



The San Diego Flyer



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Glenn Frehafer



2017 was a good year for our club. Membership has increased and so has the interest in ultralights, light sport, and PPG flying. I am constantly getting inquiries via e mail or from people that find out that I am associated with this club.

Speaking with coworkers and friends and listening to visitors that stop by to attend our meetings has revealed to me that there is a lot of latent desire by a lot of people that want to learn to fly, and to want to do it within a small budget. Hence, the attraction to ultralights, and you know I think that they are right. Ultralights really are the way to go. Where else can you get so much bang for your flying buck?

SDUA is poised at the cusp of possibly one of our best years yet in service to San Diego county residents during 2018. We have found an ultralight instructor recently, and a North county radio control club wants us to do a demonstration fly in on their field which is near Fallbrook. And this is only January. We haven't even begun to plan our annual Fly In yet. These are exciting times! Are we up for it? I hope so.

I think that the good will that we could earn this year would show the city leadership that we really are a valuable asset to the area, and worth keeping around as helpers to maintain San Diego's reputation as America's Finest City.

Best regards,
Glenn

SDUA Meeting Minutes January 6, 2018

Call to order at 10:00AM.

New member welcome: Dennis from Cincinnati.

Treasurers report:

\$8K in bank at beginning of year, \$12K at end of year 2017.

Considering Paypal for membership payments.

Field Manager's Report:

Some guy bought a red and white ultralight and is trying to fly here at Nichols without being a member of club or have any flight training. Call Larry if you see him, but he is reportedly gone and not coming back to Nichols.

Gene Kendall gave a presentation on Lithium ion batteries. Cheap lithium ion batteries can't be recharged. Expensive ones have battery management system electronics built in, so they can be recharged. Has short protection so it doesn't catch fire like a 787 or hoverboard.

New owl box being put up. Larry built and painted owl box.

No permanent trailer storage at field, but short-term use is OK, such as over a weekend or day use.

Need a volunteer to coordinate for the fly in for 2018. Possibly Kevin Casson?

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Glenn handed out chapter awards:
 Mike award for search committee.
 Richard Snow - took over clothing sales.
 Oscar Gonzalez – Caterer.
 Pete Sigrist – Former Vice President.
 Dayton Smith – Newsletter editor and
 Membership Chairman.
 Andy Boyer – Webmaster.
 Glenn gave a corrosion presentation. Carbon
 fiber should be separated from metal with a
 fiberglass layer. Dennis from Cincinnati
 advises, don't put metal caps on your tire
 valves, it could wreck the tire pressure sensor
 in your car. Basically any 2 dissimilar metals
 will create a battery and create current.

Adjourned at 11:13AM.

Flying Websites of Interest

www.faa.gov	Federal Aviation Administration
www.faasafety.gov	FAA Safety Courses
www.psaogrc.nasa.gov/asao.faa.ftml	Regulations
www.sportys.com	Airplane Stuff
www.aircraftspruce.com	Airplane Stuff
www.leadingedgeairfoils.com	Airplane Stuff
www.eaa.org	Experimental Aircraft Association
www.sportpilot.org	Website for Sport Pilots
www.aopa.org	Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assn.
www.usppa.org	Powered Paragliding Organization

Classified

This space is available for anyone who would like to list things for sale, things they'd like to give away, or things that they'd want others to sell or give them. Just submit to the Newsletter Editor!

The Eyes of a Pilot

We'd love the opportunity to publish your flying stories, interesting events and happenings here for all to enjoy. Just write something up, submit to the Newsletter Editor, and then sit back and enjoy the attention!

Reminders

- *Membership dues for 2018 are payable now. Please submit to Mike Sandlin ASAP.*
- *February's club meeting is on February 3rd at 10:00AM in the Nichols Field clubhouse.*