



The San Diego Flyer



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Larry Faast

Hello S.D.U.A. Membership

My first action as your new president is to thank the last term officers, **Glenn, Gene, Kevin** and **Mark** for leading our club through another year of exciting events and fun activities. **Glenn** served more terms (4) than any other president in the club's history. **Thank you, Glenn for your outstanding leadership and dedication to SDUA.**

I want to welcome back **Gene** as Secretary and **Mark** as Treasurer. Both positions are vital to the success and fulfillment of our EAA charter. Special thanks goes to **Tom Miller** for volunteering for the position of Vice President! **Tom**, as you know, has been a member for many years and has always been an avid flyer and active member in the club. Also, thanks to **Mike** and **John** for their continued excellent service as Membership Chairman and Webmaster.

The December meeting and Christmas dinner were lots of fun! Several wives and family members were present. Boston Market served up their tender roasted chicken, meatloaf and all the trimmings. Of course, Rose's delightful dessert was beyond delicious! Thank you, **Rose**.

Thanks to **Bob Moses**, our new field manager (and continuing newsletter editor) for organizing, cleaning, and setting up the clubhouse for the party. **Bob** is a great asset to SDUA members, hanger owners and Nichols Field. After the recent rainstorm, **Bob** helped several hanger owners repair their damaged hangers.

During the meeting, **Morty Berger** presented his business plan for starting a new endeavor at Nichols Field to train people to fly the new EVTOL (Electric Vertical Takeoff & Landing) ultralight.

SDUA Meeting Minutes December 7th, 2019

New President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order (on time) at 10:10 A.M. (Secretary was a bit late).

Former President **Glenn Frehafer** led the opening prayer.

President **Larry Faast** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: **Luis Angulo-Landeros** brought his lovely daughter, **Lilly** and her energetic son, **Hans**. **Geza Hambalko** brought his lovely wife. **Rose Sayder** brought two young Turkish students that are attending UCSD in post graduate studies. **Can Uysalel** is a bio-mechanics engineer, dealing at the cellular level. He also has two years of lab experience in aerospace. **Can** hopes to stay in the US and work in San Diego. **Sinal Oral** also attends UCSD and is studying physics and math. He intends to work in a research position upon graduation.

Another visitor; **Morty Berger** gave us a presentation on his new business concept of providing flights in single seat electric drones. Pretty interesting. It is the intention of the club to forward the overview to **Jeff Bramstedt @ Skydive SD / Tac Air**.

Membership: **Mike Sandlin** says we currently only have 12 paid up members for this coming year. Everyone else is encouraged to get current, please.

Treasury: **Mark Novak** said we have \$ 42,945.23 in the account. Income was \$ 2,494 and expenses were \$ 800.18.

Field Manager: **Bob Moses** is our new Field Manager; coerced into it by **Larry**. 😊

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I forwarded **Morty's** presentation to **Jeff (Bram) Bramstedt**, owner of Skydive San Diego. **Bram** is interested in knowing more about the vehicle and it's capabilities. His comment was, "I love the idea and I think it will work well for the SDUA." **Morty** and I will follow-up with **Bram** after the first of the year.

Perhaps the best part of the December meeting was the gift exchange and making sure no one tried to "steal" a gift more than three times. The most sought-after gift was the Olaf (cartoon character) pillow. **Jerry** and others possessed it temporarily but, to their chagrin, it was finally stolen by **Luis'** grandson, **Hans** which made this nine-year old boy very happy. **Luis**, thanks for bringing your daughter, **Lilly** and your grandson to the meeting.

The new year will be challenging for our club. **Bram** and our team will work in concert to make sure we secure a new sub-lease effective October 2020. I plan to re-activate **Glenn's'** "Save SDUA 2020 Committee", as needed, to help address the needs and issues facing SDUA during the upcoming lease negotiations.

Happy New Year to all of you! See you at the January meeting.

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Larry Faast communicated with **Jeff Bramstedt** who said he was still making progress on the lease. Our airfield lease terminates Sept of 2020.

Nimal Diunugala was recently flying **Larry's** light sport Sports Star as a student when the Rotax 912 engine cylinder head temperature climbed up into the red zone during a max climb on a hot day. He and his instructor were originally heading to John Wayne airport in Orange County, but when the engine temp got too high, the instructor took over the controls and they headed back into Palomar. Because of concern for possible engine damage, they declared an emergency, allowing for immediate landing clearance back on the field. They landed without any further issues and the engine temp fell back into normal range almost immediately. No damage to the plane or engine. Rotax 912s have a tendency to overheat during max climb on hot days.

28 people attended our meeting. No raffle this month.

The meeting officially ended at 11:10AM.

Thus, began the Christmas dinner and white elephant gift exchange. The excellent food was catered by **Boston Market** and paid for by the club with donations that were accepted.



Our newly elected club president, Mr Larry Faast.



Luis, Lilly, Hans and Larry.



Boston Market feast. Delicious



Much coveted wooden biplane model.



And to close: Santa spinning up and off to deliver gifts. 😊