



The Southern California Flyer

Meeting 1st Saturday of month at 10AM



Prez Sez

by — Glenn Frehafer

Hanging out at Nichols Field last Saturday with Mike McIntyre and Pete Sigrist, we noticed heavy smoke rising to the East from us. Mike remarked, "you have a cell phone don't you? Maybe you should call that in. I forgot mine today." I looked at the smoke again; it seemed pretty close, so I dialed 911. The operator said to stay on the line, then asked what the call was about and wanted my location.

After explaining everything the operator confirmed that the fire had already been called in and that there were responders on the way. It wasn't too much longer before we heard and saw the bombers in the air making their attack on the flames. It went on all afternoon. It was rather frightening. The smoke was thick and dark grey and in two distinct columns

Pete was leaving, worn out from the morning's work with Mike. I asked him to call the list when he got home since we didn't have one in the club house. At one point ashes were coming down on me as I stood outside looking at the bombers doing their work. Bob Moses was busy setting up sprinklers and driving the water truck around. He got the fire hoses out of the club's shipping container shed and discovered one had a hole in it and two were moldy. What a great time to make the discovery, just when we might need them!



We found out from Monte that the police had closed highway 94. I had called him to let him know about the fire since he had been there in the morning to fly with Mike and he had decided to come back. They wouldn't let anyone get by. Bob would send out scouts on motorcycles from Nichols to see what the fire was doing. Though the wind was blowing from the west the fire was creeping toward Nichols.

Gradually the smoke turned white and wispy from heavy and dark. The bombers were having a good effect on the fire at last. I texted Larry to let him know. Around 6:00 pm I was getting hungry. There was no lunch today, and all had left except for a few Sky Dive employees and Bob Moses. I decided to leave.

On my way out I discovered that there was another police check point on Otay Lakes Road by the turn off on Wueste Road, and a pile of people waiting there. Nichols was isolated. Only those already there could do anything to mitigate the danger to the Field. But how would they get food or drink or supplies? Once past the checkpoints you couldn't get back in.

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Wanted:

Roving reporters. Been to a fly-in lately, taken a trip, been to another chapter meeting? Take your camera, we'll do the rest. A short telephone interview and we can compose a great feature that your fellow members will enjoy.

Members

**Time to
renew your
membership!**

EAA Chapter UL114 Shirts & Caps



As you can see we have many colors of shirts. Other colors can be ordered.

I will have order forms at the meeting.

Baseball caps are \$14 and T-shirts are \$18.

If you cannot attend the meeting,

please call me at

760.504.5503

Larry Faast

Secretary's Notepad

As Submitted by — Larry Faast



CHAPTER MEETING — February 4



WEB SITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.faa.gov/> Federal Aviation Administration

<http://www.faasafety.gov/> FAA Safety Courses. Etc.

<http://www.psaogrc.nasa.gov/asao.faa.ftml> Regulations

<http://www.sportys.com/> Airplane Stuff

<http://www.aircraftspruce.com/> Airplane Stuff

<http://www.eaa.org/> Experimental Aircraft Association

<http://www.sportpilot.org/> Website for Sport Pilots

<http://www.aopa.org/> Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn.



GENERAL MEETING —

Attendance: There were 31 people attending our meeting.

TREASURY REPORT

Mark Novak Chapter Treasurer, said we have *Money* in the club combined account.

GUEST VISITORS



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This made me think about how woefully unprepared we are for fire. It does no good to have the best equipment if there is no one there to use it. Even if people are present, there needs to be supplies, and communication, and support, food, and potable water.

I think that we need to work on a better plan and figure out how to support it. Any ideas? Anyone want to head up a task force? Let me know. The threat of fire in this part of the county is not going to go away!

Clouds

Clouds are classified by their appearance and height.

A high cloud group above 20,00 feet is prefixed by **cirro**, which means curls of hair in Latin. Usually signify good weather if winds are from W NW to N keep your eye open when they move in from other directions.

Mid level clouds from 6,500 to 20,00 feet are given the prefix **Alto**, meaning height. Can be the bearers of precipitation.

A low level cloud group from ground level (we call that **fog**) to 6,500 feet has no prefix, but precipitation is likely.

Vertical development clouds. **Cumulus** means heap or pile. A few cotton balls can be fair weather cumulus, but once vertical development starts, get out the umbrellas. Stratus means layers and designates appearance— nimbus in a cloud type means rain.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

We are in the airshow season so if you hear of an event, don't just assume I will post it here. Send me an e-mail and I will be sure that it does get on the list for ALL the members to be aware. Let's see if we can get some fly-outs going this year and let the wind blow the dust off those wings. **Due to limited space in this column, I strongly urge anyone planning to attend one of these events to go to the web-site for more complete details such as times, schedules, NOTAMS, frequencies, accommodations, pricing, etc.**

EAA Chapter 114 Meeting 1st Saturday of each month

Air Group One (CAF) Last Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at 1860 Joe Crosson Dr.; El Cajon

San Diego Chapter of 99's 4th Saturday of each month 10:00 am Call Frankie Clements at (619) 449-0670

Borrego Springs Chapter of 99's meets 2nd Saturday of each month at the Borrego Valley Airport

CAP Squadron 57 Meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm 790 Greenfield Dr. El Cajon

CAP Squadron 87 Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 231 East Hawthorne, Fallbrook

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California
(Call) Louise Phillips at (760) 767-4378

EAA Chapter 286 Meets at 2192 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad. 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm.



REFRESHMENTS

Jerry Blaskey

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Event Calendar

July 1st

Chapter Meeting 10AM

August 5th

Chapter Meeting 10AM





Fly-IN

Long EZ's landing gear fractures

By Russ Niles



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT

The pilot reported that during the cruise phase of a cross-country flight, the Long EZ's oil pressure and oil temperature indicator readings dropped to zero.

He decided to make a precautionary landing at an airfield in Show Low, Arizona.

The airplane touched down on the runway and the right main landing gear leg fractured just above the wheel attachment and the wheel separated from the airplane. The main landing gear leg collapsed and the airplane exited the right side of the runway.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage.

According to the maintenance logbook entries, the right main landing gear leg had fractured at the point of a previous repair. The airplane had larger tires and brakes installed after the time of the repair to the landing gear leg.

The cause of the fluctuations in the oil temperature gauge and oil pressure gauge were not the subject of this investigation.

The pilot reported no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions, aside from the gauge indications, that would have precluded normal operation.

Probable cause: The right main landing gear leg fracture, which resulted in the landing gear wheel separation and a runway excursion.

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SDUA EAA CHAPTER UL 114 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number (H) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

E-mail address (case sensitive) _____

National EAA Member Number _____ Date: ____/____/____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

What are you building? _____ Flying _____

Occupation: _____ Other interests or hobbies: _____

Retired: _____

Annual Dues are \$40.00

(New member dues, received after November 1st will cover dues for the remainder of the current year and will also apply to the next year.) Membership entitles you to our newsletter, a Chapter Membership Directory, use of the Chapter Tool Library and all other current membership privileges. Your acceptance of membership acknowledges your understanding that you may be asked to accept leadership roles in service to SDUA EAA Chapter UL 114.

Chapter Committee Interests (please underline one or more) if willing to participate as a committee member.

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| Tool Committee | Tech Advisor | Flight Advisor | Flying Start |
| Repair Barn | Young Eagles | Social/Flying | Hospitality |
| Board Member | Newsletter | | |

SDUA EAA Chapter UL 114 meets the first Saturday of each month:

Activities are announced in the newsletter.

Please submit your completed application by January 1st

to:

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Mission Statement

EAA Chapter 114's major focus is on the relationships with people who have diverse aviation interests, centered on their love of flight, fellowship, learning and fun. Chapter members have a passion for flying and are willing to share it with others. Chapter 114 provides the opportunity for exchange of information as well as the interaction that leads to friendships that last a lifetime.



EAA Chapter UL 114

meets on the **first Saturday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.**

We meet in the SDUA Chapter UL114 Club House at Nichols Field, a private airport at the Eastern end of Otay Lakes, just off of Otay Lakes Road.

EAA Chapter UL114 Non-Profit Declaration and Legal Disclaimer

EAA Chapter UL114 exists as a non-profit organization (501c7) whose sole purpose is to promote the interests of its members. EAA Chapter Officers, Directors and Leaders serve without compensation and have sworn to carry out the will of the membership by means of Democratic processes and rules of order set forth in the Chapter's by-laws. No claim is made and no liability is assumed, expressed or implied as to the accuracy or safety of material presented in this publication. Viewpoints of those who contribute to this newsletter are not necessarily those of EAA Chapter UL114, the EAA, or their board members. You must be of good character, adhere to the chapter's by-laws, and respect the chapter's Mission and Value Statement to become a member of the chapter. Dues are \$40.00 per year payable to Chapter Treasurer. Chapter dues are payable at the first meeting of the calendar year. New members joining after the seventh month are prorated at \$40 through December of the next calendar year. Member correspondence and newsletter contributions are encouraged which can be submitted by mail to the address appearing on this page or e-mail to newsletter editor.



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