

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.

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, 18 November, 10:00

Speaker: The CTO and co-founder of Ampaire
Open to everyone.

VMC Club Meeting

Thursday, 7 December, 7pm

Topic: War Response

Open to all non-instrument rated active pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 2 December, 09:00

Open to all members.

Holiday Brunch

Sunday, 3 December, 11:00

Marie Callender's, Torrance

\$35/person, RSVP at 96.eeachapter.org

Young Eagles

Saturday, 27 January

Compton Airport Terminal Building

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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.

Chapter elections occurred in October while I was away and a slate of non-contested seats was approved. We welcome two new Board members; Peter Hurley and Christopher Lord. Stepping down are George Hanniff and Rich Schleicher. We appreciate their contributions. The Board remains at ten members but only three Officers with Craig Louis holding two positions as Secretary/Treasurer as authorized by the current Bylaws.

During the October Board meeting action was taken to approve an increase in annual dues for Chapter membership from \$35 to \$40. Member dues for 2018 are now due and payable either online, by mail to the Chapter, or a check into the payment box in the kitchen.

Next up for the Chapter is the annual Holiday Brunch and Auction on December 3 at Marie Callender's in Torrance. This event provides an opportunity for recognition of volunteers and other contributions to the advancement of the Chapter. Funds raised through the auction are dedicated to sending a camper to EAA's Aviation Camp. This year we were able to send two campers. Chris Lord has taken the lead for ensuring a good event. RSVP's can be made now with payment online or notify Chris or Craig Louis that you will pay at the door. There will be more information at the Nov. 18 members meeting.

Just in time for winter, we now have new air conditioners installed in the Conference Room, the kitchen, and the office space. During this process, it was discovered that there is another unit in the machine room and the County asked if we wanted that one changed as well. They were referred to the Chief of County Aviation who is paying the bill. It really is not our call. It will be great to have this done for future warm weather. Again, this covers the office space, not the hangar.

Gus continues to seek out tenants for hangar space. We have some leads and maybe some opportunities but they need to be closed up. In the interest of fiscal responsibility, we will look at all offers including non-aviation with a clear understanding in writing that non-aviation storage agreements are subject to termination should an aviation project wish to come in. No different than hangar space elsewhere on the airport. Gus can also use volunteer assistance in the hangar. Contact him directly if you're willing to give him a hand.

Our last scheduled Young Eagles rally on Oct. 28 resulted in 31 more missions. I look forward to learning how many credits our Chapter will receive for the year. The team of Dustin and Chris provided near monthly rallies and even one on Catalina. Combined with our ground team and pilots, we made a significant difference this year. Remember, each Chapter mission equals one credit, one credit equals \$5 towards sending a qualified youth to Aviation Camp. Add to this the Holiday Auction funds and we can cover the entire cost of a camper registration. Everyone on the team makes this happen. Our next scheduled event is on January 27, 2018 at CPM.

The weather has turned and we are already seeing ceilings this month. During the winter months, make good decisions on weather and don't take chances. It simply isn't worth the risk. All of us pilots should have stories of parking the airplane and live to fly another day.

I'm seeing an increase in pilots coming back through Basic Med. For the first time in over 20 years, we went to a wait list to get into my flying club! While I still qualify for a standard FAA medical, I must do annual reporting for such. Therefore, I am considering Basic Med this month and free myself from that reporting. If you are considering that as well, know that there are some limitations like international flights and one's ability to act as a safety pilot. There have been many opinions about this so don't get caught short if you choose Basic Med.

As always, 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 Report

Gus Gustavson

We are getting busy folks! Alvin Voigt has the BD-4 has been quietly upgrading our shop equipment by getting the saws on some really nice rollers. Thank you Alvin! He also has recently aligned the band saw, fixed the clutch, and secured the motor so now it can be run at lower speeds for steels, then higher speeds for aluminum and wood. I have purchased new bi-metal blades that should do the job. Alvin has found the manual for the machine and will have it posted nearby so we can operate the band saw at its optimum and not wear out the blades. Check with us on usage BEFORE you begin cutting steel.

The Bridgeport mill is now overhauled fully operational and has just finished milling new set of elevator brackets for a Mooney that had an incident with a fence in high winds. The mill has saved hundreds of dollars in STC replacement parts. Also the English wheel was recently used to help remove wrinkles in said Mooney skins so it may be used as a template to make replacement skins.

A new member, Mark Snyder, wants to bring his once flying KR-2 to our hangar from Chino so it is more accessible for him to work on it. He wants to re-engine the plane with a better one he is getting from North Carolina. We hope to move him in before year's end.

Remember George Mahurin from the presentation last month from the FAA? Well he now has a intern working for him, Nguyen Nguyen. He is a former Navy Aircraft Mechanic who happens to have an A&P license. George has asked him to team up with our Chapter and myself to learn a few things about General Aviation to become current with his A&P in GA. We have the experimental side here but I will also attempt to introduce him to fellow A&P / IAs on the field to get current on type certificated aircraft as well.

Leslie now has his engine and propeller off the BD-4 on the side yard. After some more component removal, it will be moved so we can get to the man-lift for hose replacement. We also need to remove the Cessna 150 from the side yard for clean-up. Leslie's Glastar is going to get some new engine mount bushings and his conditional will be complete. Leslie has been struggling with Aircraft documents but with help from George Mahurin's help at the FAA, and a broker, the process turned out to be a breeze. He will then move his GlaStar out back on the tie-downs. His hope is that the propeller from the BD-4 will have a successful overhaul and be installed on the GlaStar.

Me, I am struggling finding time to finish installing my new engine monitor. Every day the sun shines, I want to fly to Catalina for lunch or head out with the VFR guys to someplace new. Swapping this monitor for the old one is not that easy.

Speaking of VFR, Rich Schleicher is having the VFR Flying Club meeting December 7 at 7:00 PM. The meeting is exactly one hour long, in the EAA96 conference room. Some of have recently found out how to handle the TFR situation over Compton and hopefully we can share to find out more. The club is intended for VFR active pilots to share and learn. Please come and join us.

The newly installed air conditioners are actually heat pumps. They both heat and cool. So we can shake that chill off during the cold months.

Also we had a visit from Southern California Edison and they are offering a free light exchange, especially the expensive high bay lightning. They will include a motion sensor-automatic off feature. I hope we can get them in above all the stored stuff. We will see when we get a chance to talk with the contractor. Be prepared to move everything folks.

Young Eagles October Rally

Ivory Williams

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EAA Chapter 96 is happy to announce a monthly VMC club opportunity for Non-instrument rated active pilots who want to improve their proficiency. This is a new resource through EAA's VMC Club.

The VMC Club is modeled after the popular IMC Club concept which provides organized "hangar flying" focused on building proficiency in instrument flying. The VMC Club will do the same, but for pilots who are not instrument rated and fly primarily under visual flight rules and under VMC.

Chapter 96 is providing monthly VMC Club meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. We will use real-world scenarios to engage members, 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.

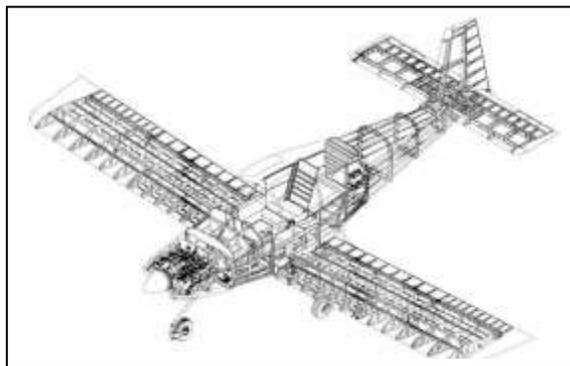
The meetings will meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Chapter 96 Conference room at the hanger. These meetings are free. A schedule of these meetings will be posted on the web site. For more information, you may contact the VMC coordinator, Richard Schleicher at 310-936-5055 or via e-mail at chapter96VMC@actsworld.com.

VMC Club Meeting Schedule

Sept 07	Topic: Solar Eclipse loss of visual reference
Oct 05	Topic: Rotor Turbulence
Nov 02	Topic: Inflight system failure response
Dec 07	Topic: War response

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