



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

May 2026



President's Message:

What a nice day for our meeting in April, we couldn't have asked for better weather. The attendance was strong as we opened the nomination window for our special election in May. The list of candidates hasn't been finalized at the time of submitting this to the editor so please be on the lookout for an email from the club around the 28th of April to let you know who your candidates are for president and vice president.

I'm truly amazed (but not surprised) by the outpouring of generosity to help support Joe and Barb Villarreal through this difficult time. I know that Joe is beyond grateful for the words of encouragement, the compassion, the donations, and the impressive collection of RC gear to get Joe back in the air have blown me away. We've always been fortunate to have Joe and Barb in our RC family. I am very grateful for this show of support.

There have been a few acts of vandalism and theft at the Valley Center field. Our porta-john was taken in December, in February our storage shed was broken in to and some wood was stolen, and most recently some hooligans have been doing donuts in the parking area and now have damaged the runway in several places by doing burn-outs. I've filed a report with the local SD Sheriff's sub-station and have asked for them to stop by the field in the evenings to look for and discourage these people. The board is working to figure out what our options are to combat this. Recommendations for LEGAL! solutions are appreciated.

Smooth landings,

Chuck Riley President of the Palomar R/C Flyers. Inc.

Important Notice to our club!

The time passed when nominations for president and vice president was open. Since no one was nominated to these club positions, a run-off election is not necessary. Thus:

Chuck Riley is now our club president.

Mark Olsen is now our club vice-president.

Congratulations to you both! I received this news from both Jim Christy and Eric Armstrong and am passing it along to everyone.

Editor

Joe Buko



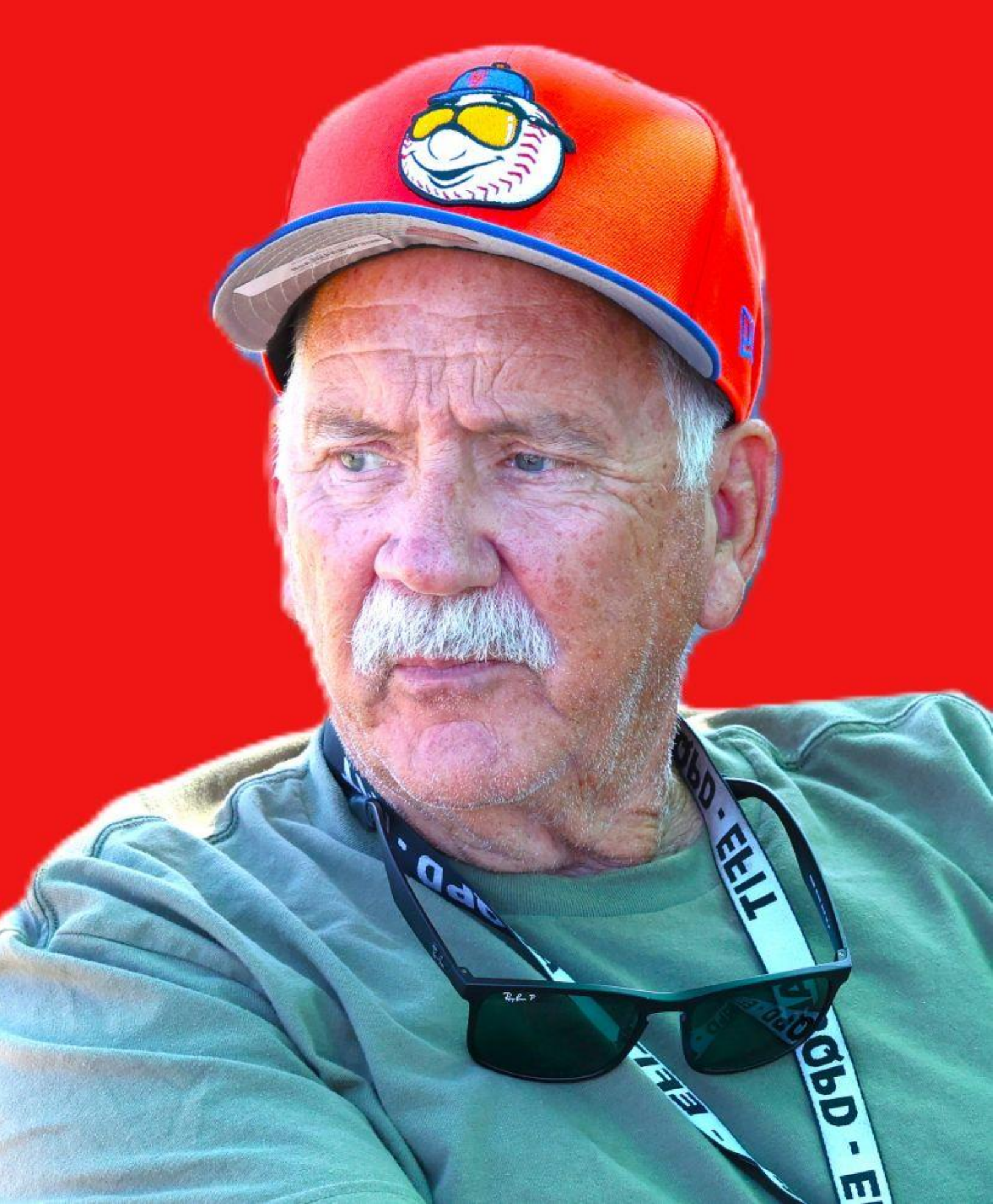
New Board Member David Bracci Welcome!



A contrail from a space ship from Vandenberg taken in early April after sunset.



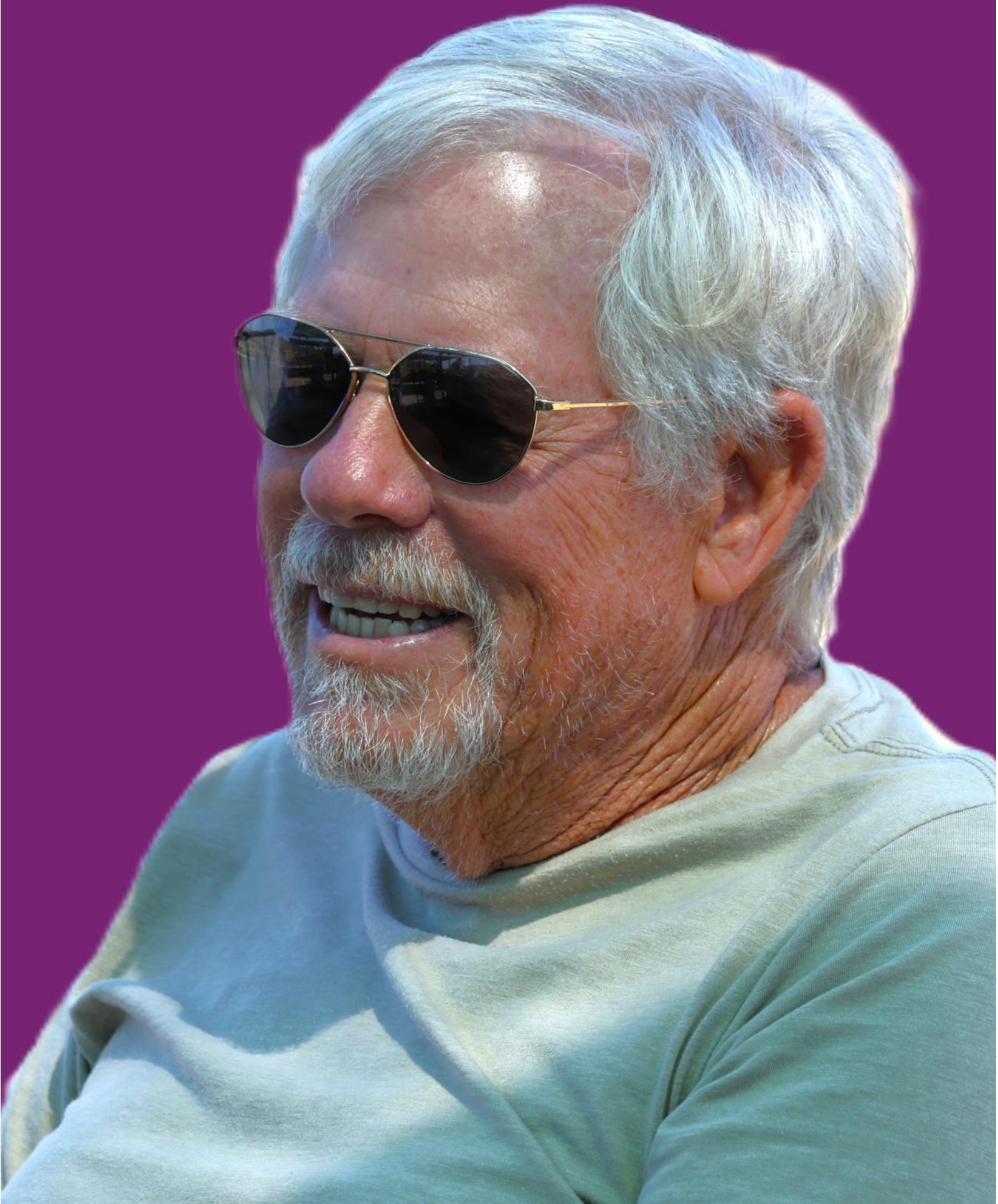
John Forestieri



President *Emeritus* Charles Lewis



Tom Hartley



Curtis Kitteringham



Patrick Pranica



Paul Broyles



Paul Broyles' van/trailer leaves nothing to be desired! It's WOW!



Paul's jet is spectacular both in the air and on the ground. Bill Hill is on the right.



Bill Hill and Paul Broyles



Curtis Kitteringham

Charles Lewis



Doug Farrenkopf



The Phoenix for Joe and Barbara Villarreal

The Phoenix is a legendary mythical bird that symbolizes rebirth, renewal, and immortality and is alleged to rise from fire and ash to live a renewed life.



As you may know, on April 2, Joe and Barbara had a devastating fire in the workshop building behind their home in Valley Center. This workshop was the home of Joe's welding business for many years. Not only was the building completely destroyed, but all of his welding equipment and supplies but also his entire RC collection of airplanes, helicopters, transmitters, and everything needed to fly.

Joe and "Mama Bear" Barbara have been major contributors to our club for a long, long time. Let's help them rise from the ashes.

Here's what you can do to help them.

Go Fund Me

A Go Fund Me site has been set up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/42fvykyd> or scan the QR code link below.



Donate a New or Lightly Used Aircraft

Bring a good airplane or helicopter to the field and give to any Board Member. Let's get Joe back in the air.

Enter a 50/50 Fund Raising Raffle

Each \$10 ticket you purchase will give you a chance to win half of the funds collected in the raffle. Board Members will have raffle tickets available to purchase. If you buy five tickets, you will get one extra for free.

Give Cash Directly via Venmo or Zelle

Steve Gebler will collect the funds and distribute them to Joe and Barbara. For Venmo, send payments to @Stephen-Gebler-1. For Zelle, send payments to sgebler@gmail.com. Make a note on the payment "for Joe".



Link to the Go Fund Me Page.

For more information, contact either Chuck Riley, Eric Armstrong, or Steve Gebler.

As many of you know, our friends Joe and Barb Villarreal have been dealing with the aftermath of a devastating fire. In the middle of that hardship, our helicopter community circled the wagons around Joe and Barb and, through donations, were able to completely re-outfit Joe with new transmitters, helicopters, airplanes, chargers, tools, batteries—you name it—and still put over \$1,000 in cash into Joe and Barb's hands to use however they need. In total, nearly \$10,000 in goodies was either raised in cash or donated - Truly amazing! Every single person who contributed should feel proud for helping bring a bit of normalcy back into their lives.

There was so much given that we honestly lost track (which is a great problem to have), but I do want to give a special shoutout to Mike Leonard, Anthony Wood, Scott Travers, Varley Longson, Discount Hobby (John Davenport), and Mikado USA (Bryan Barrow). Their time, generosity, and just plain big hearts are what made this happen!

Eric Armstrong, Club Secretary



Joe and Barb's goodies table!



Eric Armstrong is handing Joe and Barb an envelope of money from the heli group.



Mike Leonard is telling Joe about his brand-new VBar Evo+ Radio system! Steve Gebler is wondering what a VBar is and whether he can somehow get one to fly.



Joe taking delivery of his new radio system so he can get back in the air! It was a very emotional moment for everyone.

General Board Meeting

4/16/2026

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, Brandon Liesemeyer, Joe Villarreal, Ron Holman, Dave Bracci

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

6:31 – Chuck recognized and congratulated Dave Bracci on being selected to replace Mark Olsen on the Board. Dave said finding out he would be serving on the Board of this amazing organization literally made him cry...with joy.

6:34 – Treasury report by Tom Pollinger:

Income: \$540.00

Expenses: \$434.69

Net Income: \$105.31

Cash On Hand: \$69,057.27

6:35 – Mark Olsen on Fight Training – The program recently completed training for 1 pilot. The program has 8 active pilots, 4 of which are beginners, and 8 inactive pilots.

Mark made a motion to approve spending up to \$500 for the training program. Eric Armstrong seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 9 – 0.

6:40 – Mark Olsen on safety – No safety issues to report. Chuck Riley is seeking volunteers to serve as the Club's Safety Officer. Please see Chuck at the field or contact him if you are interested.

6:44 – Chuck Riley asked for an update on the Bylaw changes. Eric Armstrong did not have the approved verbiage relating to safety, which Mark Olsen has since provided. Eric will incorporate the two bylaw changes approved by the club membership and send the new bylaws to Richard Torres for the club's website.

6:52 – Chuck Riley informed the Board of recent vandalism to the runway at Valley Center, and opened a discussion on how to best address spending and security for the Valley Center. It was generally agreed that while there is limited flying at Valley Center, the Board should not spend any more money on that location until we have a firmer exit date from Johnson Field.

7:08 – Chuck Riley made a motion to approve spending \$35 to replace the cutting blades on the club mower, and up to \$100 for glue to repair the fabric at Valley Center. Mark Olsen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 9 – 0.

7:10 – Mark Olsen agrees to take over the Club's PO Box duties.

7:12 – Chuck Riley made a motion to approve changing the locks on all Club containers. Mark Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 9 – 0.

7:16 – Chuck Riley discussed the signage on the Johnson Field gate needing to be changed, and plans to reach out to Steve Gebler to help with making the changes.

7:18 – Chuck Riley asked for volunteers to run three committees...

Shirts and Merchandise – Eric Armstrong and Dave Bracci

Johnson Field Grounds – Dave Bracci with Chris Avelino in a “watch-others-work” capacity

Club Property and Equipment Inventory & Management – Chuck Riley

7:35 – Eric Armstrong made a motion to approve spending \$450 to purchase high-wattage LED lights for night flying on both the fixed wing and heli side. We should start with two banks of lights, test them for performance, and decide whether to purchase more. The idea being we could potentially replace renting light towers for larger night flying events, saving the club thousands of dollars. Chuck Riley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 9 – 0.

7:40 – Chuck Riley made a motion to approve spending \$200 as a thank you donation to Kat Armstrong, who took time off from her work to volunteer running the kitchen during the Heli Fun Fly. Kat contributed to the overall financial success of the event, \$1,200 in profit coming from the kitchen alone. Brandon Liesemeyer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 9 – 0.

7:45 – Chuck asked Joe Villarreal to contact AMA regarding our insurance coverage for a non-member mowing on the Johnson Field property.

7:50 – Board meeting adjourned.



Steve Gebler orchestrated the collection for Barbara and Joe Villiarreal. Photo taken at the club meeting.



Membership chairman Jim Christy. This is a fine photo!

MAY
14-17



CAMP OUT & NIGHT FLYING

Johnson Field
Thursday May 14 through
Sunday May 17

Bring your RVs, Trailer, and Tents or just show up for a fun few days and nights of camping at the field. This is a family friendly event. Bring the significant others, kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends!

Bring your night lighted aircraft to be part of the evening's show.

A barbecue will be available in the evening to cook your own food.



Edgar Gonzalez is an amazing pilot of fixed wing and heli's. He sure can fly with the best of them!

April 23, 2026



Rick Hilton

Our new club president, Chuck Riley, led the April club meeting on the 18th and did a fine job. Thank you for taking on this responsibility. We appreciate you!





Wayne Bonfietti

Roger Cosio

President Chuck Riley

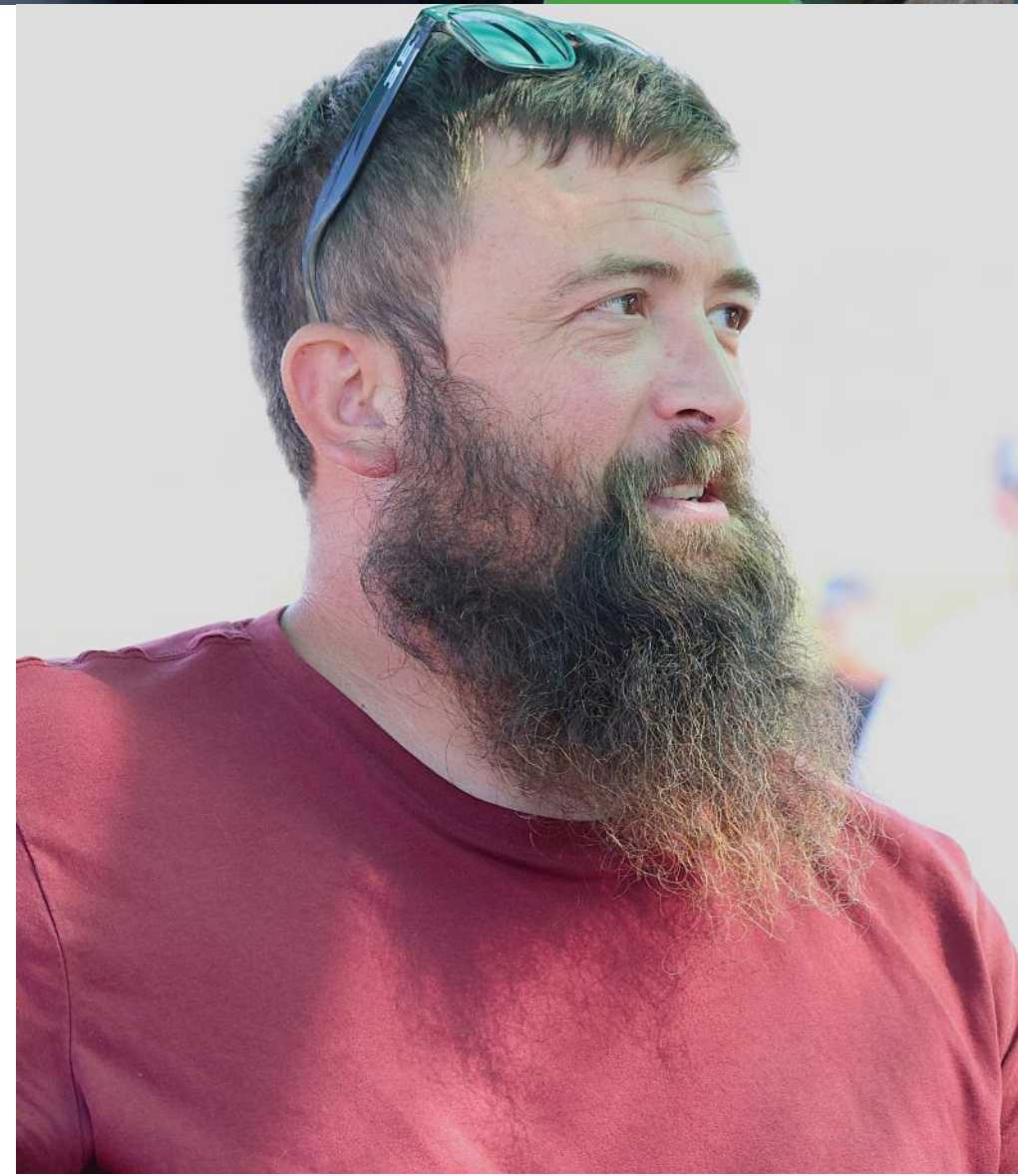


Mark Anderson

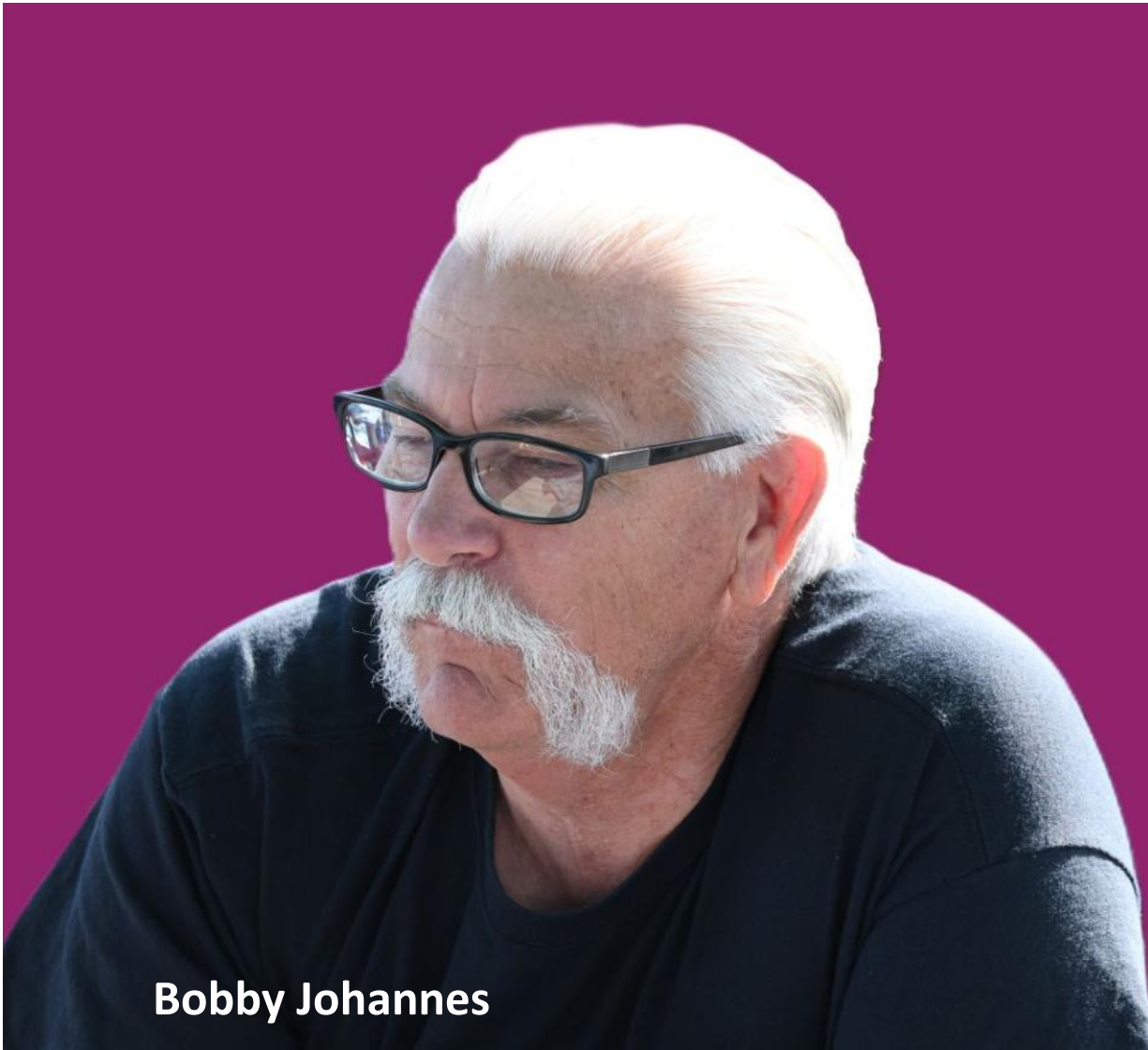


Patty White's husband, Don

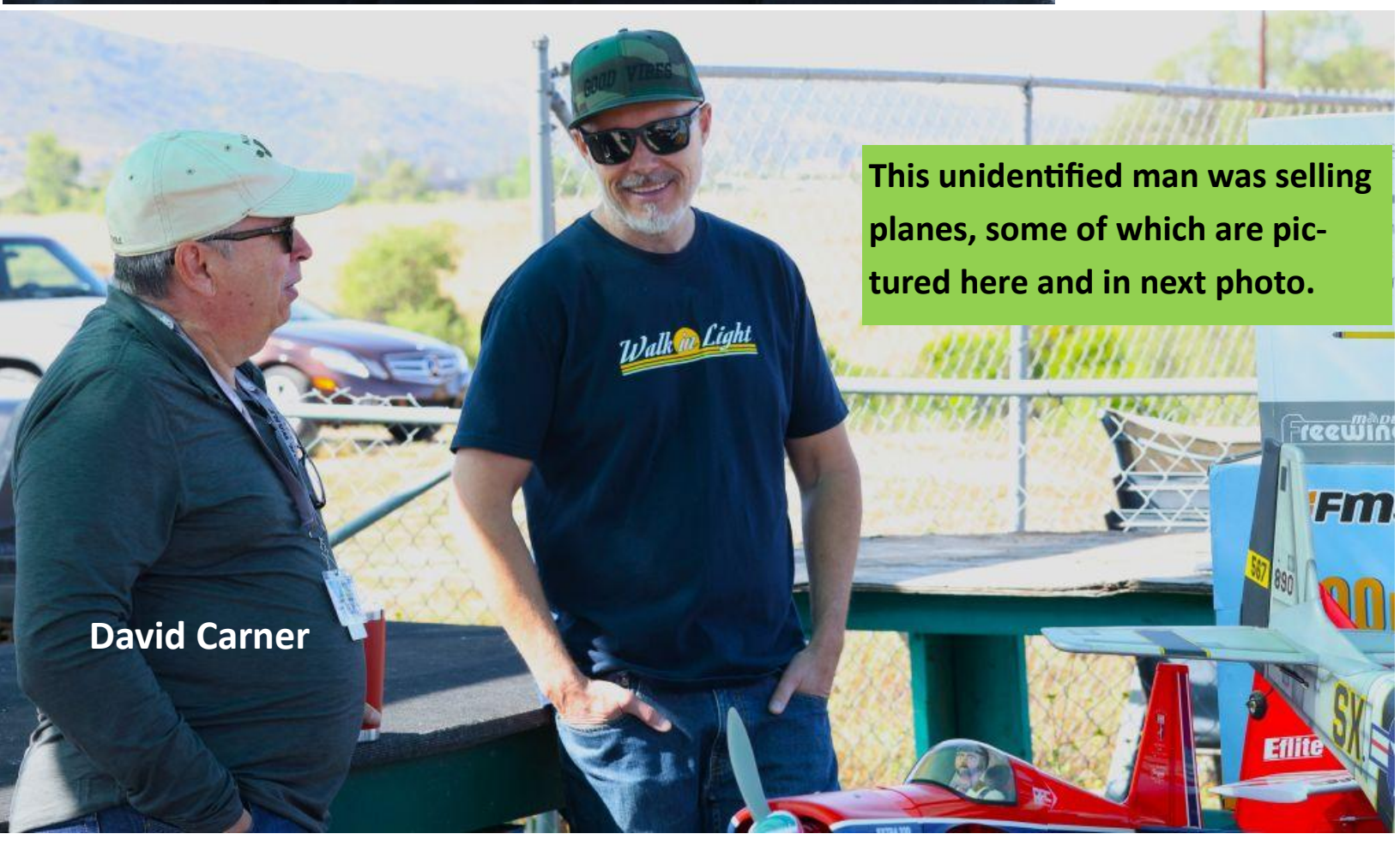
**Eli Hill's husband, Bill
Happy Birthday to
you on 4/30/2026!**



**Scott
Ralston**

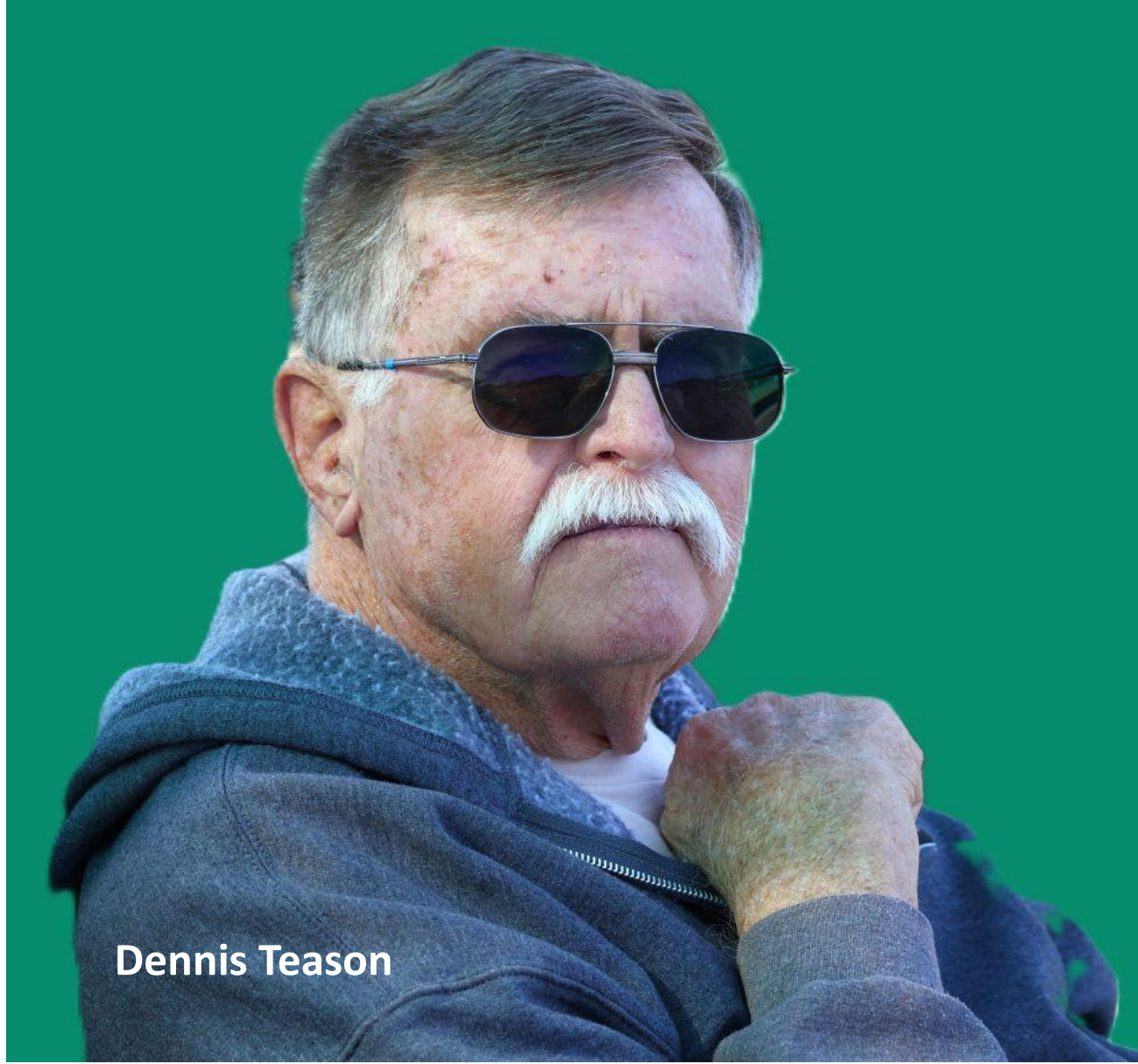


Bobby Johannes



This unidentified man was selling planes, some of which are pictured here and in next photo.

David Carner



Dennis Teason



One of Chris Avellino's birds...This photo was taken when the plane was parked on the tarmac. I removed the background, added the blue-sky color and it gives the impression the plane is in flight! Seeing is not always believing!



**Mandatory photo
of Jim Gallagher**



Roger Cosio won model of the month with this antique U-Control plane he just completed.



President Chuck Riley presents the March Model-of-the-Month award to Wayne Bonfietti for his jet Corsair.

V.P. Mark Olsen read the treasurer's report for the month of April 2026. He is our new VP!





Charles Riley USMC

Don Davis



Greg Wilson 4/28/2026



Curtis Kitteringham's Pitt's Special is a beauty!



- RC CARS
- RC PLANES
- RC BOATS
- GUNDAMS
- MODEL CAR KITS
- AND SO MUCH MORE!



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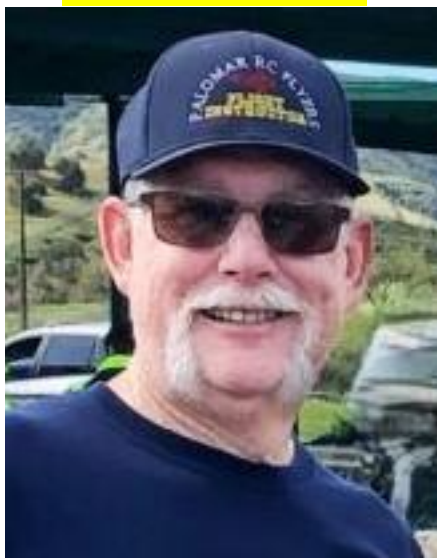


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