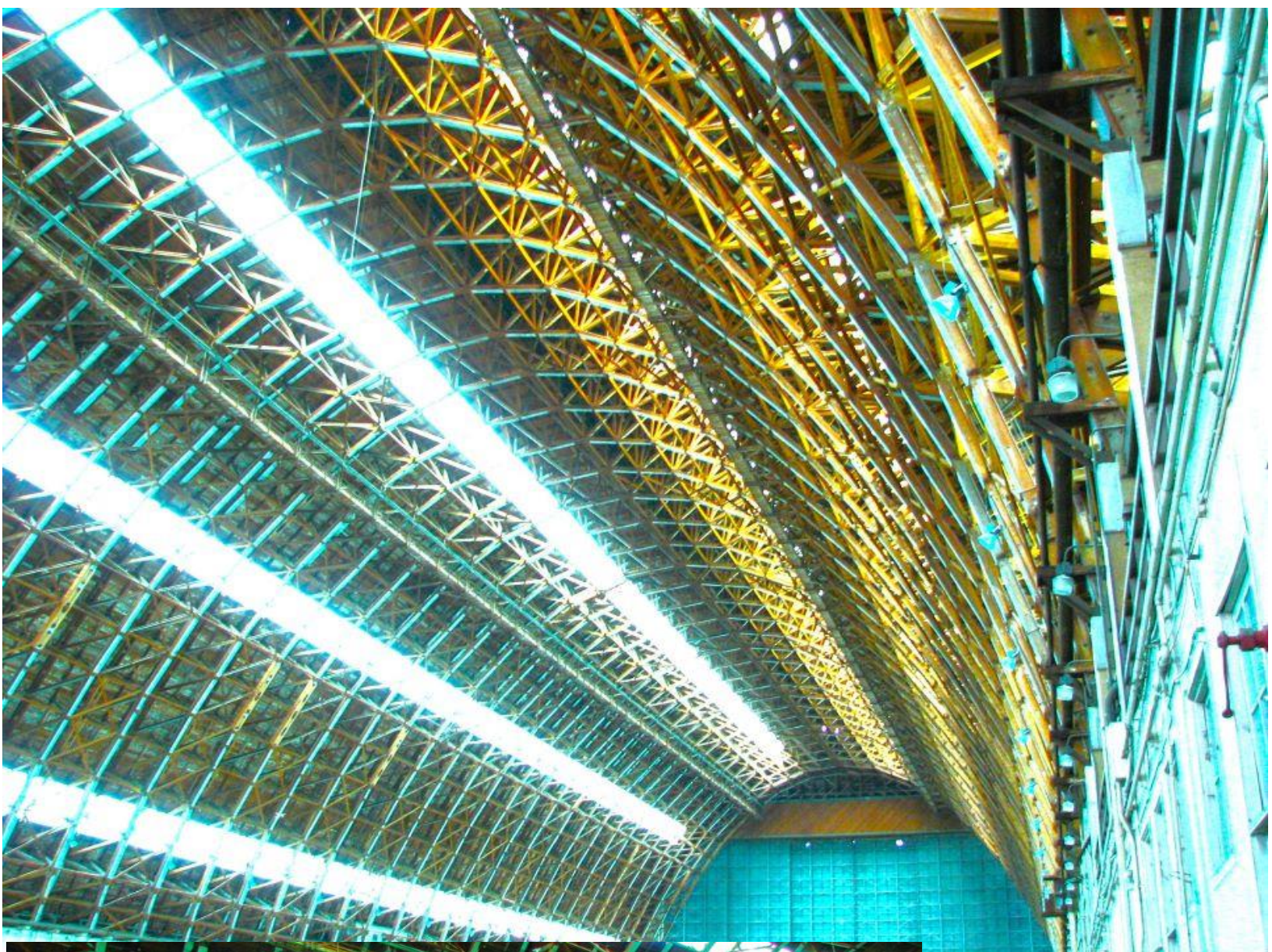
A Memorial Tribute to the North Tustin Hangar

Two gargantuan blimp hangars were quickly constructed in 1942 to house 12 blimps which patrolled the West Coast to seek out enemy submarines from Japan. The hangars are 1,000 feet long, 300 feet wide and 17 stories or 170 feet high. They are owned by the U.S. Navy and have been vacant for 20 years. They were built mainly from Oregon pine. In 1993 the hangars earned the distinction of “Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks” of the 20th century. They are the largest wood structures of their kind as free-standing buildings.

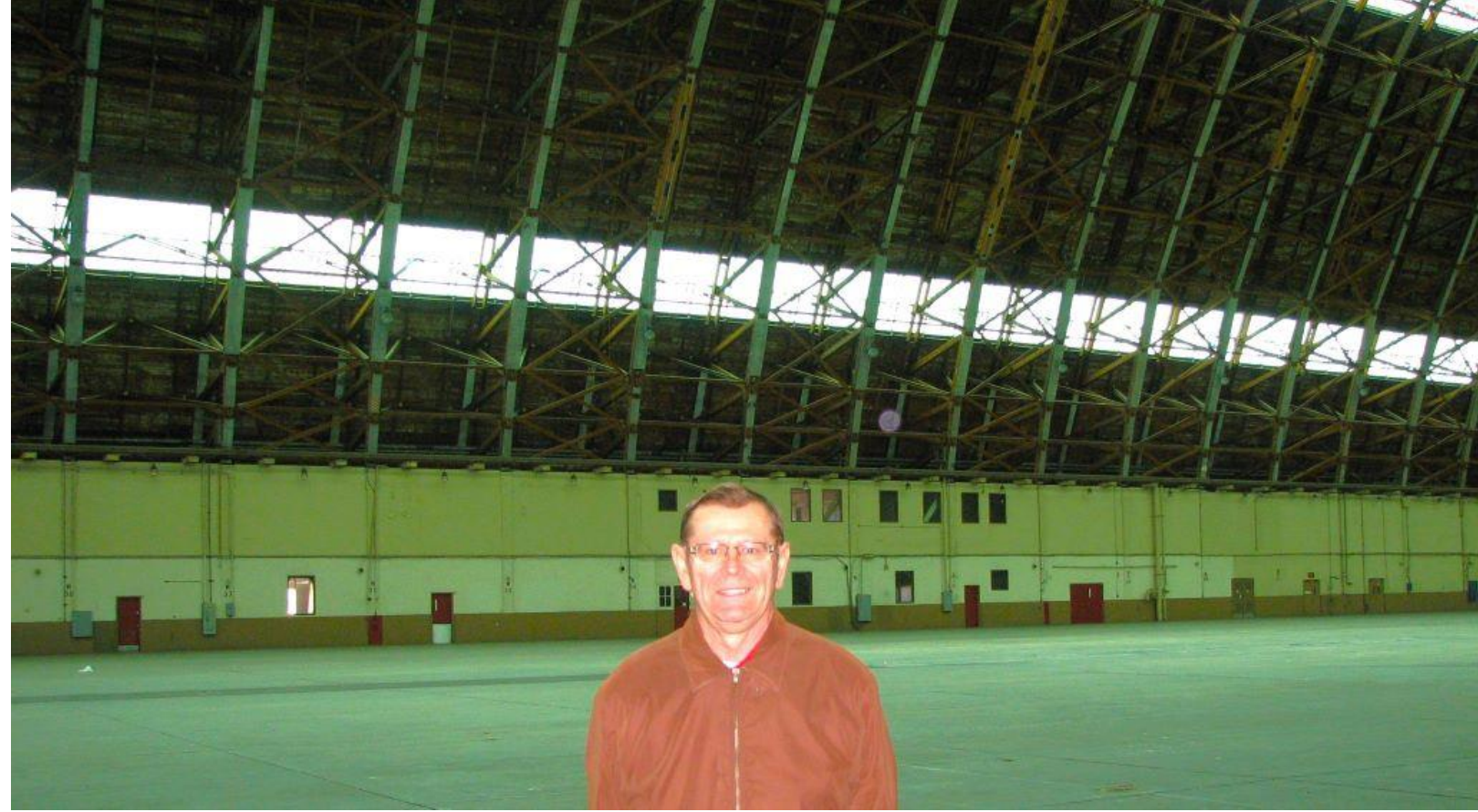
The hangar sustained wind damage in 2013, but was stabilized; it remained closed. If you are interested in the history of these remarkable hangars, The City of Tustin and County of Orange produced a book titled, *“The Tustin Hangars”* Titans of History. An historical account of the MCAS Tustin Hangars.

The above photo is my penny plane which weighs 3.2 grams without rubber, as much as one old copper penny. It flew 10.5 minutes inside the hangar and spent most of its flight circling just below the ceiling! Jack Diedrick (RIP) from our club timed it!





The people in this photo give some appreciation of the size of this cavernous building. WOW!



Editor Joe Buko inside the hangar.



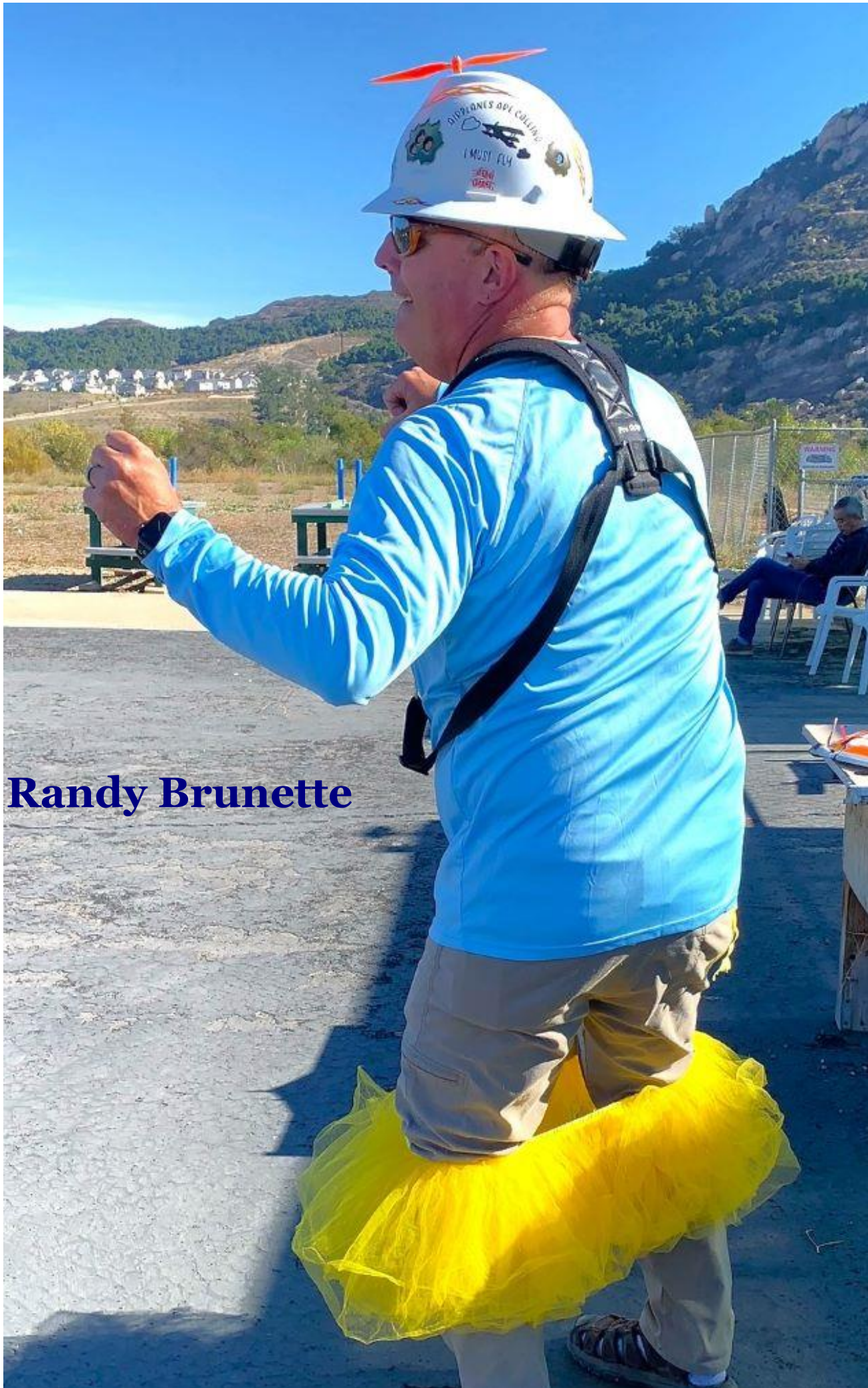
TRIFECTA November 5, 2023



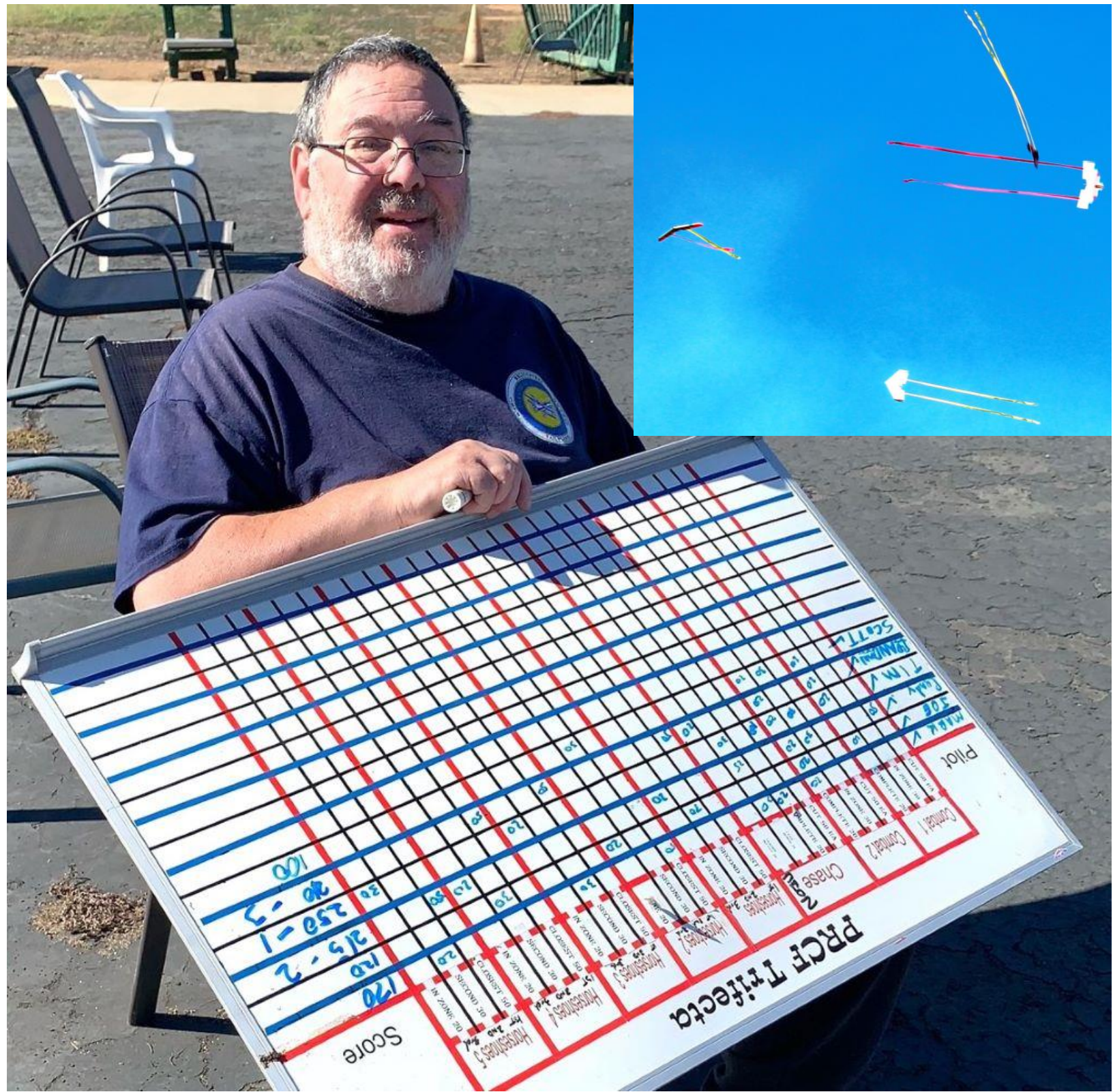
Trifecta winners: Tim Hitchcock-1; Randy Brunette-2; Brandon Liesemeyer-3



President Joe Villarreal, Mark Olson, Randy Brunette, Brandon Liesemeyer, Tim Hitchcock, Scott Ralston

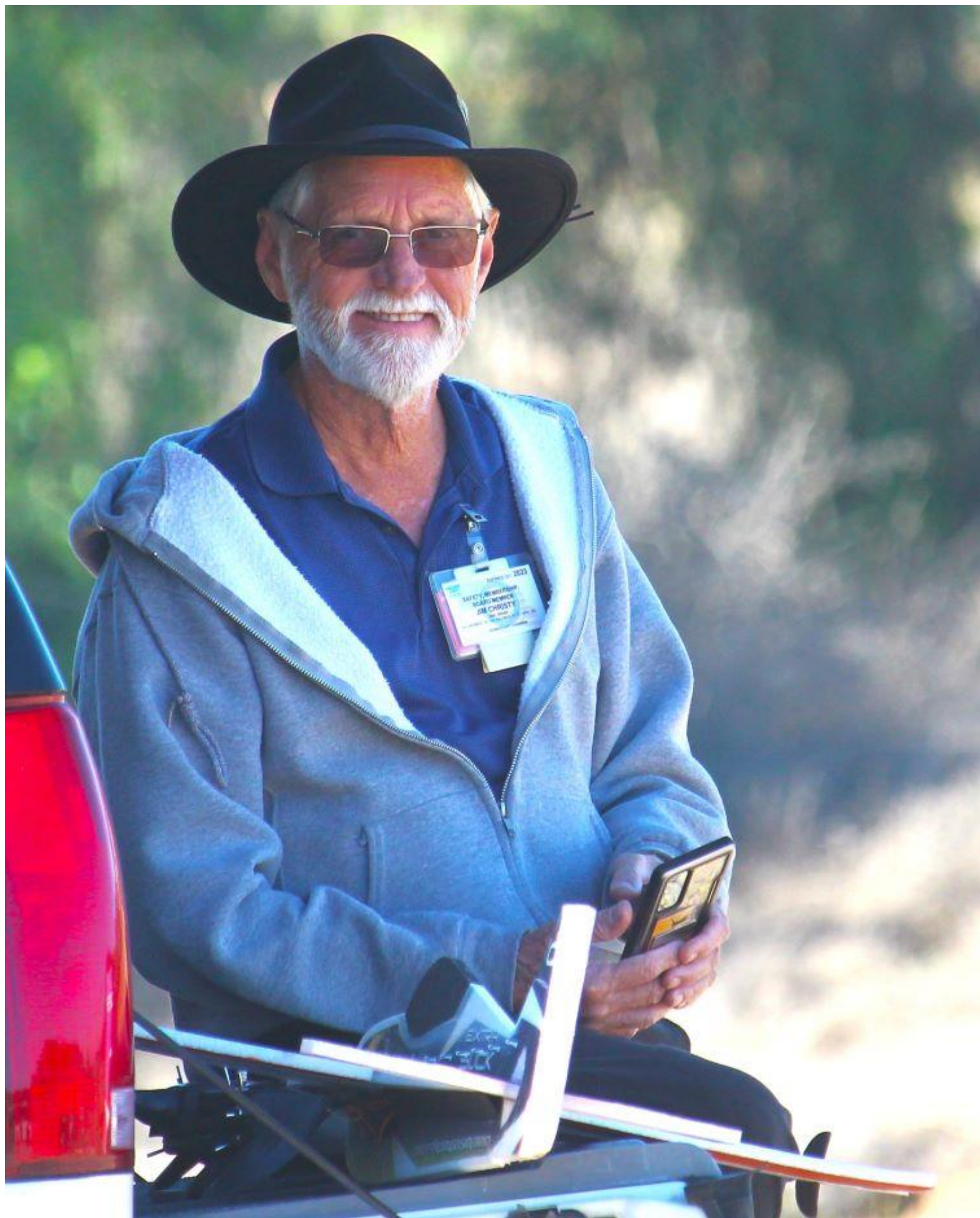


Randy Brunette



Scorekeeper Mark Olarsch

Photos of the Trifecta taken by Tim Hitchcock



Jim Christy—Membership chair and Safety Officer



Lord Creedon is also a Member of the Royal Spitfire Club.



Presidents Emeritus George Dawe and Bill Hill



President emeritus and editor, Joe Buko with Patrick Pranica's Fiesler Storch by Maxford



Bill Hill and his "Paper Cub".



Naval aviator, John Petrash— minus Bella.



Curtis Kitteringham the scale man





Dave Litaker's bird



Patrick Pranic Secretary

James D'Eliseo





Dave Litaker



Bill Hill



Editor's Corsair in Reno racing livery



A sweet photo of Scott Ralston and his 1942 Grumman Hellcat



Miles Padberg on fire



World's smallest r/c plane shown by Doug Abel, our new treasurer



Bobby Johannes' gorgeous plane





President Emeritus Chris Thompson visited us at the field on Nov. 27, 2023. He was in California to see his daughters.

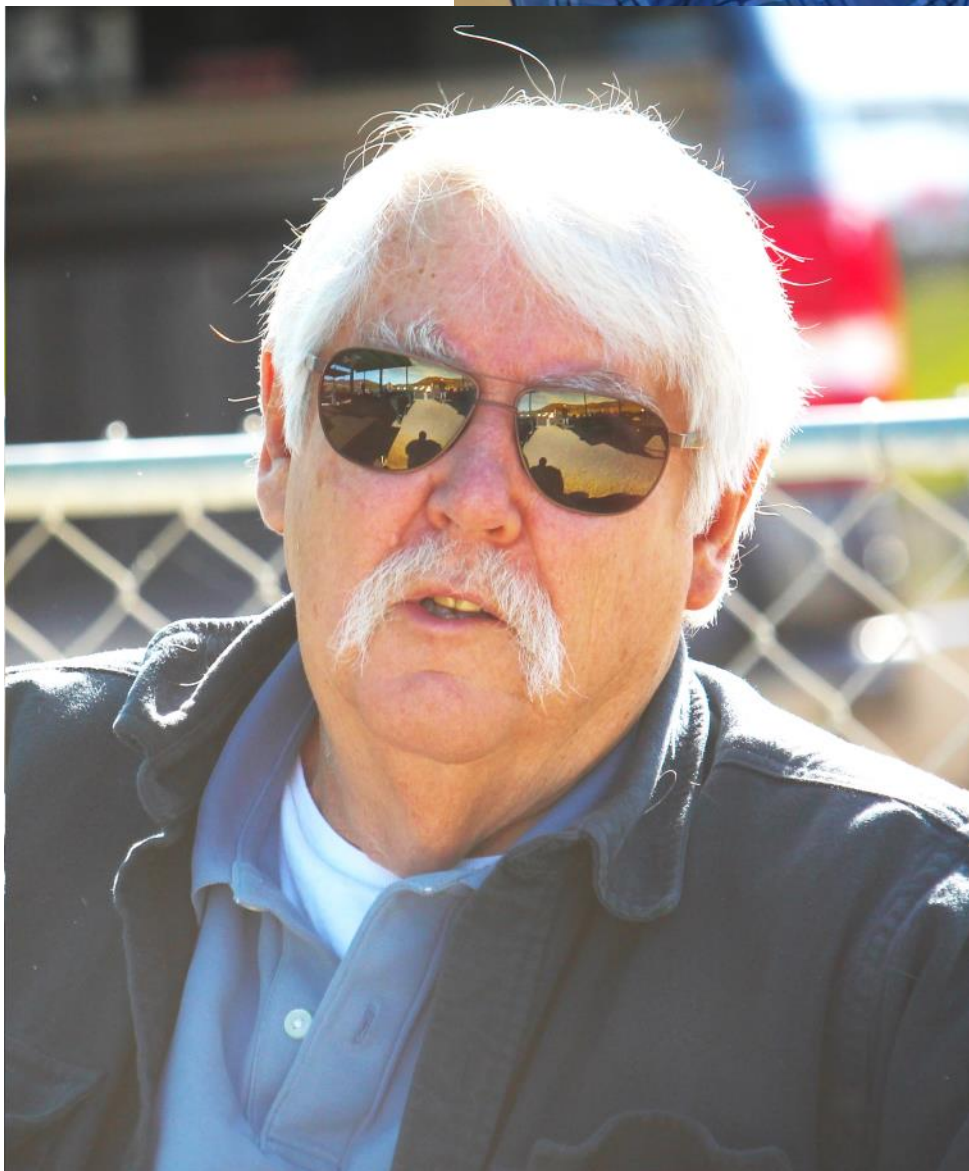


Ernie Emery on Nov. 27.



Gary DeVuyst

**Master scale builder, John
Cutler**



**Master scale builder
Mike Lonnecker**



Jim Christy and Frank Burke



Steve Gebler bought this at the swap meet.

Mike Elrod



President emeritus Varley Longson and Frank Burke



Gary DeVuyst and Mark Anderson on Nov. 27, 2023

The bottom photo is of one of Vic Lerum's jets. Mighty sharp!





Mark Anderson with his D-18S and Gary DeVuyst



Mike Elrod's pattern plane.



President emeritus Steve Gebler continues to do so much for our club. His latest job was as the auctioneer at our November swap meet. I took pictures of the club meeting and the auction that followed. Alas, I must not have had my photo card in my camera because I was left with no photos of the event. My apologies for my error.



Steve Gebler flies his ornithopter.

Moey is gone but not forgotten. What a sweet parrot! She belonged to Gary Marquardt.





Gary Marquardt sometimes feels a stabbing pain. Steve Gebler took this photo and he may be on to diagnosing the pain. What do ya think?



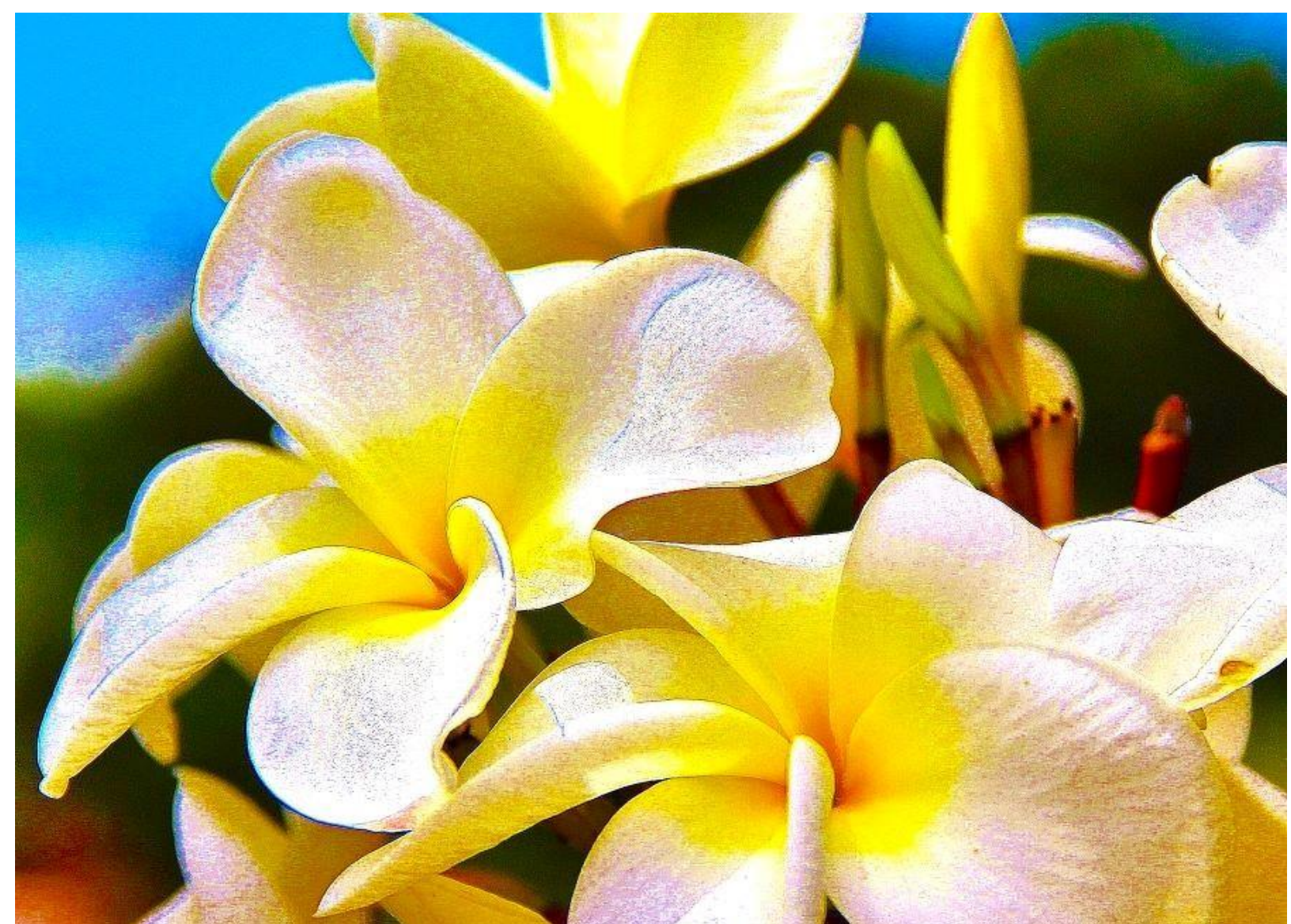


Dave Ellis and Mini-Me

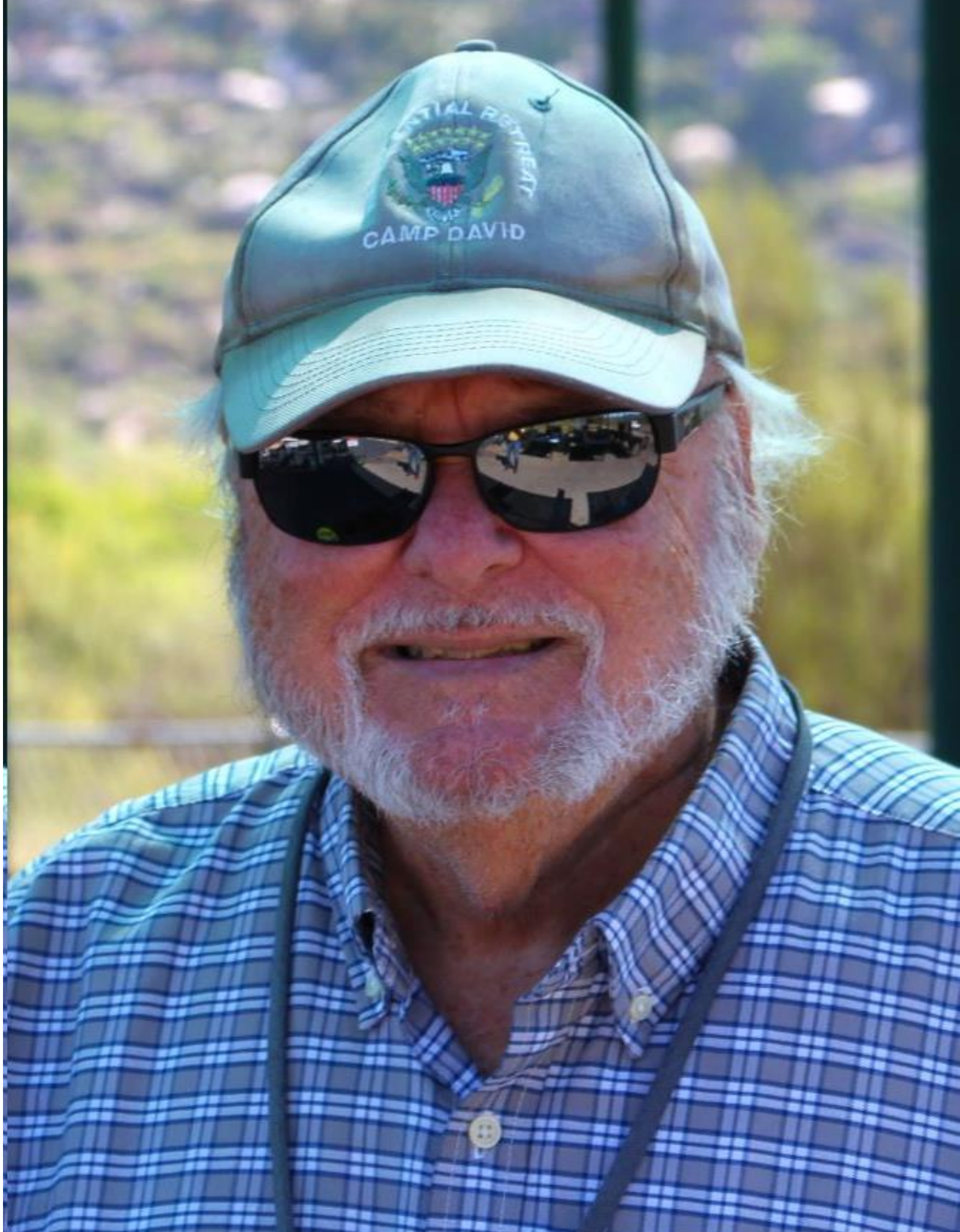
Photo courtesy of Joe Villarreal



Our field in all its glory!



Plumeria



Mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher (And here you thought I forgot)! Shame on you.

Trifecta Combat Postponed 1 Week

The Trifecta Combat contest has been postponed from this Saturday, December 2 until the following Saturday, December 9 at 9 A.M.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

There are no board minutes because there was no board meeting this month.

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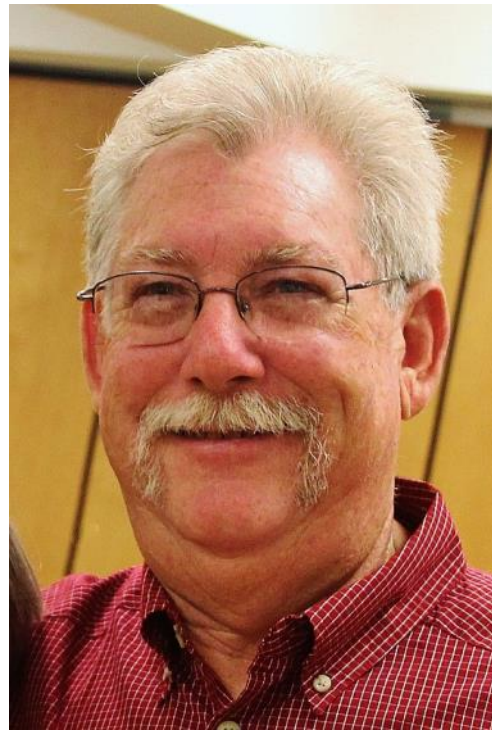
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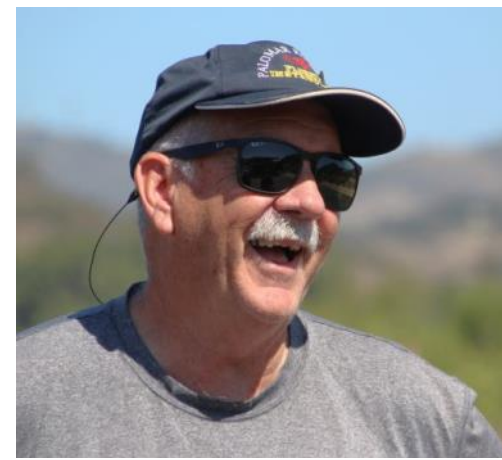
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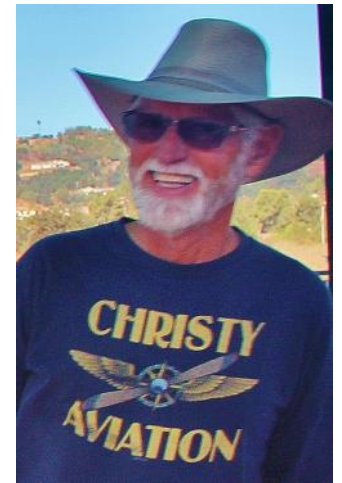


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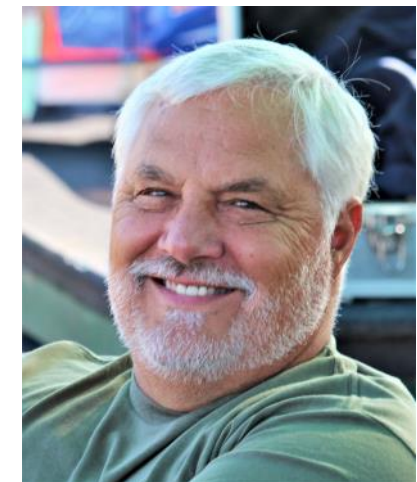


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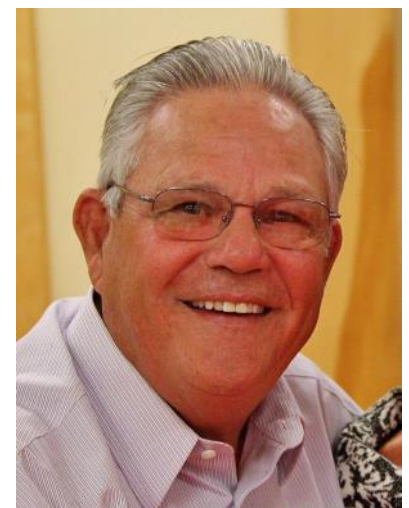
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