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Meet our new Club President Geoff Navolt

Geoff Navolt has been a member of USA for about two years. Since that time Geoff has become involved with the various activities of the club, and in 2022 became our President.

Who is this guy? And why is he our President? More important, what does he do around here? Well, let's find out who this guy really is.

Geoff Navolt was born in 1973 in Concord, California. At a young age he and his family moved to Pacific Beach, San Diego. There he grew up under the sunny turf and surf of San Diego. He navigated his younger years by avoiding the police and graduating from high school.

Geoff's first job was working at a laundromat. Later he began his career in retail at various convenience stores and mini marts.

Geoff lived the free single life until he went shopping at a jewelry store. While talking to a lovely sales lady, she told Geoff about her sister Marcela who lived in the Philippines. Intrigued, Geoff contacted her and a long distance romance began until 2010. Stricken by love, Geoff flew to the Philippines to marry Marcela and bring her back Home. Both are living a happy life in the Spring Valley area of San Diego.

So how did Geoff get involved in ultralights? Just like everyone else. Geoff was smitten by the aviation bug for several years until one day he learned about ultralights. In 2020 Geoff drove to Camarillo to get an introductory flight in an Ultralight. Like so many of us, Geoff was hooked. Wanting to know more about ultralights; Geoff went to the internet and goggled the "internationally known" flying club called the **Ultralight and Sport Pilots Club of America**. There he learned all about our club and the wonderful world of ultralight flying. Excited to learn more, Geoff went to the club meetings and soon became a familiar face to the other members.

In 2020 Geoff became a Club member. Because of his enthusiasm, he brought his friend Geo Hencon to a meeting and Geo later became a member of our Club. Geoff's enthusiasm and willingness to get involved rubbed off on everyone, and he was voted to be our Vice-President in 2021 then to be voted as Club President this year. Some of his goals for the club are to improve the appearance and functionality of the airpark, and to encourage the participation of the members to attend the various planned activities. We should welcome and applaud our new Club President.



MEET YOUR WEBMASTER – Richard Lefebvre

Have you ever been on our website? Did you even know we had a website? Well, if you did check out our website, you will find a lot of information about our club and what we do. So how does all that information get there? Does it just magically appear when we want it? Not really. Someone has to put the information on the website and that person would be Richard Lefebvre.

Richard has been a silent worker for our club for many years. Without any fanfare Richard took on the job of Webmaster to ensure everyone gets the current information of what our club is doing. After 18 years of faithful service Rich is now handing the duties of Webmaster over to Jason Lin. So who is Richard and what kind of guy would even want to be a Webmaster? Especially for our club! Well, hang on to your key board, and let's find out who the real Richard is. Richard Lefebvre was born in Montreal, Canada on



November 6, 1961. He became a man of many travels during his younger age.

His father was an electrical engineer and traveled to various locations in the United States, Europe, and other places.

Richard and his family moved to the Los Angeles area then to Irvine in Orange County. He also lived in London for a couple of years in his teenager years. (No wonder he's a little off in his accent).

Finally, Richard and his family returned to the United States and settled in Orange County. After graduating from high school (Top Secret/For Your Eyes Only), Richard attended Cal State Fullerton and majored in Business Administration and Computer Science.

One day while working at the Cal State Fullerton's Computer Center Richard's eye fell upon a young lady by the name of Barbara. Well, we all know what happened later. Yes, Richard fell madly in love and in 1992 they were married. Richard and Barbara have two lovely daughters who are under the constant watchful eye of their father.

Upon graduating from college, Richard first worked as a Flight Simulation Software Engineer in the defense industry. That was too way much math for a Business Admin guy and outside his career sights, so he realigned into more of an IT position. Through the years, he worked for many manufacturing-based companies in various IT management capacities including working 15 years for Bumble Bee Foods in San Diego. After enduring a brutal commute 4 days a week from Orange County to downtown San Diego, he moved onto his current job at Horizon Brands near John Wayne Airport as a Sr. Director in IT. He has lived in Rancho Santa Margarita since 1992...yes, he is a real pioneer and settler roaming with the cattle before it became a city on New Year's Day, 2000...okay, maybe we are stretching the pioneer part a bit!

Richard began his flying career when he was 5 years old. Richard said as a young boy he flew many flights from Los Angeles to Montreal and back. He remembered one flight in particular. He was flying in a DC 8 (Remember those propeller things? Nope, that was actually a genuine jet belching out heavy exhaust streams!) and received his bonafide Junior Pilot Wings. WOW! That was all it took to get Richard started in aviation.

At the age of 17, Richard completed ground school, but as he would say, "life got in the way". It wasn't until 1987 when Richard was driving by Perris Valley Airport that he spotted an ultralight. He bought books about ultralights and practiced how to fly in his living room while making all sorts of airplane noises before later going to Perris to learn how to fly. People who fly with him today in his backseat say he still sounds out airplane noises from his mouth!!

In 2002, (the year that changed his life forever) Richard was hooked on flying and joined the Ultralight Squadron of America club. Shortly after, Richard became the club's Treasurer and the Annual Fly-In Chairman for a few years. In 2004 Richard took on the duties of Webmaster, a job that he excelled in.

Richard received his Sport Pilot's License in 2008 and currently flies a Quicksilver GT 500. You can see him flying on the weekends. Most recently Richard has been seen flying with his daughter who acts as co-pilot.

On the serious side, Richard is a quiet, polite man who is well respected by his peers.

When it comes to computers, Richard is second to none. In the past, Richard has done wonders for the club website. However, his best work ever is the creation of a new and improved website for our club. This is the result of a couple of months of developing, improving, and tweaking the new site to meet his high standards.

Now that Richard has completed the new website he is ready to move on to other things. He is currently working with Jason Lin to ensure the transition of Webmaster goes smoothly.

I know I speak for every member of U.S.A. when I say "Thank You, Richard", for your unselfish contribution to our club. You are truly a viable member and an honor and pleasure to know.

~ **Larry Preston, Secretary**

Minutes of the June 2022 USA Club Meeting

President Mike Porter started the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Board members present were President Porter, Vice-President Navolt, Secretary Preston, Treasurer Mock and Sergeant at Arms Baker.

President Porter led the self-introductions of the members and visitors present for the meeting.

Secretary Preston addressed the review of the April Fly-In and it was accepted by the membership.

Treasurer Mock gave a financial report and it was accepted by the membership.

Sgt. at Arms Baker gave a report on the status of the airpark tie-downs and it was accepted by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS: The increase in Airpark tie-downs promulgated by the Airport Management from \$60 to \$100 was reviewed by the Board and will commence on July 1.

A review of the hangars around which there has been no apparent activity (flying), maintenance of the hangar, weed and trash control, and aircraft maintenance and including general presence of the member at the field or club meetings was found to be three tie-downs out of 24 at the Airpark were found to qualify as storage only use. Two members have responded right away and began showing up at the field and making hangar repairs and doing maintenance on their plane.

Pat Conatser also addressed the future of the airport. He said he believes the airport will be in business for another 5 years. With all of the encroachment from residential and commercial building it is only a matter of time before the airport will be forced to close. He also said he would give the club a one year notice to relocate.

It was recommended that a committee of three members be selected to review possible relocation areas for the club starting in July.

President Porter informed the membership the club hangar was dedicated for club meetings and banquets only. No other items such as aircraft/parts/furniture, etc. will be allowed to be stored in the club hangar.

A discussion about the future of the clubhouse was addressed. It was determined the clubhouse deck would be repaired and the exterior repainted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following new Board Members were voted in:

2022 – 2023 BOARD MEMBERS are:

President:	Geoff Navolt
Vice-President:	Geo Hencon
Secretary:	Larry Preston
Treasurer:	John Mock
Sergeant at Arms:	Robert Avila
Webmaster:	Jason Lin
Editor:	Jim Farthing

The New Board will be installed at the July meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Bob Comperini, CFI gave an excellent presentation on the history and status of the Ultralight, plane and pilot rules; and also covered light sport pilot training and flying. Here is a link to Bob's website about why he thinks it is not wise to push for changes to part 103. <http://www.fly-ul.com/103.shtml>

The meeting was adjourned by President Porter at 11:35.

Next meeting is postponed to July 9th at 10:00 am in observance of July 4th national holiday.

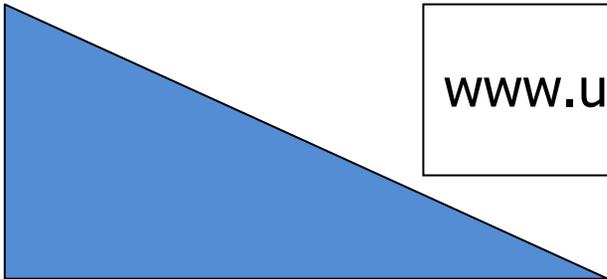
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Ultralog Editor is looking for more pictures of Club field activities and stories of individual or group flying activities. Email your article/pics to farth001@cox.net by the 20th of the month.

Calendar 2022

June	4	Club Meeting	Vote New 2022 Club Officers
July	9	Club Meeting	Install new Club Officers
July	9		Propose By-law Changes
August	6	Club Meeting	Discuss By-law Changes
September	3	Club Meeting	Vote By-law Changes
October	1	Club Meeting	Plan Club Christmas Party (date)
November	5	Club Meeting	Plan Club Christmas Party
December	(to be decided)		



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Vote New Board Officers
Saturday July 9