

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

Memorial for Israel Farfan
Saturday, 29 December, 11:00
At the hangar.

New Year's Day Fly Out
Tuesday, 1 January
Details in this issue.

VMC Club
Thursday, 3 January, 7PM
See VMC Club news
in this issue for details.
Open to all pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, 5 January, 09:00
Open to all members.

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ
Saturday, 19 January, 10:00
Program TBD
Open to everyone.

Note that there is no meeting at the hangar in December.

EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.
1017 Alondra Blvd
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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 went to the hangar yesterday after an absence since the Board meeting (first Saturday). What do I find? Gus, trying to “do it all”. So, I helped him even though it put me behind in things I planned on doing. In the past week, your Board approved the expenditure to acquire a sandblast cabinet. Gus has tried to restore a unit we have but he came to the conclusion that it would be better to just buy one and end up with a better unit. So, similar to IKEA, here is Gus trying to assemble this “kit”. We all know he can do it and he pointed out to me that “I built that airplane by myself”, but I could easily see there were too many pieces of metal to hold and insert nuts and bolts simultaneously. So, I helped him for about 2.5 hours. During this, I noticed two things; 1) he assembles things different than I do and, 2) he certainly had previous experience with sandblast equipment and took this kit to a higher level by using an adhesive sealer to ensure that dust isn’t flying out of the cabinet. Nowhere in the instructions was that recommended! Such units can be dangerous to one’s health by breathing in dust containing abrasives and products. Even if sealed, a dust mask should be used. I’d like to see such a sign on this unit and maybe add some additional hints on its safe use.

Our Holiday Brunch went well and we had about 35 attendees; down from previous years. The auction is always fun and I recall we raised about \$560 for an aviation camper. This insures that we have at least one camper and we are looking for yet another. Selection of campers needs to be done next month and all recommendations are welcome.

Gus reorganized the hangar this past week with some help, but never enough. Four spots had to be shifted to avoid potential damage to one project. Now done, I want to say that what this man does is the basis for why I named him the MVP for 2018 for EAA 96 at the Brunch.

Business took me to Vegas again this month for the International Council of Air Shows conference at the Paris Hotel. This event results in organizers and performers coming together to find agreement on 2019 airshows. There were wins and there were losses. One interesting twist was the announcement that the Blue Angels will come to the LA County Air Show in March, 2020. Uh, we changed the date to October..... Greater minds get to figure that one out. On the flip side, it appears the Great Pacific Airshow in Huntington Beach will host the Canadian Snowbirds and the A-10 Demo Team. In addition, I spoke with the Commander of Britain’s Red Arrows and they are interested in coming as well as they are performing in the USA next year. Might be a really interesting show next year!

As we wrap up the year in the Chapter, I wish each and every one of you a great Holiday season. There is always more to do but there is also a time to reflect. It’s been a good year and the outlook for next year is the same. Enjoy the time with family and friends and, if able, join us on our New Year’s Day flight to points East.



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.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Israel Farfán

July 18 1968-August 1 2018

Come join us in celebrating the life of our father, Israel Farfán. Share memories, stories, and enjoy a potluck with music and more. Contributions for the potluck will be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP at (208)484-8001 Breean

*When:
December 29th at 11am*

*Where:
EAA Chapter 96
1017 W Alondra Blvd, Compton, CA 90220*



New Year's Day Fly Out

Keith Spreuer

The New Year's Day Fly Out is to Borrego Valley airport L08 on New Years day. Plan to arrive there at 11 am. The brunch will be at the resort Casa Del Zorro. They have a shuttle that will transport us to and from the airport. Please RSVP with Keith at kspreuer@gmail.com so I have an idea who's in. Those that want to fly over in a group please coordinate with each other. They have a great menu and if the weather is good outdoor seating is nice. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

2019 Chapter Dues Due Now!

Craig Louis

Dear Chapter 96 members, 2019 membership dues are due on January 1st.

If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please do so now. You can browse to <https://eaa96.org/> and select **Membership**

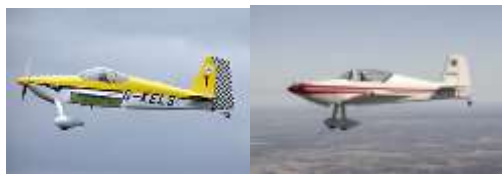
You'll be able to use the online form and pay with PayPal, or download the PDF form and send a check. It's easy, and your dues are going to a good cause, our EAA Chapter 96 programs and upkeep. Thanks very much, and the best of season's greetings to you all.

Blue skies,
Craig
Treasurer, Secretary, and Etc.

Hangar Report

Gus Gustavson

Whoops! Brett and Julia's RV-8 is steadily moving along, not an RV-7 as I previously reported. Do all RVs look alike? Well I guess as a bunch of metal pieces in a box, they can pretty much all look the same. Which is the RV-8 below? I'm going to learn soon.



Their building is impressive and they now have this huge box (well not that huge) that is now under my wing as they sort through a myriad of curved sheet metal parts that will eventually be the fuselage. I believe the wing tanks are done and the first set of wing skins will be added soon. They are also in a middle of a move. It is pretty exciting for them. They have found a new place in El Segundo to live as they will soon need more space than the boat they were currently living on. Brett also has several flights for his work that are interesting to listen when he tell the story. He gets these short haul flights within the state that are over in a blink of an eye. He is going to lead the next VMC class on January 3 to tell us about his low altitude work in visual airspace but under instrument rules. It gets crazy out there. Please join us.

David Thornhill should be coming in with his Simplex Zing. I am really interested in how he plans to approach this plans-built project.

Things are moving in the hangar. When you come to the meeting, you will notice the BT-13, VariEZ and KR-2 have switched places. This was to give Wilbur some safe space to disassemble his Vultee BT-13. He feared the close proximity of his big aircraft with the big Cessna 170B of Dion's may cause some damage to either.

Larry Keitel and I recently picked up his Aeronica C-3 and Curtiss frames that were being sandblasted and primed in a El Segundo company. With our EAA96 trailer, my truck, and Larry's loadmaster techniques, we easily moved them back in the side yard. They look terrific and are covered from the elements.

And speaking of sand blast....The chapter is going to soon have a sandblast cabinet inside. It will be a Harbor Freight unit that will be carefully sealed and set up for indoor use. I had set one of these up in my business in Murrietta and it worked out pretty nice. We are not going to refurbish the rusty one on the side yard. It had a lot of problems.

Keith's Spreuer's is always having fun stuff to do on his COZY. Last time I checked it was sticking brakes, making it difficult to push out of his hangar. The things we learn from these special birds we have.

My GlaStar is all ready for the New Year's Day flyout. I'm looking forward to it. I hope many of you can join us. I finally finished painting the bare fiberglass areas after many years. I need to work on my painting technique though.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and have a wonderful New Year.



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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.

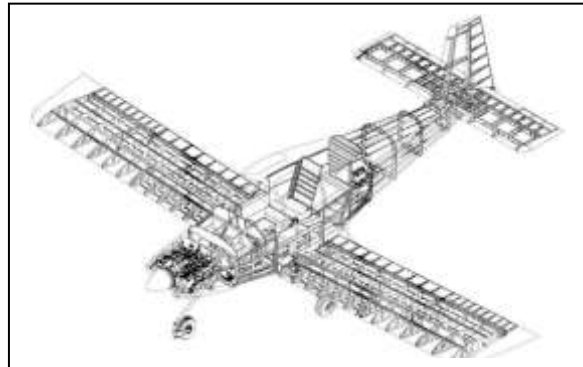
The meetings will meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapter 96 Conference room at the hanger and we restrict the length of the meetings to 1 hour. These meetings are free and we encourage participants to bring other interested pilots or friends. A schedule of these meetings is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

Jan 03	Topic: Flyout multiple aircraft coordination
Feb 07	Topic: Flight into smoke/haze during California fires
Mar 07	Topic: "NTSB Investigator" exercise

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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