



The San Diego Flyer



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Glenn Frehafer



SDUA Members,

2019 is here; we have had our first meeting of the year and now it is time to consider what we need to do as a club to survive.

One thing on my agenda is to get the new rule written that was approved by the membership at our first meeting so that we can have more continuity and transparency for our club transactions as well as a public record of what we do that is accessible to the leadership and not just hidden and at risk on personal computers. I think that our board membership will need to take up this task soon.

Most importantly we need to find out soon what our future looks like at being present here at Nichols Field. The need for new members is also the elephant in the room with us. We are all graying rapidly which requires us to form new strategies to encourage people to join with us. Hopefully **The Save S.D.U.A. 2020** committee will give us some insight into what we can do to address these two issues as they gather information and documentation about the history of our association.

I was reading the latest E.A.A. Sport Aviation magazine recently. Jack Pelton in his article says that ultralights and light sport aircraft are experiencing a renewed resurgence of activity. This is good news for us because it is what we do, but we need to stop being San Diego's best kept secret. I will be attending the E.A.A. boot camp that is being held at Flabob E.A.A. chapter 1 this January 25th to get training and learn more about strategies that we might use. Anyone in leadership is welcome to attend. If you are interested, I have the info, give me a call.

Hopefully in 2019 we will be able to encourage and influence more of our fellow citizens to participate and share the experience, the fun, and the feeling of accomplishment that we know comes from sport flying activity. Our annual Fly In is a great opportunity to reach out to the surrounding community, family, and friends to demonstrate this in a meaningful way. Planning the 2019 Fly In will be one of our most important projects for this year. Let's all pitch in and work together to make it the best one yet!

Best regards,
Glenn Frehafer

SDUA Meeting Minutes January 5 2019

President **Glenn Frehafer** brought the meeting to order at 10 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: **Nimal Diunugala** is a US citizen and a native of Sri Lanka. Nimal is a retired Naval officer after 25 years in the service and currently works for the State of California as a safety engineer. He would like to learn to fly a light sport.

Also attending the meeting were two new members, **Irina Tatarenko** and **Tim Gaub**. Tim purchased a hanger that belonged to Chad.

Membership: Mike Sandlin said we have approximately 54 members. He is still collecting fees and names for the membership.

Treasury: Mark Novak stated the club account ending balance for 2018 was \$16,756.18. As previously noted, we had collected \$445 for the Paradise Fire victims in Northern California. The check was sent to the Convoy of Hope and we received a thank you letter from them for the amount donated.

Field Manager: Larry Faast stated there was no new information on the airport lease. He stated that because of TAC Air activity and the new Air Force activity, **flying on week days for the next year will be severely limited**. When both TAC Air and the Air Force people are flying, light sport and ultralights will not be able to fly. Larry stated he would send out the flying calendar for 2019. There would be no military activity on weekends. There would be no restrictions on weekend flying except for days of heavy parachute flying activity.

Nick Palanza, light sport flying instructor has moved to Utah and will no longer be instructing in the San Diego area.

Larry Faast stated he is part owner in a light sport aircraft at Pacific Coast Flyers that is tied down at Palomar Airport in Carlsbad. They also have flight instructors at Palomar Airport.

Steve Leary discussed the rough landing he had with his plane in Proctor Valley. He said the FAA investigated and interviewed him. They also sent out an A&P mechanic to inspect his airplane for airworthiness. The apparent conclusion of the investigation was simple pilot error which caused an engine out. He expects no further action from the FAA. He said the FAA was really concerned about what happened for safety concerns and was not looking to penalize him. Several people helped Steve recover his plane in December.

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Dick Snow stated he would like to have the taxiways marked for better visibility.

The relatives of **Armond Brattland** send a thank you letter to the club for those who attended his memorial service.

The club received a settlement letter for the alleged copyright infringement of a cartoon published in our newsletter. The cartoon was from 2015. The club paid \$400 to Higbee and Associates for the settlement.

The club voted to make a rule change that a public record be made of transactions made on behalf of the club.

Al Sayder made a very good slide presentation on various light sport airplanes. He showed an engineering plan of his own design. He showed designs for PC Aero, Electra One Solar, Pipistrel Alpha Electro and others that are electric, solar and battery-powered designs.

Kevin Warren, former vice president and **Steve Leary**, last year's fly-in coordinator were honored by the EAA with service pins.

Ralph Leyva won \$42 in the raffle with an equal amount going to the club.

Meeting adjourned by President **Glenn Frehafer** at approximately 11:15 AM.