



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

# **Transmitter**



**January 2021**

**AMA Charter 141**

**Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year!**

**I would like to thank the members for allowing me to head up the board as president in the coming new year. I am excited to see what the new year brings in our hobby. Our club has had such amazing leadership over the years. It is with great respect and admiration that I would like to extend a huge “thank you” to our outgoing president, Steve Gebler. Steve has shown a love for the hobby, and even more for our club and its members.**

**I am happy to welcome back Trent Stadick, Chris Avellino, Chris Wilson and Scott Dedic to the board. I would also like to welcome Joe Villarreal (Vice President), Dave Ellis (Treasurer), Patrick Pranic (Secretary) and Steve Kerrin as the membership Chairman. I am also excited to welcome Phil Kogan as a new board member and Don Davis who will be a new board member and new head of our training program. Jim Christy will round out our administration as the new safety officer. Everyone will be happy to know Joe Buko is as excited as always to produce our newsletter, The Transmitter. I am extremely happy that Richard Torres will continue to manage, update and produce our website. He has truly made our website a world class representation of our club.**



**This past year has been difficult not only for society but also for our club. Our hobby is a very social hobby. People learn, teach and share in their enthusiasm for aviation. The brief shut down and subsequent restrictions have been instituted for everyone’s safety. As we enter the flu and cold season, I would like to encourage all of our members to continue to abide by health and safety precautions set forth by the government. This will ensure not only our members staying healthy but our ability to stay open and enjoy our hobby.**

**Many members have asked the question: “When will we have a meeting again?” We went ahead with the auction at the field and it was a great success. People respected social distancing and followed other protocols like wearing their masks. At the encouragement from many members, I would like to continue having our meetings at the field until other more formal arrangements can be made. This will allow a safe, open air environment to fellowship, exchange info and share in our projects. I would also encourage everyone to introduce themselves to board members and get to know them.**

**I would like to encourage the board and all members to give their input on what types of events they would like to see in the coming year along with bringing back some of the training we had at our regular meetings. Some of the events currently planned are: Combat, Heli-Fun- Fly, Warbird & Jet events and of course our monthly Glider get together. Hopefully Bill Hill and Patrick Pranic will be able to continue to teach the Civil Air Patrol in coming months. Some more exciting news on the training front; Don Davis and Chris Avellino are working on a new training syllabus and standards for flight training, safety and proficiency. We may also branch out and have advanced flying clinics in such areas as basic and advanced aerobatics, float flying and Jets (EDFs).**

**I feel blessed and encouraged by our members. This position and all of the fun I have enjoyed in this hobby would not be possible without the encouragement of my wife Lisa. I hope many of you will get to know her as she continues to support me and help out our club. Lets take this new year to appreciate what we have, enjoy our hobby, help others, help the community and continue to make Palomar RC Flyers one of the premier clubs in the area!**

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

**December 2020**  
**Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.**  
**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: Jim Christy**  
**Board members: James Gallacher, Chris Avellino, Chris Wilson, Joe Villarreal, Doug  
Able, Richard Torres**  
**Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Chris Thompson, Membership Chairman:  
Steve Kerrin. Webmaster: Richard Torres**

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

**Treasurer's Summary for Month of November 2020**

**Total Income: \$10,840.00**

**Mostly Membership plus \$1,815 from the Auction.**

**Total Expenses: \$963.89**

**Approx: \$270 in Auction costs, \$500 in the usual field maintenance items, and  
\$180 in PayPal fees.**

**Net income: +\$9,876.11**

**End of Month Balance: \$99,471.93**

**Membership: 282 year end membership. \$100 approved for increased mailing of cards. 90  
plus age or infirmed comp membership proposed and approved. Financial Hardship cas-  
es considered. Case by case. Gate keys will be locked out for nonpaying members.**

- **Chair Reports**
  - **Safety: Full scale helicopter has been encroaching airspace. Evasive actions were tak-  
en. Taxing in the pits continues to be an issue.**
  - **Fixed Wing: Pilot skills coupled with aircraft type continue to present a safety hazard.  
May require check rides for safety.**
  - **Drone: Nothing to report**
  - **Heli: Heli fun fly scheduled for May 14 to 16**
  - **Glider: Weekend aero towing to continue**
- Flight Training: In hiatus No friends and family will be permitted to attend training classes  
until Covid is not a threat. Training transmitter switches must be button activated.**

**Invited Guests — Dedic, Davis, Kogan — Elected Board**

- **Field Search Committee: On going. Nothing yet.**
- **Auction Review: George Dawe was exceptional. \$1815 total**
- **Toys for Tots: In process**
- **Transition Plans for President in progress**
- **Bank Account**
- **Keys (extra shed keys, gate access keys and codes)**
- **Projector**
- **Paint Ball Equipment**
- **Other documents, contracts, etc**
- **Appointments**
- **Safety Officer: To be decided**
- **Flight Training: Team to be assembled during hiatus.**
- **Heli Field Gravel Acquisition: Waiting for bids and schedules**
- **Life Member Announcements: Reserved for Steve Gebler.**
- **Member of the Year Nominations: Announced Jan 9 field meeting**
- **Next Year Event Planner: To be sorted at the next BOD meeting**
- **Alternative Club Meeting Plans. Field and Zoom meetings discussed**
- **Events: To be announced in January**

**Adjourned: 7:45 PM**

# NOTE WELL!

**THE NEXT CUB MEETING  
WILL BE HELD AT THE FIELD  
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH  
AT 9:30 AM. NEW OFFICERS  
WILL BE INTRODUCED. Be  
there or be square!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



# SAILPLANE TOW EVENT– DEC. 12, 2020

Next 27 Photos taken by President Chris Thompson. Thanks! Great Job!!



**Looks like a giant ASW-17. This bird flies like an angel and doesn't want to land but longs to keep flying.**





President Chris Thompson's gull-wing There go the take-off wheels!







**President Chris Thompson**

**Tom Minegar**









**There was lots of flying that day. Elegance in flight!**







**Mike Lonnecker's Cherokee aloft**









**Jack Gregory posing with ASW-28 Glider Pilot ( modified to look more realistic) New member**





**Master builder Mike Lonnecker and his Cherokee**











**Tom Minegar and his Cloud King**

**President Chris Thompson and his gull-wing sailplane. Are there really only 2 pounds of lead to balance this short nose moment?**







**Chris Thompson our new president.**



**John Hartsell Sr.**

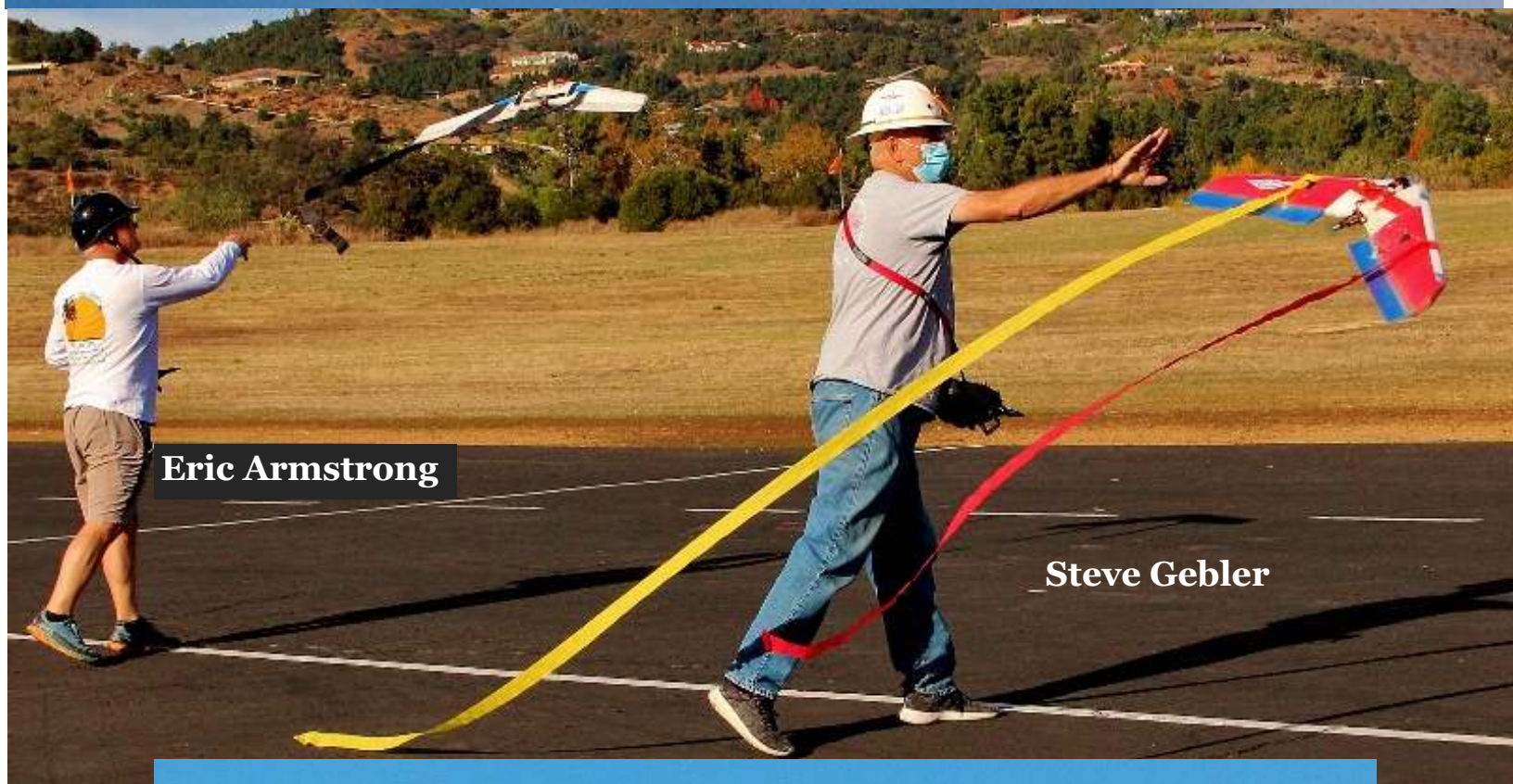
**Tim Hitchcock**

**John Hartsell Jr.**

**Chuck Riley**



# Dec. 5, 2020 Trifecta



**Eric Armstrong**

**Steve Gebler**







**Chuck Riley**



**Eric**

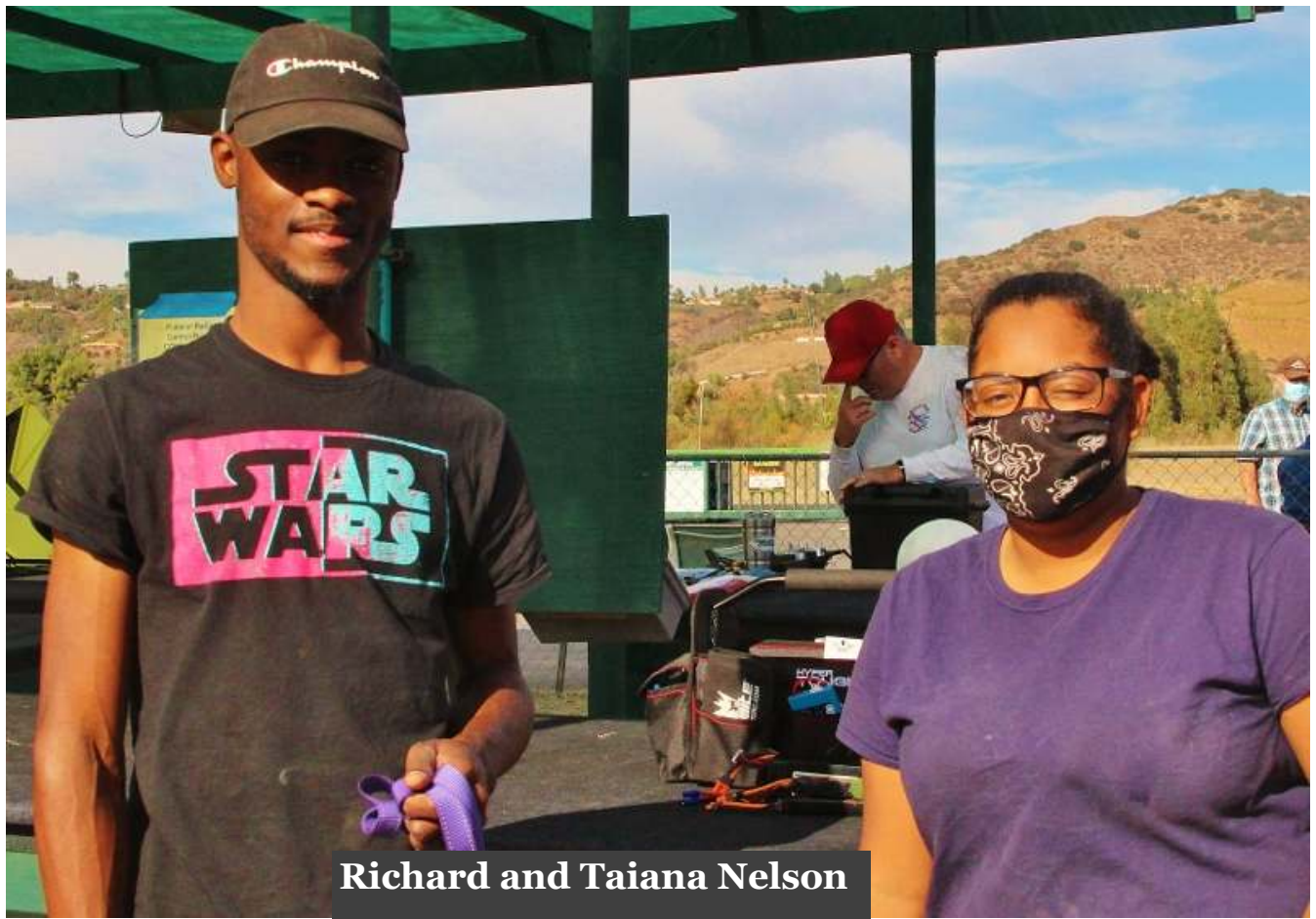
**Chuck**







**Beth Walsh- her son, Alex, flew in the Trifecta.**

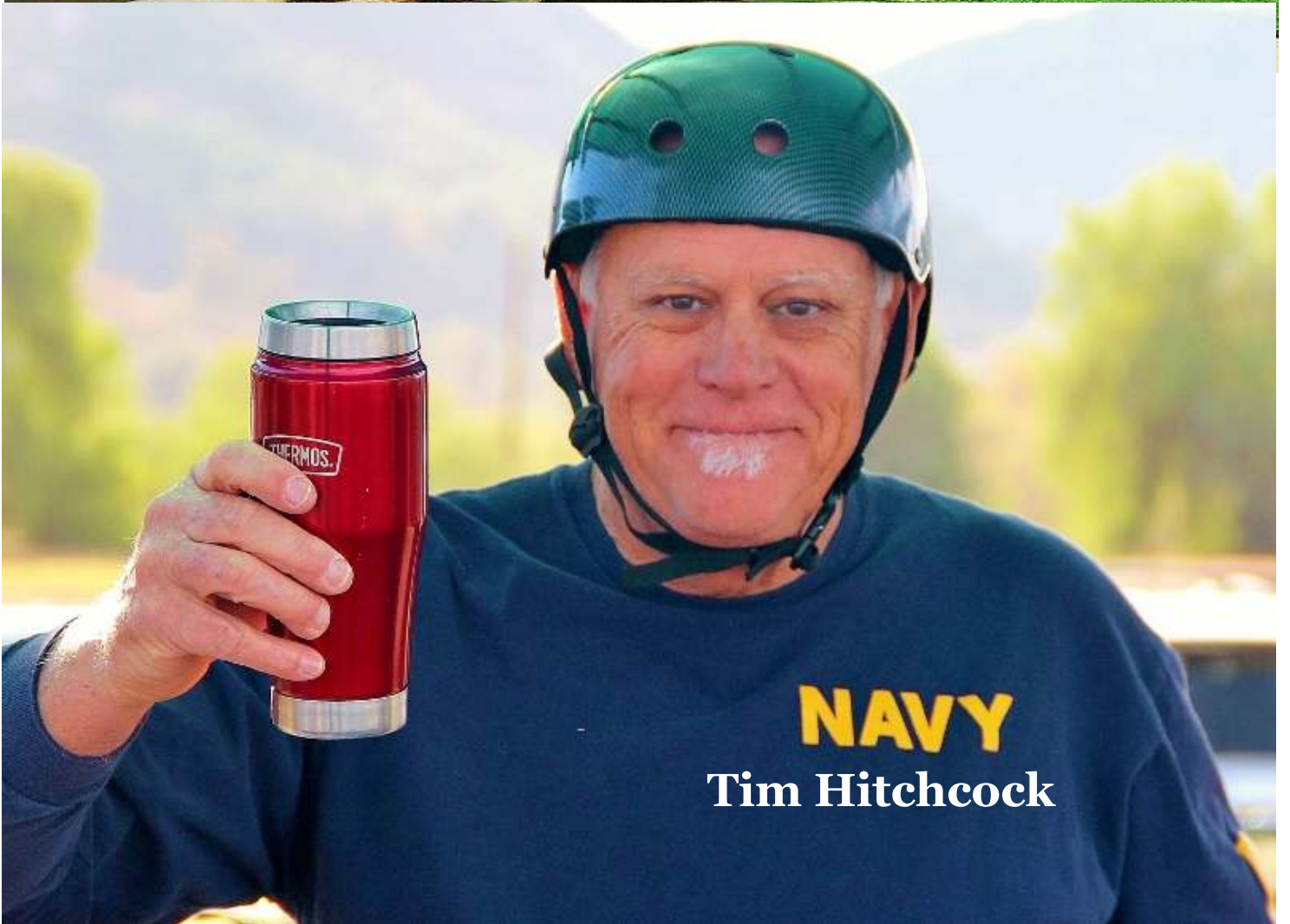


**Richard and Taiana Nelson**





**Eric Armstrong**



**NAVY**  
**Tim Hitchcock**





**Alex Walsh, Doug Abel, Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Tim Hitchcock, Eric Armstrong**



**Who are these guys?**









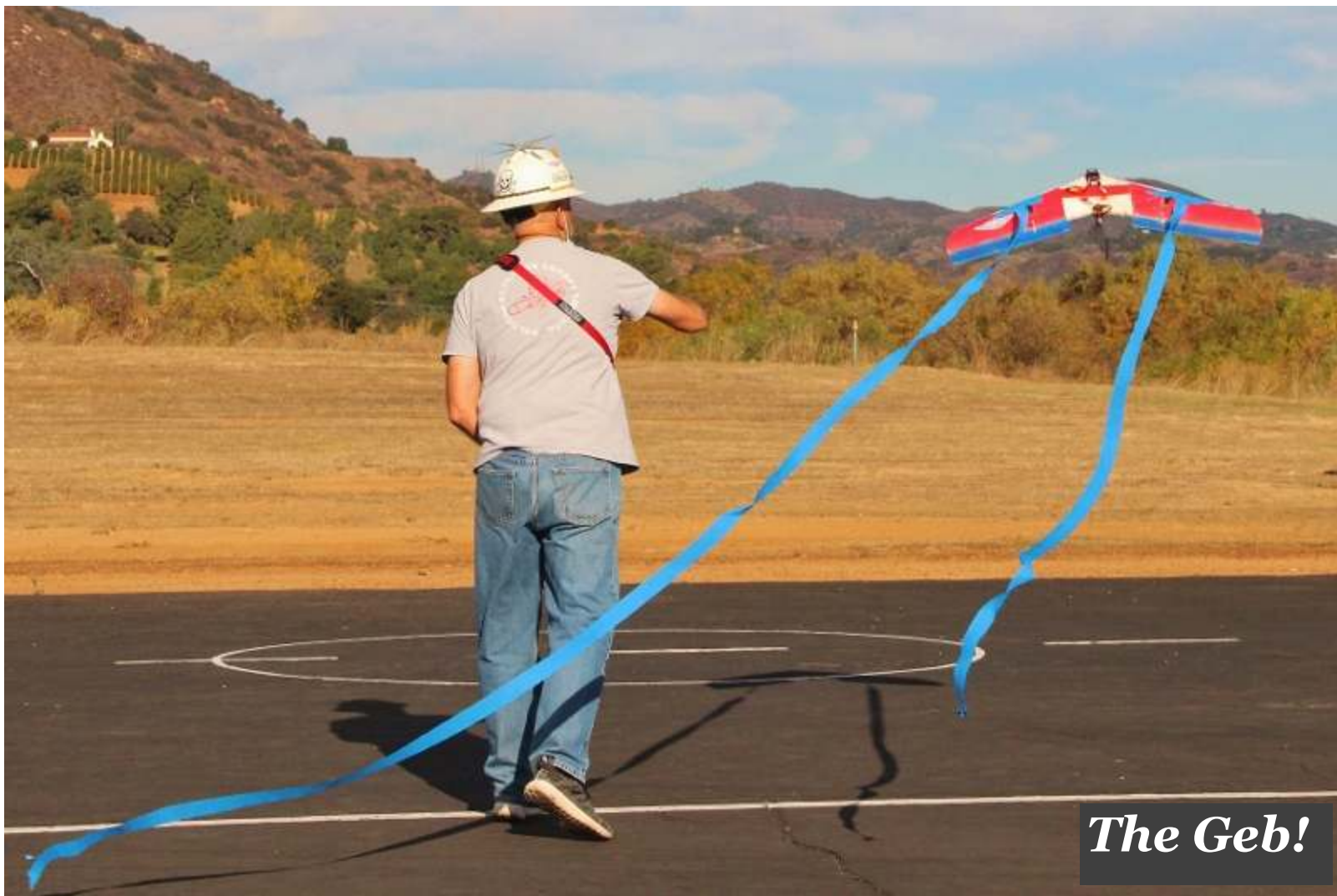
**Eric Armstrong**



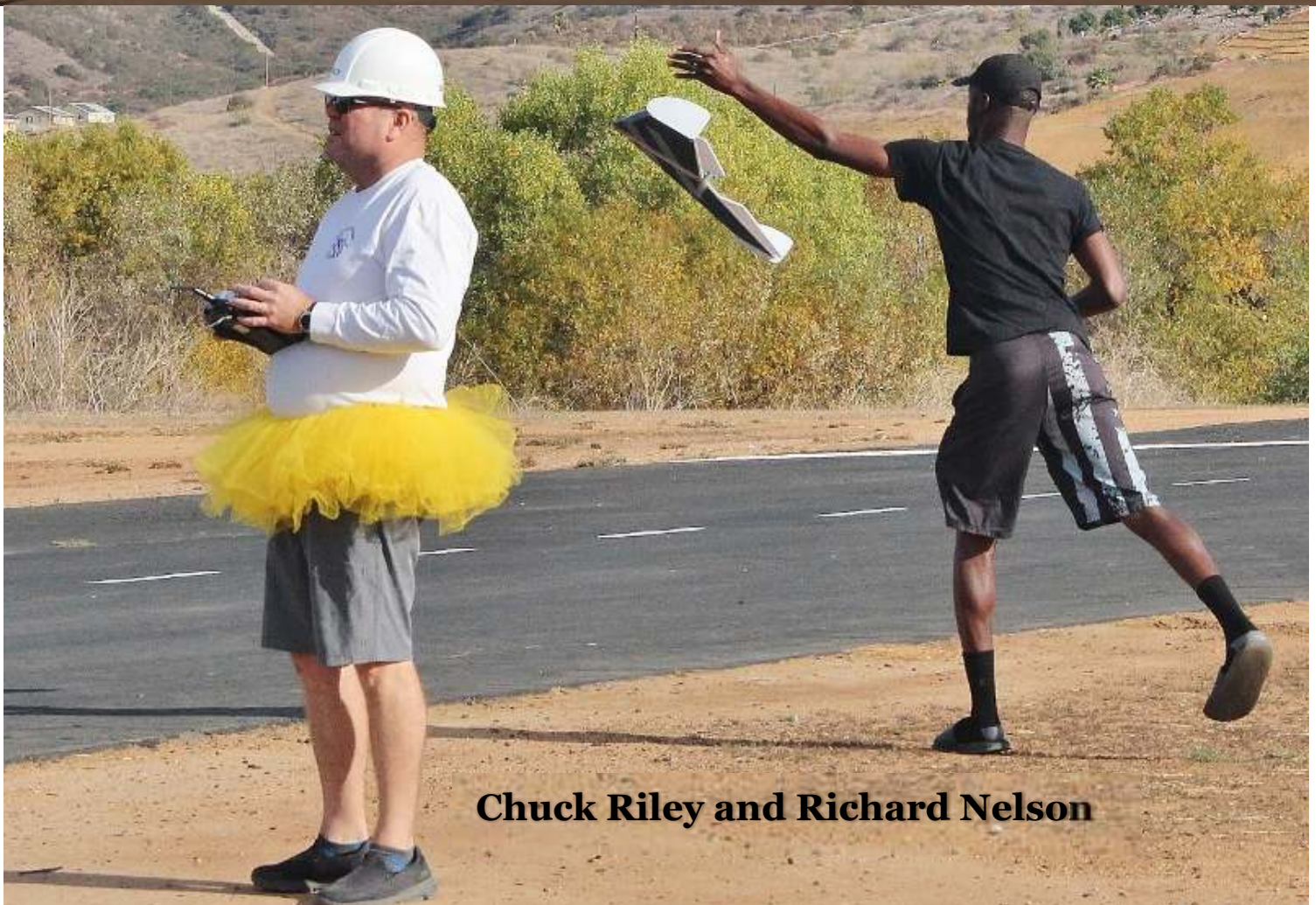


**Doug Abel**



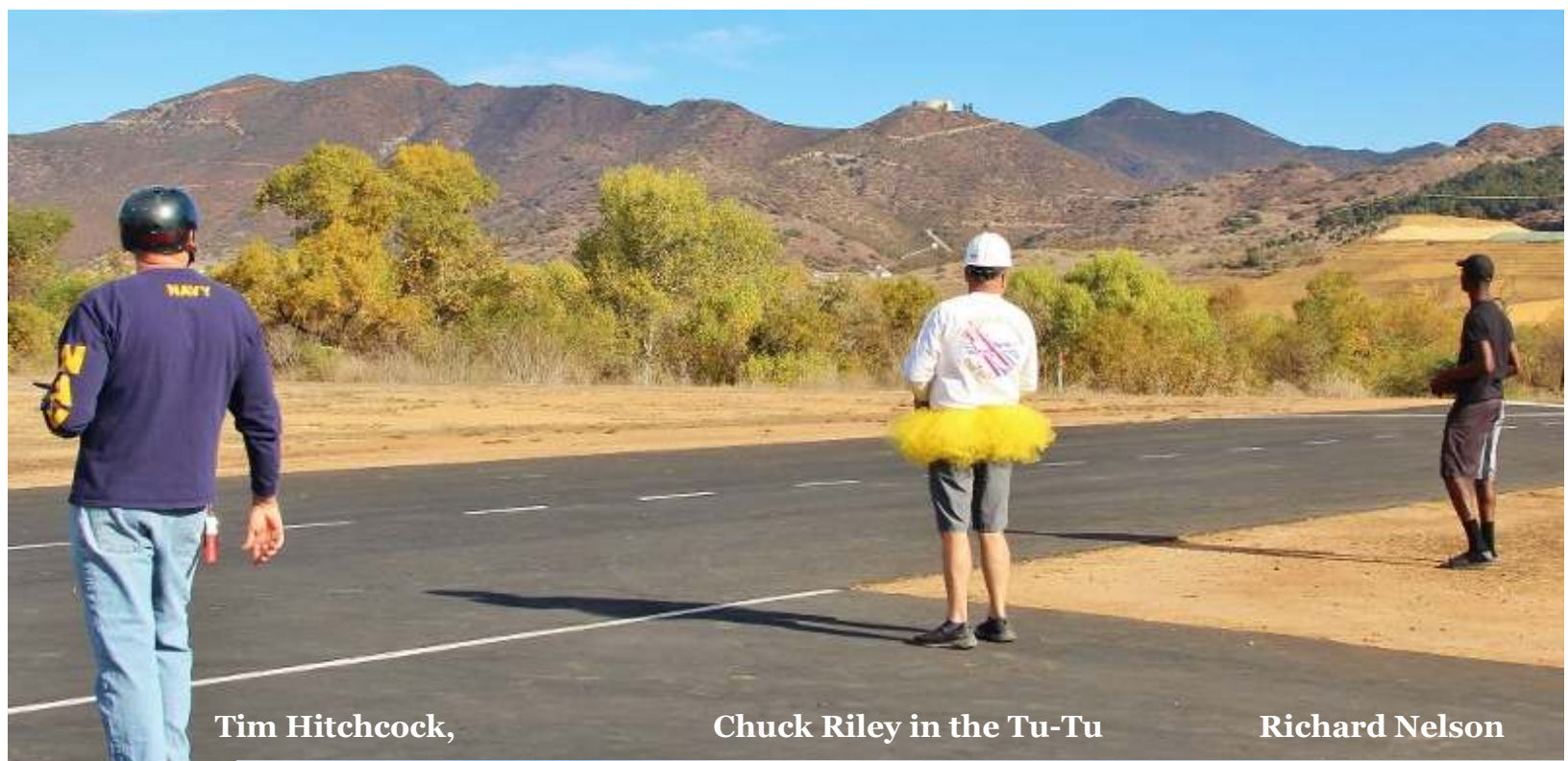


*The Geb!*



**Chuck Riley and Richard Nelson**





Tim Hitchcock,

Chuck Riley in the Tu-Tu

Richard Nelson



**Alex Walsh holding the plane alongside his dad, Casey.**





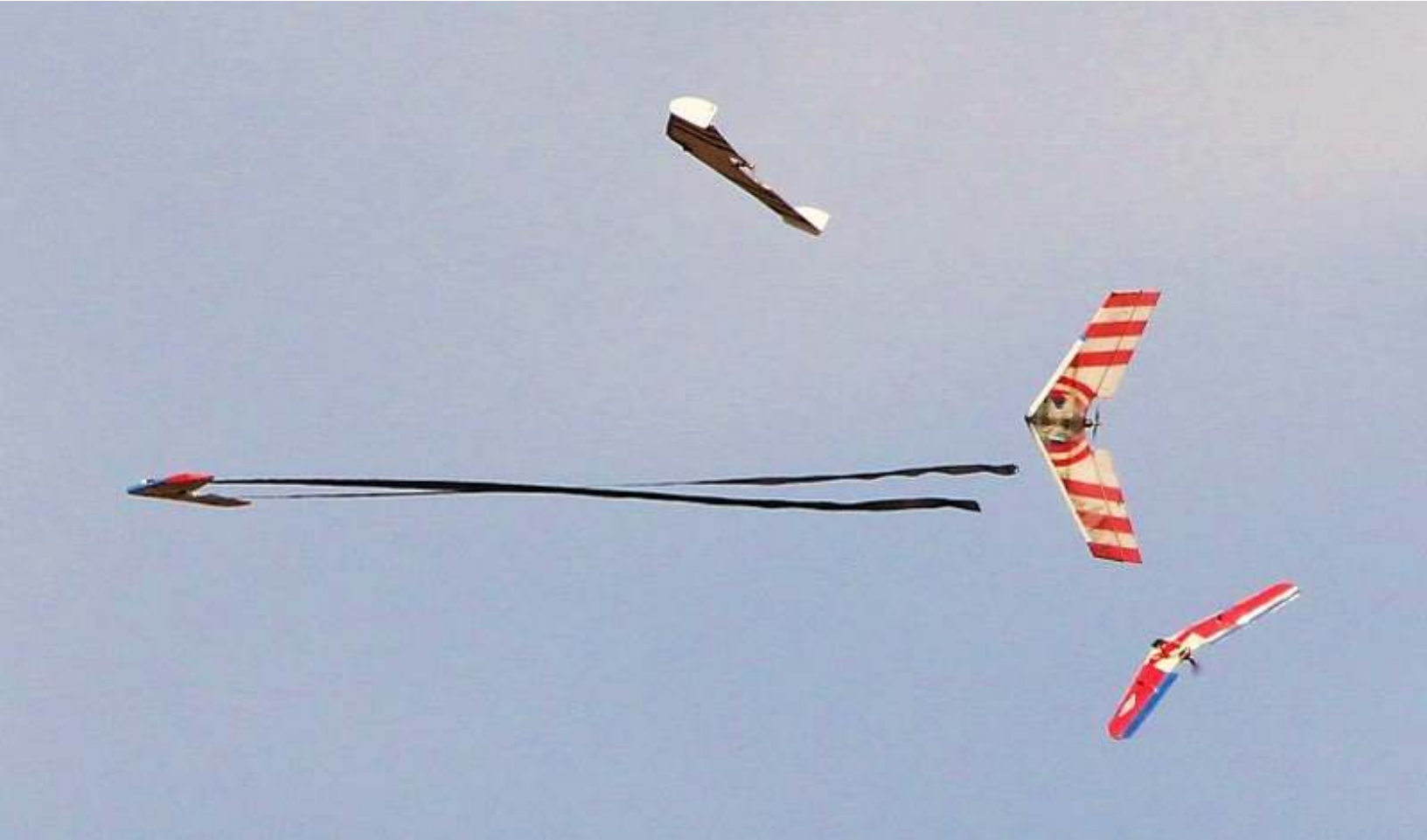
**Dave Bracci**



**Doug Abel**







**Chuck Riley**





**Chuck Riley helped to keep score. Where are you Darrell?**







**Steve Gebler kept score too and he came in first! As Jay Leno would say, "I'm just sayin'!"**

**Doug Riley is Chuck's dad, and Charlie's grandfather.**

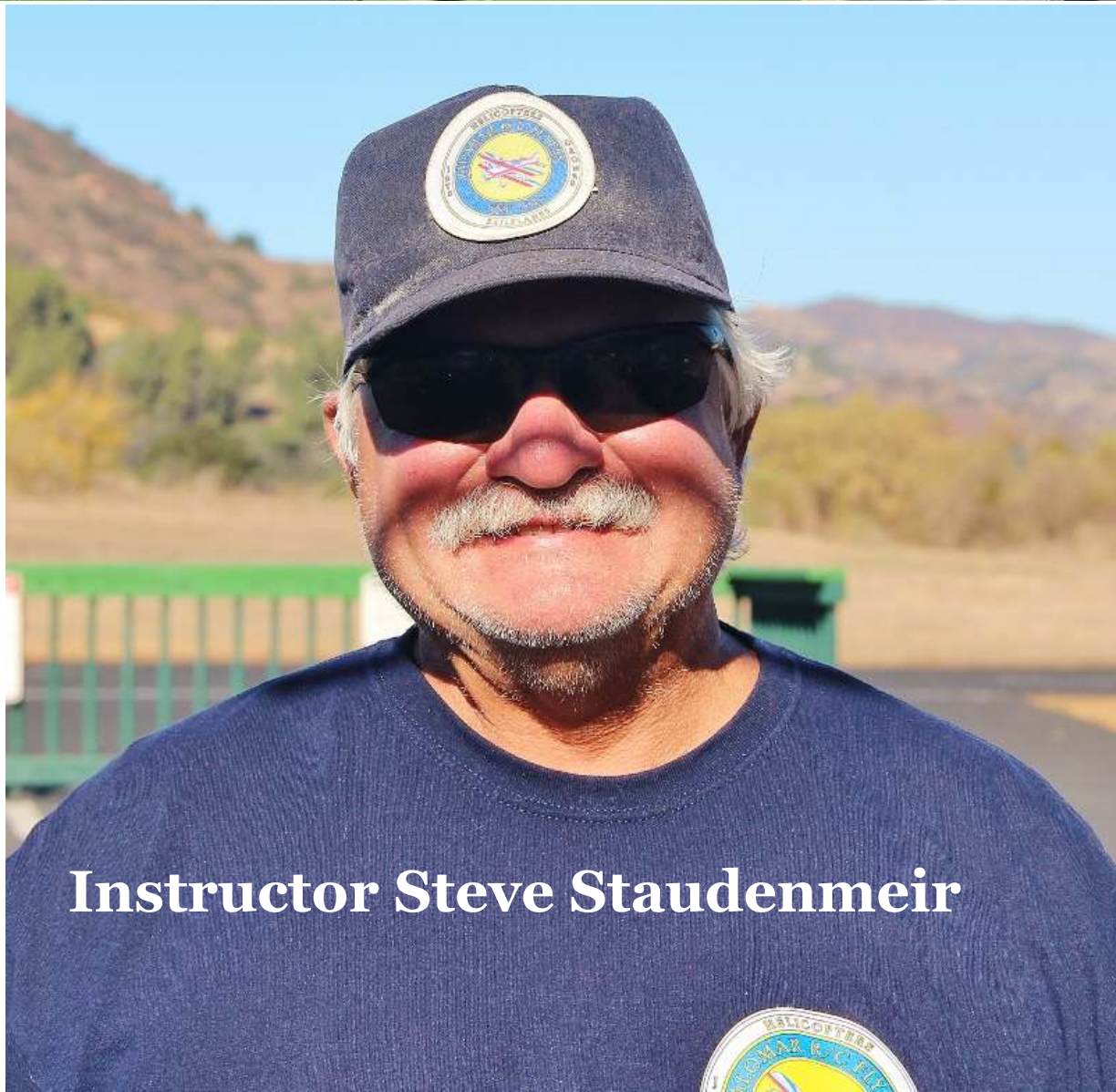






**Doug Abel**

**Tim Hitchcock**



**Instructor Steve Staudenmeir**





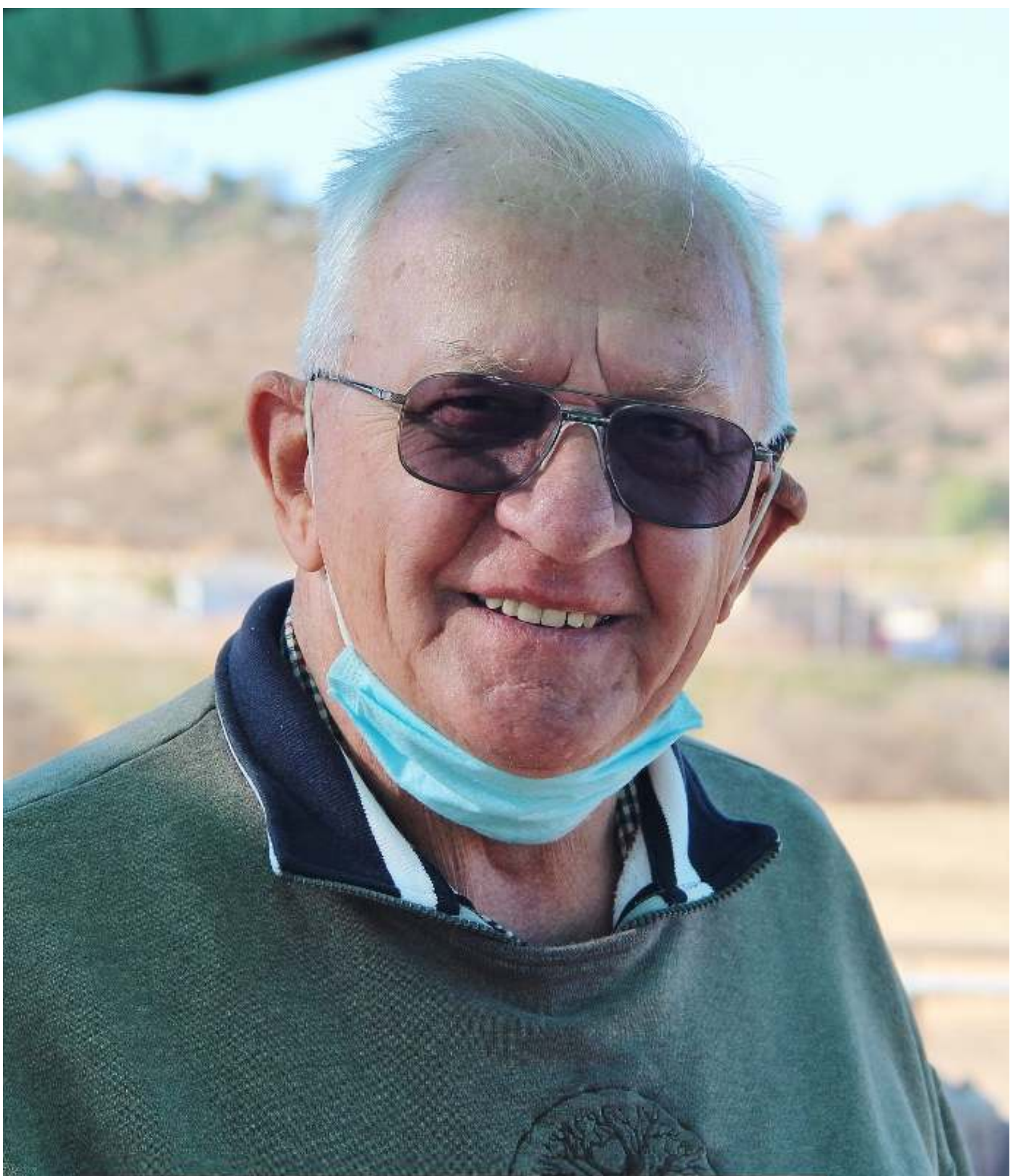
**Tim**

**Steve**

**Eric**

**Trifecta winners– Steve Gebler=First Place; Eric Armstrong=Second Place; Tim Hitchcock=Third Place**





**Lord Creedon**





**Don Davis, new Board Member  
and Head Flight Instructor**



**Hal Meeker**





**Jim Christy our Safety Officer**





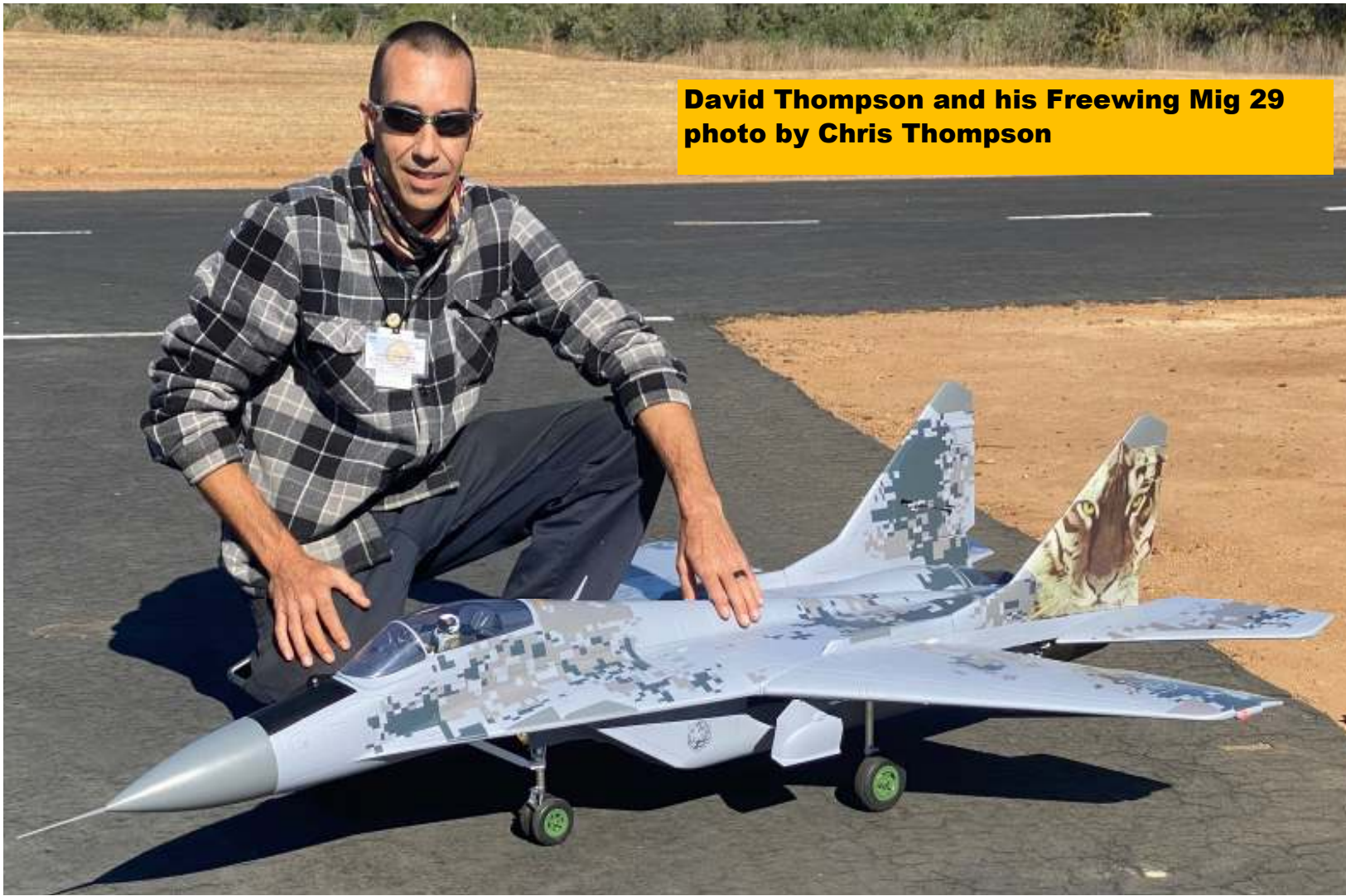
**New**



**Editor's  
P-39**



**David Thompson and his Freewing Mig 29  
photo by Chris Thompson**



**Rick Heymann**



**Don Davis and his Slick.  
Photos by Chris  
Thompson and also the  
photos on pages 40 thru  
45 except those of Patrick  
Pranica and the sunset.**







**Rick Hilton**







**Greg Wilson  
and his  
Addiction**





Rick Heymann-F-22



Tom Pollinger's Freewing F-18 Blue Angels, 90mm EDF





**Lord Creedon usually visits the field on Tuesday and Thursday.**







**A photo from the past of Club Secretary Patrick Pratica. He is recovering from medical issues and will be able to fly once again in the coming year. We miss him at the field.**







The real Blue Angels!







**Taken by your editor a week before Christmas from his home in Vista, CA.**





***Membership Chairman, Steve Kerrin. He deserves a page for all the work he does! Keeping the roster, issuing electronic keys, handling dues, keeping it all straight and remaining the wonderful man he is!***





**Photo of our field taken by Patrick Pranica from his drone. That's my De Havillan Tiger Moth overflying our field above and my B-24 below.**







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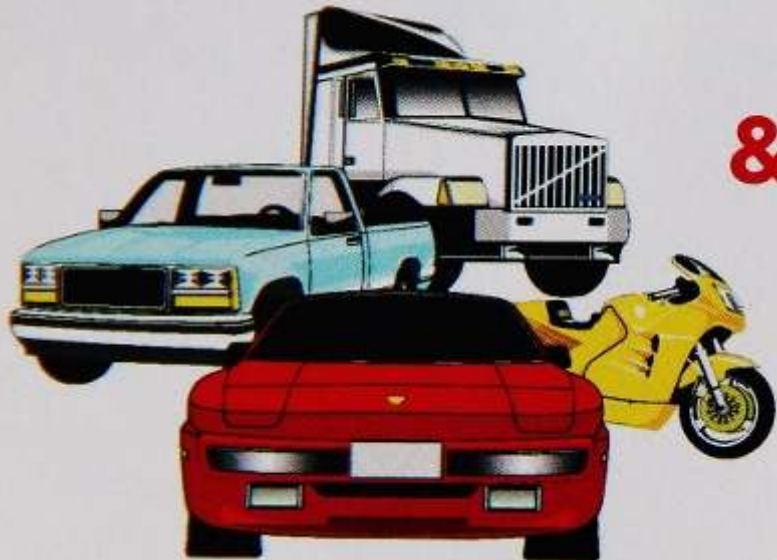
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