



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

April 2026



President's Message:

Don Davis—Transmitter/Board Notification of Resignation as Board President

I am notifying the board that I will be resigning as the PRCF president immediately.

In our lives there are time periods that require physical time, as well as emotional energy.

When I was unexpectedly put into the position of president, I was dealing with the emotional and physical needs of my 97-year-old-mother, as well as working with my wife's (Amy's) hospital stays and adjusting to our life together.

I thought that I could add one more thing; however, I underestimated the time requirements of the office.

I have stated many times that the club is in good hands with one of the best boards I have been a part of, and served on, for the past five years. I will do everything I can to make this transition as smooth as possible for our existing board.

I look forward to being able to go to the field and actually fly my models and enjoy the great relationships I have made. I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as president and I do apologize to the board and membership that I misjudged the time commitment of this position.

I look forward to seeing you all at the field. You know that I will be there smiling and grateful for being a part of Palomar RC Flyers.

Don Davis

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Following Don Davis's decision to step down as President, I want to express our collective gratitude for his years of dedicated service. Don has been a pillar of this club, and we wish him and his family the very best.

To ensure a smooth transition, the board has made several interim appointments in accordance with our bylaws. I have moved from Vice President to President, Mark Olsen has moved from Board Member to Vice President, and Dave Bracci has joined the board.

We will now hold a special election to permanently fill the President and Vice President roles until the next regular election in November.

Please keep the following dates in mind:

- April 18th Meeting: Nominations will be accepted.**

May 16th Meeting: The election will be held.

Please note that per our bylaws, this will be an in-person vote only. I encourage everyone to attend and support the candidates of your choice.

I am honored to lead this club during this transition and have full confidence in our current board. I look forward to seeing you all in April for nominations.

Respectfully,

Chuck Riley



Mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher as he attended the club meeting on March 21, 2016.

Next month on May 10, Charles Lindberg's first solo flight across the Atlantic will have happened 99 years ago!



Brandon Liesemeyer, Mark Olsen, Nick Carpino, Joe Villarreal, Chuck Riley, Josh Fermmerlad @ a Tri-fecta building party on March 14 @ Chuck Riley's home. Photos by Steve Gebler



Same scene but better posed photo. Thanks Steve.

The next two pages are the February board minutes which did not appear in the March issue of the Transmitter. They are now being published. Please read them. Thanks.

General Board Meeting

2/11/2026

President: Don Davis

Vice President: Chuck Riley

Treasurer: Thomas Pollinger

Club Secretary: Eric Armstrong

Board members present: Don Davis, Chuck Riley, Tom Pollinger, Mark Olsen, Eric Armstrong, Mark Anderson, Brandon Liesemeyer, Joe Villarreal

6:30 – Role Call. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes approved.

6:31 – Treasury report by Tom Pollinger:

Income: \$6,020.00 (\$2,155 Heli Fun Fly & \$3,865 Membership Dues)

Expenses: \$1,210.43

Net Income: \$4,809.57

Balance: \$70,389.00

6:33 – Donut-Gate remains an ongoing issue.

6:34 – Mark Olsen on Fight Training – Completed training for 9 pilots – the training team has 16 pilots on the books, 12 of which are moving forward at varying levels of engagement. Our training program and the volunteers who make it happen are truly a jewel for Palomar RC Flyers!

6:43 – Mark Olsen on safety – A safety matter involving a pilot flying over the pit area and leaving the designated pilot station area during a flight was brought to the Board’s attention. Steps to continue engaging with the pilot on flight safety were discussed, and the Board agreed to a course of action.

6:58 – Chuck Riley made a motion to approve San Diego County Sherriff’s K9 unit using Johnson Field as one of their training facilities.

K9 trainers prefer open fields and rotating training locations.

We would allow K9 training only on Tuesdays from 6-11AM and Thursdays from 4-9PM.

Don Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved with 8 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

7:15 – Don Davis wants to have a financial budget specific to the costs of leaving Johnson Field no later than the end of April. The Board is asking Brandon Liesemeyer, who has expertise in this area, to provide that budget to the Board for discussion during the March or April Board meeting.

7:32 – Eric Armstrong made a motion to approve the rental of a tractor/mower from Fallbrook Equipment Rental on Friday, Feb 20 at a cost of \$800. In the motion, was an agreement not to buy new tires for our existing tractor at a cost of \$500.

Joe Villarreal seconded the motion. Motion approved with 8 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

7: 40 – Eric Armstrong presented his recommended verbiage relating to turbine-powered aircraft at all Palomar RC Flyers facilities. The verbiage presented was not approved. The Board discussed what verbiage would be approved, instructed Eric to make the changes, and present them to the Board via email for a vote. A motion to approve the revised language regarding turbine-powered aircraft was made by Eric Armstrong.

Brandon Liesemeyer seconded the motion. Motion approved with 7 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

Approved verbiage to be added to the Club's By-Laws to be sent to membership and voted on at the next Club Meeting.

6:53 – Don Davis, Chuck Riley, and Joe Villarreal informed the Board that at least one member had reached out to a representative of the Pappas Family, who owns our property, in hopes of affecting policy changes that the member(s) wish to change.

As a result of these calls, our relationship with the ownership of Johnson Field was damaged.

The Board determined that it must be made clear to all members that they are not allowed to contact the ownership of Johnson Field in any way. Doing so will result in immediate suspension or permanent removal of the individual's membership with Palomar RC Flyers.

7:59 - Board meeting adjourned.



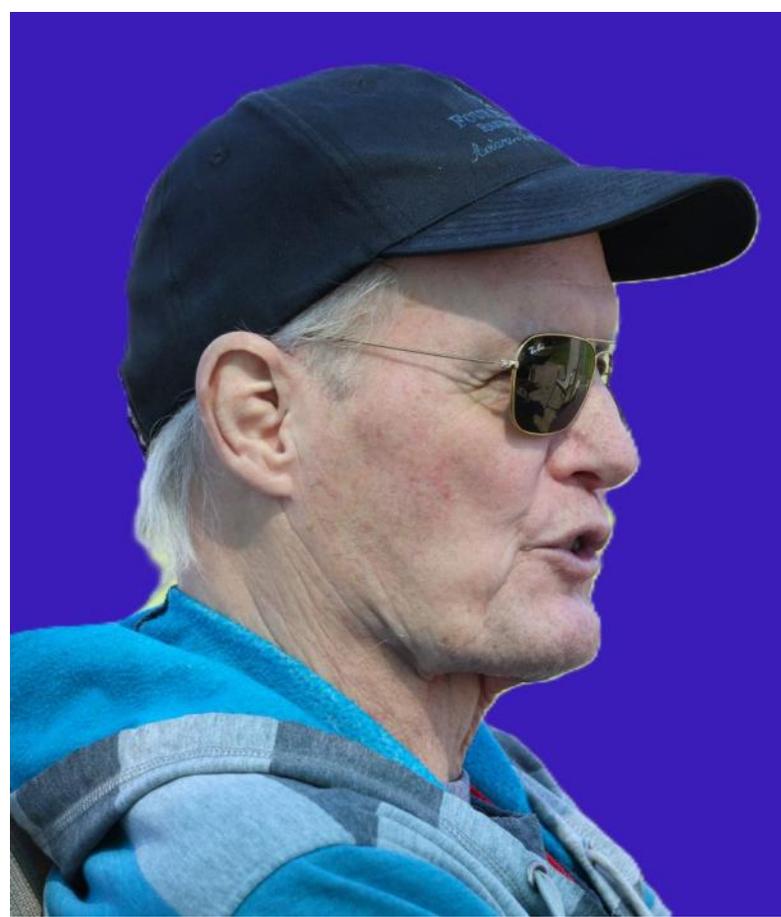
President emeritus Bill Hill and his Fokker DR-1. Patrick Pranika created the colorful paint scheme. Sort of follows Great Waldo Pepper DR-1 paint scheme



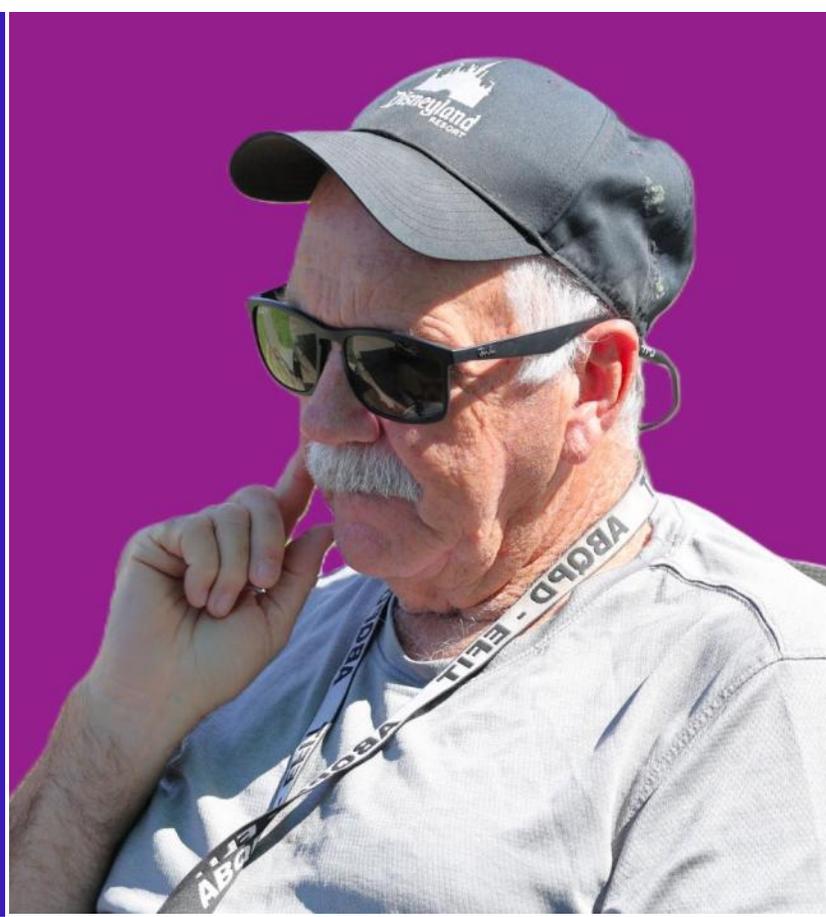


President emeritus Bill Hill— the master





Patrick Pranica



President emeritus Charles Lewis



Our New Club Feather Flags look great! This and next 3 photos are of the Heli Fun Fly— submitted by Eric Armstrong. Great photography!



Most of the participants of the San Diego Heli Fun Fly gathered for a group photo on Saturday after the raffle.



Eric Armstrong's dog, Rez, is sitting next to professional pilot Ben Storick during night flying at the San Diego Heli Fun Fly. Rez was SO tired - you can see he is slouching and his eyes are closed! Great image capture of Ben's lit up main blades too!



Eric Armstrong and Rez on Sunday after the Fun Fly relaxing in one of the golf carts.

General Board Meeting

3/18/2026

President: Don Davis

Vice President: Chuck Riley

Treasurer: Thomas Pollinger

Club Secretary: Eric Armstrong

Board members present: Don Davis, Chuck Riley, Mark Olsen, Eric Armstrong, Mark Anderson, Brandon Liesemeyer, Ron Holman

6:30 – Role Call. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes approved.

6:31 – Treasury report by Tom Pollinger:

Income: \$3,401.29

Expenses: \$3,710.76

Net Income: (\$309.47)

Cash On Hand: \$71,471.28

San Diego Heli Fun Final Numbers

Income: \$11,647

Expenses: \$5,027.01

Net Income: \$6,619.99

6:35 – The Board would like to thank and congratulate our helicopter members for putting on another successful event!

6:34 – Mark Olsen on Fight Training – The formal training program will run from June 8 through August 10. The program recently completed training for 2 pilots, 1 experienced, and 1 beginner. There are 15 pilots currently in the training program; 8 are active.

6:43 – Mark Olsen on safety – No safety issues to report.

6:58 – Chuck Riley noted that the San Diego County Sheriff's K9 unit will be on site for training on Tuesday, March 31, from 6AM to 11AM.

7:05 – Don Davis opened a discussion on clarifying members’ authority regarding voting and overturning board decisions. Don also requested that “Robert’s Rules of Order” be added to our bylaws as a guide for board and member policies and procedures.

After input from all Board members, it was decided that our current bylaws are specific to the authority of all parties, and there was no need to change them. Members have sole authority to elect Officers and Board Members, but do not have authority to override Board decisions and/or votes.

7:30 – Brandon Liesemeyer presented a detailed budget to the board relating to our eventual exit from Johnson Field and relocation to Valley Center. Brandon’s plan detailed the costs for each category of our facility, including but not limited to runway asphalt, concrete, fencing, and shade structures. Brandon spent a great deal of time on this project, and the Board believes this estimate represents the best available information.

Brandon will create a spreadsheet outlining all costs and make that information available to the Board and members for review as soon as possible.

The estimated total cost to tear down our existing runway and structures and relocate all reusable material to Valley Center is \$35,000.

8:29 - Board meeting adjourned.

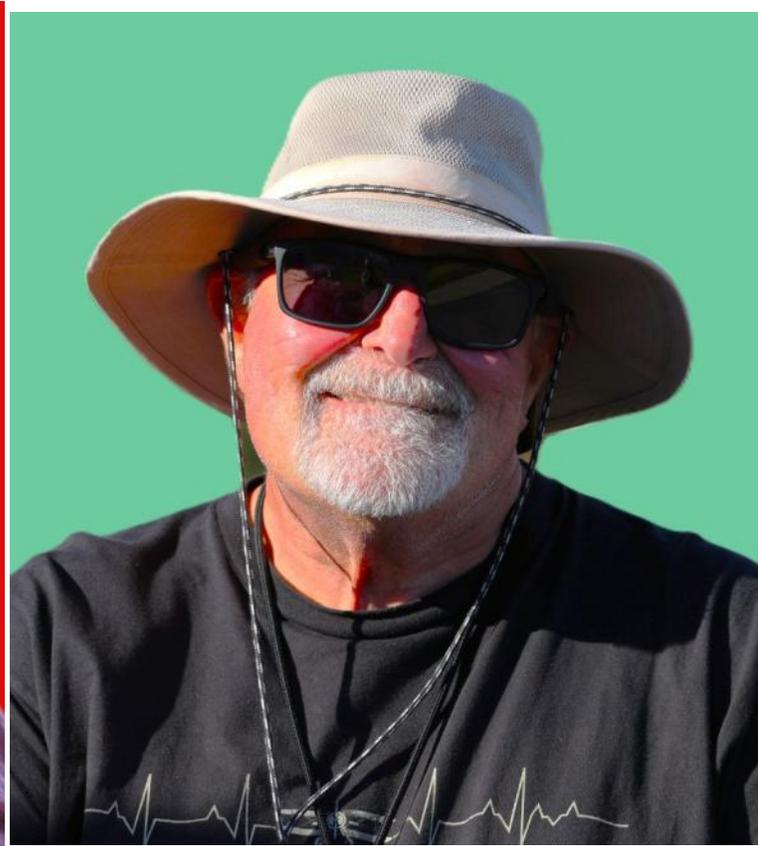
The following photos are of our monthly club meeting on March 21, 2026.



Outgoing president Don Davis



Manny Souza



Rick Hilton



Dennis Teason



Robin Solomon



John Hartsell, Jr.

Joe Villarreal



Roger Cosio

John Hartsell, Sr.

Dave Bracci

Chris Avellino



John Hartsell, Jr.

Lori Cosio

Roger Cosio



President Don Davis introduced two new club members: Noah Martin Torrez and his dad, Tim Martin.



Club Secretary Eric Armstrong led the Heli Fun-Fly and generated the most income of any previous heli event! He worked continuously for the club and is to be highly congratulated! Sir! You ROCK!



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Club Treasurer Tom Pollinger



Steve Gebler presented a special Tee-shirt to Eric for all his efforts to make the Heli Fun-Fly a success. The shirt said that Eric is like a hammer in search of a nail! It was a fun presentation. Again, Eric, many, many thanks!!



Wayne Bonfietti's jet was the only entry for Model-of-the-Month.



Jim Christy took this photo of "Sky Art" the other day! Great photo!



Roger Cosio



Our new club president is now Chuck Riley! March 21, 2026



Roger Cosio's 1909 Demoiselle is a handful to fly. Look at the wing incidence!

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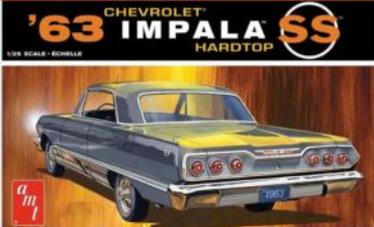
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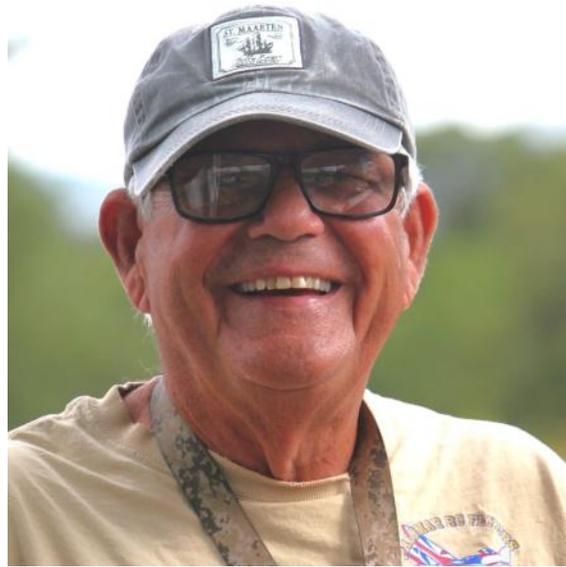
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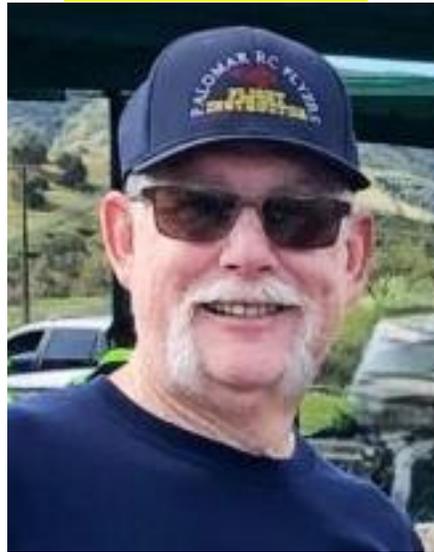


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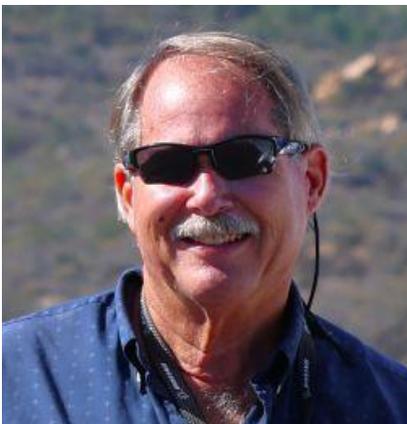


Brandon Liesemeyer



Mark Olsen

Safety Officer and Board Member



Mark Anderson



Ron Holman