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Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters,

This is a special edition of NASA News, and unfortunately it carries sad news. I regret to inform everyone of Mike Killmer's passing.

Most of you know Mike's role in NASA, and why he warrants a special edition of NASA News. For those of you who don't know, Mike was one of the founding fathers of NASA. Mike and John Hall came up with the idea of NASA and having a dedicated shooting range. It is through their hard work and dedication that we even have a shooting range in St. Johns. Their efforts have helped ensure that future generations will have a safe and enjoyable place to shoot.

I have asked Pat Hall, another founding father (mother?), to write a little bit about Mike and his role in NASA. You can read her words further down in this newsletter.

There will be a memorial service for Mike on Saturday, May 3rd, 10:00am at Concho Lake. "Dress casual and bring your fishin' poles! (A license might be good too!)"

Sincerely,

Bowen Udall Vice President Northeastern Arizona Sportsman's Association, Inc.

Letter from Pat Hall:

Way back in 1997, two guys sitting at Rhino Horn drinking coffee decided to start a shooting club. They wanted something that everyone – especially families in the community – could enjoy, as well as teaching young and old alike to shoot safely and well. And so – Northeastern Arizona Sportsmen's Association – or NASA – was born! In 1998, they held their first meeting and selected three officers: President, Mike Killmer; Vice-president, John Hall; and Secretary/Treasurer: Pat Hall (I didn't attend that first meeting so didn't have a choice). They even talked Ross Carpenter into joining (because he was the only gun dealer in town). We weren't very "democratic" back then, but we sure had a lot of fun. Mike and John's girls all learned how to shoot, safely and well; however, they were never as competitive as their fathers, which is probably why they are good friends today. Mike and John, just two old friends who loved to shoot and wanted to share it with their friends and the community.

Pat Hall

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