



North San Diego County Vernon Payne Chapter 286

President: Bob Wilson Vice President :Mike Talmadge Secretary: Dave Leedom Treasure: George Pruitte

The December 2007 meeting was called to order by President Bob Wilson at 19:04 hrs. Member awards were announced in recognition of service for the past year. The minutes before Thursday, November 1 were discussed and approved.

Chuck Federmack, an EAA member from many years ago, renewed his membership and presented the club with a classic text and CD covering many aspects of aircraft construction.

Jack Lee described his recent cross country flight in a Turbo 182 and praised the friendliness and cooperation of airport personnel across the country.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 19:23 hrs. and moved to the Flyit Simulator Corporation at 5931 Sea Lion Place, No. 110, Carlsbad.

Members were welcomed cordially by Terry J. Simpkins, President and CEO of Flyit Simulators. After a brief introductory talk by Mr. Simpkins, members were given simulated flights in both the fixed wing and the helicopter simulators.

The simulators were built to duplicate the actual cockpit of the craft they were simulating. Instrumentation was authentic and the simulated terrain was viewed through the cockpit windows, creating an almost perfect illusion of flight.

Bob Wilson demonstrated his consummate skill at the helicopter simulator as he flew over a simulation of Hobart, Tasmania. Neophytes, however, found the complex demands of helicopter flight quite daunting and soon crashed.

Helicopter flight simulation is so realistic that time in the simulator is equivalent to time in a real helicopter, but at a very small fraction of the cost. Flight schools thus find the helicopter flight simulator highly profitable, despite a purchase price in excess of \$ 100,000.

Some of the smaller simulators now under construction may be made available to airport and Young Eagle events.

Mr. Simpkins was generous with his time and members spent about an hour operating the simulators. All in all, this was one of the year's most fascinating meetings. Members who were absent might want to access www.flyit.com.