

EAA Chapter 96

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September 2019

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

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 21 September, 10:00

See program flyer in this issue.

Open to everyone.

Young Eagles Rally

Saturday, 28 September, 09:00

Compton Woodley Airport Terminal Building

Volunteers always needed.

VMC Club

Thursday, 3 October, 7PM

See VMC Club news

in this issue for details.

Open to all pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 5 October, 09:00

Open to all members.

EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.

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Compton, CA 90220**

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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.

August came and August went. We were silent with no newsletter. I was away on a family vacation and when I returned, beset with health matters. Through a number of appointments since the removal of the end of my cancerous nose, it appears I have escaped surgical reconstruction and it is being allowed to heal on its own. Personally, I've moved on as there are other things that need to be addressed. To those that expressed concern, thank you.

This, and more, have moved me to announce that I will not run again for President of EAA 96. However, I revealed a misunderstanding at our last Board meeting and clearly stated that I will remain on the Board should the membership elect me once again. I want to contribute in other ways.

Prior to the August County Aviation Commission meeting at KCPM, there was a Pilot Users Meeting held for the first time in years. A main topic of that meeting was expressed concern over the in-progress rent study that the County is doing and how that might affect rents for hangars. I recall that three EAA 96 members were present.

I reviewed this in my July column should you wish to re-read it. In addition, it is important to understand that we (the County/AAC) should not be expressing non-aviation rental rates as a percentage of aviation use but as a percentage of what non-aviation rates are outside our fence. Currently, non-aviation tenants are paying approximately 55% of market prices for storage in Compton outside the fence. In addition, for those that store vehicles, those facilities do not allow one to work on the vehicles. So, there is great value to them in renting a vacant hangar and keeps a lid on aviation rates.

Still, there is a coalition of pilots at another County Airport that believe we (the County/AAC) are forcing aviation off the airports. Recently, they have filed yet another Part 13 complaint with the FAA which now makes FOUR filings; two to the FAA, one to a County Fraud Line, and one assertion of conflict of interest to a County Commissioner who supposedly profited from a hangar policy consideration he was working on and which was never moved forward. Interesting that his businesses are at VNY and LGB which the County has no jurisdiction over. Naming the Commissioner and the County Chief of Aviation, this has become a personal attack by this coalition on these two men. What do they want? Deeply discounted rents for their non-profit which flies in the face of Federal grant assurances that all tenants be treated equally and that fair market pricing is maintained.

You may recall that KCPM and KEMT recently went through Land Use Surveys by the FAA and things like criteria for non-aviation use were tightened up by them. This group's actions were responsible for driving those surveys yet, in the end, the FAA stated that grant assurances were being met and improved by adhering to specific criteria upon which non-aviation use would be identified. Aircraft in hangars that are placeholders to gain an aviation rate do not qualify in the FAA's mind if there is no effort to move the aircraft towards airworthiness.

The external rental survey will be completed around year-end by a third-party firm. Still, the coalition of pilots are questioning why we don't listen to their rent survey. Even AOPA has stated that they support the County's position to have such a survey done by an independent agency instead of one presented by someone who has a vested interest in the outcome. I find it interesting that they compare CPM to the Inland Empire and Camarillo instead of LGB, TOA and HHR which their "survey" does not list. Their allegation that the County has "embraced" the higher rent of non-aviation in the interest of greed reveals a lack of understanding on how Airport Enterprise Budgets work. For one thing, one must raise dollars each year to qualify for next year's Federal AIP funds used to improve field safety. Then, in the case of CPM, unless we annually put away dollars for projects like a new terminal, how will that ever happen? Federal grants cannot be used for Terminal Buildings and similar amenities desired.

Lastly, the result of these filings has resulted in the presence of a County Attorney at all Commission meetings due to these allegations. Indeed, we have had to add \$100,000 to the budget simply to defend ourselves. That is \$100,000 of tenant dollars that could, and should, go to more meaningful things around the airport.

Meanwhile, my grandson needs me. Did I mention I want to contribute in other ways?

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.



EAA Chapter 96

Presents

KTLA 5 News Reporter/Anchor

Christina Pascucci

“Reaching New Heights!”

Ms. Pascucci is a renown Los Angeles new reporter and anchor for KTLA 5 and a passionate aviator and adventurer. She recently joined the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission and brings common sense and interest to all aspects of aviation.

Christina will be speaking on her latest adventures; her summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro and a jump with the US Navy Leap Frogs all in ONE WEEK!

DONT MISS THIS!

When: September 21, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

Where: EAA Chapter 96 Hangar located at 1017 W Alondra Blvd.

Directions: 91 Fwy East or West to Wilmington Ave. North to Alondra, left to EAA 96.

All ages welcome!

Hangar Report

Gus Gustavson

Well I finally got my ADS-B out installed, did you? I figured out I had a shorted GPS antenna cable from Approach systems. So while I was waiting for a new one, I took some RG-400 cable I had, and some connectors, courtesy of Adrian Anhood and made a temporary new one. I had a church friend come to the hangar to help pull the seats and seat pans, install the cable, secure it, then reinstall the seats. Off to Corona we flew to check it out, stop by Spruce to get a couple of cases of oil. At Spruce we met Wilbur Owens who offered to take the oil back in his car rather than struggle getting it in the baggage compartment of my plane. My church friend and I went to lunch at the airport café, verified my ADS-worked on my phone with the FAA website, then we flew back. I let my church friend have the controls on the way back. He had never flown before and it reminded me of when I was being taught to fly by my dad when I was six. Wings level and stay on course was the repeated instruction. He did pretty well and he was eighty! Wilbur had beaten us back from Corona. The oil was in the hangar. It is nice to have friends.

My plane was recently chosen for a cargo mission. We loaded a Piper fuel tank in the back of it and flew it to Catalina. John Winward's Piper got damaged at Catalina airport in a ground handling incident a few weeks prior. We loaded the tank and three planes flew to Catalina. The tank screw holes didn't line up and it was determined that these tanks were matched drilled to the plane and each was different. The re-skinning of the original tank was chosen as the way to proceed, though expensive. So we had lunch and then flew back with the tank. Lots of friends from Compton and Catalina tried to help John and his dilemma.



Hangar activities:

New member, Zack Menke is going to build a Zenith 750 in our hangar. He first ensured he had the space BEFORE he purchased the kit. He will begin between my GlaStar and Wilbur Owen's BT-13. His kit should be here in a few weeks.

The BD-4 up front is still looking for offers. Xavier is checking.

Alvin Voight is looking for a job in Washington State. Depending on what he finds, he may be moving his BD-4.

The man-lift is still a hydraulic steering arm needs to be removed and have a seal replaced. Contact Dave Bristol as we are still needing a work party to repair it. We have many projects that are in need of this equipment.

There is a flying RV in long beach that wants hangar space. Once the BD-4 clears out, I will call him.

Harel Tanami has his Thorp T-211 fuselage and engine out front temporarily as he is having to transport the fuselage to the paint shop for some interior work and Jerry Kaono is working on the engine. Harel recently removed some challenging Huck bolts from the corroded wing root attach fittings. He is now working on getting bolts and reamers to install new ones.

Due to the lack of an August newsletter, the August hangar report is included here.

Hangar Report

Gus Gustavson

Spring has sprung, Fall has fell, Summer is here and it is hot as usual where the hangar ceiling is in excess of 115 degrees (a high of 124 was once noted). This year, the heat is being mitigated by new 20" blowing at 4800 / 4200 / 3600 cubic meters per minute. How many cfm is that? You figure it out. This little fan can remove a lot of hot air, lowering the temperature at least 10 degrees. It makes it tolerable when I am stuffed in my fuselage doing a conditional inspection.

Several other members on the field are also doing work on aircraft on the field and are using the services of the chapter. **This is a reminder that to use the facility and equipment that you need to be an active member of both EAA and EAA96.** EAA96 membership dues are due January 1. This is announced for several chapter meetings near year's end, at holiday brunch, and in the news letters. **There is no reminder mailing to chapter members.** You can renew on-line at EAA96.org or, mail it in, or bring your payment in and drop it in the blue box on the wall, just inside the hangar kitchen door. We ask for a check if possible. Membership forms can be found on the bulletin board in the hangar kitchen. Even so, some members have miss this payment. You will soon be contacted, especially if you are a known user of the facility. The reason for this is the chapter liability which is covered by the EAA. **Remember, to be a chapter member, you must also be a member of EAA.**

Hangar activities:

Brett, Julia, and even Annika are working to get the RV-8 completed. If you look at it realize that it started as just a tail kit in December of 2018! They have the engine at Ly-Con in Visalia and is ready for pick-up. The last Van's finish kit has arrived and is being assembled.



There is a BD-4 up front that we are looking for offers. No offers, then it will be removed from the hangar. All or nothing.
No partials

The huge man-lift is now in the hangar for maintenance. A hydraulic steering arm needs to be removed and have a seal replaced. Contact Dave Bristol as we are getting up a work party to repair it. Many years ago we did the same for the main hydraulic are and it was fun. How many engineers does it take to replace a seal? I think it was seven.



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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

Oct 03	Topic:	Anti-Authority
Nov 07	Topic:	Osh Approach to Air Adventure
Dec 05	Topic:	So Cal Winter Flying considerations

We will be on break for January and resume meetings in February 2020.

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.

Young Eagles

We had two events recently. First on July 24 at Hawthorne and then on August 10 at Compton. We are now past 200 flights this year and have several more events planned to get us to make a record of 300. Many thanks to the pilots that are listed below for a great turnout of great planes last week.

Also, thanks to Ed Ranzenbach and Rich Schleicher for bringing their Long EZE's to the General meeting Saturday to give special birthday rides to our two campers. The boys made great presentations to the members about their experiences at the Air Academy this summer.

I would like to mention how grateful I am for the excellent support provided by Glenn Parkison and Rachel Richardson for keeping all the paperwork flowing smoothly; Andrew Pluma, Dan Patey and Ana for keeping the Young Eagles and their families in good shape on the ramp. Lt. Caleb Myers has replaced Lt. Nate Dennie as the STEM team leader who has been transferred. We wish Nate all the best going forward in his Air Force career. By the way, Caleb also helped by demonstrating his very professional skills in directing the aircraft to proper positioning on the ramp. It was also great to see Kris Maine back again, just in time to help some boy scouts working on their aviation merit badges.

Last but definitely not least, many thanks to Jim Lobue for his great skill and endurance to give STEMpilot training to all the very interested kids.

Please mark your calendars for our next rally at Compton on September 28th. I hope to see you there.

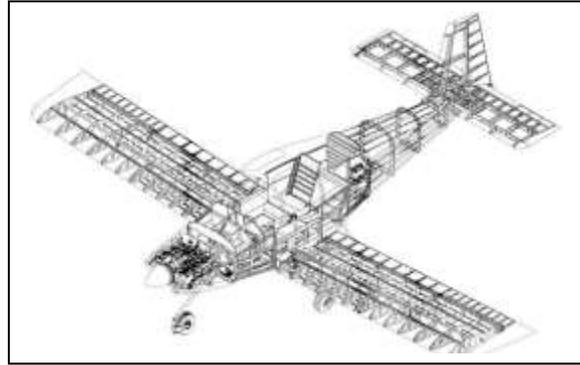
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August 10, 2019 Compton

Pilot	Credit		YE Completed	Previous 2019	YTD	Need for Credit
Donovan Burns	Chap 96	C-170B		5	5	5
Sharon Crawford	Chap 96	C-177		8	8	2
Merill Eastcott	Chap 96	Cirrus	6	14	20	
Jim Gates	Chap 96	Lancair 235-320	1		1	9
Alex Gibbs	Chap 7	Diamond DA-20	2	5	7	
Gus Gustavson	Chap 96	Glostar	3	20	23	
George Hanniff	Chap 96	C-172	3	7	10	
Dennis Lord	Chap 96	C-172, 182		53	53	
Kristine Maine	Chap 96	C-172, 210, 182		6	6	4
Sean McCormick	Chap 96	PA-28-161		9	9	1
Anne O'Brien	Chap 96	Comanche		5	5	5
Gary Palmer*	Chap 96	C-172	6	22	28	
Ed Ranzenbach	Chap 96	Long EZE	2	4	6	4
Phil Stokes	Chap 96	A-28-180		10	10	
Keith Spreuer	Chap 96	Cozy IV	7		7	3
Cliff Tatum	Chap 96	Swift GC-1B		2	2	8
Don Thompson	Chap 7	C-150			0	
Rhon Williams	Chap 96	Cirrus		21	21	
Brett Zefing	Chap 96	RV-4		4	4	6
		Total	30	195	225	47

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