

The San Diego Flyer

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I really miss seeing all of you, my fellow pilots! Our third Zoom meeting this month had very few attendees, so I think it's important I send a reminder to everyone a week in advance of the meetings. I look forward to the time when we can, once again meet in our clubhouse.

Bob Moses has been keeping an eye on things at the field for us and has done a lot of cleaning around the hangers. A few members have been flying and spending time working on their airplanes. I talked to **Steve Leary** and he has decided to rent my SportStar LSA at Palomar to do his BFR. He's flown with one of the instructors in the Pacific Coast Flyers club and loves the airplane and seems to be a match with the instructor. The instructor told me **Steve** did a good job flying during his lesson in the SportStar, so it won't be long before **Steve** is ready to fly solo and take others for a flight.

As I mentioned last month, we had a very successful safety review with Skydive San Diego pilots and their Safety Officer-**Rich May**. Those SDUA members in attendance are now cleared to fly their UL/LSA during skydive operations on weekends.

I talked with **Bram** this month and he said the city has put him on a month to month lease (his previous 5-year lease expired Sept 30th of this year) until a complete plan has been approved to mitigate the environmental problem created by the grading of the hill, east of the field, outside his leasehold. The city has demanded, and **Bram** has agreed to pay, \$ 53,000 for the environmental study permit to perform the actual work planned over the next several months. **Bram** hopes all the re-construction work will be done by the end of the year and he will receive his new 5-year lease sometime during the first quarter of next year. He has told the city he wants to keep SDUA in the new lease and they approved his request!

In the meantime, we need to be vigilant and follow the agreed upon SOP safety rules when flying at the airpark so no further incidents occur that might jeopardize or further inhibit the new lease.

Plan to join us in the next Zoom meeting on Saturday, Nov 7th at 10:00AM. Until then, stay cool and fly safe.

SDUA Meeting Minutes Oct 3rd, 2020

President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Our meeting was held online via Zoom.

Guest attendees: **Steve Oberrecht** is a new member, working for Northrup Grumman. He recently purchased a Flutter Bug from **Glenn Frehafer** and is rebuilding it while taking his sport pilot license training.

Treasurers' report from **Mark Novak**: Club received \$ 4,409 in tiedown fees. Club account currently at \$ 66,711.67.

Larry Faast said our sub-lease on the airpark expired at the end of September but will continue on a month to month basis until a new sub-lease is signed. However, this could take up to a year. The lease that Skydive has with the City of San Diego has been put on hold because of the vegetation damage done to the hillside. The city has accepted a mitigation plan which according to Skydive owner **Bram** may cost up to \$ 300,000. It may cost \$ 50,000 just for the permits. **Larry** stated that Skydive wants more space for their flight operations and wants to expand the footprint of their operations. **Bram** may want the old hangers torn down and replaced with new metal hangers. Pricing and details to be worked out in the future.

Larry Fasst stated 12 active flyers attended a presentation on Sept 19th at the Tac Air office. The presentation was given by **Rich May**, the new safety manager for flight operations. The training is required to fly aircraft at Nichols Field. The presentation covered safety operations, landing patterns for the runways, parachute operations and military air operations. Contact **Larry Faast** for a presentation in the future. During this meeting, we all ate **Rose Sayder's** delicious cakes.

Congratulations to **Steve Leary** who recently passed his sport pilot check ride. He now has his sport pilot license.

Jerry Blaskey has his 2001 Skyboy for sale. Asking \$ 12,000.

Eight people attended our Zoom meeting which ended at 10:55AM.



Jerry Blaskey is offering his beloved Skyboy for sale. Asking \$ 12,000. Call for details or questions at (619) 292-2245

