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Field News.....

We finally had our meeting with Gary Romoff , one of the other owners of the Valley Center property. He seemed agreeable to us using the property but said he needs to get approval from the third partner to make it happen. As I write this column on Friday March 31, he has not yet been able to talk to the other partner to secure approval. Everyone keep your fingers crossed.



Tales from the Dark Side....

A strange thing has been happening lately. A few of our fixed wing pilots (me included) have been migrating over to the helicopter side to try our luck with a bird of a different feather. This has been a very humbling endeavor as anyone crazy enough to try it will tell you. I must give a shout out to all the Heli guys, though, because just like our fixed wing pilots, they are more than willing to help, teach and encourage us newbies whenever they can. If you haven't visited the Heli side, please take a few minutes to go check it out and see some amazing machines and even more amazing pilots.

A Big Thank You....

Over the past few weeks we were able to get some mowing and trimming done thanks to the following individuals.....Eric Armstrong, Scott Ralston, Tim Hitchcock, Pancho Castillo, Don Davis, and Don White. We appreciate all your efforts.

See you all at the field.

Joe Villarreal..... President PRCF



Next 8 Heli photos by Joe Villarreal Top photo Don White
Bottom photo Ray Nemovi





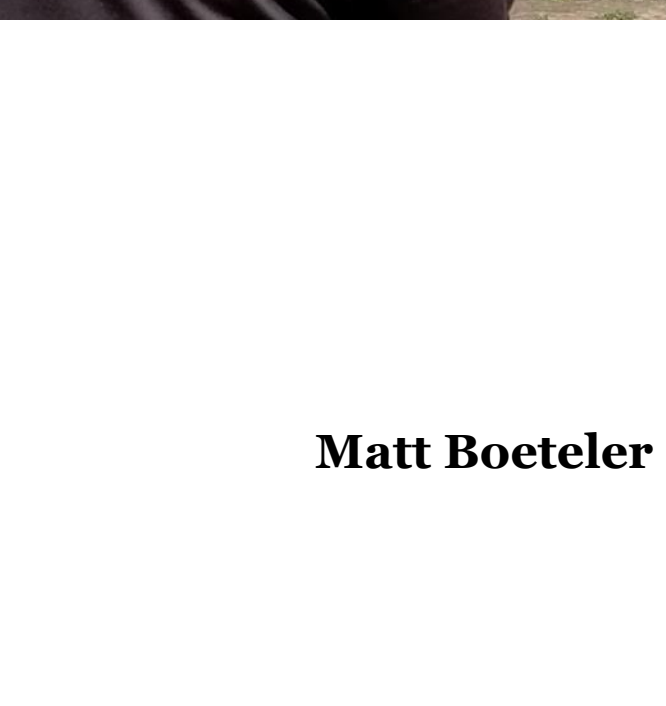
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The iconic Heritage Oak tree is adopted as a tribute to PRCF Life members who have made substantial contributions of their time, talent & money to our Club. Deeply rooted in American history, the Heritage Oak tree symbolizes longevity, strength and legacy.

The Palomar RC Flyers thanks you for your Contribution.

Jim Christy, our Safety Officer and Membership Chairman presented a talk at our March club meeting on the significance of using the Heritage Oak Tree as a symbol for those who are special members and leave a legacy to us or who have been members for many decades. This emblem appears on the member's club badge of those who are life members,



Jim, thanks for your creativity!



President Joe Villarreal and First Lady Barbara with two of their grandchildren on March 5, 2023. Khloe-13, and Keegan-9.





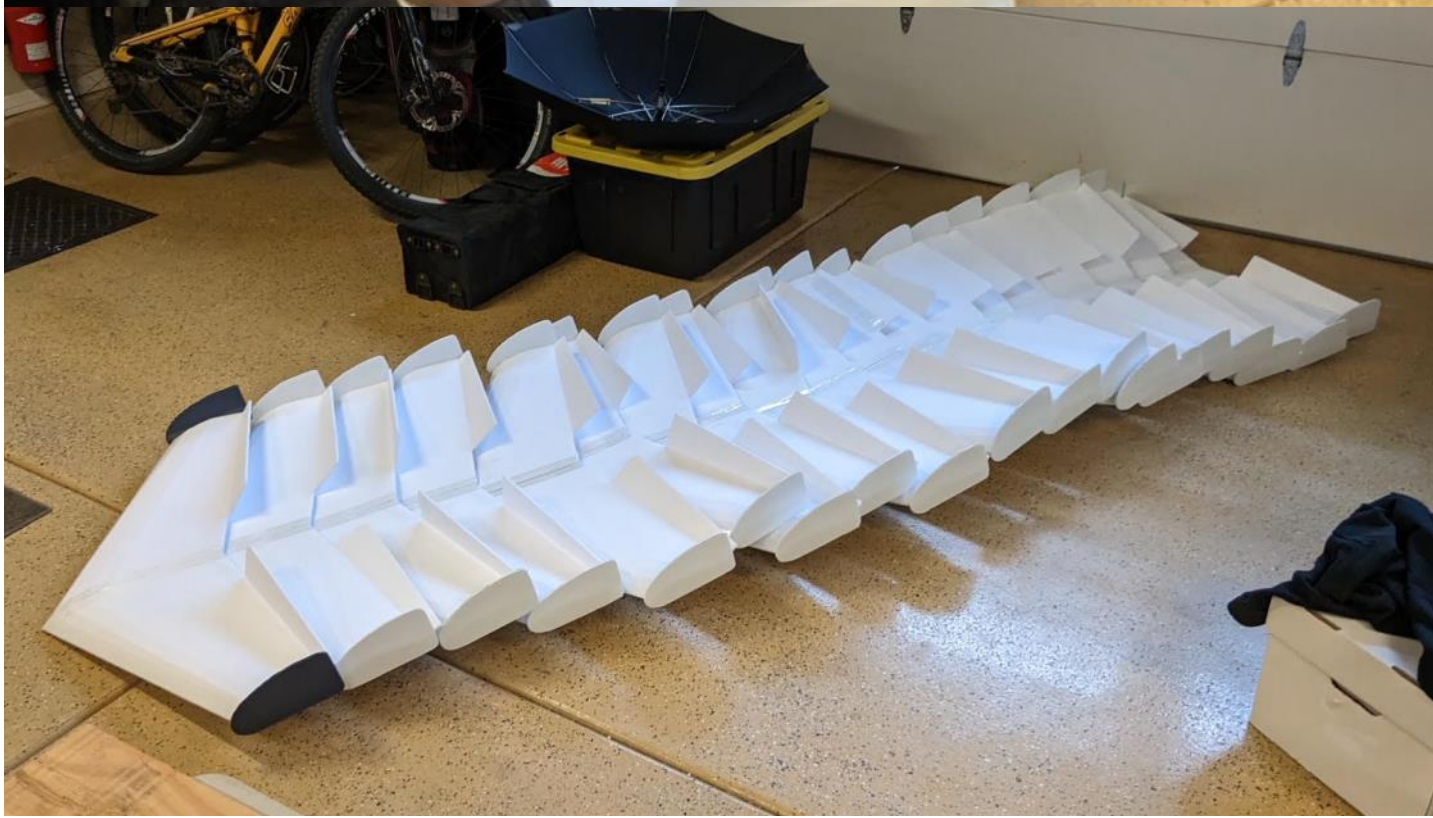
Paul Broyles—the red racer on the previous page is Paul's

Chuck Riley and Roger Cosio



**Pancho
Castillo and
his ME-109**

Tim Hitchcock held a Saturday build of flying wings at his home in late February; the photos were too late for the March issue of the Transmitter. These wings are flown at the Trifecta and for general flying. It certainly appears they had a great time with good food.









The Junk Drawer Challenge

by Steve Gebler

Despite some inclement weather on March 11, four intrepid pilots attempted the seemingly impossible by creating new aircraft from the former pristine models that had met their fates and winded up in their respective junk drawers.

There are only a few simple rules; No kits, no plans, no maiden flights, and to qualify as a flight, the aircraft only has to stay in the air for 8/10 of a second!

Tim Hitchcock put together two aircraft out of remnants. The first was a plane that was a hybrid electric powered plane that had a Estes Rocket motor assist. During his time assembling it in the pits, the rocket motor ignited by accident, and, as they say, fire and brimstone ensued. His maiden flight, however, was very successful and the rocket motor engaged during the flight at the appropriate time and provided a thrilling boost.

Tim's second aircraft was again a hybrid called the "Shotgun Blaster", and the fuselage had endured shotgun target practice in the desert combined with new wings originating from the Versawing Trifecta planes. Again, another successful flight.

Next up was Mike Lonnecker. Mike created an aircraft from a combination of parts being part airplane and part glider called the "Gearbox Sorta Glider". His power plant was taken from a glider that produced 60,000 RPM from a geared motor. His tail feathers had a Kansas State University logo hand painted on it by Mike's wife, Sandy. Mike successfully launched his plane from a dolly, but, the torque of the motor caused it to turn heavily to the left right after liftoff and it "lawn darted" into the shade covers in the pits after about a 13 second flight.

Joe Villarreal produced an aircraft called the "Gutter Yak". There were remnants of many crashed aircraft on it. It included a rain gutter fuselage, a pair of wings from a YAK, and tail feathers from an old Hobbico plane. Joe successfully flew the plane, performed great aerobatics, and had a successful landing.

Last up was your author. Known for only flying conventional, traditional aircraft, Gebler put together an, ahem, somewhat unusual flying thing. This "aircraft", patterned after a pirate ship would have made Captain Jack Sparrow proud. It included two props with thrust vectoring and the ability to rotate the props for up/down trajectory. Brave-hearted Tim Hitchcock was the "launch monkey" for its flight(s). Alas, the great ship would only do loops upon launch resulting in flights of approximately 9/10 of a second each. A flying disaster but still qualifying as a "flight".

The three pilots that had successful flights each got a nice RC themed t-shirt. Gebler got a rubber chicken for having failed a long-term flight.

Thanks to everyone that that came out and participated and for the great spectator audience. A great time was had by all.









The End of the Junk Drawer Challenge

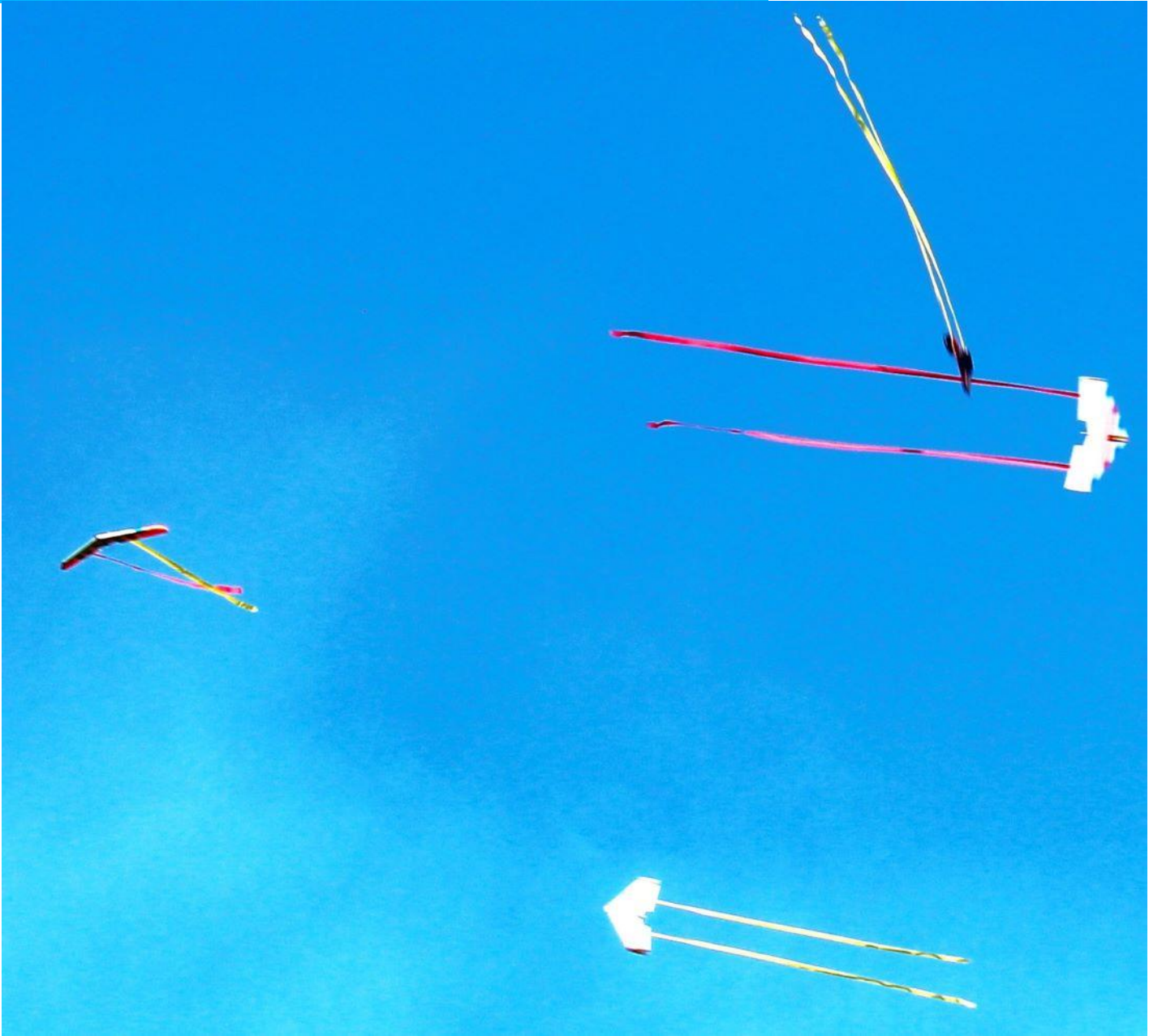


TRIFECTA

March 5, 2023



William Taft





Brian Liesemeyer



For the first time since Mark Orlasch was born, he kept score for the Trifecta!



**Khloe and Keegan
with Grandpa Joe**



Looks like Khloe is a score-keeper in training.



**First Lady of the Club,
Barbara Villarreal**



After a long hiatus, Eric Armstrong returned to flying the Trifecta. He's been flying at the heli field all this time.



Ernie Gebler originally from NYC. President emeritus Steve Gebler is his son.



Tim Hitchcock won the combat event and wears the tutu. No words necessary!



Not a pretty picture. Tim and Steve Gebler. That's also Steve below launching his plane.







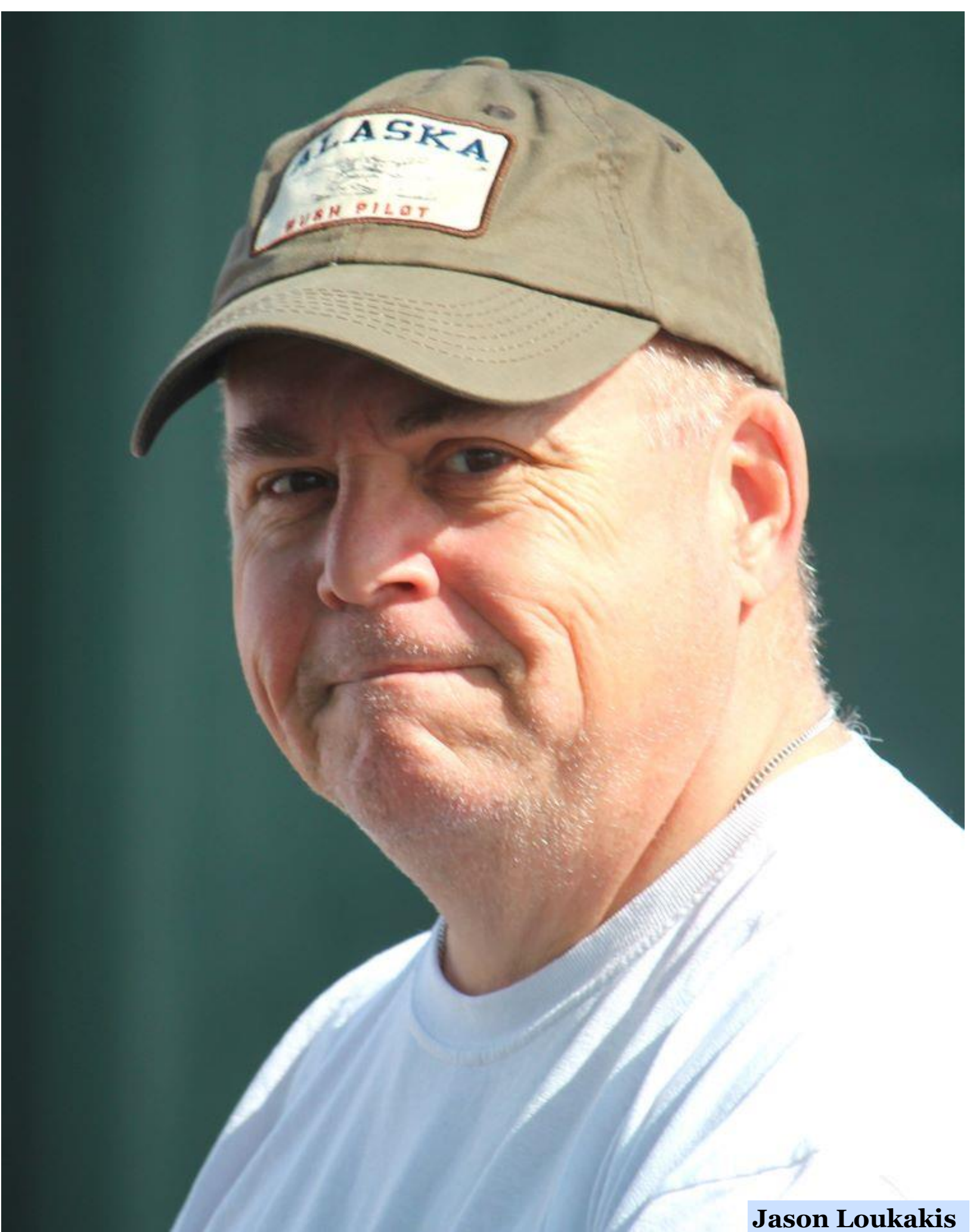
Randy Brunette, William Taft, Steve Gebler, Joe Villarreal, Tim Hitchcock, Chuck Riley, Eric Armstrong It looks like Chuck was hoping to wear the tutu!



Tim Hitchcock

Eric Armstrong

Joe Villarreal



Jason Loukakis



Pancho Castillo's beautiful Spitfire. In a power dive in England, this plane reached 606 mph!



For my March birthday, my daughter arranged a sky tour for me of San Diego³⁰ in this 1980's Great Lakes bi-plane. It was sheer delight. We flew at the minimums, and 500' over the ocean. Absolutely delightful, stable, and fun.



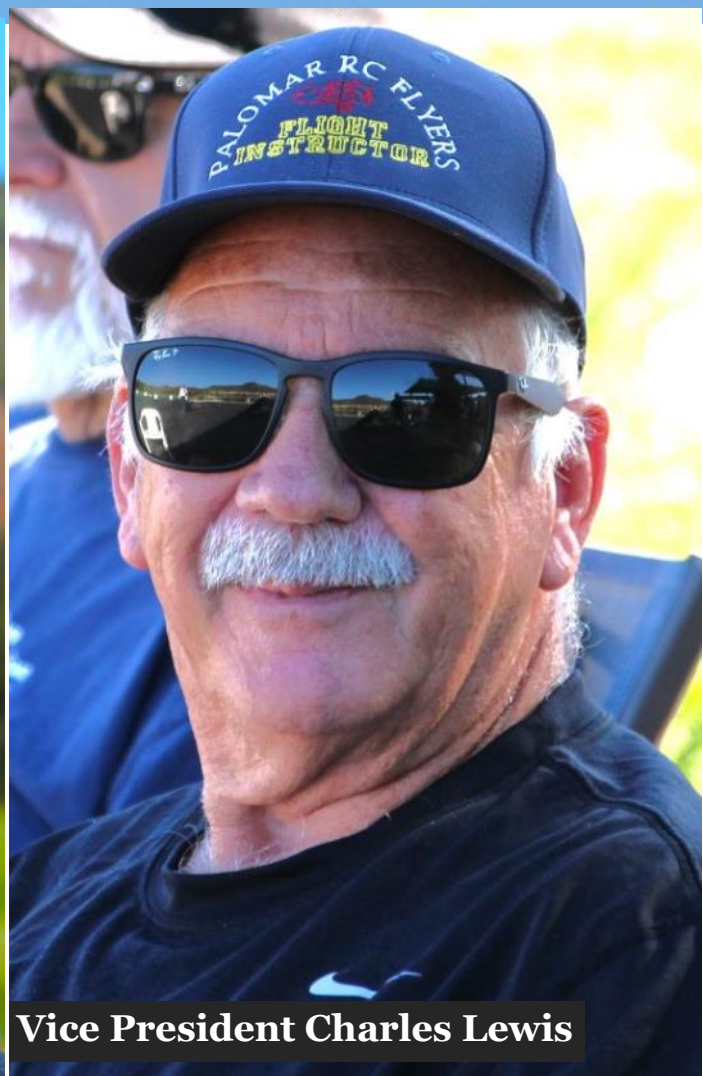
That's my youngest daughter, Juleann. That's me in an old-style leather helmet with ear phones. I won't tell how old I am. I may have a nice paint job, but my engine is from 1939! Geezer!



President emeritus Steve Gebler has the finest collection of flyable planes, gizmos, or whatever flies. This parafoil looks full-scale, but it's a model and flies well.



Richard Torres our webmaster.



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Vic Lerum won the March Model-of-the Month award.



Mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher

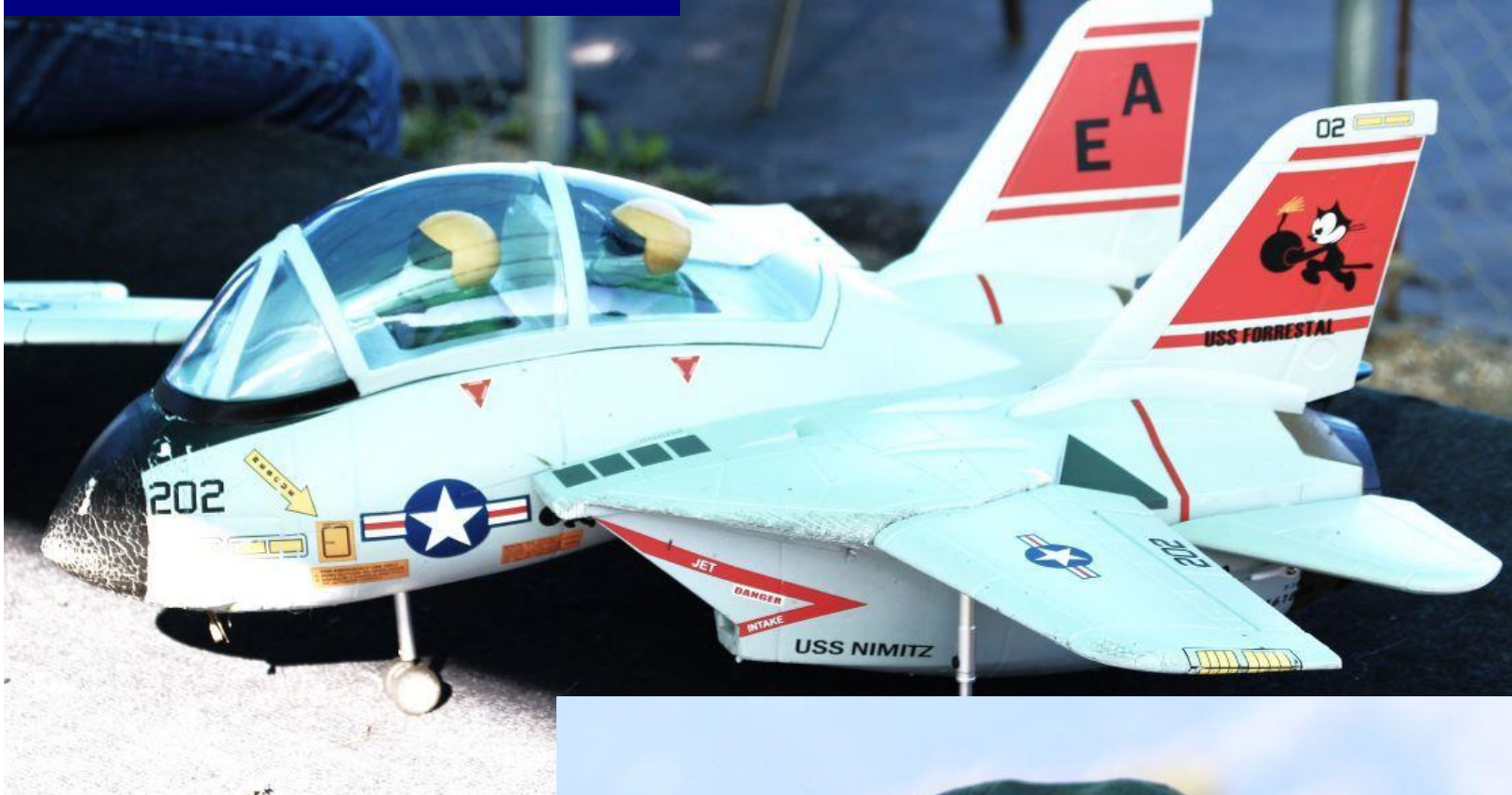


Vic Lerum



Steve Kerrin posts the Transmitter to our web site each month.

One of Vic Lerum's cartoon planes. It flies!



Mark Olsen



Scott Ralston



Presidents Emeritus Bill Hill and Varley Longson

Don White

Scott Page



Varley Longson



Our esteemed Treasurer who does so much³⁹ behind the scenes, Dave Ellis.

Miles Padberg



Beechcraft D-18S developed in 1937. Sky divers like to use it. ...There are at least four of these in our club. Mark Anderson was the first to fly one!



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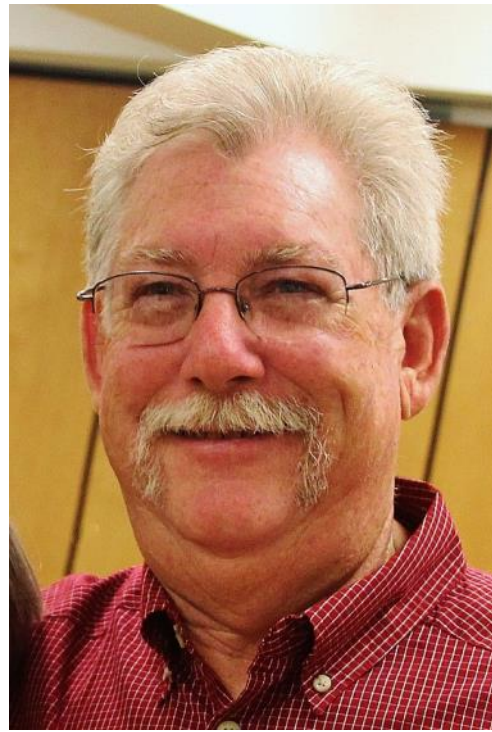
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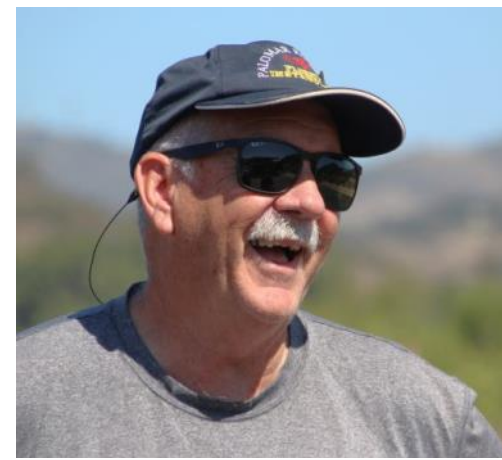
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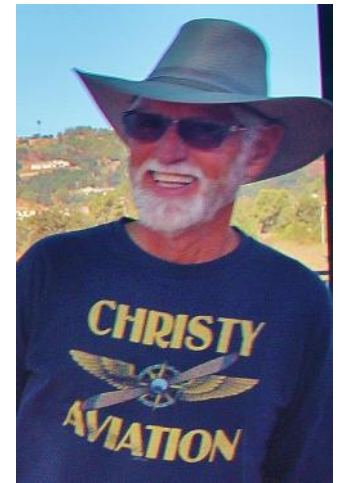


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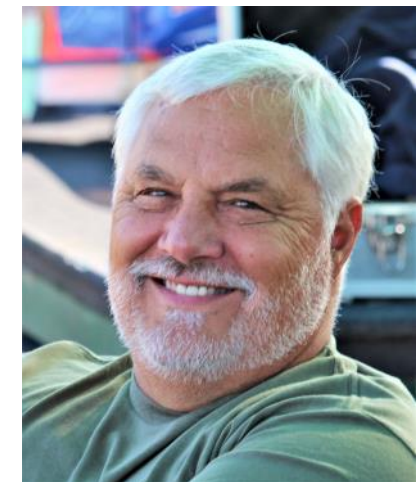


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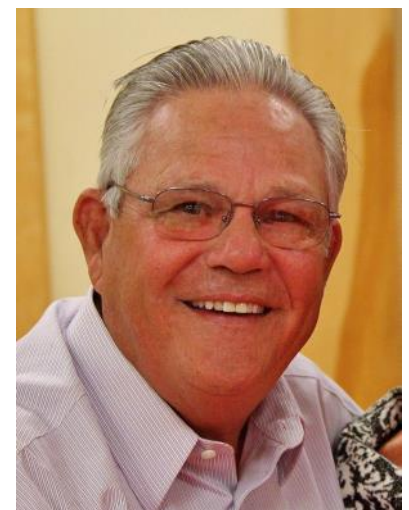
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