

EAA Chapter 96

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Editors Corner

Jim Lobue

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

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, 1 June, 09:00
Open to all members.

VMC Club
Thursday, 6 June, 7PM
See VMC Club news
in this issue for details.
Open to all pilots.

Young Eagles Rally
Saturday, 8 June, 09:30
Torrance Airport Terminal Building
Volunteers needed.

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ
Saturday, 15 June, 10:00
NTSB presentation
Open to everyone.

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**EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.
1017 Alondra Blvd
Compton, CA 90220**

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.

At our last Board meeting we knuckled down and committed folks to specific tasks. I am pleased to report that several pending items were completed in the last week. First, the VMC Club did a final review on the Best Practices document that we authored regarding operations at CPM with the new taxiway and runway configuration. This was provided to the Airport Manager for their use going forward. We wanted to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Second, the manlift has needed two tires changed in I don't know how long and we could not seem to get it done. Dave Bristol, Richard Gieser and I set a date and "they" got it done. It really wasn't that difficult.

Third, driven by the March accident, EAA 96 offered to the County to host a LiveATC feed in the hangar. LiveATC.net then re-broadcasts it and records the stream for many uses including accident investigation. I am very pleased to share that we got this site up and running in the last 10 days. You can listen to it now at LiveATC.net and search for KCPM. It is in test mode but it is working. The next steps will be to install an external antenna and relocate the equipment to a secure area. It seems to be working well on our existing WiFi which we just renewed for another year.

I also spoke about a non-profit policy being developed by the County that may benefit EAA 96 last month. A discussion occurred at the recent Commission meeting and what the airport system could afford to do in applying a discount to aviation non-profits. As a Commissioner, I had to recuse myself from that conversation since we hold the largest rental agreement in the LA County airport system. A 15% discount was discussed. More to come.

As noted elsewhere, there will be no Members Meeting this month due to the CPM Open House on May 18. We have been asked to provide Young Eagle flights for that event and we simply cannot do both. LA Sheriff's Dept. Aviation Bureau was to be our speaker and they have been deferred to July (TBD). Next month, we have confirmed the NTSB for a presentation on their investigation process and an overview of select accidents and pilot decision making. In August, Rhon Williams is considering a presentation on his Jenny project which is flying. Again, on May 18th there is no meeting and our hangar will be closed for the event. Builders always have access.

Memorial Day (May 27) is coming up and if you are looking for a meaningful venue to honor those who sacrificed there is no better service than at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes. Located at 27501 S Western Ave., the program starts at 10 a.m. Each year they provide aerial tributes and jumpers. If you have not attended this, you're missing out on a great program.

AirVenture is two months away and I know of at least one member seeking a passenger to fly to Oshkosh. Are you that passenger? Reach out to me and I'll connect you.

Any carpenters or handymen out there? We have a table that needs to be re-installed in the kitchen that was poorly installed. One was fixed but we should reattach the other one to the wall and get it out of storage. We really could use a volunteer to copy the repair on the other one. Gus should not have to do everything. He likes to fly too.

Another volunteer assist will be to get the external antenna up for the LiveATC feed. This needs to be done as soon as the antenna arrives this week. Again, coordinate with me if you wish to volunteer for anything in the hangar.

Last week we had an aircraft in our tie down area leak a great deal of oil and the owner was contacted to remedy. Airport management responded and dispersed oil soak. While things happen, remember that our ramp is relatively new and cost the airport \$10M to repair. We need to contribute to the care of the pavement and keep it clean.

Lastly, if I am reading the tea leaves correctly, it appears there may be a couple of projects available for purchase in the hangar very soon. I'll leave the details to a private conversation but both are stagnant and in need of new ownership. If you, or someone, are looking for a project, please let us know.

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

Progress....

Here is Keith Spreuer with the latest on his latest engine install on his COZY IV. If you will notice, it is not his typical Subaru engine of which Keith is famous for. It is a Lycoming that is installing, much like Don Herstein in his COZY IV. This is something Keith has promised himself before the last two Subaru engine failures...maybe even earlier. He is learning a lot, especially sheet metal putting in baffling. Also he no longer needs radiator, cooling fans, coolant and a lot of other "stuff". But an all new induction and exhaust systems were needed as well. All this is to easily fit under the "Subaru" cowling. Keith is a driven man who can accomplish what he sets out to do. It will be strange to hear him fly by without that distinctive Subaru sound.



Here is Brett Zefting is toiling away at the hangar with his RV8. He and Julia and some other friends has completed the drilling, countersinking and deburring ALL the rivet holes in the fuselage parts. He actually got carried away and countersunk a few holes that he wasn't supposed to. I remember this problem. He made a quick call to Vans to get their input. I have done the same. It feels good to get good factory support for "issues". Factory assist, on-line builders groups, and Chapter EAA support are essential to a reliable and safe build...if we listen. The only bad thing about this is, for every issue, there are 10-100 answers. The trick is who do you trust and what is the best answer. Here is Brett among some of the parts that he has completed...wings, ailerons, flaps, rudder, elevator, and widgets. What is left of the fuselage is on the right. Soon, all the pieces will come back from clean and prime paint to begin the riveting.



I am still fine tuning the sand blast machine with upgraded parts. I find the Harbor Freight gloves get holes in the gauntlets after a couple of uses. I have better gloves to install.



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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.

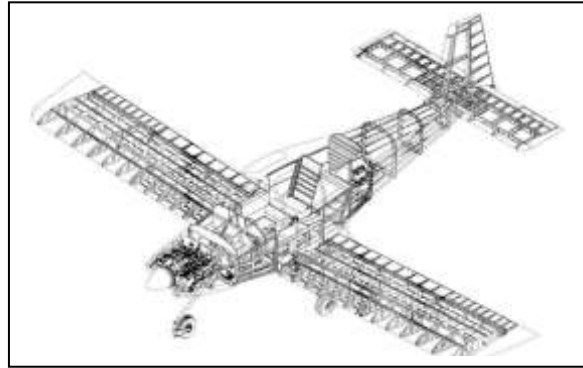
The meetings will meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapter 96 Conference room at the hanger and we restrict the length of the meetings to 1 hour. These meetings are free and we encourage participants to bring other interested pilots or friends. A schedule of these meetings is posted on the chapter web site and will be posted on the hanger bulletin board. 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

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| May 02 | Topic: The Pilot |
| June 06 | Topic: Engine out – various scenarios |
| July 11 | Topic: The Lights are out! |

Question for the month: Each month in the notice sent out for the meeting, we will include a question to be considered and discussed in addition to our video.

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