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As discussed in the April meeting, we have decided it's time to start holding our monthly meetings in our clubhouse at Nichols Field. So, May 1st will be our first general meeting there since March of last year! Please plan to wear your mask as we have made that a requirement to attend the meeting. By then everyone should have been vaccinated. If you choose not to attend the meeting in person, we plan to make the meeting available on Zoom. I will send the ID and PW to login to Zoom prior to May 1st.

As a reminder, if you haven't sent in your 2021 membership dues (\$40 for the year), please do so right away. Send check or pay on-line to SDUA. Our membership chairman is **Mike Sandlin**, 2502 Melbourne Dr. San Diego, Ca. 92121. If you have questions, call him at 858 576-2098.

Also, if you haven't renewed your EAA membership for 2021, please do so. We are an Ultralight Chapter of this national organization and we benefit individually and as a club from being active chapter members. We have received support from EAA during previous encounters with the City and we may need their assistance again this year. It's imperative we show support to EAA through our individual membership. It's only \$40 per year. Visit eaa.org/renew

We had a great Zoom meeting this month and I am especially glad **Gene** brought up the subject of "Repairman's Certificate". I was not aware that FAA would not recognize my Course Completion Certificate given at the end of the repairman's' class some of us took in March of last year. There is a process and approval required by FAA prior to being certified to do maintenance on our Experimental Light Sport Aircraft (ELSA). If you were one of the attendees of that class, be sure to get certified before making entries in your aircraft maintenance log.

I have nothing new to report on the lease that Skydive San Diego is negotiating with the City. **Bram**, owner and lease holder, has stated that negotiations are proceeding much slower than anticipated due to the pandemic. When his new lease is signed, he plans to expand his skydive business which means he will likely want some of the property we currently occupy.

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SDUA Meeting Minutes April 3rd, 2021

Great News

Great news! Our next club meeting will be held in person on May 1st at the clubhouse. Requirements include full Covid vaccination for all attendees, mask wearing and social distancing also required.

President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Our meeting was held online via Zoom. Our March meeting was cancelled because the president was out of town and we had no immediate replacement.

Guest attendees: We had **Brad** as a guest visitor to our Zoom meeting.

Mark Novak gave his treasurers report. We have \$ 79,292.76 in the club account. As a reminder we may need to pay most of this money back to Skydive when we sign a new sub-lease in 2021.

Mike Sandlin said we have 28 paid members as of this month.

Mike Sandlin has built a brand-new ultralight. It is a Bloop biplane and described as a motor-floater with a 16 hp paraglider motor. It is called the Bluebird; however, its color is orange (go figure). We can't wait to see this new creation fly.

The club voted and passed a resolution to have the May club meeting at the clubhouse at the airfield. The requirements are that all attendees have been fully vaccinated for Covid, wear masks and observe social distancing.

Robin McGrew is our safety officer. He spoke with **Bram**, Skydive owner, regarding PPGs. At present n PPGs will be allowed to fly at the field, however he hopes that PPG flying may be possible in the future. Maybe with a restriction of flying above 500 feet.

Rose Sayder will be taking over the chairperson position of the new lease committee from **Tim Gaub**. Congratulations **Rose**, our lease committee is on capable hands.

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None of the details of his plan for us has been communicated to us yet. However, I plan to ask him to come to one of our meetings in the near future to discuss his plans in detail.

Hope all of you are well and I can't wait to see you at the May meeting.

Larry

Minutes continued

Dean Ganzer has his metal hanger for sale.

Larry Faast is selling his Quicksilver GT400.

A special shout out to **AI Sayder!** **Steve Leary** fell while working in his hanger and temporarily lost consciousness. **AI** was nearby and quick to help. **AI** was able to arrange **Steve's** trip to the hospital. **Steve** will not be flying until he gets a release from his doctor. Great job, **AI**. **AI** has also purchased **Jerry's** yellow Skyboy.

13 people attended our Zoom meeting. The meeting ended.

Momentous Occasion news:



Today (Sunday April 18th) I went to the airport, took the plane out to fly, and returned. COMPLETELY alone. No instructor. 😊

My intent was to fly from Palomar (KCRQ) to Ramona (KRNM), land at Ramona, taxi back, take off and return to Palomar. I ALMOST made it to Ramona... As I approached the Wild Animal Park (where we like to call in to the Ramona tower to get permission to enter their airspace), things were a little bumpy. I was at 3K MSL which is usually pretty smooth coming into Ramona, but there was some turbulence. Nothing that would have stopped me, BUT – I then followed procedure by tuning into Ramona ATIS. The information I received was that they were using runway 9 which I don't like. I'm used to runway 27 – again, not really a big deal – but also there were several PIREPs about birds over the field. Well – I decided that on my very first TOTALLY ALONE flight, I didn't need to deal with that many issues. So I simply turned around and flew back to Palomar. A short flight for a "flying day" – but it WAS 100% ME! BTW – Larry – I don't think the Sportstar mains even knew I landed – It was SOOO smooth!

So – 2 weeks ago was my first solo. Today, I went to a fly completely alone. I must say – I'm really starting to feel like a Pilot! A dream from almost 4 decades ago and now it's becoming reality.

A big THANK YOU to both Rich Kullman (My instructor) and Larry Faast. Couldn't have done it without you two.

Now it's time to parctice practice, practice until I'm ready for the infamous "check ride".

Stay safe everyone.
Ron Donofero