



Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

# Transmitter

## May 2024



Hello and welcome to May 2024! We have had several positive turns in our quest to transition to Valley Center. We were fortunate to have the ability to speak with a Civil Engineer who has experience and knowledge about the specifics regarding relocating to Valley Center. On the basis of this information, we are going forward to preparing the site so we can fly there. I believe we will establish our presence at the new site within the next 30-45 days. We intend to do the bare minimums at the site to begin flying there. That said, Scott Ralston will begin improving the access road to potential locations on the property; the roads are pretty rough now.

We examined the fire in the jungle. The take away from the discussion is to realize that if your plane isn't acting "normal" on the ground, don't expect it to clear in the air...

**We have the Helicopter fun fly at the field May 2- May 5.** The field will be mowed April 27. If you have a weed-Wacker we could use your help around the gait and along fence lines. (earn Palomar Dollars!)

**The field will be closed Thursday thru Sunday May 2 to May 5 to accommodate motor home and trailer parking.**

As always, you, the Members, have the final say with respect to direction we are going as a club. Should you have a suggestion or complaint, please reach out to me or a Board member.

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

President.

# March 2024 BOD Minutes

## Palomar Radio Control Flyers Inc.

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by: Patrick Pranica, Secretary PRCF

**President:** Charles Lewis **Vice President:** Don Davis, **Treasurer:** Doug Abel **Secretary:** Patrick Pranica. **Safety Officer:** Jim Christy

**Board members:** Steve Gebler, Chuck Riley, Scott Dedic, Eric Armstrong, Vic Lerum. **Additional Roles:** **Chief Flight Instructor:** Don Davis, **Membership Chairman:** Jim Christy. **Webmaster:** Richard Torres

**Call to order: March 14, 2024, 6:30 PM Via Zoom.**

#### Treasurer's Summary for Month of February 2024

##### **Total Income - \$1,581.00**

Big Items: (approx.)

\$150 2024 Heli Fun Fly pre-registration  
\$260 for food from Dawn Patrol event  
\$1300 for 2024 Membership dues

##### **Total Expenses - \$1037.48**

Big Items: (Approx)

\$570 for porta potty, trash, field maintenance  
\$425 for Food/snacks for Dawn Patrol and club meetings

##### **Total Net Gain of \$543.52**

**Total Account balance for the club as of 3-11-2024 is \$118,546.09**

**Training:** To begin June 2024. So far four students have applied. More expected as the weather warms up. Should be another productive season.

**Heli Fun Fly Mowing:** The rains have boosted the growth throughout the flying site. Mowing will commence and work its way down the runway and in parking areas. The rain continues to regrow the vegetation. Will need to monitor the situation.

**Valley Center Site:** A for sale sign was placed on the property. The owners anticipate no offers but did so to show the legal availability. Extensive discussion was given to when and how to proceed with the development of the site so as not to create a conflict with the county. George Dawe is on the case as he was with our current field.

We have a FRIA approval. EPA will take some time. We have to be patient with this process as any conflicts could be harmful and consequential.

**FAA trust enrollment must be completed by April 1.** If these requirements are not met, pilots will not be allowed to fly. Further discussions will be held at the club meeting. Emails will be sent to those that did not comply. **All member must have their AMA and FAA secured and paid for by May, 2024.**

**Doug Able was selected as Sergeant of Arms.**

**Hemit Laminater:** purchase from the Hemit Club was approved.

**April 7: Trifecta scheduled.**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM**

**PRCF Board Meeting 4/16/24**

**Fire in the Jungle due to defective speed control and ignition of 12S LIPO batteries. Fire department responded. Christy to gather information for a report on cause of trouble**

**Financial report:**

**Income \$1070 Expense \$1844 Balance \$117,771**

**Barbecue burner replacement approved for \$300**

**Mowing of the field for Heli Fun Fly and rocketry event was approved.**

**Scout event on 5/11. Rocketry, buddy boxing. Event from 9-2**

**Porta potty servicing and opening of extra potty**

**Extra Trash servicing required during the Fun Fly event Order 2 hand washing stations'**

**Street sweeper to clean runways after mowing Notification to pilots flying out of bounds**

**Valley Center Field Development**

**Mike Smith and Jim Christy field development plan approved Staged process to fix roads and then eventually runway, slowly Armstrong, Davis and Peters to meet with Equestrian tenants**

**Ralston to repair the roads at Johnston field this week**

**Davis report on field improvement grant from AMA. Need to specify more community involvement**

**Photographer request to use the field denied**

**Dispute by a hostile member about the development of a flyer about the heli Fun Fly. At the member's request, he will be given his money back. If he chooses to reapply for membership he may do so.**

**Create an arbitration process for disputes with members in the future**

**Heli Fun Fly May 2-5**

**Attendees: Dedic, Gebler, Armstrong, Christy, Lewis, Gallacher, Abel, Riley, Davis, Lerum**

**Gebler acting secretary due to Pranica illness.**

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, there was a fire in the jungle. One of our members had, what we believe, their 200 amp ESC catch fire which led to an unresponsive aircraft which struck a tree and landed at the edge of the jungle. The 12-S battery packs ignited causing a number of trees to catch fire in the jungle.

Cal Fire was called and responded quickly so that the fire would not spread.

Fortunately, the fire was contained quickly but the aircraft was a complete loss.

President Emeritus Steve Gebler.....

As the plane was flying east over the far end of our field toward the jungle, Charlie Lewis and I were sitting in the pits watching. Suddenly, we saw a smoke trail, and thought it was intentional. When the smoke became black we realized the plane was burning inside! It rounded the top of the tree where the airplane is hanging but hit the top branch which brought it down. Soon there were billows of smoke and flames! Big flames! High flames! The fire department came and doused it. In a later photo you can see one of the plane's wings stuck in a tree. It did not survive the blaze. Joe Buko— editor





On the left side directly above is a grey object. Below it is enlarged and the wing is visible along with what looks like a servo. It did not escape the fire. At one point, I heard a loud POP! which was the battery exploding!





Here is a clearer photo of the wing. The left portion of the wing is burning and flames are plainly visible! The plane disintegrated on the way down through the trees.





**These two photos courtesy of Steve Gebler.**



Here's a photo of that plane at the top of the "crashing tree"



**At the top of the tree is a model plane and at the bottom near the flames is a grey wing.**







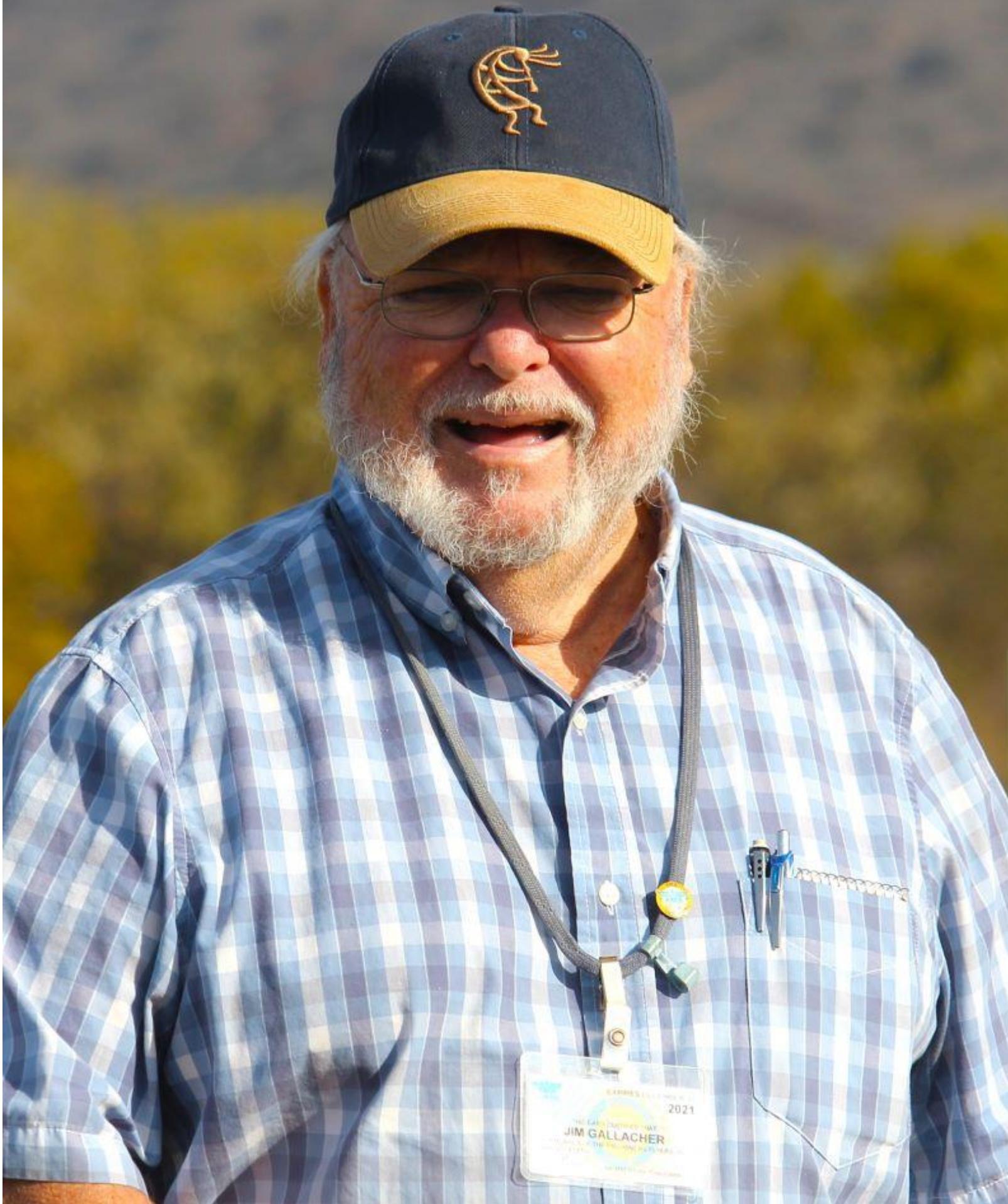
**The remains of the plane were few.**



**Bobby Johannes**

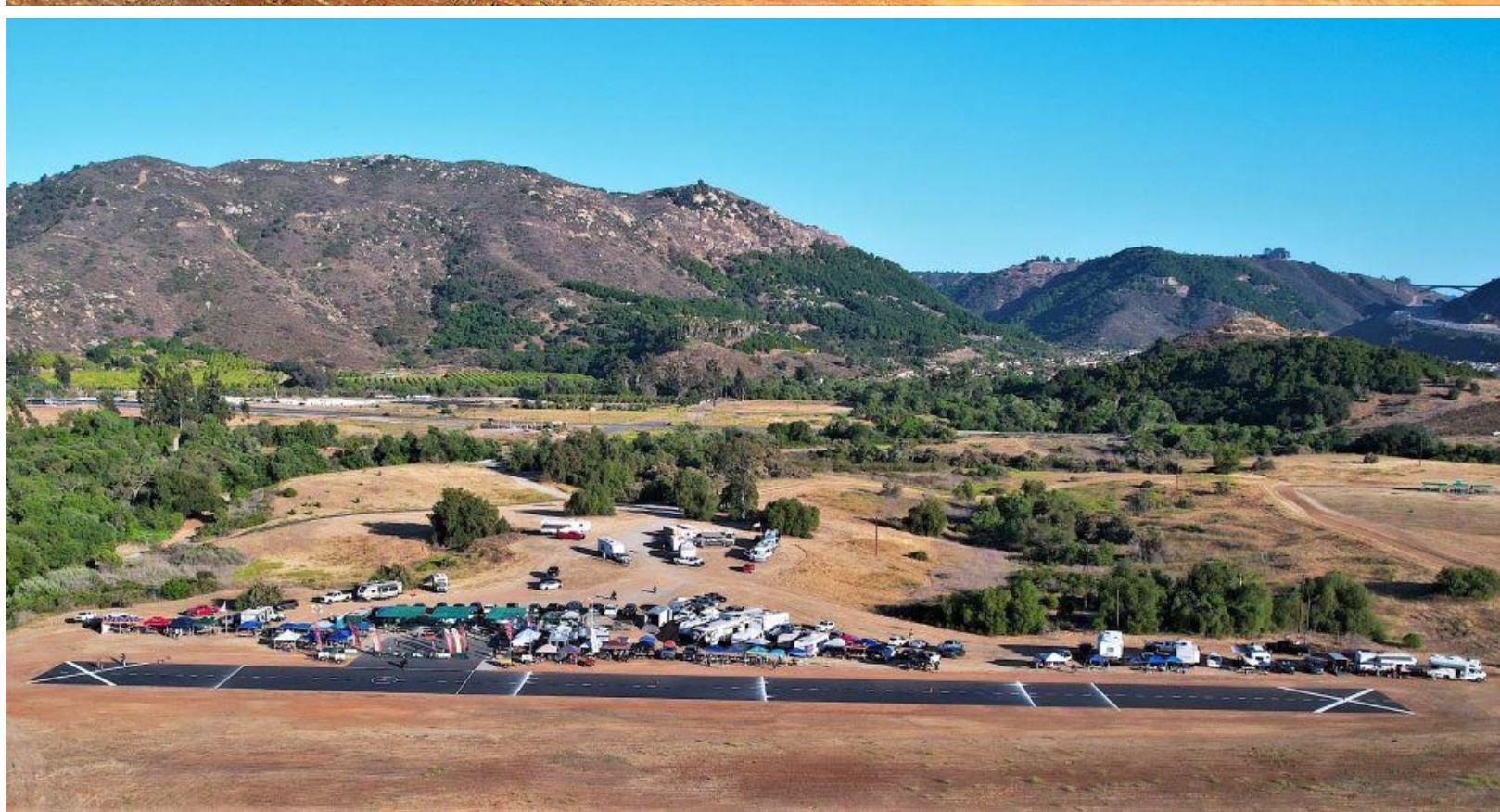


**Is this a steamboat? Some say Scott Ralston was on fire and burning. Others say he is a fireman. Some say he is smokin' hot!**



**The April issue of the Transmitter inadvertently omitted the publication of the mandatory photo of Jim Gallacher. To make amends, here is a full page of this AV8er.**

**San Diego Heli Fun Fly will be on May 2 to May 5, 2024 at our field. This is an AMA sanctioned event; these two photos are from a past Heli Fun Fly. Doug Abel is the CD. It is our premier event for the year!**







**F7F Tigercat**



**From Ian MacLaughlin's hangar.**

Trifecta April 7, 2024





**Randy Brunette**



**Cap't Steve**



**Chuck Riley-Treasurer *emeritus!***



William Taft



Scott Ralston and Ernie Gebler who is from Brooklyn, NYC





**Waynes Bonfietti**



**Mark Olsen**



**President Emeritus Joe Villarreal**

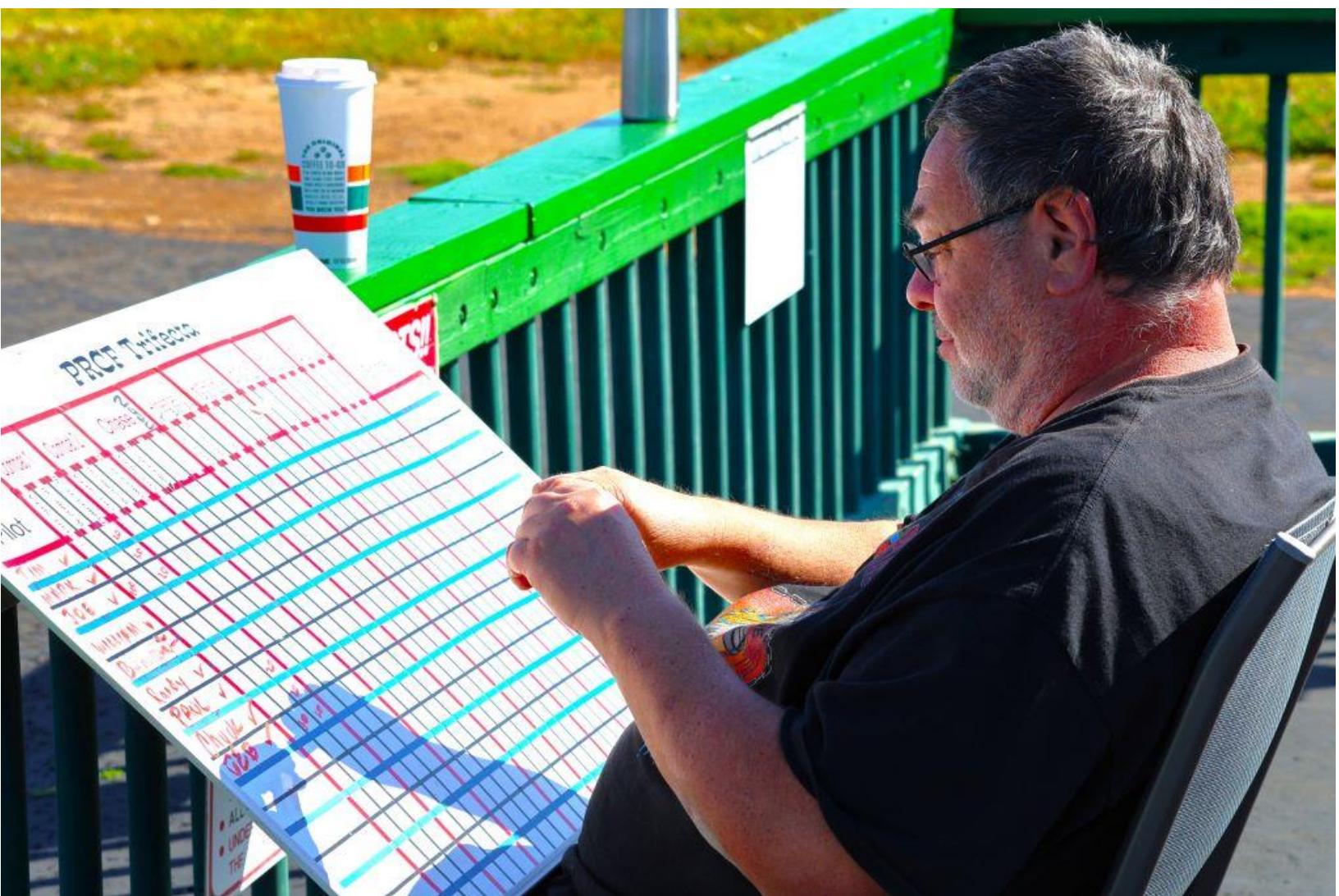


Guess who



Chuck Riley

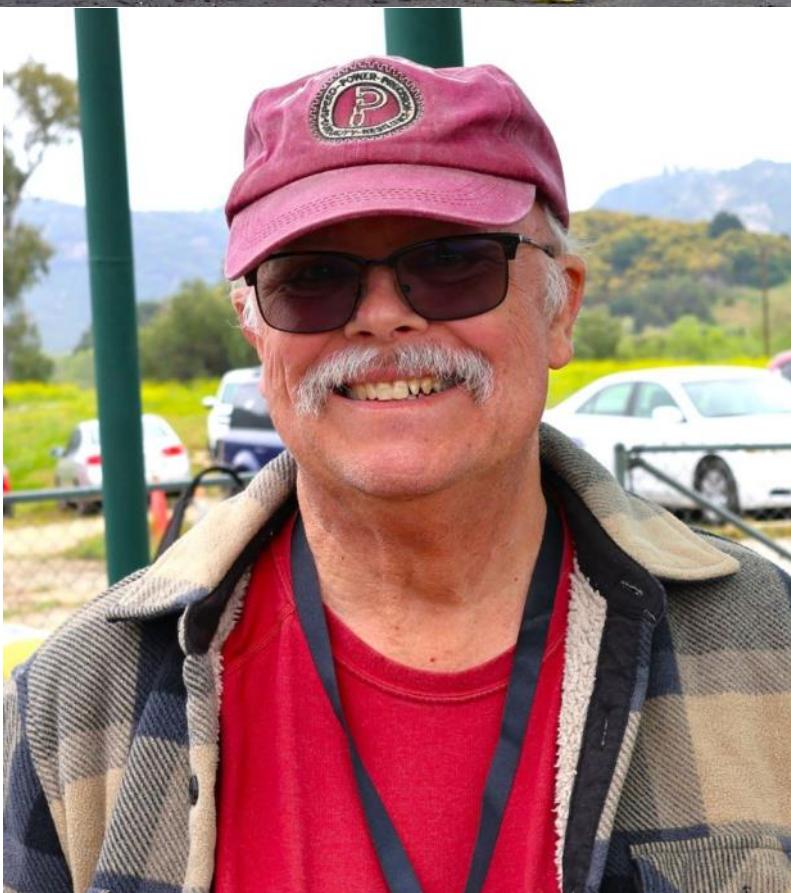
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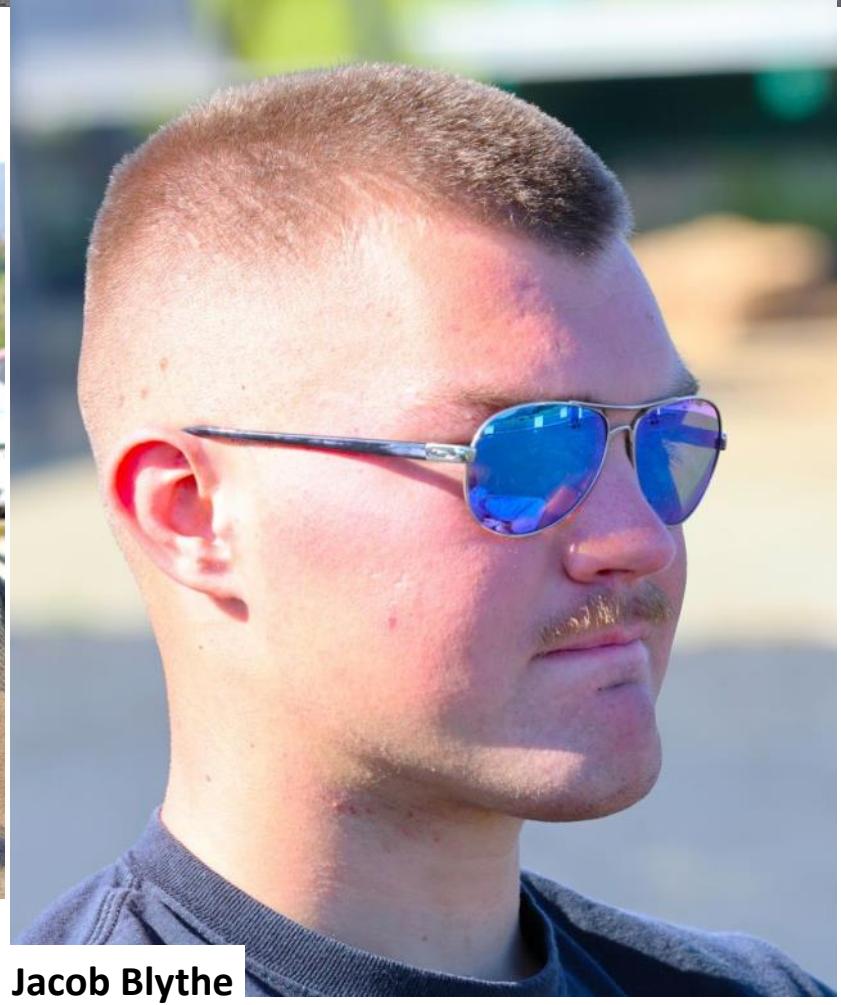
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Myron Wooley



Jacob Blythe



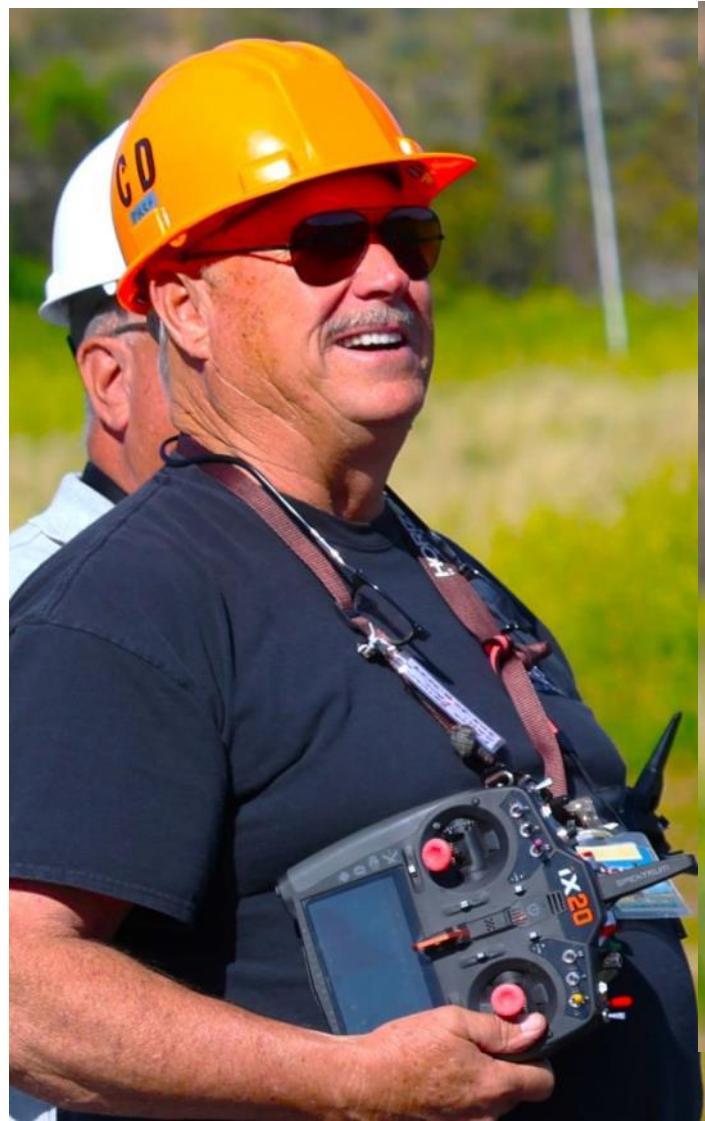
***President emeritus Steve Gebler***



**Mark Olsen**



**Mark Olarsch the Scorekeeper**



**Paul Broyles**

**William Taft**



**Mark Olsen, Paul Broyles, William Taft, Chuck Riley, Steve Gebler, Tim Hitchcock, Joe Vil-larreal, Randy Brunette**



**Trifecta winners: Joe Villarreal-3; William Taft-1; Chuck Riley-2**

**Due to the Heli-Fun-Fly, the next  
Trifecta will be on June 1, 2024. The  
May Trifecta is cancelled.**



Jim Figger





**Cap't Steve Gebler**







If it's  
Boeing, I'm  
not going!

As seen on a 2019 Toyota Prius at the field. One wag tailored a real Boeing sign to misread its message.



**President Charles Lewis began our monthly club meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2024.**



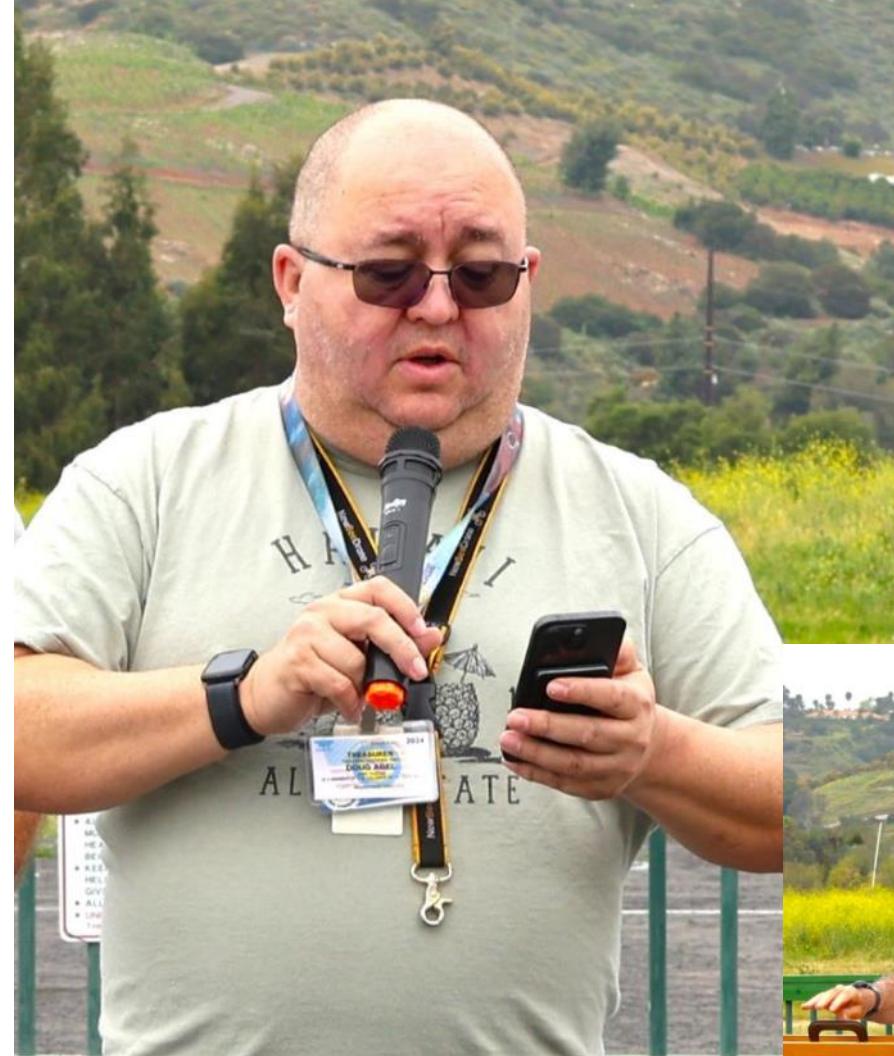
**Mark Olsen presented his pattern ship for Model of the Month. It's a Kaos and flies well.**



**Bobby Johannes, Steve Gebler, Varley Longson, Eric Armstrong, Jacob Blythe (Standing) Brandon Liesemeyer (Standing)**



**Welcome to new members L/R Jade Carpenter, Ryan Plod, Steven Wernick, Pres. C. Lewis**



**Treasurer Doug Abel gave his monthly financial report.**

**Below, president emeritus George Dawe spoke about AMA & FAA regs pertaining to model flying.**





The 2 men closest to the camera are John Hartsell Sr. and Larry Hufford



Elise Schneider

Tim Daugherty



**Jacob Blythe**

**Roger Cosio**

**John Hartsell Jr.**



**President Charlie Lewis**

**Webmaster Richard Torres**



**Mark Olarsch won Model-of-the-Month for April 2024 with this beautiful Nieuport 17 constructed from a Balsa USA kit.**



Vice President  
Don  
Davis



Mark Olarsch won Model of the Month for his Nieuport 17. Well done!



**President Emeritus Varley Longson**

**Board Member Chuck Riley**





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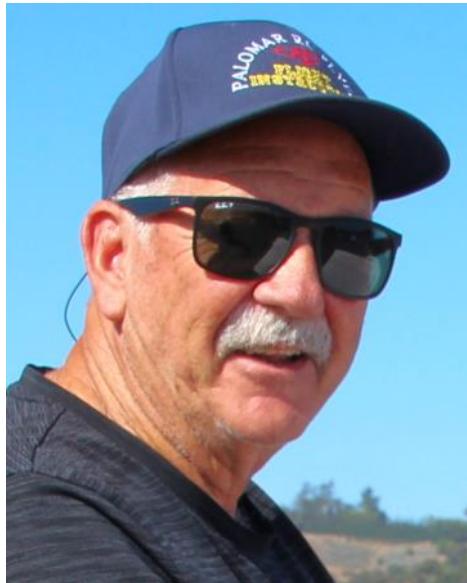
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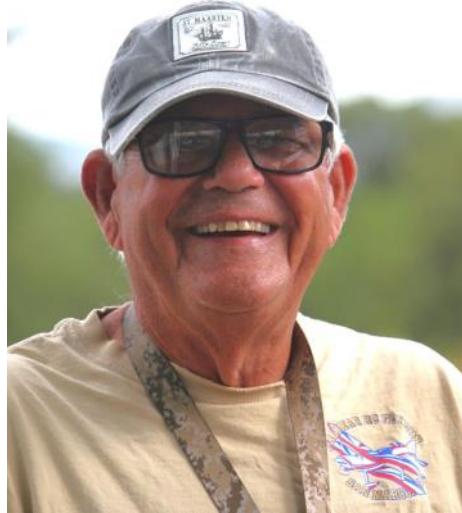
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**James Christy—Membership Chairman and Safety Officer**



**President Charles Lewis**

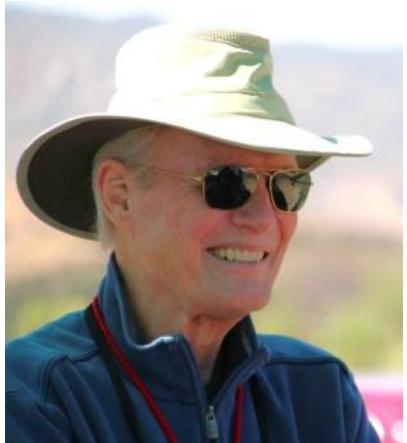


**Vice president Don Davis**

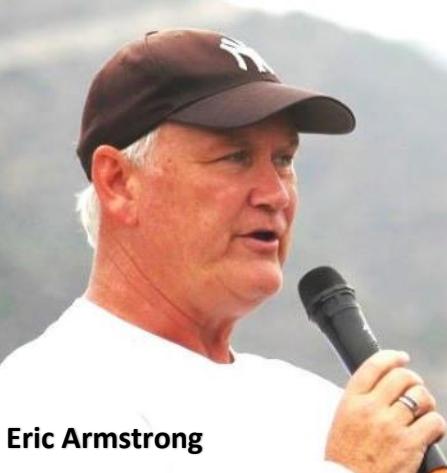


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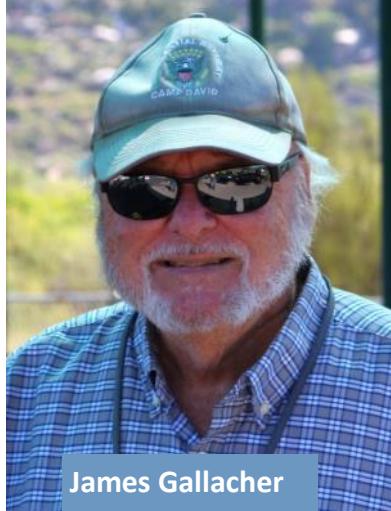
**Secretary Patrick Pranica**



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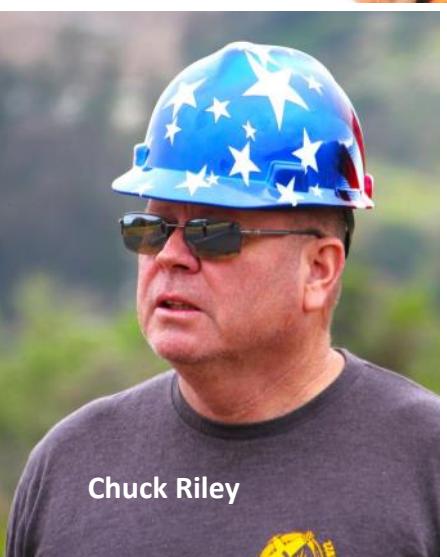
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