



San Diego Sports Flyer



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San Diego Ultralight Association Meeting Minutes April 2, 2022, By Gene Kendall

President **Glenn Frehafer** brought the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. **Glenn** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Guest visitors: We welcomed Stephen Oberrecht's two sons, Truman 12, and Jackson, 14. We also welcome Jimmy Martin from North County at Palomar Airport. He flies a Quicksilver Sprint. He recently sold his Long EZ.

Mike Sandlin: said we have 34 paid members as of this month.

Mark Novak gave his treasurers report. We have money in the club account. The club agreed not to put the dollar amount in the club newsletter. This is public information and we could be exposed to scammers on the Internet. The four club officers have access to monitor the club's bank account. This was done for security and accountability. As a reminder we will need to pay most of this money back to Skydive when we sign a new sub-lease, hopefully this year.

Adam Li (English pronunciation Lee) agreed to be our newsletter editor.

Gene Kendall agreed to manage the fire water tanks.

Mike Sandlin has been flying his Bluebird ultralight.

When the flags are flying in front of the Skydive area, it means that the military/Skydive is in operation.

Steve Oberrecht just passed his sport pilot check ride with Julie Keane. He presented a slideshow about the check ride and the hours upon hours of study in preparation to obtain his sport pilot license. He said it took about 120 hours of flight time and lots of money. Congratulations to Steve! Steve also rebuilt a A65 Continental four-cylinder hand propped engine. After the meeting he was able to start and run the engine.

A former club member, **David Busing** has an Air Bike light sport for sale on barnstormer for \$8,500. It has folding wings.

Jackson Oberrecht closed the meeting with the secretary's gavel.

Prez Says
By Glenn Frehafer

It has come to my attention that our organization has a few needs which due to circumstances beyond our control have been neglected over time.

Our clubhouse has become an eyesore since we had to move it. The roof leaks, the exterior paint looks bad as well as our signs, and the U.S. flag we fly is now shredded from the last storm and needs to be lit up at night, also the seam joints where the building is assembled together need to be taped on both ends. The interior needs work as well, painting, a new flag to pledge allegiance to, pictures need to be hung, furniture needs to be thrown out, windows that are broken need to be fixed the sliding glass door needs repair the carpet needs cleaned, etc. etc. You get the idea.

In addition some of the hangars have become out of repair or have become eyesores as well. Some need paint, others need various levels of upgrade from doors needing replaced to walls needing to be rebuilt. Hangar owners should be taking the initiative to walk around their hangar and do an evaluation of what needs to be done, make a plan, gather materials for the job and execute or mitigate these problems ASAP.

Oscar Gonzales has generously volunteered to be our field manager and will be doing the weed abatement around our hangars soon before we get overwhelmed with the new spring growth occurring now.

Gene Kendall has volunteered to get the rest of the collapsed T hangar site cleared and hauled out to the dump and also to take on the duties as our Fire Marshal. He will be maintaining our water reservoirs and firefighting equipment.

Oscar and Gene are very generous people and should enjoy all of the membership's co-operation and assistance in doing the tasks that they are undertaking.

One other need we have is for a new newsletter Editor. Bob Moses has moved on to full time employment and new hobbies that are not aviation oriented. We need someone to step forward to fill this important club position ASAP.

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Likewise I expect that the general membership, myself and officers included should take on the responsibility of maintaining our clubhouse. Once the weather turns toward warmer and drier days, I will be calling for a work day for all members to gather and attack and mitigate the clubhouse appearance and maintenance issues. Many hands will make light work. Perhaps we could couple this activity with a pancake breakfast?

Why am I concerned about these issues one might ask? We as a club are not on our host's best opinion because of our past behavior. I think that it would behoove us to get on Bram's good side by making a change by making our facilities look attractive. It will not only make us more attractive to new members, but will help us improve our image to Bram and show him that we care for the image of Nichols Field, and that we appreciate what he has done for us in fighting for our inclusion with his organization in the negotiation for the new city lease.

Let's unite and tackle these issues individually and corporately and take pride in ourselves and the club facilities that represent us to others, our hosts at Sky Dive, the city of San Diego, and show them that we are indeed San Diego's best kept secret.

Picture of the month



Brad Ruland with his Sonex, powered by 80HP AeroVee conversion, based at Montgomery Field (Photo credit: Brad Ruland)