

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

VMC Club

Thursday, 1 August, 7PM

See VMC Club news
in this issue for details.

Open to all pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 3 August, 09:00

Open to all members.

Young Eagles Rally

Saturday, 10 August, 09:00

Compton Woodley Airport Terminal Building
Volunteers always needed.

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 24 August, 10:00

Program TBD

Open to everyone.

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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 received a call this week from Chapters at National and they were inquiring into who did our website. It soon became clear that they had reviewed our website and liked it, as do we. I mentioned it was the work of Dave Bristol and the next thing they said was that he was going to receive the Web Editor's Award at AirVenture later this month. While Dave is unable to attend this year, Rhon Williams has agreed to represent the Chapter and stand in for Dave. Check out the new website! And, then thank Dave for a job well-done.

For those pilots not attending AirVenture, like me, there will be a Young Eagles rally on July 26 at Hawthorne in support of the ACE Summer Camp students. This is an annual event for us and it is on a Friday, which is different. Come and support us if you can. We will need pilots and ground crew.

The upgrades we did to the LiveATC feed seem to be working. The audio is outstanding and with the outside antenna, I've heard RNAV approaches into Redlands who uses the same frequency! That is 65 miles away. I heard Keith Spreuer in the air today from home and it's good to see he is back flying again. Today, July 13, we have gone four weeks without any downtime on the feed. Something is working and we may tweak it just a bit more. I know, if it's not broken, don't fix it! If you have not listened to it, do so and let us know what you think.

<https://www.liveatc.net/hlisten.php?mount=kcpm2&icao=kcpm>

I may have mentioned that our C-182P has developed a crack in the leading edge. So, we took it out for an estimate and the best number came back at \$5300. We approved the repair conditional upon a deeper inspection. Following that inspection, the price went to \$23.5K for both wings! Oh, the joys of aircraft! In a nutshell, parts of two ribs must be replaced which requires cutting off the leading edge, replacing the forward section of the rib, then fabricating a replacement leading edge and instead of bonding, rivet everything. The factory installation bonds the rib to the leading edge. That bond disintegrated on two adjacent ribs, intergranular corrosion set in and cracked the leading edge. While the beginning of the same condition is visible on the right wing as well, it can wait for a while. \$11,500 for now and likely the same the next time.

For those interested, the County has initiated a study on rental rates for hangars. While this has not been done for years and a group of tenants have proposed their own rent study, in the interest of transparency a well-known third party aviation group was hired to conduct this. Some participated in a recent meeting at CPM. On July 18, there will be a conference call for those interested enough to call in. I, for one, do not believe that much will change and that it will result in a ratification of existing rents. I've done the math on my hangar and am paying \$0.45 sq. ft. TOA charges \$0.63 and will not rent to non-aviation. They have vacant hangars, we (CPM) do not and rent them to non-aviation at about 55% of the market price for storage outside the fence. Again, the policy is, show us an aircraft and we'll show you a hangar. Even if it means terminating a non-aviation lease. This is an airport, not an industrial park.

Hangar security is starting to become an issue. Several, including me, have come to the hangar and find it open or unlocked. This needs to cease and all members need to assume the responsibility of locking it up if you are the last person out. We cannot afford to lose tenant belongings.

I recently hired one of Wilbur Owens' aircraft and Donovan Burns brought out his Boeing PT-17D to an 8th annual event I produce in Long Beach. Wilbur was remarking how many were on the beach watching them above. Something around 10,000 attendees. Van Wagner gets top billing with a Flag banner tow. We raise about \$100K for Children Today which provides educational services to homeless children in a safe environment. After the patriotic aerals and ribs buffet, we blast off about \$50K in fireworks and go home. Always on July 3, we then can sleep all day on the 4th!

Lastly, it goes without saying that the weather is warming up. Watch that density altitude and know the limits of your aircraft. Places like Big Bear ply you with inexpensive (and subsidized) fuel prices and you load up only to discover you cannot break out of the ground effect on a warm day. Be smart and you'll be safe.

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.

Young Eagles

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The July rally was a bit different than usual. It was held at Hawthorne and in coordination with one of the many Aviation Career Education (ACE) camps taking place all over this summer. In my other volunteer world at LAX, we have hosted three camps so far, but those only involved flying simulators, not the real thing.

A total of eleven Young Eagles were flown this time. There were some challenges with this event that prevented us from having a higher number, but I especially want to thank Steve Densmore for running the registration table himself, while Peter was having fun at Oshkosh. Thank you to the pilots and ground crew we had.

I don't yet have any photos to publish, nor the stats on which pilots flew how many. Those will be in the August newsletter.

The next rally is scheduled for Saturday, 10 August back at Compton.

2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

Craig Louis

Our October election is an important one. All four chapter officer positions are up for election or re-election, and no less than four board seats as well. The committee is to work to make sure a full candidate slate is available by September 19th, for your consideration and votes at our October chapter meeting.

Please thank Rhon Williams and Peter Hurley for stepping up to the nominating committee. We really should have at least three on the committee, so please speak up if you'd be willing to help. Any paid up member may apply. Notify Craig Louis <secretary@eaa96.org>



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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.

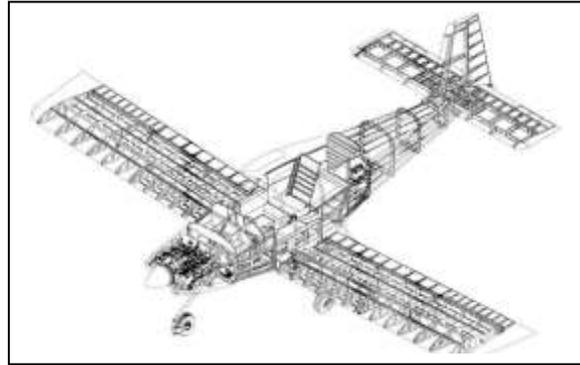
The meetings will meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapter 96 Conference room at the hanger and we restrict the length of the meetings to 1 hour. These meetings are free and we encourage participants to bring other interested pilots or friends. A schedule of these meetings is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

July 11	Topic: The Lights are out!
Aug 01	Topic: Unusual Attitude
Sept 05	Topic: ADSB: What to do

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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