



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

Transmitter

February 2025



Hello! Welcome to February 2025. This month the Helicopter Fun Fly will occur February 20 -23rd. This is an annual event that brings to our field some well-known and truly remarkable pilots. These pilots are the best of the best. I strongly suggest that you come out and watch these pilot's fly!

Marc Olson has agreed, with some pushing, to take command/control of the Flight Training program. It will be by committee with help from Mr. Drew Marquart and Mr. Mark Anderson. All three are full-scale pilots and offer a LOT of experience and advice.

We are going to have an EDF Jet Fun Fly in March; Vic Lerum is heading that event. It is believed the event will bring in younger pilots and we get to watch them 'burn' and run.

The Board of Directors met at the Valley Center site January 25th to revisit further additions to the new field. It should be noted that Scott Ralston has spent an enormous amount of time on the field. I will make a motion to compensate him for his time at the field. By himself! The work he has done there is remarkable!!!

As always, the membership has a voice, if you have suggestions or complaints, please see me or a Board member it will be addressed.

Charles Lewis, President of the Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

January 25, 2025 BOD Minutes

Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by: David Ellis, Secretary PRCF

President: Charles Lewis **Vice President:** Don Davis, **Treasurer:** Doug Abel **Secretary:** David Ellis
Safety Officer: Mark Olsen

Board members: Joe Villareal, Chuck Riley, Eric Armstrong, Vic Lerum. **Additional Roles:** **Chief Flight Instructor:** Vic Lindum, **Membership Chairman:** Jim Christy. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

Call to order: January 25, 2025, 9:00 AM

The Board was asked to meet in person at the Valley Center field to gather input from members in attendance, to discuss and decide our next steps in the development of the new field.

Mini-meeting topics and approvals

BOD approved use of pre-allocated funds to begin construction on shade structures

BOD approved additional spending for shade poles, concrete, equipment rental, shade cloth

Chuck will estimate cost to build 16 tables, report back to the BOD who will then discuss and vote to approve spending.

Meeting adjourned: 9:48

2025 Palomar Heli Fun-Fly Feb. 20, 21, 22, 23.

Pilots from everywhere! Food catering. Pilot raffels, great flying! This is our biggest event of the year! Come on out and be amazed! Night flying!

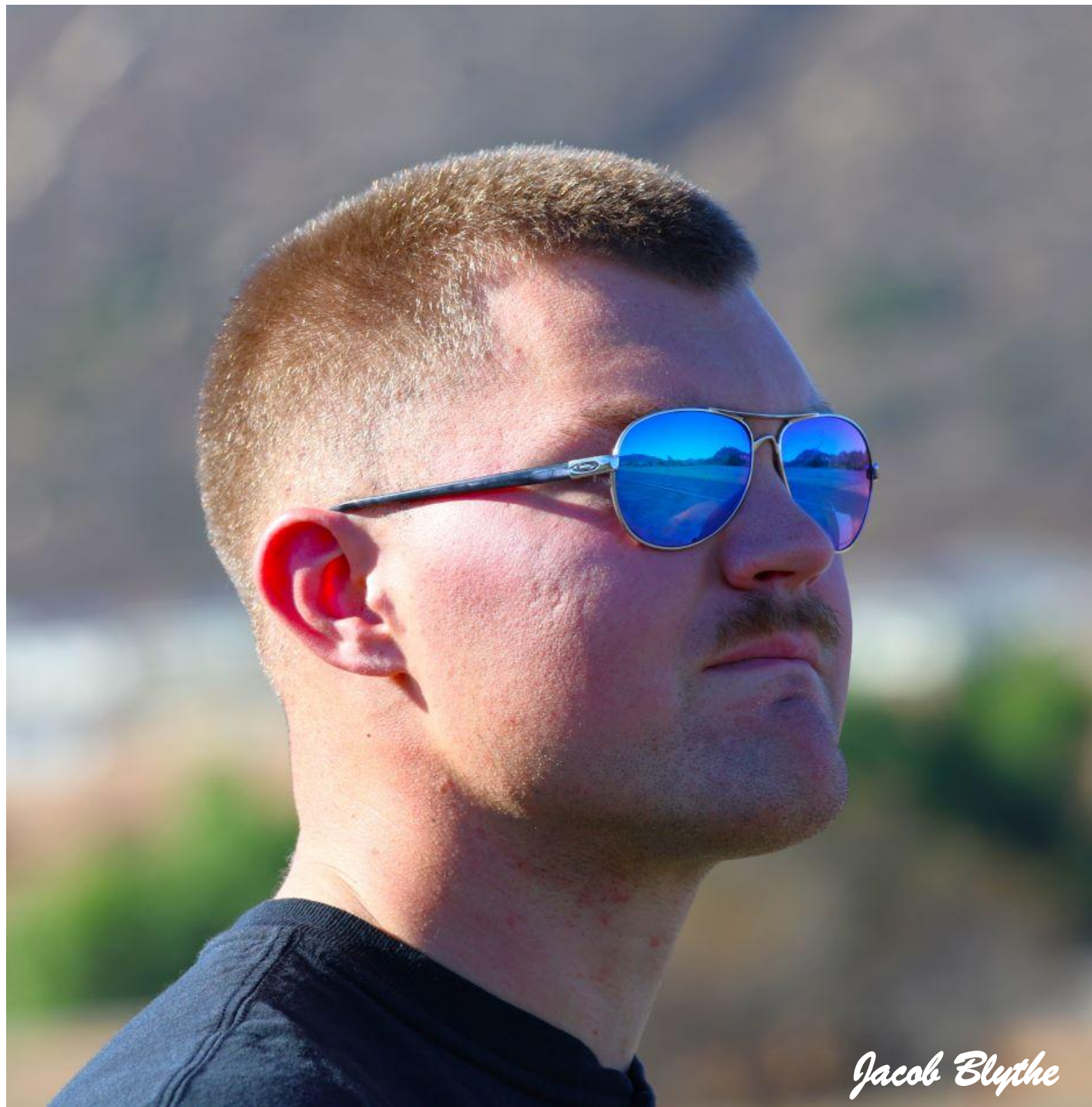


Butch Abongan R. I. P.

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We recently learned that Butch Abongan, a former member of our club, passed away last February. He flew combat and was a fine pilot. He is pictured at the field with his Harley that he enjoyed riding.





Steve Nelson



Curtis Kitteringham launching Patrick Pranica's Crashendo.



George Dawe's planes
Camel and Fokker D-7



David Martucci



Mike Paurazas on Jan. 3, 2025

Below is a full-scale chopper that overflow the field.





OPS!



To the north in Los Angeles, wildfires pushed by Santa Anna winds raged in January. Our hearts go out to the fire victims.

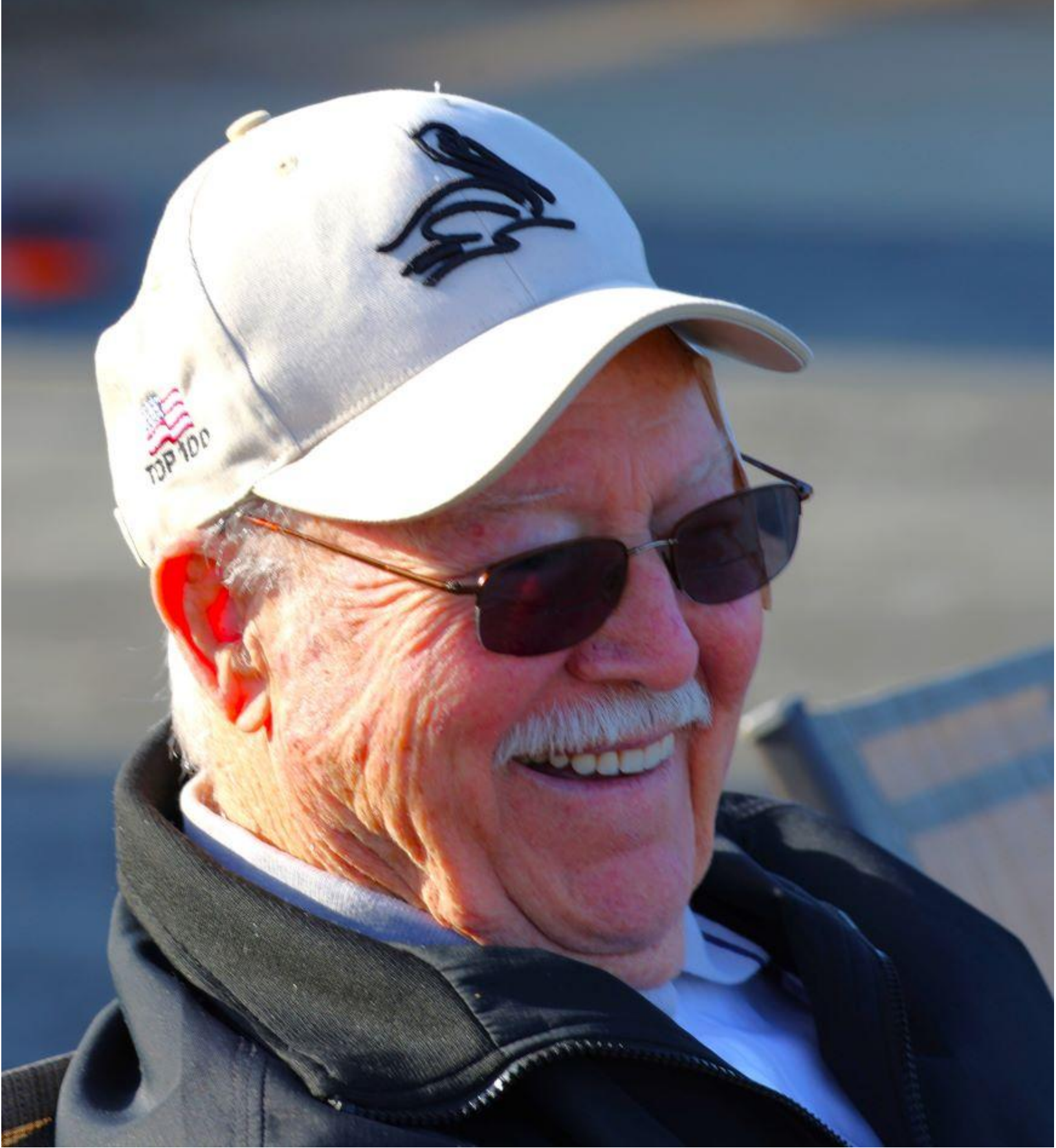


Tim Hitchcock's quarter-scale DeHavilland Gypsy Moth looks full scale-

Photo taken by John Hartsell, Jr. with a Nikon. It's ultra sharp!



New club secretary, Dave Ellis took part in the January Trifecta. Hey! Handsome hat, and a great smile!



Ernie Gebler cheered on his son, Steve.



In Japanese, we would name him “Higesama” i.e. O honorable bearded one. Scott Ralston acted as scorekeeper for the January Trifecta.



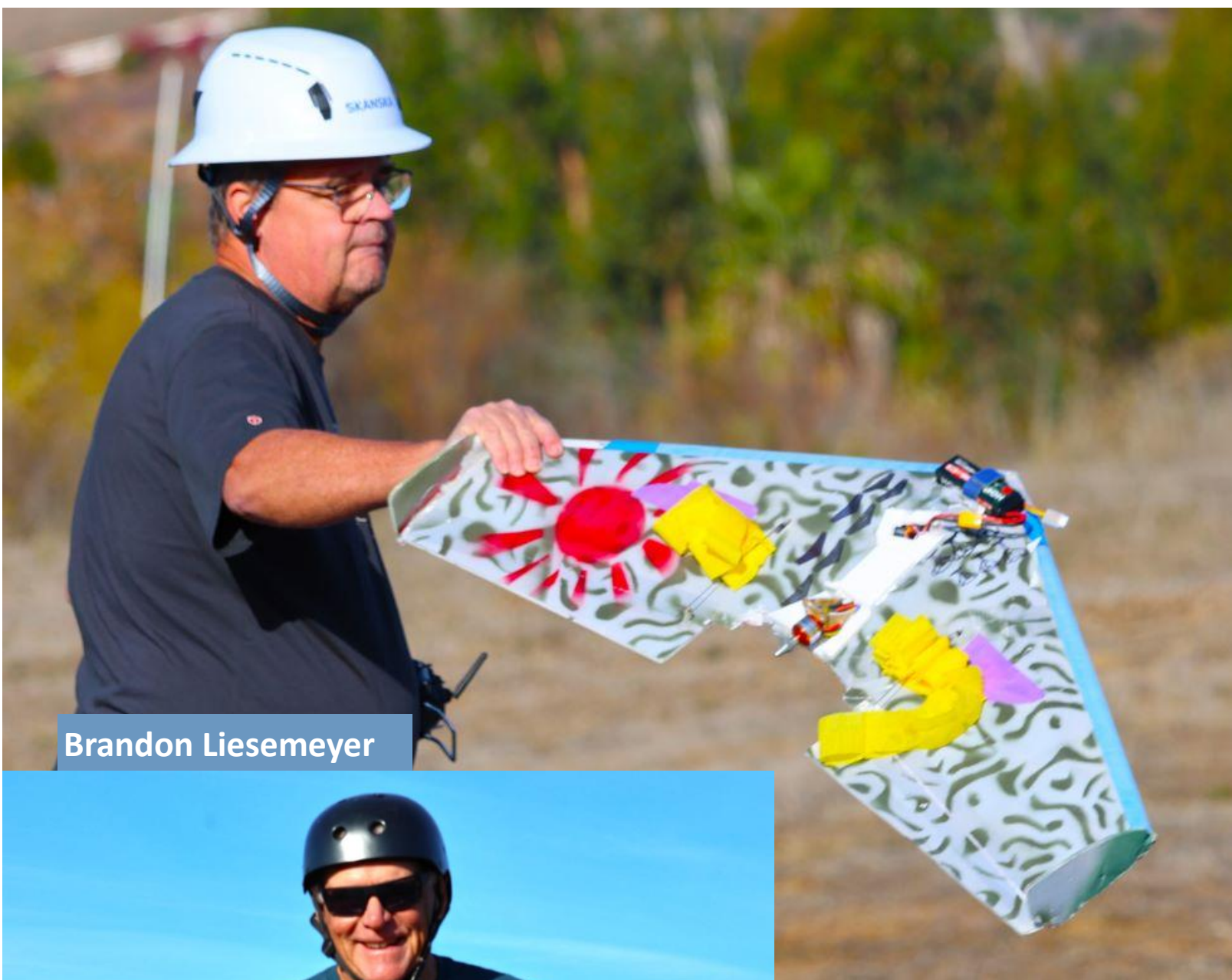
Secretary Dave Ellis

Tim Hitchcock

Brandon Liesemeyer



Board Member Chuck Riley flew in the January Trifecta.



Brandon Liesemeyer



Tim Hitchcock's plane after a mid-air.



Secretary Dave Ellis Board member Chuck Riley

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Board member Chuck Riley



Board Member
Joe Villarreal





Board member Joe Villarreal launches

President *emeritus* Steve Gebler

wears the tutu because he scored the most points in four rounds of combat.

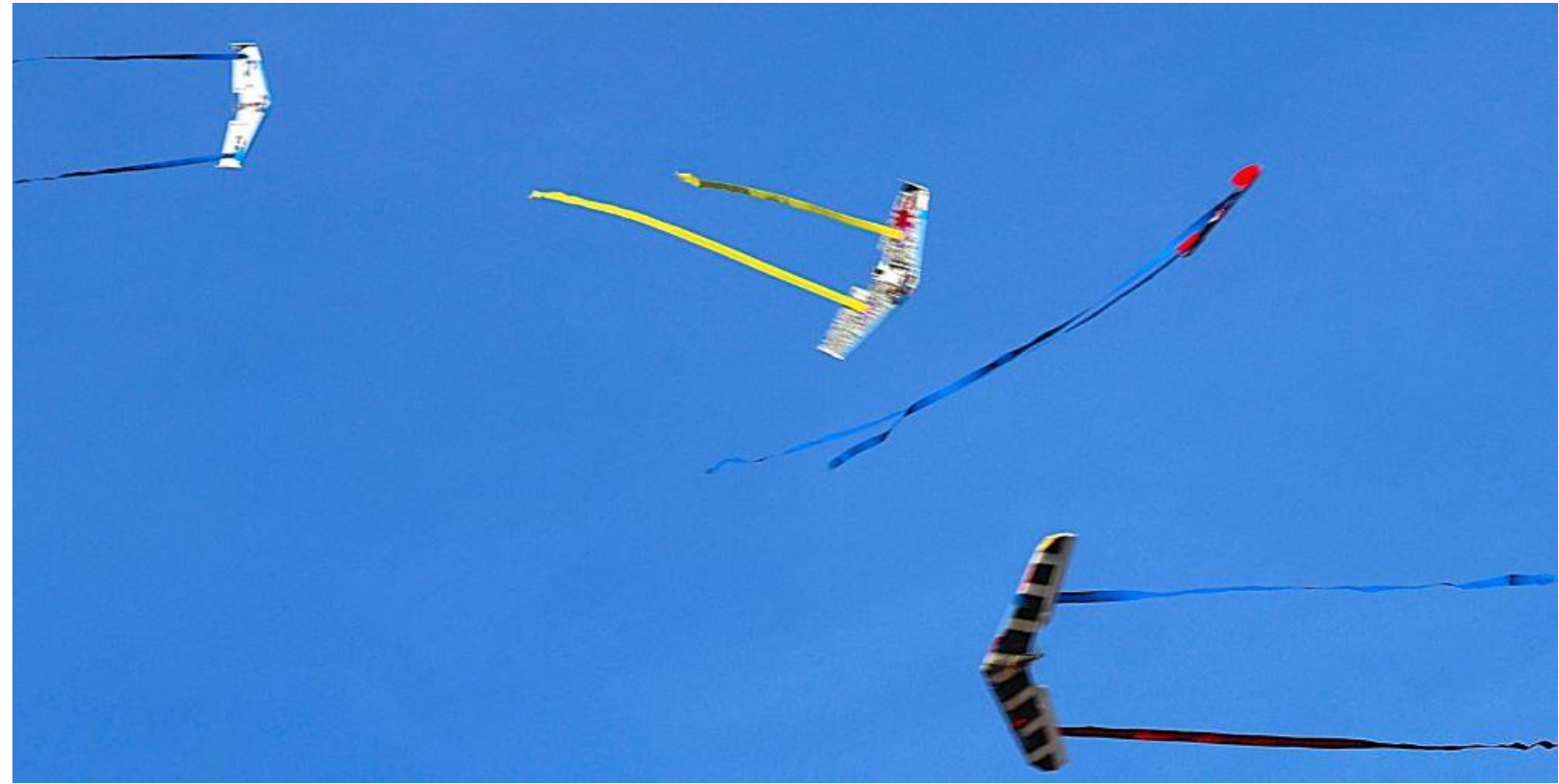


Dave Ellis, Chuck Riley, Brandon Liesemeyer, Mark Olson, Steve Gebler, Tim Hitchcock, Joe Villarreal



Trifecta winners: Tim Hitchcock, Steve Gebler and Dave Ellis Below is Dave's Cessna.





John Cutler's Nieuport 28



Bill Hill's



Mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher





January 18, 2025 Monthly Club Meeting



John Forestieri was present at the meeting.



Larry Watts was present at the meeting.



Mark Olson

V.P. Don Davis

Mark Anderson



Dennis Teason

Robin Solomon



Built by Russell Parks from plans

Russell Parks won the January 2025 Model-of-the-Month with his plans-built creation! Congrats!





Board member Chuck Riley, Russell Parks, Treasurer Doug Abel, Cap't Barry Hirschberg



**Great smile
Rick Hilton**



John Hartsell, Jr.



Lori Cosio



John Hartsell, Sr.

Roger Cosio

Lori Cosio

John was 95 years old when he attended our club meeting on Jan, 18! Happy Birthday to you! You are in excellent shape! Wow!



Doug Abel our club treasurer gave his monthly report.



President emeritus Bill Hill



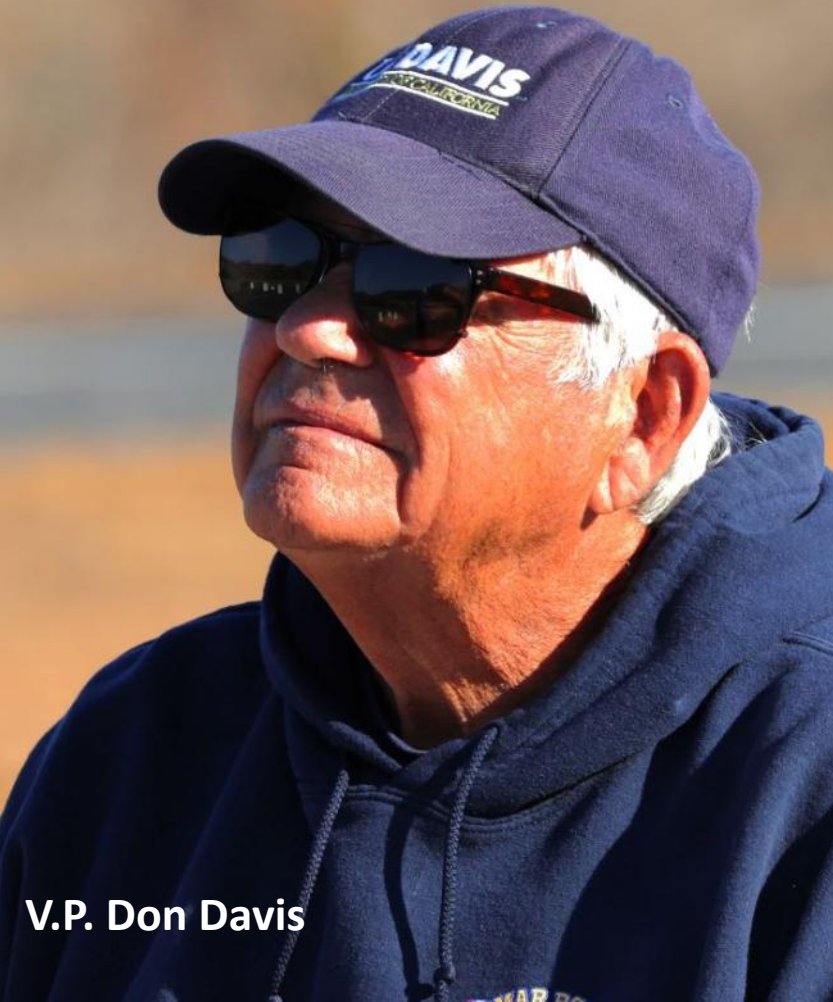
Webmaster Richard Torres



Manny Souza



Eric Armstrong addressed the members about the upcoming Heli-FunFly to take place at our field from Feb. 20-23.



V.P. Don Davis



Tim Hitchcock spoke about the airplane build he hosts at his home. He is holding a sample of the combat flying wing flown in the Trifecta.



President *emeritus* Steve Gebler



**Mark Carvallo on Jan. 23,
2025**



**Randy Bullock of D-18S
fame**

The following 11 photos are a trip down memory lane. They were taken 25 years ago when we began to use this field, thanks to the generosity of the Pappas Family. The photos are self-explanatory, and we begin with the laying of Petro-Mat for our runway.







Dave Truax





This is what the young John Cutler looked like 25 years ago. He looks the same.



Herb Hayes



Richard and Beverly Anderson at a Christmas party. Rich owned an Ercoupe and I flew with him. The plane flew like it was on rails. Rich is gone and Bev moved.



Eldon Keel built a 1/3 scale Travel Air biplane.

The next Triecta will be held on:

Saturday, February 8 @ 9am.

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