

EAA Chapter 96

# PENINSULA FLYER

South Bay

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February 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

### Young Eagles Rally

**Saturday, 23 February, 09:30**

**Volunteers needed.**

**Details inside this issue.**

### Board of Directors Meeting

**Saturday, 6 March, 09:00**

**Open to all members.**

### VMC Club

**Thursday, 4 March, 7PM**

**See VMC Club news**

**in this issue for details.**

**Open to all pilots.**

### Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

**Saturday, 16 March, 10:00**

**Program by Jim Hebert**

**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.*

There is a lot happening around the Hangar and the Airport. Early reports are showing we had a good year. There is an uptick in the world of aviation and those properly positioned are benefitting from this boom. Technology is a game changer. In the aircraft I fly I have ADS-B In and Out and the usefulness of the available information is simply outstanding.

Complementing this is our strong outreach with Young Eagles. Last year we sent two campers for the first time. This year, we are on the cusp of sending three! How is that possible? Well, we have partnered with Cajun's Aviation Dream, Inc., a 501 c.3. There is a longer story on how this came about but the short version is they have an Advanced Camp reservation and no candidate and we had a candidate and no reservation. So, they accepted our candidate and will fully fund him. The Board has approved one Basic Camp candidate and we are seeking a candidate to fill the other Basic Camp slot we have. We are hopeful to find one.

We have filed for the Ray Aviation Scholarship award after being invited to do so. This \$10K grant would be used to take a beginning pilot through complete training and come out with their PPL. I understand we have found an aircraft we can use. More to come as details emerge.

A reminder to all Young Eagles pilots who registered in 2016 through the Youth Protection Program background check. We are in the midst of re-qualifying and I just received mine today. These are good for three years and must be renewed prior to flying Young Eagles. Don't get caught short coming to a rally only to learn you must renew.

There is a great need within the Chapter that I must share. We are deeply in need of a Membership Chairman that is able and willing to manage the outreach and orientation of new members and and coordinate membership calls when required. The Board continues to look around the table and everyone has at least one responsibility to manage. Simply, there is no extra capacity on the Board. Should you be interested, you do not need to be a Board Member. There are other volunteer opportunities as well. Simply let us know and we will bring you up to speed on any volunteer opportunity you may be interested in. We need some members to step up and assist the Chapter in these things.

The Rams lost and on the same day a neighborhood in Yorba Linda did too. Continuing reports paint a picture of a pilot that we really don't know who he was. Suspended license, imitating a peace officer, changed names twice, lying to ATC, poor aircraft maintenance and more. Why? What a mess. Cutting corners has a cost. I grieve for the innocent lives lost.

Last week I received an inside tour at NASA on Edwards AFB. While I have been there several times, this is the first time I've been in some of the labs and simulators. Remember, this Base is a test facility, not your standard, cookie-cutter, Air Force Base with a specific mission using developed technology. Cutting edge is a better descriptor here. Of interest to me were the conversations on sonic boom attenuation in search of an enhanced aircraft design that will develop into supersonic commercial travel. My bet is that it will shorten my legroom a lot! But, seriously, the issue of attenuation is huge for commercial travel and they described the testing that is going on. I even got to fly the Mach 2 sim at 65,000'. Nearly stalled it!

Then, off to the GCAS (Ground Collision Avoidance System) lab and learned about the history of its development. This system is available currently in the F-16 and can be placed in other fighters. There is also an ACAS (Airborne) system. Both systems were shown to us in a video showing test flights and "saves". To date, the GCAS has saved seven lives. The ACAS system showed communications where the computer took over and avoided an aerial collision. One of the biggest hurdles in developing these systems was getting pilots to relinquish control to a computer. I'm hopeful they will come to our Chapter and do a presentation.

On February 27th at 10 a.m., the County Aviation Commission will convene in the Terminal Building. These meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity to address the Commission regarding airport items.

**Dennis is easily reached at [President@EAA96.org](mailto: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*

Byron and Angelina.



Byron flew his Cessna 150 from Florida to EAA96, looking for a parking spot over a year ago. We gave him Barnaby's old space that the red Cessna 150 was parked. At EAA96 Byron and I fixed a shimmy damper with some expertise from Jerry Kaono. It was there that we got to meet Byron's girlfriend, Angelina. What wonderful people. We also fixed his brakes and other stuff as he was selling it so he could move to Texas for Flight School with the Air force. He sells his blue Cessna 150 to Barnaby and heads off for flight training. You can see this beautiful bird in the tie-downs out front. Byron and Angelina they are there in front of a Beech AT6 trainer, one of several Byron will fly while in Texas. As you may notice, there is a new pilot coming on the scene because Angelina is about to have their first son, THIS MONTH. I don't know about you, but that is super exciting! We wish them the best!

We are still awaiting word on Jackson Edward and the publication of the Belite reported last month. He is also getting more flight time on his Cessna 172. The trouble seems it keeps breaking vacuum pumps. They get fixed in pretty short order and his flight hours accumulate. He may already have his license by now or very shortly.

Brett and Julia Zefting are busy on the RV8 (well mostly Brett). He is soon migrating to the fuselage as he tries to finish up the wings when he is not flying Charters around the country in King Airs and Cessna Citations.. He is struggling with leaking RV tanks, but has it nearly solved. You see, Julia seems to have moved away from plane Building as she spends time in Phoenix Arizona, heading up a new scheduled airline. Those two are amazing with all they do. And to top it off, they too are expecting this spring!



It seems Keith Spreurer and Don Hernstein were having troubles with their COZYs this last month. Don had a rough engine with a cylinder overtemp on a cylinder. Don prudently made an Emergency landing in Torrance. Several EAA96 went to Torrance and checked things out. No fault found, so it was carefully flown back to Compton. Keith wasn't that lucky. Keith's engine lost oil pressure and the engine seized. He was right over Fullerton and made another emergency landing. Again, several EAA96ers headed there Saturday morning and pulled the wings and loaded it on one of our trailers. We moved it carefully back to Compton to put the wings on. Keith already has a new engine coming. This time it is a Lycoming.

There is just too much excitement around EAA96 hangar. See you next month.

Gus

## **Young Eagles**

*Peter Hurley*

Thanks to all of your generous help had a very good year last year and have obtained funding for three campers this summer. We will need to fly a lot of Young Eagles this year to continue our level of performance. We are accepting applications for the Basic Air Academy July 7 -12 for 14 - 15 year olds. If you know of a potential candidate please let me know.

We had a terrific turnout of volunteers and pilots on Saturday January 26 for our first Young Eagles event of the year.

We were fortunate to have some new volunteers who are joining us from Chapter 11: Kristine Maine and Dan Patey. Kris is an engineer with the Space and Missile Center and also a CFII among her other accomplishments. Dan recently earned his instrument rating working with Kris.

It was nice to see our ground crew was out in full force, with Glenn and Steve processing the registration forms and certificates with Rosema Hermano greeting the Young Eagles and getting them signed in. Also, Chris Lord escaped from LAX for the first Saturday in a long time. Jim Lobue was also there to help on the ramp.

Nate Dennie, Forrest Babbitt, and David Ramos from the LA AFB worked with the kids and figured out how to assemble the new foam gliders that were donated by Ed Ranzenbach that will be a great activity going forward.

Our next event is next week at Compton and we need volunteers to help with registration, Certificates, YE activities, Ramp escorts and management, and of course, Pilots!

We start setting up at 9:00 with coffee and donuts, Register Y/Es and hold a pilot briefing at 9:30 to start flying at 10:00.

**Please let me know if you will be able to help.**

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## **2019 EAA and Chapter 96 Membership Dues!**

*Craig Louis*

Have you paid your 2019 EAA dues? Have you paid your Chapter 96 dues? **Both** are required for chapter membership and hangar privileges.

**We want you to remain a Chapter Member**

If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please do so now.

You can browse to <https://eea96.org/> and select **Membership**

You'll be able to use the online form and pay with PayPal or the fee-free direct payment app Zelle, or download the PDF form and send a check. It's easy, and your dues are going to a good cause, our EAA Chapter 96 programs and upkeep.

Blue skies,  
Craig  
Treasurer, Secretary, and Etc.



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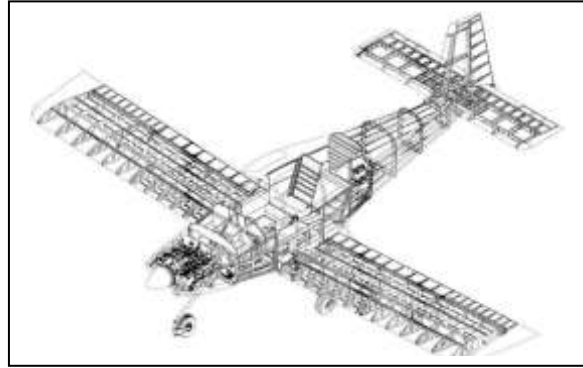
The EAA Chapter 96 VMC club is a free monthly gathering of pilots who want to share experiences and learn from others in various flight situations. The VMC club opportunities are open to any pilots who want to improve their proficiency, gain local knowledge about air space, TFR information, and hanger 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](mailto:chapter96VMC@actsworld.com).

### VMC Club Meeting Schedule

Mar 07	Topic: Smoking is not good for you
April 04	Topic: Face off – Take off
May 02	Topic: The Pilot

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.



## **NEWSLETTER IDEAS OR ARTICLES?**

Send your newsletter ideas or articles to [jimandmandy@yahoo.com](mailto:jimandmandy@yahoo.com)

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