



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

# **Transmitter**



**February 2020**

AMA Charter 141

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



**All the news that's fit to print!**

### **The Pig Report**

Well, our three little visitors are gone again. We don't know how they got there, and we don't know where they went! Despite repeated attempts to have the County Animal Welfare team collect them, somehow they simply disappeared. I suspect that the owners dropped them off only to collect them again. Maybe pigs do fly!

### **Field Improvement**

Two improvements are about to be started at the field.

First of all, Chris Wilson will be purchasing a broadcasting weed killer machine that can be towed behind a car or truck. This will be used to keep the weed growth down adjacent to the runway, heliport and parking areas to avoid the massive weed growth that we had last year. We'll soon announce the days for spraying so that you can keep your aircraft and vehicles away from the overspray.

Secondly, we are looking for a member or two that possess some carpentry skills to build some additional tables for the fixed wing field. This weekend we will be re-aligning the existing tables to have better shade coverage and to make room for the new tables. Dave Litaker has already volunteered to help. If you can assist, let me know.

### **AMA Actions**

As many of you are aware there are many changes being proposed by the AMA having to do with active aircraft identification, elevation limits, and the ability to register new flying venues. Watch for ways that you can make a difference and make your wishes known in an email to all members next week. I will be inviting the other regional flight club presidents to attend our board meeting this month to put together a joint effort, in conjunction with the AMA, to address these important issues to our flying future.

## **New Field Locations**

**All you have to do is look around our field to see the encroachment of all the new housing that is being built in the area that will eventually impact our ability to keep flying at Johnson Field. We are taking affirmative actions to identify new flying fields. Bill Hill, Rick Hilton, Kelvin Phoon, and others have offered some excellent ideas to try to secure new a new location should the need arise. Three strong possibilities are being considered.**

**First of all, we are trying to locate a 25+ acre property that we can use, for free, that would be similar in approach to how we secured Johnson Field. That is a process called “Passive Surveillance” that affords the land owner caretakers to insure that trash and vandals do not harm the existing property by our presence. This approach has served our club and Pappas investments a great relationship for over 20 years.**

**The second proposal is a little more proactive. We will be looking for a piece of land that we can actually purchase by creating a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) secured by individual investments from our club members and potential outside investments. More information will be forthcoming on this proposal. If you feel that you could make an investment in the \$5-20,000 range that would be secured by real property, be sure to let me know. This approach would “lock in” a new field for a lifetime.**

**The last proposal is to secure a portion of the parkland that has been set aside by the County of San Diego that is between Route 76 and West Lilac Road just west of our current location. Bill Hill and I have written proposals to the Parks Administrators for the County to introduce our interests for a Community Serving organization. We will continue to pursue this and other parkland.**

**Lastly, the combination locks for the charging station and first aid lockers will be changed soon. The new combination is printed on your membership cards for 2020.**

**See you at the field!**

—  
**Steve Gebler**

**President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.**



**Bill Hill and Patrick Pratica with Bill's Great Plains Fokker DR-1. It needs lots of electric power. It has much inherent drag with three wings, a sub-wing and flat nose. It's fragile, flies just o.k..**





**It looks great in flight, doesn't it?**





**Jim Gallacher and his latest powered sail-plane.**



**Landing gear removed by retouching.**

**Mike Lonnecker and his latest sailplane**



**Chris Thompson launching the bird for Mike .**



**ME-262**



**Chris Thompson and his ME-262 fan jet. It's big and a stable flyer. It loves to drink in "6s" batteries.**



**Jim Gallacher, Steve Kerrin, Patrick Pranica, Mike Lonnecker, Chris Thompson, Tom Pollinger**



**Patrick Pranica and the foam board plane Bill Hill gave him to finish. Great job! Flies well.**









**Tom Pollinger and his 737**



**Superb scale take-off's! Tom does a great job flying it!**



**It looks superb in flight!**





**This 737 sure looks scale coming in for a landing.**



**Bill Hill and one of his "Paper Cubs."**

# Trifecta

Jan. 5, 2020



**The unusual suspects: L/R Brody Stadick, Doug Abel, Keith Albert, Doug Albert, Chuck Riley, Joe Villarreal, Kelvin Phoon, Steve Gebler, Eric Armstrong, The honorable Timothy Hitchcock! Missing in action are David Ellis and Les Crook from the Temecula Valley Flyers– our virtual member.**



**Chuck Riley**



**Chuck Riley's mid-air forced him down.**

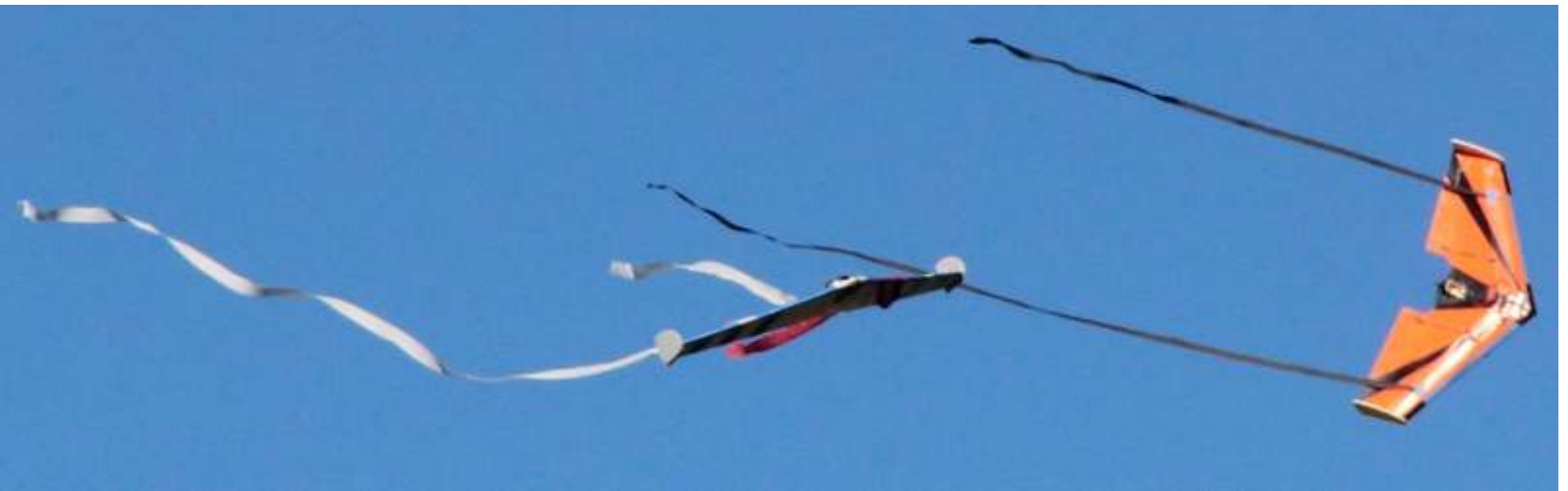


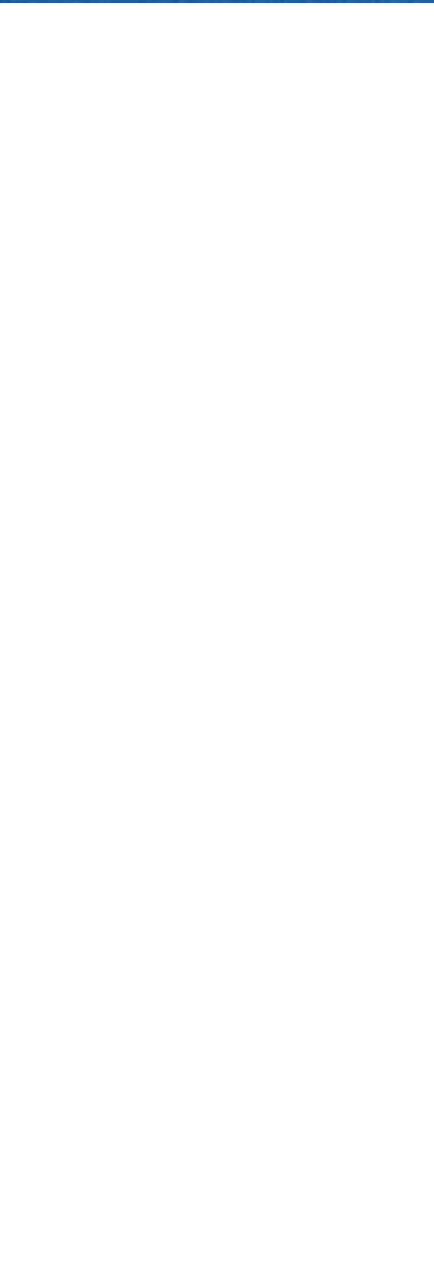
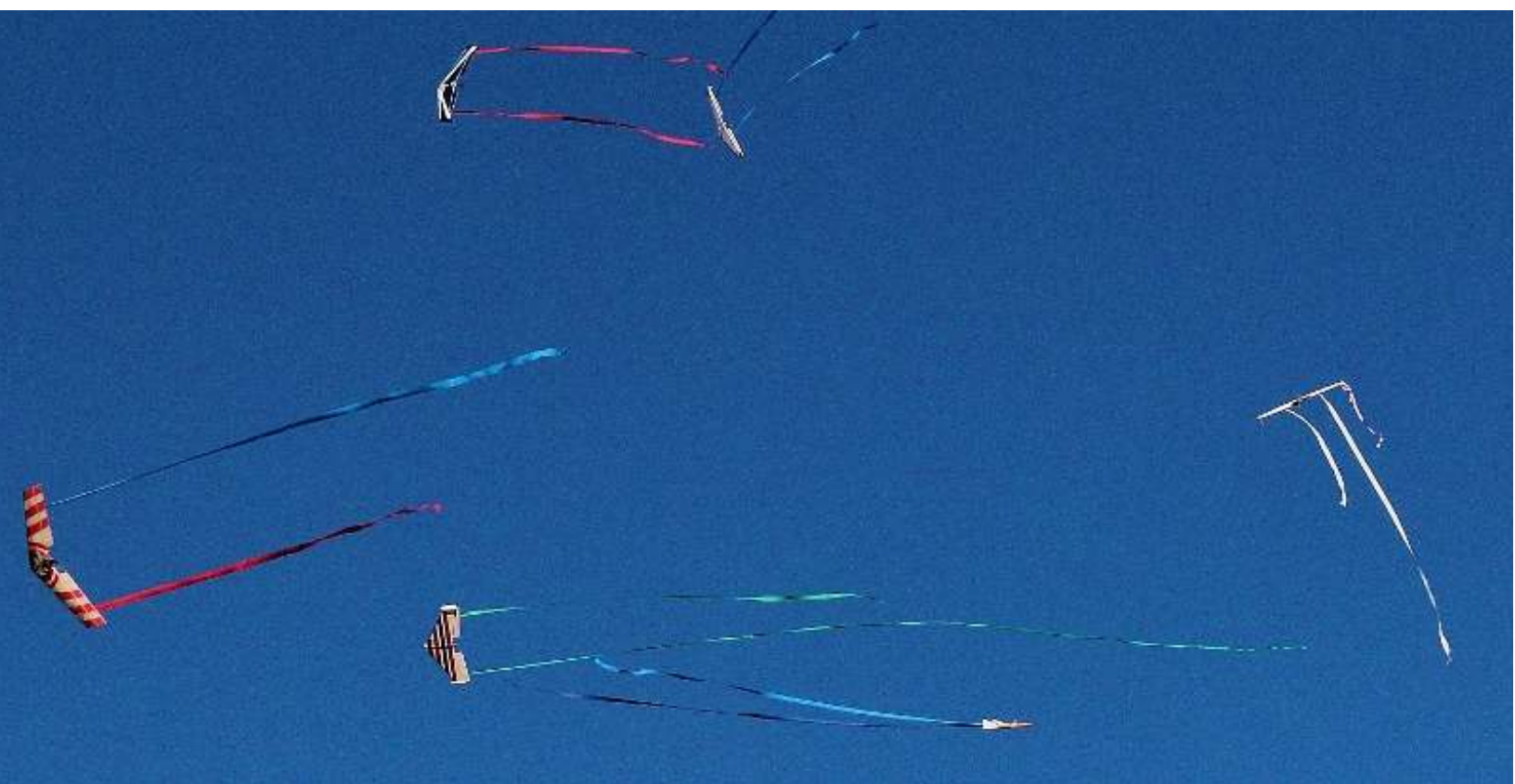


**Dave Ellis, Kelvin Phoon,**

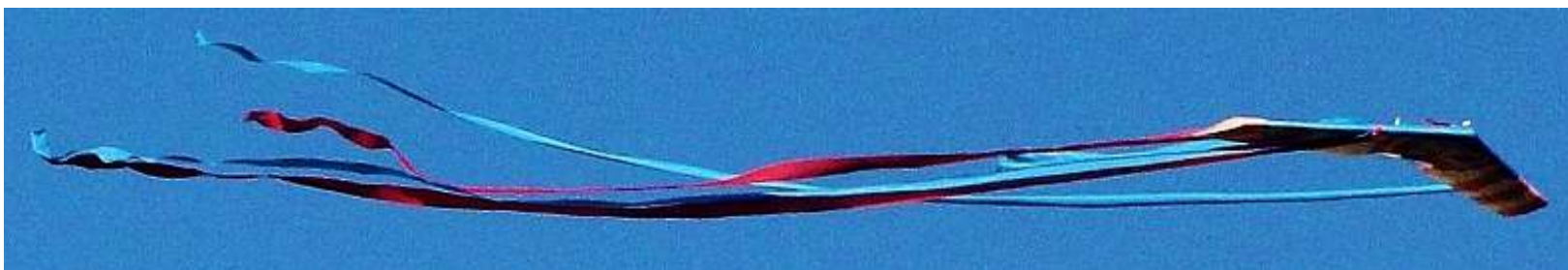
**Trent Stadick, Brody Stadick,**

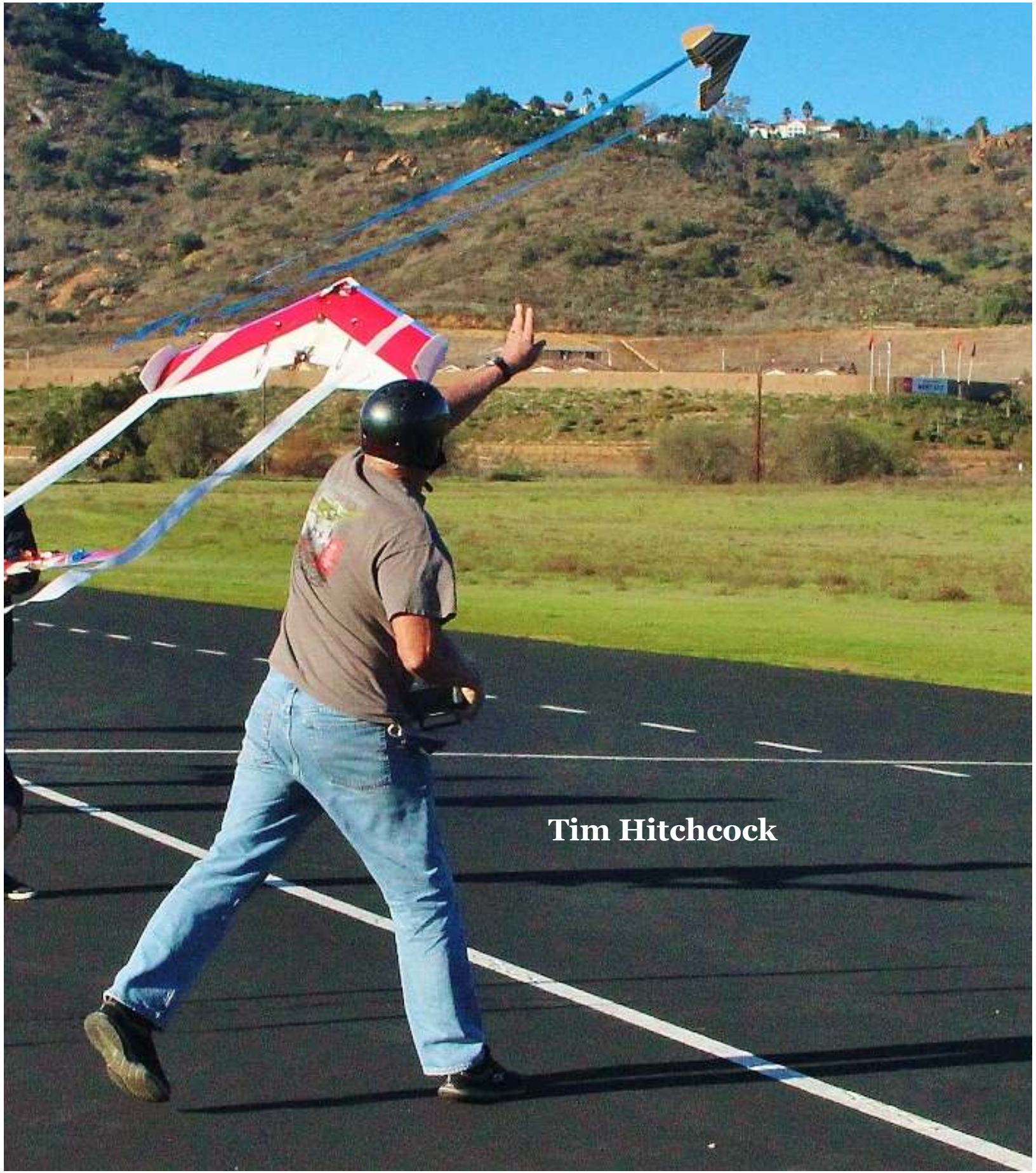
**Doug Abel**



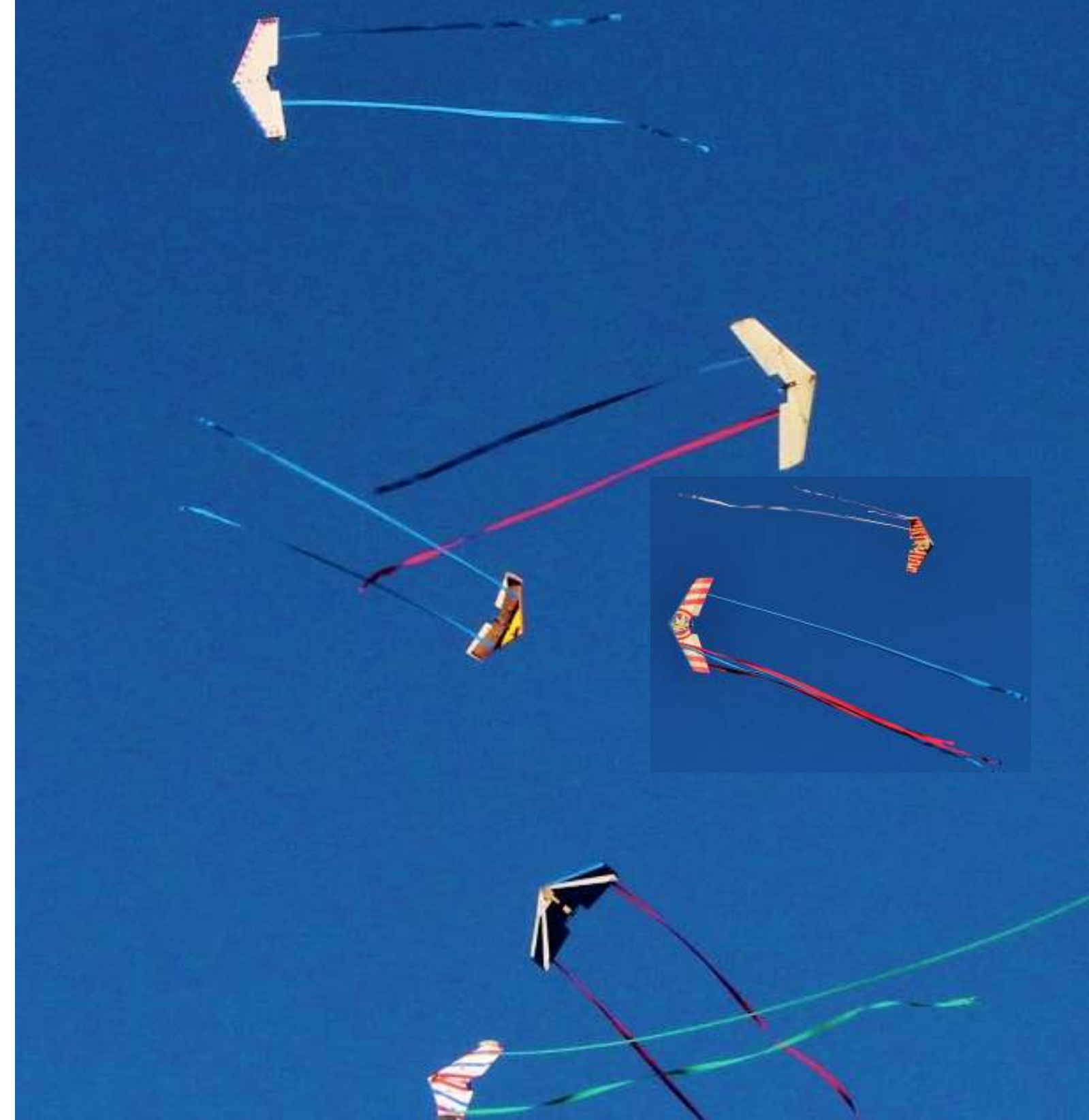








**Tim Hitchcock**





**Above– Joe Villarreal Below– President Steve Gebler and Tim Hitchcock**



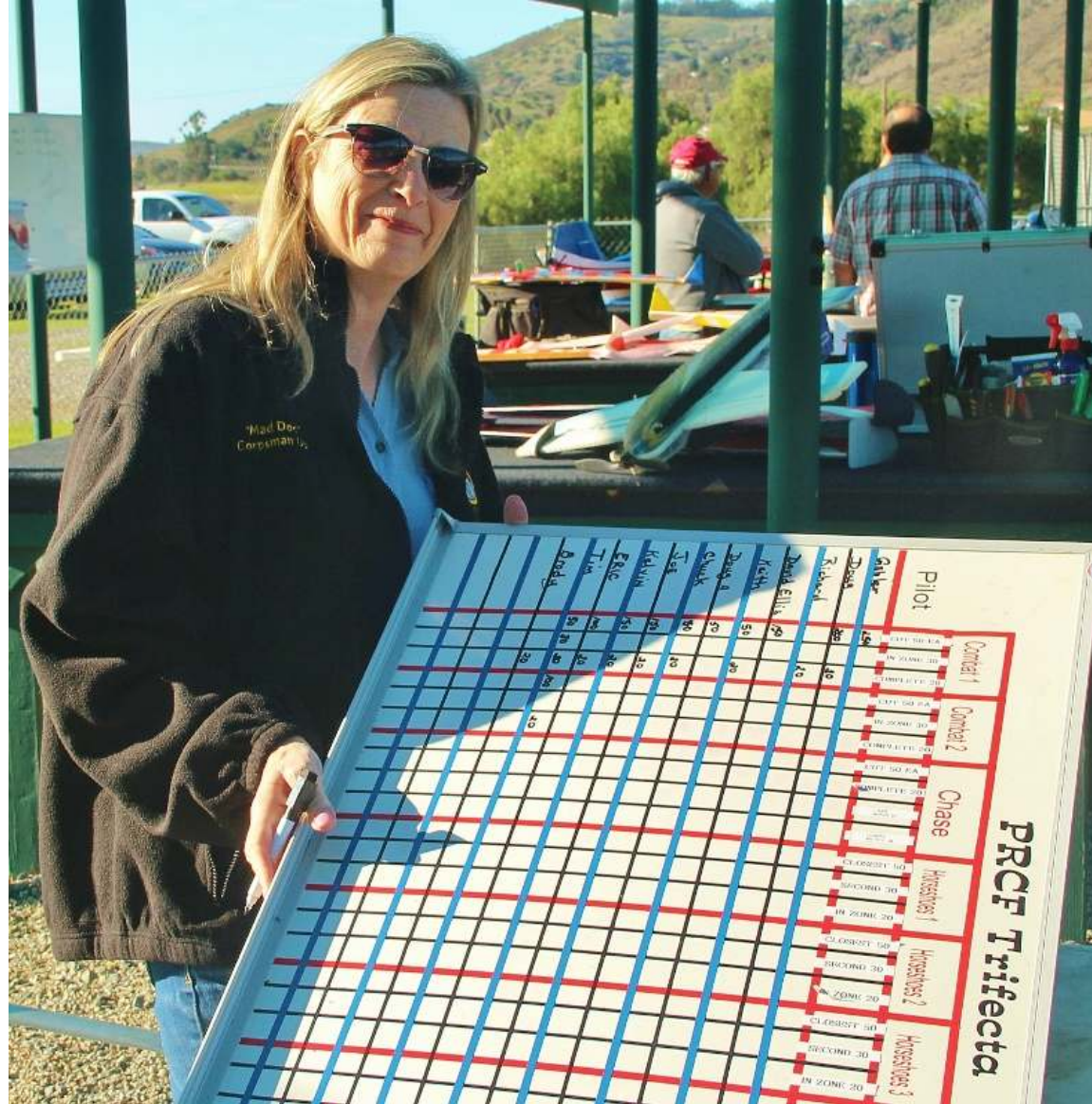


**Steve Gebler**



**Steve "Tutu" Gebler– President**

**Score Keeper Jennifer Torres.**



**Jennifer Torres,  
Gwen Riley,  
Joe Villarreal**





**Spot-landing contest**



**Tim Hitchcock**

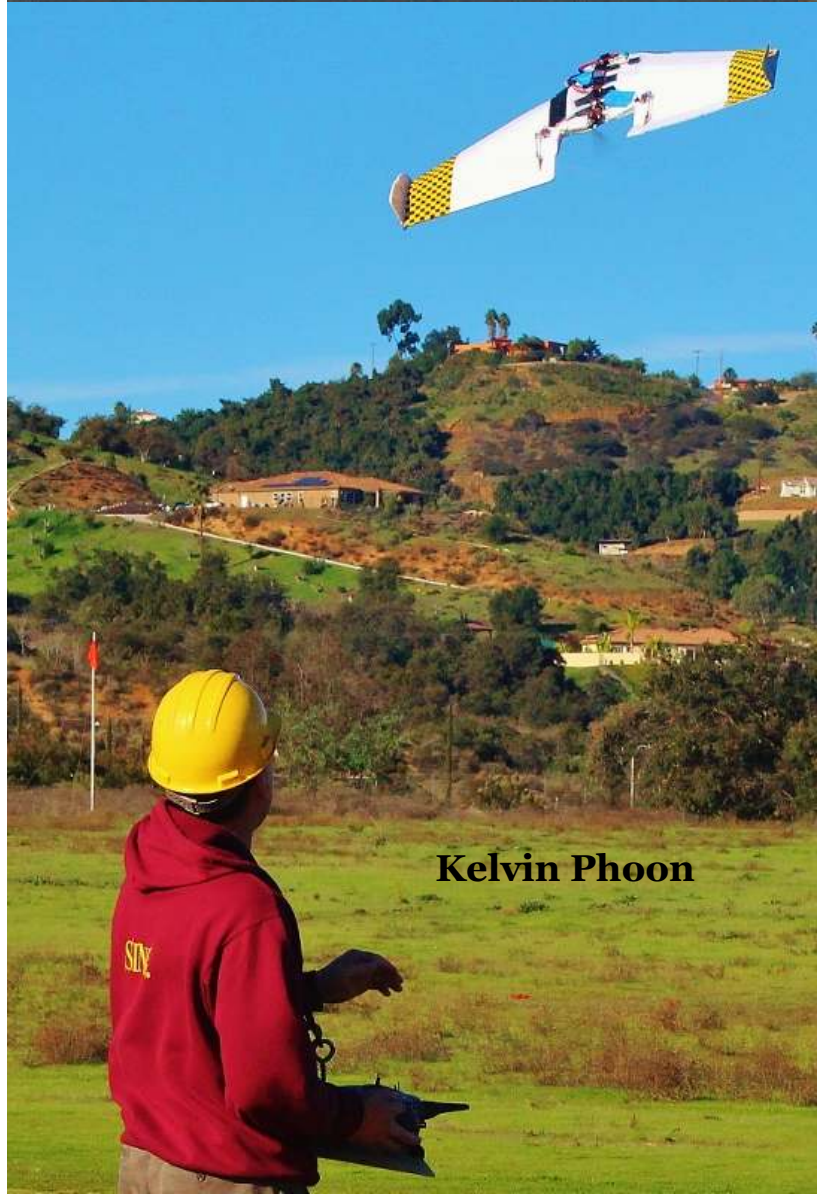


**Brody Stadick**

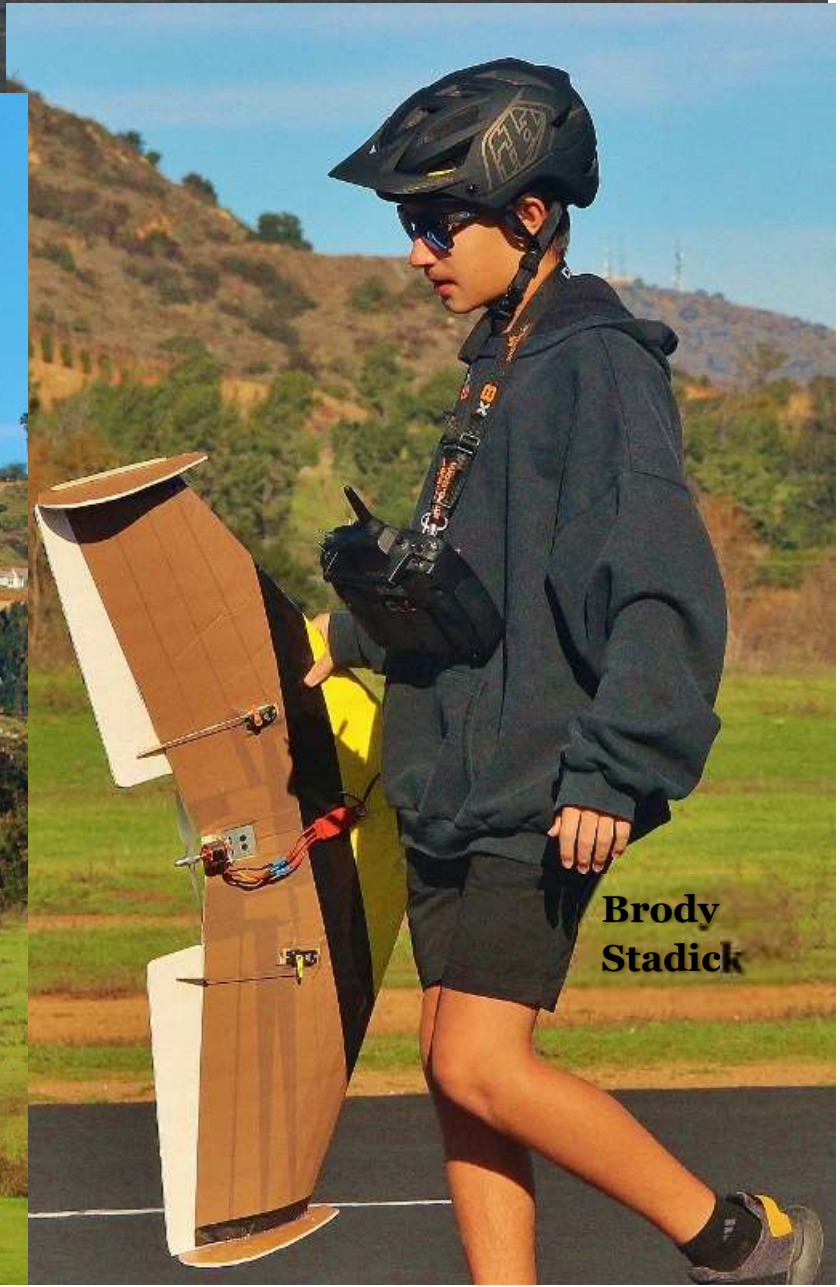




**Spot Landing contest**



**Kelvin Phoon**



**Brody Stadick**

# PRCF Trifecta

Pilot	Combat 1			Combat 2			Chase		Horseshoes 1			Horseshoes 2			Horseshoes 3			Horseshoes 4			Horseshoes 5			Score
	1ST	2ND	3RD	1ST	2ND	3RD	1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	3RD	1ST	2ND	3RD	1ST	2ND	3RD	1ST	2ND	3RD	1ST	2ND	3RD	
Gebler	100	100	100	100	100	100	20	25				80												395
Doug Able	100	20					20																	270
Richard		20	80																					150
David Ellis	50																							170
Keith	50	20	100																					370
Doug	50		100	30	20	50	50		50													80		220
Chuck	50	20	50			50									30							20		240
Joe	100	20		80	20																	30		240
Kelvin	50	20	150	20	50			20		20														430
ERIC	100	20	50	20	50							20												360
Tim	50	20	20	100	50	20						50												370
Brody	20	100					30	50			20		50									50		380



**Steve Gebler-Second place @ Trifecta; Brody Stadick-third place winner**



**Highest scorer and Trifecta winner, Kelvin Phoon**



**Welcome to new member and student pilot, Glenn Tremblay!**



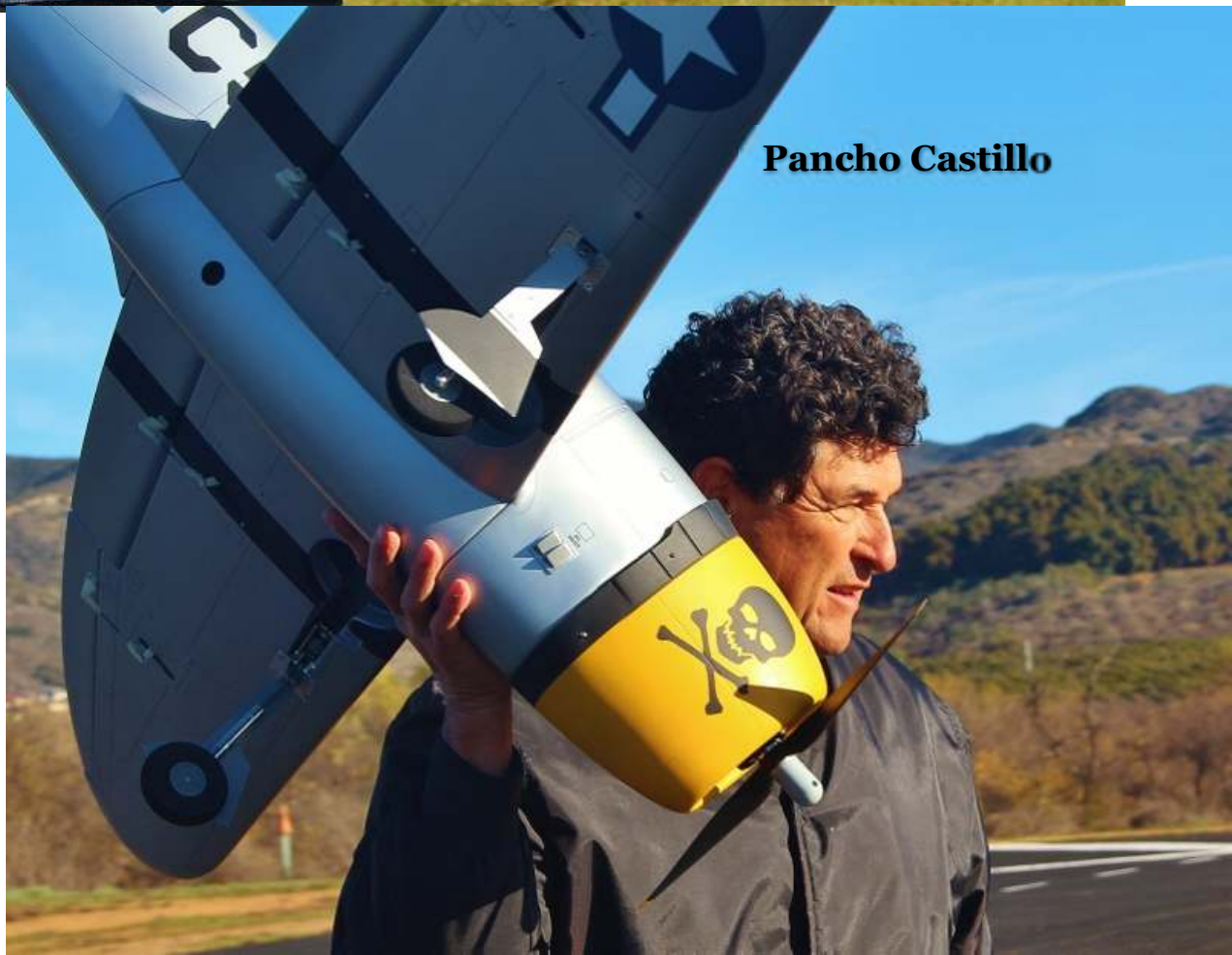
**Black Widow P-61 belongs to Richard Torres.**



**Sea Fury belongs to Pancho Castillo**



**Chris Avellino**



**Pancho Castillo**

# January 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: 6:32**

**Treasurer Report: Income: \$8,154.02 Expenses: \$3676.44**  
**Balance: \$94,026.20**

**Membership:** Current membership is at 311 members. Strong improvement of younger members.

### Chair Reports

**Safety:** A safety column in the works for the Transmitter. Authored by Chris Thompson. Throttle cut issues discussed. The need for all aircraft to have a throttle cut feature will be required.

**Fixed Wing:** Nothing to report.

**Drone:** Tiny Whoop racing being tested. A need for fire suppression advised. Fire Extinguisher will be present during drone activities.

**Heli:** Preparations for the 2020 Heli Fun fly in progress.

**Glider:** Successful Saturday Aero Tow. Issues with flight line communications need improvement.

**Flight Training:** Preparing to begin. Trainer audit underway. Another good team of instructors. Scheduled individual training will be permitted if trainers are wanting and able.

**Our Mission Statement:** The need for a mission statement proposed to better align our goals and objectives for 2020 and beyond. Submissions are in process.

**Logo Clothing Purchasing:** Richard Torres will create a purchase page on our website store.

**New Field Locations:** Critical search for a potential new sight underway. The San Louis Rey park location is the most promising so far. Top priority.

**Table Additions and Re-Alignment:** The need to upgrade the pits to accommodate elevated field use discussed. Four more tables will be added. \$800 approved for the upgrade.

- **Life Membership Discussion:** Detailed proposed criteria for Life Memberships submitted by our president. Open to all members. Recognition for exceptional contributions to the club through a life membership will require a majority vote.
- **“Gold” Club Recognition:** Our club qualifies for “Gold” recognition and will proceed to accept.
- **Event Planning:** The need to insure we do not “over event” the calendar so that weekend pilots have access to the field.
- **Petty Cash Fund for events:** Increasing visibility of spending continues. (Trifecta, et al) Accountability is paramount.
- **Move Holiday Party to January?** Discussed and voted down.
- **Palomar Dollars:** Need to update tracking and reward those that serve the club.
- **Huckfest:** Proposed for October by Chris Avellino. Unanimous approval.
- **Gravel and Grading of Roads:** Five truckload delivered and distributed to the gate area, the first incline, the transition road to the heli field and parking lot. Work was completed on January 9 by Steve Gebler.
- **Herbicide battery operated sprayer \$150 plus herbicide \$23/gal:** \$500 approved for purchase.
- **Training dates continue on Mondays and/or Weekend Afternoons?:** March 16 set for the opening date.
- **Guest Speakers:** The need for speakers addressed. Board members tasked to fill the calendar.
- **Proposed new FAA ID issues:** Members need to write to FAA leadership in support of reasonable regulations like transponders. Waiting for clarification
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**FAA site Places to fly update:** Discussion whether we want to list our field with the FAA.

### Safety Items

**Fire Extinguishers:** Need to be checked daily by members.

**First Aid Kit:** Time to audit and upgrade current kit.

**Dead LiPo Tank needs servicing:** AA Batteries need to be taken home not deposited in the LiPo tank.

### Events

January 4 — Aerotow

January 5 — Trifecta

January 8 — Board Meeting

January 11 — Paintball

January 16 — Club Meeting

February 1 — Trifecta

February 1 — Aerotow

February 12 — Board Meeting

February 20 — Club Meeting

March 1 — Trifecta

March 7 — Aerotow

March 9 — Flight Training Setup





**David Ellis' 60" Extreme Flight Extra returning from the Moon.**



**Jim Christy's MXS is the one without the contrails.**

Both photos are courtesy of Kevin Phoon— Good going!



**Poor guy– has only one good eye!**



# **The True Saga of the Three Little Pigs**

**Once upon a time, there were three little pigs who went into the world to seek their fortune. These were lucky pigs because they landed at the Palomar R/C Flyers field which they claimed as home. Their names are: AV8R, Hose A and Hose B. AV8R lost his license to fly because he has monocular vision. (See page 32) The FAA refused a waiver! He lost vision in his left eye in a hunting accident! It seems that he shot his own eye out with a paintball gun! Stranger things have happened.**

**AV8R is big, black, hairy and according to John Hartsell Jr. smells like a pig. John asked him how he got to our field, and this is what the pig communicated through telepiggy:**

**One dark and stormy night about 3 weeks ago, Mr. Farmer did not latch our pig-pen gate securely. Hose A rammed it open and out we walked, free at last! We resented living like pigs in a pig sty! The place was filthy. Just look at my clean pig's feet that used to be covered in mud! We hope to be adopted and eventually wolf'd down as pork sausage and chops! The End!**

**The San Diego County Wolf Patrol was called and they rounded up the three little pigs. Each is worth hundreds of dollars and they are indeed mysteriously gone! While they were here, they enjoyed true freedom and the apples some members provided!**

**The End!**

**Elise and Bernadette Augustyn– Editor's daughter and granddaughter**



**John Hartsell, Jr. enjoyed the pigs too.**





**1917 JN4-D Jenny by Bill Hill**



**3 Photos by Chris Thompson**



**Bill Hill made me what I am!**



**Bill Hill and Robert Redford's photos are in the cockpits as taken from the Great Waldo Pepper. Since these photos were taken, the appropriate graphics have been applied. Newer photos appear at the end of the Transmitter.**





**Don Wadlington and his Ag Cat.**







**Patrick Pranica, Lou Governale, Don Wadlington, Chris Thompson**

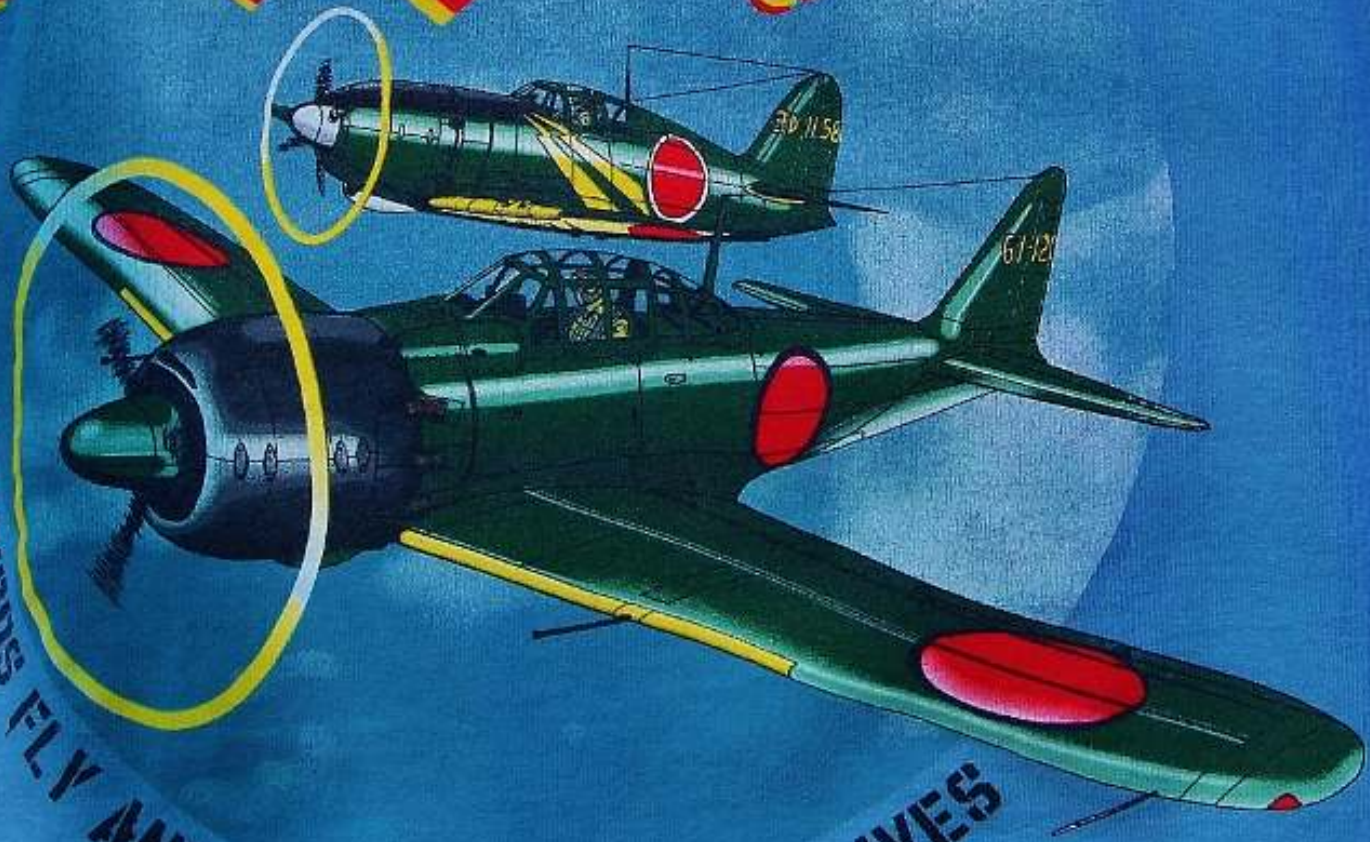


**Chris Thompson's Fly Baby painted in military colors. It flies slowly and well.**

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**Chris Thompson's T-shirt is cool!**



**A good photo of handsome Lord Creedon** 43



**On Jan. 9, 2020, Steve Gebler drove the Kubota skip loader to smooth out the 150 tons of gravel applied to our roads. He did an outstanding job and deserves much praise for his very hard and long work at the field! He is the most dedicated member of our club!! Many, many thanks for keeping our club running smoothly!**







**Some of the 150 tons of gravel applied to our road.**



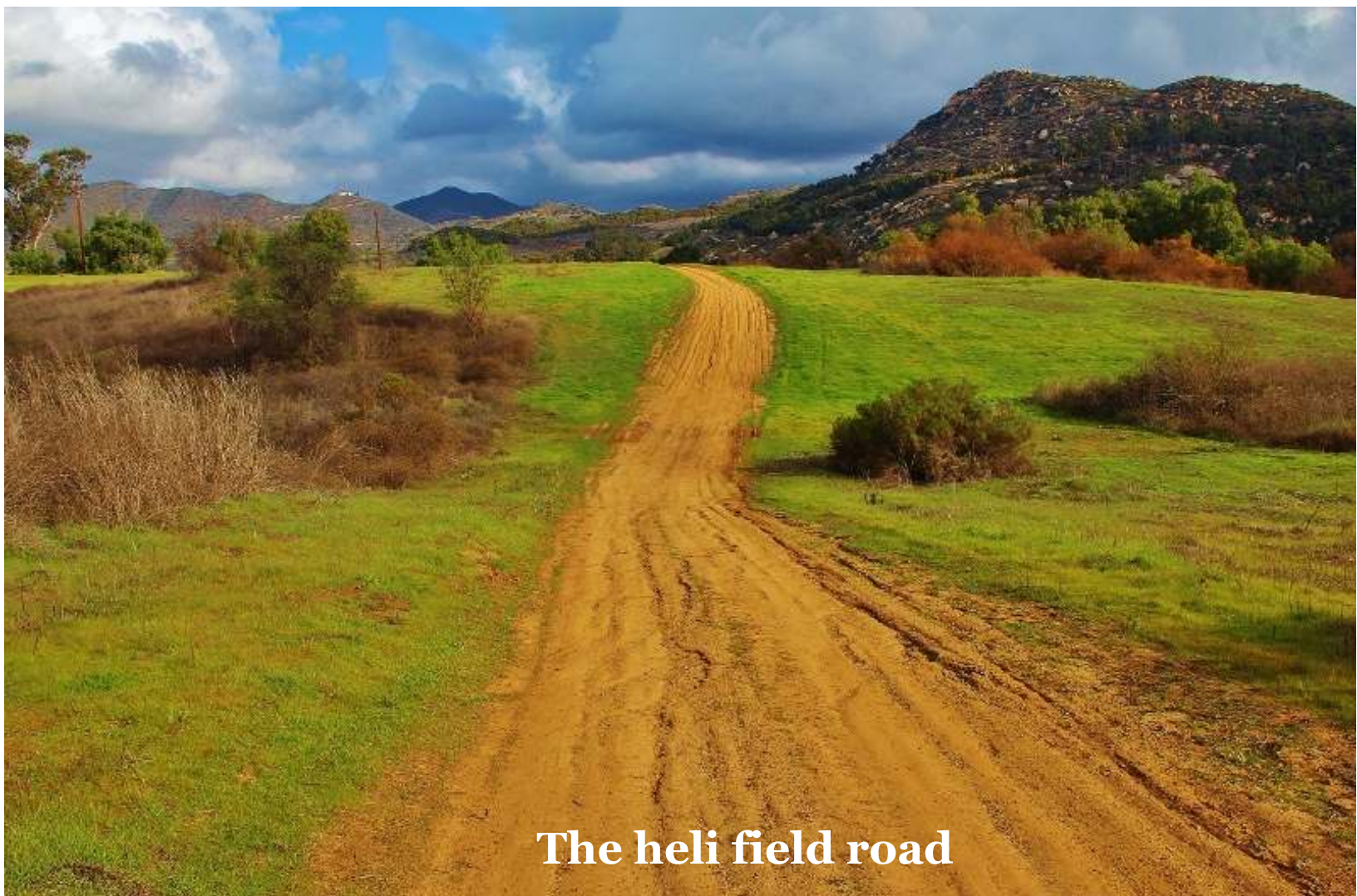
**Steve Gebler astride his Kubota skip loader.**



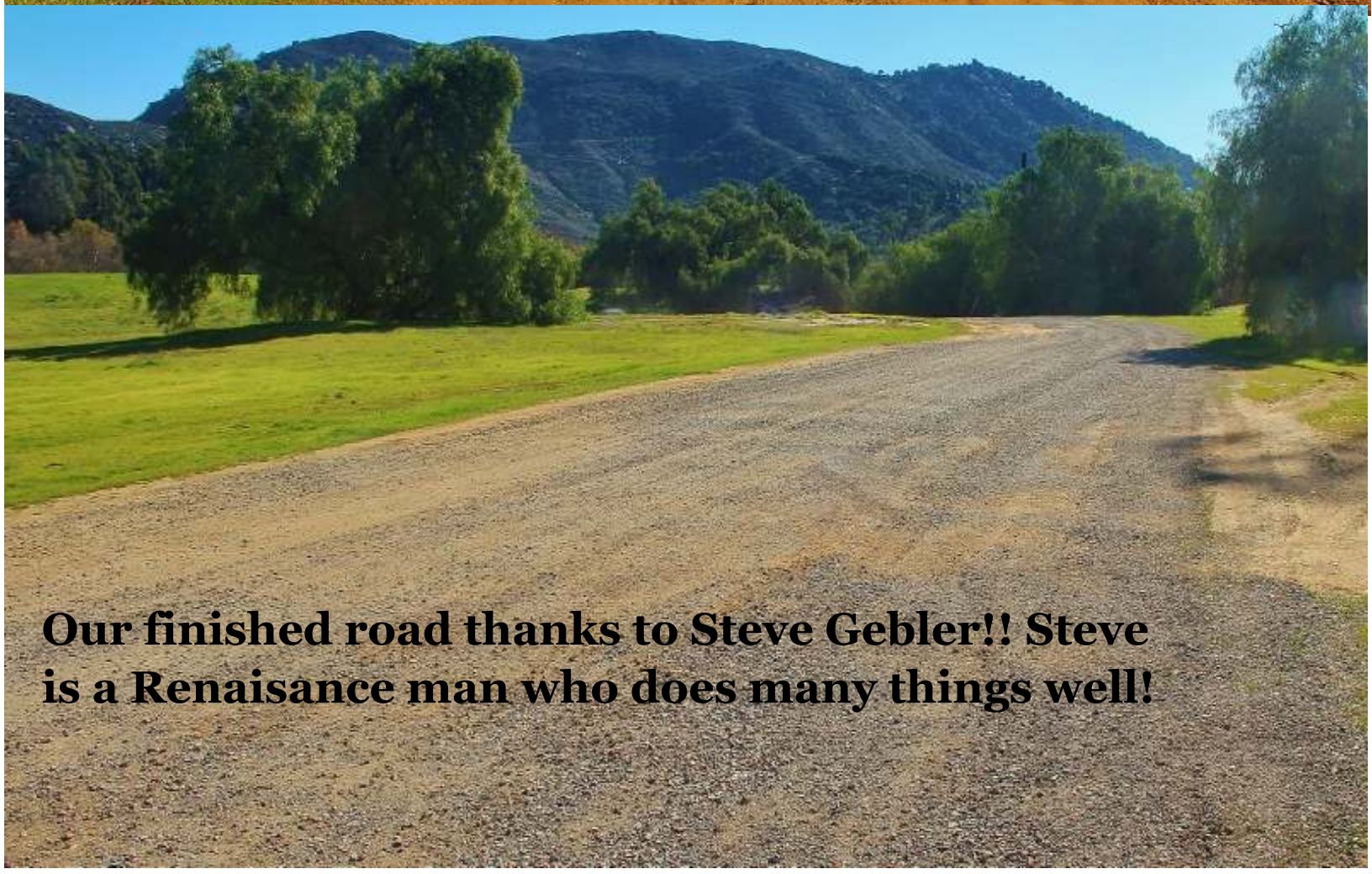


**You can hardly see it, but that orange thing is the Kubota tractor that Steve Gebler drove to repair our roads.**





**The heli field road**



**Our finished road thanks to Steve Gebler!! Steve is a Renaissance man who does many things well!**

**On Jan. 11, 2020, the local CAP Cadets visited our field and took part in paintball and rocket activities. Here Dave Storey explains the paintball activity to the Cadets.**





**Bill Hill explains to the Cadets how to fire the rockets. These pneumatic powered rockets FLY!**



**Steve Gebler's "lead sled" refused to take off so Eric "Strongarm" flung it into the air to make it fly as a target for paintball.**





**Richard Torres and his paintball gun.**

**Here is the lead sled target!**







**Doug Abel and Steve Gebler provided the flying targets for paintball today.**



**Bill Hill provided the rockets and launchers along with some rubber powered planes. Bill is dedicated to the CAP Cadets and provided a great time for them at our field. Many thanks for your community outreach! You rock!!**





Rockets attain about 1,000 feet and come down as fast as they ascended!



**These pneumatic launchers can be reused making them virtually cost-free launchers which are safe to operate. Bill Hill created them.**





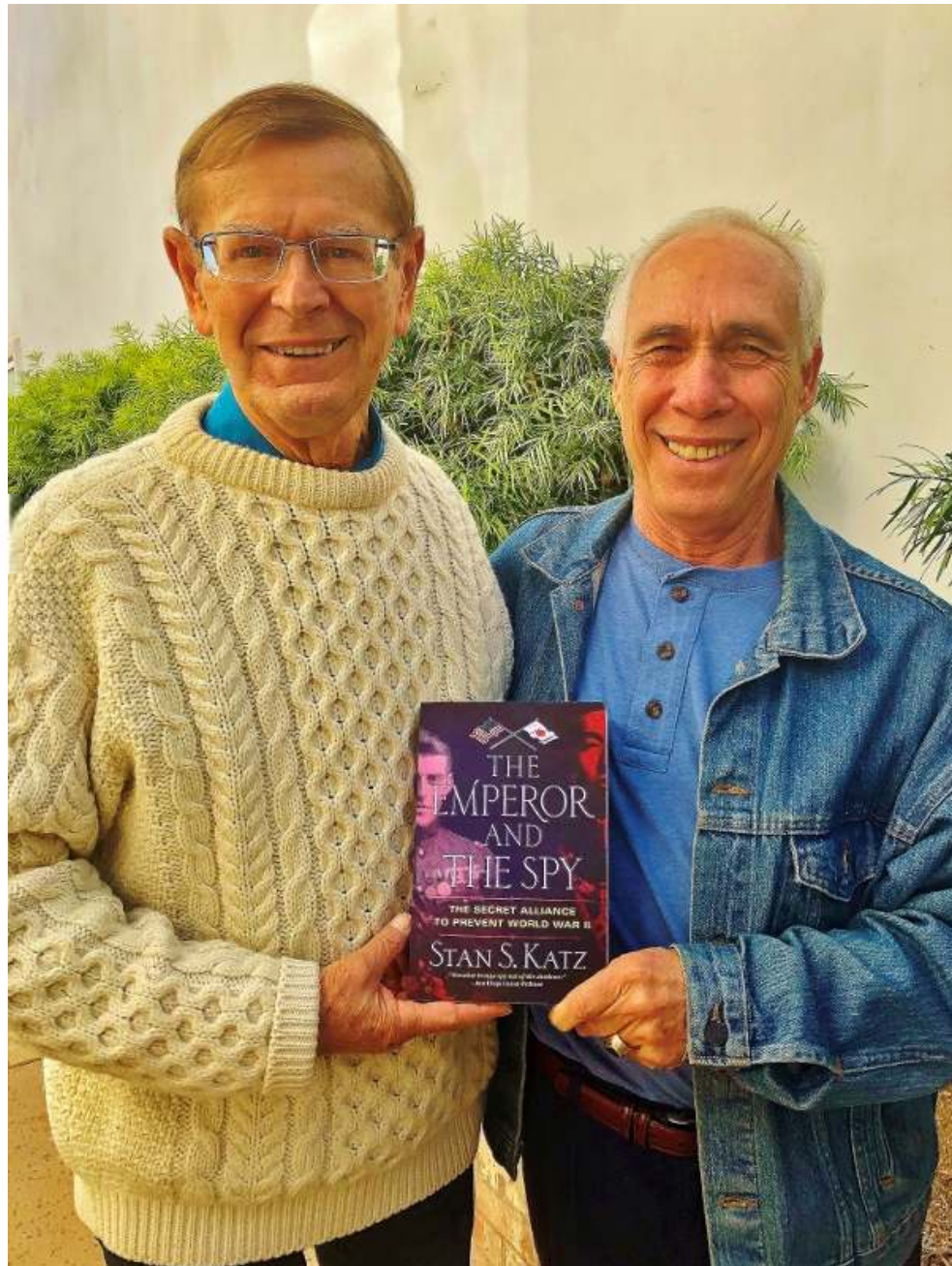
**Roger Cosio and  
James Christy**



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Recently I had the pleasure of meeting author Dr. Stan Katz of Oceanside. He wrote the book we are holding. On the left is your editor. On the right is Dr. Katz.

It is a well-researched book about efforts to avoid WWII with Japan. His book is the fruit of 20 years of research into this topic and is a fascinating read!



### *The Emperor and the Spy: The Secret Alliance to Prevent World War*

II

Stan S. Katz, DDS

Dr. Stan S. Katz's historical novel, *The Emperor and The Spy*, unveils a new window to a half-century of U.S.-Japanese relations. Members of the Japanese royal family ally with a U.S. Intelligence Agent, Colonel Sidney Forrester Mashbir (1891-1973), heroically attempting to prevent conflict between their nations. Katz's companion book is, *The Art of Peace: An Illustrated Biography on Prince Iyesato Tokugawa*. Prince Tokugawa (1863-1940) was Emperor Hirohito's mentor and served as a cultural bridge between the East and the West. These books address how two former strong allies became adversaries, and the dynamics of how they came together again in friendship.

Dr. Stan S. Katz is a local historian and author whose research focuses on U.S.-Japan alliances. Stan is a former dentist from Rochester, New York, a San Diego high school teacher, and past owner of rare-book stores. He serves on the Board of the San Diego World Affairs Council. Stan received his BS in Chemistry from Brooklyn College, his Teaching Degree from Alliant International University, and his Doctorate of Dentistry from Georgetown University.



**Joe Neenan with his wild F-16.  
Photo by Kelvin Phoon**



**Bob Hague on an approach with his Apprentice. Kelvin Phoon photo**



**Steve Gebler took this unusual shot from a drone over Dave's Beach in Carlsbad, CA. Hugh Greenwald is flying his sailplane along the cliff.**



**Charles Lewis flies this Apprentice.**



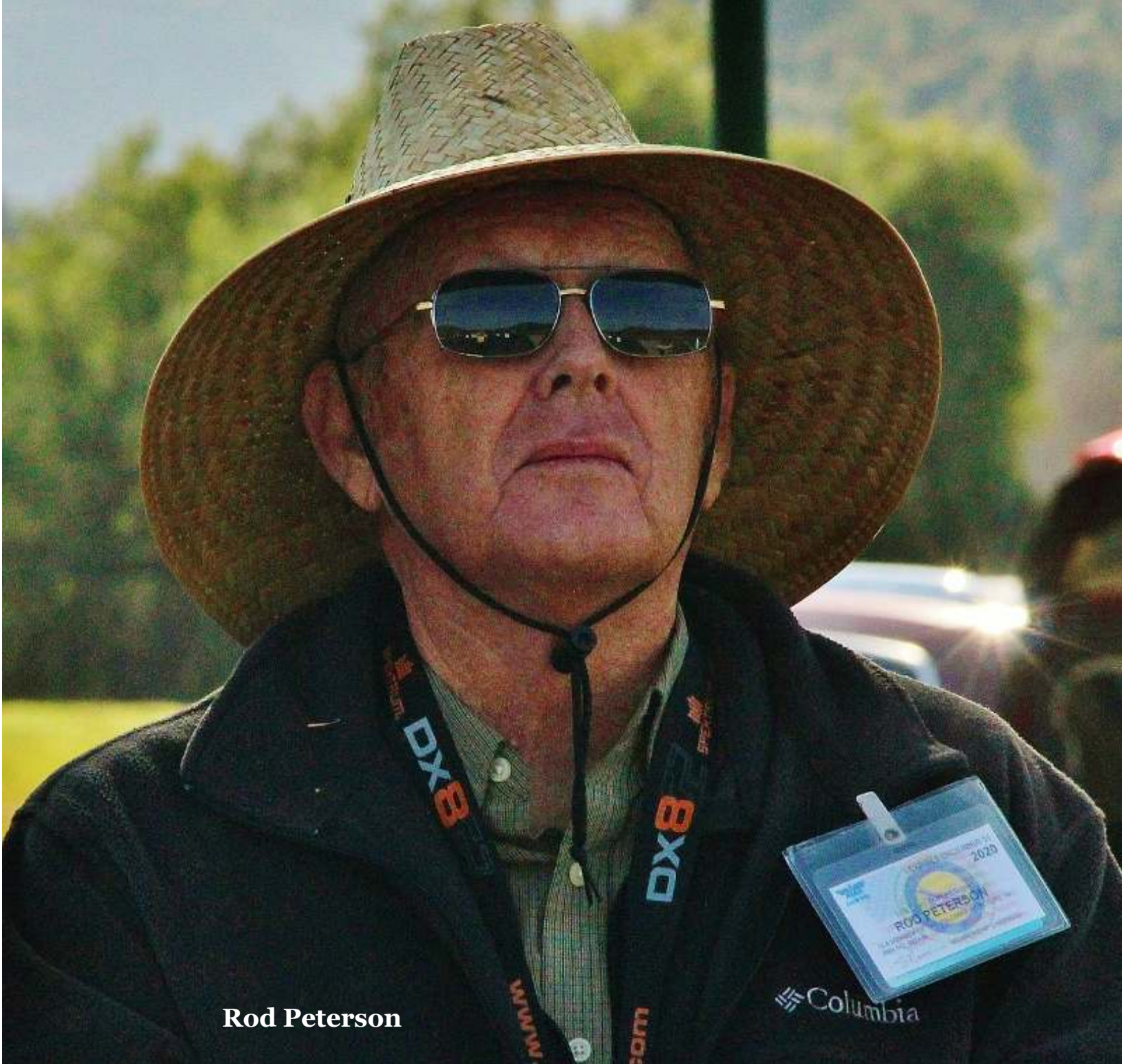


**Here is club member Charles Lewis.**



Patrick Pranica's PT-17 Stearman





**Rod Peterson**



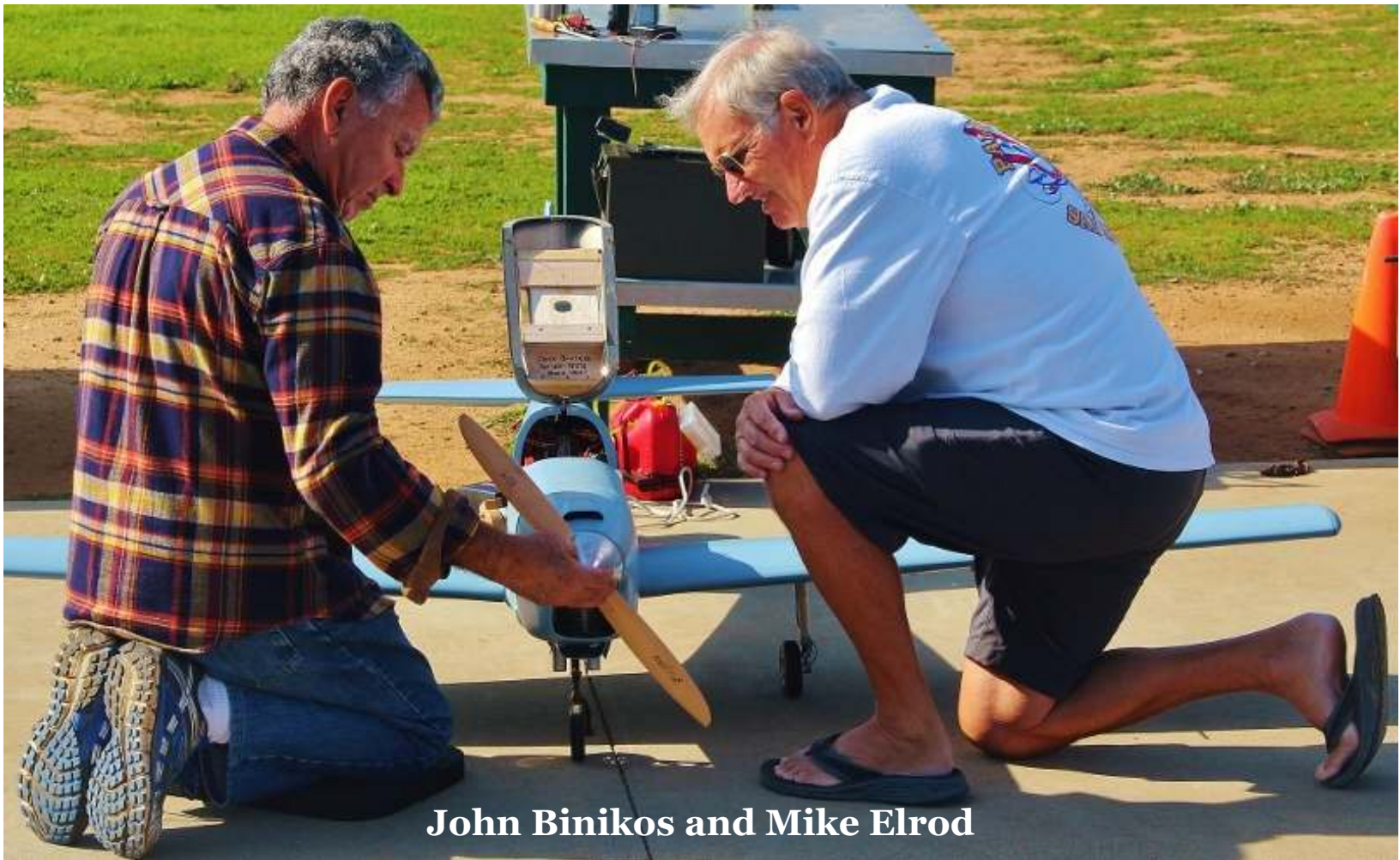
**Plane by John Binikos**



**John Binikos, a retired 747 pilot, designed and built this fiberglass plane from molds he crafted. It is a new plane and was flown for the second time, by James D'Eliseo. When James landed it perfectly, it was difficult to tell when it stopped flying and was on the ground! He's better than very good! John was delighted with the way it flies. The plane even has brakes! It weighs 30 pounds. In a 4G<sup>68</sup> turn, that's a lot of stress!**



**Lord Creedon, Brenda Gebler and Grif**



**John Binikos and Mike Elrod**



**Former club secretary, Don Wadlington, had a ton of trouble with getting his engine to run correctly. Here he is using a few, well, more like a lot of choice words to express his frustration with a gas twin that refused to fire on both cylinders.**



**Richard Mack - Do you think a shoehorn might help him enter his car easier?**



**Bill Hill's JN4D Jenny with finished markings looks terrific!**

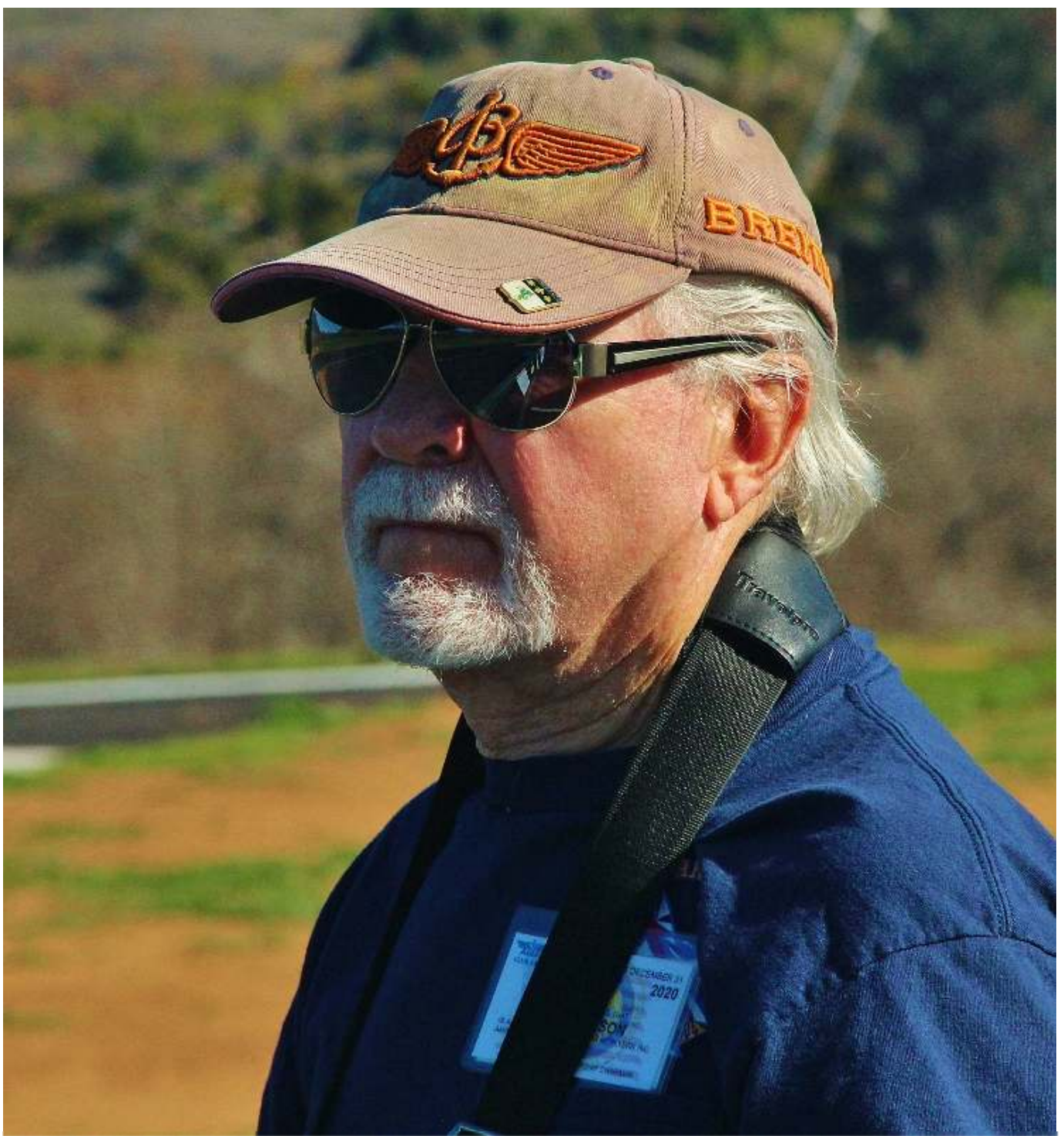








**Tim Daughtery**



**Greg Wilson is most knowledgeable about electric flight. If you have questions about electric power, ask Greg and he probably knows the answer.**



**One of Greg's favorites!**

**Steve Staudenmeir is a new club member! Welcome!**





**Patrick Pranica's Corsair by E-Flite. The tailwheel has been removed by retouching.**



**Welcome to new member  
Kathleen Gregory!**



**Welcome to new members Mr. and Mrs. Joedy and Kathleen Gregory!**



**Jim Gallacher teaching Joedy Gregory to fly on January 30, 2020.**



**The final photo of this issue is of Chris Thompson and his love-able dog, Phoebe. January 30, 2020.**

**There are over 150 photos in this issue! We are a busy club with lots of fun activities. Joe Buko—Editor and President Emeritus.**





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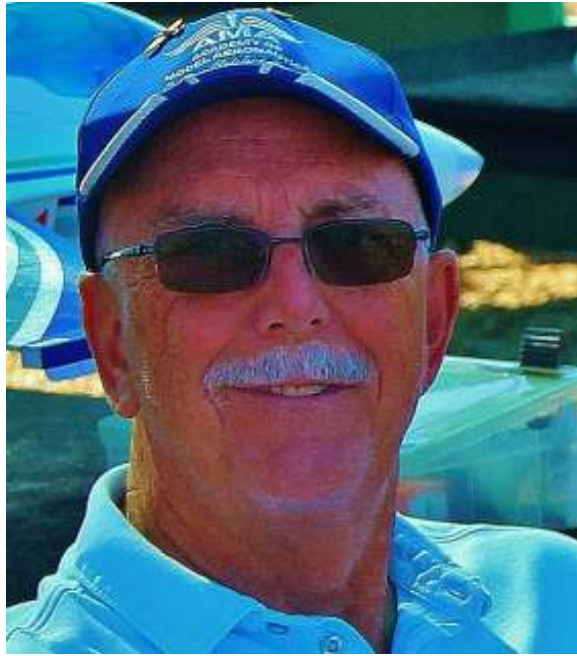
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