



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

February 2024

President's letter



Hello! We've had quite a bit of rain in January! Our access road has taken a beating ana over the years, developed ruts and drop offs that needed to be addressed. We we're fortunate to find a local operator to run his bulldozer and smooth out our access roads. Unfortunately, his efforts removed much of the road bases and loose soil that will surely get slippery and muddy with the rains This has been a problem since we have been at this site. The BOD has developed a committee to look at solutions to make access to and from less challenging and without breaking the bank!

The other issue is our electronic gate. After much use and several recent repairs, the mechanism for the gate is beyond our ability to repair it. We can't buy parts and the only way to make it operational is to replace it. Some of our members have difficulty opening and closing the gate manually. Seems like a reasonably yet costly solution. We are FORTUNATE to have Steve Jerrin and Steve Gebler take the lead on this. THANK YOU.

On to a more FUN topic. George Dawe and Curtic Kitteringham are promoting/organizing a Dawn Patrol and Golden Age fly-in On Saturday February 3, 2024. They are expecting flyers from as far away as San Francisco and as many as 40 participants to join in the fun. The club is providing lunch for the pilots and guests; visitors can purchase a burger/dog, drink and chips for a small cost. This is a good time to come out, support the event and visit with fellow modelers.

The HELICOPTER fly-in returns this year! It's anticipated that pilots from across the country will sign up and fly. What these guys do with their copters! I often walk away wondering how these crafts stay together! They put on a great show/demonstration and its fun to watch. We will have to close the fixed wing flying for 4 days to accommodate parking for the motorhomes and travel trailers. Come out and watch these guys do their thing, IT'S FUN!

Charles Lewis

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, INC.

Palomar R/C Flyers

Presents

Dawn Patrol & Golden Age Fly-In!!!!



Palomar R/C Flyers Dawn Patrol & Golden Age Fly-In !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Categories:

1.) **Dawn Patrol:** All full size aircraft upon which the entered model is based must have either flown in WWI or designs from 1903-1920 must be documented to have been designed prior to 1920!

2.) **Golden Age:** All full size aircraft upon which the model is based must have been designed between 1920-1939! (No Heavy Metal or WWII models.)

Date: February 3, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: End of Pankey Road,
(Take I-15 to 76 East, to Panky)

\$20 Fly-in Fee

(Per Model!)

(Includes Lunch & Two Pilot's Raffle Tickets)

Pilot's Raffle & Spectator's Raffle
(w/TicketPurchase)

Feb. 3, 2024 Dawn Patrol and Golden Age Fly-In @ our field starts @ 8am with a meet-and greet followed by a pilot's meeting.

⇒ **George Dawe is the CD for this AMA sanctioned event and Curtis Kitteringham is co-CD. We have almost 40 commitments from out-of-town pilots!**

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third both days. We have six sponsors for this event. They are:

- 1) FMS**
- 2) Horizon Hobbies**
- 3) Tower Hobbies (All six sponsors are**
- 4) Balsa USA donating aircraft models.)**
- 5) Motion R/C**
- 6) Hobby King**

Pilots get a free lunch and a ticket to the pilot's raffle. General raffle tickets are \$10. and lunch is separate. Lunch for non-participants is a \$5.00 donation and \$1.00 for drinks. Be there or be square!

January 2024 BOD Minutes

Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

President: Charles Lewis **Vice President:** Don Davis, **Treasurer:** Doug Abel **Secretary:** Patrick Pranica. **Safety Officer:** Jim Christy

Board members: Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Scott Dedic, Eric Armstrong, Vic Lerum. **Additional Roles:** **Chief Flight Instructor:** Don Davis, **Membership Chairman:** Jim Christy. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

Call to order: January 18, 2024, 6:30 PM Via Zoom.

Treasurer's Summary for Month of December 2023

Total Income - \$5,997.00 Big Items: (approx.)

\$240 Christmas Dinner \$5700

Membership for 2024 Total Expenses - \$4,332.

11 Big Items: (Approx) \$3065 for Catering, decorations, awards

\$650 for field maintenance

\$590 for PayPal Fees and refunds

Total Net Income of \$1664.89

Total Account balance for the club as of 1-14-2024 is \$121,312.07

Treasury Issues: Our bank requests we have BOD approval to manage our accounts in terms of changing treasurers. BOD has approved. Meeting with the bank is scheduled.

Membership: An issue with non-compliant members has interrupted the delivery of the new badge year stickers. Members that have failed to re-new their AMA will not be allowed to fly at our field.

Safety: After endless warnings, we continue to have issues with electric powered prop strikes to fingers and hands of club members. Will once again address the issue at the club meeting.

Dawn Patrol & Golden Age Event: February 3rd & 4th, organized by George Dawe and Curtis Kittingerham. Expected to bring a strong attendance. Awards to be presented to first, second and third place on both days.

Fallbrook Merit Badge: Bill Hill requests help preparing this award.

Grading done on our roads: After decades of temporary, and in some cases, exceptional attempts to manage the Johnson Field roads, and after extensive discussion as to how to fix the problem, the board has decided it's not worth the time and money, as the rain will wash it all away no matter what we do.

The last grading was done for the low expense of \$690. It is now being washed away by the latest rain. Helicopter field entry is the worst case. No solution except for a land bridge will help that issue. Members are cautioned to drive on the shoulders of the road and avoid soft ground or the center washed out areas.

New Gate System Repair: For members convenience and safety, board approved to replace the damaged and broken gate system for \$838.95. Parts have been order. This gate will not be transferred to the new Valley Center Field.

Move to Valley Center: We have FRIA approval for the new field thanks to George Dawe. Discussions on further work to be halted until we can sort out the County requirements. Grading the property has created concerns that we not do anything that would create legal liabilities and entanglements. Assignment of county liaison in work. More details to come.

Border Patrol: Requested access to the property to administer dog training. Will be done at helicopter field. BOD approved the request.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

Feb 3rd Dawn Patrol Event.

Feb 4, Trifecta,

May 16 to 19, Heli Fun Fly Proposed

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 PM



Varley Longson and Joe Villarreal discussing heli flight strategy with Scott Travers. Three years ago, if anyone said Varley and Joe would be bitten by the RC Heli bug, we would have them committed!



Don White with his M2 Evo. Don doesn't say it out loud, but this little guy is his favorite heli to fly. He prefers small electrics over the gassers -

Eric Armstrong submitted these & the next 9 photos of helis at our field. Thank you.



Flight tables on New Years Day at the heli port! That's Don White in the background!

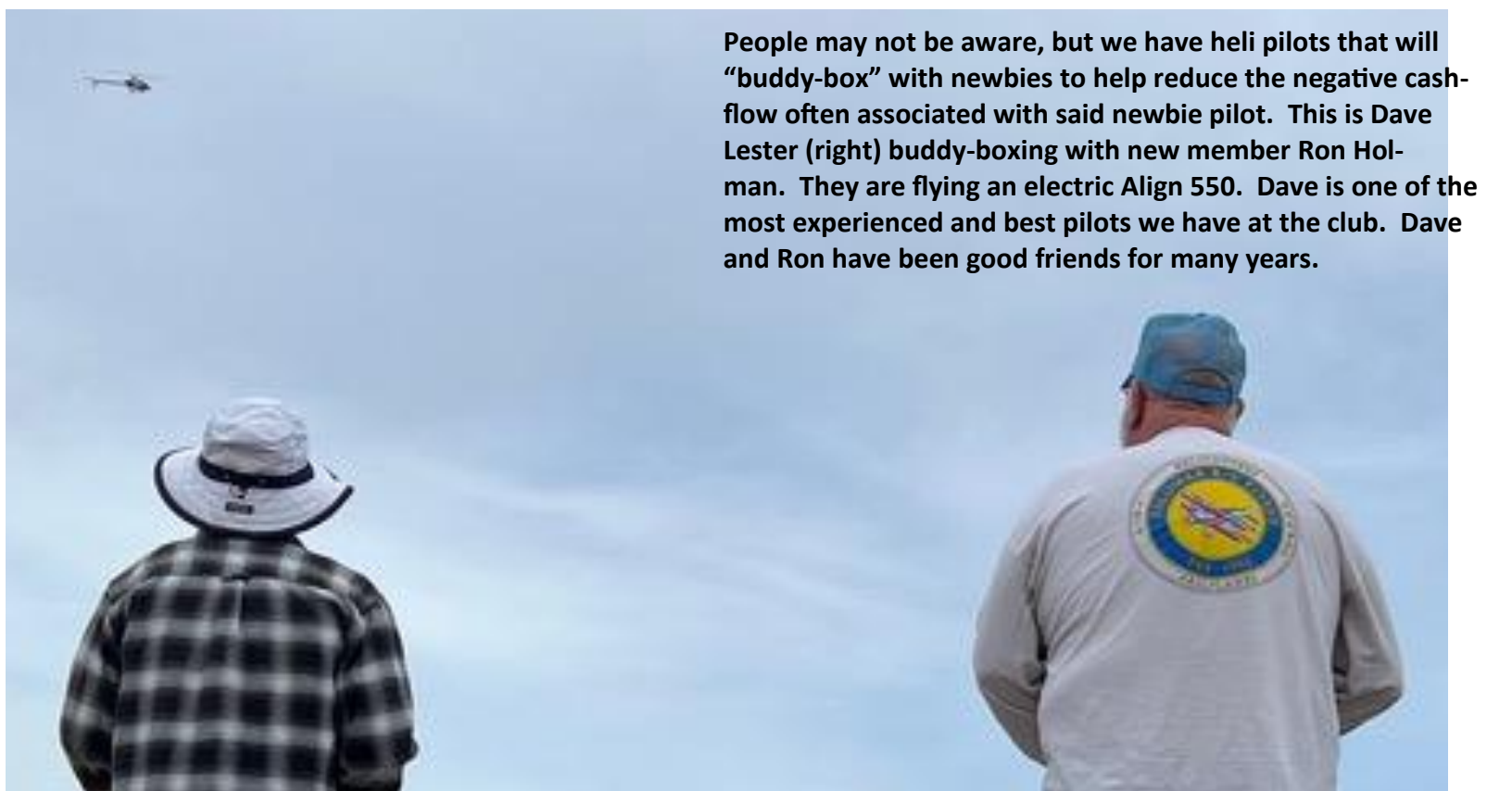
Dave Lester performing 3D with his Nitro heli against a beautiful sky.



We really are blessed to have such a beautiful property to fly at. We will all miss flying here, but the new location will be outstanding too!



Mr. Don White flying his 700 size Align Gasser - Don says this heli flies great, but nothing like his little M2



People may not be aware, but we have heli pilots that will “buddy-box” with newbies to help reduce the negative cash-flow often associated with said newbie pilot. This is Dave Lester (right) buddy-boxing with new member Ron Holman. They are flying an electric Align 550. Dave is one of the most experienced and best pilots we have at the club. Dave and Ron have been good friends for many years.



New club President, Charles Lewis, helping the heli crew keep their side freshly mowed - Thank you Charles!!



Matt Boteler (left) and Eric Armstrong with three sizes of heli all with the same color scheme. The two in front both belong to Matt and the Heli in the rear belongs to Eric. Not only is Matt a very good heli pilot, but he has become a great builder.



For the fixed wing fliers curious about performance and handling of Heli's.... Think of these three examples of heli's in terms relating to an electric balsa Extra 300:

From left to right:

RAW 420: Great for precision flying and 3D - similar to flying a 48" to 55" Extra 300 in cost, performance, and handling.

RAW 580: Great for precision flying and 3D - similar to flying a 60" to 75" Extra 300 in cost, performance, and handling.

RAW 700: Great for precision flying and 3D - similar to flying an 85" to 95" Extra 300 in cost, performance, and handling.

Eric Armstrong

**Next Trifecta will be on Sunday Feb. 4, 2024 @ 9:00 am.
This is the day after the Dawn Patrol and Golden Age Fly-In.**



Trifecta - January 6, 2024



President Emeritus Joe Villarreal



Tim Hitchcock is the world champion of Trifecta on every continent including the moon!

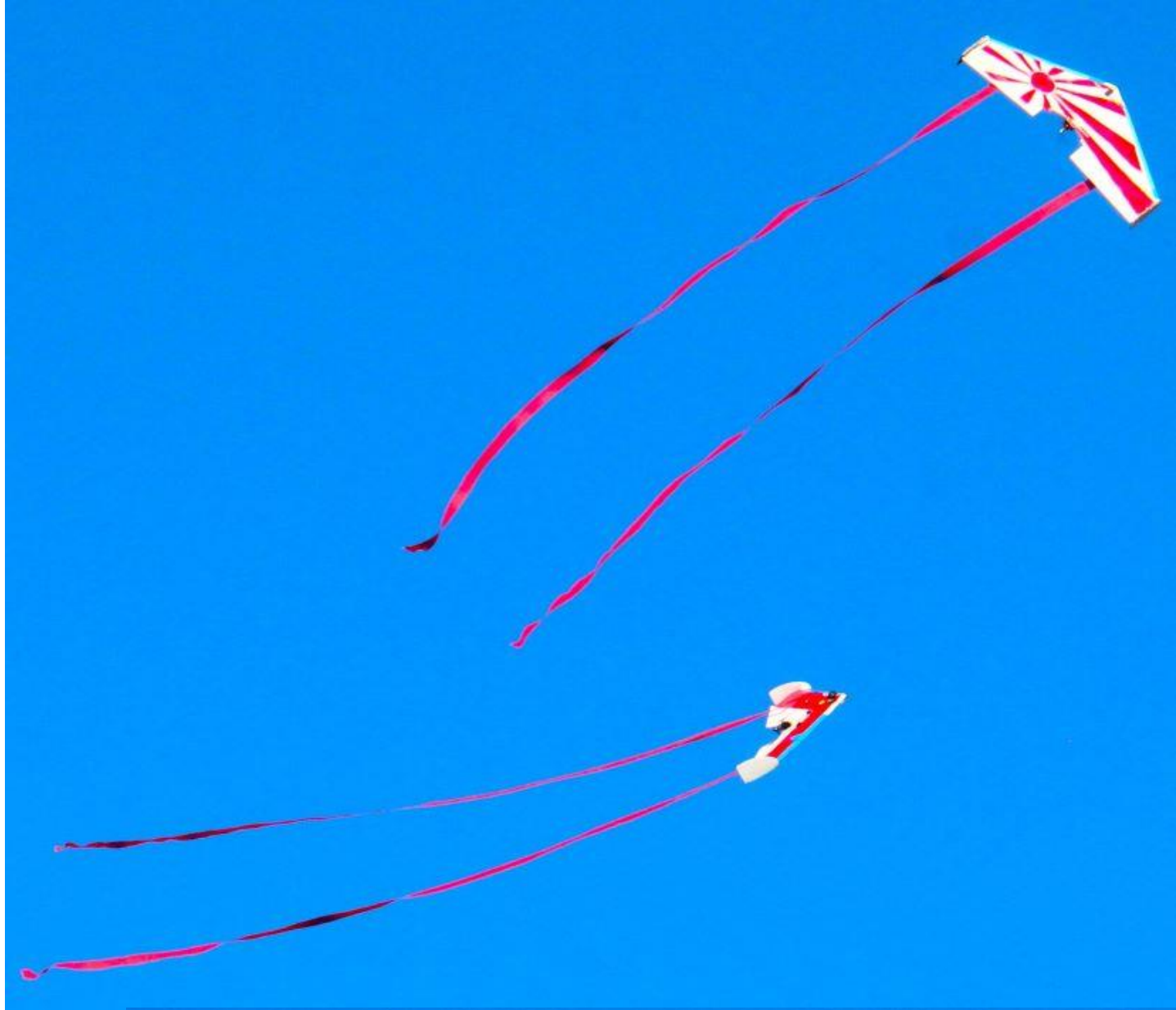


Board Member Chuck Riley

Very sharp head-ware!



Randy Brunette





Score Keeper Mark Olarsch



President emeritus Steve Gebler, Tim Hitchcock, Chuck Riley, Randy Brunette



**Brandon
Liesemeyer**



Mark Olsen



Champion of the Trifecta world and of the moon, Tim Hitchcock



Closest to the cone gets most points.



Mark Olsen, Doug Abel, Eric Armstrong, Steve Gebler, Randy Brunette, Tim Hitchcock, Chuck Riley, Joe Villarreal, Brandon Liesemeyer



With nine planes aloft, it was bedlam!



Trifecta winners are obvious. L/R Brandon Liesemeyer, Tim Hitchcock, Doug Abel



Mark Anderson



Pancho Castillo



Mark Anderson and his D-18S





Herman Hageman

Lord Creedon

Patrick Pranica



Mark Anderson's P-51





Gary Marquardt gave this display model rocket to the rocket man, Bill Hill. It's quite an intricate, heavy model. How generous of you, Gary! You da bomb!



E-Flite T-28 and Joe Buko, newsletter editor. It was about 72 degrees at the field here in the middle of the winter! East coasters eat your hearts out!



Bill Hill's JN 4D Jenny flies slowly and realistically. It's a joy to watch.





Curtis Kitteringham and his jet

Bob Hague



Jan. 10, 2024



Jan. 8, 2024 saw our road graded and the gullies created by the rain erased. Thanks muchly! Photo courtesy Steve Gebler.



Curtis Kitteringham Mark Anderson Bill Hill Lord Creedon



Safety Officer Jim Christy



Greg Wilson

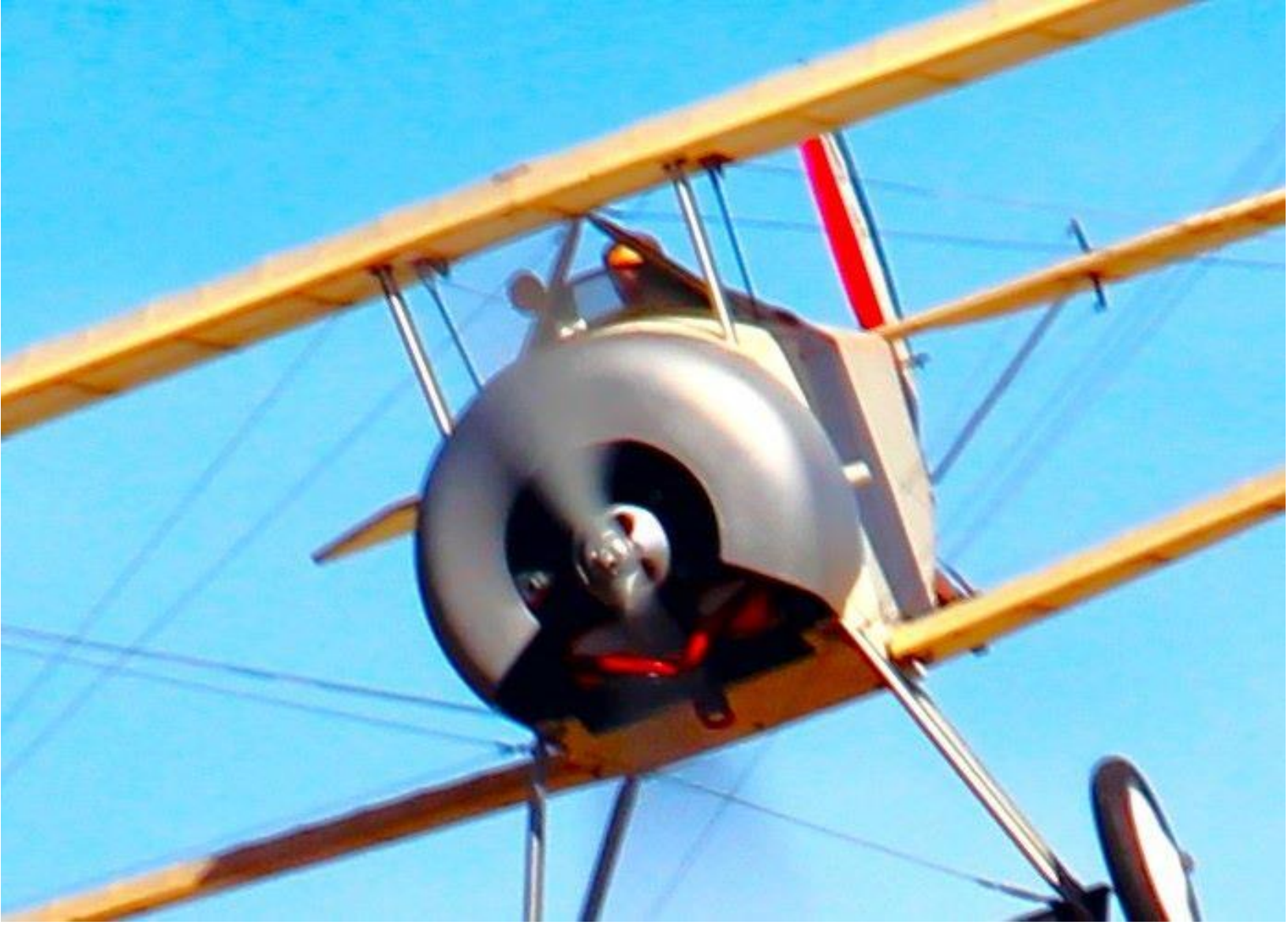


Greg Wilson

Jim Christy



Miles Padberg



Bill Hill built this Procter kit of the Nieuport 17! It first flew in 1916, 108 years ago!



The 17 is known as a sesqua plane. The bottom wing was small compared to the top wing to allow the pilot to see better. However, this wing flexed in flight and it was not a good structural design even though the Germans copied it. They had similar problems with their crafts.

January Club Meeting on the 20th



President Emeritus Varley Longson

Mark Olsen

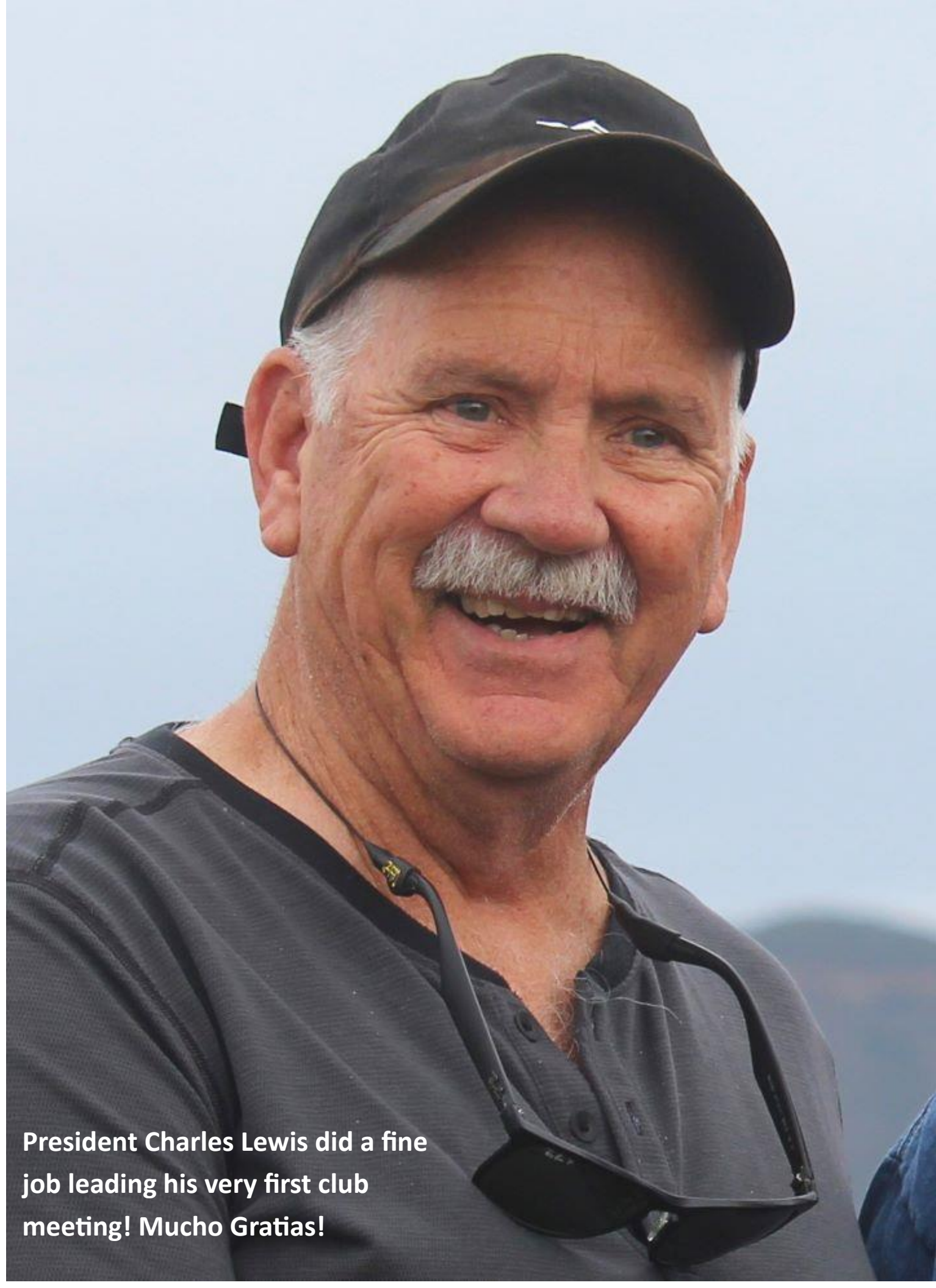
Roger Cosio found this aluminum P-51 in the trash (where it rightly belongs) and refurbished it to the control line model it was originally.

Seated is Jim Gallacher and standing is Ron Kildebeck, a new member. Welcome Ron!





Our club meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott Ralston



President Charles Lewis did a fine job leading his very first club meeting! Mucho Gracias!



**Richard Torres our webmaster
photographing the club president
His flash is going off!**



Gary DeVuyst

Treasurer Doug Abel



Vice President Don Davis



Safety Officer Jim Christy gave a presentation on safety. There continues to be prop strikes. He asked who has been bitten by a prop during their years in the hobby. Almost all hands went up including mine when I was bit at about age 12.

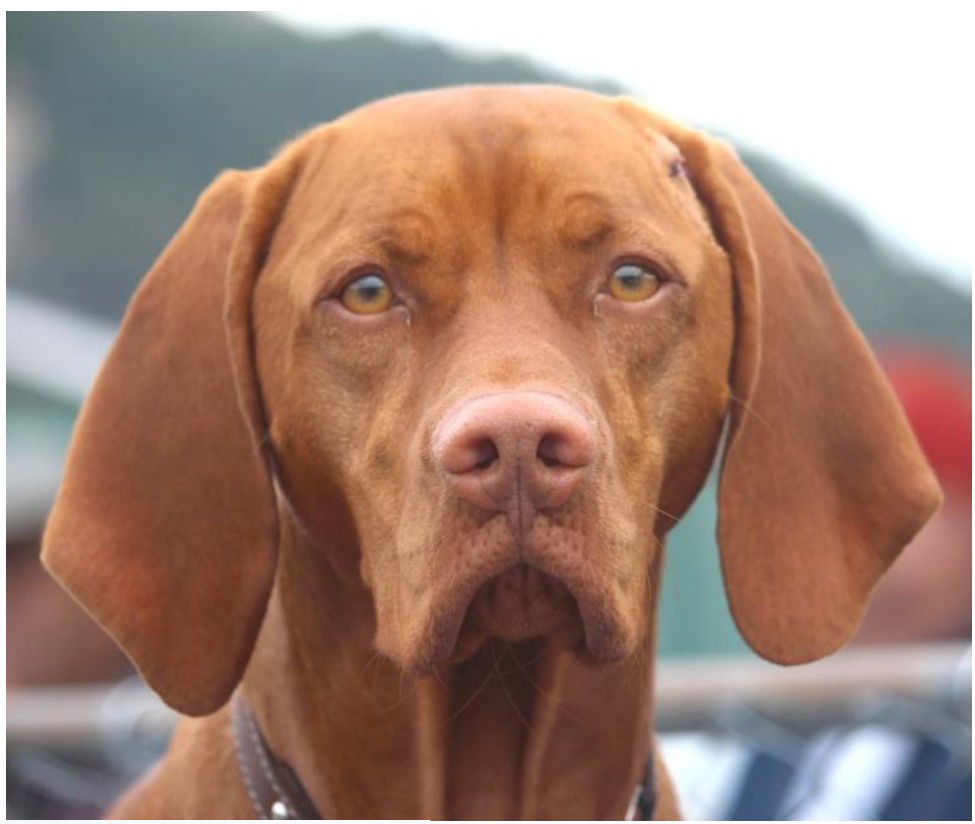


President emeritus George Dawe spoke about the upcoming Dawn Patrol and Golden Age Fly-In on Feb. 3, 2024– Saturday.



Master builder Mike Lonnecker

As I took Rez's photo, he studied me. It was as if he were asking me, "What are you doing?" Rez is Eric Armstrong's dog and appears to be intelligent and is so faithful.



Eric Armstrong

Model of the Month for January 2024

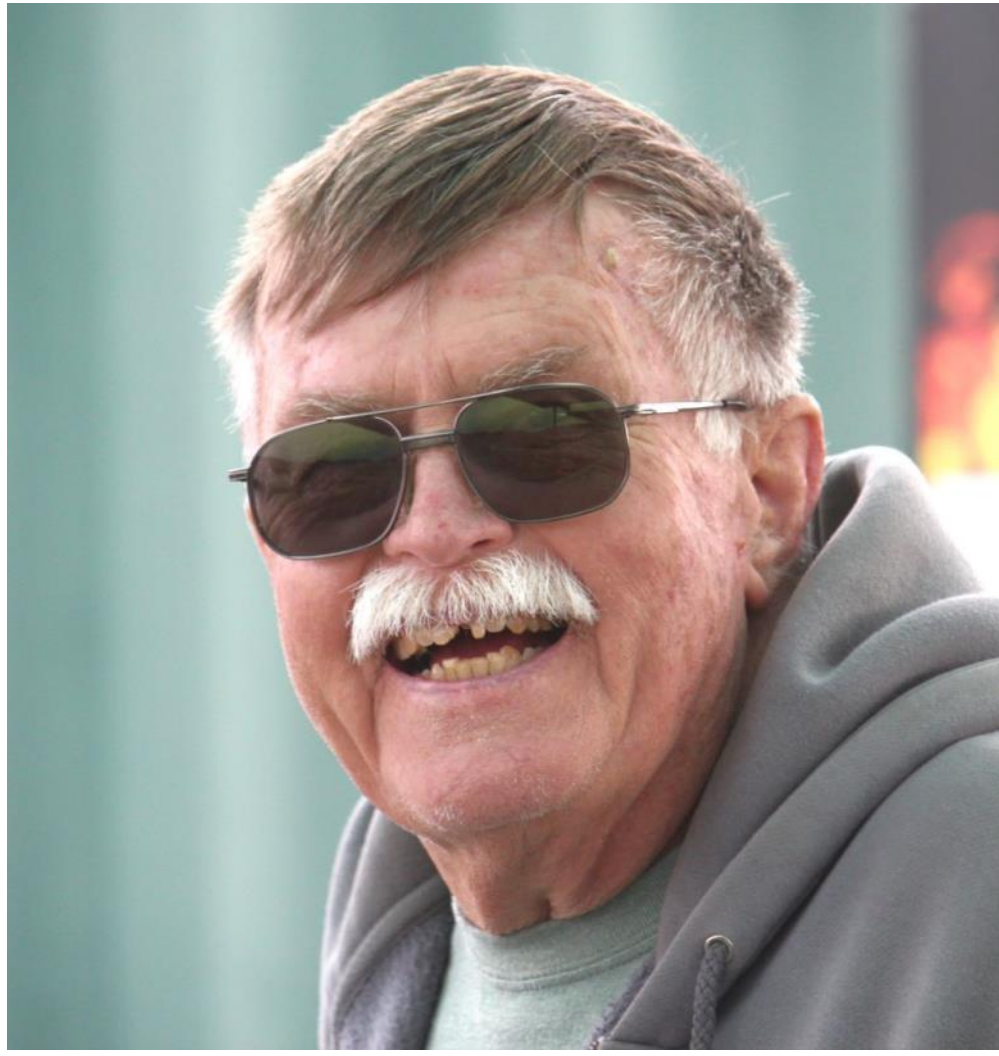
Mark Olarsch won with his Balsa USA kit of the Taube, shaped like a bird. Unfortunately, I accidentally deleted the photo of Mark receiving his winning plaque. Congrats Mark! A fine job!

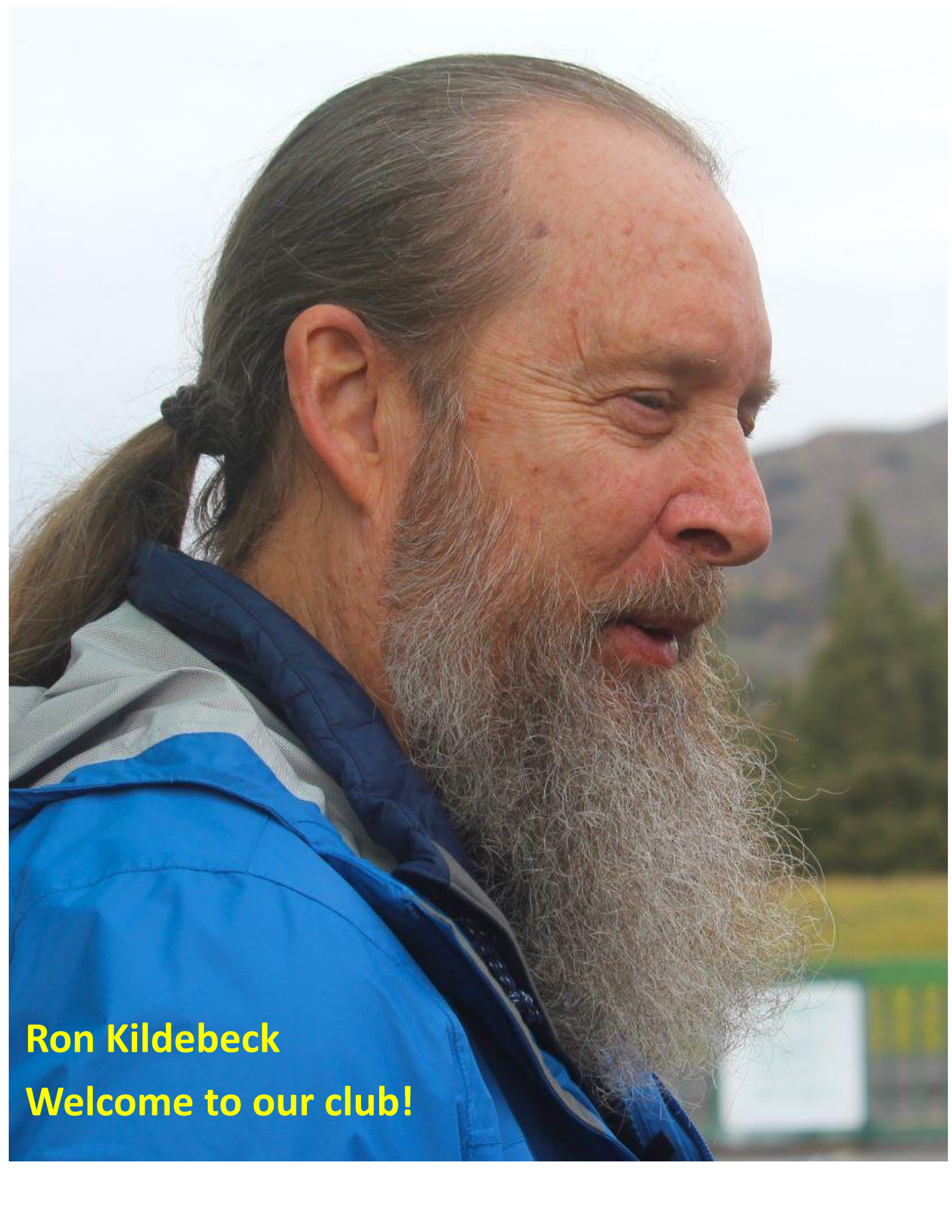




Roger Cosio

Dennis Tiesen





Ron Kildebeck

Welcome to our club!



Mark Olsen

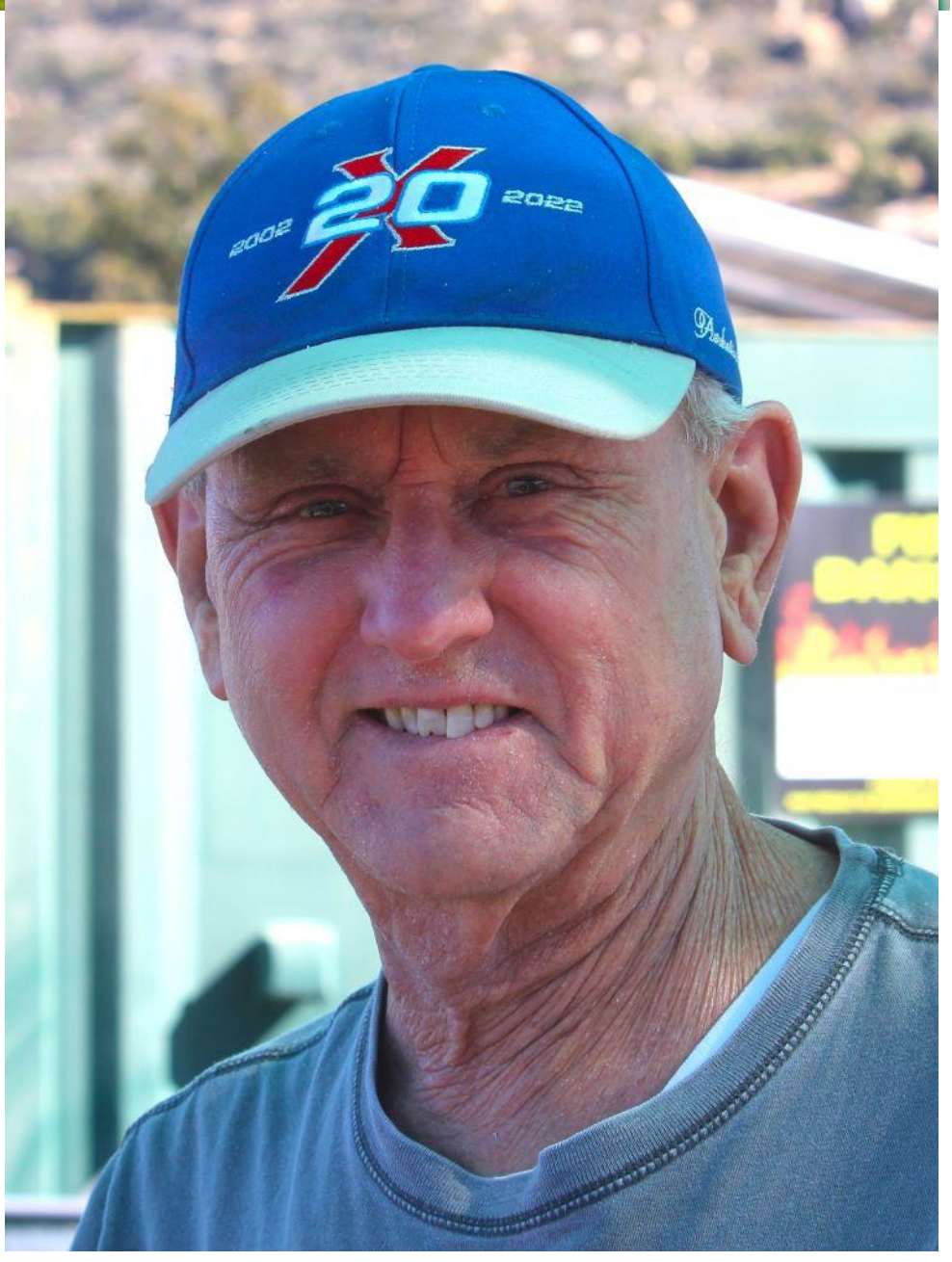
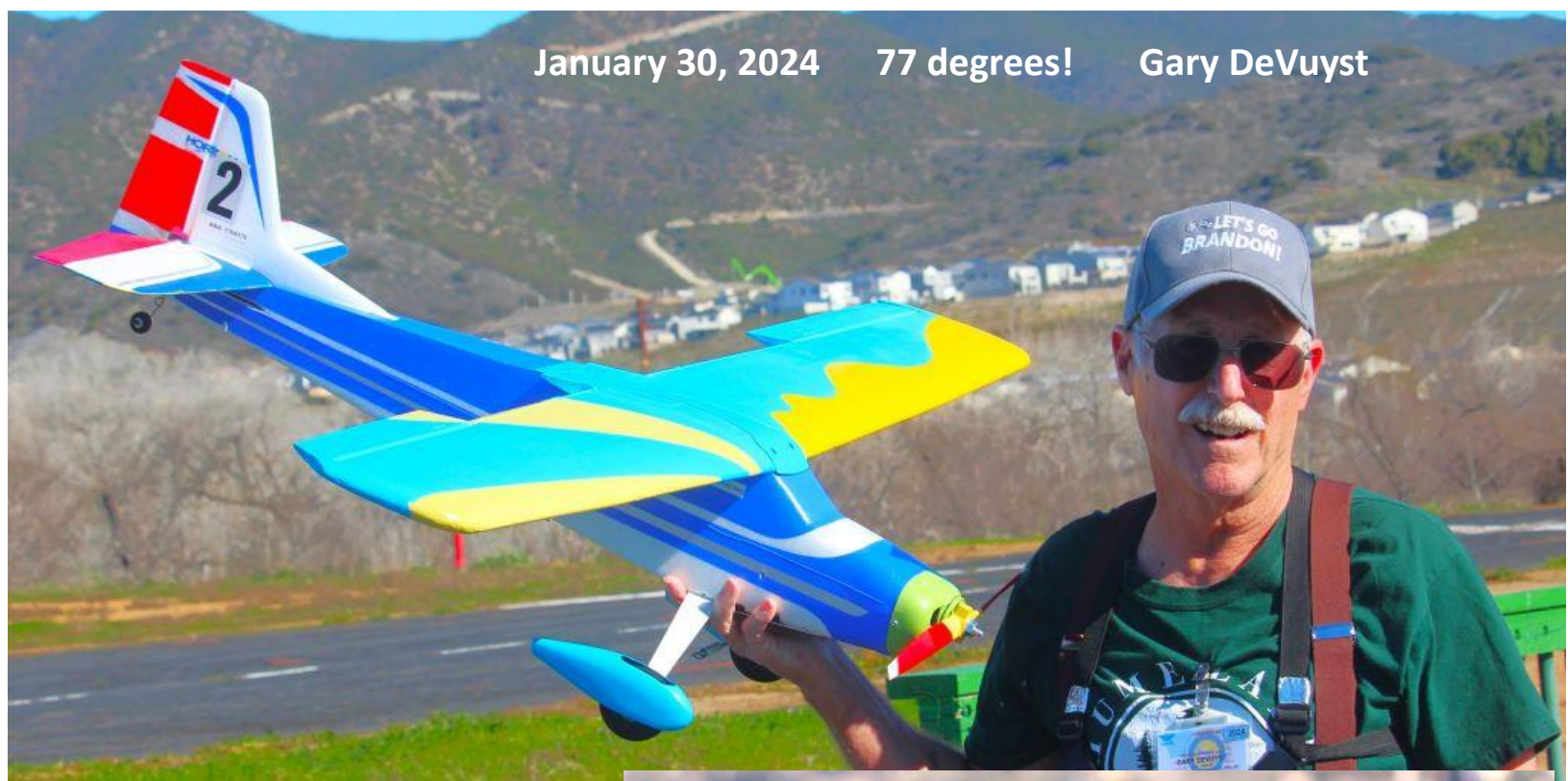


Wayne Bonfietti

January 30, 2024

77 degrees!

Gary DeVuyst



Rob Guth



Ron Stephani



***President emeritus* Bill Hill with his G-Bee that is now aerobatic!**

January 30, 2023



Mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher. Now the Transmitter is complete!



Ron Stephani



El Presidente Charles Lewis



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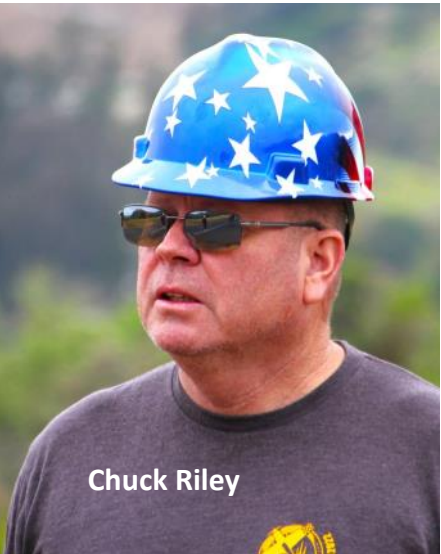
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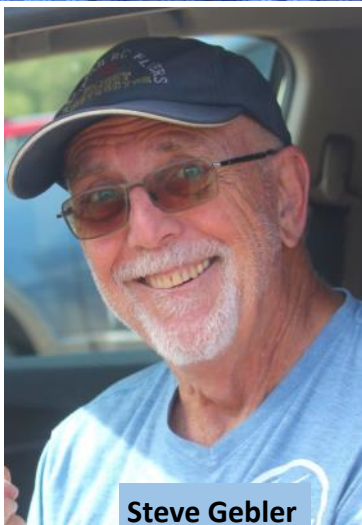
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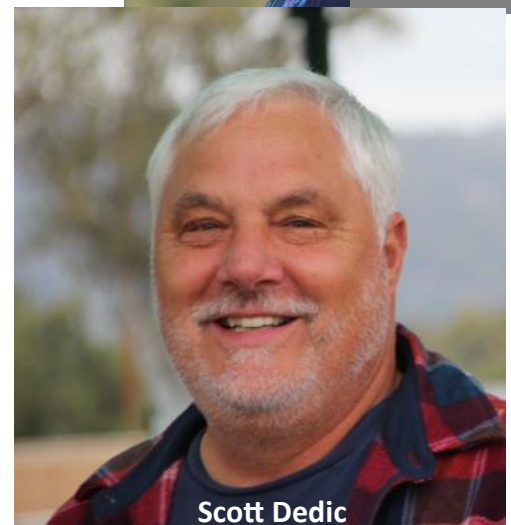
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