



**Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.**

# **Transmitter**



**June 2021**

AMA Charter 141

**I would like to congratulate Bill Hill for winning model of the month with his recently refurbished Fokker DR-1. I would like to thank DGO paving for cleaning and resurfacing our runway. They patched some holes and valleys and did a great job re-striping the runway.**

**The Heli-Fun-Fly is coming up soon. It should be a spectacular event. Chris Wilson and Scott Dedic, along with many others, have been working diligently behind the scenes to prepare for the event. Come out and enjoy the event and support our Heli flyers. Just a reminder, the fixed wing field will be closed for the Heli-Fun-Fly from 12 noon, June 10th through Sunday June 13th.**



**As a safety reminder, we are entering rattlesnake season. James Deliseo has been patrolling the property, especially near where participants will be for the fun fly. In the last couple weeks, James has relocated multiple rattlesnakes from the west side of the flying field to the jungle. Please be alert, and avoid them at all costs.**

**If you haven't heard, we had a small fire at the field. It occurred along the road that runs near the fixed wing field and intersects with the road that goes to the heli field. Several members, including myself were at the field and no one was flying at either section. SDGE responded after the fire department put the fires out. They advised that it appeared two wires touched, due to the high wind, and one broke causing the fire. Please stay vigilant during the upcoming dry season, and take all precautions while flying, to stay clear of the power lines.**

**Lastly, I would like to inform the membership that my wife and I have decided to move out of state. The board has been working on a transition and we will advise everyone of the results soon. I look forward to seeing as many people as I can at the field and look forward to enjoying our great club until we move.**

**Chris Thompson  
President, Palomar RC Flyers**

# Palomar R/C Flyers Heli Fun Fly

June 10-13, 2021

Johnson Field, Fallbrook

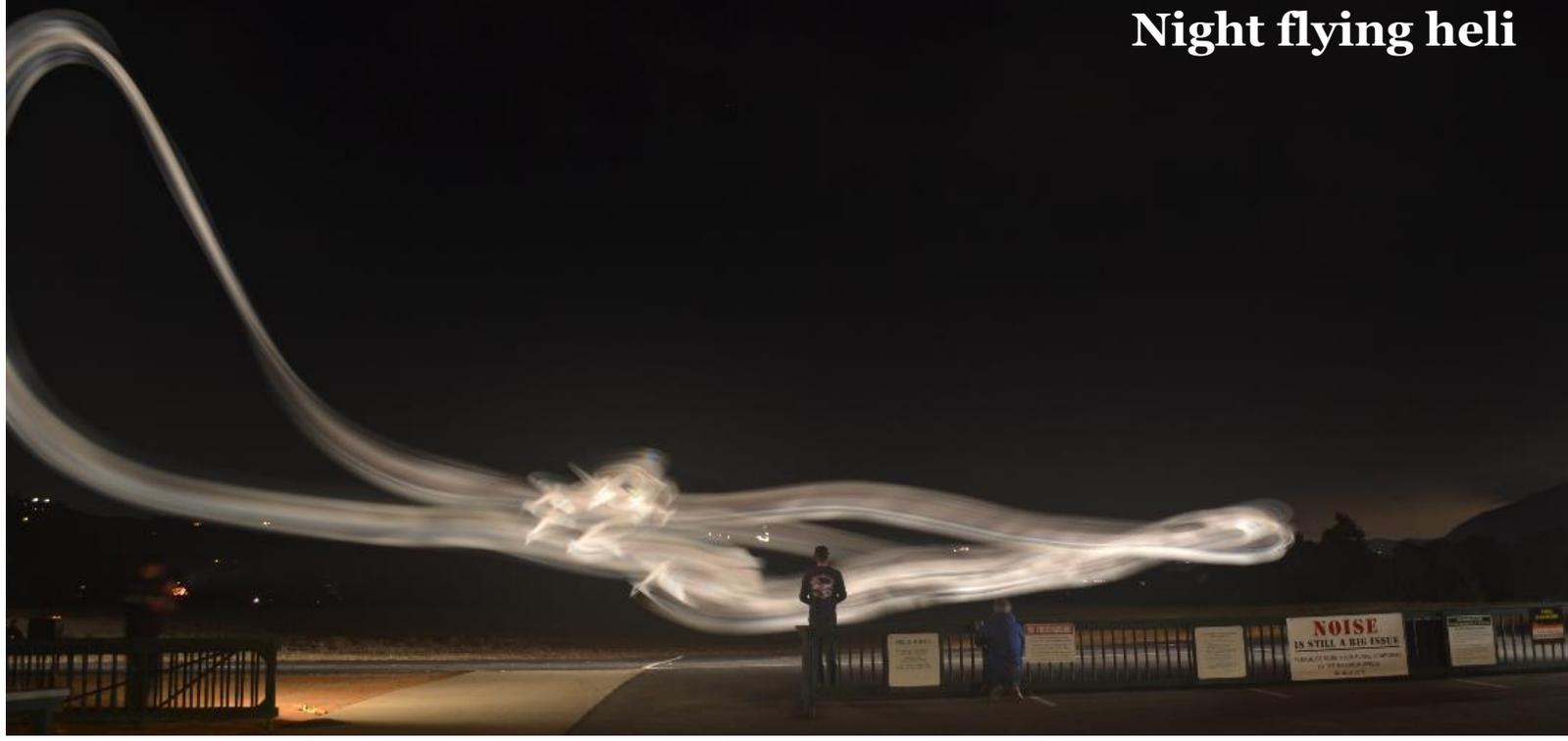


**Participants of our annual Heli Fun-Fly will begin arriving on June 10th. It will continue to June 13th. There will be food, raffles, and night flying. Night-lights to assist preparing helis for night flying will shine. With LED's, these choppers dazzle the night sky!!**

**There is plenty of space for camping and R.V. parking. If each pilot brings an average of 3 helis, each worth about \$2, or 3,000, there will easily be a half-million dollars worth of equipment during the gala event! (Field will be closed to fix wing.)**



# Night flying heli



**As seen at the field. Be careful!**



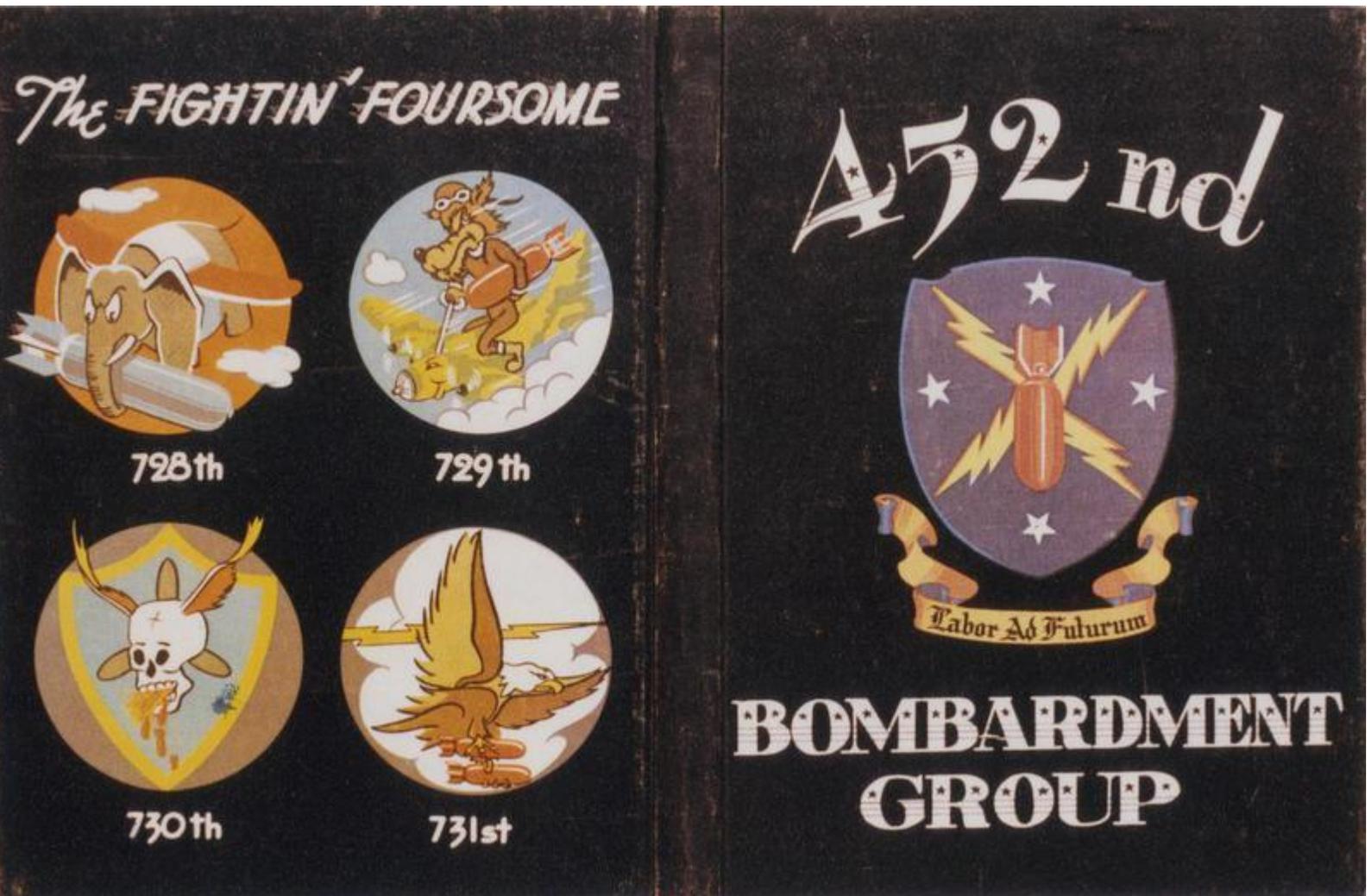
**YELLOW Aircraft Spitfire with 55cc DLE with canister exhaust-  
Painted and weathered with Callie Graphics. As always, John  
Cutler did an outstanding job. (Chris Thompson photos)**



Many of you have likely seen me at the flying field wearing a shirt emblazoned with the logo of the Eighth Air Force. I do this in tribute to my father, S/Sgt. Richard W. Hirsch who, like so many others, enlisted to serve at the age of 18 in order to stop Hitler's reign of terror on the people of Europe. Following a basic training stint in Texas and then some time at the Army gunnery school in Las Vegas, Dad was assigned as a U.S. Army Air Corps tail gunner on a B-17 with the 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group, Squadron 729. The 452<sup>nd</sup>, based at Deopham Green (near Norwich, England) was one of countless American air bases scattered throughout England in 1943-44. The 452<sup>nd</sup> were identified with a "Square L" insignia painted on the tail. Flying aboard a B-17 (G) was extremely difficult, as the missions could sometimes last 12-14 hours, and the planes were cramped and uncomfortable. The crews had to take extra precautions against the bitter cold and lack of oxygen at 30,000 ft, and the constant danger from German warplanes and flak took its toll on the bombers and on the men. Of nearly 13,000 B-17s ever built, a full one-third would be lost to combat over Germany. On Jan 17 1945, my dad was on his 16<sup>th</sup> mission, sent to bomb the submarine pens at Hamburg. Suddenly at 25,000 ft, their ship received a direct hit on the right wing from German 88 (flak) guns. The wing caught fire, and two more "near" hits took out a large section of their vertical fin. The plane began to shudder violently, with #3 and #4 motors out. Their plane was thrown up onto the left wing, and the bail out bell began to ring. Rapidly losing altitude, (pilot) 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ed Halek struggled to right the plane, and at 14,000 ft was somehow able to regain control of the ship and the fire. At this point, they decided not to abandon the ship, and an order was given to salvo everything they could in order to try to make it to the North Sea. Still dropping, and already at a very low altitude, the shocked crewmen scrambled to the radio room to prepare as best they could for the inevitable. Halek, along with (co-pilot) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Harlan Adams wrestled the plane into a hard, wheels-up (belly) landing in a plowed field near Sittensen, Germany. No crewmen would be injured in the crash, but all were immediately captured by Serbian farm laborers, then quickly turned over to German forces, thus becoming some of the more than 28,000 U.S. airmen who would become POWs during the conflict. Initially sent to Stalag XIIID, Dad and his crew were soon moved to Stalag VIIA, near Moosburg. My dad never talked much about his time spent in the POW camps, but he told me that the airmen were not abused or mistreated - - their main problem was that nobody in camp ever got medical attention or had enough food to eat. At that later point in the war, the malnourished conditions began to affect their German captors as well. This led to a somewhat "humorous" occurrence. Toward the war's end (~Mar-Apr 1945) and with General Patton's Army making huge, liberating strides eastbound across Europe, the German guards became a little "less motivated" at their assigned watches. So, my dad and a buddy would sneak away from camp to forage the surrounding fields in search of additional food for themselves and for their campmates. It was during one of these scavenging treks that their captors at last decided to completely leave their posts; the camp was basically freed. Unfortunately, Dad and his pal returned to find that their camp was now completely empty and abandoned! As a result, they had to journey on their own back to the port of Le Havre in order to ship back to the states. To complete the circle of this story, my dad got safely back to U.S. soil on June 15 1945. Their wrecked plane, #43-38533, was also eventually returned to the U.S. and was scrapped around 1948 - - in Texas. Dad would spend his professional career in Public Health in the Los Angeles area, and he succumbed to lung cancer just short of his

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Rick Hilton







**Your editor's Flagship Detroit— a DC-3 reconditioned by a consortium in 2013.**

Don white's Stinger



**Full scale or model? Answer on next page,**



President Emeritus– George Dawe

Full-scale chopper over-  
flying our field





Greg Wilson

Patrick Pratica



**This coyote ran down our runway so fast that it took off! Look at it flying! This un-retouched photo was shot from our pit area. Jim Gallacher called it out!**



**Parviz Kamiab—great smile!**



**The master sailplaners– L/R Parviz Kamiab, Jim Gallacher, Mike Lonnecker**





**John Petrash and his “Vilga”, a Polish designed STOL**



Some of us were at the field when someone said, “Look at that!” Something was flying at several thousand feet. We thought it was an r/c plane and George Dawe said, “It’s definitely not a bird because it has not flapped its wings.” All we could see was a speck in the sky with white wings. I took this blurry photo of the “plane” and to our amazement, it turned out to be a giant bird! Since we are inland about 22 miles from the coast, it is unlikely it was a pelican. Anyone know what type bird this actually is?



**Mike Lonnecker**



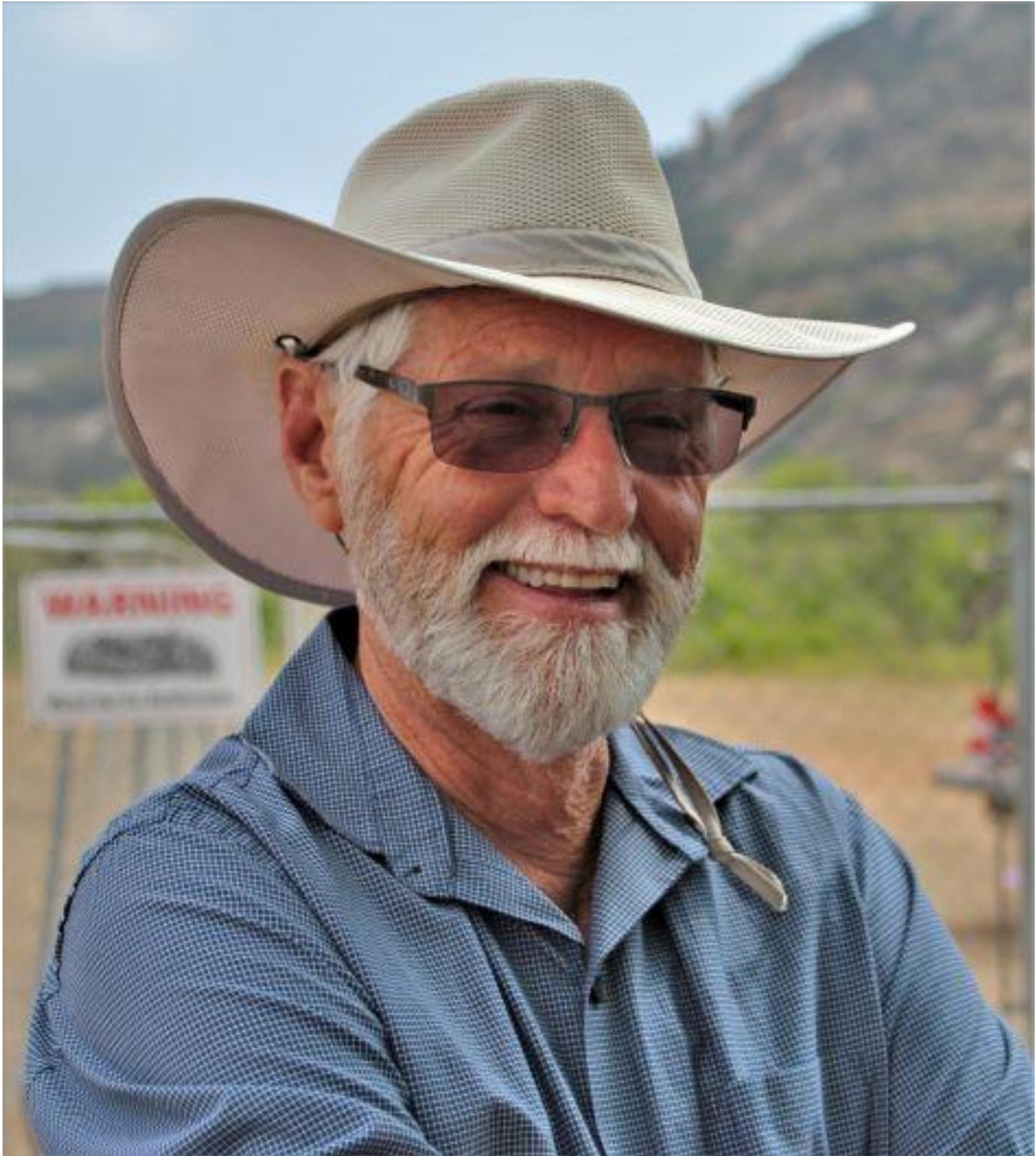
**Steve Staudenmeir**



**Patrick Pranica**



**Greg Wilson, Phil Kogan, Bill Hill, Patrick Pranica**



**Safety Officer Jim Christy**

**Great Smile!**

**Richard Nelson and his F-22 sleek Raptor**





**Bill Hill's Fokker DR-1 won Model-of-the-Month for May 2021.**







**F-22 Raptor**

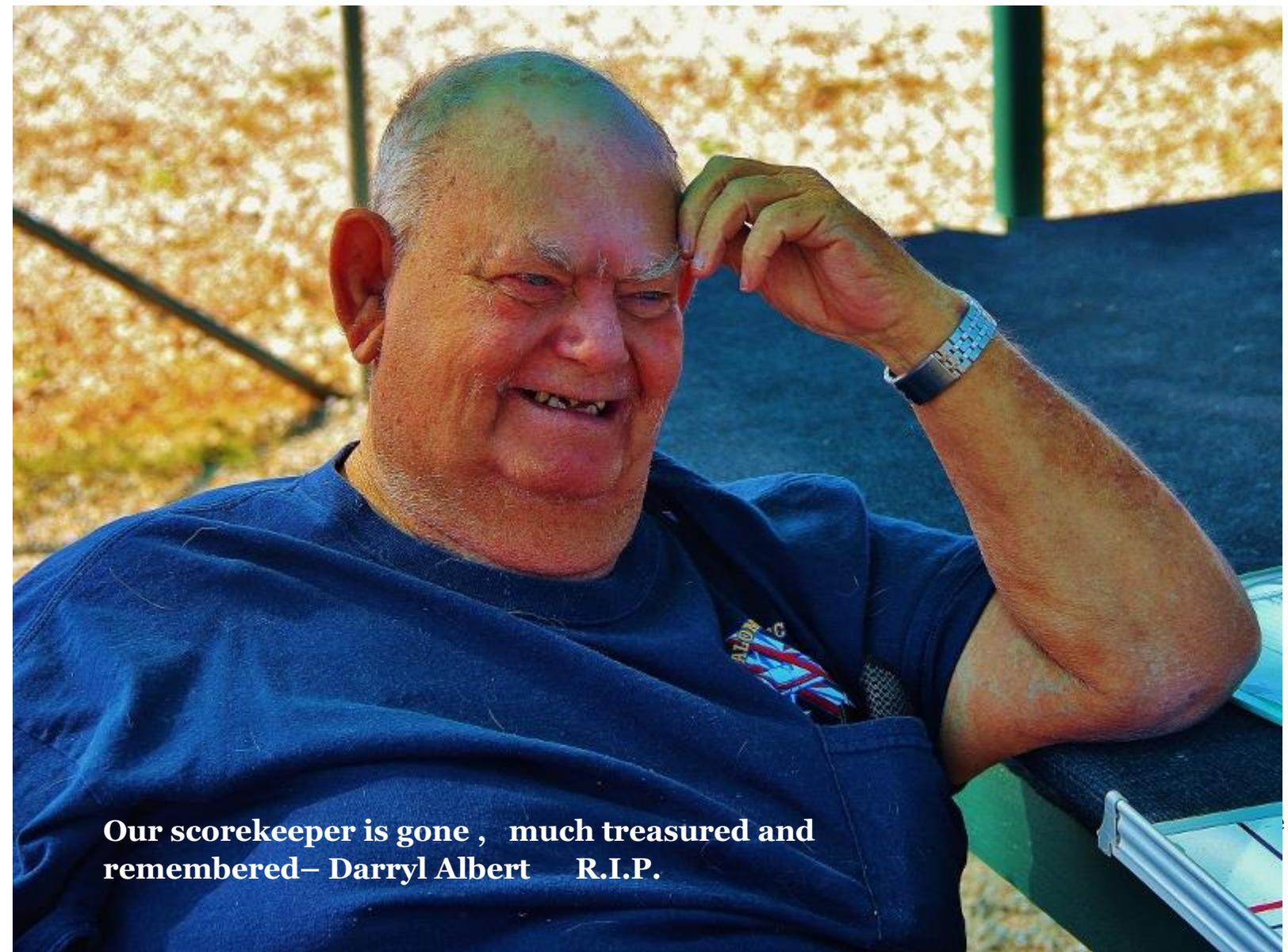


**This B-24 is what scale flying is all about!**





**The monthly Trifecta was held on May 8, 2021, but your editor was not feeling well and was unable to photograph the event.**



**Our scorekeeper is gone , much treasured and remembered– Darryl Albert R.I.P.**



**T-28 by E-Flite**



**One of our resident red-tailed hawks**



**On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 9:35 PM Chris Thompson wrote:**

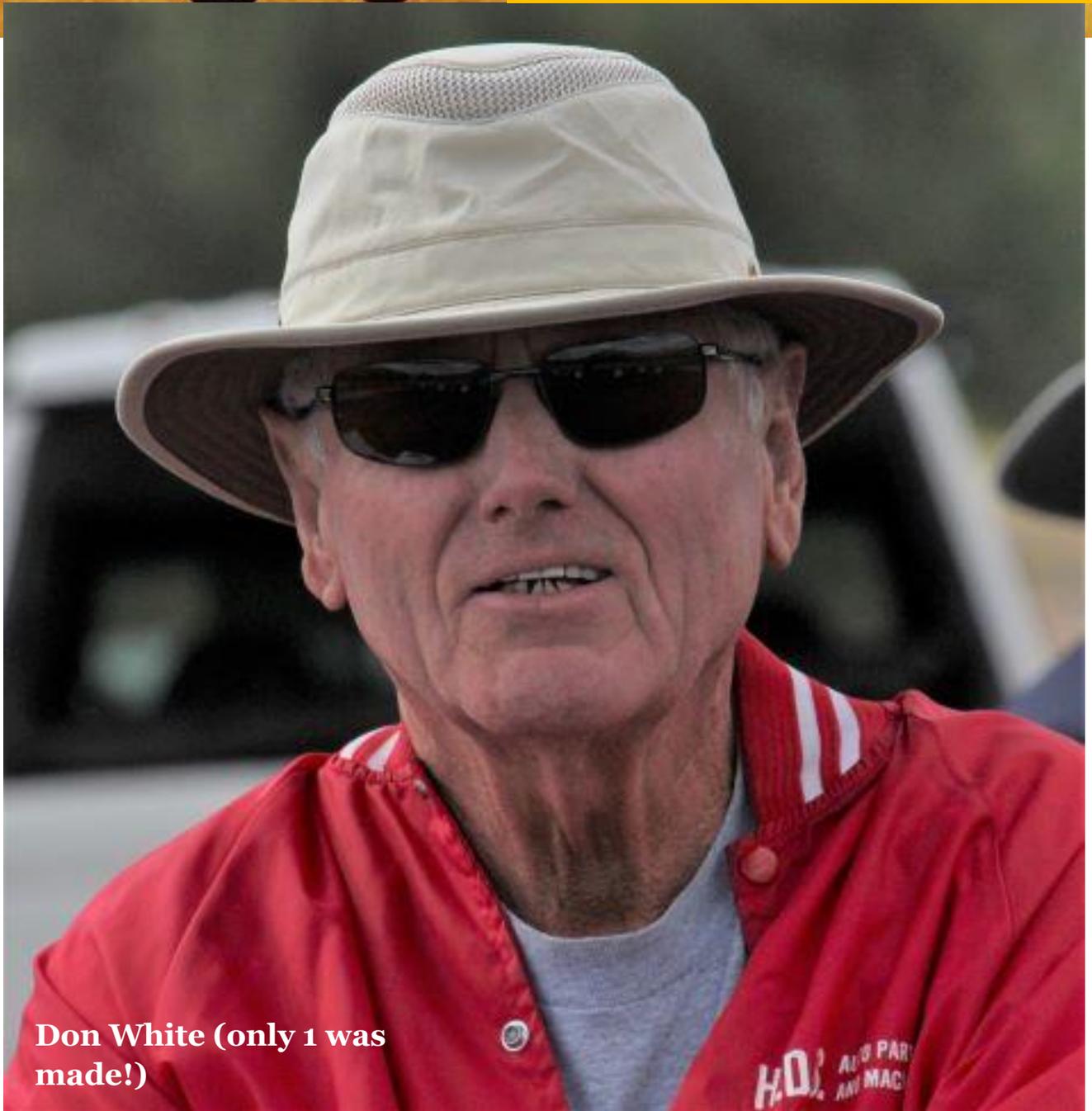
**Today at about 1320 hours, a brush fire burned an area near the west end of the runway. No one was flying at the time when Steve Gebler and I observed the fire start when a power line broke. The live wires started fires in two different areas between poles. County and Cal-Fire responded and put the fires out. SDGE responded and replaced the downed wire. The SDGE foreman said the wind caused two lines to touch causing an arc and one wire broke.**

**Flight operations were suspended for a short time and resumed when the Fire crews left.**





**Patrick Pranica's PT-17 Stearman Bipe from 1934. 10,000 were made!**



**Don White (only 1 was made!)**

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**New member Chuck Ehin      Welcome!**

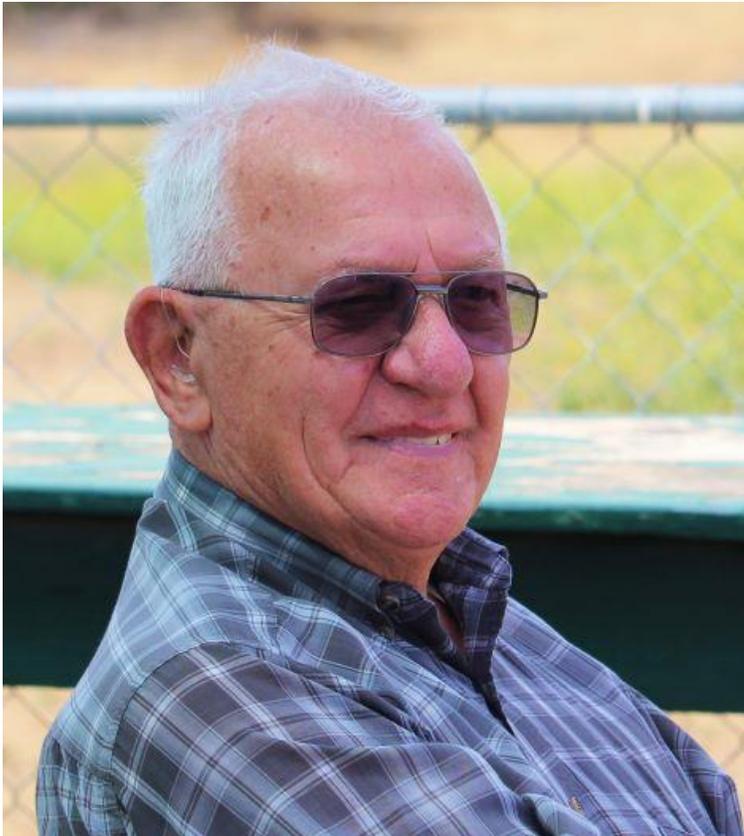
# May 22, 2021 Monthly Club Meeting

Now that the meetings are held at our field, many more members attend than when they were held at the Senior Citizen's Center in San Marcos. Additionally, we save thousands of dollars per year because we no longer pay to rent that facility. It appears to be a win-win situation for us. Below is President Chris Thompson who leads our club and our monthly meetings.

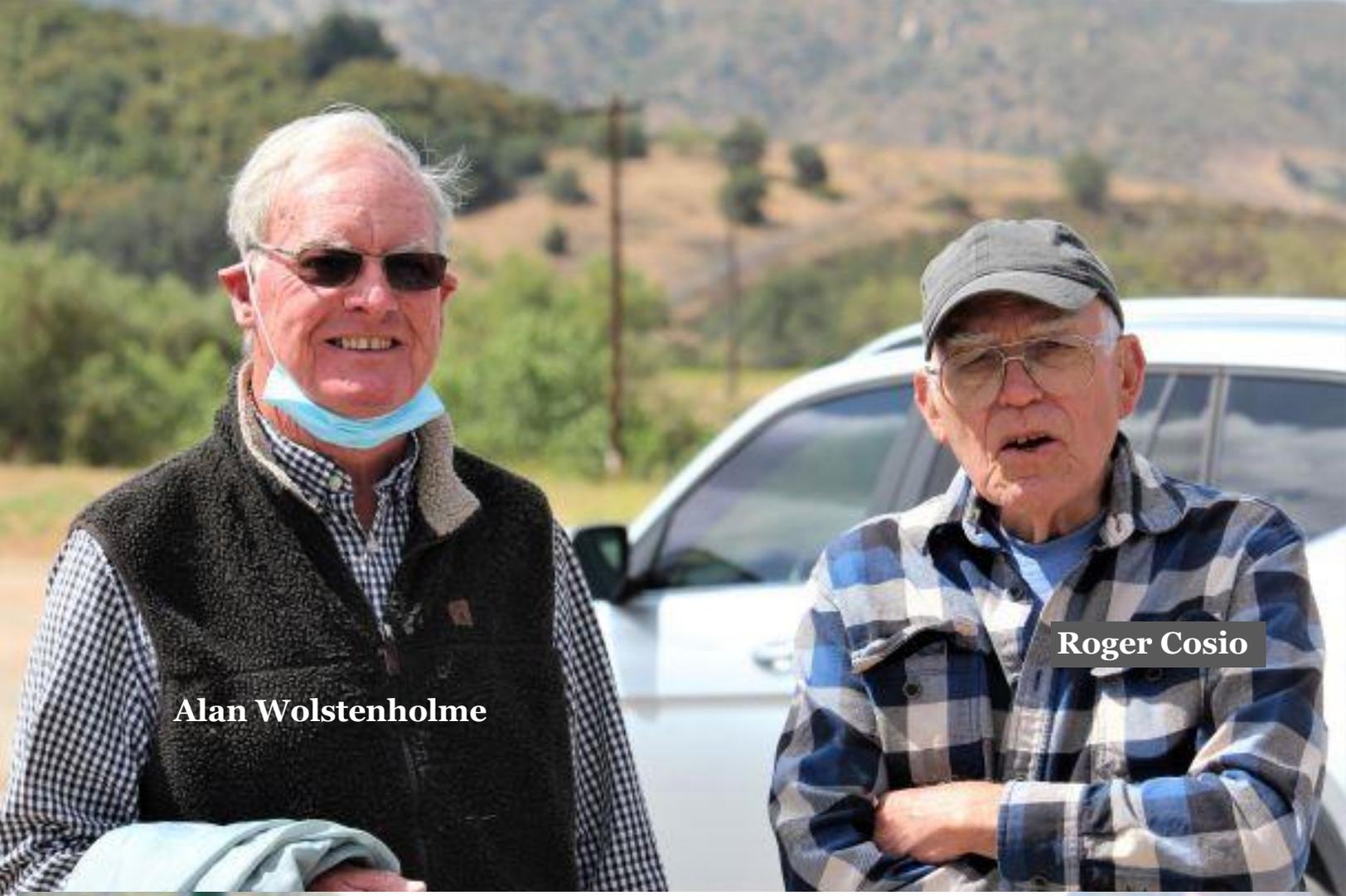




**Dave Ellis giving his treasurer's report at our club meeting.**



**Lord Creedon**



**Alan Wolstenholme**

**Roger Cosio**



**Mark Olarsch**

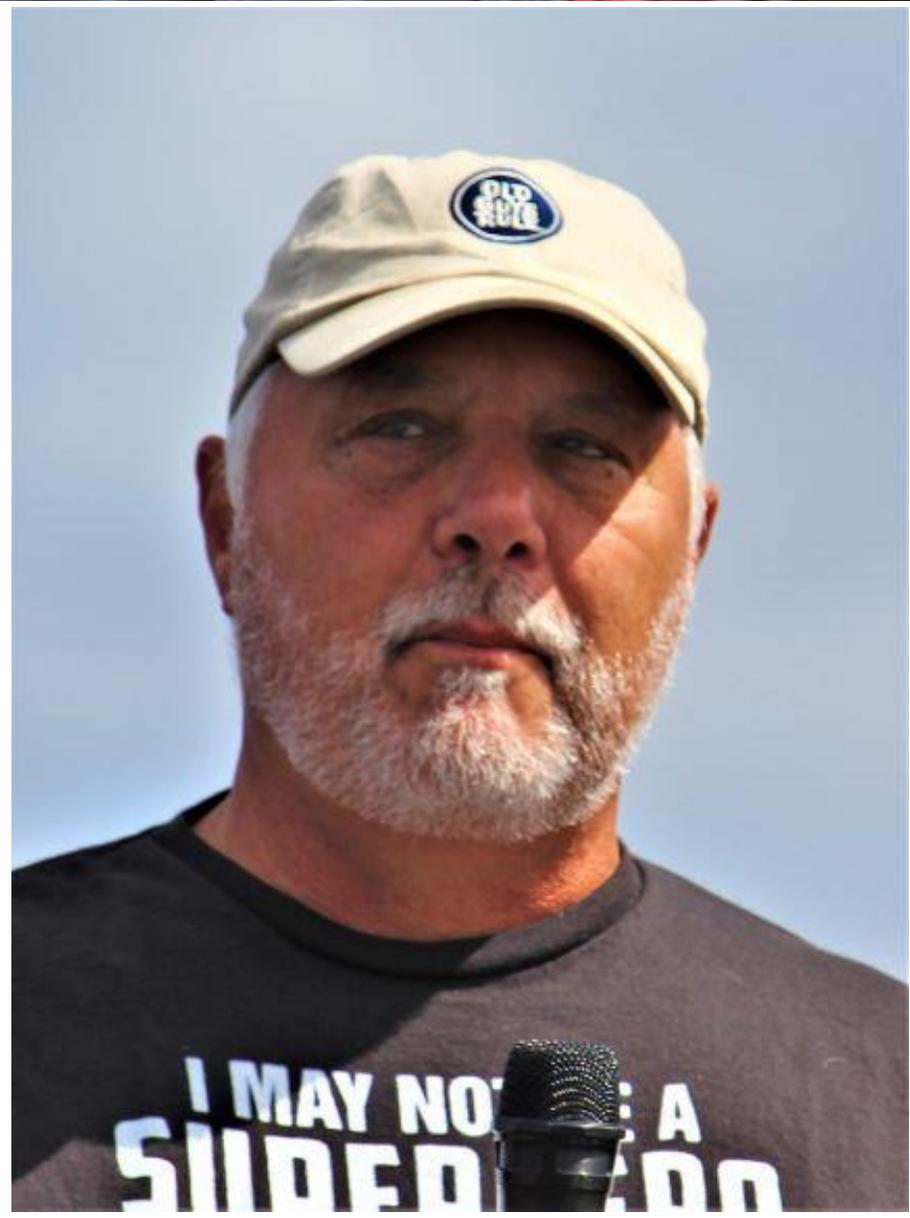
**President Emeritus  
Bill Hill**



**Bill Hill and his rubber-powered beautiful Waco YMF-5. No, it's not r/c.**



**Scott Dedic gave a report on the upcoming Heli Fun-Fly to take place June 10-13 at our field. We expect 70 pilots to participate in this event which includes night flying.**

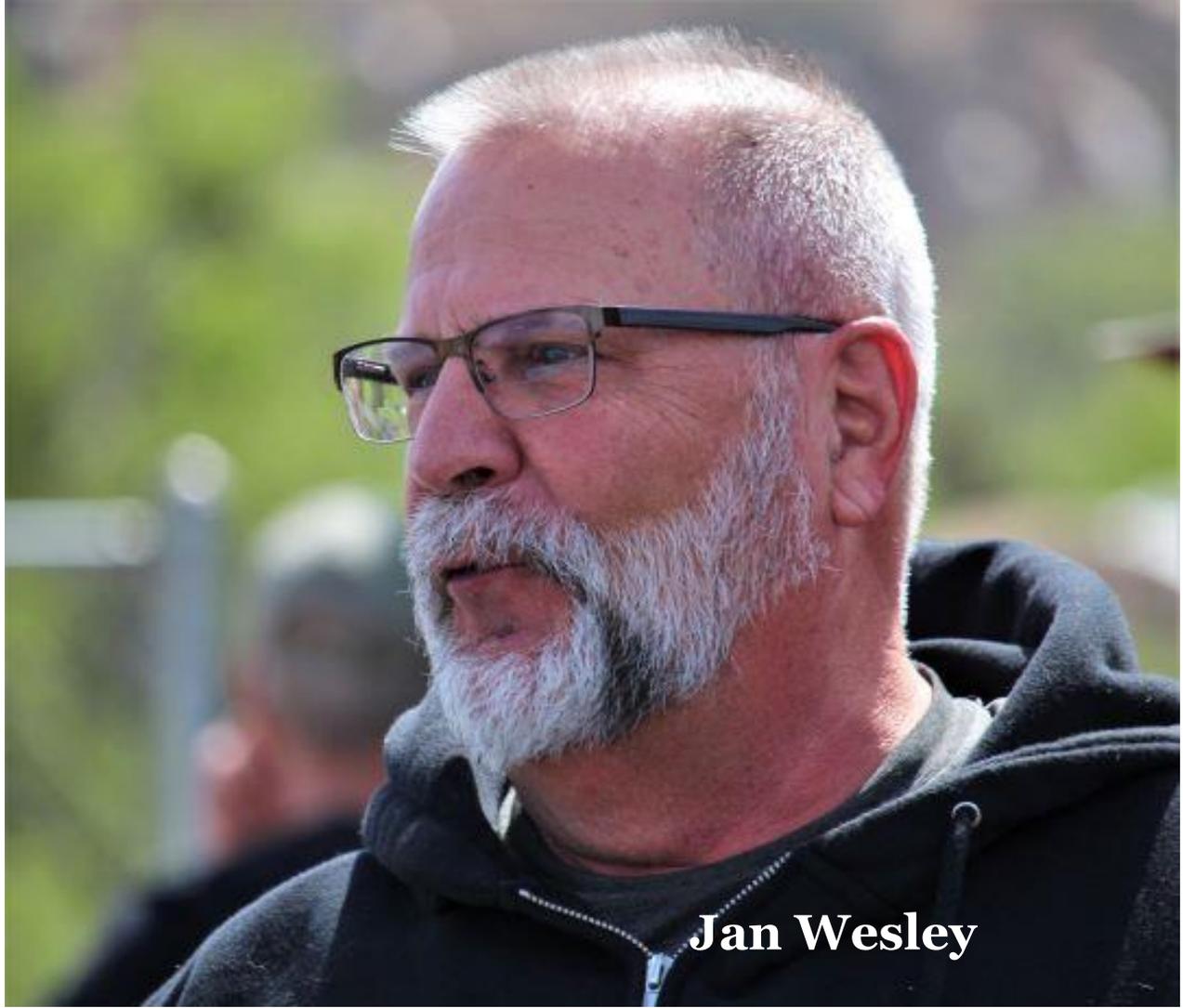




**Pancho Castillo brought his Spitfire to show for model-of-the-month.**



**Vic Lerum brought his F-14 Tom Cat and won Model-of-the-Month with it. What a beauty– that is– the plane!**



**Jan Wesley**



**Vicente Dominguez won the raffle.**



**Barbara Villarreal is the “second lady” of the club. Her husband Joe is our vice-president.**

**Members- Elise Schneider and Tim Daugherty**



**Chris Reiser**





**Bill Hill's "Paper Cub."**

## May 2021 Minutes

Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

**President: Chris Thompson, Vice President: Joe Villarreal, Treasurer: David Ellis, Secretary: Patrick Pranica. Safety Officer: Jim Christy**

**Board members: Chris Avellino, Chris Wilson, Trent Stadick, Doug Abel Don Davis, Scott Dedic, Phil Kogan**

**Additional Roles: Chief Flight Instructor: Don Davis, Membership Chairman: Steve Kerrin. Webmaster: Richard Torres**

**Call to order: 6:35 via zoom**

### Treasurer's Summary for Month of May 2021

**Total Income: \$960.00**

**Mostly Membership, \$60 Heli Fun Fly entries.**

**Total Expenses: \$1,925.41**

**Big items:**

**\$420 the usual field maintenance items.**

**\$550 Shirts for Heli Fun Fly**

**\$660 Training program expenses**

**Net income: -\$965.41**

**End of Month Balance: \$105,505.92**

**Membership: Currently we are at 250 members. New roster is in work. Will be a strong year as members from other clubs join us.**

### **Chair Reports**

**Safety: Transmitter set up continue to cause flight control issues. Failure to check battery connections are crashing airplanes. Too many members are taking off before the white line endangering those on the flight line. Remedial training is suggested for less proficient pilots.**

**Fixed Wing: Nothing to report. October *Feed the Jungle* fun fly is in process.**

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**Drone: Nothing to report**

**Heli: Heli fun fly is all but ready to go. Shirts are ordered. Pilots are pre-registering. Big raffle prizes have been donated. We anticipate early arrivals to camp out. We expect to see up to 70 pilots.**

**Glider: Nothing new to report.**

**Flight Training: Is doing exceptionally well. Spreading out the training days is helping with the increased interest. Are getting excellent feedback.**

**New Field search: Pappas announcement. We have two max three years left on the property. Surveyors will be present this summer. In contact with the Parks and Recs manager to put a flying field on park property. Need to get on their books for public discussion.**

**Gold Club Status: High achievement and kudos from the AMA. Pins to be distributed to members. Thank you, Trent Stadick,**

**Events: Will be posted on web site**

**Recruitment of Officers and Board for next year: As with every year we need to find more volunteer to fill the vacancies for 2022.**

**Mowing Again: Mowing will continue through the summer.**

**Heli Fun Fly: June 10-13. All issues have been locked down. People will begin to arrive at noon on the 10th.**

**Meetings continuing at the Field: Until the fall meetings will continue at the field. Attendance has improved**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:47**



**Lou Governale**



**Charles Lewis**



**Palomar Flyers Heli Fun Fly June 10-13, 2021**



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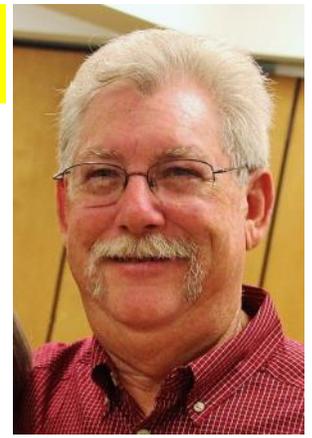
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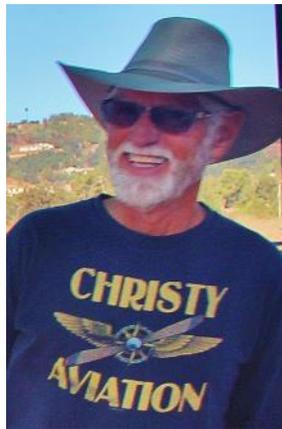
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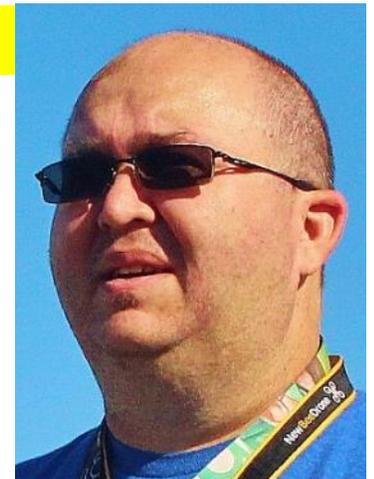
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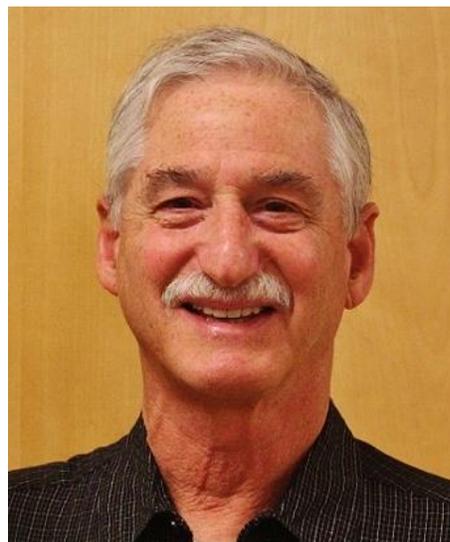
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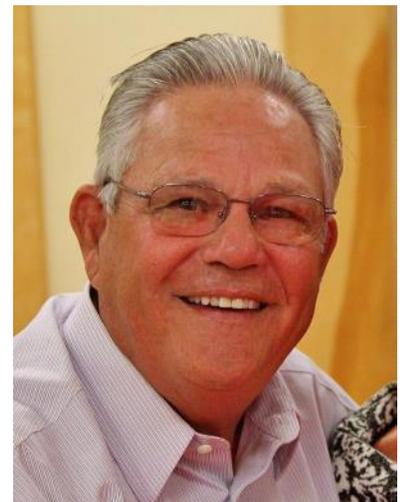
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