



# North San Diego County Vernon Payne Chapter 286

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

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Wilson on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 1902 hours.

## Guests

We were privileged to have the company of Philip and Mavis Ward from Stanford-le-hope in Essex, England. They fly out of Stapleford Airfield, an old World War II airport. Philip is an automotive engineer here on vacation while his wife Mavis trains for a pilots license in a Cessna 152. They were attracted to McClellan-Palomar Airport because of the outstanding aviation weather with which we are blessed.

## Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2008, were moved and approved.

A letter of acknowledgement was read regarding our Chapter's purchasing space on the Oshkosh Memorial Plaque for Norman Miller.

Attention was called to upcoming events put on by EAA Chapter 1 at Flabob Airport at which Burt Rutan and Tom Poberezny would be participating.

We were treated to a video presentation detailing the remarkable history of Van's Aircraft, starting with the very first efforts of founder Richard VanGrunsven.

In the early 1970's Richard VanGrunsven developed the RV3. The simplicity and elegant handling characteristics of this design drew widespread admiration and led to Richard's establishment of a small scale kit manufacturing enterprise in a small shop behind his house in Reedville, Oregon. Today the company occupies a 60,000 square foot facility on the Aurora, Oregon Airport and ships kits all over the world. In 1997 25 per cent of the Oshkosh attendees were RVs.

Over the years the RV has grown in sophistication from the single seater sports plane to a four seater with ample room for cargo. The theme of traditional aluminum construction and strength derived from stressed skin has remained unchanged while state-of-the-art airfoils have been developed. While performance has been stressed, so has safety, with emphasis on low landing speed and high survivability in the event of forced landings.

For further details, see Van's excellent Web site at

[www.vansaircraft.com/public/rvkitpla.htm](http://www.vansaircraft.com/public/rvkitpla.htm).

The meeting was adjourned at 1958 hours.