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Hello Everyone!

Spring is here!! Well, at least for a little while. I encourage every one to take advantage of the spring weather to get in some great flying. The birds are singing; the flowers are blooming, and the sky is sunny and blue. You just can't find any excuses not to go flying or enjoy your favorite outdoor activity.

I hope all of you attended the April Fly-In. Not only did the airpark look absolutely great, but the food, prizes, trophies and camaraderie made the fly-in one of the best events we have had in years.

With spring here and summer coming, we need to focus on the future and the direction we want our club to go. Nominations for the club Board of Directors will be taken at our next meeting. And the election will take place at the June meeting. It is important that you consider who you want to lead the club for the next year. As your current President, I have reached my term limit and can no longer run for office. Bob Baker, who is our Sergeant at Arms, is also stepping down. This leaves two immediate positions open. I know the remaining board members would also like a break because they have served in their positions for many years. It's time for the old guard to leave and allow our bright and upcoming members to take the lead. As you well know, things get stagnant after someone is in office for several years. "That's the way we've done it for years" becomes the attitude and nothing gets done or improved.

Do not take the nominations lightly. If you want someone to be in office, talk to them and nominate them. If you feel you would like to lead our club, no problem, just volunteer by nominating yourself. Don't be afraid to get involved. For me and the other board members, it's been a lot of fun. Not only have we made a lot of contacts in the Ultralight and Light Sport community, but we have made lots of friends on the way.

For those of us who are leaving, we offer our insight, experience and support to the new board members. If you think about it, we have over 30 years' experience of being a member. Not a bad record. So, your participation is crucial! Get involved and set the new direction of our club. We depend on YOU!

Blue Skies,

Mike Porter, President



APRIL 2022 FLY-IN REVIEW **Submitted by Secretary L. Preston**

Ultralight & Sports Pilot of America celebrated the beginning of spring by having its annual Fly-In. Why do we have a fly-in? Because it's the beginning of spring! That's why! (Well, that's my opinion anyway.)

The Fly-In was met by low temperatures and cloudy skies. However, it did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the event.

After an hour delay, (because of weather) the competition was held. For those who competed, it was a lot of fun and definitely a crowd pleaser.

After the competition many of the members arranged their airplanes to be judged. There were two categories of aircraft, Ultralight and Light Sport. EAA guidelines were followed in the judging process. Two judges were chosen to inspect all the aircraft.

Lunch was provided by our own renowned chef, Geo Hencon. The food was enjoyed by everyone and the desert was devoured. So if you left hungry, that was your fault. During lunch there was an informal meeting where Rich Lefebvre our webmaster gave a presentation of the new USA Webpage

Rich worked very hard to provide our club with an impressive website. Not only is there more information available about our club, but we now have access to other websites as well. Members also have access to chat with individuals who are seeking information about our club as well as passing on other interests.

At the end of Rich's presentation, the awards for the competition were presented. Mike Porter was presented with a trophy for first place, and Rich Lefebvre was presented with a second place trophy. The results of judging the ultralights and light sport aircraft were concluded. The judges commented on how close the competition was. But in the end, there was only one winner for each category.

Rey Cardenas was presented the Grand Ultralight trophy for his Challenger, and Rich Lefebvre was presented the Grand Light Sport trophy for his Quicksilver GT500. Both were commended for their attention to detail in building and maintaining their aircraft.

Geoff Navolt, our Vice-President, made an announcement that he will be running for the Office of President which will be vacant this upcoming election.

At the conclusion of the meeting a raffle was conducted where many prizes were given. Several members stayed and enjoyed getting together with old and new friends. Lots of exaggerated stories were told and enjoyed by everyone. The Fly-In officially ended at 5:00 pm, but many stayed until later that evening.

Vote Geoff Navolt for USA Club President

Vote this Saturday May 7

Calendar 2022

April	2	No Meeting
May	2	Club Meeting
June	4	Club Meeting
July	9	Club Meeting
August		Club Meeting
September		Club Meeting



- Annual Club Fly in
- Nominate New 2022 Club Officers
- Vote New 2022 Club Officers
- Install new Club Officers
- Propose By-law Changes
- Discuss By-law Changes
- Vote By-law Changes

Meet Your Treasurer

John Mock

Ever wonder who the most important and powerful person in our club is? Some say it is the club president. Some say it is the secretary. Others say they don't care.

However, most people believe the most influential person in the club is the treasurer. Why, you ask? It is because the treasurer is in charge of the money; you remember money? The stuff you use to buy things. Well, guess what? John Mock is our club Treasurer and has been for some time.

So why is he our treasurer? What does he do with our money? Who cares? Well, let's dive into who this mysterious person is; and how he got to be our treasurer.



On February 2, 1937, John Mock was born in Topeka, the Capital City of Kansas. He is the oldest of seven children. When he was in high school, John moved with his family to a farm just south of Topeka. John had a happy life growing up and was able to avoid being placed in a reform school.

When he graduated from high school, John attended Kansas State and majored in electrical engineering. When he completed college John went to work for Bell Telephone Laboratory and helped develop intercontinental ballistic missiles. One of the missiles was called Zeus, which intercepts enemy missiles. (Thank you for your service, John.)

In 1963, John moved to Downey, California (We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto) and worked for Hughes Aircraft designing radar exciters and electrical warfare defense for aircraft. While living in Downey, John met this cute little gal named Lois. Being smitten by her, John married Lois in 1965, and they moved to Fullerton where they currently live. Together they have two boys and five grandchildren. John left Hughes Aircraft in 1976 to live the American dream and start his own business called Bits & Bytes. John installs and repairs computers as well as provides technical support for RV Custom Products. John is still active in his business. One day in 2000, John's brother-in-law, Jim Farthing (Another guy we'll talk about) brought him to a USA meeting. John was already a private pilot, and soon discovered he liked ultralights and joined the club. He bought parts from two planes and made a Beaver RX35, which he still has. Later John bought a Kolb ultralight (which he still has) and is in the process of repairing it. Not having enough airplanes, John is also restoring a 1942 L3B military aircraft made by Aeronca.

Because of his old age, John doesn't remember when he was first elected as a Board Member, but believes he was conned by Jim Farthing. However, John has served in the past as our Secretary and most recently as Treasurer. John continues to serve our club in an exemplary manner and enjoys sharing his passion for aviation with others.

One of John's goals is to improve the communication among the Board Members, as well as to the membership.

Want to know more about John? Ask Lois! You can find both of them in their RV on the weekends at the airpark.

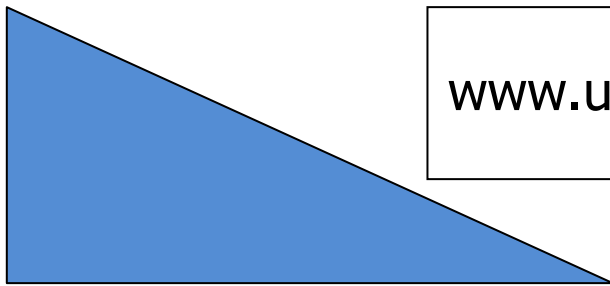
Written by Larry Preston, Club Secretary

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Ultralog Editor is looking for more pictures of Club field activities and stories of individual or group flying activities. Email your article/pics to farth001@cox.net by the 20th of the month.



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Nominate New Board Officers
Saturday **April 2**

Please submit any information, events, things to brag about, funny anecdotes, etc. to be included in the next issue of the Ultralog by 20th of the month. Send them snail-mail to: Jim Farthing, 1614 Quiet hills Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056 Or email to : farth001@cox.net and put ULTRALOG in the subject line.

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