

EAA Chapter 96

# PENINSULA FLYER

South Bay

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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, 17 March, 10:00

Presentation: TBD

Open to everyone.

### Los Angeles County Air Show

24-25 March

Fox Field in Lancaster

### Young Eagles

Saturday, 31 March

Volunteers Please Arrive by 08:30

Torrance Airport Terminal Building

### VMC Club

Thursday, 5 April, 7PM

Open to all pilots.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 7 April, 09:00

Open to all members.

### Collings Foundation

### Wings of Freedom Tour

Friday-Sunday, 27-29 April

Torrance Airport

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EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.  
1017 Alondra Blvd

## **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've expressed to the Board how encouraged I've been to receive calls to build an aircraft within our hangar. Leo called and was simply ecstatic to find us after checking out Chapters across Los Angeles. He is going to build a Zenith 650 and couldn't wait to contact Gus and get started. In addition, he owns a machine shop and knows the ins and outs of our tool room. Of course, for safety reasons, we will check him out. On the same day, Brett and Julia signed up for space with a RV-8 start kit. This results in three new members in the Chapter!

Next up is our General Membership meeting this Saturday. We have been doing quite well in drawing programs that are meaningful and interesting to members. This month, we will likely view the monthly Chapter videos as we could not gain a commitment from several speakers that we have been seeking. Besides the new members mentioned above, we look forward to seeing many of our regular members that attend. If you have an interest in a particular program, please share it with Christopher and provide contact information. He will follow up and attempt to schedule it.

The runway project has progressed to the point that pavement is being laid down. This should be completed sometime in April. There have been many rumors floating around about closing 25R as I have received calls and email regarding such. For the record, nothing is being done to 25R and it will remain as-is.

The weather change has come late this year and rain is upon us. Expect obscured mountains and morning fog as well. These are good days to get those conditional inspections completed so the summer is open to as much flying as you can get in. Or, if you're not flying, a good time to work on resolving that. I resolved my annual medical reporting by going to Basic Med. For me, it was a one day process and pretty painless. By the end of the day, I had the physical sign-off and the online certification. It took time, but well worth it.

If you have not paid your 2018 Member Dues, please forward them as soon as possible. Besides regular membership access to the hangar, EAA HQ requires all tenants (including tie downs) to be members for insurance reasons. As a tenant, should you not be current in both the Chapter and National as of April 1, you risk termination of your rental agreement.

In our last Board meeting, we elected to send two youth to EAA Aviation Camp this summer. I do not recall a time where we have had enough resources in one year to send two. Last year, we made up for not sending one the previous year and accumulated funds over two years.

Max and Luca are currently going through the application process for qualification. We have reserved spots for one Basic Camp slot and one Young Eagles Camp slot. With the outstanding results last year of 258 Young Eagles credits to the Chapter, one full scholarship is covered for the Basic Camp. In addition to this, the Holiday Brunch Auction fundraiser plus residual leftover from the Young Eagles credits results in \$742 available of the \$914 required to sponsor the Young Eagles Camp. Both students are excited to participate in this opportunity.

On March 24-25, the LA County Air Show will be a featured event at Fox Field in Lancaster. Headlining the day will be a spectacular aerial demonstration by the F-22 Raptor ending in a Heritage Flight with Steve Hinton from the Planes of Fame Museum at Chino. A flight capabilities demonstration of the MV-22 Osprey is also scheduled plus the ability to touch and feel one on static display. For a price, YOU can drive an exotic car down the runway at 160 mph! My plumber did this last year and he is still talking about it! This show contains the show circuit's largest STEM display featuring schools, Virgin Galactic, Scaled Composites, NASA, Edwards AFB, and more in the Antelope Valley. This is the 75th Anniversary of Lockheed Martin's Skunk Works and I have heard they are going to reveal a black project at this show! Don't miss this.

As always, feedback is welcome.

**Dennis is easily reached at [President@EAA96.org](mailto: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 Report**

Gus Gustavson

We have one new tenant, possibly two to come to EAA96 to build their new aircraft, and three new members.

Brett Zefting and his fiancé, Julia Secker-Walker want to begin the build of their Vans RV-8 in our hangar. They are really excited, so much they were considering building two aircraft. Brett has built before. Brett is a charter pilot who flies several aircraft including a Pilatus PC-12. Julia is also a pilot but with few flight hours but has a lot of skydiving jumps to her name, where Brett has just a few jumps to his name. The build has already begun with an organization of tools, fabricating a build bench, and empennage inventory. I believe with the two of them, things will move fast. Take a close look at this kit because it is the latest in easy-build sheet metal aircraft.

Our next possible tenant is Leo Lopez who is very excited to build a Zodiac 650 in our hangar. Leo is not a pilot or aircraft builder but this is a big dream of his. Leo has an awesome machine shop nearby with a staff of machinist that makes all kinds of parts for the aerospace industry. He wants to learn to fly, build and airplane and be around aircraft. When he toured our hangar, he was thrilled by what he saw. With his experience, he should have no troubles.

The Man-lift is almost complete. Dave Bristol and Richard Gieser have the hoses replaced and the lift is working...almost. Dave has some issues with the controls and they need to be repaired. There are two new tires ready to be installed as well. A little clean-up and labeling, and it should be ready soon. One fix has been taken care of and that is our American flag that was blocking the water heater and one of our security cameras. The big flag has been taken down and Dave has installed one the hangs straight out rather than on the wall. It looks really nice.

Byron Doan is very busy with aircraft on the field. His pristine Cessna 150 M is being put for sale and he has moved it to the far side of the field, near where Erick Hicks Cessna 172 is. That Cessna recently completed an extensive annual in the EAA96 hangar. It was transferred to Jackson Edwards in exchange for some work he did for Eric. Byron got a hold of Jackson and is now flying it in preparation for some more pilot training. Now Byron wants to buy Leslie Hutteten's Glasair because it is a LOT faster than the 150. On top of this, Byron has just got accepted to Air Force flight school in Laughlin, Texas, the same place that Dustin Wallace is doing his training. When? He will be here for at least a year.

The Glasair needs to be evaluated before Byron makes his bid for it to Leslie. So there will be a lot of work on it at our hangar.

Harel's Thorpe T-211 is progressing. The main wing mount attach points need to be replaced due to corrosion. Things are progressing.

Alving Voight's BD-4 is still on hold as he get organized in a new apartment. Life's hiccups get us all.

Leslie's GlaStar has a few bugs with a cowling fit with the injector distributer (spider) and baffle seals. He and I are working out those issues to get him airborne again.

Gus

# **Young Eagles**

Ivory Williams (next page)





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## Chapter 96

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The EAA Chapter 96 VMC club has started it's schedule of gatherings for 2018 on January 04. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> of monthly VMC club opportunities 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 share piloting experiences and 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. These meetings are free and we encourage participants to bring other interested pilots or friends. A schedule of these meetings will be posted on the hanger bulletin board and on the web site. 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.

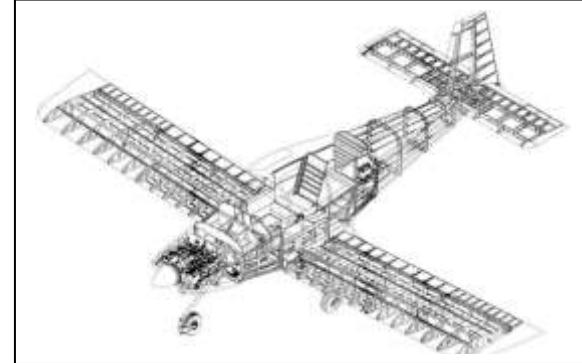
## VMC Club Meeting Schedule

April 05              Topic: Biannual expiration

May 03              Topic: Rough runway landing at AVX

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