



July 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S FORUM**

The first thing you will notice about this newsletter is that it is only half as many pages, and no pictures. That is because we are limping along with a temporary newsletter editor – me! Which leads me to my first plea: We need one of you to step forward and volunteer to be the newsletter editor. Surely there is someone out there that knows PageMaker or some other desktop publishing program. I'm actually doing this one in MS WORD. If you would be willing to put together the next few issues, I would appreciate your help.

The next most important item to mention is the Fly-In and Model Expo coming in less than four weeks. Our membership meeting this Saturday will be all about the Fly-In preparation and what you can do to help. This activity is crucial to the existence of the Chapter as we know it. Please be there to offer your assistance.

Right after the Fly-In, the nominating committee will be in full gear drumming up volunteers and nominations for the vacancies we have this year. All four officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer terms are up. At this time it is known that both the President and the Treasurer will not run again. Additionally, we have three two-year Board Members at Large to replace, and one or two one-year completion terms to replace. If you ever thought about being part of the administration of the Chapter, now is your time to speak up. One of the skills we would like to recruit is someone with marketing skills. If you have experience in marketing, consider volunteering to be a Board Member. I will chair the committee and the other members should be announced this Saturday.

For tenants of the Hangar and the parking spaces out front, you should have received your first invoice of our new invoicing system last week. Any tenant that did not get an invoice, please contact Jack Massie at (310) 325-5182 and verify your address with him. General members should be getting membership invoices within the month. Please let Jack know if there are any discrepancies.

We have a wonderful new web site courtesy of the National EAA. We will discontinue the old site within 30 days, so change your browser favorites. See Dave's blurb below.

*Merrill Eastcott*

### **New Web Site:**

Chapter 96 now has a new website thanks to EAA National. The old website was well maintained but needed time consuming software updating, so this comes at a very good time! (Did I mention that it's FREE!) Although there are a few more enhancements to be made, the new site is now functional and most of the

content from the old site has been moved. One of the things that we are going to try is a "Join/Renew" form that will allow members to sign up/renew on line and pay with PayPal, but for now you can just fill out the form online, print it and bring it to a meeting with your check. Also planned is a "Members only" area where we can post more sensitive items like the roster.

The address for the new site is: <http://www.96.eaachapter.org/>

Take a look at your new website and let me know if you have any suggestions as to how we can make it better. Any member stories, articles, links to builders websites, etc will be appreciated! By the way, you can visit any other participating chapter site by just changing the "96" to whatever chapter number you are interested in.

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## **The chapter's Board of Directors meeting – July 9, 2011**

Attendance: Merrill Eastcott, Jack Massie, Joe Motis, Dave Bristol, Keith Spreuer, Jim Lobue (just enough for a quorum)

### Committee Reports

**Treasurer:** After all current income and expenses our balance is \$11,108.24. Jack has issued all the invoices up to date. We had about \$5500 in outstanding rent but some of that has been paid down already. It looks like the treasury is back under control. Jack is also issuing invoices for those who don't show their membership is paid to date.

**Hangar:** Report was given and is also in the monthly newsletter. Basically we still have 4.5 small vacancies and one large vacancy. Jim Lobue is taking a half space in July

**Newsletter:** Merrill is stepping in to assemble the Newsletter since Jack Kenton has given up that job. The Newsletter will probably be a little more sparse for a while since Merrill is performing as both President and Editor.

**Membership:** We have about 60-70 paid members currently. Perhaps that will grow some when the membership invoices go out. We are working on getting the roster up on the web site ([www.96.eaachapter.org](http://www.96.eaachapter.org)). We need to decide how much information to put on the site and who should have access to it.

**Nominating Committee:** Keith was asked to research the positions open for the next election. Results are:

### **3 BOD members elected last Oct and continuing are:**

Dave Bristol  
Martin Burnham  
Robert Cullinan

### **3 up for election in 2011 are:**

Jim Lobue (replaced Eve Farfan)  
Rhon Williams  
Jack Kenton (replaced Bill Edwards)

## **All Officers are up for election, currently these are**

Pres - Merrill Eastcott

VP - Joe Motis

Treas. - Jack Massie

Sec - Keith Spreuer

Activities; The Fly-In and RC Expo is set for Aug 7th and is progressing well

**Young Eagles:** Events set are 17 July at HHR, WWRE 23 Oct, Los Alamitos, and 3 Dec TOA

We initially elected to pass on the Compton Airfare since the date was changed to the day before the WWRE, but is being further discussed with the YE Director .

**New Web Site:** [www.96.eaachapter.org](http://www.96.eaachapter.org)

### **Meetings and Programs:**

July Chapter Clean up of Hangar

August: Open

Airspace and Ramp: Nothing new

Commissioner: no report

### **Other Business:**

Dick Woods Donation: still need to market project and balance of tools

Taylor craft - Merrill will contact donor to see if that is still on

Man Lift - Cover and Tires - No progress

*Keith Spreuer*

## **Hangar Report ... end of June:**

We continue with 4.5 small vacancies and one large vacancy. We are getting a new 1/2 space tenant. Jim Lobue is moving some of his project in for safer storage this Saturday. I'll be taking down my sanding tent this week and will quit making dust. Perfect timing for our Fly-In and RC Expo. Looks like my airplane will be freshly painted in time and we can clean the hangar and make it look presentable. So after the meeting this Saturday the 16th, I will press as many as I

can into service to help get it cleaned up. The main work will be to re-organize and get the projects back into their respective spaces. This is important not just for neatness and organization but because prospective tenants think there are no vacancies for them. The other main task is to just clean the dust and cob webs off and spruce the place up. So wear your work clothes on Saturday. Tenants need to be present!

*Keith Spreuer, Hangar Manager*

## **Dates for Young Eagles events in 2011:**

**June 25** – WMOF at TOA (associated with display of “experimental” a/c

July 17 (Sunday) – YE at Hawthorne

Oct 22 (Saturday, Tentative) – YE at Compton Air Fair

Oct 23 (Sunday) – Wings Wheels and Rotors at Los Alamitos

December 3 (Saturday) – YE at Torrance

## **PLANNING: Our chapter's Fly-in & RC Model Plane show:**

Dennis Lord has been leading the planning on this event for 7 Aug. The biggest thing that we will be needing is you. We need your help at the event and we need you to start talking to pilots who can fly in with their display aircraft.

We continue to hold weekly planning sessions every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Chapter hangar. If you

can come – please attend. We need everybody to be a part of this.

Here is the link to place in emails.

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To ALL: You can place this Link into any email with a request to sponsor our upcoming event. Upon receipt, the reader can click on it; go to the PayPal site, and Donate to the Chapter for the purpose of supporting the Fly-In. We will use this feature during the next two months to raise the necessary capital for the event, and our Chapter. Readers that have a PayPal account can simply sign on and donate. Those that do not have a PayPal account have a choice; they can sign up with PayPal or they can donate with their credit card. Our Chapter does NOT have to process the credit card!! PayPal does it for us for a reasonable fee. This is 21st Century folks. Let's everyone send this link out to our business contacts, friends, and fellow aviators. Thank you. *Dennis Lord*

Our website for the Fly-In is [www.Aviation4Fun.com](http://www.Aviation4Fun.com) and the Information phone line is 310-605-7977.

## **Clear Gas offers unleaded avgas to California airports:** *by Adam De Bard*

With the clock ticking down on an impending lawsuit aimed at producers and sellers of leaded avgas in California, a new company now offers an unleaded fuel that was approved by the FAA in 1982 and has been in widespread use around the world since then. Clear Gas, LLC, formed in May, 2011 by a group of pilots in the Merced area, will deliver lead-free, ethanol-free autogas to airports, marinas, race tracks and all off-road applications in California in amounts as small as 500 gallons.

Since it is known that 70%-80% of the current piston-engine aircraft fleet may operate on autogas, the potential for a significant reduction in lead emissions now caused by General Aviation aircraft is great. An added benefit to pilots is the fact that autogas costs, on average, \$1 less than leaded avgas. Maintenance problems caused by lead deposits on engines never designed for the high levels of lead found in 100LL are also eliminated using autogas supplied by Clear Gas. FBOs too should welcome this news, since the margins on sales of autogas and leaded avgas are similar. Lower fuel prices generally result in pilots flying more, leading to greater revenue for airports and overall better health of aviation. Airports willing to sell Clear Gas products to the millions of consumers searching for ethanol-free fuel for their boats, power tools, lawn equipment, etc. stand to gain an important new source of income and attract new people to flying.

Every opportunity has been exhausted by Clear Gas to provide autogas at the lowest possible

wholesale price, independent of volume. The company has devised two programs aimed at making fuel available in even the smallest markets, a Reservation Program, and a Staged Delivery Program.

**Reservation Program:** This program put the purchasing power of volume in the hands of the wholesale buyer. Clear Gas publishes on its website the unreserved capacity (in gallons) on its next truckload. When this reaches 75% of maximum capacity, a truck is dispatched to make deliveries. This is an extremely useful tool for the wholesaler, since it allows one to strategize purchases depending on the volume that other wholesalers currently have on reserve. A prudent wholesaler can thus eliminate special delivery charges associated with deliveries made on short notice.

Adam De Bard, founder and General Manager of Clear Gas, explains: "The benefits to our staged delivery program are related to the volume of orders and not the price. For instance, a small airport can purchase 1,000 gallons on a truck making deliveries within the next 4 days because he can see that his volume, combined with everyone else's, is enough to dispatch the truck. This contrasts with the usual problem of having to wait for weeks or make a minimum purchase of 4,000 gallons to get a truck dispatched. When airports and others work together in this manner, our costs at Clear Gas are reduced, allowing us to offer the same pricing to small and large sellers

alike."

**Staged Delivery Program:** Clear Gas believes that part of its success will be in staging smaller deliveries, (less than 1,500 gallons) between larger ones on a given day. This allows the company to spread transportation expenses across all deliveries, eliminating the need to assess a delivery surcharge on all buyers. In cases where smaller deliveries can't be staged in this manner; a modest \$1.00 per mile surcharge will be added. The Founders of Clear Gas are:

- > Adam De Bard (General Manager) - Construction business owner & pilot
- > Bob Austin (CFI & Marketing) - Navy veteran, CFI, A&P, Commercial/Instrument pilot
- > Eric Picciano (Engineering) - Civil engineer, Instrument-rated pilot

They were assisted in the formation of the company by the Aviation Fuel Club, a free, grassroots organization founded in January, 2011 to assist pilots and airports find affordable fuel solutions. The fuel sold by Clear Gas is approved

for sale under the Sport Fuel (c) brand from Wisconsin-based fuel equipment manufacturer U-Fuel, who sponsors the Aviation Fuel Club.

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## **Next FAA Safety Meeting:**

### **"Torrance Tower Talk"**

Topic: Safely navigating the surface and class D TOA airspace

On Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Location:

Torrance Airport General Aviation Center

3301 Airport Drive

Torrance, CA 90505

### **Select Number:**

WP0539437

### **Description:**

Talk with TOA Tower Controllers and learn the safest and easiest procedures at TOA, the implications of the temporary tower installation and Q&A time with tower personnel



# EAA 96 FLY-IN AND MODEL EXPO

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### Schedule:

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| <b>8am-10am</b>    | Pancake Breakfast              |
| <b>10am-1:30pm</b> | Radio-Controlled Aircraft Demo |
| <b>2pm-3pm</b>     | Landing Contest                |

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**Hangar Space available** - We have space in our fully equipped Chapter 96 hanger for your project with very reasonable rates. Each space is 20x20 has electrical, air, great lighting and 24x7 access. Contact Keith Spreuer at (714) 894-1172 for more information.

**Sale:** 1968 Mooney M20G Statesman, \$44,000. 180 HP Lycoming O360 with 465 hr SMOH. Airframe has 6420 hr TTAF with NDH. Upgrades: Hartzell three blade Top Prop, 201 style side windows, various speed mods, and 406 MHZ ELT. Economical cruise: 135 knots at only 8.5 gph. Rhon Williams at (310) 595-5955.

**Sale:** BK-1 project. This is an all-metal, single seat aircraft that is just coming into its own. This project is among the first of those being constructed. Contact hangar manager Keith Spreuer.

**Sale:** Miscellaneous aircraft building tools. A good deal here. Come and check them out at our EAA 96 hangar.

**Sale:** Taylorcraft being donated to our chapter. Details are pending. Contact Keith.

**Sale:** Thorp T18c, \$34,000. Folding wings. 150hp O-320 A2B. Runs good on ethanol-free Mogas (approx 7 gph @ 140 kts TAS). Airframe & engine have approx 1100 hrs. Wood prop, enough instruments for IFR and night ops.

Jack Kenton 310-322-8098

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**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING** will be on 16 July. We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10AM at the Chapter 96 Hangar, 1017 W. Alondra Blvd, Compton Airport.

This month's topic of discussion will be the preparation for the first annual Fly-In and Model Expo, to be held at Compton Airport on Sunday, August 7, 2011.