



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

September 2026



President's Message

Hello All!,

It saddens me to say that John Hartsell Sr. passed away on Wednesday August 26th. I've had the good fortune of calling him my friend since the first day I met him in 2012. Many club members have known him far longer than that. John was the friendliest guy I knew and always had something kind to share. When we talk about Club Royalty, it's folks like John who are in that class. Our tireless editor filled three pages of our Transmitter this month with some of the best photos of John caught at the field doing what he pretty much always did, smiling! I'm sure going to miss seeing him at the field. Please keep his family and friends as well as all the others who are dealing with health concerns in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope that you all have been able to find refuge from the heat. I've seen a few hearty souls at the field past noon-time! You're tougher than me, that's for sure.

I'd like to say a few words of thanks to the Training Team. They run a year-round program that goes into overdrive every summer for 8-9 weeks of Monday night training in addition to their regularly scheduled sessions throughout the week. They introduced 27 new people to RC flying and four of them went on to join the club. The team is doing a fantastic job making this hobby possible for so many newcomers. This creates a lasting impact. I still recall all of my instructors from 1979 and I still recall my very first landing, broken prop and all!

I would also like to say thank you to the all of you who give your time, without being noticed, to keep our sites upkept and clean, helping others with their models, and making this a friendly and welcoming club.

New-ish member Chris Peterson has been given the green light to bring the charging station back to working order. If the battery arrives in time the station will be providing 12 volts DC at up to 15A for as many as eight chargers around the middle of September.

Lastly and most importantly, some of our members are dealing with some very serious health concerns. I ask that you keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

I'll see you at the field!

Chuck Riley

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

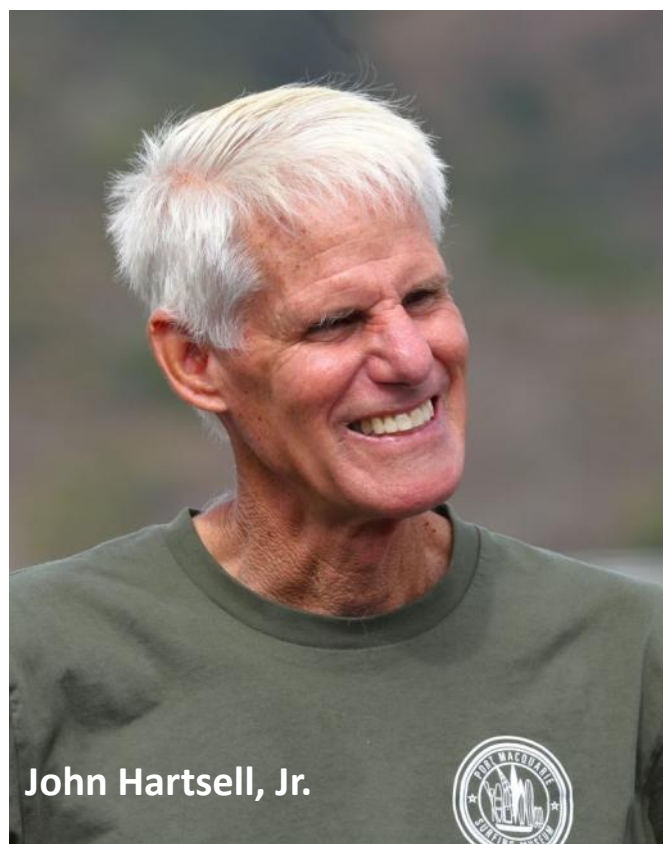
RIP John Hartsell Sr.



On August 26, 2026, John Hartsell Sr. passed away at age 96! John had been ill but still came to our club meetings. We will miss you! John is a real gentleman! Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. This is one of the last photos taken of our friend, dear John.



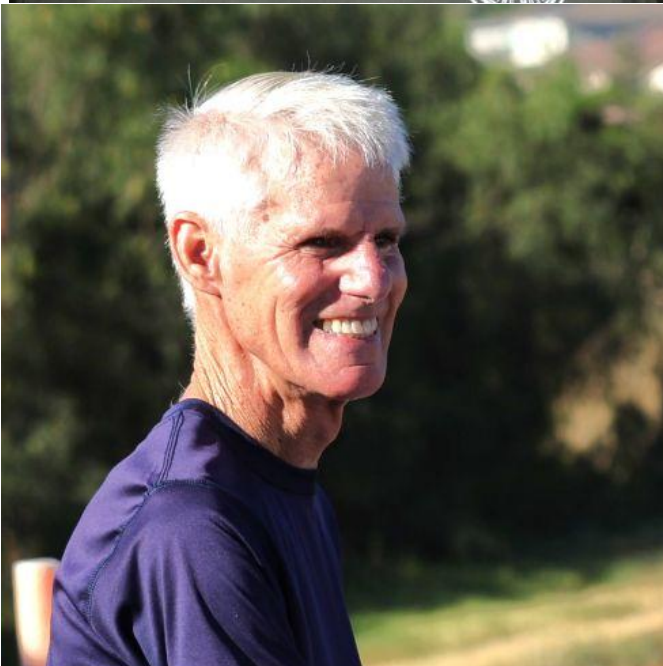
When the Hartsells came to club meetings, they usually sat with Lori and Roger Cosio.



John Hartsell, Jr.



John Hartsell, Sr.





August 13, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

Attendance: Chuck R, ~~Mark O~~, Eric A, Joe V, Brandon L, Dave B, Ron H, Mark A, Tom P, Bobby J (guest attendees Steve Gebler, Chris Peterson)

Meeting Minutes – Chuck Riley

Treasurer's Report – Tom Pollinger \$635 Inc (dues) 3880 exp (ins, AMA) \$63884.81 bal

Training Report – Mark Anderson. Summer Monday night sessions are complete. 27 new people attended, 4 new members. All trainer aircraft accounted for!

Safety Report – Bobby Johannes. Reports of members doing aerobatics too close to the pilot station, others flying south of the safety line.

Grounds Condition – Dave Bracci Weeds are under control thanks to the weather. Dave will assist Steve Gebler in repainting the Trifecta Spot Landing circle.

Merchandise – Eric Armstrong

Old Business:

Report on Gate Sign updates – No update Keep open

Insurance levels need to be increased –Johnson Field land use agreement requires \$2,500,000 insurance with the landowners named as additional insured. Currently we only have \$1,000,000. Tom Minegar has the information and will be providing a quote for the additional insurance. He thinks it will be a minimal increase if any. \$2385 per year for both sites. Invoice sent to Treasurer for payment. **Item closed.**

Do we need more H2O fire extinguishers at the field? Joe looking for 1 or 2 more extinguishers online, needs a large O-ring to repair the one he has in his possession

Cleanup Storage Sheds and make a Dump Run –To be arranged in the coming weeks/months. **A couple good offers for trailers to use are in hand. Just timing the work for a not so hot part of the year!**

Valley Center Ownership – Garbage - we need to remove the garbage that is on site. We can do it, but we would need a rent abatement equal to the cost. Joe V has reached out to Gary Romoff, response was to contact him in mid-August. Joe will contact him next week (8/17-21).

New Business:

1. Proposal to recommission the solar powered charging station

a. Chris Petersen has a proposal to replace stolen components and get the 12V charging station operational again. Chris Peterson presented his proposal to the board. There was good discussion on battery sizing, charging capabilities, and expected usage. A vote was held and there were 6 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 2 not present. Budget of \$580 approved.

b. Proposal to add Web Cameras to Johnson Field

c. Steve Gebler presented a proposal to add WiFi security cameras to Johnson Field and possibly a WiFi weather station. These could be tied in to our website. Up front costs around \$800 with monthly fees for Starlink expected to be \$55. There was a consensus that while a nice idea we didn't have a problem with theft at Johnson Field and the expense was not prudent given our need to conserve treasury for our move whenever that happens.

d. Roger Cosio donating 2 Turbo Timber Evolution aircraft and one Spektrum Transmitter

e. Intent is that they be used to train new pilots. He'll bring them to this Saturday's meeting. The Training Team will take possession.

f. Begin planning Christmas Party

g. Changes to the caterer have been suggested Chuck will contact Red Tail catering to inquire about options

h. Date and location are locked down. Saturday December 5 at the San Marcos Senior Center. \$580 due for venue before event.

i. Use of field for Engineering Capstone event in June 2027

j. Jim Pelkmans from Dassault Systemes would like to use our field for the final event testing the student-designed attritable aircraft. It would be one full day and use of the entire fixed wing field.

k. Due to the uncertainty of our tenure at Johnson Field beyond June of next year, we may not have the ability to allow this event.

l. Chuck will reach out to Jim Pelmans and solicit a donation for the use of the field for that one day.

m. Jim Gallacher donated a complete solar system to the club

n. The parts are in the shed near the fixed wing site. We will take inventory and see how they can be used to augment the charging station recommissioning.

AUGUST 2026 Trifecta Winners



Mark Olsen-2

Brandon Liesemeyer-1

Randy Brunette-3

4 Photos courtesy of Steve Gebler

Photo of John Forestieri by editor



August Trifecta L/R Mark Olsen, David Carner, Brandon Liesemeyer, Randy Brunette



**Brandon Liesemeyer donned the skit while
(below) John Forestieri looks on in wonder!**



Appologia pro September Transmitter

This is the shortest Transmitter ever. Why? For several reasons. 1) It's been too hot to fly. 2) I missed attending the club meeting because I miscalculated the meeting date. Hence, there are no photos of it.

Consequently, I'm posting past photos to have another glance at them. I am sorry for the mistake of missing the meeting and not photographing it.

Joe Buko editor



Jon Athans

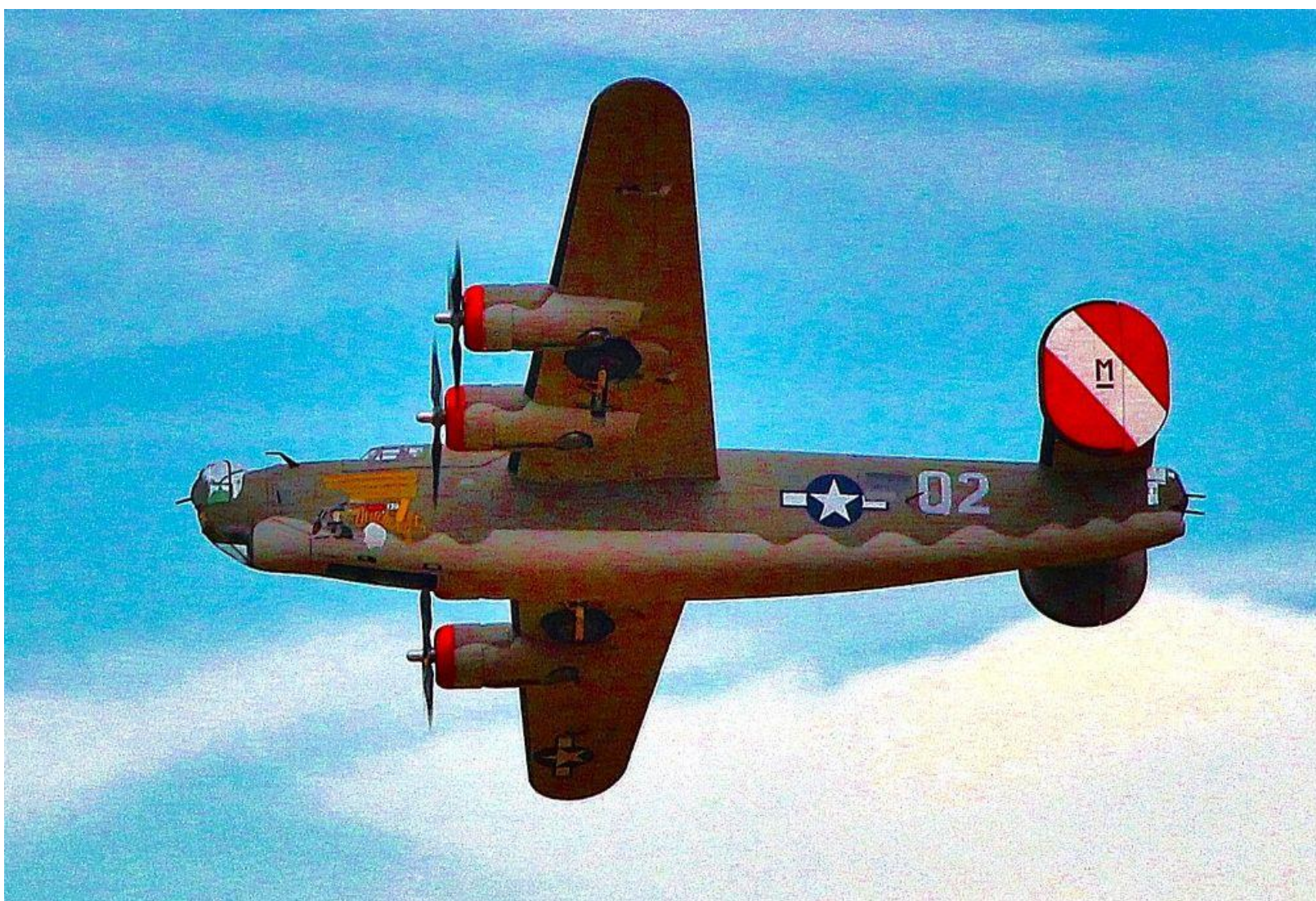
This Pitts Model 12 was designed by Curtis Pitts in the mid-1990's. Flew in 1996. It's a 30 year old design which flies superbly. August 12, 2026.







Patrick Pranica's Lou Proctor's Antic



Your editor's B-29



Dave Ellis

Chris Avellino



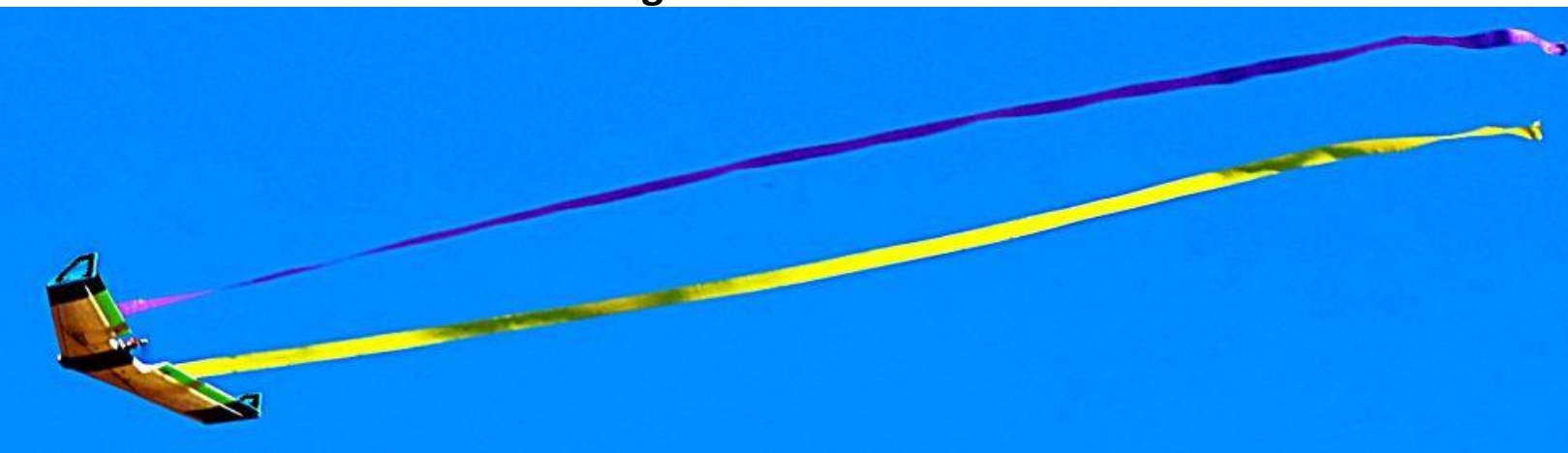
Don White

Scott Page

V.P. Mark Olsen



Treasurer Tom Pollinger and his SR-71 Blackbird



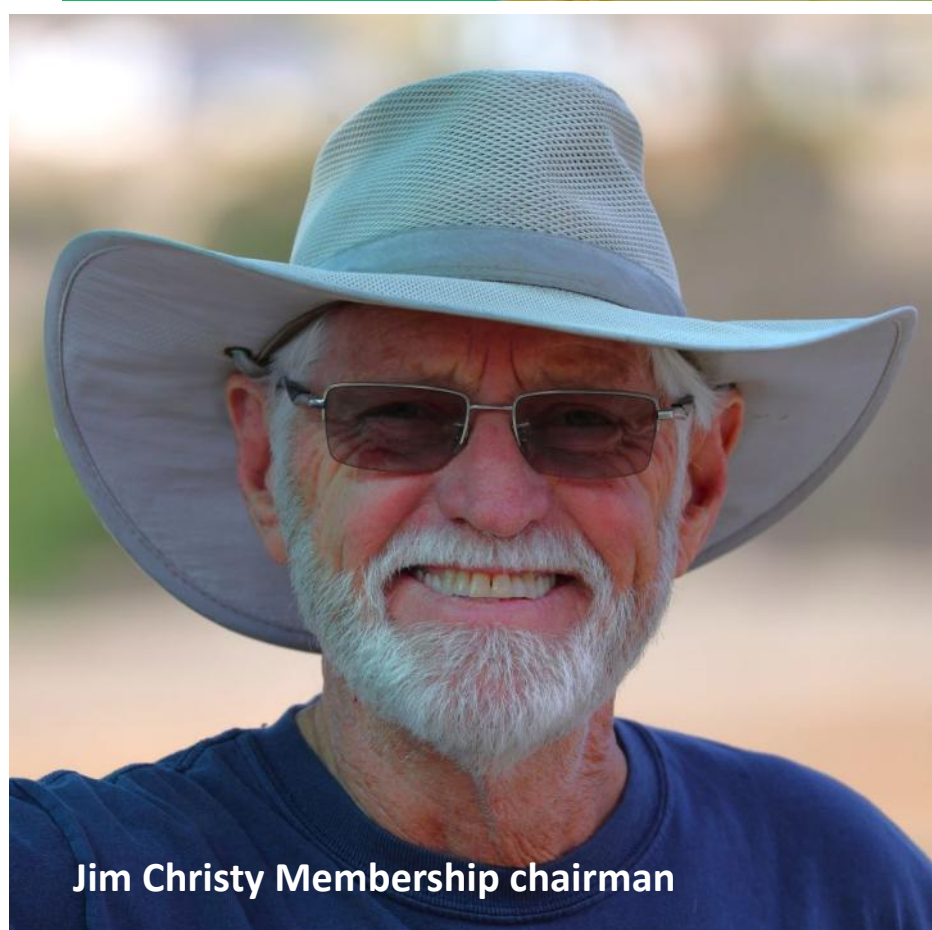
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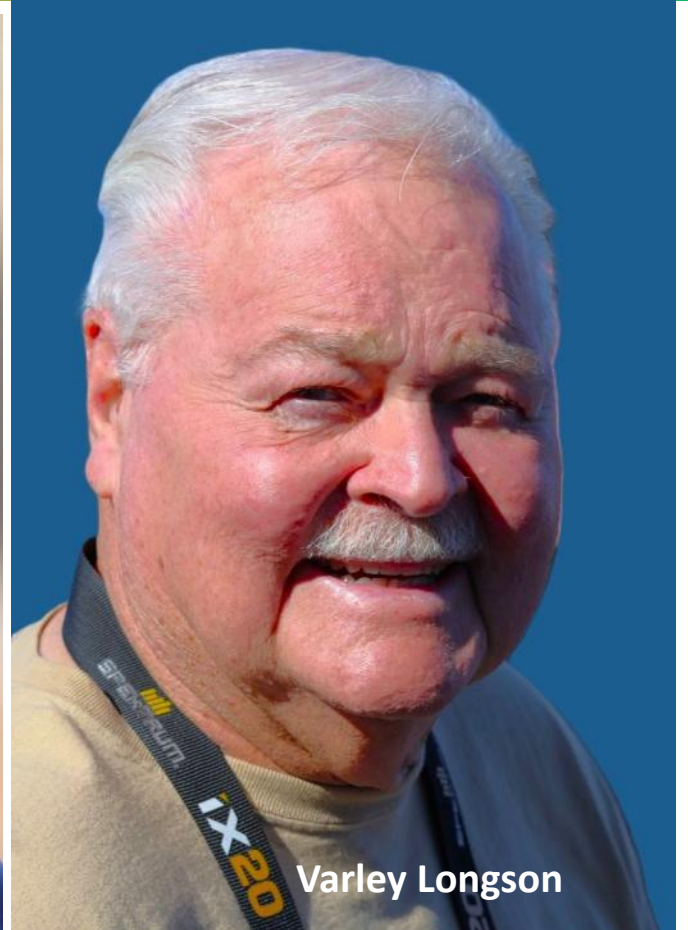
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of Jim Gallacher



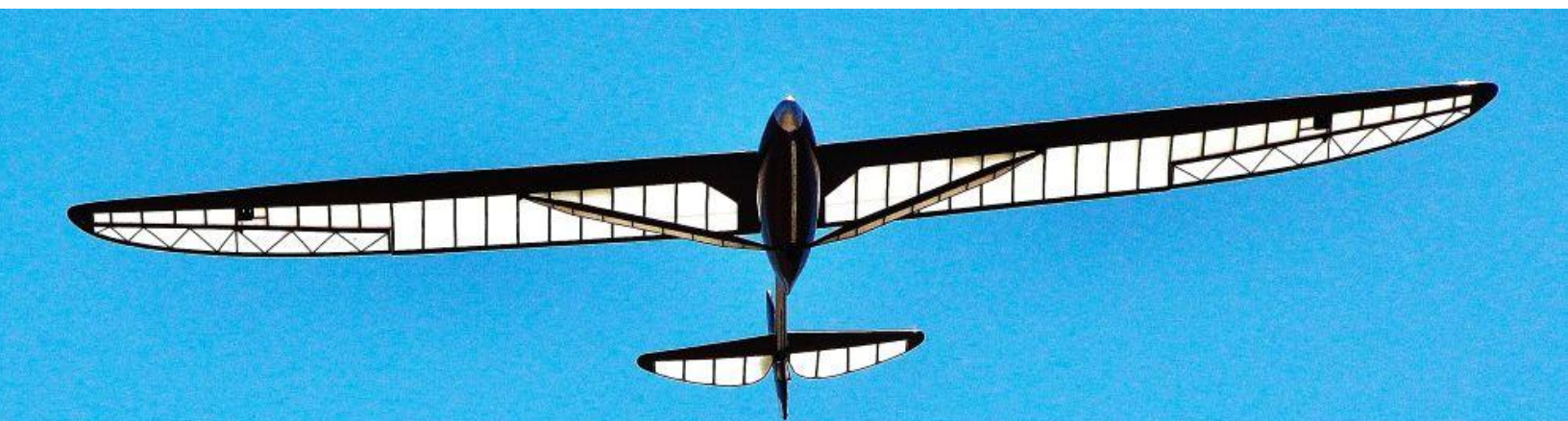
Cesar Fernandez



Jim Christy Membership chairman



Varley Longson



John Cutler's Baby Bowlus



President Chuck Riley

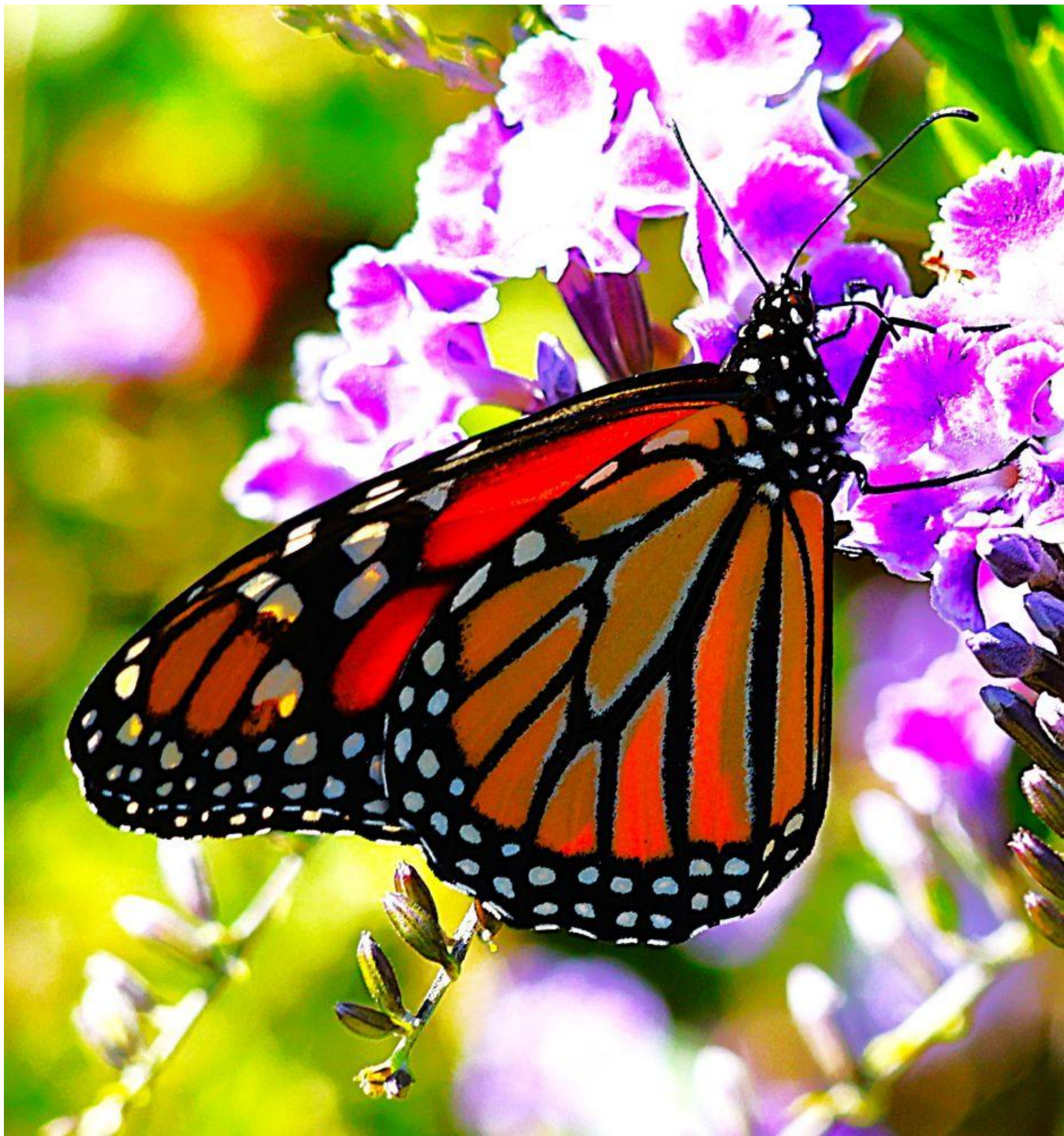


It was special to capture 8 planes in a single photo!



The jet powered quiet turbine heli from our recent Heli Fun-Fly.





Is this a real monarch or a tiny version of it with electric powered wings?



Jennifer and Richard Torres have moved to Arizona, but Richard continues to be our web-master and publishes these Transmitters every month for us. This is a shout-out of thanks to Richard for his generosity to us club members. THANK YOU!

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



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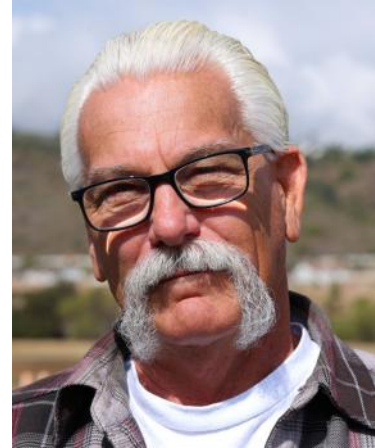
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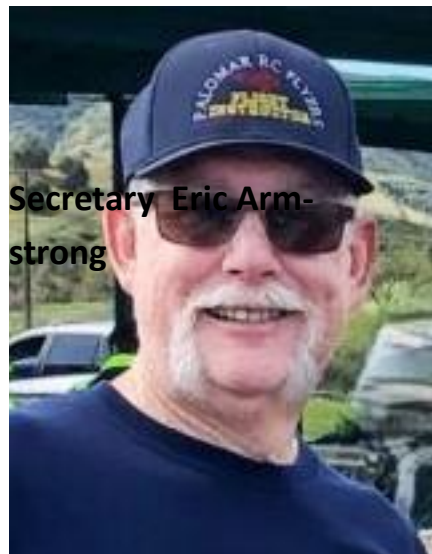


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