



# The San Diego Flyer



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## SDUA Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2019

By Gene Kendall

President **Glenn Frehafer** brought the meeting to order (on time) at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Visitors:** No new visitors for the meeting.

**Membership:** **Mike Sandlin** said we have 33 paid members.

**Treasury:** **Mark Novak** said we collected \$240 in dues and \$36 from the raffle, and \$3,032 in rent. We have an ending balance of \$22,336.55. However, most of this money is reserved for relocation etc. at the end of our verbal agreement with the Sky Dive.

**Field manager:** **Larry Fasst** said there was no new news regarding the club lease. He repeated that the owner Bram said there was a high turnover in city personnel making the lease negotiations difficult. Larry also said he would have the weeds cut around the hangers.

A club board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sizzler in Mission Valley. The club will buy a modest meal for the board meeting.

A Save SDUA 2020 committee meeting is scheduled after today's club meeting.

Jodi Morgan won \$18 in the raffle.

**Dean Ganzer** said **Pete Siegrist** had to go to the hospital for a blood clot in his shoulder. He is doing fine but would appreciate some visitors.

**Dean Ganzer** and **Pete Siegrist** sold their GT 400 and now Dean is working on his Avenger's airworthiness.

**Gaza Hambalko** and **Al Sayder** are working on Gaza's Skyboy. There seems to be a problem with the 912 Rotax engine that is difficult to solve.

**Bob Moses** said that Skydive acquired new generators and batteries to run the surveillance cameras 24 hours a day.

**Rose Sayder** brought her usual very good homemade bakery goods to eat.

**John Adcock** is the keeper of our website. He also has a Kit Fox and will be flying at El Mirage dry lake bed.



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**Steve Leary** said he would put his Rans back together after the recent hard landing.

**Nimal Diunugala** said he is taking flying lessons at Palomar Airport in Larry's Sports Star. He has just started taking lessons and has made four successful landings.

**Jodi Morgan** said some of the PPG guys are flying out of his property

**Steve Leary** said he will manage the fly-in this year. **Larry Fasst** said he would arrange for some guest flybys. **Gene Kendall** said he would do the spot landing contest.

A discussion was held about creating a new 501.C.3 to form a public charity to educate the public and also received donations for the club. It would cost approximately \$300 in fees, take 4 to 6 months to complete and would require new reporting for the club.

18 people attended our meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.

## Field Manager's Report

March 2019

By Larry Faast

The rain has finally stopped and now the drying out period begins. The east end of the TAO parking lot has been a giant bog (a virtual "swamp" as Bob Moses put it) and has caught several unsuspecting vehicles by surprise--sinking them to their axles in the gooey mud. This area has always been subject to an underground river that flows down from the mountain to the north, beneath Otay Lakes Road, under our parking lot then into the drop zone. Over my nearly 40 years at the airpark, I have seen this phenomena several times after extremely large rains.

Here's comments from Bob as he and his staff struggled with the rain damage. "I'm working on building a new ark. But I'm only gonna be able to take a couple gophers and ground squirrels with me. This place is flooded. But not your hanger. The mote around it is diverting all the water running down from the road. Out onto the field, where its creating a new lake. The winds tore apart our packing canopies earlier this morning. Sent Steve Leary a note too. Found the wind had popped his doors off the latch. I've got 'em re-secured with rope for now and will come up with a better plan tomorrow. Bart's hanger doors are loose, but have been for a while now. But nothing has fallen off, yet. Other hangers don't seem to be impacted as yet. And Bloop is doing okay." We owe Bob a debt of gratitude for watching over our ultralight area! He will now begin the task of having all the weeds and grass cut down around our hangars and clubhouse.

Now with sunshine and clear weather, we can fly again and enjoy the beautiful back-country. Watch out for all those pretty Painted Ladies migrating from Mexico to Oregon!



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## Newsletter Article

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By Irina Tatarenko & Lindsey Fillion

“Fly for the fun of it”. — Amelia Earhart

In celebration of Women’s history month, we pay tribute to the fearless women who helped shape aviation as we know it and the organization many of them founded that continues to grow and thrive, the Ninety-Nines.

The Ninety-Nines is the largest international organization consisting of thousands of women pilots from 44 countries who’s mission is to promote advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring a unique history and sharing the passion for flight. Established in 1929, the members of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots are represented in all areas of aviation today.

The organization was founded November 2, 1929, at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York. Amelia Earhart had called for a meeting of female pilots following the Women's Air Derby. As one would expect, they struggled to establish themselves but failure is rarely accepted by determined women. In 1931, Earhart was elected the first President, and the group officially selected the name "Ninety-Nines" to represent the 99 charter members. Membership was immediately opened to other women as they became licensed pilots. In recent years membership has been opened to include women with student pilot certificates.

The groups founding mission continues today with local chapters, museums, endowment funds, education and scholarship programs, most notably the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships for Women Pilots. The Ninety-Nines established the Fund in 1940 to honor her memory and perpetuate her ideals and love of flying. From a single scholarship of \$125 in 1941, the annual Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund has grown to help over 400 women from six countries to advance and succeed in aviation and aerospace. The amount awarded for these scholarships, including Research Scholar Grants and Fly Now Awards exceeds \$11 Million.

To learn more, join a local chapter or become a sponsor, Visit the [ninety-nines.org](http://ninety-nines.org)

In our journey through life, let us always remember, "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants” — Isaac Newton