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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, 15 April, 10:00

Presentation: "Building the Pietenpol"
by our very own Carl Lekven

Open to everyone.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 6 May, 09:00

Open to all members.

Young Eagles

Saturday, 22 April

Hawthorne Airport (HHR)

COLLINGS FOUNDATION WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR

Thursday-Sunday, 27-30 April

75th Anniversary of the Doolittle raid on Tokyo

Visiting aircraft: B-25, B-24, B-17, and TF-51.

Torrance Airport (TOA)

FLABOB'S DC-3/C-47 Fly-In

Friday-Sunday, 19-21 May

Flabob Airport (RIR)

EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.

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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.

As usual, there is a lot of activity around the hangar. Like most things, activity is great but it's the results that count. Carl Levken has agreed to speak on his Pietenpol project at this month's General Membership meeting. I shared last month that Carl is seeking a team of builders to complete the project who would take it over and own it. Some may remember Louis Bigelow's BD-4 project that left the hangar some years ago. Louis is ready to donate this to the Chapter and we are discussing details. Any interest out there?

Young Eagles is still going strong and I'll report numbers soon as I don't have them available now. I can say, we are well ahead on garnering credits for the Chapter. Now scheduled monthly, we expect a larger number of credits for our Aviation Camp recipients. Speaking of, we are sending TWO campers this year which makes up for last year's "oops" with a last minute cancellation. To those that donate towards this program, know that your designated funds were not forgotten.

After digging into the weeds on ordering name badges, we discovered the "deal" from Chapter 1095 runs \$19.24 for a single badge. Well, it is a fundraiser! In that vein, with the 21st Century guys that are starting to show up around the hangar, we are now looking to buy our own name badge machine and do them ourselves. Stay tuned on this as we try to find a source. Anyone with some knowledge out there?

Gus continues to get his arms around the hangar and don't be surprised if he asks for help. It is cleaner, but part of that is we lost at least one tenant who picked up and left last month without notice. That brings me to another conversation. We have tenant agreements. In those agreements is language that protects the tenants but I have questioned why there isn't much language that protects the Chapter. There for four types of rents within the Chapter; build space, tie-downs, office space, and storage. Each of these contracts should have language that protects both parties. The Executive Board has needed to meet on this for some time which brings me to yet another conversation.

I am finding more and more that our Board member's plates are full. These are generous people that give what time they have but employment and family do come first. In short, we need more people on the Board or available members to take on specific tasks and bring appropriate skills to the table. In looking at agreements, an attorney would be nice. I have a background in writing legal documents but I always had an attorney to back me up. Sure could use someone like that now. Marketing/Public Relations is another need. We could use some help garnering new tenants and promoting the Chapter beyond our fence. If it isn't you, can you refer someone to us?

Then, in our last Board meeting we had a presentation from MORE (My Own Realization of Education). Represented by Niema Jackson, she has offered her services to teach youth about aviation through a creative approach that would engage them in activities that prove the four forces of flight, then experience them in a YE rides, followed up with a celebratory party to let the kids be kids. Model building, science projects, all are on the table. The challenge is, we need volunteers. So far, two have replied. We need more.

So, you can see why I say we need more people as we cannot rely upon the status quo. In my previous life, I took a Chamber of Commerce through a prioritization exercise. I told them, put on paper all the things you believe this Chamber should do. In the end, the list was 45 items. Everyone has an opinion of what is important. Then, in serial fashion, they individually voted yes/no on every combination; 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, etc. In the end, the 45 items were prioritized. Then, starting at the top, we identified the first seven were required just to keep the doors open. When we started applying resources to each of those tasks, we ran out of resources (people) after the first four items and it became clear to that Board that more people were needed. That Chamber is doing much better today. In the same vein, we need more resources. Find them.

As always, your feedback is welcome.

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.

Hangar News

Gus Gustavson

Inspection, inspection, inspection...

Larry Munn, Leslie Huttunin and I are in the throes of the annual aircraft inspections. Leslie is now installing gear stiffeners like what is done with RVs. We need to also do some work on his induction system to smooth things out a bit. I just finished installing the forward engine seal for the fourth time. I am getting better each time. I think I got it this time so I am hoping for no more oil leaks there. I will also attempt to adjust the landing gear toe-in per instructions from Ted Setzer, the GlaStar designer. It is supposed to be quite dramatic.

The table saw now has a decent set of wheels. The former wheels were a real cluge and required 32 bolts to install. They were a mess and didn't work at all. Check it out. The Radial arm saw is due for a new top to make it safer. The existing one is bowed and unsafe. We also need "power strip" of about 4 junction boxes strung out on a power cable to power these tools. It is unsafe to have the cables strung out all over the floor for these power tools.

Buck McGarity has given up on his RV-7 with no buyers and has moved it out of the hangar. I was sure hoping he would have some takers.

We still have to get the trailer full of foam-fiberglass mold parts to the refuse site. All we have to do is cover it and haul it. Even that is not easy. That stuff is huge!

We now have 3 empty full spaces and 2 empty half spaces.

Young Eagles

Dustin Wallace and Christopher Lord

We are just over two weeks out from the upcoming 22 April Young Eagles rally at the Hawthorne airport. Wolfe Air has volunteered their facilities for our event, even apparently going to the point of rescheduling a paying customer to get us in that day, so I would like to give them a strong showing of volunteer support to make the event run as smoothly as possible. I have been putting considerable extra effort myself into coordinating this one to make sure it goes off without a hitch. This event is being run on a reservations-only basis with a capped number of spots to be sure we do not get swarmed like the 11 March rally, and I currently have 35 kids on the list. If additional pilots are unavailable, I may need to lower the cap and defer the later sign ups to May's event.

Wolfe Air Aviation 9:00am start

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Ads/Announcements

We got an inquiry from August Eichman age.nadt@gmail.com of Chapter 1, looking for "a 2012 AirVenture pin (the circular ceramic one)". He's willing to purchase it.

I talked with Carl and he would be very interested in a group of dedicated people that would like to bring his project to completion. I think 50 hours would do it. Carl and I are looking for up to ten people to contribute their time at least 4 hours per week. When project is completed participating members of the "Pietenpol club" will have a 1/10 share in the aircraft. The cost to join the club is \$200.00 to join and \$30.00 a month. This is an excellent opportunity for those who wish to get their license and have access to an excellent, fun and affordable aircraft. I personally cant afford \$130.00 per hr in a rented plane. The Pietenpol will be a great asset that will allow people to get their Tail Wheel endorsement, CFI, PIC ticket etc for only \$10.00 per hour to fly! For non-members and instruction the cost would be higher . I know it sounds crazy? Please go to www.Toledo Buzzards.com. Their club flies the same exact aircraft for ten bucks a hour dry. I hoping some member will step forward and help Carl's dream come true. Please feel free to have any interested people contact me.

Thanks for your help,
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COLLINGS FOUNDATION WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR

The Collings Bombers will visit Torrance Airport on April 27-30. Torrance Airport Association needs volunteers to help with parking, ground tours, set-up, and tear down. To volunteer to help with the bomber visit, follow the link below.

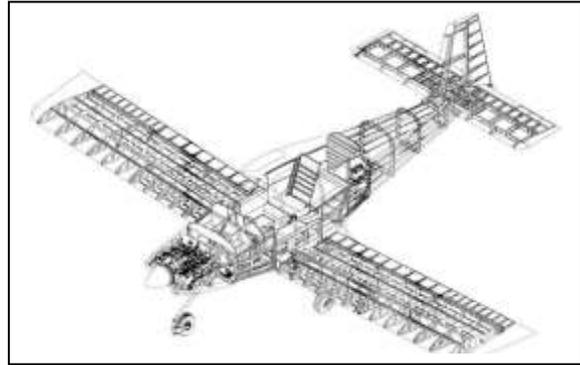
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FLABOB'S DC-3/C-47 Fly-In

This event is a weekend fly-in of Douglas DC-3, C-47s and variants. Aircraft will be open for tours, there will be some flying and limited availability of rides. It is not a formal airshow, rather a gathering of DC-3 enthusiasts. Flabob Airport in Riverside, CA will host as many aircraft as possible, these will be displayed up close and personal, no ropes, no crowd lines. The weekend will be full of programs and seminars and opportunities to talk with aircrew and operators. Additionally, here will be food vendors, a beer garden, entertainment and souvenir sales. This is not a for-profit airshow, however a minimum donation of \$10 a day will be collected to help defray expenses. Each aircraft will be encouraged to give tours, sell souvenirs, and promote their individual organization. Flabob will be closed to all other air traffic during these three days to make space for our honored Douglas guests. Other General Aviation traffic will use Riverside Airport, only 5 miles from Flabob, shuttle service will be made available from Riverside Municipal to Flabob.

<http://www.flabobdc3flyin.com/general-info>

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