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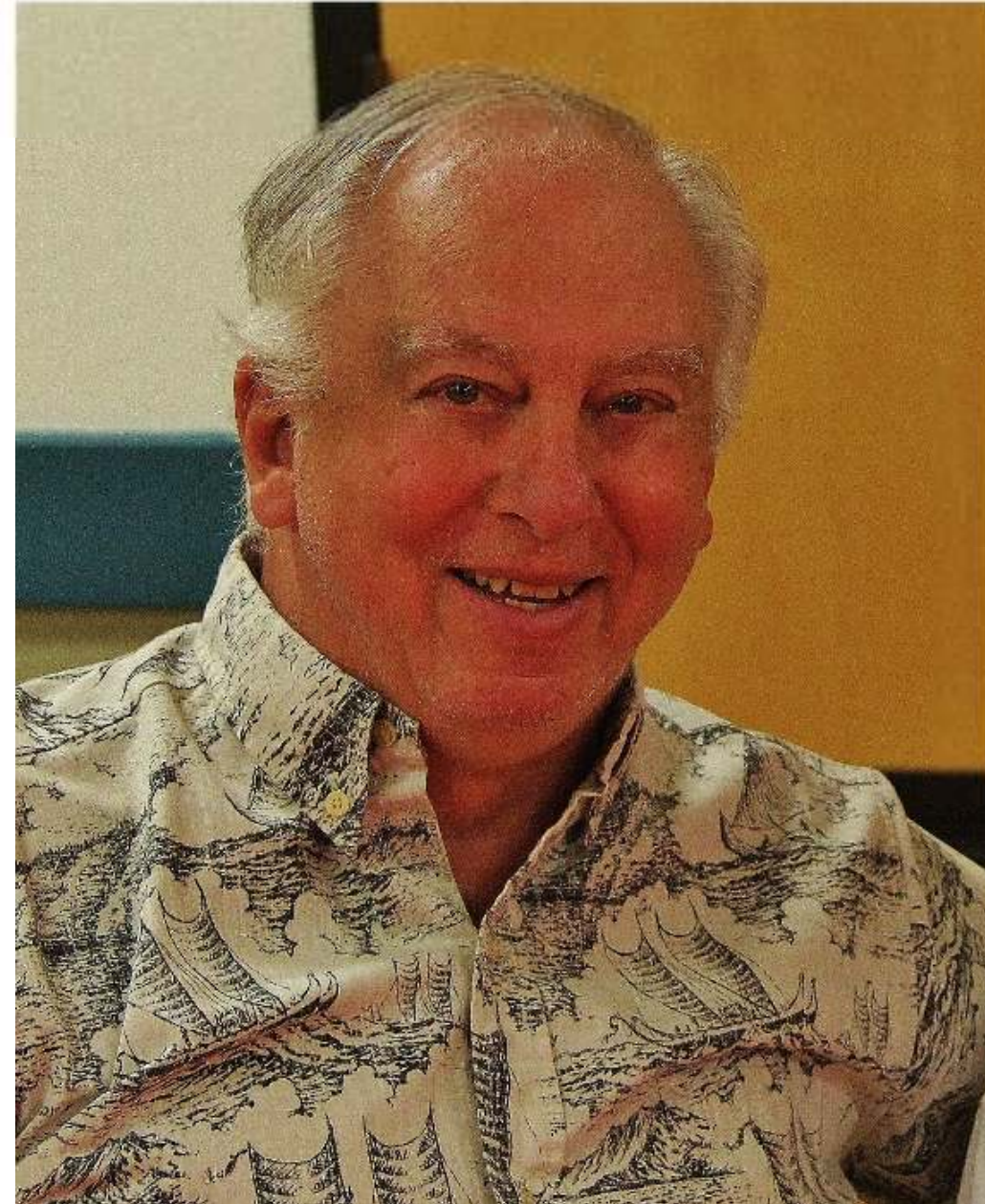
March 2021

AMA Charter 141

There is no president's column.



IN MEMORIAM



CHUCK ABEL

It is with deep sadness that we inform the members of the passing of Chuck Able.

Chuck was a flying member of our club for quite a while and his wife Marlene took care of our snacks and coffee at the meetings. Many of you know his son Doug, a very active member of our Board and avid drone pilot.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends can make donations to the AMA in Chuck's name.



Charles Abel (known as Chuck by many of his friends) passed away on Feb. 20. He was supposed to be at the meeting at the field, and wasn't feeling well, so stayed home. My mom, Marlene Abel, was going to take him to the hospital and in the process of going out to the car, his heart stopped for the final time and he passed away in the driveway. While it was unexpected, he had been suffering with diabetes for years, and had been affected by congestive heart failure as well as weakening kidneys.

My dad had a huge love of aviation and space exploration; he worked for General Dynamics here in San Diego, as part of their Convair division, as well as developing rockets for satellites. He was later transferred to the Space Magnetics program for the SSC that was to be built in Waxahachie, TX; he later worked again designing rockets for Martin Murrietta and then Lockheed Martin/United Launch Alliance (ULA) before he retired. He always had a huge fascination with the rockets that were launched from Cape Canaveral and Edwards, and was glad to see the SpaceX program get off the ground as well as seeing the Perseverance Rover touch down live on NASA TV.



I wanted everyone to know that he considered the club a great thing. He appreciated all of you for the camaraderie you provided, and made him feel like family. He was always worried about flying with everyone else because he still considered himself a beginner flyer, but he really enjoyed talking to everyone, even if he seemed quiet. For those of you who helped him learn to fly and watched him step up to the line in the training program, I thank each and every one of you for helping to build his confidence.

He and my mom were more than willing to come up to the meetings each month, and it gave him and me a chance to bond as a father/son event; the last time I saw him in person, I got to stand next to him as he flew his Timber at the field. I'll always have that memory, as I'm sure he did as well.

Godspeed, Dad. You've got your pilot's wings now.

Thanks

Doug Abel

February 2021
Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

President: Chris Thompson, Vice President: Joe Villarreal, Treasurer: David Ellis,
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Scott Dedic, Phil Kogan
Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Don Davis, Membership Chairman: Steve
Kerrin. Webmaster: Richard Torres

Call to order: 6:30 via zoom

Treasurer's Summary for Month of February 2021

Total Income: \$4,695.00

All Membership except \$50 auction.

Total Expenses: \$1,458.44

\$320 end of year awards

\$475 AMA charter & post office box

\$575 the usual field maintenance items.

Net income: +\$3,236.56

End of Month Balance: \$106,142.42

Membership: Currently we have 211 members. Anticipate more as the year proceeds.

Chair Reports

Safety: The issue of pilot skill sets not matching the aircraft they fly is becoming apparent. Members need to self-evaluate their skills before flying and/or ask for help from fellow members. Prop cuts continue to plague even experienced members who fail to engage their cut-off switches.

Fixed Wing field: Nothing to report

Drone: Repairs and promotion needed. Some new gates installed. Racing continues hopeful.

Heli: Site improvements are holding up to the weather. Heli members are increasing. Weeds will need to be addressed as the rains continue.

Glider: Nothing to report. Aero Tows will continue first Saturday of the month.

Flight Training: Syllabus was created to aid instructors and students. Best we ever had. Created by Don Davis new chief instructor.

Increasing pilots back to 5 on the flight line: Masks and social distancing required. Board vote approved

Meetings at the field: Will continue for the interim this year. 9AM start. Snacks will be provided.

Proposed event dates: All events weather permitting. Subject to Covid guidelines.

Heli-fun-fly: June 11 to 13, tentative subject to Covid status and guidelines

Warbird event: Saturday July 3

Classics & Cubs: Saturday August 14

3D event: October. Proposed. Will required strict Db rules

Jet event: Saturday November 13

Training: March 15-October 25

TriFecta
Feb 7 Sat
Mar 14 Sun
Apr 10 Sat
May 8 Sun

Club Meetings: Feb 20 (Weather permitting)
Mar 22
April 24
May 22

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM

**Remember the Trifecta
is on March 14, 2021 @
9 am. Be there or be
square.**



Jim Gallacher took this photo from his tow plane looking back at the field. The jungle is visible as is the new road behind it. Our runway looks awesome!



Here are concealed factories and assembly plants that may have been targets during WWII, including Douglas Aircraft. In a short period of time the entire area of the factory was camouflaged. The Lockheed-Vega aircraft plant in Burbank was fully hidden beneath a complete suburb replete with rubber automobiles and peaceful rural neighborhood scenes painted on canvas. (Greg Wilson contributed this photo. He was just 23 when he took it in 1944. Happy 100th this year!) You don't look a day over 99!)



Bobby Sparks and son Evon enjoying themselves.

(Chris Thompson photo and the next 5 also)



Vic Lerum with his new Freewing Mig-29

Max Lonneker, a new member. Welcome!





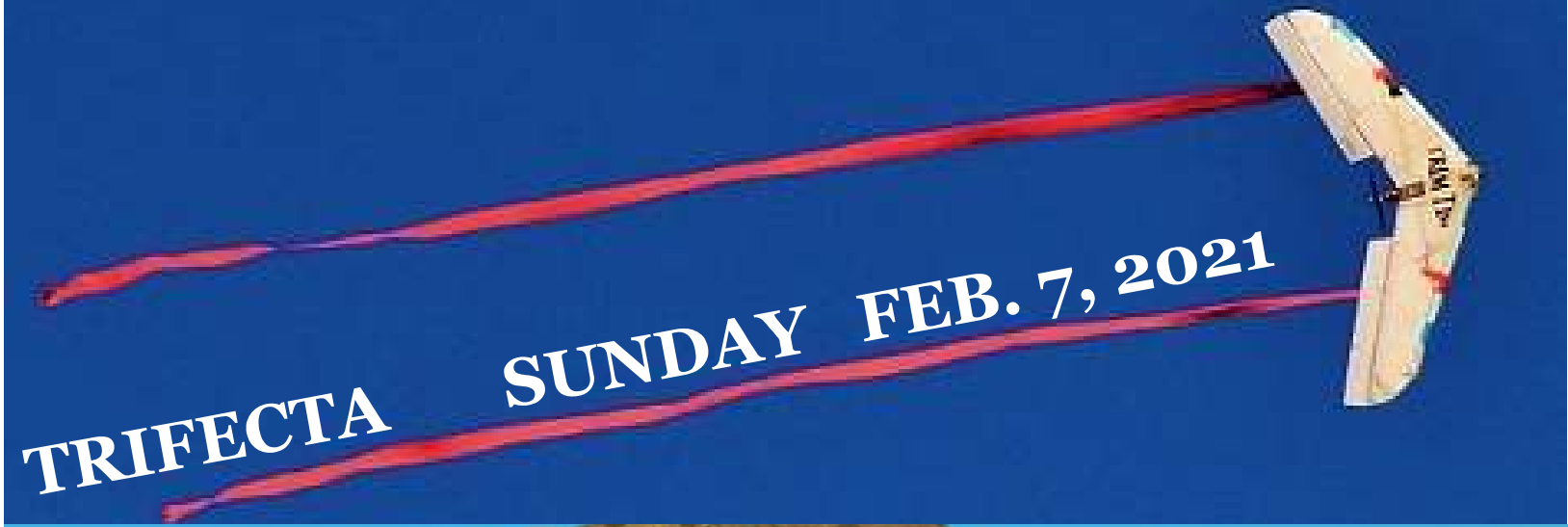
Bill DeMore



Tom Pollinger -FMS 80 mm Hawk, Rick Heymann- Freewing 90mm F-22, Ceasar Fernandez- Arrows 64mm F-22, Chris Thompson - Freewing 80mmx2 A-10

Richard Nelson with his Eflite V1200. Richard is smiling after his 140 mph flight!



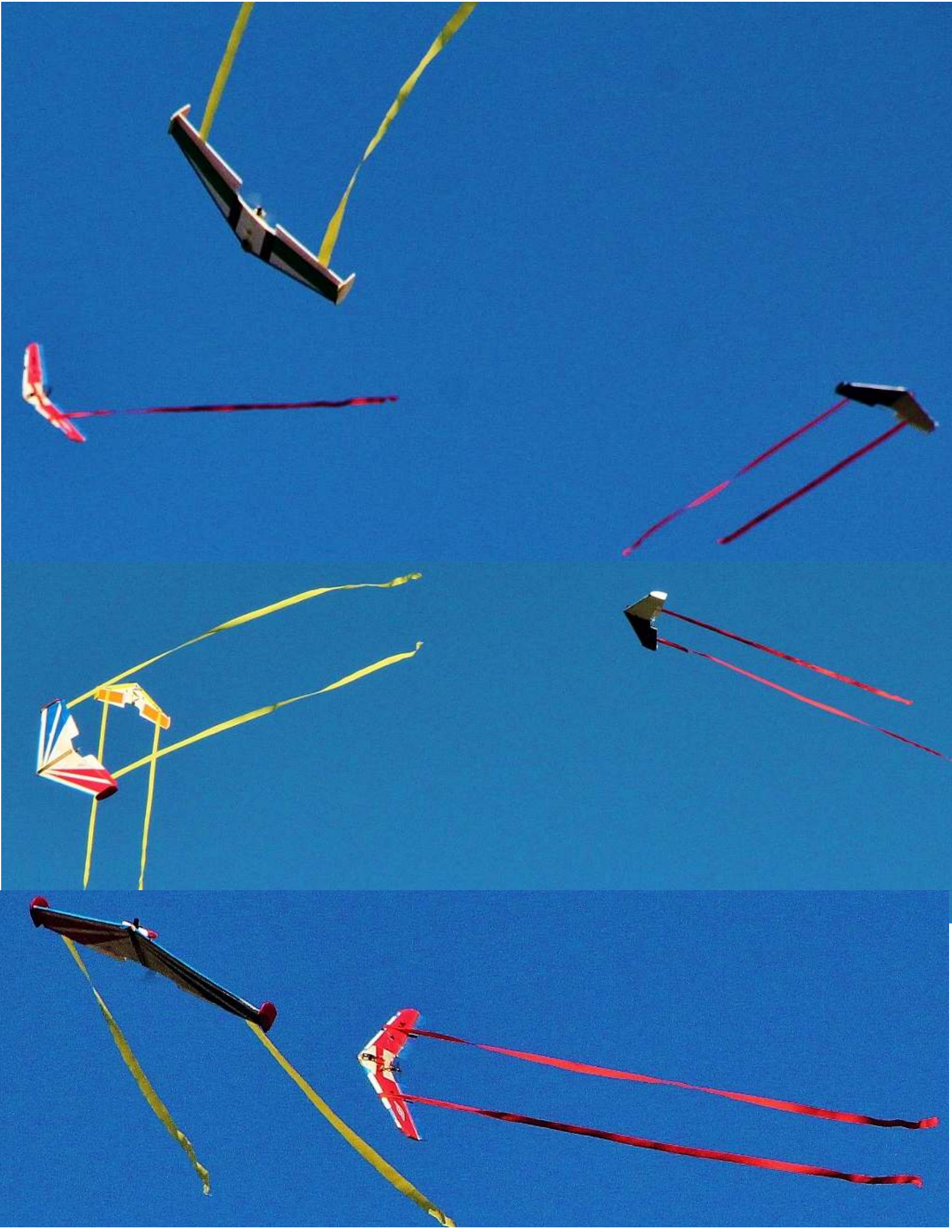


L/R Board Member Doug Abel, Vice President Joe Villarreal, Treasurer Dave Ellis, President Emeritus Steve Gebler, "Trim" Tim Hitchcock, and former treasurer Chuck Riley...the unusual suspects are below.





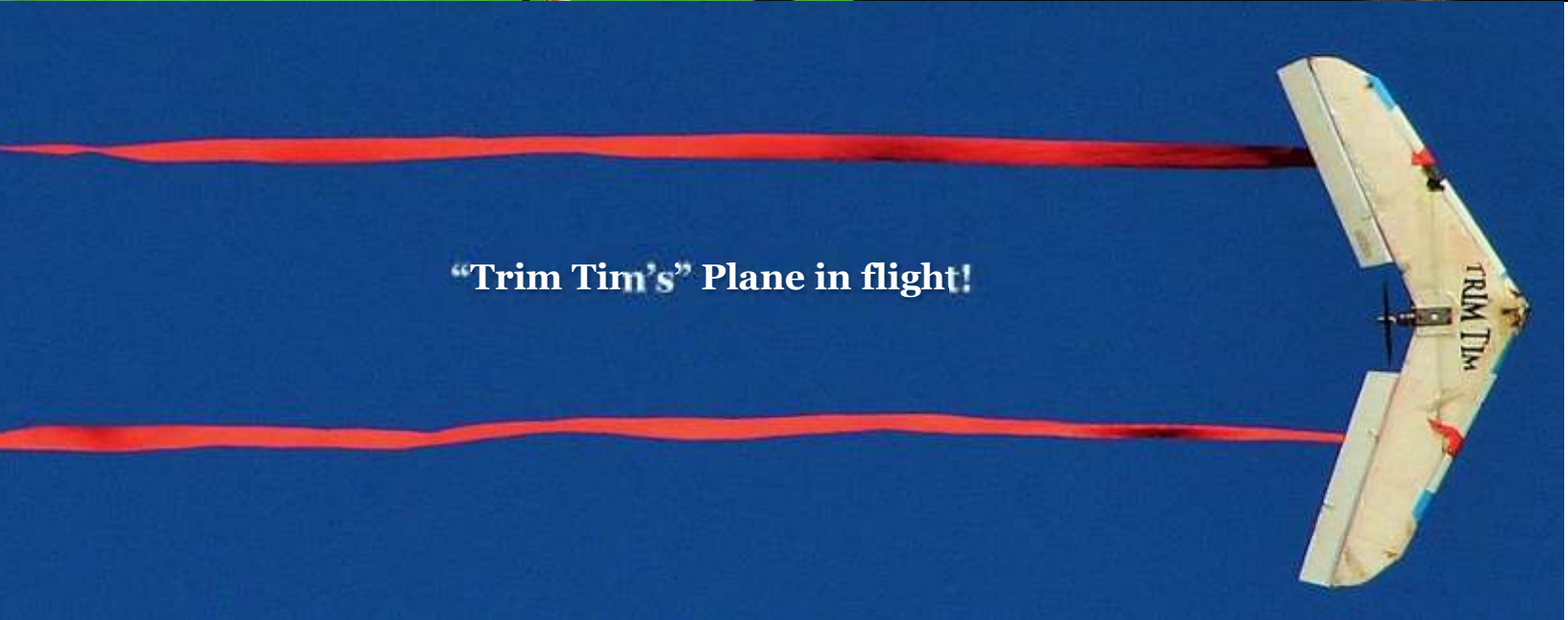
Doug Abel





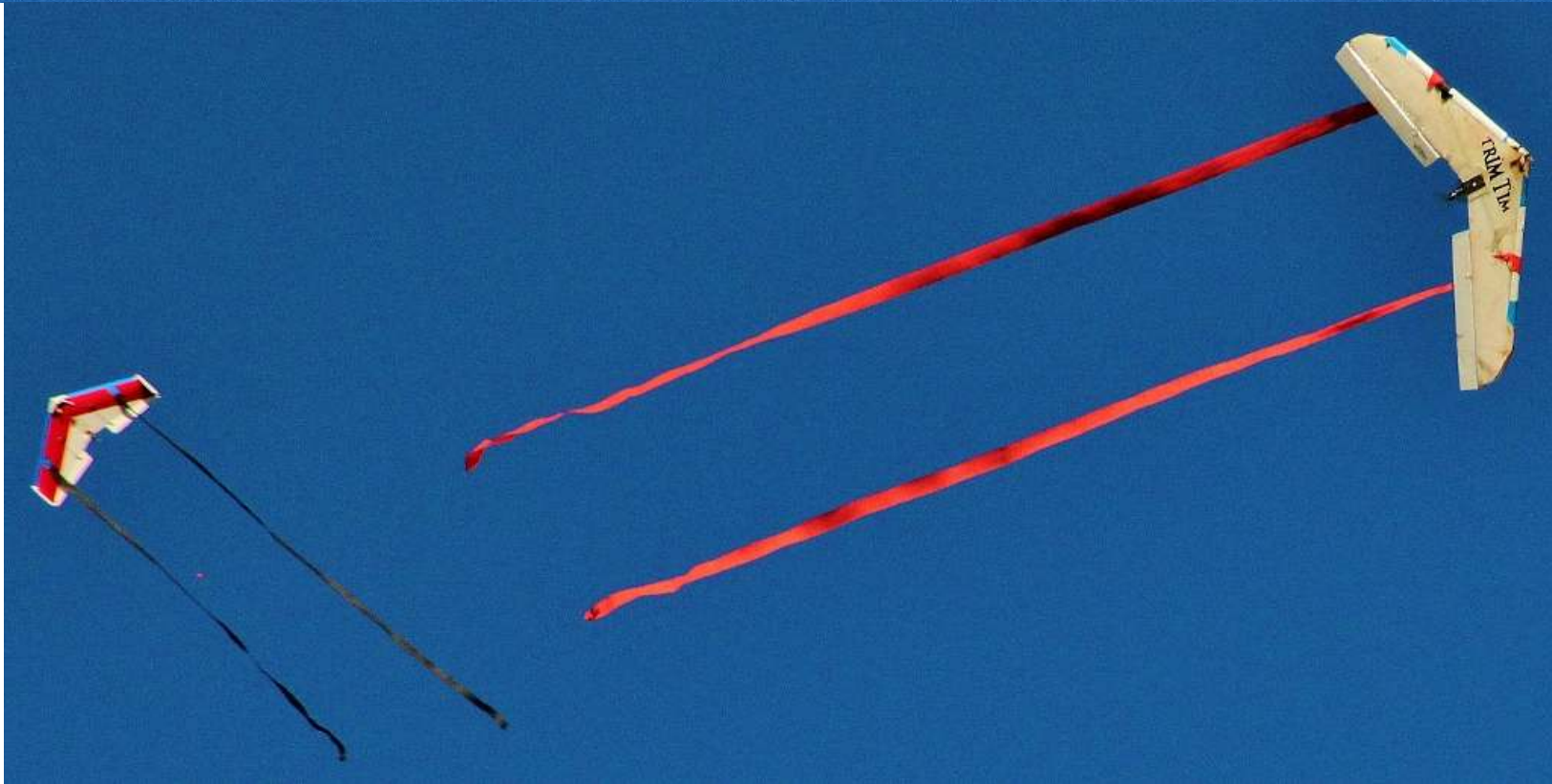
DAVID AIRCRAFT

Tim Hitchcock



“Trim Tim’s” Plane in flight!

TRIM TIM





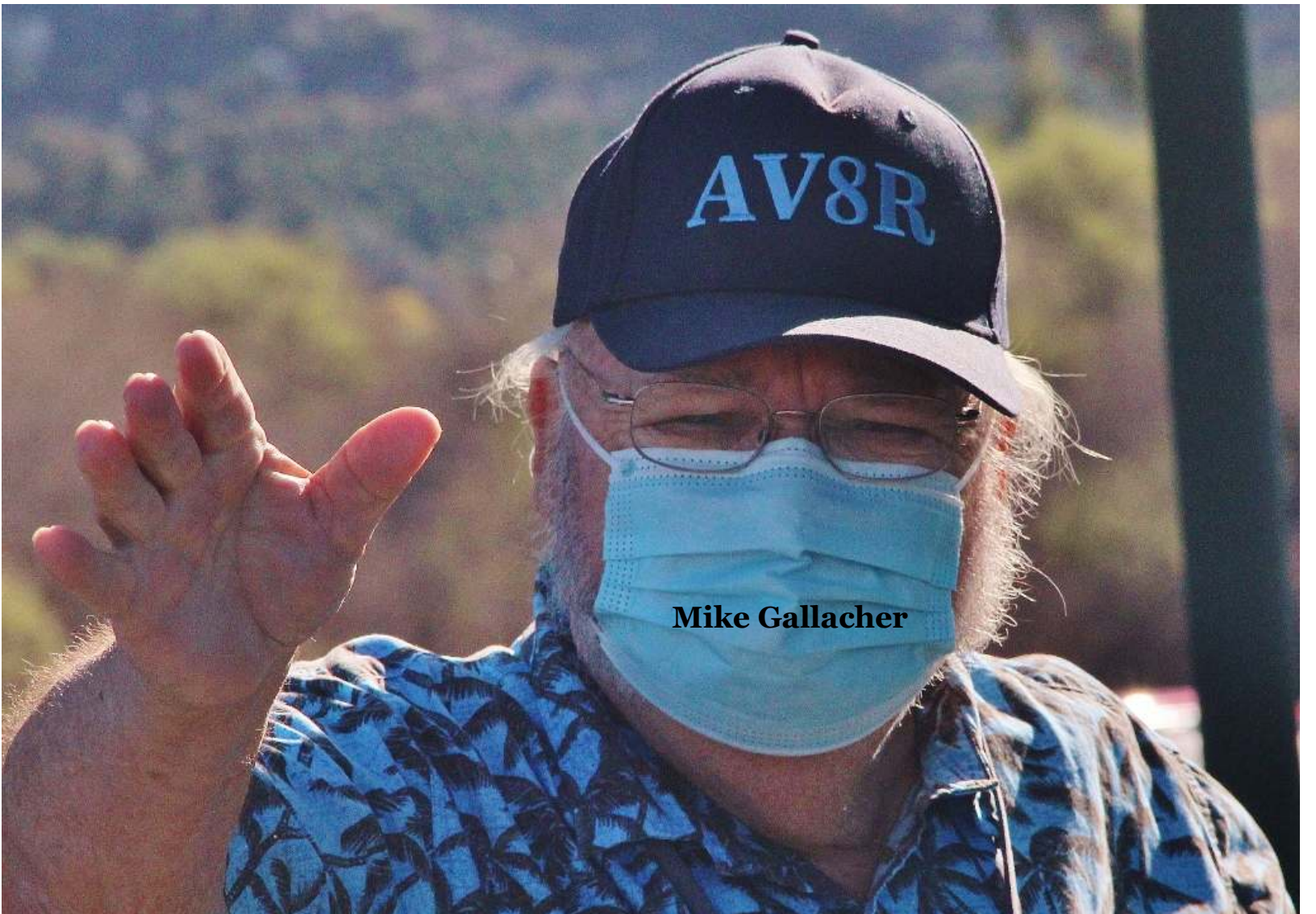
Dave Ellis dons the skirt.





Joe Villarreal

Chuck Riley



Mike Gallacher



Pancho Castillo kept score.



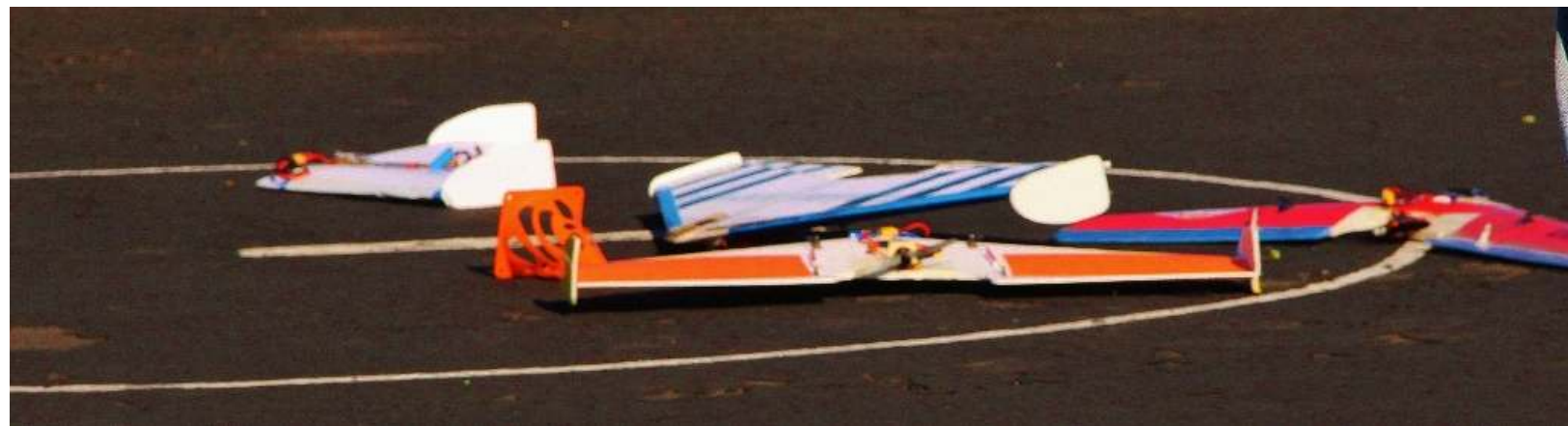
Doug Riley comes to cheer on his son, Chuck!

**Pretty
Barbara Villarreal**





Horseshoes: Everyone launches at more or less the same time and fly for 20 second motor run. They attempt to land in a circle near a plastic cone as seen below.



These landings are amazingly “spot-on”!



TRIFECTA Winners. L/R Trim Tim Hitchcock-1st place; Dave Ellis-2nd place; Doug Abel-3rd place.



**Joe Villarreal
Going home.**



Hugh Greenwald and his relative, Mr. Evans, watched and enjoyed the Trifecta.



**Mike
Lonnecker**



9 years ago, our dear friend, Jack Dedrick died on Feb. 26, 2012! When he died, a library burned down. He was a real gentleman, bright, full of knowledge about engines, machinery, planes and an accomplished flyer.

He related a story that when he was in high school in Kansas, he flew a free-flight Zipper. His uncle asked him for a demonstration flight, so they drove to a deserted road. Jack started the engine, the plane climbed for 20 seconds, and then began to circle. Later, the plane descended and landed at their feet! His uncle was absolutely impressed and asked Jack if he could do it again! Jack answered, "Not in a million years!"

Both were in awe of that flight which Jack always cherished! **Jack, we miss you!**





Club President Chris Thompson did a fine job leading our monthly club meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, a beautiful, bright day. It was well attended and about 40 cars were in the parking area....He brought his Stuka. The next photo, taken a while ago, is being published to show how a bright, summer sun makes the plane “pop”!



It hardly looks like the same paint job! A winter sun can't compete with a summer sun for vibrancy in these two photos, can it?



Don Davis is our head instructor on Monday evenings when club members teach new members how to fly.



As seen on a rudder at the field on 2/21/2021.



As seen at the field



Richard Torres asked me of what this reminded me. I answered with a wry smile, “Of course, the twin cooling casements @ San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.”

He responded that a friend was cutting vinyl and this was a cut-off! When his friends saw it, they began to laugh. That’s when he decided to place it on the wingtip of his flying wing. I told him that if anyone believes that, I have a bridge in Brooklyn for sale! He still holds to the veracity of his story. You be the judge!



The magic of Torres Pines Glider Port can’t be beat!

Hugh Greenwald





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Mike Lonnecker



Steve Gebler



Greg Wilson



Hal Meeker³²



**L/R Tim Hitchcock, Matt Loncker, Joe Villarreal, Jim Christy, John Hartsell, Jr.
Tim Hitchcock is 6' 1". Grif is Steve Gebler's faithful dog.**

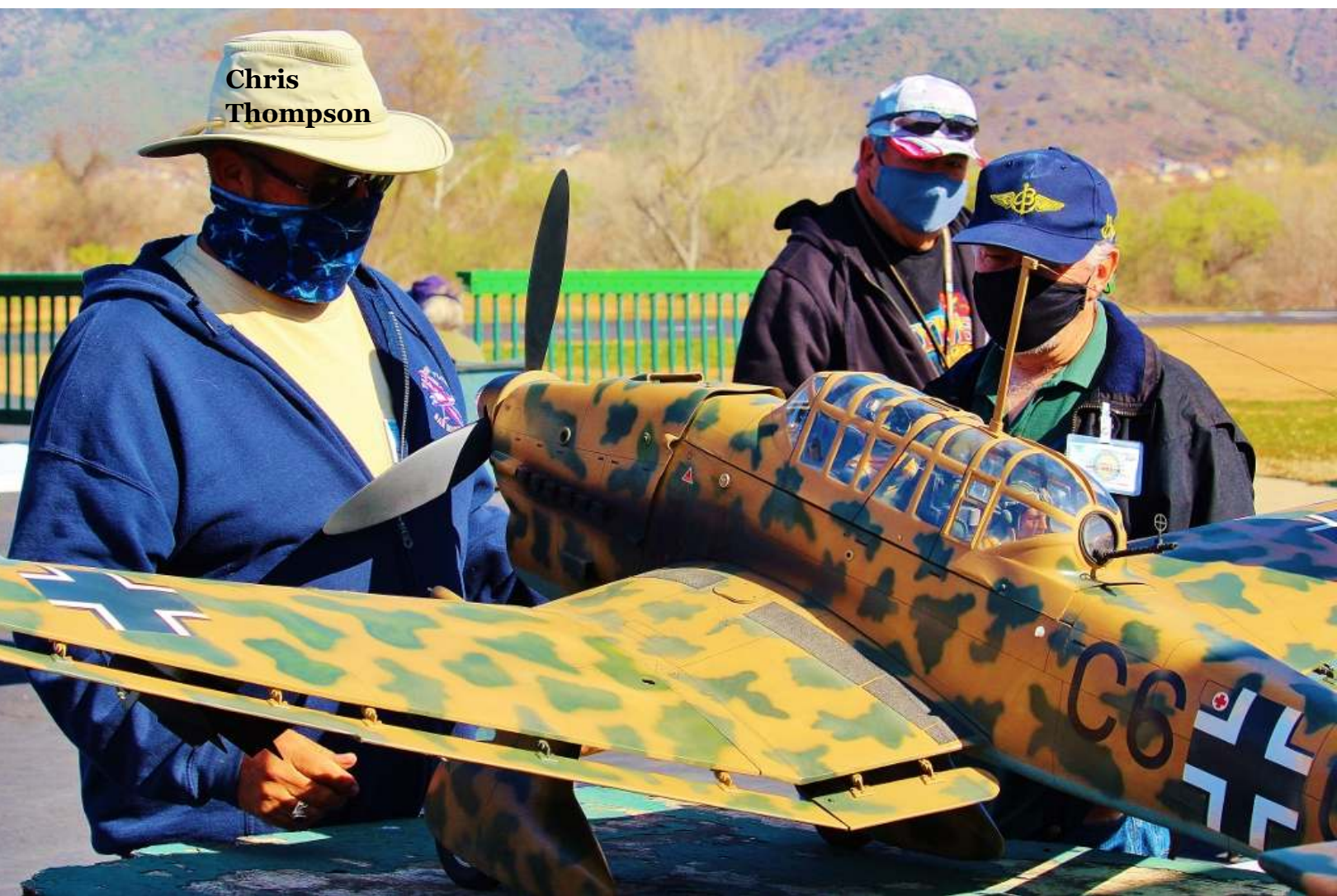
John Hartsell, Sr.







New club member Max Lonneker plays golf too. With his height, he generates such high clubhead speed that the ball flies over 300 yards easily! Talk about the advantage of being tall! He was awarded a full college scholarship because he excels in basketball! According to his father, Mark, there are only 3,000 people around the world who are 7 feet tall or taller! He stands head and shoulders above us all and is a real gentleman. Welcome to our club!



**Chris
Thompson**



John Hartsell, Sr.

Bill Weller– This and the next 12 photos taken by Chris Thompson.



Greg Wilson

Happy 100th birthday this year!





Bob Hague



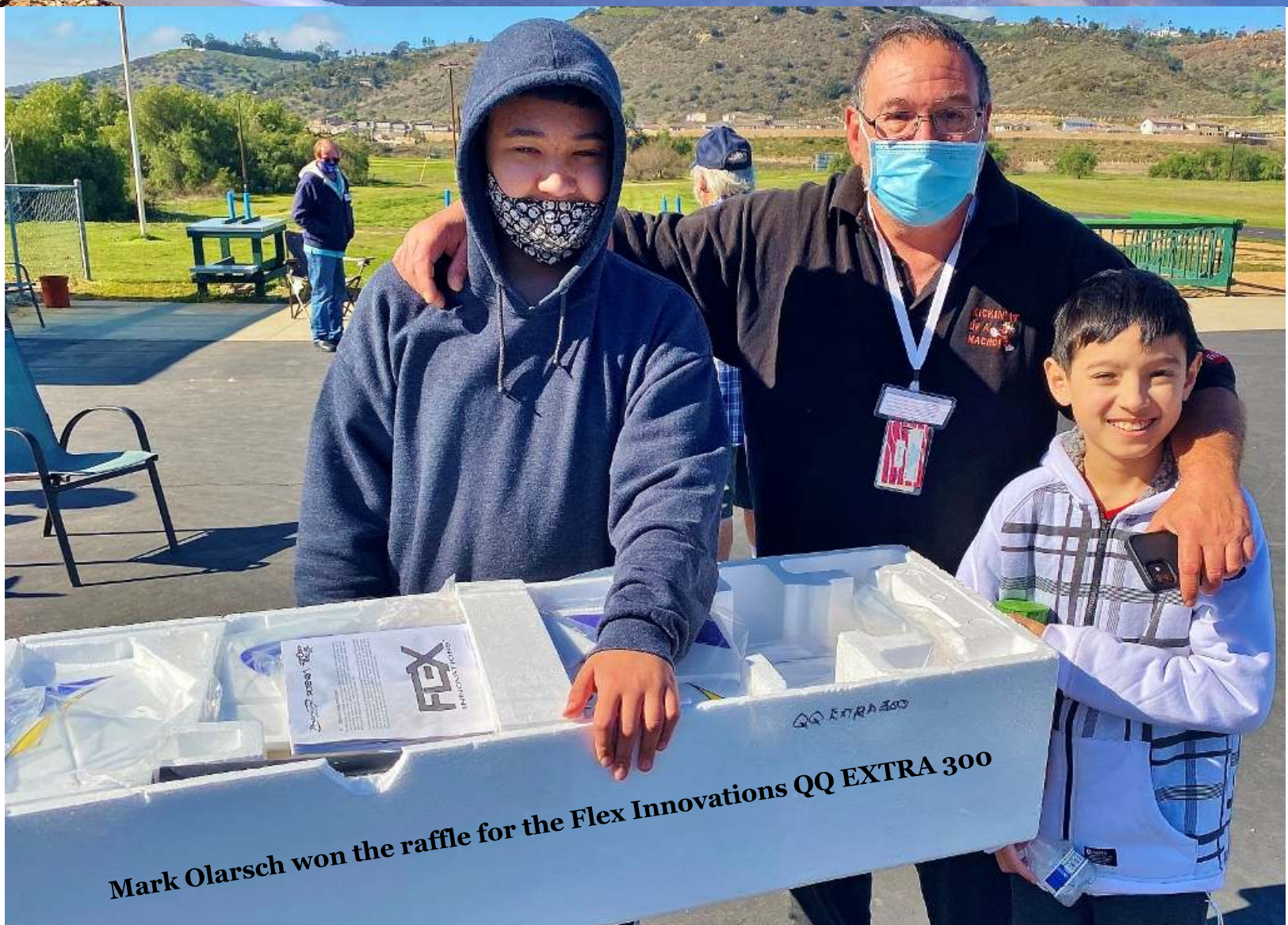
Jim Gallacher



Hal Meeker spreading weed killer.

Marlene Abel provided the snacks at our club meeting. She is with her son, Doug.





Mark Olarsch won the raffle for the Flex Innovations QQ EXTRA 300



Doug Abel giving instruction on building a combat wing @ the Club Meeting.





Jim Gallacher

Tim Hitchcock

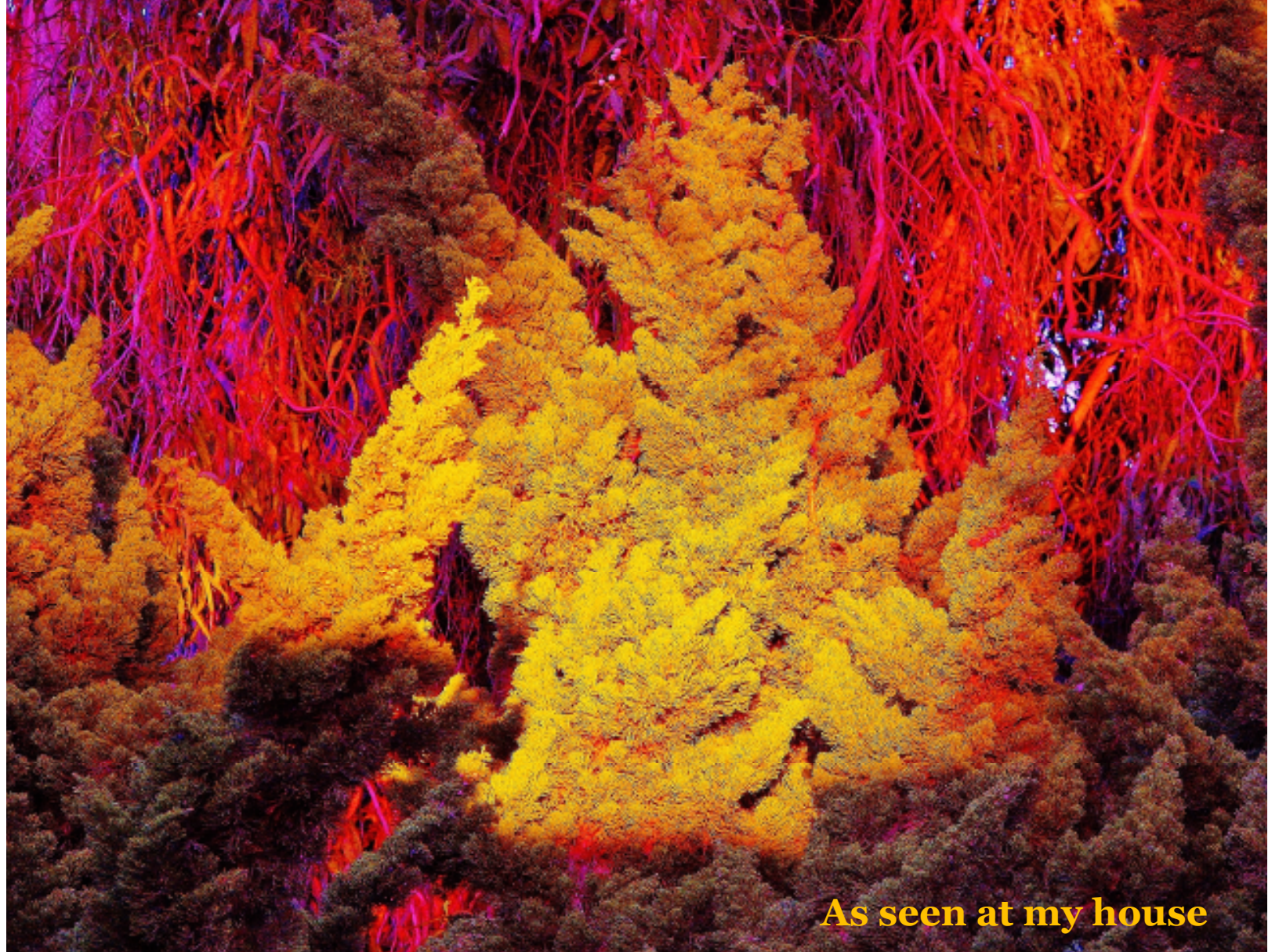
Mike Lonneck-



Doug Riley and Wayne Bonfietti (standing)



Carlsbad, CA



As seen at my house

Don White's jet



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FAILURE TO COMPLY

MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF FLYING PRIVILEGES



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