



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

June 2026



President's Message June 2026 Transmitter

Well weather-wise May's meeting wasn't as pleasant as April's but the gray days make you appreciate the blue skies that much more so I'll take them! With there being no other candidates for the open positions of President and Vice President, the special election wasn't necessary. Myself and Mark Olsen humbly accept the jobs and will continue in those roles for the duration of the regular term at which point the regular election process will be followed as outlined in the bylaws.

The May Night Fly was well-attended, even with the May Gray. Several families brought out their RVs and tents to take part in the fun. I personally met some new-to-me club members and that's always nice. A big thank you to Steve Gebler for his steady supply of fun events. The Heli Night Fly is June 12-14 and should be a great time, I hope to see a great turn out there as well.

If any member has an idea for an event at the field, please see a club officer or board member. We're happy to support events that focus on growing the impact that our great club has on it's members and others in the communities around us.

We'll be hosting the Scouts for another Aviation Merit badge on Saturday June 13th. The Training Team will be providing flight lessons from 10-noon with lunch provided afterwards.

I'm hearing that there have been some troubles with the gate at Johnson Field. Steve Gebler is aware and is working on a solution/work-around as well as some improvements to hopefully help with reliability. We'll share more on that once Steve makes any changes.

Found this on the internet...

Basic Flying Rules:

1. Try to stay in the middle of the air.
2. Do not go near the edges of it.
3. The edges of air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and inter-stellar space.
4. It is much more difficult to fly there.

I'll see you at the field,

Chuck

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Palomar RC Flyers Membership Dues Increase Proposal

In an effort that began nearly a year ago, the board has reviewed our membership dues and forecast income and expenses for the coming years. After reasonable consideration the board has decided that a modest increase to some of the memberships is warranted. These proposed membership rates will be up for a vote at the June 20th Club General Meeting at Johnson Field. Per the bylaws a 2/3 majority of the voters present is required to pass these proposed changes.

If approved, these rates would not go into effect for current members until renewal time at the end of this year. It would take immediate effect for any new members. There would be a small renewal window for lapsed members to renew at the current rate but they would have to renew by July 15, 2026. An email will be sent to them informing them of the opportunity to renew at the "old" rates.

I hope to see you at the June meeting!

-Chuck Riley

Adult Membership \$200 (unchanged)

This membership is prorated evenly in \$50 increments for each quarter.

Senior Membership (65 & up) increase \$25 from \$75 to \$100

This membership is only prorated the last quarter (Oct-Dec) to \$50.

Additional Family Members increase \$15 from \$15 to \$30

This membership is not prorated. Requires at least one full price membership and live at the same address.

Junior Membership (18 & under on July 1st) increase \$20 from \$20 to \$40

This membership is not prorated.

College Student Membership increase \$25 from \$25 to \$50

This membership is not prorated. Must be under 23 and enrolled full-time.

Associate Membership \$20 (unchanged)

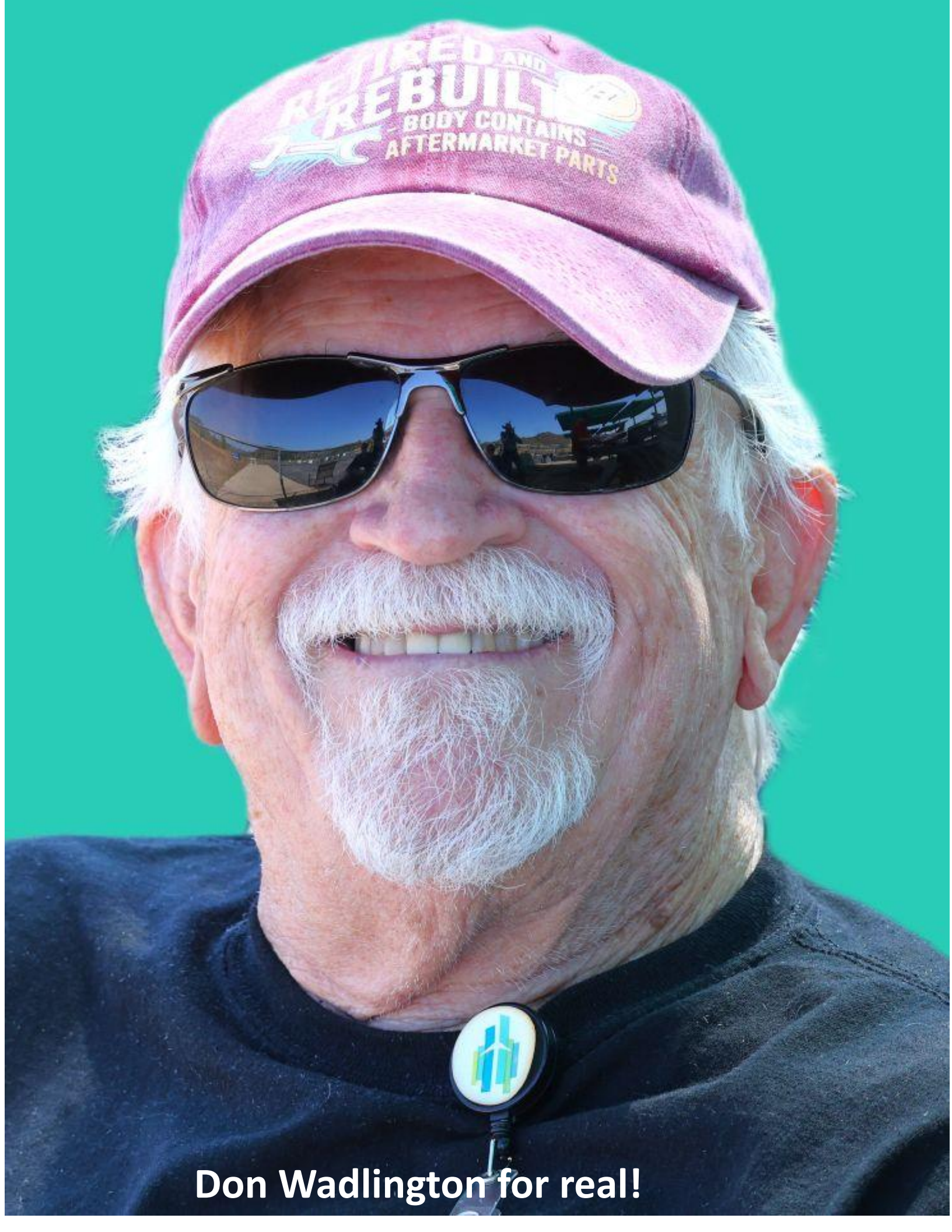
No flying privileges. This membership is not prorated.

Active Military, Active First Responder increase \$100, from Free to \$100

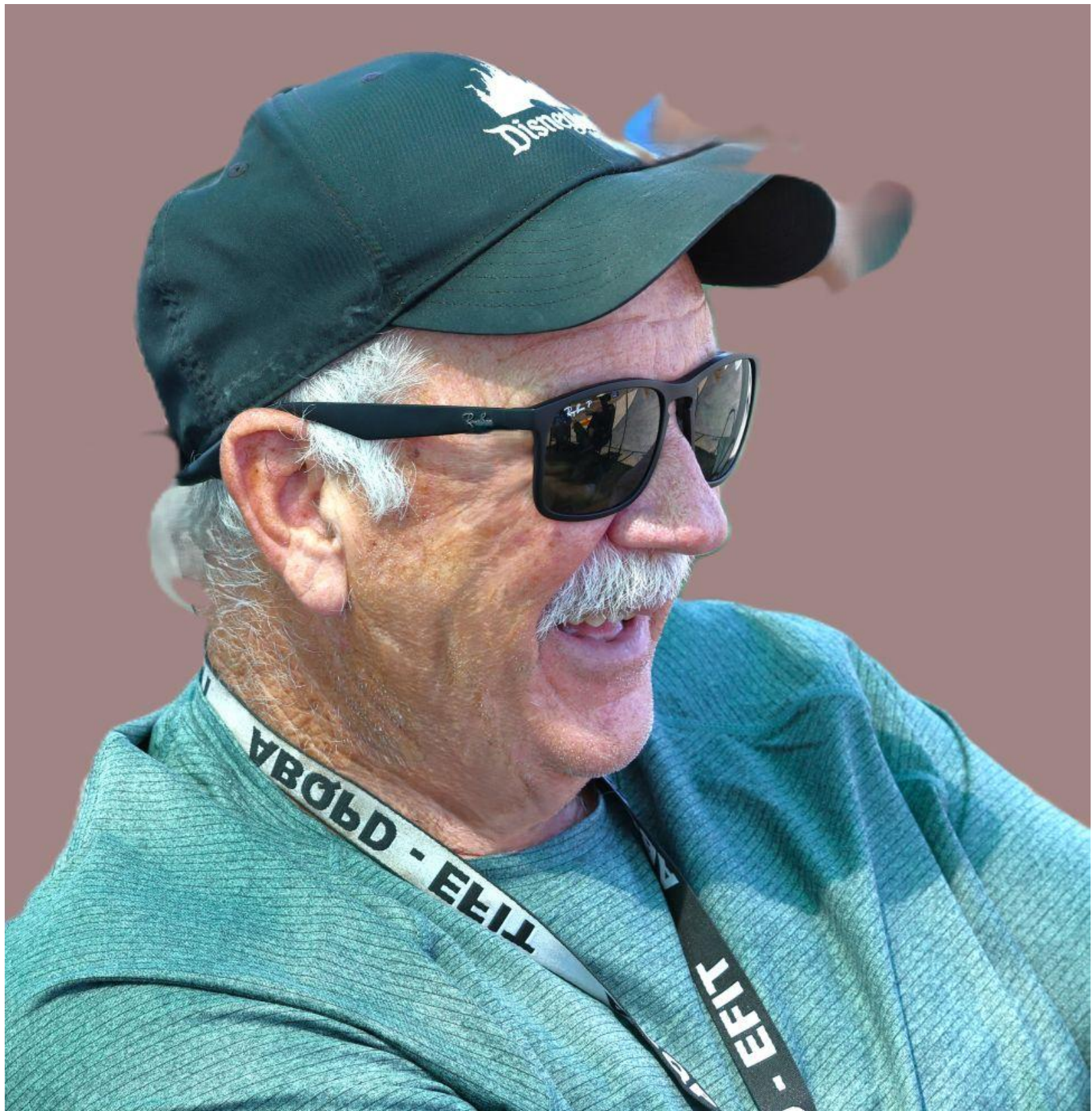
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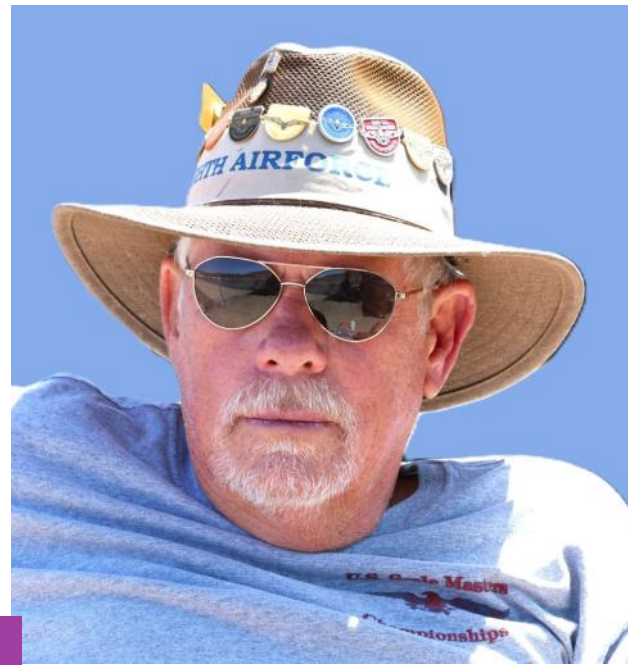
This AI generated photo is too good to pass up! Don Wadlington and Teresa look like royalty. Don is a former club secretary.



Don Wadlington for real!



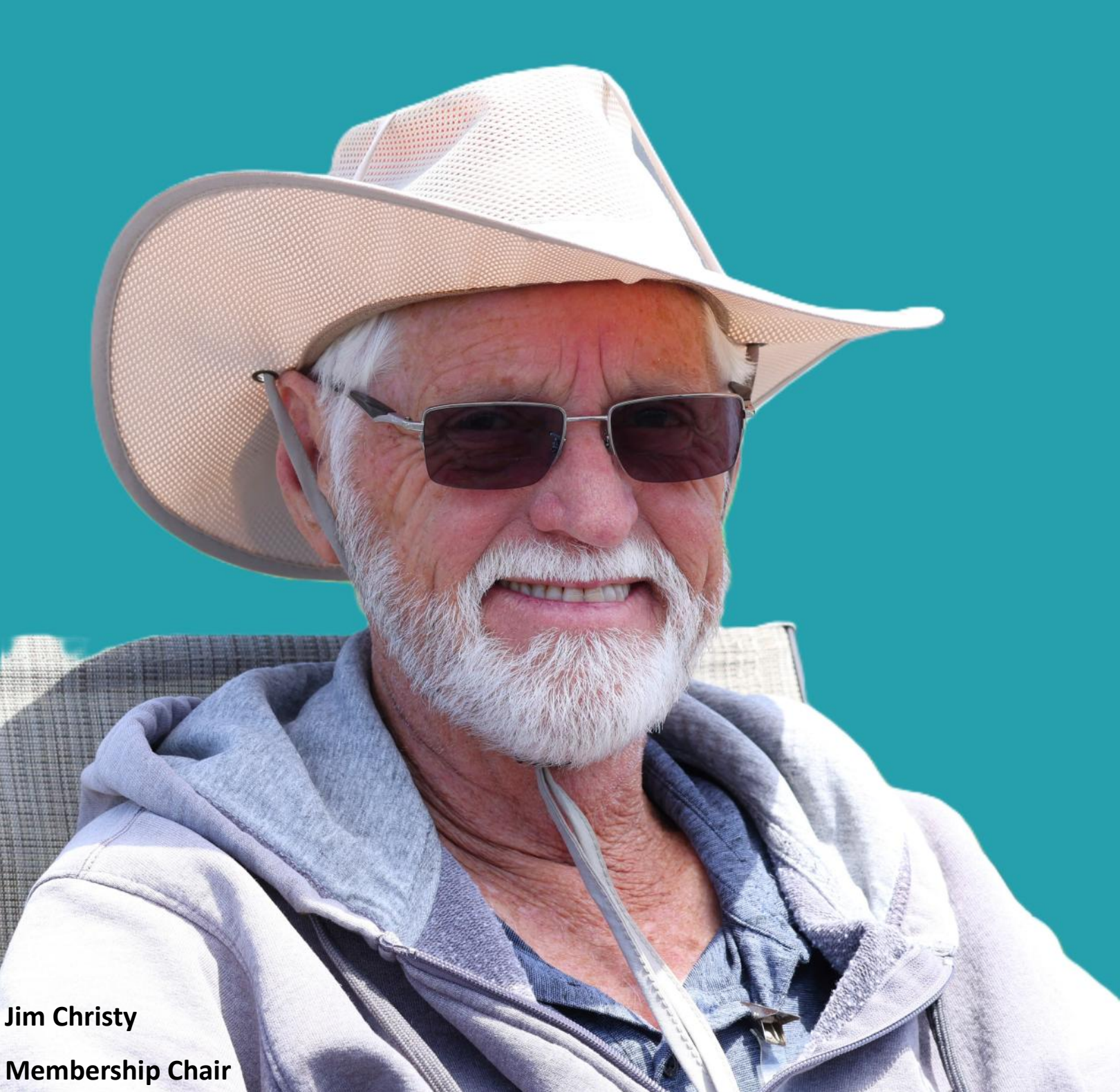
Charles Lewis



Curtis Kitteringham



Mike Vedepo



Jim Christy
Membership Chair



A Radian



Mike Vedepo



1929 Travel Air with grandson, Patrick in front seat



Mandatory photo of James Gallacher





Trifecta fun



Joshua Fremmerlie, Alan Graber, Chuck Riley, Brandon Liesemeyer, Mark Olsen, Steve Gebler





Trifecta Winners: Chuck Riley-3

Brandon Liesemeyer-1

Mark Olsen-2





The huge jet powered turbine heli from the Heli-Fun-Fly! Worth seeing again!



New Club Member Andrew Torres-Amini



President Chuck Riley led the club meeting on May 16, 2026.



Chris Petersen new club member who is learning to fly. Welcome!



Vice President Mark Olsen read the treasurer's report on behalf of Tom Pollinger.

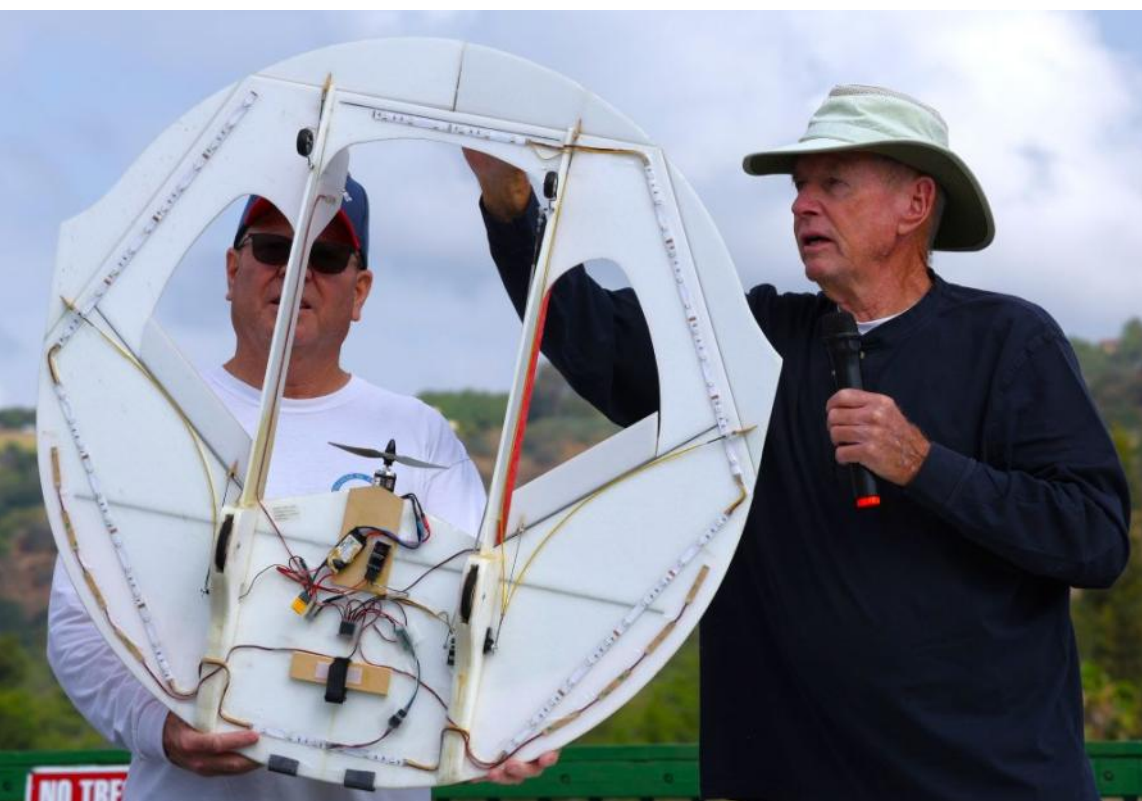


Roger Cosio received his Model-of-the-Month plaque for April .

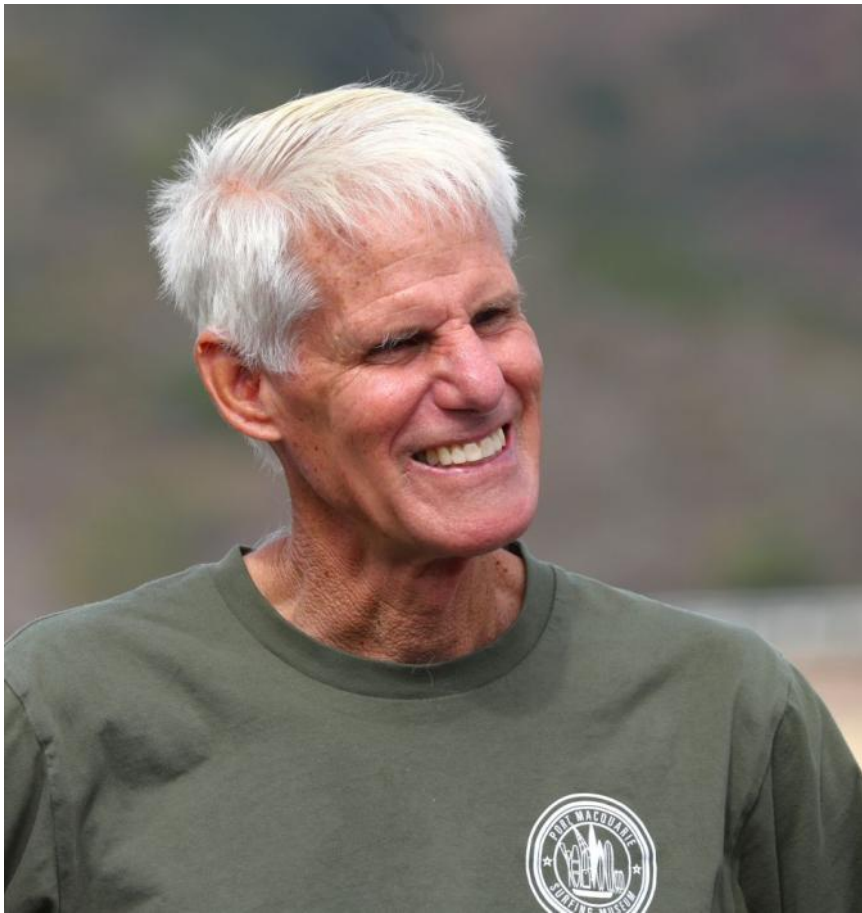




Bill Hill showed his flying saucer and offered it to anyone who wanted it!



Reverse side,



John Hartsell Jr.



John Hartsell Sr.



Scott Ralston



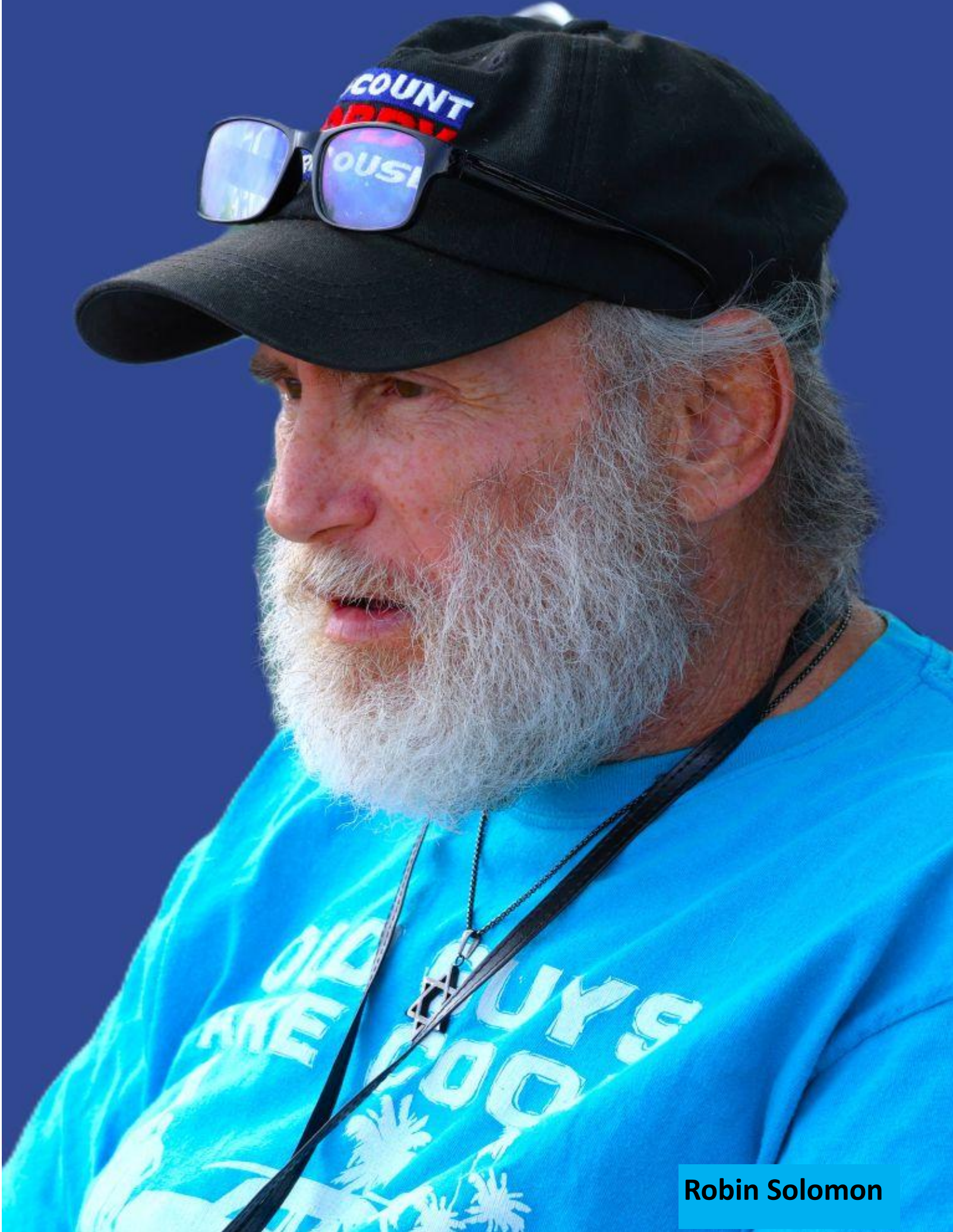
What is this? It is Steve Gebler's latest flying creation! He continues to win because the one with the most toys wins! It's a flying gecko.



Bill Hill



Camping out and night flying —photos by Steve Gebler



Robin Solomon

Rick Hilton





Allen McTurner



Pablo Castro is an accomplished jet pilot.





Jeremy Williams

General Board Meeting

5/14/2026

President: Chuck Riley

Vice President: Mark Olsen

Treasurer: Thomas Pollinger

Club Secretary: Eric Armstrong

Board members present: Chuck Riley, Mark Olsen, Tom Pollinger, Eric Armstrong, Mark Anderson, and Joe Villarreal

Non-Board Members present: Membership Chair, Jim Christy

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

6:32 – Treasury report by Tom Pollinger:

Income: \$280.00

Expenses: \$819.27

Net Loss: \$539.27

Cash On Hand: \$68,498.60

6:35 – Mark Olsen on Fight Training – No new news. Tom Polinger is donating his training equipment to the training team. Thanks, Tom!!

6:40 – Mark Olsen on safety – No safety issues to report. Chuck asked the Board's opinion on naming Bobby Johannes the Club's Safety Officer. While the decision ultimately falls to the President, the Board supported the idea.

6:44 – Groundskeeping and conditions – Steve Gebler requested up to \$100 to repair / improve the gate system at Johnson Field. Eric Armstrong made a motion to approve the expense. Chuck Riley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 6 – 0.

6:52 – Club Shirts – Eric Armstrong is waiting for a proposal on 60 club shirts from Doug Johnson.

7:00 – New ByLaws – Richard Torres should have the approved ByLaws. Chuck to follow up with Richard on their status.

7:03 – Discussed Dave Richards and his mowing of the property. [Chuck Riley made a motion to approve extending an associate membership to Dave. Mark Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 6 – 0.](#)

7:10 – Container Locks: Chuck Riley announced that all container locks will be changed on May 16 with new keys provided to Board members and a few other key personnel.

7:15 – Report on Runway Repair in Valley Center: Chuck Riley has the adhesive and some scrap material, and plans to make repairs as soon as he can.

7:20 – Report on LED Stadium Lights: Eric bought 2 sets of lights and plans to test them at the upcoming camping / night fly at Johnson Field.

7:25 – Chuck Riley stated that Officer Garcia of the CHP K9 training unit has asked about using our facility for training. The matter was discussed, and it was decided to extend the same terms to him that we have with for the SD County Sheriff's K9 deputy.

7:30 – Jim Christy and Tom Pollinger presented a financial report for 2025 regarding projected income and expenses with our migration to Valley Center. Increasing the number of events and membership dues was discussed as possible pathways to maintaining our club's financial health.

7:34 – A former member approached Tom Pollinger about running a fixed-wing fun fly at the end of June or early July. He presented a budget, which Tom shared with the Board. Because the individual was a former member, and the timing for the event was so close, it was decided to let the member know he would need to re-join the club and present his plan as a member.

7:38 – Chuck Riley discussed the Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge June 10th (evening) at Fallbrook VFW, June 13th 10a-12p at Johnson Field. Joe Villereal agreed to help with lunch, if it was needed. Chuck to send an email for volunteers to help with the classroom teaching portion and cooking. The training team is on board for assisting on Saturday. Chuck Riley made a motion to approve \$150 for lunch. Mark Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 6 – 0. Chuck will reach out to Don Davis, George Dawe and Steve Nelson to ask for help with the Wed evening classroom session.

7:42 – Chuck Riley mentioned Don Davis, noting that an open item he was working on is that our Johnson Field land use agreement requires \$2,500,000 in insurance, with the landowners named as additional insureds. Currently we only have \$1,000,000. Chuck will seek an estimate from Tom Minegar for the additional insurance.

7:50 – Board meeting adjourned.

With five members of the board present at the general meeting, an ad-hoc board meeting immediately after the general meeting was held for one topic. Eric Armstrong made the motion to approve another \$100 in addition to the \$500 already approved to purchase one more LED light setup, for a total of 3 based on the findings of the 2 light setup at the night fly. Chuck 2nd, Eric A, Mark A, Mark O, and Joe V were in favor.



Memorial Day on the Heli Side. Eric Armstrong is organizing the food prep - can you tell he is a former Marine? Containers are in NICE FORMATION!

Scott Dedic (former Marine as well) is supervising behind Eric.



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The following excerpts are from the book WINGS by Tom D. Crouch, senior curator of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum 2023

During WW1, due to a rubber shortage in Germany, new combat aircraft were fitted with wooden tires! P.173

During 1913-1918, the German navy operated 73 rigid airships and the army 58. The largest wartime Zeppelins were almost 694 feet long and over 78 feet in diameter, Crew of 30, they flew more than 20,000 feet at speeds of 80 mph with a range of 7,500 miles! P.177

After WW1, William Boeing had his aircraft market cancelled by the government, so he put his crews to build wooden furniture until 1921. p. 197

The US Air Mail Service celebrated when a load of mail from San Francisco landed in New York 33 hours and 20 minutes later on 2/22/1921. p. 221

Flying for the Post Office, Lindberg became the first American pilot to parachute to safety 4 times! P. 254 What does that say about the planes they flew!

In June 1928, Albert Hegenberger and Lester Maitland were the first to fly from San Francisco to Honolulu.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart was the first woman and second human to solo fly the Atlantic and the first woman to fly coast to coast non-stop. She flew from Honolulu to Oakland in 1935.

On Oct. 23, 1934, the Italian military pilot flew the Macchi-Castoldi 72, to a speed of 440 mph.t

The book is a history of aviation and is an enjoyable read. I would be happy to share it with anyone interested in reading it. It's over 700 pages and I'm more than half way.

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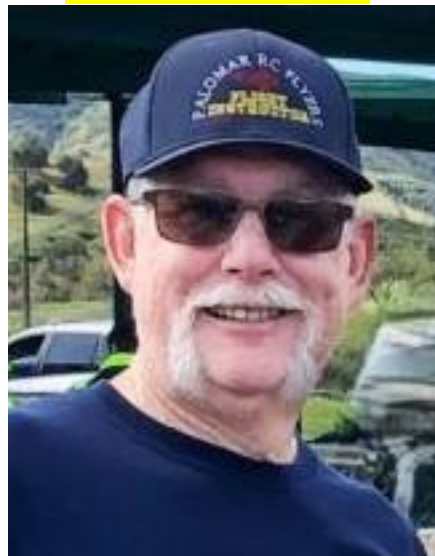


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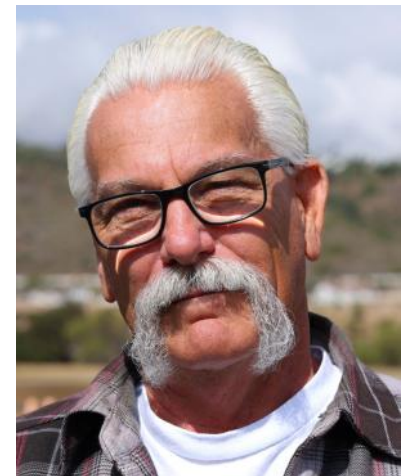
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