



The San Diego Flyer



SDUA Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2018

This month's meeting was held at Donnie and Jaye Eccker's hangar at Ramona Airport, before their annual fly-in. Meeting called to order at 10:25AM. Visiting members included Steve Buser, who was a member in the mid-90s, and is currently an A&P and instructor at Miramar College. Also, Mike Gerald, a friend of Gene Kendall, is looking to buy an ultralight. Also, Jim Hicky, and Doug Buchanan.

Mike Sandlin membership report: 48 paid up current members.

Mark Novak's Treasurer report: SDUA received the \$11,000 payment from Skydive and it has been dispersed to the displaced hangar owners at Nichols. Vice President Kevin Warren is auditing the SDUA Books.

Larry's Field Manager Report: The airport lease at Nichols for Skydive is set to expire in September 2020. It is still possible that SDUA may not be able to stay at Nichols since the lease details are still up in the air and "the lawyers are doing the dance." If you are planning on selling your hangar or aircraft, please let the prospective buyer aware of this fact.

Armond Brattland passed away on October 2nd, 2018. Armond's daughter Kim said that Armond really loved the club members and that he was always talking about us to his family. You may not know that he was active in the past in the E.A.A. Young Eagles program flying kids in his Maule. Armond was a good man and faithful member always attending our meetings accompanied with his dog. We will miss him. There will be a memorial service for him on November 3rd at the Scottish Rite Temple in Mission Valley at 1:00PM. If you haven't already, please let Glenn know that you will attending, email him at sailindude1947@yahoo.com.

Pat Moran of the nomination committee presented the candidates for the 2019 election. The nominations are:

President - Glenn Frehafer
 Vice President - Kevin Warren, Larry Faast
 Treasurer - Mark Novak
 Secretary - Gene Kendall
 Tech Adviser - Al Sayder
 Membership Chairman - Bob Moses, Mike Sandlen
 Newsletter / Website - Dayton Smith
 Members at Large - Jody Morgan, Geza Hambalko

Old Business. Two tiedowns are available still.

New business. The EAA has a new initiative for flying clubs, to try and encourage more new people into aviation, at a more affordable level. EAA is taking donations of aircraft and will be giving grants to people who qualify. Check out the EAA website for more information, as well as EAA Webinars.

The Guest Speaker was Guy Buchanan, who had a red and white Kitfox which has appeared at the Nichols fly-in. Guy shared his experience of flying from Ramona to Oshkosh 2018, by way of Cedar City and Denver. He talked about navigating over the Rockies/high terrain, avoiding bad weather, and trying to land at Oshkosh in a massive traffic jam in the sky, with airplanes cutting each other off and flying the wrong direction in holding

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patterns. On his way back from Oshkosh, while flying low along a river just west of Grand Junction, his rudder clipped a low-hanging and unmarked zipline cable that spanned the river. He lost control of the kitfox and crashed into the river and side of a canyon. Somehow, he managed to walk away from the crash, the airplane nearly destroyed, with no memory of the actual crash, but only memories of moving his luggage onto a nearby sandbar. He was rescued from the sandbar by a group of river rafters who passed by, and they shuttled him down river to a spot where he could be airlifted out by helicopter. He needed some stitches but miraculously he didn't have any major injuries.

Guy's story was interrupted many times by the sounds of the airshow outside Donnie and Jaye's hangar, the sheriff's helicopter taking off and landing, and several airplanes doing high speed fly-bys. Thank you again to Donnie and Jaye Eccker for their hospitality and sharing their hangar with us! The meeting was adjourned at 12:25PM, and many members stayed to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Ramona Airshow, which featured food trucks, a live band, lots of great airplanes and classic cars!

Photos from October meeting

**Reminders**

- *Membership dues for 2018 are due. Please submit to Mike Sandlin ASAP.*
- *The November meeting is November 3rd at the Nichols clubhouse*