



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

# Transmitter



May 2017

AMA Charter 141

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN Bill Hill



### Back in the left seat!



We've got this week off from flying as the construction on Pankey Rd. has shut us down for the week. I've been told we'll be back up and running by the time you read this and I'm hoping that we won't have any more closures. The contractor called me and explained that they had an unexpected cave in which forced the shut down. Trenching will be ongoing for the next few weeks so please be cautious while entering and exiting the field. They hope to have the trenching completed by mid to late May. We canceled our field mowing due to the closure so we'll be rescheduling; look for an email message with the new date.

We need to fill an empty seat on the club's board of directors so nominations were opened at the last club meeting. Ray Klotz and Steve Gebler have been nominated and the vote will take place at our next meeting. Be sure to show up to support your favorite candidate. **A majority vote by members present at the meeting will fill the vacant seat.**

I want to thank Darrell Albert for an excellent job CD'ing the combat event on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The combat guys really burned up the place! There was plenty of great flying and carnage. We had a number of visitors that helped out with judging. Joe and Barbara Villarreal put out a great carne-asada lunch with all the trimmings. I want to thank everyone who came out and participated! I had a great time!

Due to changes in club leadership and policy we've canceled all events this year except combat. We'll discuss this more in the future when the club board of directors is back to full capacity. This doesn't mean we won't be having any more events this year; the changes will be in how these events are managed and scheduled.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for your show of confidence and support in ratifying me as your president at our last club meeting. It's an important position and I'd like to assure you I'll do my best to keep thing running in a smooth and efficient manor and look out for the best interest of the club and the membership.

Please keep it SAFE. Make safety your first priority at all times.

Let's have some fun.

Bill Hill

President of the Palomar R/c Flyers Inc.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hill, on Thursday April 20, 2017.**

**Welcome Visitors and Guests:** Chuck and Doug Abel introduced themselves and joined the club. Welcome aboard.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer O'Conner reported a current balance of \$66,464.

**Approval of Minutes:** a motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as published in the transmitter. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Business:** A number of items regarding field access, maintenance, and open board seat were discussed.

**Access through the west gate is not going to happen during construction. Construction crews will try to keep a lane open for out ingress/egress. Members are urged to use extreme caution when in the construction area.**

**Nominations for the vacant board seat and president were opened. Steve Gebler and Ray Klotz were nominated for the open seat. Bill Hill was nominated for the presidency. As there were no other nominations for president, Bill was unanimously elected by acclamation.**

**Due to potential access problems during construction, the heli fun fly and sailplane aerotow events have been cancelled.**

**A field maintenance and mowing party is scheduled for April 26.**

**Runway sealing is deferred until late summer.**

**A second battery has been added to the charging station to provide additional capacity.**

**President Hill requested that anyone wanting to schedule an event (fun fly, aerotow, etc.) obtain AMA Event Manager Certification. That person would be responsible to sanction, organize, promote and run the event. Any function that is for club members only is considered a club activity not an event.**

**President Hill is working on getting the road repaired ASAP.**

**Special Interest Group Reports:** There will be combat on April 23.

**Safety:**

**Safety Officer Patrick Pranica reported on a flyaway at the field. Battery management is critical to safety.**

**Lipos are still being disposed in the containers at the field. If you must leave a "hot" one there, label it with your name and take it home a couple of days later.**

**Program:** Patrick Pranica presented a slide show of the recent vintage glider get-together at Torrey Pines.

**Model of the Month:** no model this month.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2015.**

**Respectfully submitted by Steve Kerrin, Secretary**

***SECRETARY'S MINUTES***

**The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900 hours on Wednesday April 12, 2017.**

***Treasurer's Report:* Treasurer O'Connor reported a current balance of \$64,663.**

***Business:***

**The Heli Fun Fly has been cancelled.**

**As of 4/10 or shortly after, the field access road will narrow to one lane with potential delays.**

**Combat will take place on Sunday April 23.**

**Jim Gallacher volunteered to cancel the spring aerotow event in view of potential access issues due to construction.**

**The vendors providing site sanitation will need to be notified.**

**Several procedural items were reviewed (who sends mass emails, etc.)**

**Those wishing to organize events should get certified as an AMA Event Manager (similar to a Contest Director) so the events can be sanctioned.**

**Other planned events were left on the calendar subject to revision due to access.**

**Patrick reported on a flyaway event with its possible ramifications.**

**The status of the Club charter and business license were discussed.**

**The Land Use Agreement with the property owner was discussed.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2015.**

**Respectfully submitted by Steve Kerrin, Secretary**

On Sunday, April 2, 2017, the Torrey Pines Gulls invited us to fly vintage sailplanes with them during their fun-fly. It costs \$10. per day to fly there, payable to the City Parks Department, unless you are a member of the Gulls. This is the best sailplane site in the country. It is 300 feet above the majestic Pacific and a glorious place to fly model, full-scale sailplanes and para-foils.





Lookit all dem wires!



**Pelicans soar with us, but they are probably exempt from paying a fee. According to Frank Zaic from his 1944 book, "Modern Glider Design," pelicans weigh 14.5 lbs., have 10.7 sq. feet of wing area, span 9.2 feet, have an 8:1 aspect ratio, and a 1.38 lb./sq. foot wing loading or 22oz./sq. foot.**

**The following 12 photos were taken by Patrick Pranica. Great job!**



**That's Tom Minegar with some of his planes. Mark Smith's Wanderer is the blue and yellow one.**



**Tom Minegar launching my ASW-17, an 11 foot Astro-Flight model from Venice, Ca. It weighs less than four pounds and is 35 years old. It has never been dinged, and is still a great pleasure to fly. Its first flights were at this site when a pilot could just come and fly. There was no fee. The site is stunning! Look at that beautiful Pacific! Next stop, Hawaii. Perfection!**





L/R Tom Minegar with back turned, Bill Hill sitting and Mike Lonnecker sitting.



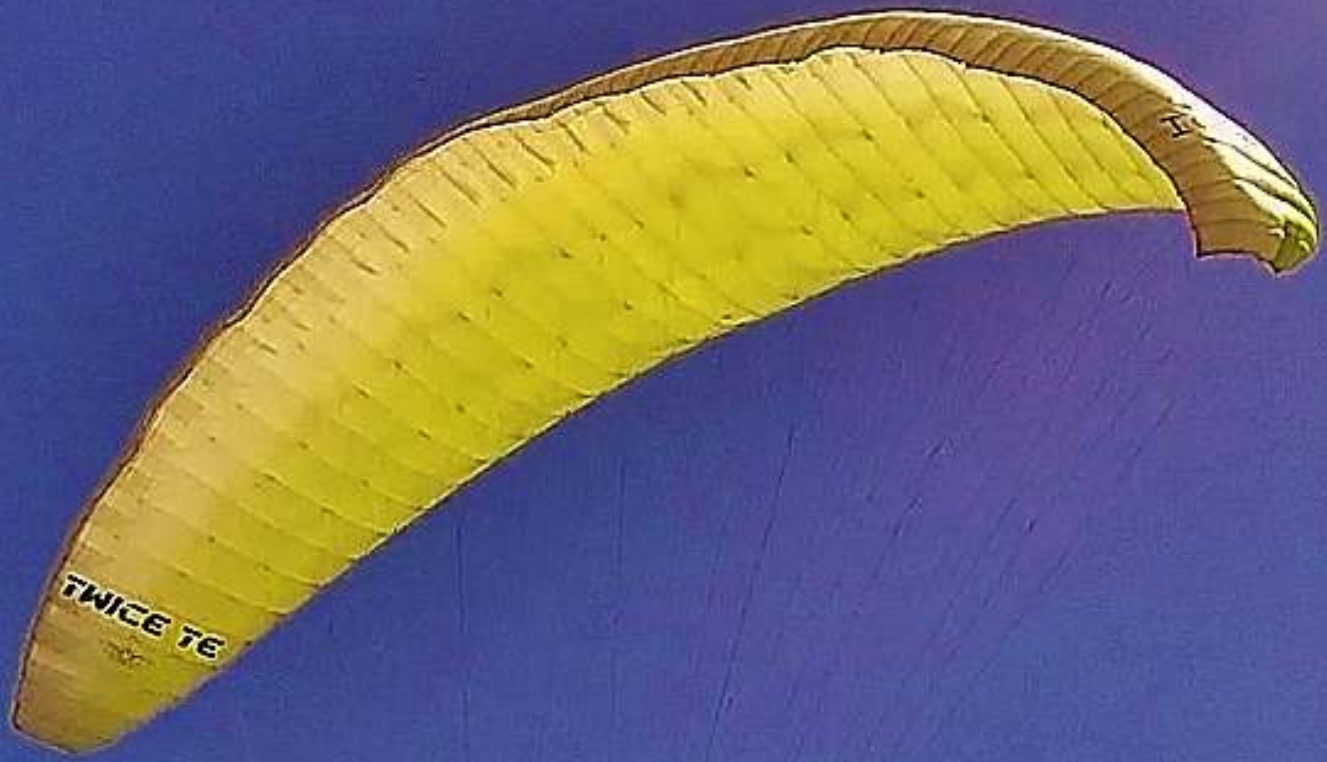




Mrs. Minegar launching Tom's plane.



**Coming and....**



**Going**



**Roger Cosio fires up his Quaker Oats with John Hartsell Sr. Holding. 4/11/2017**



**L/R Mike Lonnecker, Jim Gallacher, Brian Otto (standing) John Binikos, Lord Creedon, Greg Wilson, Patrick Pranica and Steve Kerrin on April 11, 2017**

**Don Wadlington brought his Decathalon to fly but had receiver problems. Don is on the left while Jim D'Eliseo is on the right.**



**Some of our desert flowers are stunning.**



**Joe Buko's De Havilland Tiger Moth with Bill Hill holding transmitter. Photos by Jim Christy**



Lord Creedon brought 4 planes in his Prius. His Radian is buried under the others. Quite a haul.



Patrick Pranic was flying his F4U  
on the preceding page.



**This is the house we see on the hilltop as we take off from our runway. Does it look like a McMansion?**





**Senator Tom Johnston's pretty Valiant floats by.**





We often get these beautiful clouds here in sunny Southern California.



**Jim Gallacher and his Mystique.**

# AS SEEN AT THE FIELD BY ETHEL BURKE

(Next 6 photos by Ethel.)



**Brian Otto is flying this new QQ Extra 300 from Flex Innovations. It has electric motor with Au-  
ra 8 gyro/receiver and digital servos. It has 3S  
Potenza battery.**

Bill DeMore has a new ARF 60 size 3-D plane that he is flying called an Excite. The wingspan is 50 in. and weighs about 7 to 8 lbs. It is powered by an OS-60 two-stroke engine with on-board glow. He is running a 12 x 6 prop. Bill is also flying this Hangar 9 Funtana that he got from Don White. It is powered by a Saito 91 four-stroke glow engine running a 13 x 6 prop. The wingspan is 56 in. and it weighs about 6 to 7 lbs.





**Dave Ellis also has built one of these Versa wings from downloaded free plans by Flite Test.com. It has a Cobra 2000 kv electric motor with a 3S battery 2500 mAh.**



**Frank Burke is flying this new U-Can-Do 60 size ARF from Tower Hobbies. It is powered by a DLE-20 gas engine with rear exhaust and uses a 17 x 6 prop.**



**This is Varley Longson's 2nd new build from plans of an FT-Versa wing. It is made of foam board with elevons and has a 46 in. wing-span. It has a Himax 2815-2000 electric motor with a 30 amp speed controller.**



**Tom Minegar** sold his beautiful 1/3 scale Citabria which he has owned for many years. He commissioned **John Cutler** to build him a replacement tow-plane, a giant-scale Cloud King. Here it is in bare-bones. He hopes to have it flying for Memorial Day. This is a huge plane that will be powered by a gasoline engine.

It was originally designed as a free-flight probably in the 1930's or early 40's and is a winner of a

**\*\*\*\*\*Nota Bene Special Notice Please Read Important\*\*\*\*\***

**We will vote for a new board member at our May 18th club meeting. Two candidates are up for a vote, but only one will be chosen. They are:**

**Ray Klotz and Steven Gebler.**

**They will be chosen by the members who show up at that meeting. Ballots will NOT be sent to the general membership. So, in order to vote for your chosen man, plan to attend the May club meeting and cast your vote.**





# COMBAT APRIL 23, 2017



**L/R Chuck Riley, Tim Hitchcock, Charlie Riley, Jacob Riff from Denmark, Les Crook, Keith Albert, Doug Albert, President Bill Hill, David Ellis, Sharon Hardesty**



**L/R Doug Albert, Jacob Riff, Bill Hill, David Ellis, Charlie Riley, Chuck Riley, Tim Hitchcock. Sharon Hardesty is behind Chuck Riley at the pilot's meeting before the event began. On the far right is Tim Hitchcock.**



**David Ellis**

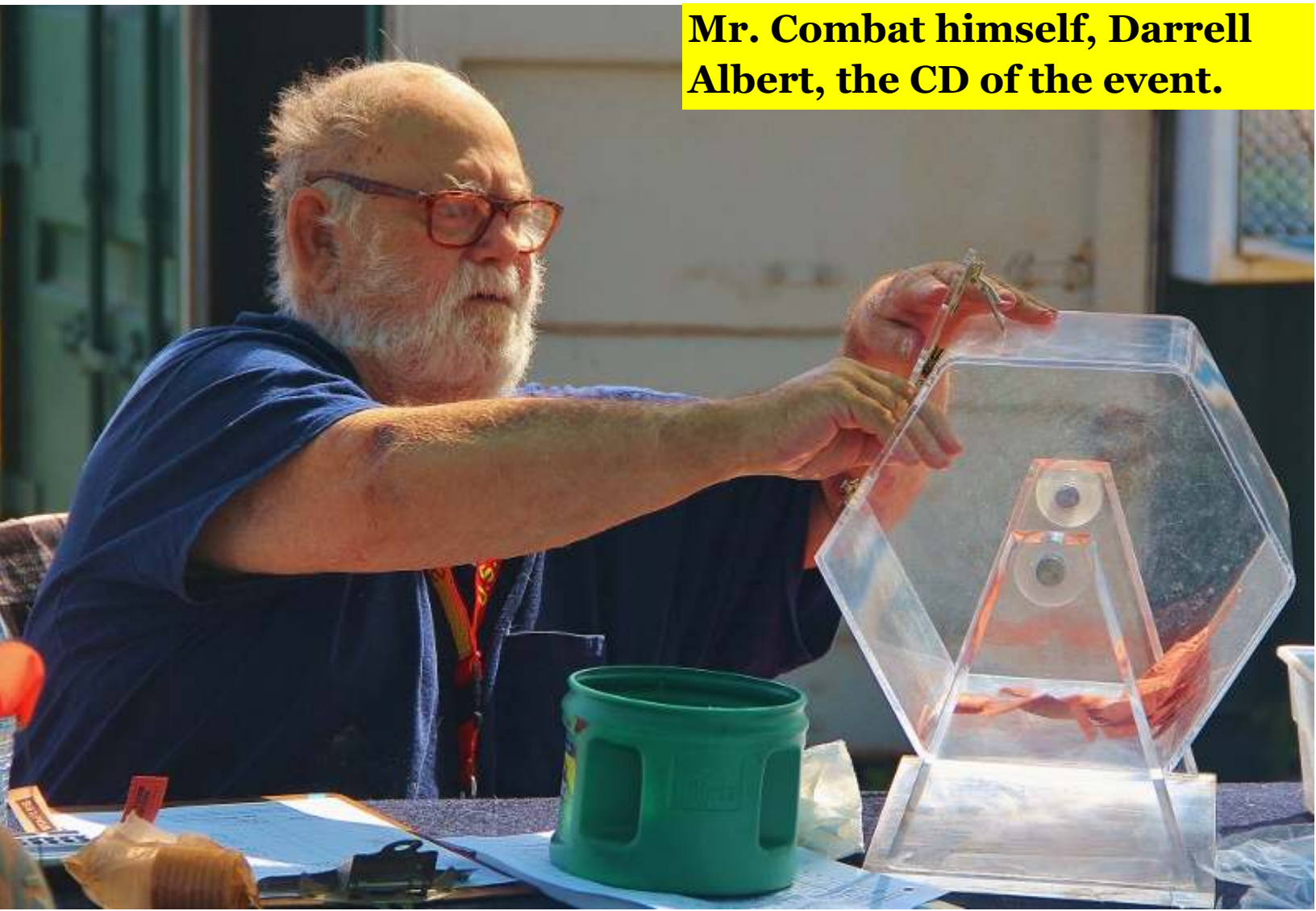
**Tim Hitchcock**

**Patrick Pranca**



**Virtual Member Les Crook from the Temecula Valley Flyers**

**Mr. Combat himself, Darrell Albert, the CD of the event.**

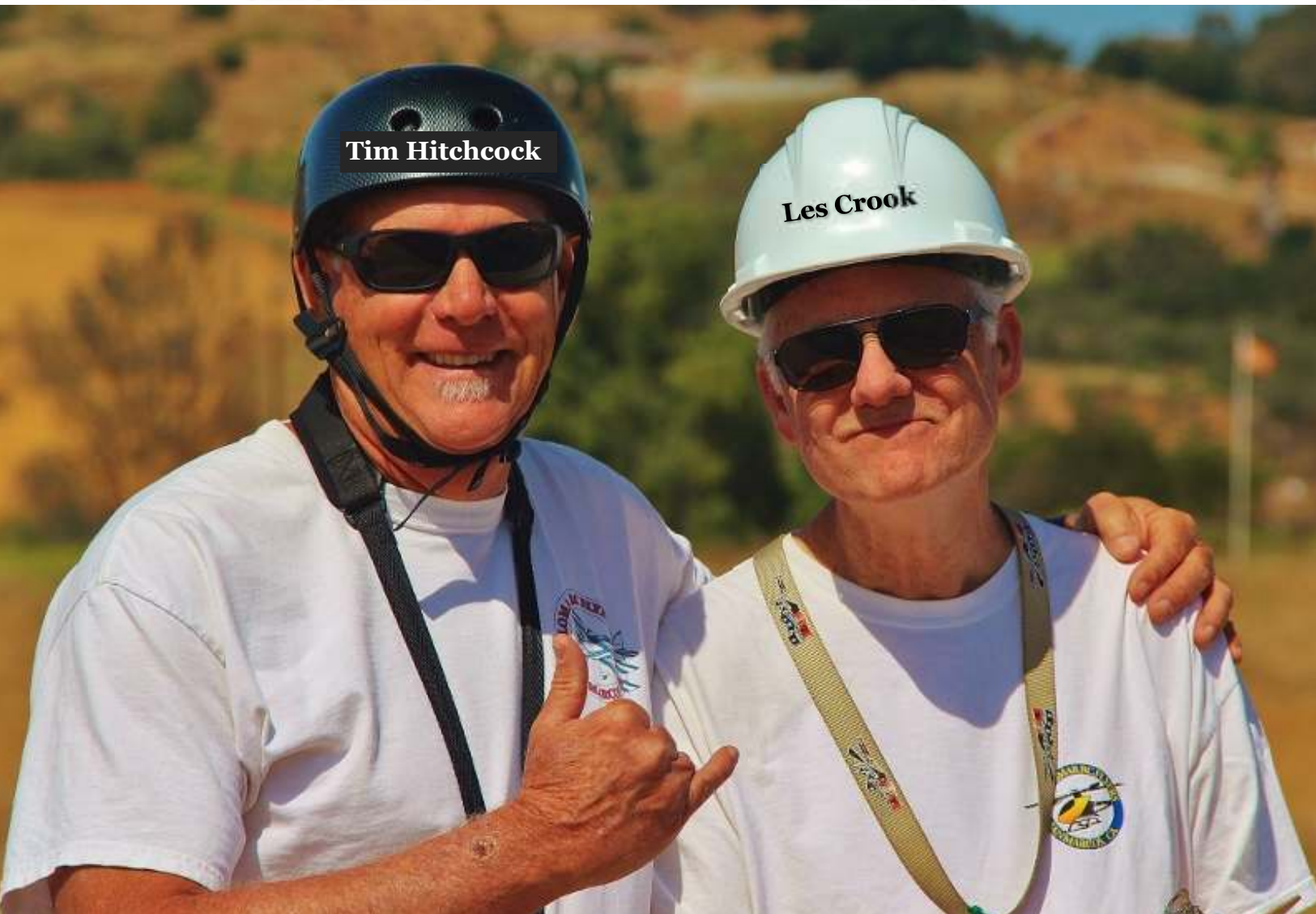


**Chuck Riley**



**Jim Jenkins**

**Brian Otto**



**Tim Hitchcock**

**Les Crook**





Our Cooks

Joe and Barbara Villarreal



**Noel Talampas was a club member in 1995 and won this award. He is considering rejoining our club. Should you do so, we welcome you back. Bob Lang was president in 1995. Noel came to watch combat flying.**

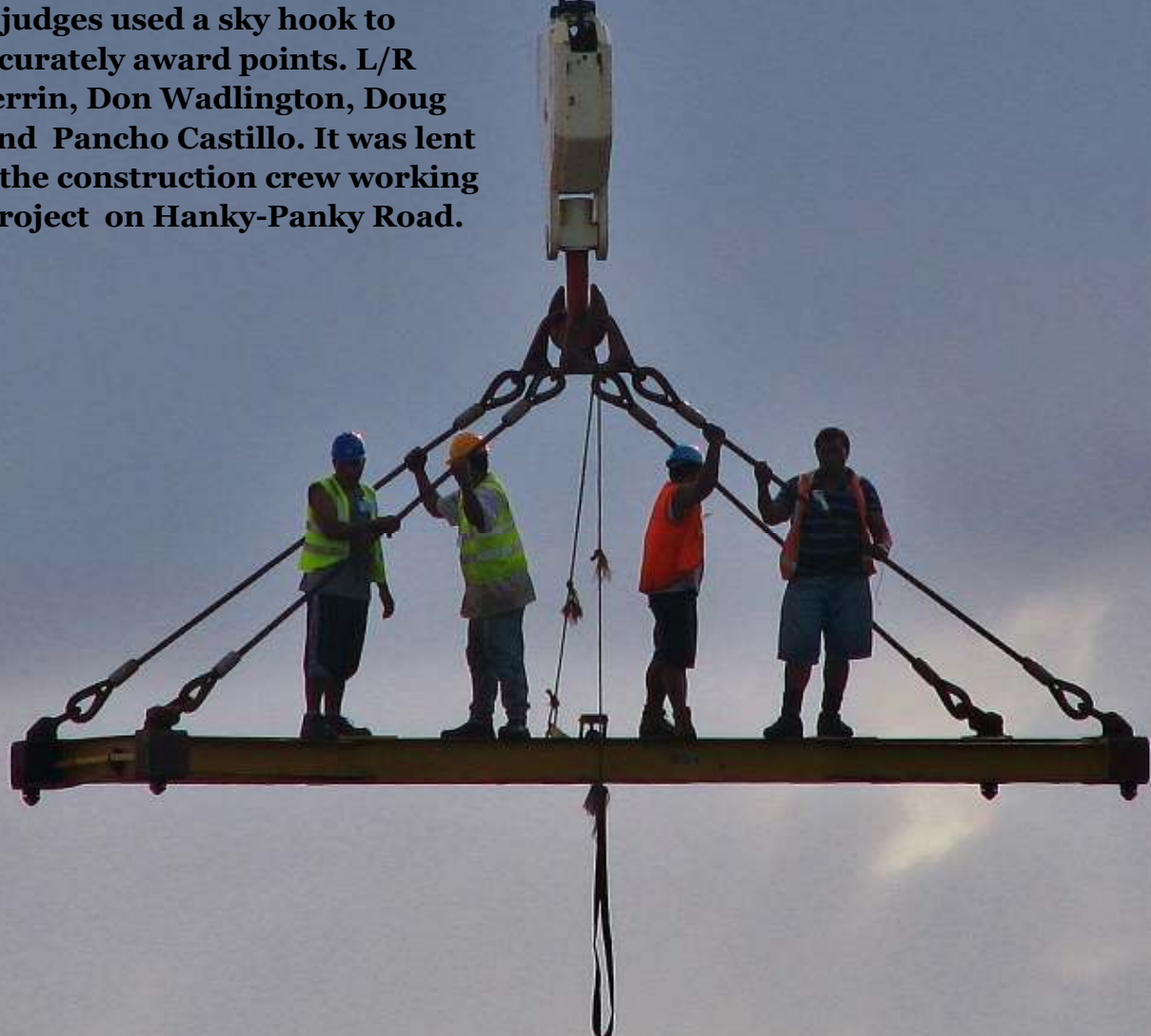






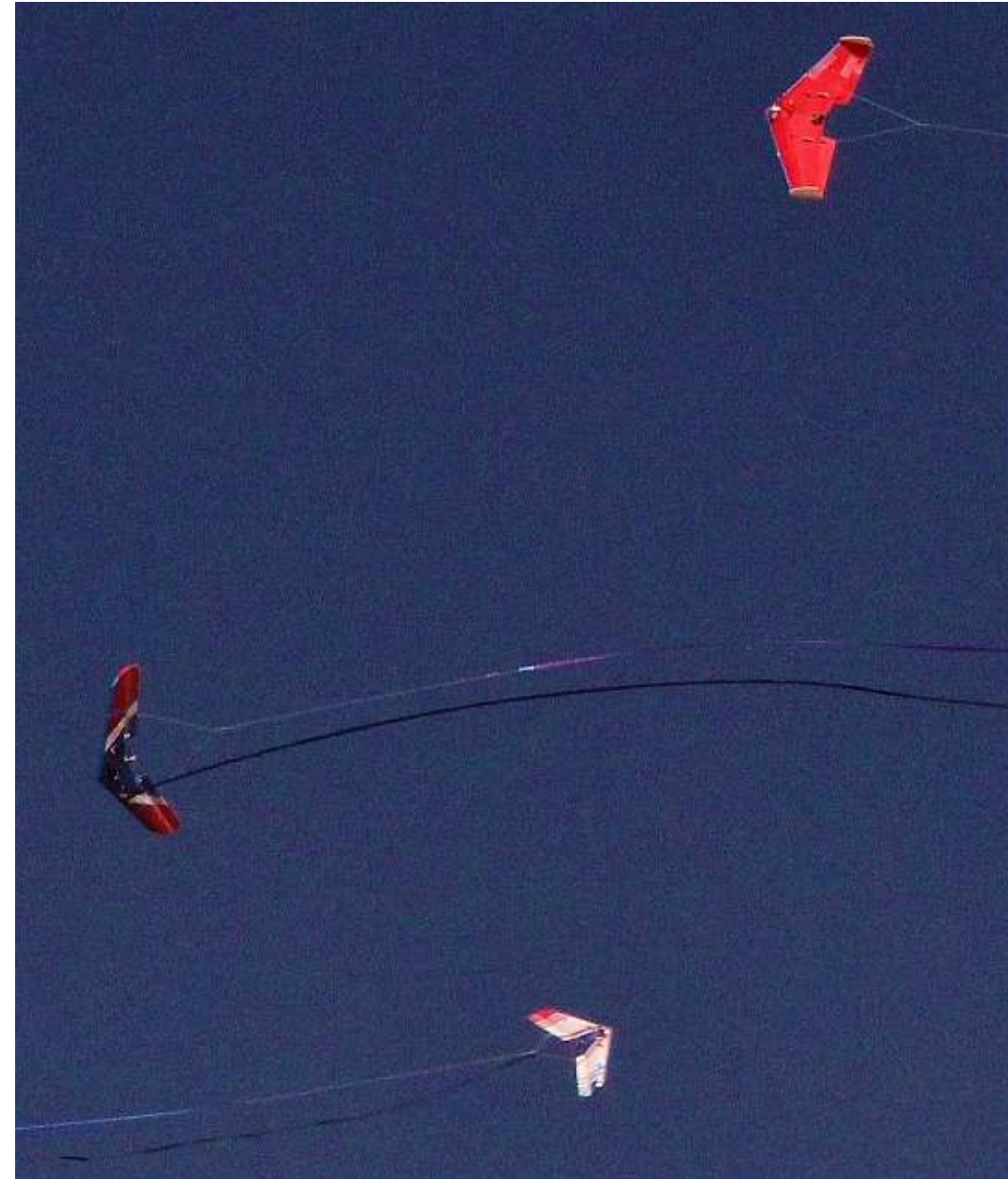
**Combat judges used a sky hook to more accurately award points. L/R Steve Kerrin, Don Wadlington, Doug Albert and Pancho Castillo. It was lent to us by the construction crew working on the project on Hanky-Panky Road.**

Not!



**The Carlsbad flower fields are alive with color at this time of year.**

**These photos are all of electric combat. Several times planes wacked into each other making that special smacking sound, yet they kept on flying despite mid-air.**









**The last three photos were from a past combat event.**



**David Ellis was delighted to have made his first cut at his first combat event! Good going!**

**The next three photos of our field were taken by Fred Eviaz on his first solo powered flight. Thanks for taking them, Fred.**









James Christy



Jim Christy

The ever-pleasant Ray Fischer



**Senator Tom Johnston's Albatross looks great in the air. He requested that the tailwheel not be airbrushed out as I always do. So, except for the tail wheel, the plane looks scale and flies wonderfully.**



**Lady Creedon is married to Lord Creedon and keeps him in line. She's a terrific lady!<sup>43</sup>**



**Greg Wilson has been flying his bi-plane for a number of years. It's electric powered and flies well.**



# April 20, 2017 Monthly Club Meeting



**Treasurer Sean O'Connor**

**President Bill Hill**

**Vice President Chris Avellino**

**Secretary Steve Kerrin**

**Guests and now new members, Doug and Chuck Abel from the Lakeside Weedwacker Club. Welcome!**



**Senator Tom Johnston and Jim Gallacher. Tom was just blinking and was not catching a few zz's at the break.**



**This is our club “treasure”, or treasurer, Sean O’Connor. He is honest as the day is long and is a straight arrow that sends it to the mark every time. Sean, we appreciate the great service you provide for us all. You keep the books, pay the bills, file our club taxes, apply for our AMA Charter, go to the bank, collect dues, report faithfully every month to the membership, and the list of duties goes on. We really do appreciate the work you do for us behind the scenes. Many, many thanks.**



**Board Member Curtis Pineau has a great smile.**

**Below is the ever handsome Steve Kallam.**





The Sherriff's heli often overflies our field. Here it is on Tuesday, April 25th at 11am.



Here is the reason why we could not gain access to our field. This was taken just before the bridge in front of our main gate. The hole is about 20 feet deep and cuts across the entire road. 4/25/2017





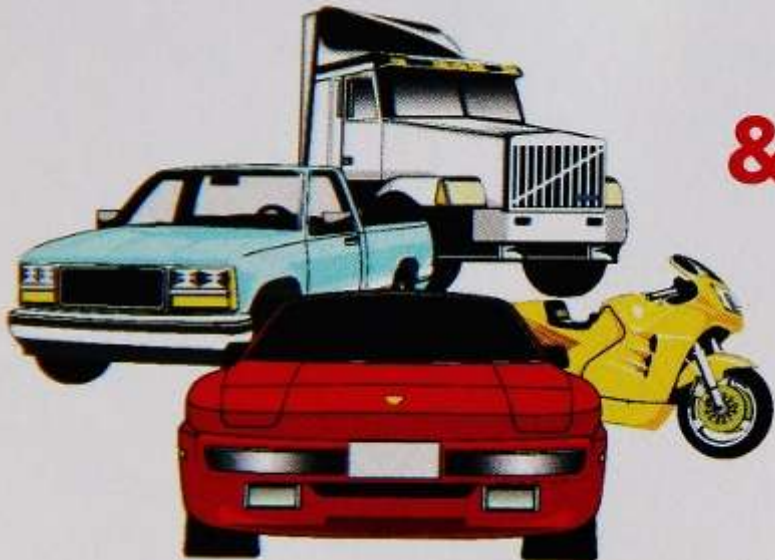




**Taken on the west side of Panky Road where the construction is going on.**

**A grass hopper on a yellow rose at my home.**





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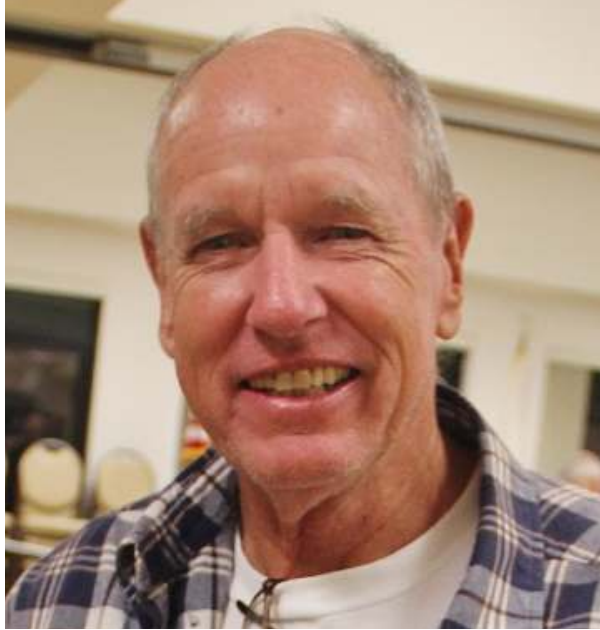
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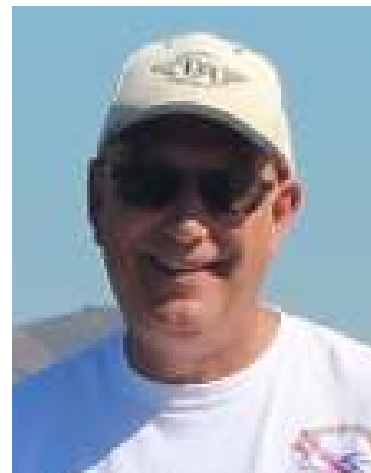
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