



First, I wish to thank all the members who attended the special meeting at the Tac Air training room this month. All the Repairman's Class attendees were invited, and the meeting was held during the class lunch period.

I announced that the April meeting would be held at the Bill Allen Air Museum but, due to the corona virus, the April meeting, tour of the museum and breakfast at Gillespie Field has been cancelled. (All of this is now planned for the May meeting).

I wish to thank Al Sayder for his excellent work in planning and coordinating the Repairman's Class. It was a great class and all attendees gave high marks to the instructor, Jim Scott. I talked to Carol Carpenter, owner of Rainbow Aviation, after the class and she said Jim really enjoyed our group and he would definitely return next year to teach this class again. She would also like to plan to hold another class in San Diego at our facilities. Thanks to Bob Moses for obtaining approval from the Navy to use their fine training room and facilities. Lunch was provided by the club at \$5 per person. When I ordered the sandwiches from Jersey Mike's, I didn't realize they cut the regular sandwiches into thirds. So, everyone got a very small "piece" of a sandwich. For this, I am truly sorry and apologize to everyone.

Jeff Bramstedt (Bram), owner of Skydive San Diego, called me this week regarding the efforts to renew the lease with the city. He said the City is planning to release the first draft of the new 5-year lease with the next couple of weeks. In his discussions with them, he told them he wants to lease to provide the ability to sub-lease to SDUA and they indicated they would approve sub-leasing. SDUA desires to obtain a sub-lease from Bram beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Bram is encouraged by what he hears from those in the City although there are still hurdles to cross. He told them he does not to be the one to tell our pilots (most of whom can no longer obtain their medical certificate) that they can no longer enjoy their "man-cave!" I will keep the club informed as soon as I hear again from Bram.

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## SDUA Meeting Minutes March 7th, 2020

President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order at 12:05. Our meeting was held in the Tac Air classroom. This was because **Rainbow Aviation** was conducting a two-day light sport repairman inspection course. Many of our club members attended. The course is approved by the FAA. Special thanks to **Al Sayder** for arranging and spearheading this training course at our airfield. And to **Rose Sayder** for the delicious treats. Special thanks to **Bob Moses** for securing the classroom and to **Jerry Blaskey** for the coffee.

**Larry Faast** said the first draft of the airport lease was about ready to be released by the city. **Larry** remains hopeful that our lease will be extended. **Larry** suggested our next meeting be held at the Allen Museum at Gillespie field. This private museum has a nice selection of airplanes. (NOTE: This museum meeting has been canceled because of the covid 19 pandemic)

**Gene Kendall** and **Jody Morgan** went to the Copper State Fly-in held the weekend of February 8-9 in Buckeye, Az. Near Phoenix.

28 people attended our meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35. This was an abbreviated club meeting.

On another topic, Bram wants input from our club regarding a request he received from Ron Lee. Ron wants to train people to fly drones at the drop zone. He would like to use the pad near where our clubhouse used to be. The ceiling height for his drone would be 400 feet AGL and his activities could potentially interfere with our ultralight flying. So, Bram wants Ron to discuss his plans with us before he begins his new business of drone training. More on this subject later.

Morty Berger, an SDUA member, desires to start an EVTOL (Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing) ultralight training business at Nichols Field. Recently, he attended a convention and “fly-off” where 15 vendors were demonstrating their drones. Morty reported to me that there are no EVTOL vehicles available to purchase at this time so his plans for a new business have been postponed.

Stay safe!!

Larry