



# North San Diego County Vernon Payne Chapter 286

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## NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 5, 2007  
7:00PM

**NOTE: AFR Hanger Palomar Airport**

## SPEAKER

### **Bruce R. Boland, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)**

A Navy fighter pilot for over 30 years, formerly Deputy County Administrator, and presently a member of the Board of the San Diego Regional Airport Authority.

Admiral Boland will be speaking about matters of interest to general aviation pilots in San Diego County.

### **MINUTES for March 1, 2007**

President Bob Wilson called the meeting to order at 1901 hours. The meeting convened in our old location because the new facility was not yet ready. We will be staying at the old facility for another month or two until the new building is completed.

The speaker had another appointment and so went first before club business. The speaker was Jeff Acord, former TRACON controller who described operations of the TRACON and suggested techniques for working better with the controllers and the air control system in general.

After the speaker, club business was conducted. The minutes were accepted after a small modification. There were no committee reports and no old business.

Under new business, it the RV fly-in at Cable Airport was discussed. Also, Kermit announced he had no speaker yet for next month and that he wanted to step down as speaker coordinator as soon as a replacement volunteer would step forward. It's hard to volunteer in the shadow of someone who has served us as well as Kermit, but Kermit has worked for us a long time and deserves the rest. Please talk you buddy into volunteering—or at least let him talk you into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

PS: After the meeting a speaker was obtained for

the next meeting. It will be Bruce Boland, retired Navy Admiral and jet jockey, current private pilot, and member of the San Diego County Airport Authority. He will talk about the new direction the Authority is taking and how that may affect all of us who fly.

**EAA Notice:** Chapter members can help to block an FAA funding proposal involving the FAA's proposal to charger user fees. The user-fee funding proposal currently lies in the hands of the U.S. House and Senate. This committee will determine which provisions of the FAA's proposal to bring to a vote of the House and Senate.

The airlines continue to push for user fees and oversight of their structure and administration. The result would give them greater control over the nation's airspace while pushing more of the cost of managing that airspace onto the very group being restricted: general aviation. The airlines' rhetoric asserting that "fat cats" in private jets should pay more for using the nation's ATC. However the oppressive effects their proposals would have on the little guys in aviation is not addressed. Those of us who fly for pleasure must persuade the committee members and all other national legislators that user fees are unwarranted, unfair, and ill-conceived.

### **EAA Chapter Leader,**

You are invited to attend the EAA Chapter Leaders Barbecue on Thursday, April 19th at Sun n Fun 2007 in Lakeland, FL (RSVP Required). Boy I don't want to miss that! Where's Lakeland?

### **NOTICE**

Pietenpol Gathering April 28--29

The informal gathering of Pietenpol enthusiasts has been moved from Corona Airport to Flabob. This event is totally nonstructured and is designed to promote all things Pietenpol. With any luck, there will be several of these aircampers to be seen. The event is being hosted by EAChapter 1 and Flabob Airport,