

The San Diego Flyer

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WOW! What a great Fly-in we had this month! I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in this event and helped make it the success it was. Special thanks to Oscar and his wife Alva, who put together a fantastic Carne Asada luncheon. Thanks to Kevin Casson who was a great “Air Boss” as usual. Thanks again to Dean Ganzer, our announcer, Gene Kendall, who demonstrated how his drone could locate and assist a lost child – very impressive! Thanks to all those members who donated their time parking airplanes, cars and setting up tables and chairs. Thanks to those pilots who flew their aircraft as part of our Aerial Demonstration. Everyone who helped make this year’s Fly-in a real success – THANKS!

One observation was when Bart’s daughter (about 5 years old) kept asking about a little girl that was lost, “where is she?”, and “when was she going to be found”? Bart’s daughter got to go out to the middle of the field with Rozanne and bring home the “lost” child that Gene’s drone had found. How cute was that!!

The formation fly-by of the five pilots, led by Tom Bohman was really cool! Especially when they turned on their “smoke”.

Adam Li, a new member, took many photos during the Fly-in and plans to show them at the October meeting. Be sure not to miss this meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd at 10:00AM.

On another topic, the Lease Committee met and reviewed the first draft of the new SDUA Sublease. We sent our questions and comments regarding the draft to Bram, and he has responded to some of our questions but we’re still waiting for answers to other questions. He has asked me to meet with him to review the Sublease. The City’s consent to sub-lease to us is a big deal for our club and our rights as tenants at Nichols Field.

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SDUA Meeting Minutes September 4th, 2021

President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order at 10:05AM. Larry led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest visitors: We welcomed **Cleveland Norton Jr. Cleveland** is a Vietnam veteran and worked on Cobra helicopters. He is interested in electric helicopters. We also welcomed **Alan Lee**. **Alan** owns a Quicksilver MX and is obtaining his private pilot license at Montgomery Field. We also welcomed the very lovely **Roseanne Campbell**, a very special friend of **Gene Kendall**. **Gene Kendall** is taking a private pilot ground school at Miramar College.

Mark Novak gave his treasures report. We have \$ 90,894.06 in the club account. And as a reminder, we may need to pay most of this money back to Skydive when we sign a new sub-lease, hopefully this year.

Mike Sandlin reports we have 39 paid members as of this month.

Larry Faast is working with the sub-lease committee and **Bram**, (the owner of Skydive San Diego). **Larry** will meet with the sub-lease committee after today’s club meeting. The sub-lease committee includes **Geza, Larry, Mark, Gene, and Jody**.

We had a moment of silence for **Gustavo Sanchez** who passed away last month. **Gustavo** recently had health issues and had a seizure while flying his plane near Rosarito.

We have a Fly-in this coming Saturday, September 11, 2021. **Glenn Frehafer** is the fly-in coordinator and will hold a meeting today with the principal participants. **Dean Ganzer** will be the announcer, **Kevin Casson** will be the air boss, **Oscar Gonzales** will be the chef and **Gene Kendall** will conduct a drone demonstration.

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The para-motors will fly in the early morning. **Larry Faast** has arranged for a flight of Yaks over the field at 10AM. and a skydiver with an American flag. **Robin McGrew** will fly his twin engine Air Cam. This unique and expensive airplane was designed for the National Geographic as an OmniVision camera platform to film the Congo River.

Steve Leary won \$ 40 in the raffle. **Generous Steve** donated his entire winnings to the club. So, the raffle generated \$ 80 for the club.

21 people attended our club meeting. The meeting ended sometime after 11AM.

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Discussions with Bram will center around our new monthly rent and what would be a fair amount of increase based upon our area of usage (likely based upon square footage of hanger space, taxiways, and clubhouse space. Other considerations will be the amount of time we have access to the runway (number of days per week we are allowed or not allowed to fly).

See you all at the Oct. meeting. Larry

A few photos from the fly-in.



