



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter October 2026



Happy Fall Y'all!

We get all four seasons here in sunny Southern California but it's usually only marked by a square on a calendar and not any noticeable change in the weather. Thankfully we've gotten some relief from the latest heat wave.

We had a blast at the September Fun Fly. Eight entrants flew three events, and when the dust and foam settled, Darrin Albert came out on top and walked away with \$22. Doug Abel landed in second with a \$13 prize and Mark Olsen caught the third wire and took home \$9! John Forestieri earned a very honorable mention, he missed his time on the ETA contest by 0.22 seconds! John was tied with Mark Olsen for 3rd but lost the Rock-Paper-Scissors tie breaker. I look forward to doing this again in October!

The window for nominations for all elected offices in the club is now open and will close at the October club meeting. This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and leadership to give back to our great club! Email your nomination to Palomar.Membership@gmail.com.

I received a call from a family member of an RC pilot who can no longer fly. They offered to donate approximately 40 aircraft. I was only able to fit 12 of them in my empty truck last weekend and I'm going back this Friday with a trailer to retrieve the rest of them. Combine these with the other generous donations we've received throughout the year and we have a storage problem! Joe Villarreal has been kind enough to let us keep them in a corner of his newly constructed shop. This means that we need to have our annual club auction on Saturday, October 17th immediately after our regular club meeting since there's no way we can store all of these aircraft any longer than that! I'll be sending out some photos and descriptions some of the items that are up for auction in an effort to loosen the rusty hinges on those wallets!

On September 22nd we said our final good-bye to John Hartsell. His commemoration at the Mission San Luis Rey was a wonderful reflection on a life well lived surrounded by people who loved him. To honor John and on behalf of our club, a kind club member has purchased a brick in the AMA "Walk of Fame" to honor John Hartsell. This brick will be at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. I hope to see it one day.

See you at the field!

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

General Board Meeting

9/17/2026

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

Board members not present: NA

Non-Board Members present: Safety Officer, Bobby Johannes

6:30 – Roll Call. Eric moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. They were unanimously approved.

6:31 – Treasury report by Tom Pollinger:

Income: \$240.00

Expenses: \$201.61

Net Income: \$38.39

Cash On Hand: \$63,881.18

6:35 – Mark Anderson on Fight Training – Nothing new to report. One new member starting this weekend. He already joined the club, which is great. 11 people enrolled – not all active. Two Turbo Timbers were recently donated to the training team! Roger Cosio was the amazing member who donated both airplanes!

6:40 – Bobby Johannes on Safety – Nothing to report on safety – everything is going well. Eric discussed a recent safety matter from a different heli event and procedures he is considering adding to our heli events.

The Board reminds everyone that, while flying at our facilities, your safety and the safety of those around you must be our priority.

6:44 – Dave Bracci on field maintenance – Dave repainted the dashed lines on the Johnson Field runway. Dave said Bill Hill helped paint the lines, and Chris Avelino did not.

6:47 – Club Merchandise – Eric Armstrong announced that new club shirts are done but have not been picked up yet due to his schedule. Dave mentioned that Chris Avelino would love to pick up the shirts for the club.

6:48 – Chuck updated the Board on smaller club items like signage on the gate, shed cleanup, Valley Center trash situation, and fire extinguishers. Chuck to draft a letter to the owners with our proposal for how to handle the Valley Center cleanup.

6:51 – Chuck discussed the commissioning of our new charging station. Everything is moving forward.

6:52 – Christmas Party – Chuck has not contacted the caterer yet but will this month.

6:53 – Chuck provided an update on the Capstone event dated June 2027. The Board requested a \$2,500 donation be given to the club for the use of its facilities for this event. Chuck said Capstone approved the donation amount!

6:59 – The Board discussed non-members flying at Johnson Field. Chuck agreed to send correspondence to individuals we know have been using Johnson Field without current AMA and club membership.

As a reminder, you may not fly at our facilities unless your AMA membership is current and your dues are current with Palomar RC Flyers Club.

7:24 – Chuck notified the board of carpet donated to the club. We will likely use it at the Valley Center location.

7:26 – Joe Buko notified Chuck that his Microsoft Publisher is being discontinued, and he may need a different solution.

7:28 – Board meeting adjourned.

The weather forecast for this Sunday is showing 90 degrees at 9 AM with the day's high at 100+. Because of the intense heat, we will postpone the Trifecta until Sunday, October 11 at 9 AM.



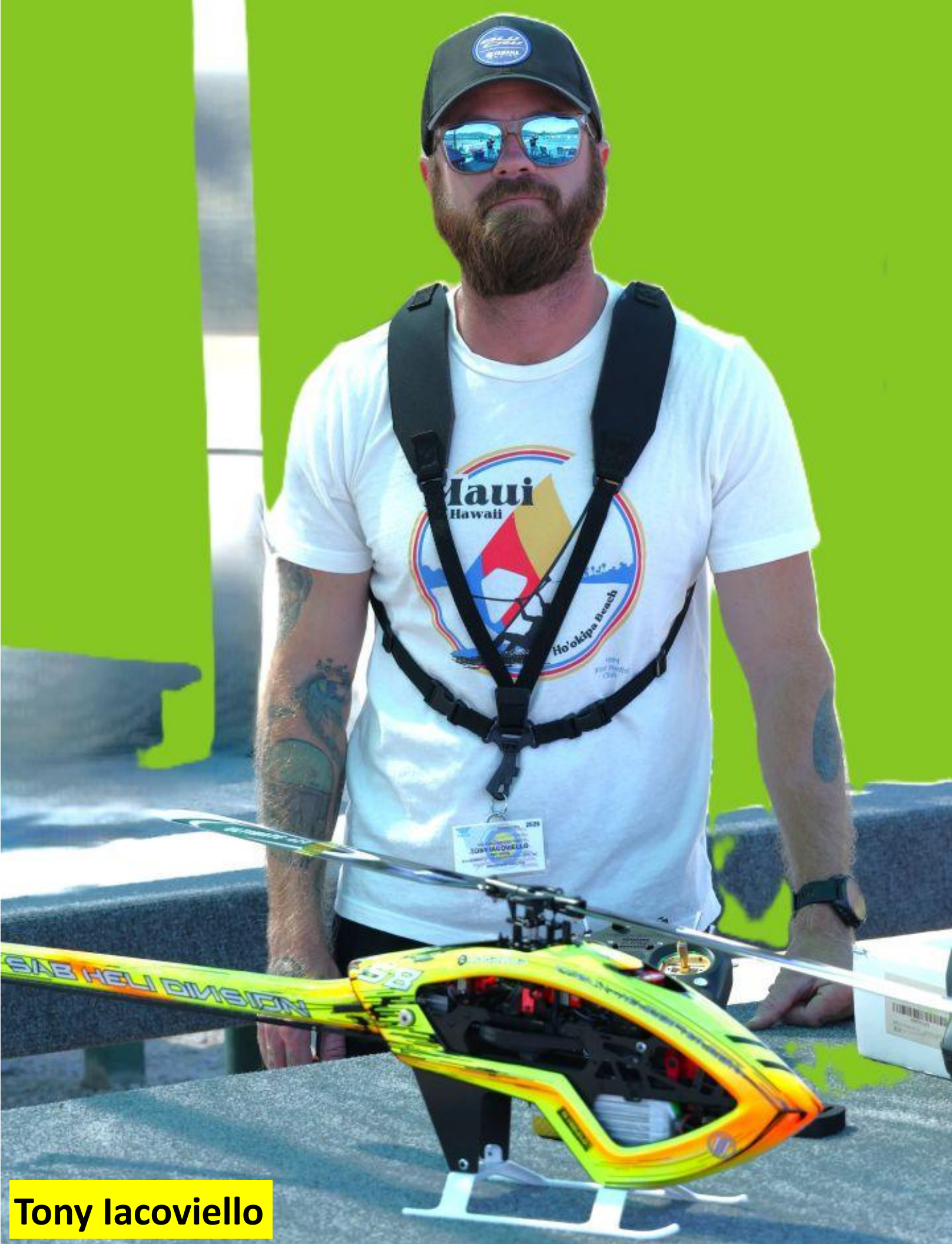
Bill Hill designed this canard which flies well.



9/4/2026 Board member David Bracci. Great smile!



President emeritus Bill Hill



Tony Iacoviello



Victor Lanz



Jon Athans

John Forestieri



Doug Farrenkopf



September 5 Trifecta

Photos by Steve Gebler



Brandon Liesmeyer was the leader after the first two rounds and had to wear the “skirts”. Of note, in the background, was scorekeeper, Chris Peterson and Randy Brunette in his island inspired ensemble. September 5, 2026. It was a special day at Combat with some great collisions.



The combatants. Note that Joe Villarreal put in a substitute plane as his combat plane had its motor fall off.

L/R Brandon Liesmeyer, Joshua Fremmerlid, Randy Brunette, Capt. Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Joe Villarreal



Check out Brandon Liesmeyer's plane annihilated by Steve Gebler during early rounds of combat. Joshua Fremmerlid couldn't stand to look at the carnage.



A rare three-way tie for first in Horseshoes with Chuck Riley, Randy Brunette, and Steve Gebler surrounding the cone.

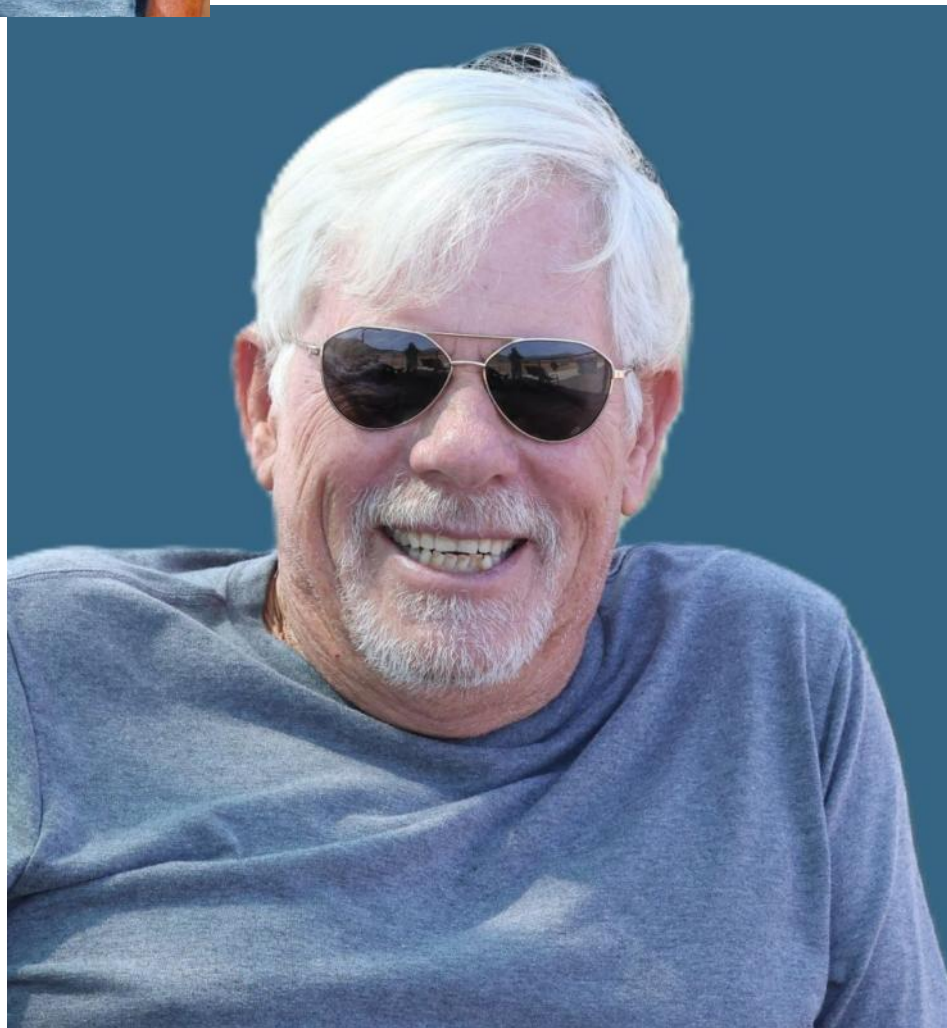
Final Score			
Totals	Kills	Rank	Pilot
355	3	1	Brandon Liesmeyer
270	1	3	Chuck Riley
65	0	5	Joe Villarreal
350	3	2	Randy Brunette
210	2	4	Steve Gebler
20	0	6	Joshua Fremmerlid



Pancho Castillo's P-47 Thunderbolt flies the big sky.



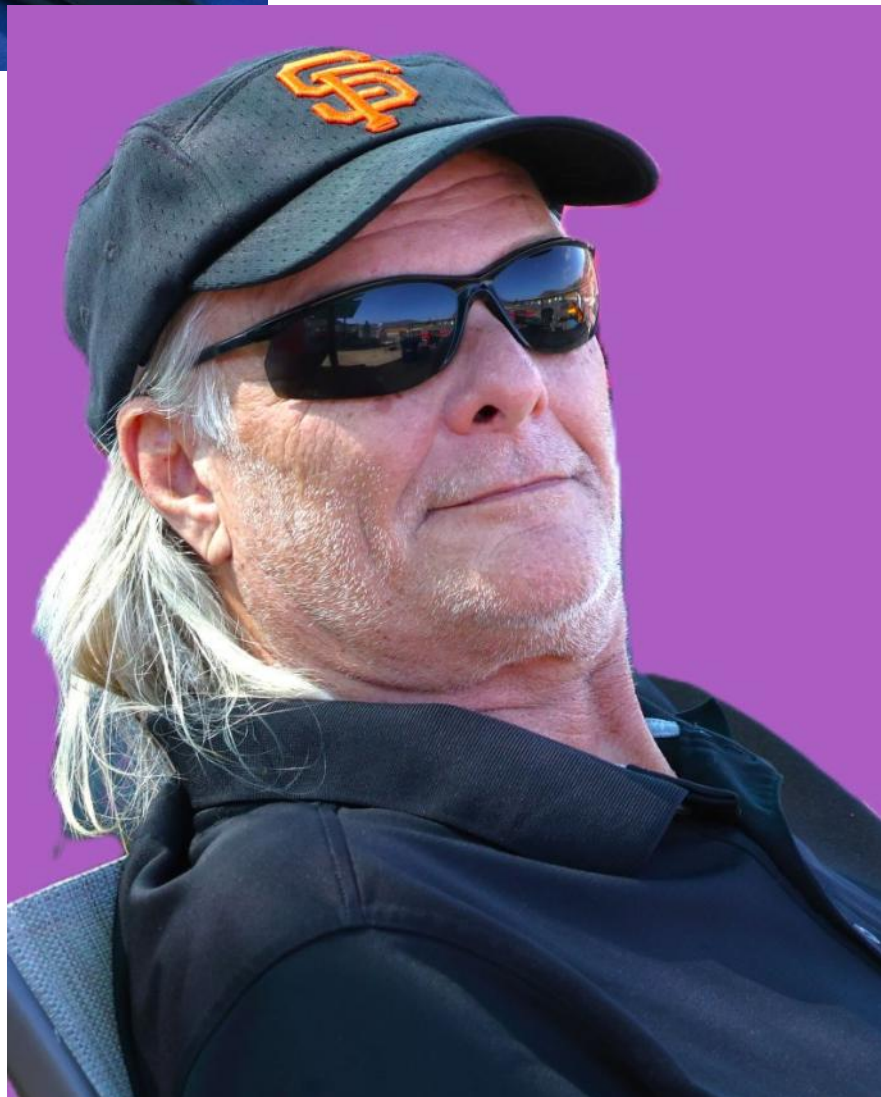
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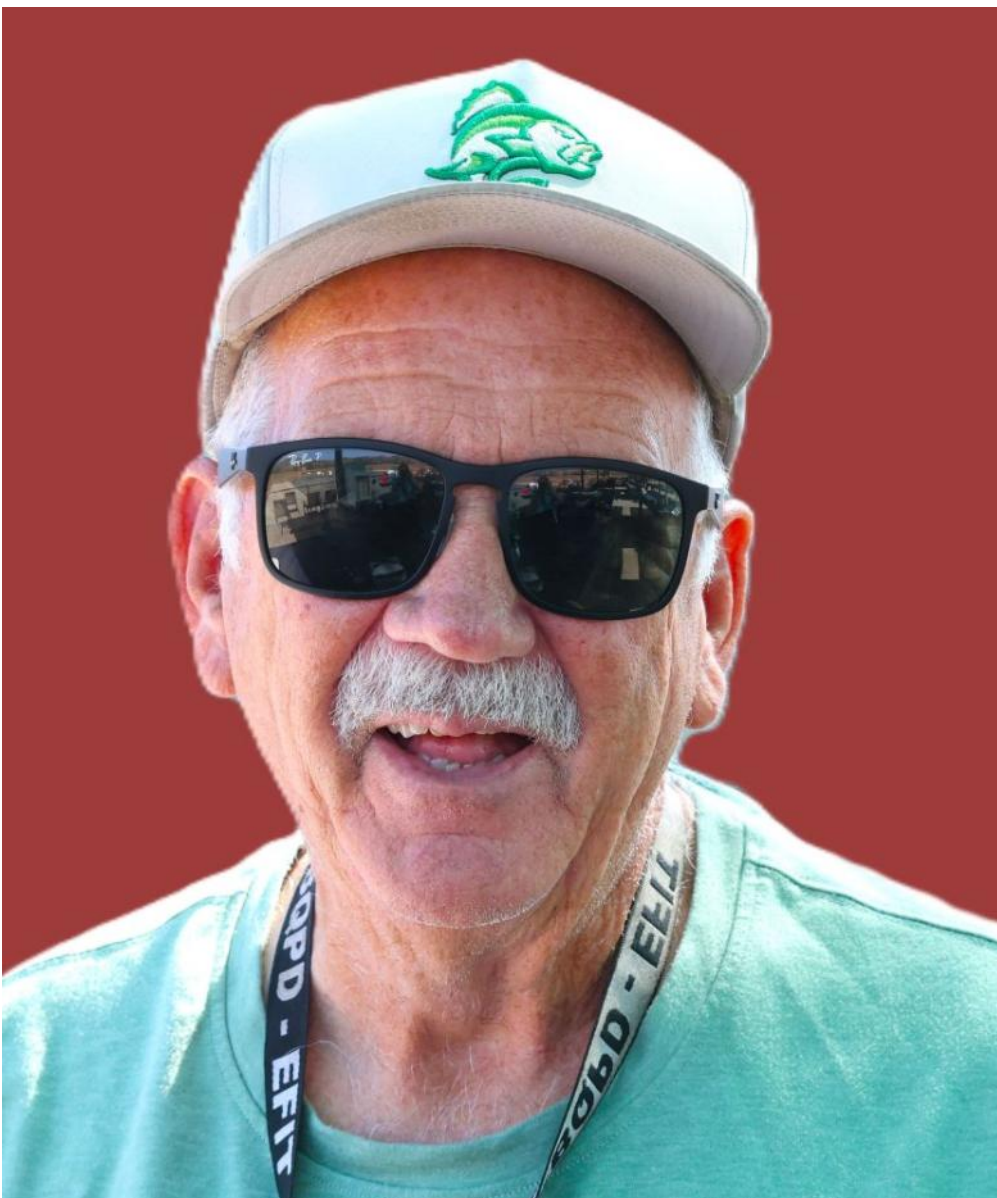
Curtis Kitteringham



Michael Paurazas



**Stanley Paurazas– Mike's
brother**



Charles Lewis



Congratulations to Chris Peterson, our latest new pilot with Palomar RC Flyers. Chris successfully completed his solo flight Tuesday morning September 15 2027. Chris attended our Monday Flying Lessons as well as flying with Mark Anderson and Don Davis.

Chris is very talented and is assisting the board in installing a new charging station at the field. We all want to thank you for adding value to our club.

Don Davis



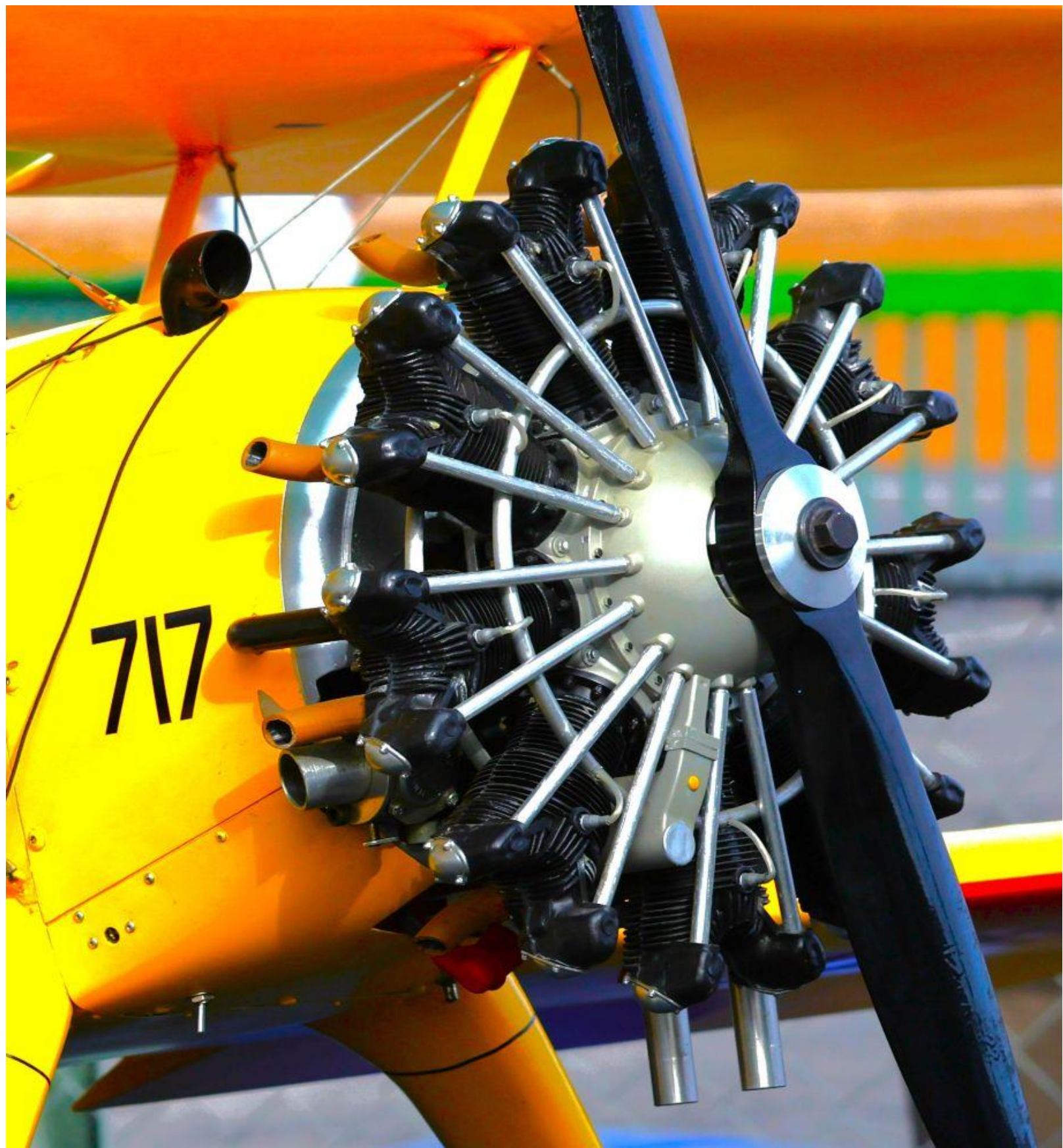
Mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher



Below: Jon Athans and his big, beautiful PT-17.



Jon's PT-17 is a work of art!



Jon Athans' spectacular PT-17 engine detail! Hiding behind the radial is a Zenoah G-62 engine. Look at the fine detail!



Chuck Onstott built this RCM Trainer and won Model of the Month with it.



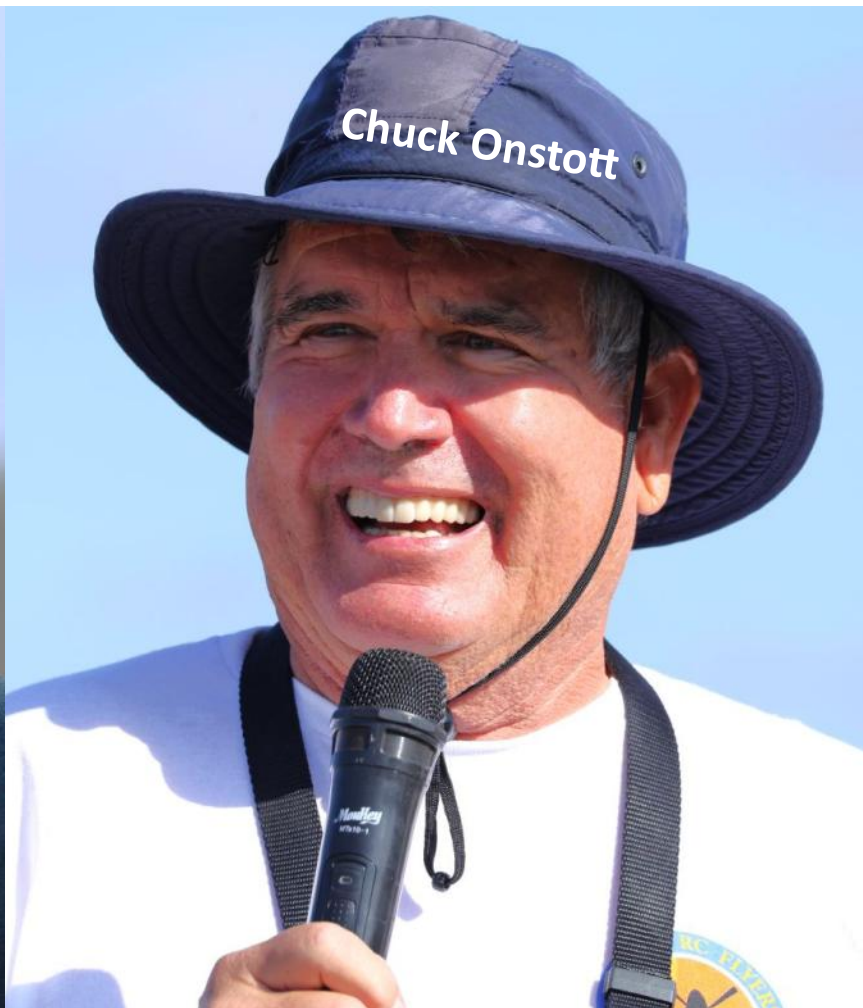
Chuck Riley presents the Model of the Month plaque to Chuck Onstott.

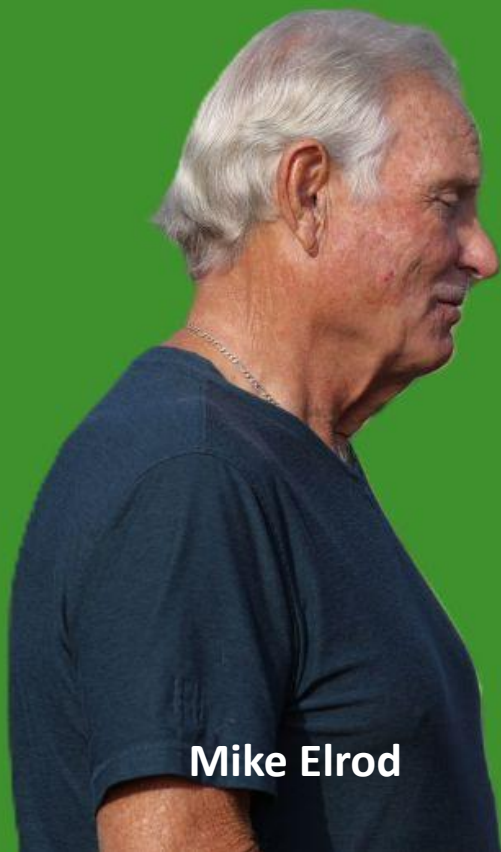


Darrin Albert



Robin Solomon



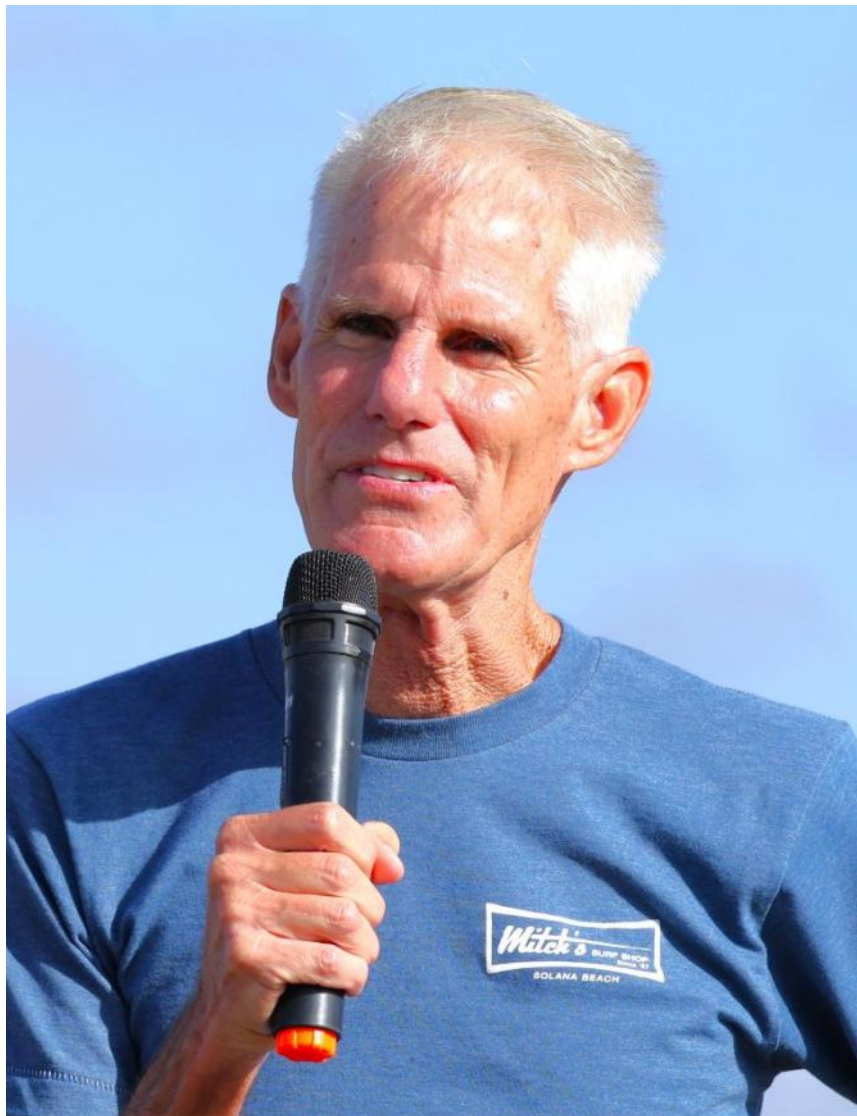


Mike Elrod



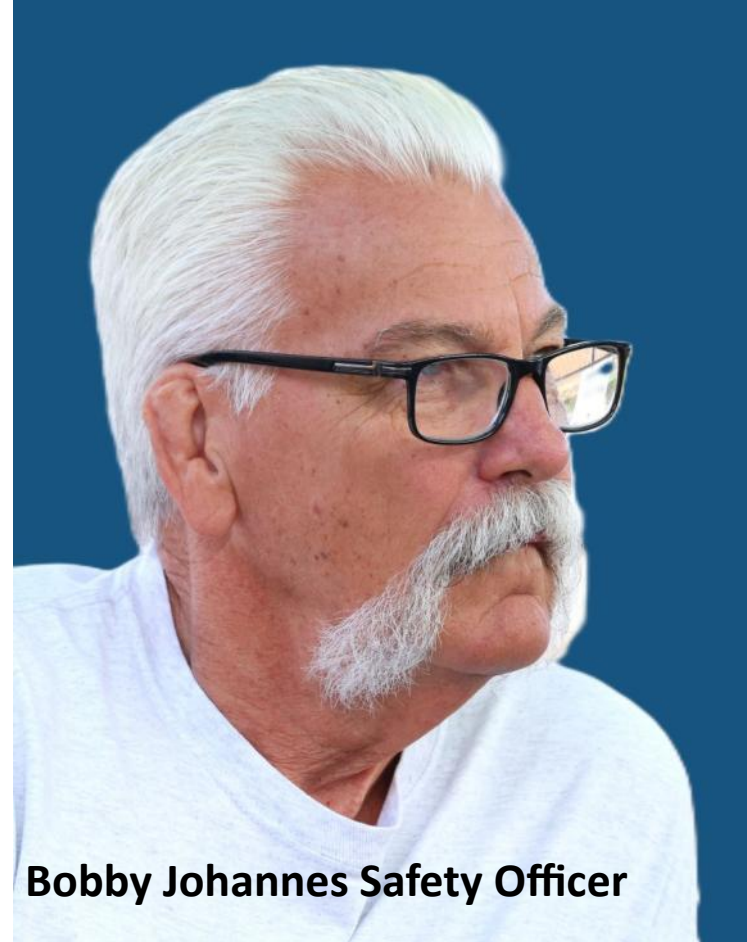
John Hartsell

John Hartsell spoke about his father whose celebration of life took place at the Mission San Luis Rey on Sept. 22, 2026.





Our club president, Chuck Riley, does a fine job leading our club and meetings. It is a rather thankless job. Chuck, we appreciate all you do for the club to keep it moving smoothly. Thanks muchly!



Bobby Johannes Safety Officer



Steve Wernick



John Forestieri



Captain Barry Hirschberg flies a 787 for United!



Vice President Mark Olsen



Wayne Bonfietti

Roger Cosio

John Konyn



Congratulations to John who Solo'd! One of Chuck Riley's students at Valley Center.

This and the next 3 photos courtesy of Chuck Riley.

Chuck Onstott and his Bridi Quickest 500 powered by a K&B 40 after his maiden flight.





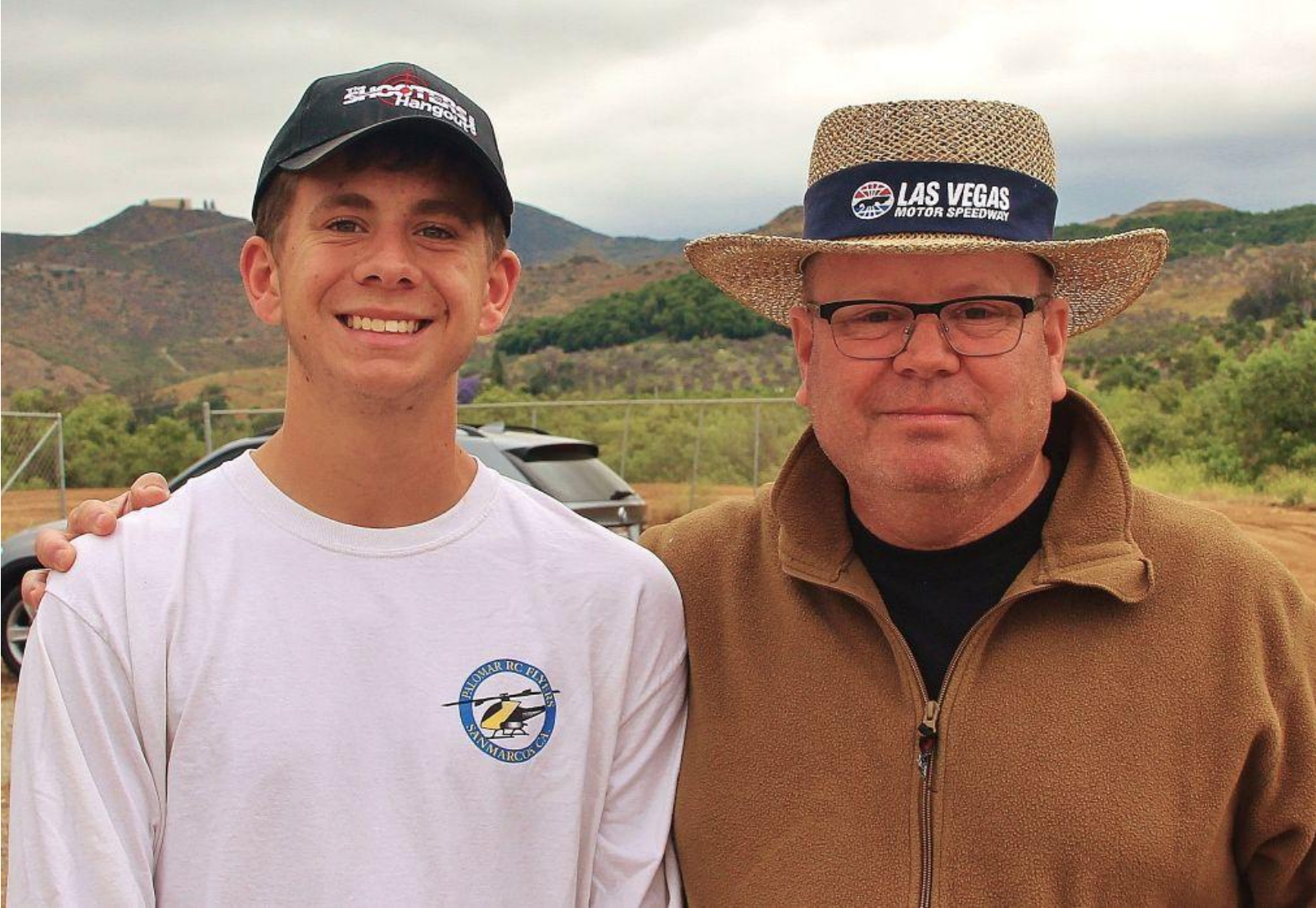
9/19/26 Fun Fly Winners: Mark Olsen-3; Darrin Albert-1, Doug Abel

Congratulations to Joe Diaz who solo'd at Valley Center. Chuck Riley instructor





This is not photo-shopped but an actual photo at our field. The stuff dreams are mde from!



6-11-17 Charlie and Chuck Riley taken nine+ years ago!



The Collins Foundation's Boeing B-17 landing at Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, CA on 4/20/18.



One of our resident red-tail hawks that help us find thermals. What a magnificent paint-job!

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



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Jim Christy—Membership Chairman



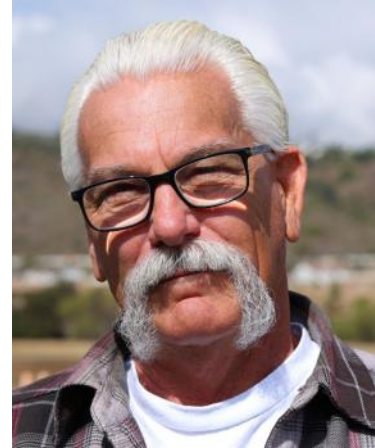
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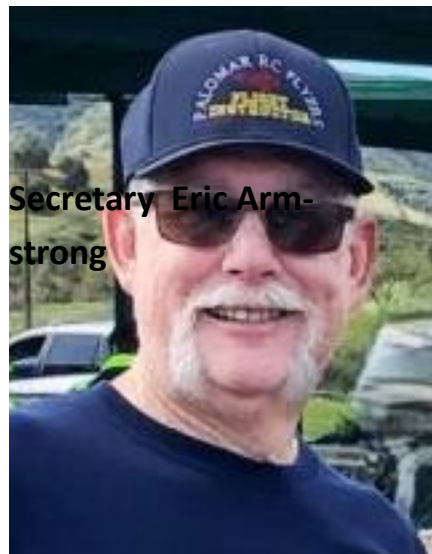


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