



The San Diego Flyer



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Glenn Frehafer



SDUA Members,

Today, May 9th, 2018, we were able to finalize and get signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Skydive/TAO and S.D.U.A. The experience was a trust building and friendly endeavor for all involved. What we have learned from it will help us to prepare for the future of S.D.U.A., and the M.O.U. will help us by enabling us to save moneys to use for whatever our future situation plays out to be. You can view the M.O.U. on the S.D.U.A. web site in the members only section.

Now that the physical footprint of our space has become reduced it is necessary for us as a club and as individuals to become more aware of using our remaining area efficiently. Consolidation is key right now. We have several members who are hurting for space.

We will be enforcing club rules regarding hangars being used for aircraft shelter and not as storage units for motorcycles, cars, or other non-aviation related toys, furniture, and etc.

If you have a hangar and you are not using all of the space in it, and it is large enough, please invite someone to share the hangar with you. If you have a hangar and you are not flying the plane stored in it, please consider selling out to someone that wants to be an active flyer. If you have a hangar and all that you are doing with it is using it to store stuff, then move your stuff to a proper storage unit near your home and sell your hangar to someone that needs one for their aircraft. If you are a hangar owner and you haven't paid your dues, be prepared for a knock at your door. All hangar owners are required to be dues paying club members.

Tough rules, I know, but these rules have always been here and the club we all belong to is for the enabling of people to pursue their desire to fly.

On another subject: the clubhouse is now usable as a meeting venue thanks to Bart for hooking up power and Oscar for laying the carpet, arranging the furniture, and installing the lights, and to all those MUSCULAR Members (Shad, Bob, Larry, Mike, Al, Pat and more) for installing the main beam.

However, there is more that needs to be done. Skirting around the base of the mobile home needs to be installed, the flagpole needs to be erected, the S. D. U. A. sign needs to be moved to the other side of the clubhouse, and the edge of the roof where it was connected to the porch needs to be repaired and waterproofed. we need to figure out where to put the picnic tables, the conex needs to be moved to another location. And there is more. Please volunteer as you have time.

Thanks guys and gals for all that you do. You make me proud to be one of you.

Best regards,
Glenn Frehafer

SDUA Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2018

10:00AM meeting called to order.

(The meeting was held in the TacAir classroom, since the clubhouse was not suitable for a meeting given the clubhouse relocation)

Visitors:

Robert Helms from Chipper Aircraft.

Steve Leary bought a quick build kit "bee lite" and has a show and tell.

Anthony Dalton - interested in flying Paramotors but will have to fly elsewhere.

Membership report – Mike Sandlin - 39 paid up members.

Treasurers report – Mark Novak - \$13,400 combined in bank accounts.

Thank you to Rose for bringing snacks & banana custard!

Field Manager Report – Larry Faast:

Larry has sent a draft of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to TacAir. TacAir has paid SDUA \$10,000 and relieves SDUA of paying rent for next 6 months. Displaced hangar owners will get full asking prices for their hangars, from the \$10K and monies saved from not paying rent. Hangar owners will be getting their compensation within the next 6 months.

Some highlights of the MOU, which has not yet been agreed upon by TacAir: SDUA is asking for rent to be decreased to \$100/month for the next 2 1/2 years (until September 2020, when TacAir's current lease with the city is set to expire). SDUA is hoping to make it clear that our current space will be our own and is not to be encroached upon. The MOU will help us save money in case we need to move to another location in 2020. Savings should create about \$75K for moving expenses if that does happen. The MOU also states that TacAir will act in good faith to represent SDUA in its new lease with city. So, in the event that ultralights are no longer allowed at Nichols under the new lease, it would be solely the decision of the city and not TacAir. Bram from TacAir has said verbally that he wants SDUA to remain at Nichols and will do his best to make sure ultralights can stay. The MOU also requests a 30-year sublease with TacAir, if the new city lease allows TacAir to sublease. None of this is official yet, still pending TacAir's agreement with the MOU, and also pending a new lease from city.

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San Diego is the most restrictive and unsupportive of ultralights in the whole country. San Diego wants to turn Nichols into a park for new development. San Diego seem not interested in the benefits of maintaining the business at Nichols. The main issue is the major housing development that is "planned" on the north side of the road, across the from the airport.

Thank you to Bob Moses from TacAir for coming out on his days off to help the club during the move. Thank you to Glenn for helping members who had to move their hangars as well.

Search committee: Glenn talked with airport manager at Fallbrook, and they would be open to having ultralights. The Fallbrook airport lies on the edge of Camp Pendleton Restricted Area (R2503-B), and has many congested areas nearby, so may not be ideal for ultralights, but it is an option if the club is displaced. Purchasing land is not really an option. SDUA would have to buy land, then attempt to get a Special Use Permit, which requires substantial costs, including environmental studies, and could take years. At the end of the environmental studies, the city could still deny the request for the Special Use Permit, and SDUA would be left with a huge sunk cost.

Luis won the raffle and donated his winnings it back to the club, thank you Luis!

The annual Fly-In is scheduled for Sunday August 5th, 2018.

After the meeting, many members went and helped re-install the steel beam connecting the two pieces of the relocated clubhouse.

Meet adjourned at 11:32AM.

Photos from May meeting



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 overdue. Please submit to Mike Sandlin ASAP.*
- *The June club meeting is June 2nd at 10:00AM in the Nichols Field clubhouse.*