



The San Diego Flyer



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Glenn Frehafer



SDUA Members,

This month I'm including Larry Faast's Field Managers Report which is important information and speaks for itself.

FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT January 2019

A meeting was held this month between Tactical Air Operations (TAO) owners Jeff Bramstedt and Brian Tucker and SDUA officers Glenn Frehafer and Larry Faast to discuss the progress of the lease negotiations with the City. The existing lease terminates on September 30, 2020 and TAO is asking for a new 20-year lease at Nichols Field.

Jeff expressed his concern with the recent turnover of City personnel working on the new lease. The new people don't know the background and requirements surrounding the negotiations. Consequently, the process is going more slowly than anticipated.

In the event that TAO is not granted its new lease, they are looking for a new field to perform their military and commercial skydiving operations. They reassured Glenn and Larry they would support SDUA staying at Nichols with them as part of their new lease, or, if asked to leave, they would try to accommodate us at some other location.

Glenn stated a committee was formed to search for an alternative field for the ultralights if the City decided not to grant us a sub-lease at Nichols. TAO was pleased to hear this and thought it would be good to have a back-up location such as Brown Field or Fallbrook. Fallbrook, a County airport, has already stated they would allow ultralights but Brown Field currently does not allow ultralights because they are in controlled, Class D, airspace. Brian asked us to prepare a master plan layout for the ultralight area and provide it to TAO in the next couple of months. Since the City has stipulated all structures at Nichols must have a plan to meet current building code, TAO buildings and SDUA hangars must be torn down and re-built to code sometime within the first few years of the new lease. The "Save SDUA 2020 Committee" has the action to develop the appropriate cost and new hangar layout and present it to TAO as well as continue to research options for moving to an alternate field. – Larry Faast, Field Manager

Thank you Larry for your report.
Glenn Frehafer, President

SDUA Meeting Minutes February 2, 2019

President **Glenn Frehafer** brought the meeting to order (on time) at 10:11 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: **Dick Snow** introduced a returning new member, Navy veteran **Nimal Diunugala**.

Membership: **Mike Sandlin** said we have approximately 22 paid 2019 members, but he is still collecting fees and names for the membership.

Treasury: **Mark Novak** said we collected \$400 in dues and \$42 from the raffle. We have an ending balance of \$19,276.31. However, most of this money is reserved for relocation etc. at the end of our verbal agreement with the SkyDive.

Field Manager: **Larry Fasst** stated that he and **Glenn Frehafer** met with **Jeff Branstad** and **Bram Tucker**, owners of skydive along with **Greg Lund** of operations. The Skydive owners met with the city of San Diego regarding the new field lease. They said it was basically a negative meeting. There has been a significant turnover in the City Council and city personnel. They stated that apparently everything is up for grabs and they may not get a continuation of their lease for the air field and that of course would prevent us from also flying from Nichols Field. They stated the environmental people are back with concerns that the Airpark is in a floodplain and a riparian watershed. If for some reason they are allowed to stay at Nichols Field the city may want all of the buildings and hangers torn down and rebuilt and brought up to building code. They also want a master plan for the Airpark. Skydive's lease expires in September 2020. We have some additional prospects for an airfield. The primary one would be Fallbrook and the secondary one would be Brown Field. See Larry's full report in the 'Prez Sez' on the previous page.

Glenn Frehafer attended an EAA boot camp. One of the ideas he found beneficial for the club would be to change our club status as a nonprofit 501.C.3 to a for profit status as a 501.C.7. With this change we could accept money through donations. A motion was made to have **Mark Novak** look into the requirements to make this change.

Jerry Blaskey received a ride in the Skydive jump plane which he said he greatly enjoyed. Jerry has between 6000 and 8000 hours flying in both the military and commercial jets, including over 1000 hours in the F-100 Super Sabre and night combat missions over North Viet Nam in the F-4 Phantom including SAM detonations close enough to be felt in the cockpit. (Yikes! – Ed.)

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Al Sayder said he is taking flying lessons for light sport at Brown Field.

Glenn Frehafer had a power out while landing his Bloop at the Field with no damage to his airplane.

Kevin Warren flew his Rands S7 out to the airfield at Caliente Hot Springs. There's a video posted on the website.

Pete Siegrist and **Dean Ganzer** sold their GT 400 to a man who drove all the way out from Alabama.

Irina Tatarenko offered to be our newsletter editor as **Dayton Smith** continues to recover from his recent illness.

Ralph Leyva won \$37 in the raffle (again) with an equal amount going to the club.

24 people attended our meeting.

The meeting ended at an appropriate time.

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 2019 are overdue. Please submit to Mike Sandlin ASAP.*
- *The April club meeting is April 6th at 10:00AM in the Nichols Field clubhouse.*