

EAA Chapter 96

# PENINSULA FLYER

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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.

What I won't do is repost stuff found elsewhere on the internet, from AOPA, etc. just to fill space.



## Upcoming Events

**Chapter General Meeting and BBQ**  
Saturday, 19 August, 10:00  
ADS-B Primer with Rhon Williams  
Open to everyone.

**Young Eagles**  
Saturday, 26 August  
Catalina Island

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, 2 September, 09:00  
Open to all members.

**Chapter General Meeting and BBQ**  
Saturday, 16 September, 10:00  
Presentation: TBD  
Open to everyone.

**EXPO**  
Saturday, 23 September  
Our annual community event

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

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## Chapter Chatter



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It is vacation time for many and I, and others, are fresh back from AirVenture. Always something to see there each year and I was able to hang out with our friends at Chapter 1 and catch up. Now, it is time to get back to work on Chapter matters and there are a-plenty.

At our recent Board meeting, we discussed the upcoming elections and changes in personnel in key positions. Up for election are seven Board positions including all four Officer slots. We are currently running with three Officers with Craig handling both the Secretary and Treasurer position. We cannot expect him to continue to do both. Add to this, we will lose our YE Coordinator at the end of August and we have one Director requesting to step down due to personal demands upon his time. Xavier was selected to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee and he will be approaching members to fill these positions. No different than others, his time is limited as well and we need to find more horses to pull the wagon. If you are interested in a leadership position, now is the time. All Officer positions are open.

On another front, the Expo is coming on September 23. We have a few committed volunteers that will step up but not nearly enough. My expectation is we will do okay but we have lost our volunteer Food Court Manager and Show Announcer and need to replace these people. In recent financial reviews, it was pointed out that the Expo is keeping the Chapter afloat but it is getting harder to do this without an appropriate number of volunteers. We have many new members and we have things you can do that are not difficult. As our finances continue to reveal themselves, it is clear that we are not operating in the black. This is the reason why we must do something to raise dollars and the Expo has been that mechanism. It is a simple business model that cannot lose money but must be worked. Contact me and we'll find a place for you on the Team.

Xavier has found Internet access for \$45/month and that is the best deal around for a business account. While we are short financially, we are seeking a way to install this much-needed item simply to conduct business and add value to members. On faith, I have asked Xavier to schedule the installation. If you would like to sponsor this with a contribution, it would be a welcomed addition.

Our two campers have returned from their respective Air Academies and I am looking forward to getting reports from them. We recently audited our decision to send two campers this year and discovered we had fully covered both with dollars that were earmarked for Camp scholarships. With the increase in Young Eagles rallies and our now-booked Holiday Luncheon and auction in Torrance, we should easily cover the costs of another camper for next year.

This week, the results of a Chapter Survey was sent to us with feedback from about a dozen respondents. It is always good to see and hear how you are doing as an organization. For the most part, comments showed the improvement in Programs and outreach to youth through Young Eagles. There were some mixed comments on being a build chapter and that we could improve on leadership which I will accept constructively. Should anyone wish to review the survey, send me an email and I will get it out to you.

For those that remember him, Joe Motis is back in the "barn". Last month I connected an old friend and Barnaby regarding the purchase of Barnaby's C-150. A deal was made and Barnaby's aircraft was moved to TOA. While the new owner is not a pilot, he is looking at getting it flying in the next two years. I mentioned to CPM Airport Management that we had a tie-down available and within days Joe heard about it and came back to the fold. Welcome back Joe! It was interesting that when I told management that we had an available tie-down with power, they replied "there is no such thing at CPM". I replied, "there is at EAA 96! Just run a cord into the hangar." It's all about marketing!

As always, your feedback is welcome.

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# Hangar News

Gus Gustavson

I first want to pay special tribute to Dustin Wallace and his VeriEZ. He came in here with a bunch of airplane parts a few months back and a big desire to make it fly again, even after it sat for over 18 years. He met with several of us, to ask for advice, materials and tools. We showed him what to do and he showed us how it is done. Perseverance my friends...perseverance. He took on major challenges as if they were just another chapter in a book. Several items needed attention including a very poor wiring system, an engine that just completed overhaul...over 15 years ago, parts that won't fit and upgrades to some old avionics. Almost every evening, Dustin would be at the hangar solving something. One issue was the lack of a decent set of circuit breakers and switches and an engine monitor. He took this on in stride, showing up at the hangar with his 3D printed circuit breaker and his own design of a programmed electronic engine monitor also in a unique 3D printed triangular housing. He has never built a plane before. And now he is flying it! There are still some bugs as always, but they will be resolved. Also while doing this, he took on the EAA96 Young Eagles program and found new methods to get a big increase in new Young Eagles.

We have a couple of new tenants. You will notice a new BD4 project. That was purchased and moved here from San Diego. If it looks familiar to you, you may remember Louis Bigalow's BD4 which was almost in the same status. I would like to see Louis and Alvin Voigt get together and share ideas. Would you like to build a BD-4? I understand that Louis wants to sell his.

Out front the Cessna 150 owned by Barnaby Wainfan has been sold to be in a hangar in Torrance. You will see that the tie-down is now occupied by what I call a "rag-wing" Piper Comanche. I call it "rag wing" because it has cloth wing covers to protect it from the elements. This fine aircraft belongs to an old friend of ours, Joe Motis. Joe has been absent for about 5 years taking care of other stuff. Many stories abound, about Joe. He and his good friend, Karl Lekvan, need to get together and catch up.

"Stuff" in the hangar is slowly changing, probably not fast enough for some but it is changing. Soon the huge load of foam mold pieces on the side yard will be moved to a dump yard as Lesslie Hutennin (GlaStar owner) and Richard Geiser just finished putting on tarp on it for hauling. The Man-Lift sprung a leak, or should I say, spewed oil all over the place. We are cleaning up the mess and hope to get to the leaking hose replaced. All this to change a light bulb on our ceiling....Go figure.

Inside, there is a new table on the radial arm saw. The old table was badly chewed up due to use, distorted, and considered unsafe. I used shiny smooth melamine coated MDF. It looks a lot nicer.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Lead a Team of volunteers to upgrade the floor in the conference room. Paint the room. Install the TV and cabling.
- Special projects for someone good at woodworking. We supply the wood, you supply the talent.
- Machinist training. (Share your skills with others.)
- Set up and make operational the small sand blast unit in the back of the hangar.
- Assist Dave Bristol in the installation of the new video cameras.
- Design a paint scheme for the hangar and get it approved by the Board. I believe there is one proposal already?
- Redesign our hangar meeting space and infrastructure for presentations.
- Assist with cooking on membership meeting day.
- *Expo volunteers for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

## Donation Opportunities

- Conference Room upgrade
- Hangar Paint Fund
- Tires for the Man Lift (12.5L x 15) 4 ea.
- Decorative faux plants for the conference room. (slender preferred)
- New conference room ceiling tiles. Looking at options.
- Large wall mount TV bracket.
- Gliders for the Expo. (\$500)

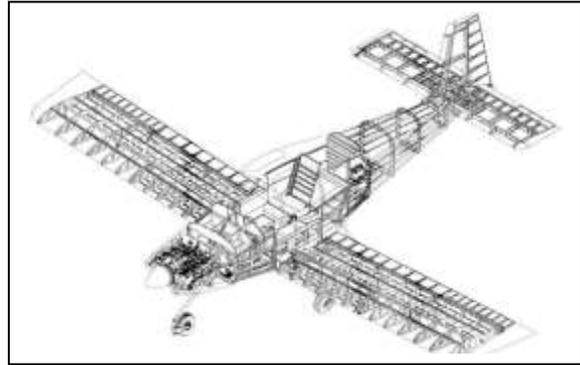
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