



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

August 2025



President's Message

At our July general meeting, we honored Varley Longson and Frank Burke. I was extremely impressed with what these prestigious members have done for the club. Palomar R/C Flyers offers a unique opportunity to enjoy our passion for a great hobby, as well as offer an amazing social structure to relax and enjoy each day we participate at the club. I personally want to thank Varley and Frank for sharing their stories with our group. I found both presentations very beneficial to our members. Next month we will be highlighting Wayne Bonfietti and Chuck Riely.

At the general meeting, I also shared the board's vision moving forward for the balance of 2025.

On August 1st, I will be sending out two surveys. The first survey will be an opportunity to make a decision to keep our existing trash arrangement or to save approximately \$300 per month and change our trash concept to "Pack it in and take it out". The saving of money is always nice; however, keep in mind there will be no trash cans at the field. All members will then be responsible, as a group, to make sure trash is not allowed to accumulate on the ground.

On August 15th, I will be sending out an additional survey giving each member the opportunity to be on the election ballot for new leadership in 2026. This survey will also give our members an opportunity to volunteer on our committees, such as Election Committee, Auction Committee, Christmas Committee, etc. All opportunities will be helpful to the club and provide the membership multiple ways to become active in Palomar RC Flyers.

Just a reminder, our next meeting will be at the Valley Center field at 9:00 AM just before our Aviation Day Festivities. Our board is always open to ideas for improvement. If you have an idea that will help us be a better club for our membership, we are very excited to hear it.

Don Davis President of the Palomar R/C Flyers

Board Meeting Minutes

07/16/25

Board Members Present: Don Davis, Chuck Riley, Doug Abel, Mark Olsen, Vic Lerum, Eric Armstrong

Guests: Scott Ralston

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

6:33 – Doug Abel provided the treasury report. \$60,886.00 Balance. Doug discussed the upcoming media presence at VC site on the 20th and 28th.

6:38 – Mark Olsen discussed safety and student training. Student activity is solid. Monday night training is going VERY well and has been very busy. A total of 39 different people participated in 54 training sessions in the last month! Last week, the training crew had 18 training pilots! Two people have joined the club from the training program so far. No safety concerns. There are concerns about LIPO batteries, which were addressed later during the board meeting. Mark asked Eric about any safety issues on the heli side. Eric discussed one incident that was reported to Mark that has been addressed. The Board agreed that heli pilots tend to be better looking and generally better pilots than fixed-wing pilots.

6:42 - Chuck Riley provided a report on the VC site. In terms of structures, the plan is to replicate what we have at Johnson field. Building the shade structures has already been approved. The board discussed the orientation and placement of the shade structures. Chuck asked for shade structures to be 25' from the pilot stations so we can increase the parking lot size. Motion to approve that location and to build 2 shade structures perpendicular to the flight line by Chuck. Vic Lerum seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. A motion to keep the green paint scheme and shade cloth by Chuck. Vic Lerum seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. A motion was raised by Chuck to use the \$500 Dixieline gift certificate to build the two structures. Doug seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:12 – Eric Armstrong talked about raising capital through the County Supervisor’s office, which receives a “slush fund” of money every year for community projects that the County Supervisor has the authority to provide. Eric believes we can raise the necessary capital through donations to complete the VC site. Eric agreed to run the fundraising campaign with assistance from the Board and other members as needed.

7:20 – Don talked about the disposal of lipo batteries. The Board agreed that members must take their batteries home with them, regardless of the condition of the batteries. They are not allowed to dispose of them at the field. Regarding membership badges, Don will encourage members to wear their membership badges at the next club meeting. Don will remind members of our guest policy during the club meeting. Don discussed elections and setting up committees. He wants to get an early start on this. Jim Christy volunteered to provide an economic study with assumptions that we lose 50% of our members. Don, and others on the Board agreed that it’s likely we will have a significant loss of membership at VC.

7:30 – Eric discussed keeping the trash but providing clearer guidelines for using the dumpster. Don plans to address the trash question during the club meeting. Doug remains concerned about the possibility of being fined for not dividing our trash. Eric and Doug agreed to meet separately to discuss how to best approach the issue.

7:34 – Board meeting adjourned.

Dave Ellis, Club Secretary



**Transmitter editor: President
emeritus Joe Buko**

(hat is too large)

**We begin with our July
4th Picnic and 70th club
birthday!**

**Pancho Castillo and his fierce
flying Spitfire**





President *emeritus* Steve Gebler (No longer winner with most toys! New winner on p.32)



Mandatory photo of James Gallagher



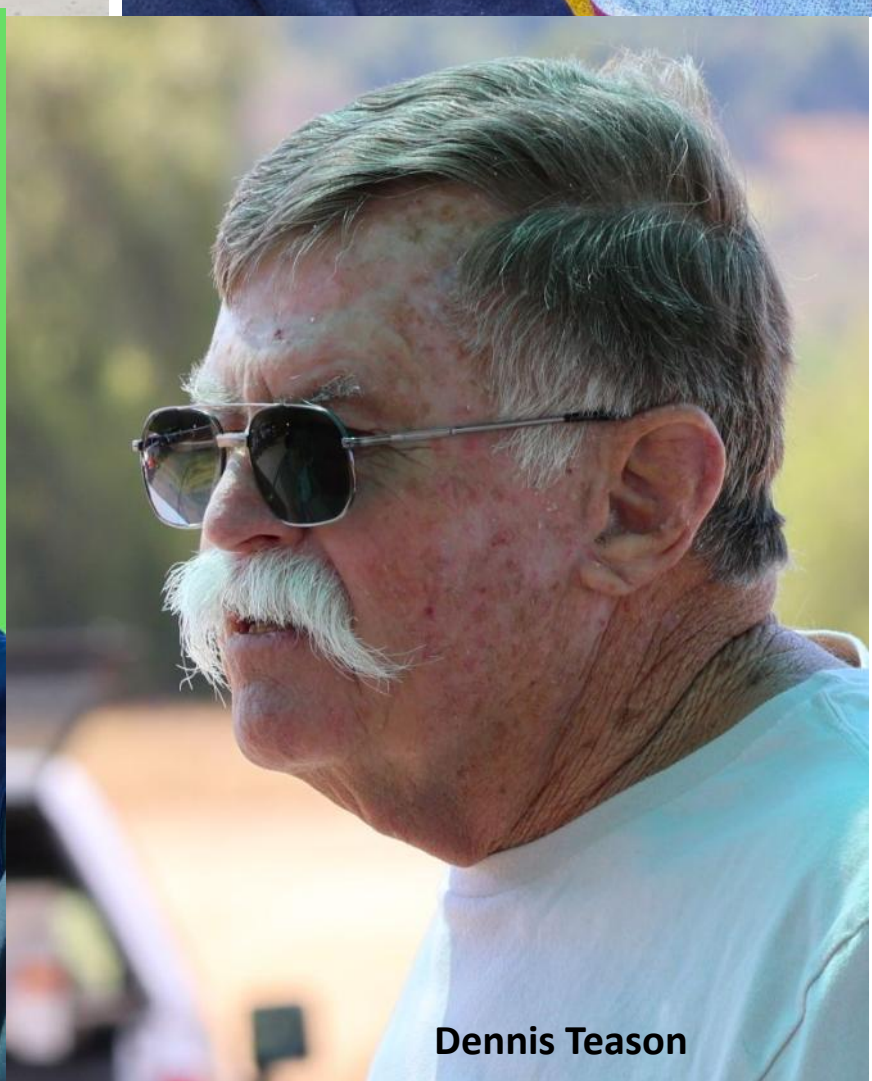
Brandon Liesemeyer



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President Don Davis and Maureen Borenstein



Mike and Maureen Borenstein



Albert Almuete



Lorie Cosio



Phil Kogan



Brian Otto



**Mike
Borenstein**



Beginning of the chow line





Hahn DeMore



Mark and Vivian Olsen



Barbara Villarreal



V.P. Chuck Riley





These two photos were taken by Steve Gebler's drone on July 4, 2025.



PILOT PROJECTS

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P-8 NEPTUNE

Chris Thompson, Willis, Texas

The sub-chaser started out life as an AL-37 airliner from Motion RC. Chris repainted it using latex mixed at Home Depot and created all of the scale details, including the correct wing tips, FLIR turret, and radar antennas using 3D-printed parts. Callie Graphics decals are the finishing touch. Chris says that it's a little heavier than the stock AL-37, but it still flies great and gets 5-minute flights using a 6000mAh LiPo.



PILOT
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MONTH

This article about former club president Chris Thompson was sent in by Steve Gebler.



Greg Wilson



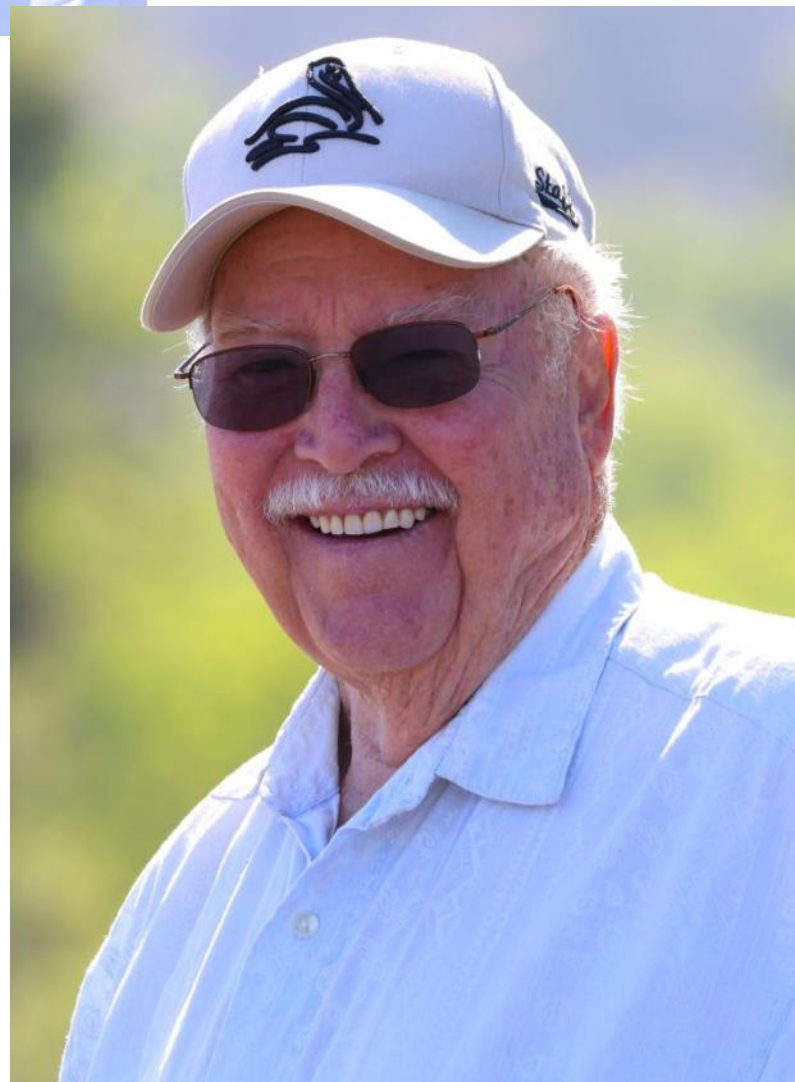
President Don Davis and his plane



Ken Kaye



William DeMore, Ph.D.



Ernie Gebler



**Pamela and Robin
Solomon**



**Deborah Arnold and
Ernie Gebler**



Gwen Riley



Patty and Don White



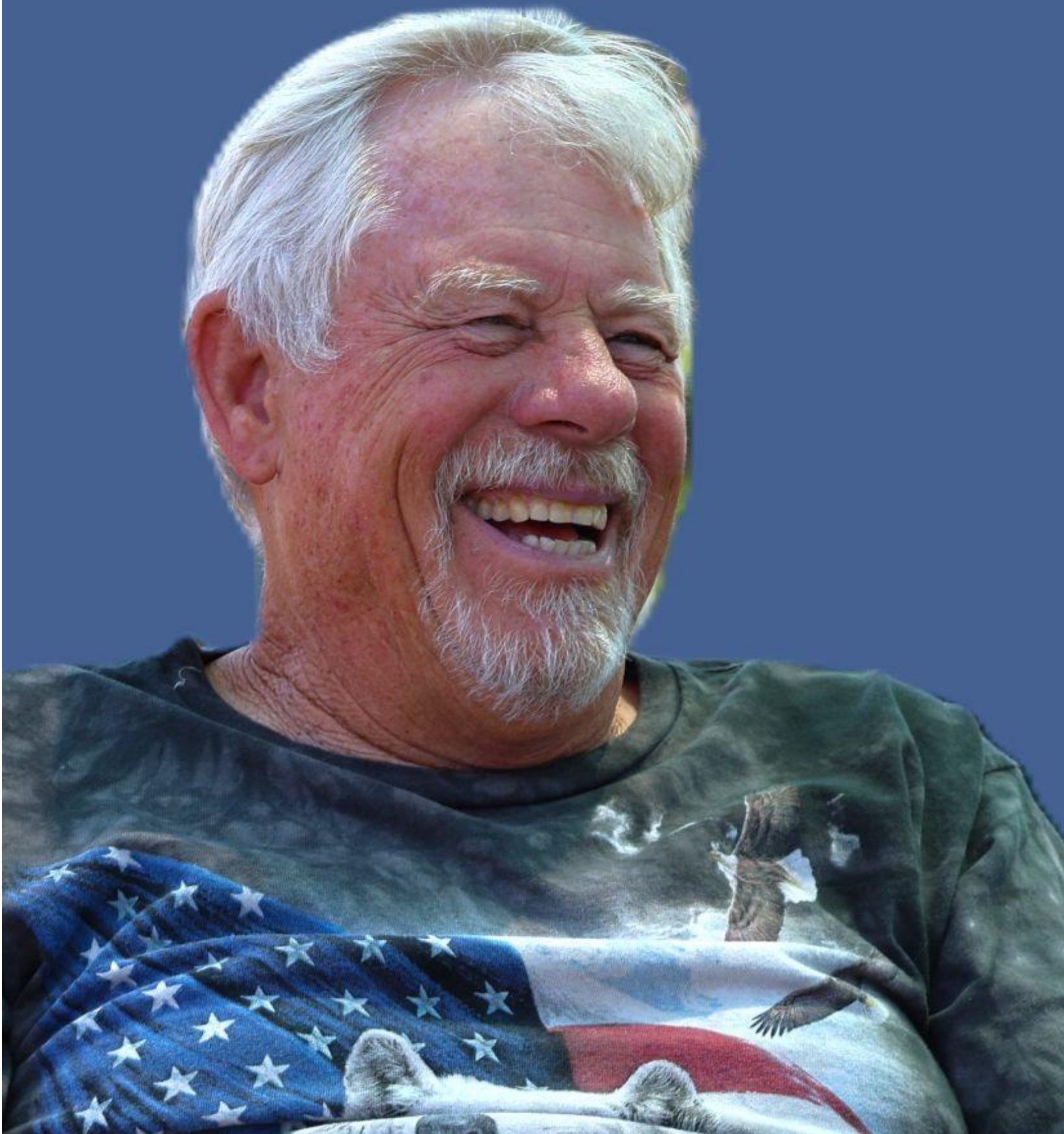
Don Davis unknowingly prepares for his last flight with this 73" aerobatic plane.



7/15/2025 Don Davis' last flight on takeoff



As Chris Avellio says, "Don't do this." Our sympathies...



Curtis Kitteringham



**President emeritus
Bill Hill and his Duck
which flies well.**

For sale sign goes up on massive historic site
<https://www.valleycenter.com/articles/for-sale-sign-goes-up-on-massive-historic-site/>
In case you all have not seen this article from the local newspaper about our new flying field, it's an interesting story. Notice the part about a rubber farm among other things, way back when.

Jim Christy

Trifecta July 6, 2025



Steve Gebler Randy Brunette
(notice the horns)



Safety Officer Mark Olsen Vice President Chuck Riley William Taft USN



Marilyn and Brandon Liesemeyer (New board member)



William Taft

Steve Gebler

David Carner

David Ellis Randy Brunette



V.P. Chuck Riley





Dave Ellis and Mark Olsen



David Carner

Scorekeeper



Mark Olsen, Dave Ellis, Chuck Riley, William Taft, Brandon Liesemeyer, Randy Brunette, Steve Gebler



Trifecta winners:

I/r Brandon Liesemeyer-3rd

Mark Olsen-2nd

Chuck Riley-1st



July 19, 2025 Club meeting @ the field

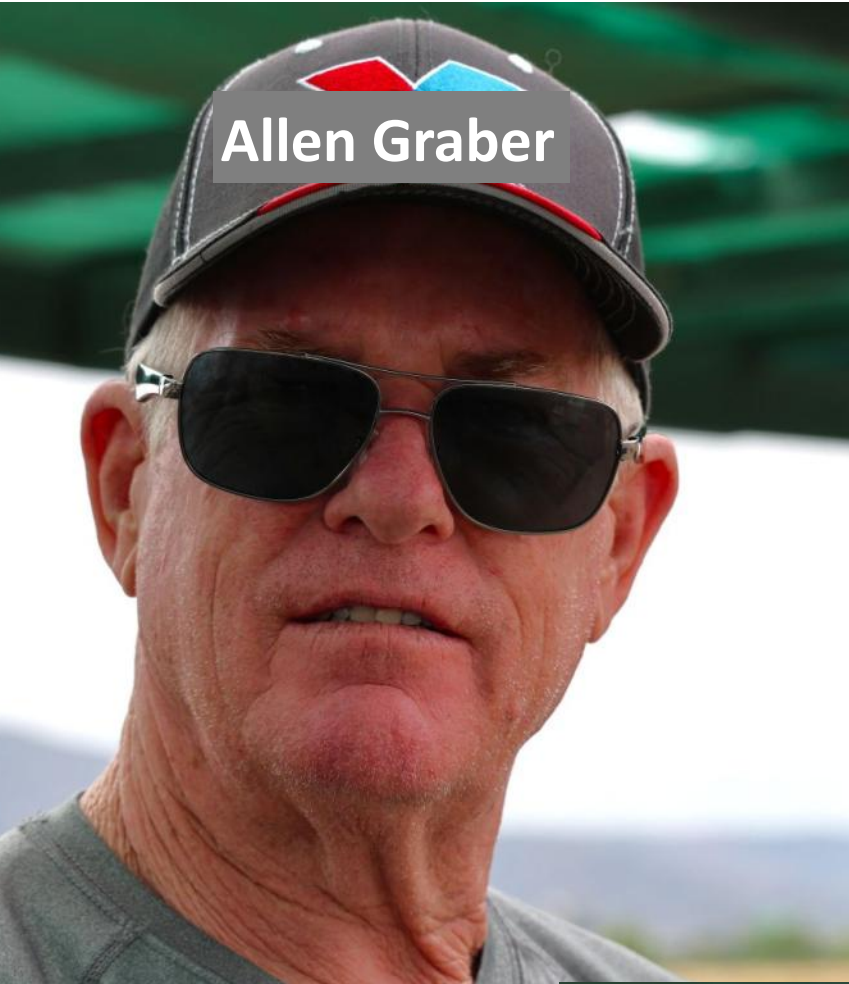


President Don Davis

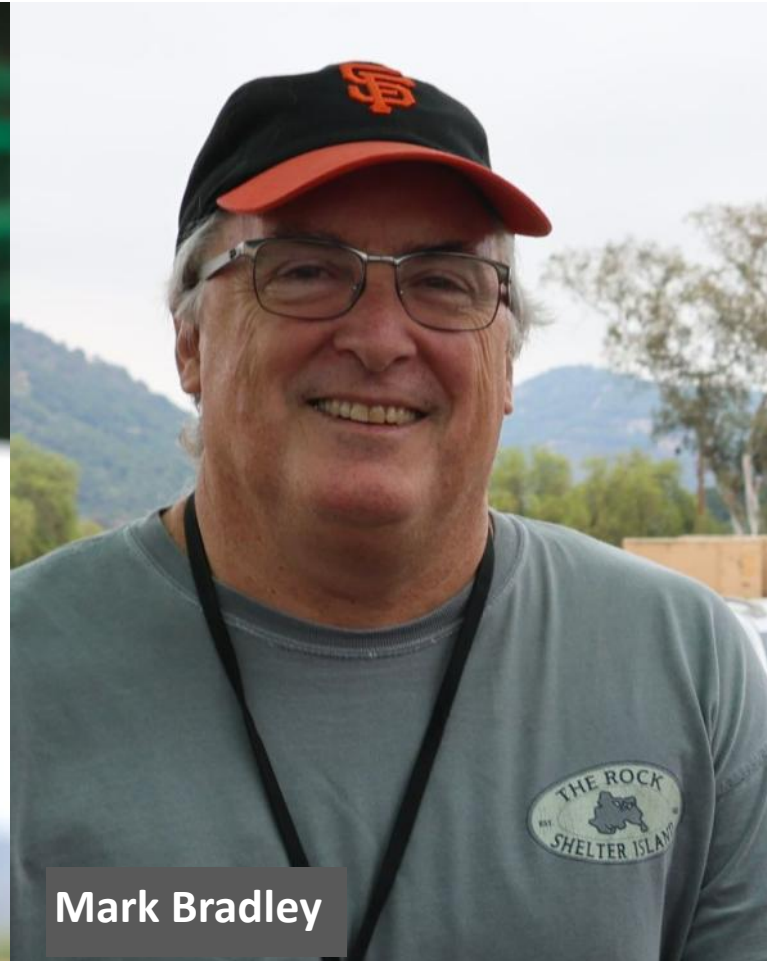
Treasurer Doug Abel



Frank Burke is the new Winner! He beats out Steve Gebler for the title of the one with the most toys!



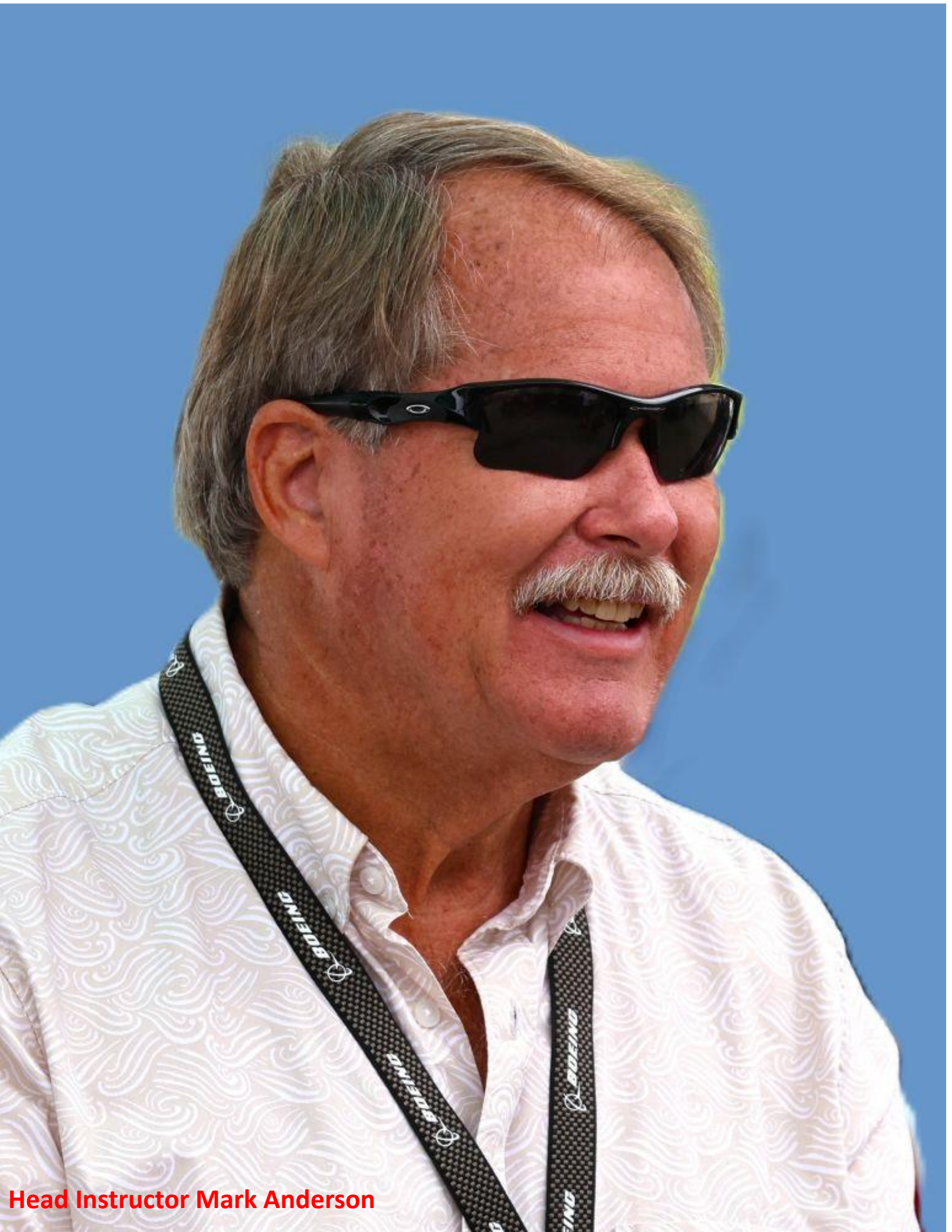
Allen Graber



Mark Bradley

Rhonda and president *emeritus* Varley Longson





Head Instructor Mark Anderson



Don White

Scott Page

Mark Olsen



New member

Doug Farrenkopf



**Steve Warnick and
Mark Anderson, a chief
instructor**



Bob Hague



Richard and Ansell Tabion. Ansell is a fantastic pilot!!!!



Ansell is only 16, yet his flying resembles the way James D’Eliseo flies! This young man pilots his plane in a way that would make anyone proud to fly! Ansell has just joined our club and we welcome him and his dad, Richard! July 24, 2025



Roger Cosio



Pictures of Mike Lonneker's award winning boat at the Del Mar Fair.

Joe Villarreal

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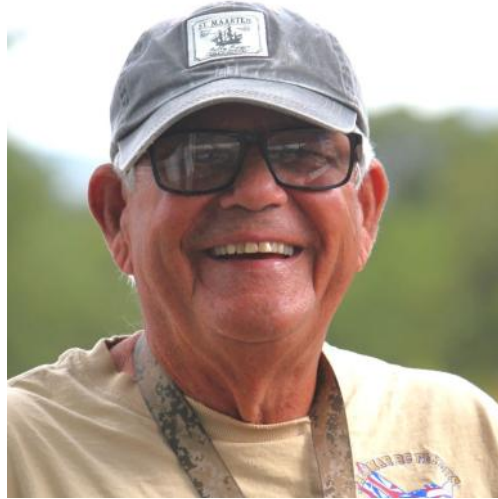
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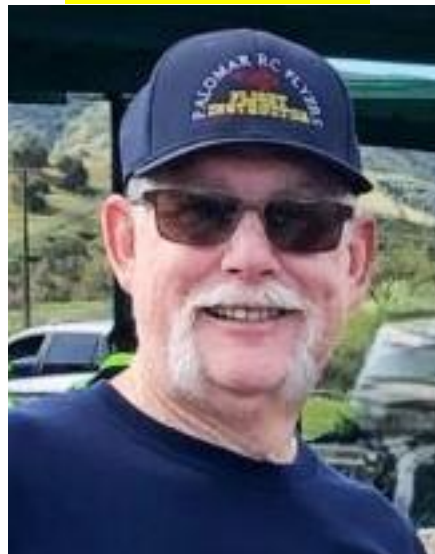
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**Vic
Lerum**



Eric Armstrong