



North San Diego County Vernon Payne Chapter 286

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

The October 2009 meeting was called to order by President Bob Wilson at 19:00 hours.

GUESTS: Our guest was John Knolla from Salt Lake City. John is an aeronautical engineer specializing in logistics, reliability and maintenance and is employed at D-3 Technologies. John is now designing the plane that he intends to build and fly.

John has a remarkable familiarity with computer aided design programs and their application to the construction of the airframe. He has some fascinating stories to tell about legendary figures in the aircraft industry and will be the featured speaker at our November meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes were moved and seconded.

REPORTS: The runway repaving will be completed in one continuous operation rather than in segments, as previously considered. While landings and takeoffs will be halted for the duration of the repaving, the good news is that the bar and the restaurant will remain open.

Alan Purdy had a sad tale regarding a Challenger Ultra light he had certified two years ago. The plane suffered a fatal accident about a month ago. Although the cause has not been determined, Alan has apprehension about the fragility inherent in the design itself and will decline certifying any other challengers as of now.

Bryan Evans gave a discourse about application of a Pittsburgh Plate and Glass PPGCBX270 paint formulation to a Citabria. The paint is corrosion resistant and

makes an excellent primer.

Marty McNabb is at the sanding stage of his Mustang II and will soon be ready for inspection. The plane has sophisticated avionics, LED based lighting systems, and a sealed battery.

FEATURED SPEAKER: Joseph Kroupa, chapter member, made a return appearance as featured speaker with a photographic tour of the EAA gathering at Oshkosh Wisconsin. Joe is an Oshkosh volunteer whose participation in ground traffic control placed him in an excellent position to capture the drama and grandeur that is Oshkosh. The photos were beautifully composed and professional in quality. Subjects ranged from antiques from the dawn of aviation to the A380 and the White Knight Two mother ship Eve. The photo tour of the A380 was particularly impressive in capturing the magnificently detailed interior. This was in stark contrast to the austere beauty of war birds from across the generations.

Lastly, Joe presented coverage of the memorial wall ceremonies honoring EAA members who have passed on. The location of Norman Miller's plaque was pointed out. He will be remembered fondly.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30 hours.