



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

Dec. 2025



President's Message:

It is hard to believe on Saturday 11/22/2025 we held our final general meeting of 2026. Thank you to all the brave souls that patiently set through the cold temperatures and even a little rain to share recognition to our dedicated membership for a job well done.

We almost have the new field operational with tables, awnings, and pilot stations ready to go. The 2026 board can now start marketing the Valley Center area for additional members to service the Valley Center Field. As Valley Center grows Palomar RC Flyers will continue to grow and become a stronger better flying club. This growth would not have been possible without the Incredible donation of time from **Doug Abel, Chuck Riely and Wayne Bonfetti**.

The 2026 board welcomes our new members: **Tom Pollinger, Mark Anderson, and Ron Holman**. Our new board members have some big shoes to replace; I am sure they will be up for the challenge.

To end up the year the club is preparing for our Annual Christmas Party. We have some interesting changes to our program this year. Steve Gebler is introducing **WHO ARE THEY**. Members are sending one old photo and one new photo. The audience will have fun trying to determine **WHO ARE THEY**, this should be fun for all. In addition, Steve is developing a slide program to enjoy during our dinner depicting our club activities.

The club is also going to have a silent auction for you to bid on during the evening. A great opportunity to find a great buy on some quality items. You can always be sure you will have an opportunity to test your luck with our Raffle.

A great evening to end the year I look forward to sharing the evening with you on December 06 2025. You can purchase your tickets on the website.

Don Davis

President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Thank you for your generous Donations

The Palomar Flyers would like to express our appreciation for two generous donors in 2025 to our Club.

Don Waddington donated a beautiful model aircraft to our annual auction. Don's gift was purchased by one of our lucky members for \$500.00

Michael Leonard donated an additional \$300.00 to our club when paying for his annual renewal.

These donations will be used to finish the benches and set up at our second location at Valley Center and much more.

Your generous donations assist in providing community outreach programs such as:

Aircraft flying lessons to the surrounding community free of charge from June through August.

Stem Classes for Civil Air Patrol and Boy Scouts

Aviation Day

Heli Fly In

Forth of July celebration

MOST IMPORTANTLY A GREAT SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP TO SHARE EXPERIENCES PROVIDING A SOCIAL BOND OF SHARING WITH MEMBERS WITH A LOVE OF FLYING AIRCRAFT.

President Don

General Board Meeting

11/12/2025

President: Don Davis

Vice President: Chuck Riley

Treasurer: Doug Abel

Club Secretary: Eric Armstrong

Board members present: Don Davis, Chuck Riley, Doug Abel, Mark Olsen, Eric Armstrong, Vic Lerum, Bran Liesemeyer

6:30 - Role Call. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes approved.

6:31 - Treasury report by Doug Abel: \$2,039.00 income - \$514.33 expenses - \$1,794.67 net income - \$54,093.00 balance.

6:34 - Mark Olsen on Fight Training - We had five complete solo flights with experienced pilots who were all cleared to fly. No new pilots in the last month. Currently, there are four pilots in the training program who are making good progress and doing exceptionally well!

6:40 - Mark Olsen on safety - No significant safety matters over the last month. There was an incident involving an aircraft that crashed in the pits, which was handled promptly at the time of the incident.

6:44 - Joe Villereal on Valley Center HS: Joe contacted Mr. Barnett via email, who is the science teacher at Valley Center HS, about science students who might be interested in model aviation and giving them access to our club site. Mr. **Barnett** has not responded to Joe's email.

6:46 - Don Davis on Gate Cards: The gate card issue has been resolved - Jim Christy has new cards for our membership!

6:50 - Don Davis discussed the new Event Application Form and brought it up for discussion. It was agreed that we would present the new event application form to the membership at the next club meeting and get a vote for adopting the application into the club's bylaws.

6:58 - Don Davis brought up the Holiday Party date and how we accept registration payments. We want members to be able to pay for the party in multiple ways, making it as easy as possible, and the Board agreed. We will have our normal programming, with a few additions. Don discussed the raffle items for the party, which will be announced via email to our members before the event. We will also have three gift certificates.

7:12 - Joe Villereal made a motion to approve up to \$350 for centerpieces that he and Barbara are going to create. Barbara wants this year's centerpieces to be "Surprise Centerpieces"! Chuck seconded the motion.

Motion approved with 7 votes yes, 0 no votes.

7:20 - Don asked about the Saturday meeting being rescheduled due to weather and discussed how to handle the vote results for officers and Board positions. It was agreed to move the club meeting to the next weekend and to announce the election results via email within 24 hours of voting closing, per the club's bylaws.

7:28 - Eric Amstrong discussed the dates and format for the 2026 Hell Fun Fly. Eric made a motion to approve February 25 to March 1 for the 2026 Hell Fun Fly dates. Vic Lerum seconded the motion.

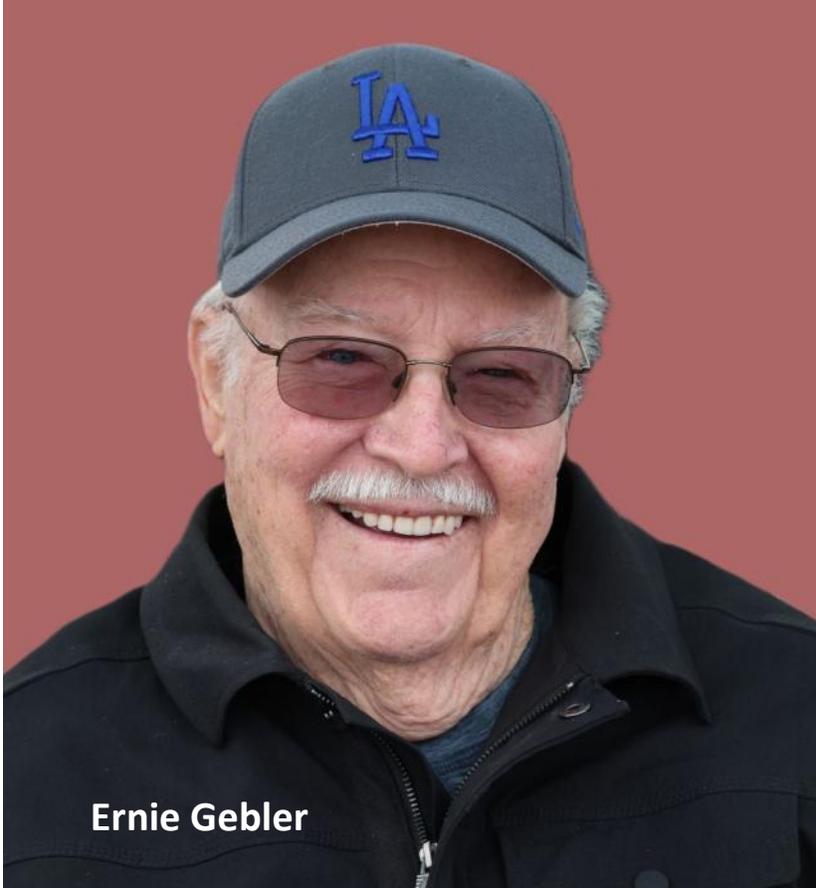
Motion approved with 7 votes yes, 0 no votes. 7:47

- Board meeting adjourned.

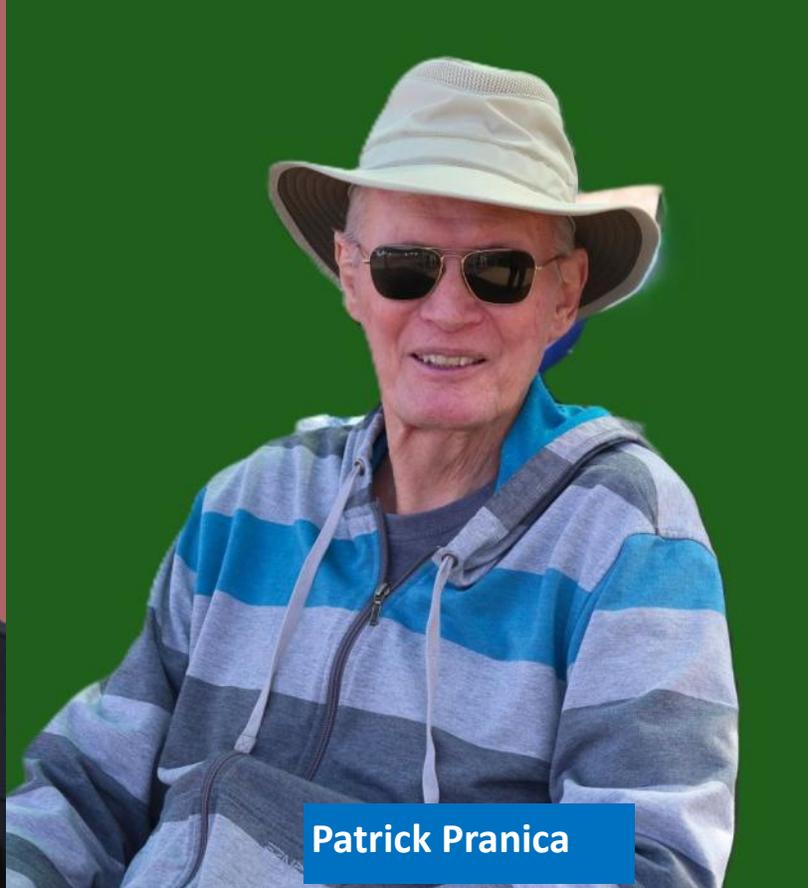
Post-Board Meeting, Eric sent an email and made a motion to the Board requesting a vote to approve an expense budget of \$2,790 for the 2026 Heli Fun Fly. Chuck seconded the motion.

Motion approved with 5 yes votes. 3 Board members did not respond.

Our Club's Christmas/Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 to 9:00 @ San Marcos Senior Citizens Center. Dinner served @ 6 pm.



Ernie Gebler



Patrick Pranca



Tom Pollinger our new elected Treasurer



Tim Hitchcock recently moved to Arizona and loves it. He visited the field on Nov. 1, 2025 and flew in the Trifecta. It was good to see our friend.

Ryan Plodkowski and his Bearcat @ 2.1m.



Chris Avellino



Nov. 1, 2025 Randy Brunette on a foggy, cool morning.



President *emeritus* Steve Gebler



Gary Kent

Mark Olsen



Tim Hitchcock and Brandon Liesemeyer-Board Member



President *emeritus* Joe Villarreal



Randy Brunette on Nov. 1, 2025, a cool and foggy morning, was ready for the Trifecta.

Trifecta Nov. 1, 2025



The pilots were flying a very tight pattern. This is a unique photo showing 8 planes together! WOW! This is not photo-shopped but real. Just try to snap a photo with eight planes in the same frame!



Tim Hitchcock was having a great day!





President *emeritus* Joe Villarreal



V.P. Chuck Riley

President *emeritus* Steve Gebler



Mark Olsen



The aim is to land closest to the orange cone. These pilots are really good!!



Steve Gebler, Mark Olsen, William Taft, Tim Hitchcock, Brandon Liesemeyer



Mark Olsen, Joe Villarreal, William Taft, Chuck Riley, Tim Hitchcock, Steve Gebler, Brandon Liesemeyer,



Tom Pollinger was scorekeeper.



Trifecta winners: Brandon Liesemeyer-3; William Taft-1; Tim Hitchcock-2



Student pilot-Doug Farrenkopf with instructor/President Don Davis



Mark Andeson and D-18S



Thomas Pollock



Instructor Don Davis, Student pilot Ryan Hasenin Sam Hasenin– his dad



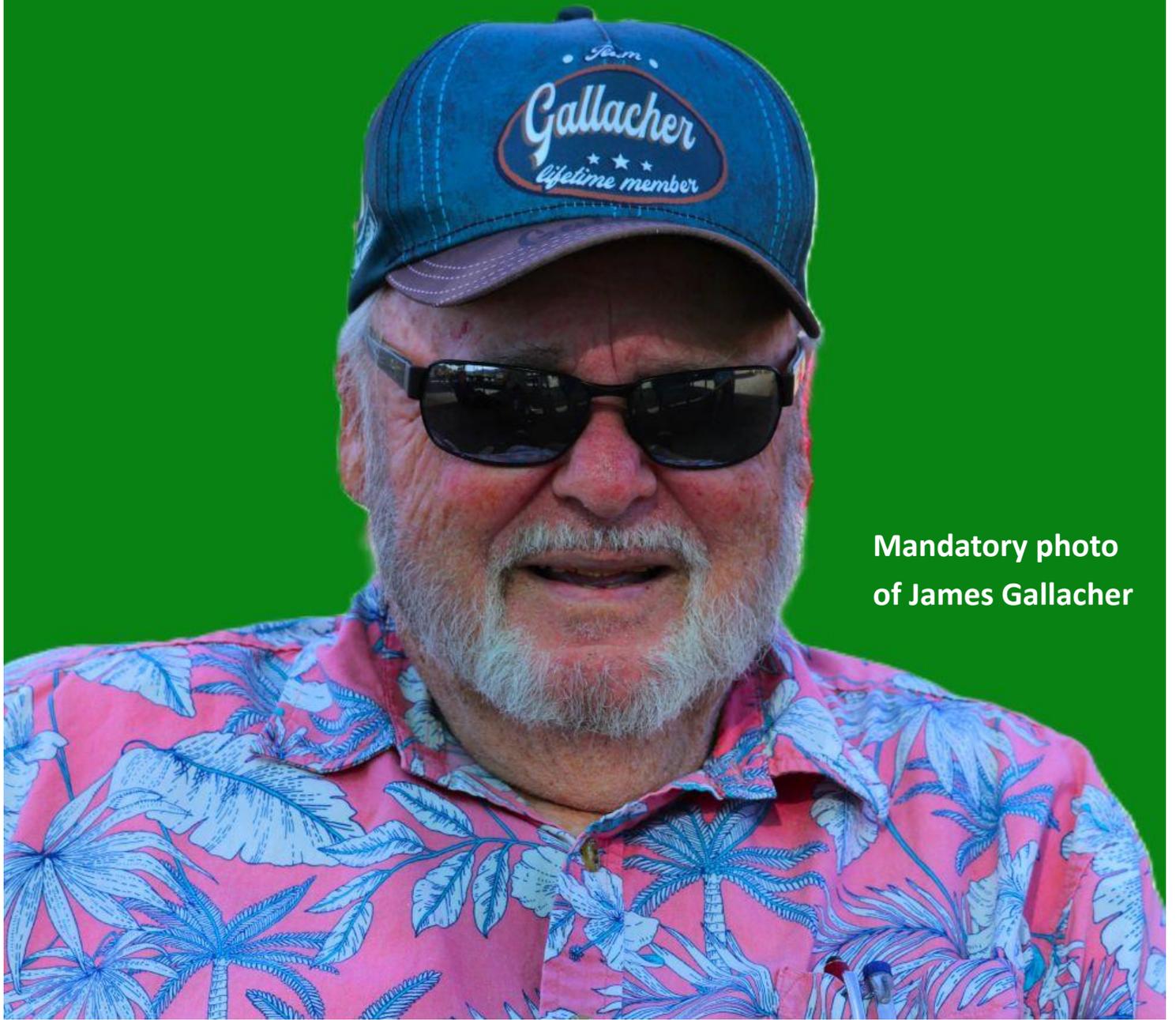
Ryan flew his T-6 Texan very well. About 17,000 of them were built beginning in 1935!





Jim Christy Membership Chairman



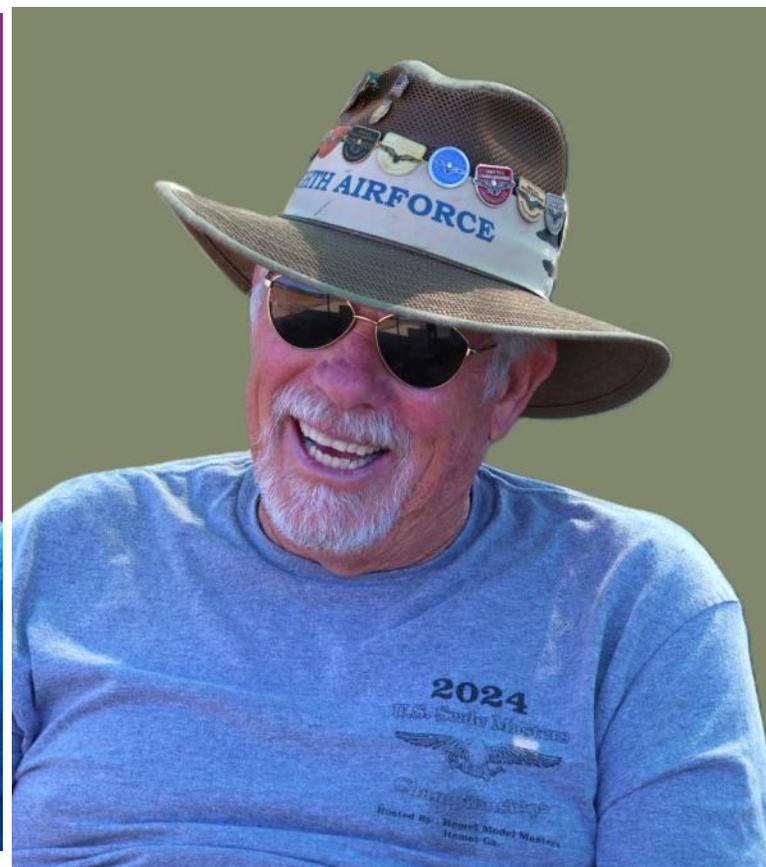


Mandatory photo
of James Gallacher





John Forestieri



Curtis Kitteringham

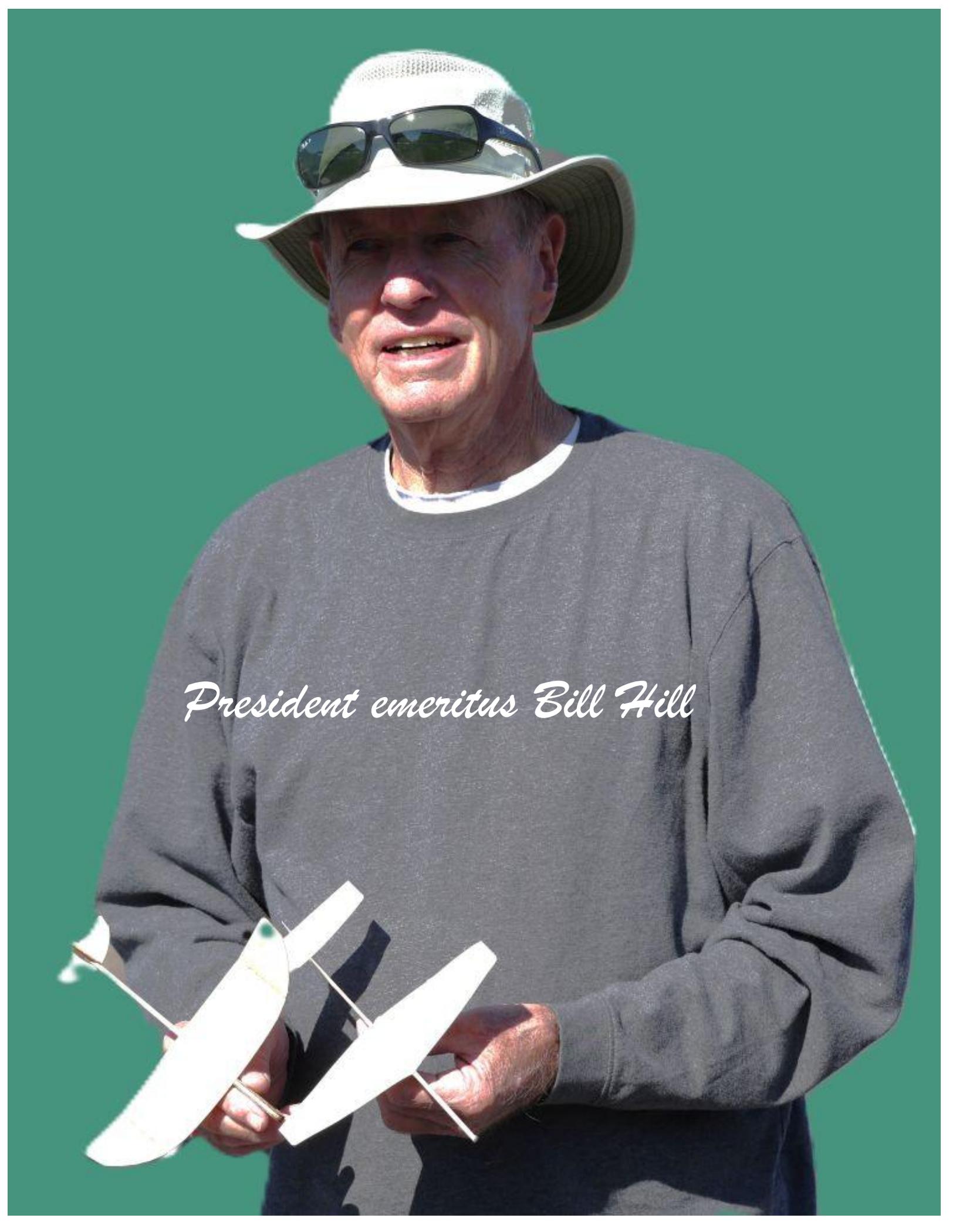


**President *emeritus*
Charles Lewis**



Pancho Castillo





President emeritus Bill Hill



Both planes created by Pratick Pratica. Top photo is a DeHavilland Tiger Moth. Middle photo is a Fokker DR-1 now owned by Bill Hill.

Bottom photo of Gary Marquardt– Do you see anything unusual about it?



Fall on the East Coast with maple trees are the best!



Launching a Powered Sailplane (A minor note)

When we ask someone to launch a sailplane, they often respond, “How do you want me to launch it? Up or level?” We answer, “ Level.”

When we take off a fixed wing plane, at what angle does it begin its takeoff run? It runs down the runway with its wings level and when it reaches take-off speed, the plane rotates.

Often a sailplane has no wheel to allow it to takeoff, so we hand launch it with wings level to the ground. You might say we are providing a *quasi* take off run. With a larger sailplane, hold it above your head so you don't clip the back of your neck with the stab when launching. With full power, the plane quickly gains speed and altitude. Leave the climbing to the motor, not your arm.

Some launchers feel they have to launch at a noticeable up angle to make the plane gain altitude instantly. Not so. The plane doesn't need that kind of help. It needs to first gain flying speed and then it can climb. If it is launched at an up angle, the plane needs to level off to be able to increase its speed and then it can safely climb.

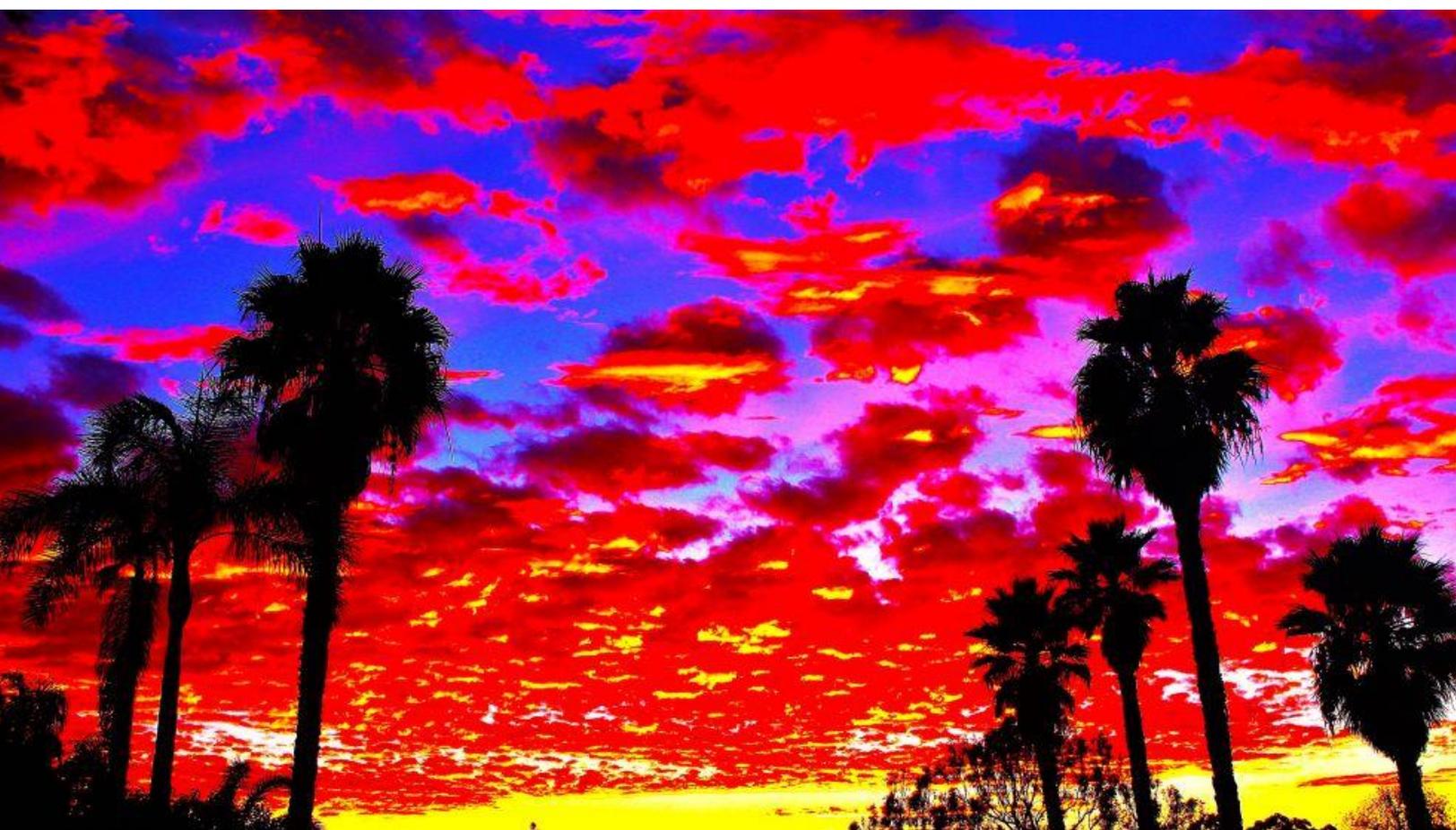
This is a minor note, but a hand launch straight ahead and level is helpful.



November 17, 2025 @ 4:53 pm in Vista, CA. November and December are the best months to view sunsets in southern California.



Patrick Pranica's PT-17 is a beauty!



Next Trifecta on December 6, @ 9am.



Partick Pranica's Corsair



David Carner



When Roger Cosio saw the following photo, he held onto his hat and couldn't believe what he was seeing. Poor Roger was stunned! He fainted, but I caught him before he fell!
Would I make up this stuff?



This is what poor Roger saw! It's Steve 'Gobler'!



Though it was 59 degrees, Scott Ralston was warm in just a t-shirt!

S Ralston
Builders

November's club meeting was postponed a week due to rainy weather. We held the meeting between raindrops on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025. The newly elected officers of the club are: President Don Davis; Vice President Chuck Riley; Treasurer Thomas Pollinger; Secretary Eric Armstrong. Board members: Mark Olsen, Joe Villarreal, Brandon Liesemeyer, Mark Anderson, Ron Holman



David Bracci



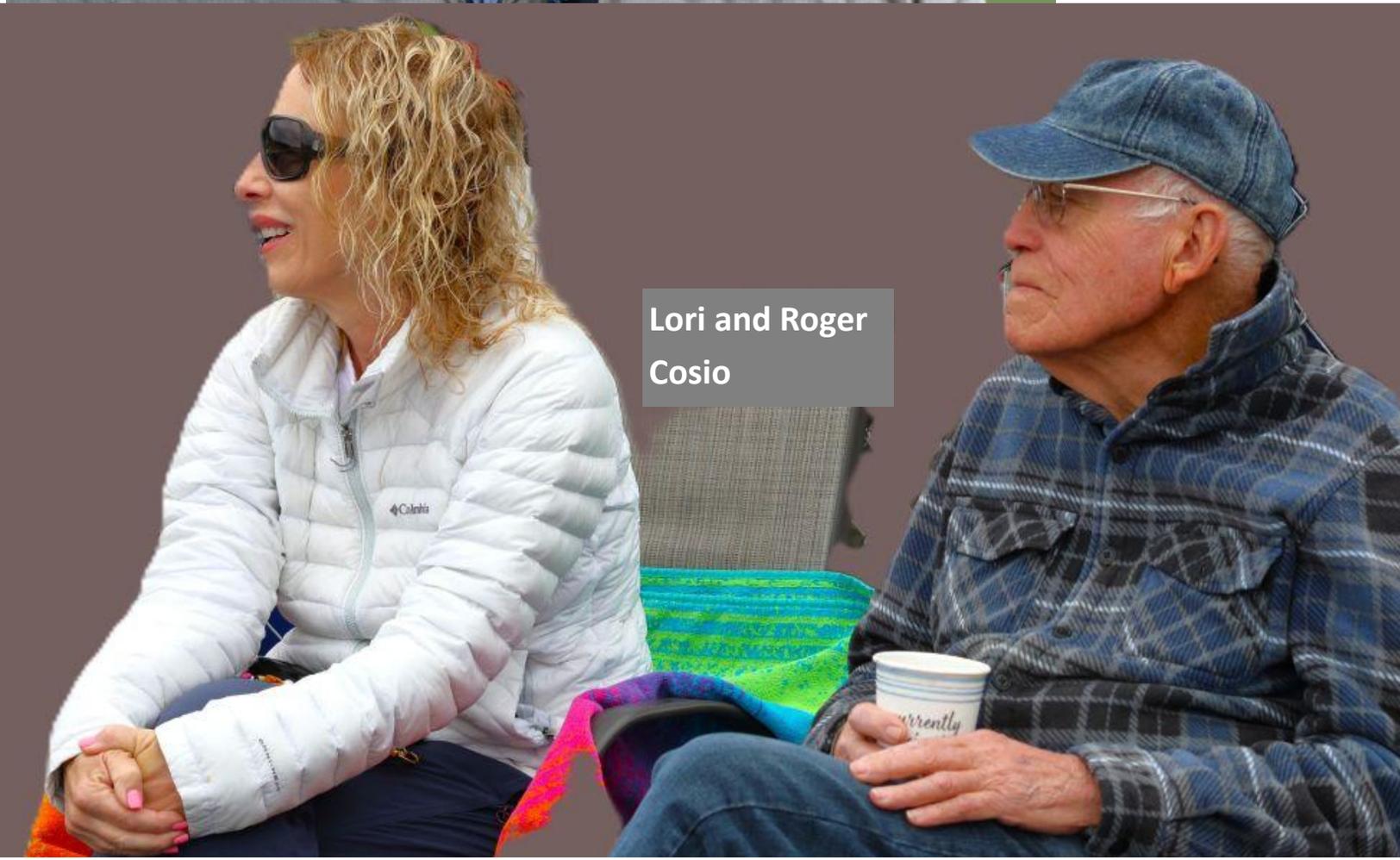
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Hugh Greenwald



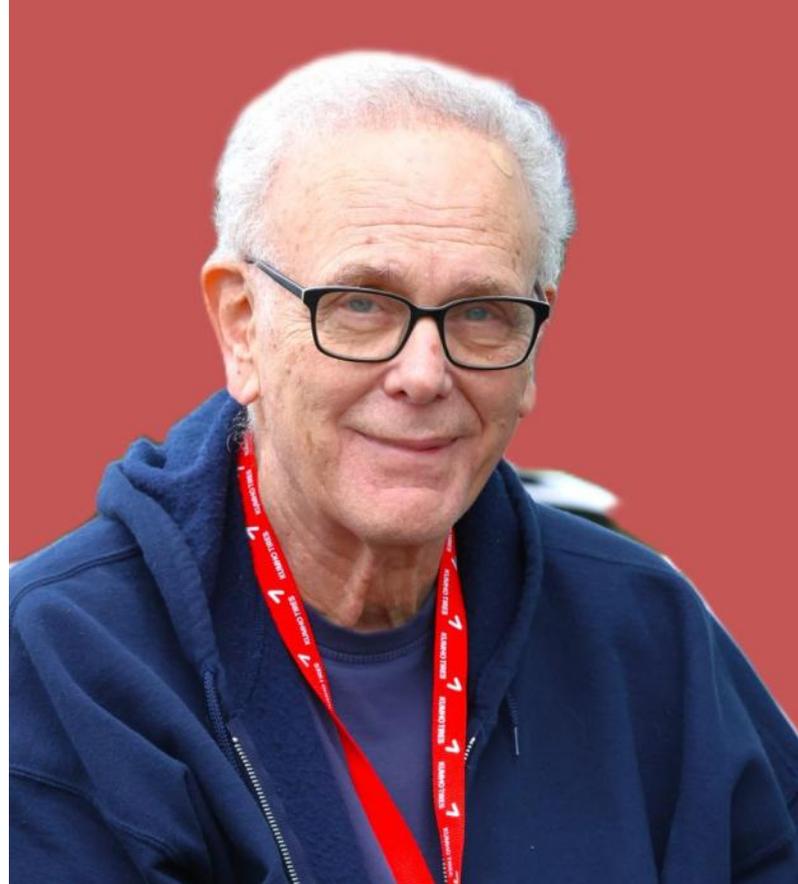
**Lori and Roger
Cosio**



Our new club secretary, Eric Armstrong



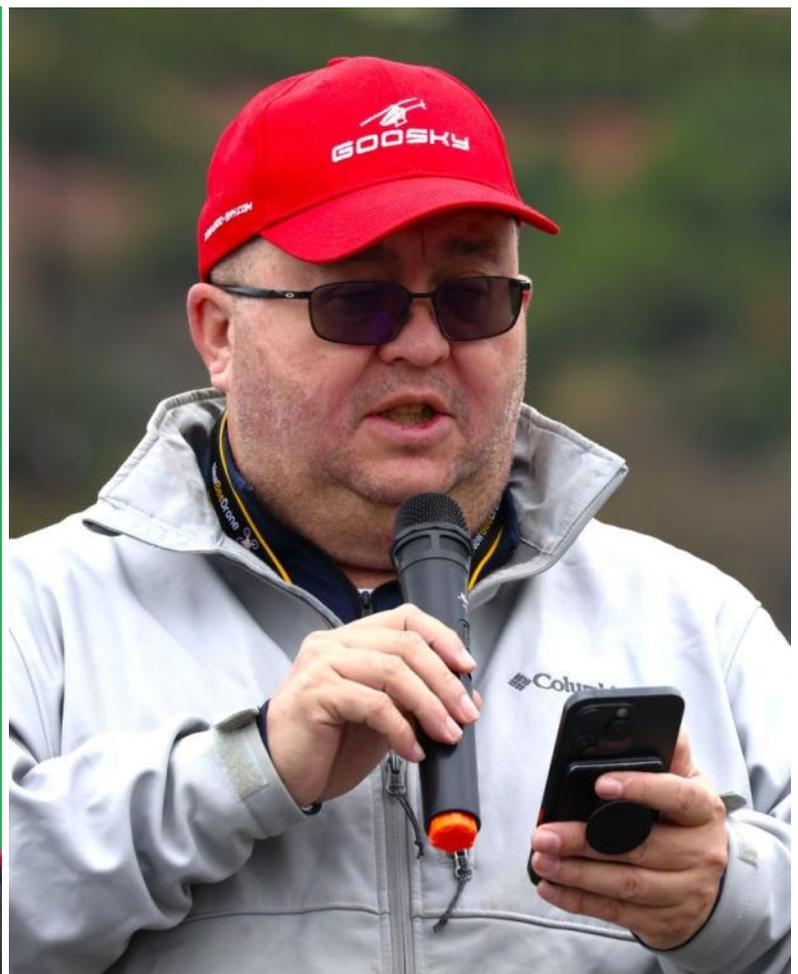
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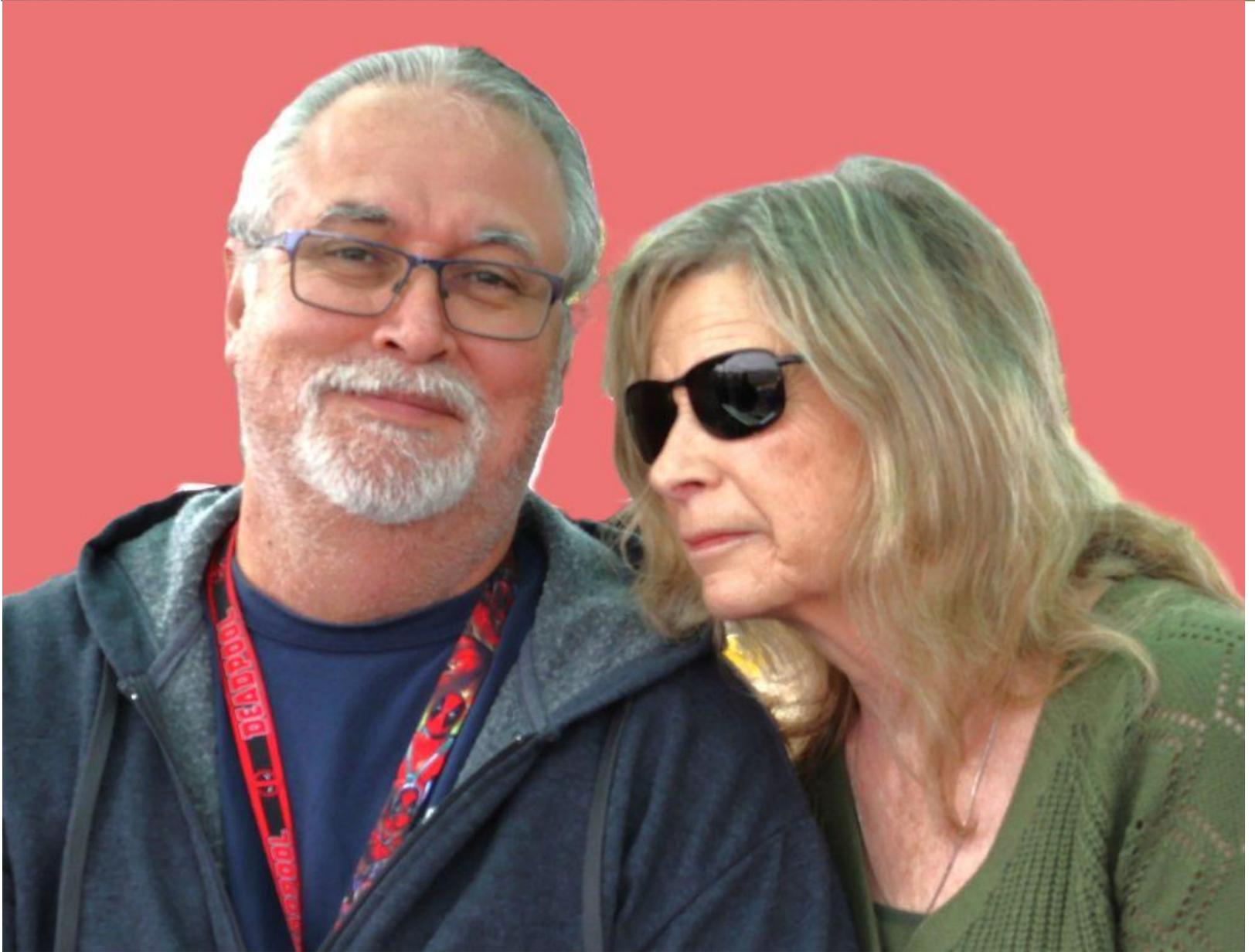
Steve Wernick



Paul Hitchcock

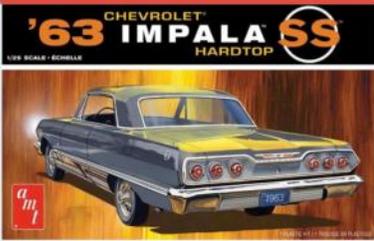


Club Treasurer Doug Abel



Although Richard and Jennifer Torres moved to Arizona, Richard continues to publish the Transmitter to our website. Here's a shout-out to them both and a note of thanks! We miss you!

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



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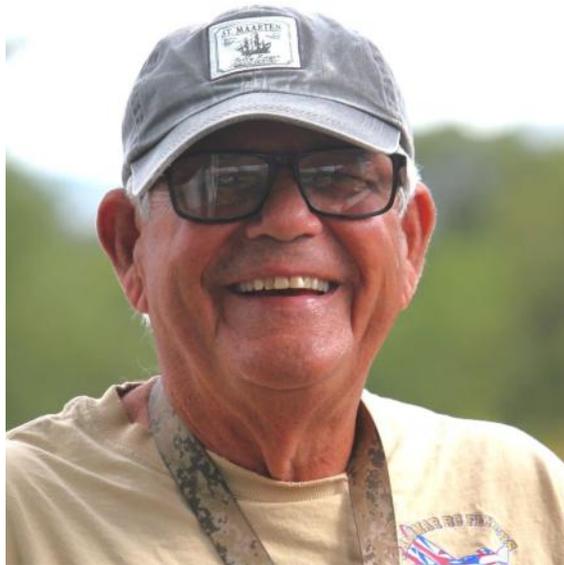
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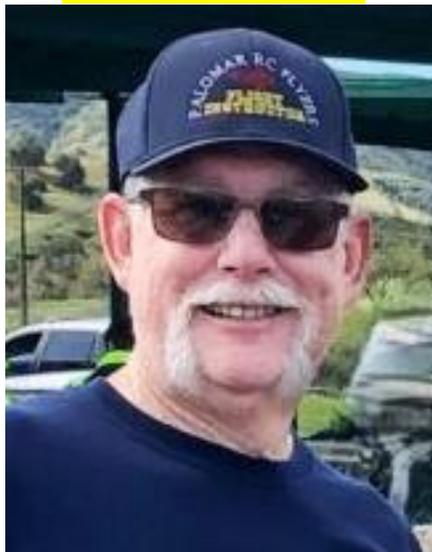


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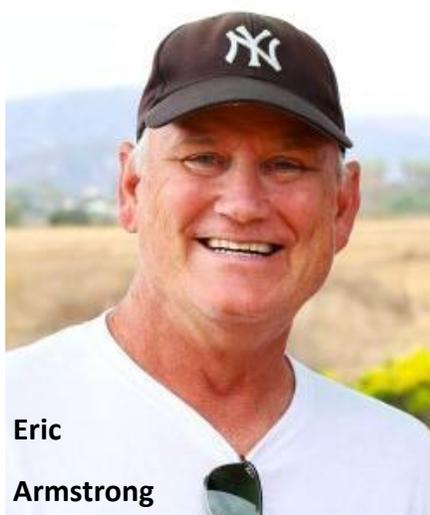


Mark Olsen

Safety Officer and Board Member



Vic Lerum



Eric Armstrong