



# North San Diego County Vernon Payne Chapter 286

President: John Hubbard Vice President: Mike Talmadge Treasure: George Pruitte

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2005  
Palomar Airport

**Before the meeting begins Steve Beyers plans to fly his Waco to the airport for a show and tell.**

Guests at last meeting:

Stan Peterson

Fred Johnston

Neil Levin

Thom Davies (new member)

## September SPEAKER

### James Goodwin

James will demonstrate **Anywhere Map**, which is a complete moving map GPS Navigation System that operates on hand held and portable computers.

## August 3, 2006 MINUTES

John Hubbard opened the meeting at 7 PM and introduced our guest.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasure: George Pruitte thanked everyone who had paid due and increased our bank account.

Membership Chairman: Bob Wilson Asked those who haven't paid this years dues to pay them now.

Martin McNabb informed the member that long time past president Jack Wills passed away. Friends have asked for donations for a plaque for him at Oshkosh.

Members who went to Oshkosh this year shared their experiences at the air show.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Colonel NEIL LEVIN**, Author of "An Angel Rode My Wings" shared his experiences as a Marine pilot.

Being shot down in Viet Nam was one of his most vivid memories –no doubt! Flew 25 miles after being hit to reach the ocean then ejected at 16,000 ft manage to land in the ocean and get rescued by our side.

He also test flew a cannibalized A4 which he lost control of in a supersonic dive. Popper the speed brakes, blacked out but managed to wake up at and recover to normal flight and land a badly wrinkled airplane safely

Colonel Levin flew many of the fighters of his time in service including the F9, F2, F6, and F8.

## JACK SCHIFFERER

By now I'm sure you all know that Jack was killed while flying his Breezy RUL-1 from Ramona Airport. I suspect we all find it hard to understand how someone of Jack skill and experience could have this happen to him. I have read two eye witness account of the accident and as our Treasurer George Pruitte said, "The FAA does not like two eye witnesses because then there is two entirely different stories of what happened. Maybe the FAA investigation will shed more light on what happened. Jack was a retired Airforce Colonel and a retired United Airlines pilot. He had accumulated over 17,000 hours flight time and he had, it at one time or another, flown almost everything that had a wings. We will miss this wonderful guy who was a storehouse of information and always ready to help.

## Note:

There will be a party to celebrate Jack life at the Ramona Airport Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> at Pacific Executive Hanger 603 from 3PM to 6PM. Fly in if you can. I think Jack would like that.