

EAA Chapter 96

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Editors Corner

Jim Lobue

I apologize for the lack of an August newsletter. Too many people away for summer to provide content.

As always, we welcome input from our members. There has been a request to see articles about homebuilt projects. Even a one paragraph caption and a picture of what you are working on would add interest to this publication and inspiration to readers.



Upcoming Events

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 15 September, 10:00

Presentation TBD

Open to everyone.

Fly Out to Chiriaco Summit (L77)

Saturday, 22 September

See VMC Club news

in this issue for details.

Young Eagles

Saturday, 29 September

Compton Airport

Volunteers Needed

VMC Club

Thursday, 4 October, 7PM

See VMC Club news

in this issue for details.

Open to all pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 6 October, 09:00

Open to all members.

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 20 October, 10:00

Election of Even Year Directors

Members please attend!

Open to everyone.

Holiday Brunch

Sunday, 1 December

Auction to support youth camp.

Marie Callender's, Torrance

Stay tuned for signup info.

EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.

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Chapter Chatter



Dennis Lord is our current Chapter 96 President, executive producer of the EAA 96 Fly-In and Model Expo, and a member of the LA County Aviation Commission overseeing five County airports including Compton.

I have challenged the Compton Users Group and our VMC Club to work on Best Practices for the new runway and taxiway configuration at CPM and be part of a solution to encourage pilots to exhibit safe operating practices. In response, Rich Schleicher took on the challenge and hosted it as an agenda item in last week's meeting. A call was made for feedback from those that attended so that Rich could assemble a draft document. I look forward to a finished product for others to review and embrace. More to come on this.

Today (Sunday), there was a LA Charger game at the Stadium and also a flyover. Keep in mind that when the Chargers came to Carson for the next few years, two things happened; the stadium increased their seating to 30,000 seats and this met the FAA's threshold for an automatic sports TFR for games there. It seems that we only hear about Charger games as I have heard nothing regarding other events there but I suspect anything can change now that there are seating that meets the FAA criteria. In addition, there were rumors out there of a flyover of a C-130. Well, it turned out to be a C-17 which I could see from our home. It made the pass and turned downwind in the CPM pattern along the 91 eastbound. That would have woken up a few experimentals if they weren't aware.

There was a TFR notice on the airport gate but I don't recall it mentioning a flyover. As a producer of aerial events, I like to see wide spread communications on such items. You may have seen a routing map at the gates and other places around the airport prior to Labor Day weekend. This was a product of work for Los Angeles Fleet Week that was routed to six airports plus flight schools and flying clubs. I was pleased to see that communication come back to me through several channels. The net result was limited flying over Terminal Island that weekend and a safe weekend while we brought ten F-18 flyovers in for that event. Communication is key to safety.

We have elections coming up for three Board positions and while there is a commitment (I believe) from all three incumbents, there is always room for more talent on the Board. Should you be thinking about contributing to the Chapter in a meaningful way, let us know and we can chat about what you might like to do. Visionaries, entrepreneurs, machinists, electricians, managers, are all welcome. There can be a place for you. The current slate will be presented at Saturday's general membership meeting.

Hangar tenancy has softened but there is continuing interest in space out there. We are also taking a long look at Receivables which are climbing. This is a trend we must address and is a real Catch-22 for both parties.

I marvel at the intensity of the RV-8 build and see progress weekly, although interrupted by a recent wedding in Yosemite as I understand! Talk about a family project! It is nice to see work on several aircraft these days. Overall, I'm seeing a surge in aviation and for the first time in 20 years my flying club has a wait list of SIX pilots! A nice problem to have!

Below are photos of a recent upgrade to our 172. This is what \$32K looks like! But fun to fly!



As always, feedback is welcome.

Dennis is easily reached at President@EAA96.org or at 310.612.2751 and he looks forward to hearing from members. Comments and materials received may be used for future columns or responded to privately upon request.

Hangar Report

Gus Gustavson

Well, well, well....Someone got married! Brett and Julia took off to Yosemite, did some rock climbing with a friend, got to the top and took their vows, with their friend officiating. Talk about being different. They came back to do some more work on their RV and then headed back east to share the good news. According to Brett, no one knew what was up. (Picture below).

The pallets are almost gone thanks to Dennis Lord who is using them for a home project of his. We are getting more space to work with.

And we have heard from two people who want to use our hangar. Gil Cargill has mentioned he wants back in the hangar where he started his project. His Lancair was just completed painting in Corona and is looking for a home. (Picture below). A Vultee BT-13 Valiant fuselage is also requesting hangar space. We have room when the papers are signed and we move out some non-aircraft stuff.

Guess what! Leslie's GlaStar is finished its extensive conditional inspection. All it needs is a flight test by Leslie to check for any anomalies and it is good to go. Now if he could just find the time to fly it. He is a busy man. It is on the ramp, itching to go.

Leslie's Glasair is in a predicament. Brett pulled a cylinder because the compression was so lousy. The cylinder looked OK with maybe a hone and new rings to improve the compression. Looking further inside though found damaged lifters on the cam and lifter surfaces that looked like sandpaper. Bad, bad, bad. Now they are looking for another engine.

Brett and Julia's RV-8 is now gathering dust as they do their honeymoon thing back east. Hey! What's more important? Don't worry, they be running rivet guns again in no time.

I have no update on Keith's Spreuer's work for Leslie's Velocity. Keith and his wife just finished a trip to Coeur de'Alene Idaho with one 5-hour leg back to Central California. I can barely make 3 hours before I need a break. He reports that his newly re-engined Cozy IV ran perfectly.

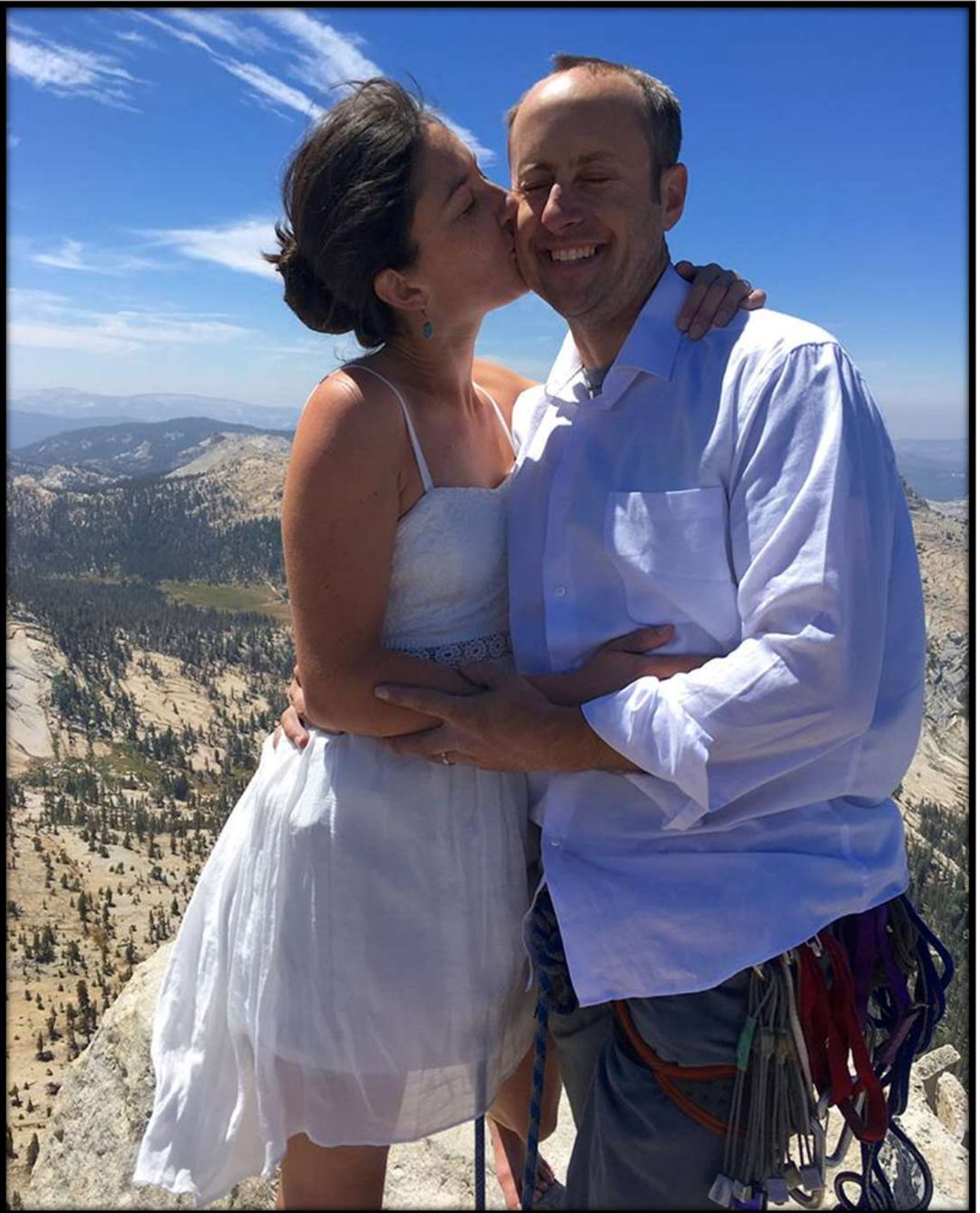
We haven't seen Leo Lopez is busy with Jacob, his brand new son, so his Zodiac 650 will be delayed some.

Calvin Kalbach is working on the wings for his VariEZ at home. He is bringing some more part in the hangar for his control surfaces that he doesn't want damaged.

Alvin Voight's BD-4 is also quietly sitting. When I last talked to him, he is working on a solution for extending the airframe for a tail wheel.

Jackson Edwards and JPI are working on my GlaStar Conditional engine monitor. There is a minor programming bug that I hope we will have figured out soon.







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The EAA Chapter 96 VMC club is a free monthly gathering of pilots who want to share experiences and learn from others in various flight situations. The VMC club opportunities are open to any pilots who want to improve their proficiency, gain local knowledge about air space, TFR information, and hanger talk about topics that are relative to current flying conditions in our area. This resource is supported through EAA's VMC Club and provides pilots an opportunity to participate in a "What would you do" scenario video or discussion topic each month. We will use real-world scenarios to engage everyone, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency. We will open each meeting with a topic and photos or quick 5 - 10 minute video supplied by EAA national for the purpose of open discussion on the video subject matter.

The meetings will meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapter 96 Conference room at the hanger and we restrict the length of the meetings to 1 hour. These meetings are free and we encourage participants to bring other interested pilots or friends. A schedule of these meetings will be posted on the hanger bulletin board and on the web site. For more information, you may contact the VMC coordinators, Richard Schleicher at 310-936-5055 or Keith Spreuer at 310-649-5289 or send an e-mail to chapter96VMC@actsworld.com.

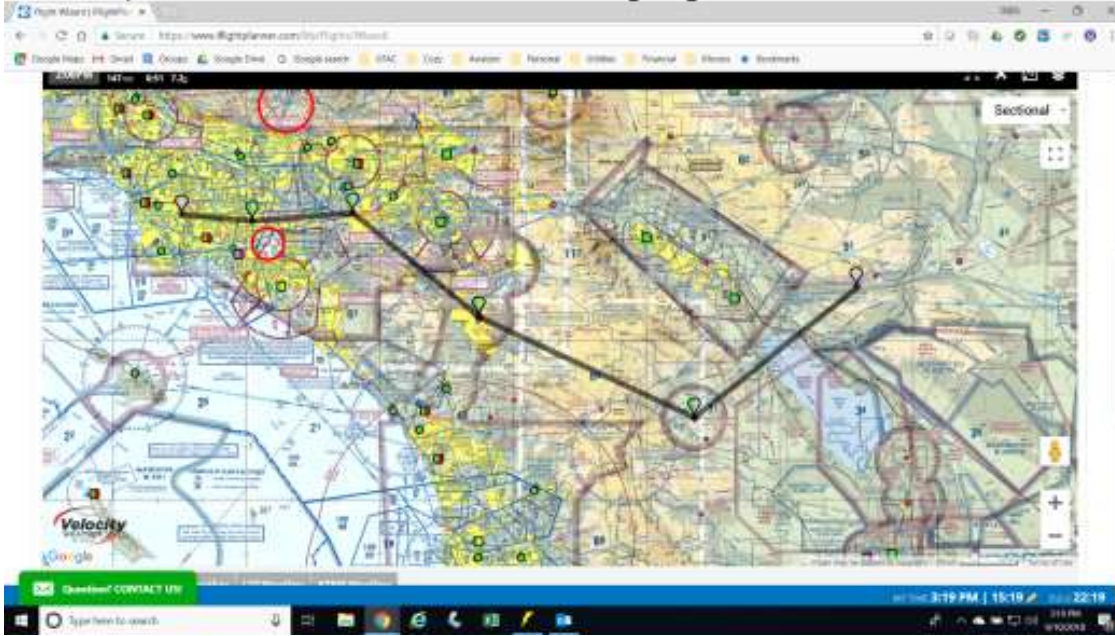
VMC Club Meeting Schedule

Oct 04	Topic: Rough engine just after lift off
Nov 01	Topic: Catalina – Cloud bank at the end of the runway
Dec 06	Topic: Flight to Alaska

Those interested in the VMC Club can subscribe to the Chapter 96 VMC Club list here: <http://eepurl.com/dGZVj1>

Fly Out Sat Sept 22

At the meeting last week we decided on Chiriaco Summit (L77) for the fly out. It is 127NM East of KCPM, On the East side of the Salton Sea. I like this route: KFUL KAJ0 F70 L08 because it avoids the Class C at Palm Springs. The plan is every man for him self or to join up with others as you choose. It's a short walk to the coffee shop and I checked that they are open. I will give a shout out on Thursday before the flight with an up date. RSVP so we have an idea who's going.



For those that are interested in joining the VMC club members on this fly out, please contact Keith at kspreuer@gmail.com and asked to be put on the list. We will also plan to visit the General Patten Museum located there.

Young Eagles

Peter Hurley

We had another successful Young Eagle Rally August 25th thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and pilots.

Four pilots were able to get in to Compton and provided 29 Young Eagles a great aviation experience. It was nice to see many very happy kids and parents. Some of the more serious Young Eagles and parents were grateful for the information that they received from the pilots to help them persue their dreams.

Many thanks to our ground support volunteers: Dennis for the safety and pilot briefings; Glenn and Steve for great organization and administration; Jim for coffee and ramp support; and Nate and Dan from LA-AFB keeping all the kids involved in their STEM activities; and their new colleague Rosema who brought us donuts and immediately jumped in to learn how to help out Steve and Glenn.

Another pleasant surprise was a visit from a previous Young Eagle of 17 years ago. Breean LaRance returned from Connecticut with her young children and gave an inspiring talk to the YEs and their families about her Young Eagle and aviaation experience. She also worked all day providing much needed ramp support

Our next YE rally will be our last in Compton for 2018. Of course we also need help from our ground volunteers to make it an enjoyable and successful event. Please let me know if you will be able to join us. I look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

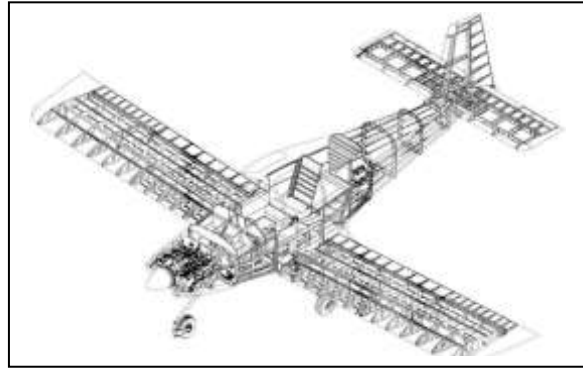
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ACE Camp, July 27th



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