



# The San Diego Flyer



Prez Sez . . .

Glenn Frehafer



## SDUA Members,

Most of the calls that I get from people interested in aviation are inquiring about part 103 ultralight training. Unfortunately, I have to explain to them that we as a club do not offer that kind of flight training and usually I recommend a CFI that owns a light sport aircraft that he trains in privately.

I read recently that Cal Fire could not use all of their firefighting aircraft because of a shortage of pilots available to them. This type of flying is highly specialized and dangerous and would require a high degree of training of training I am sure. Never the less one must start somewhere.

Most, if not all of us at S.D.U.A., started out either getting a ride, or training in a part 103 ultralight back in the '70s or '80s. It is very frustrating to me that we cannot offer this type of basic introductory flight training to the public, particularly since the E.A.A. Keeps encouraging the local chapters to get new people involved in aviation.

I don't know all of the answers to this quandary, but I think that I we are to continue as a viable organization we will have to address this problem sooner rather than later as none of us are getting any younger. Please be thinking about this and bring your ideas to our next membership meeting for discussion.

Best regards,  
Glenn

## SDUA Meeting Minutes September 1, 2018

Shad Tucker brought his family to the meeting, his wife Michelle and his daughter Harriet. Chad's wife recently got promoted to Lieutenant, and they are moving to Corpus Christi. Shad has been one of the more active members of our club, recently getting his pilot license, learning to fly a trike, and learning to fly a paramotor as well. Shad competed in the paramotor spot Landing competition at the fly in in August and got second place. We will miss seeing shad around the airport, he always had stories to share and was always willing to lend a hand if you needed help. We wish him and his family the best of luck in Texas until he returns to San Diego!

Skydive San Diego has still not paid SDUA the money promised for the displacement of the hangers for the Air Force building.

Larry's field manager report. Cal Fire recently cleaned all the weeds and brush from behind the hangers and it looks great. Please remember to keep things inside of your hanger, and don't leave junk outside your hangers.

In membership activity, Gene Kendall has been flying his plane, and has been getting flat tires on Runway 25 from the Thorns growing in the nearby grass. Steve has been flying his Coyote and is going to redo the weight and balance.

Mike Sandlin Membership Report 50 active paid up members. Mark Novak Treasurers Report – total in bank 22,106.

Thanks again to skydive San Diego for their great Hospitality for the Fly-In, 75 people attended.

In other news the Ramona Air fair and fly-in will be Saturday October 6th from 9 AM. To 3 PM., Admission is free. WWW.SDCountyairports.Com, it should be a lot of fun, featuring food trucks, a beer garden, live music, classic cars, airplane rides, control tower tours, airplane and helicopter displays, Raffles and lots more. Hope you can make it!

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There are two tie-down spaces available for rent, if you are interested please let Glenn know.

Jerry shared some info about an exciting event - The Federation Aeronautique International is holding a world championship freestyle swoop Skydive Competition on September 14th-15th at San Diego Bay. This is a crazy extreme sports event where skydivers go up in a helicopter to a few thousand feet, they jump out and come down doing aerobatics with their parachutes, and then do a high-speed water foot drags and stunts, attempting to land on a floating pad about the size of a tennis court, in the bay. The skydivers are wearing life jackets and there are rescue boats nearby for when the pilots land in the water. [www.swoopfreestyle.com](http://www.swoopfreestyle.com) for more info.



Shad Tucker, his wife Michelle, and their daughter Harriet.

## Photos from September meeting



SDUA members at the September meeting in the clubhouse

## The Eyes of a Pilot

*We'd love the opportunity to publish your flying stories, interesting events and happenings here for all to enjoy. Just write something up, submit to the Newsletter Editor, and then sit back and enjoy the attention!*

## Reminders

- *Membership dues for 2018 are due. Please submit to Mike Sandlin ASAP.*
- *The October club meeting is October 6th but we will meet at the Ramona Air Fair – <https://patch.com/california/ramona/calendar/event/20181006/386332/2018-ramona-air-fair-fly-in>*

## 2019 Elections

Dear Fellow Pilots,

It's that time again for us to begin our search for the 2019 Leadership. Our humble club of aviators is run by volunteers, and we need your help, especially if you are actively flying at Nichols! Member participation and volunteerism is the only way our club stays alive, and passionate aviators are what make our club thrive! Here are the positions up for election -

Elected Positions:

- President - (currently Glenn Frehafer)
- Vice-president - (currently Kevin Warren)
- Secretary - (currently Pat Moran)
- Treasurer - (currently Mark Novak)
- Board Members (3 to 9)

Un-elected positions needing to be filled by volunteers:

- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Membership Chairman
- EAA Liason
- Technical Adviser

If you are interested in a position, or would like to nominate someone, please email me at [cloudzrest@gmail.com](mailto:cloudzrest@gmail.com) . If you have any questions about a position you can send me an email. During the October Meeting I'll be presenting the list of nominees, and in November we will vote.

Thank you all for your consideration for these important positions to keep our club running! And thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out over the last year so much! Our club does not exist without your commitment!

Pat Moran

Nominations Committee