



The San Diego Flyer

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Our club President *Glenn Frehafer* brought the meeting to order (on time) at 10:06AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Visitors: No new visitors at today's meeting.

Membership: *Mike Sandlin* said we currently have 41 paid members. A bit of extra information about paying our 2020 dues early will include the remainder of 2019 as well.

Treasury: *Mark Novak* was not able to attend the meeting but, *Glenn Frehafer* reported for him, saying we have a balance of \$ 1,045.41 in the club account and \$ 35,891.94 in the field account.

Field Manager: *Larry Faast* said he had no news on the status of the extension of our current lease at Nichols Field. Our lease expires Sept 20th, 2020 and he has no feedback from the City of San Diego as yet.

General club member news:

Jody Morgan: spoke about the work he's doing on his two airplanes. He also said he has paragliders regularly coming out to his property and using his runway to fly early in the mornings.

Glenn Frehafer: spoke about the problems he's having with getting a valid medical exam for his light sport license. He started the process several years ago but never completed all the various steps involved and that is causing issues with the FAA.

Bob Moses: was volunteered by *Larry Fasst* to post the newsletter. Proper decorum does not allow me to print Bob's response. "Wait a second, I was raising my hand to see if I could be excused long enough to run out to the porta potty." 😊

Al Sayder: spoke about preparing his airplane for his first flight. He had an issue with his nose wheel and said you must always inspect and inspect again. Al gave us a good quote; “Everything has a meaning.”

Fly-In summary: Suggestions were made for improving next year’s fly-in; move the display airplanes to the west of the spectator area, video in real time and broadcast the events such as short field take-off and spot landing. The runway is kinda distant from the spectators, so they don’t have a real good of the accuracy of the landings. Additional suggestions including a flyby ribbon cutting event, a modified search and rescue event, a pylon flying event and more fly-bys. The general consensus was the food from El Polo Loco was good.

Results of the fly-in contests were as follows;

Short Field take-offs (3 axis)

1st *Gene Kendall*

2nd *Robin McGrew*

3rd *Larry Faast*

Short Field take-offs (2 axis) Very small field of competitors 😊

1st *Glenn Frehafer*

Spot Landing (3 axis)

1st *Jerry Blaskey*

2nd *Gene Kendall*

3rd *Larry Faast*

Spot Landing (2 axis)

1st *Glenn Frehafer*

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Ramona Airport in *Donnie Eccker’s* hanger. This is the annual **Ramona Airshow** on Oct 5th. We had pretty good attendance last year, plus had the opportunity to stroll around checking out the other aircraft and the fire tanker base.

15 people attended our meeting and we officially ended right at noon.

A brief note from one of the raffle prize winners: Ron Donofero

Just thought I’d send a short message about my experience today in case you want to include it in a newsletter or anything...

I won a flight in the Sportstar with Larry Faast at the fly-in (which I really enjoyed). What a great day flying with Larry in his Sportstar. I don’t get to be in the air nearly often enough – although that will change soon as I begin flying lessons – and it is always such a joy. Lifting off from the runway and becoming airborne just NEVER gets old. I got to do the pre-flight and run-up with Larry and he explained

many things about the aircraft and flying operations. We flew out over the coast – down to a bit past Point Loma I believe and back. It was quite exciting. The view from the Sportstar is phenomenal. Anyway – it was one heck of a terrific day. I want to thank Larry and SDUA. Winning that prize was nothing short of fantastic.

Ron Donofero





A recently leased aircraft (DHC 6 Twin Otter) from Skydive Kapowsin in Washington State. (The regular Skydive SD Otters are in a maintenance cycle and one is up in Colorado Springs being upgraded to a Part 135 aircraft).



Another visitor to our field. The very day this little flapping owl was placed, the shallows that used to poop on everything nearby decided to search for other lodging. (\$ 19 Tractor Supply)