

EAA Chapter 96

PENINSULA FLYER

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October 2017

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, 21 October, 10:00
Election of Officers and Directors
Open to everyone.

Young Eagles Rally
Saturday, 28 October, 10:00
CPM Terminal Building

VMC Club Meeting
Thursday, 3 November, 7pm
Topic: Inflight System Failure Response
Open to all non-instrument rated active pilots.

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, 4 November, 09:00
Open to all members.

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1017 Alondra Blvd
Compton, CA 90220

Chapter Chatter

Xavier Marshall

This year has really gone by fast! The holiday season is upon us. We still have plenty of activities through the rest of the year.

EAA 96 Holiday Brunch tickets are on sale now. The tickets are \$35 per person. Please also donate an item to be raffled off during our fundraising raffle.

We are having our last Young Eagles rally of the year on October 28th. Please let anyone interested know to go to <http://fb.com/EaaChapter96> for more information and to pre-register.

Finally, the airport will have their annual Compton Airport Christmas party and toy drive. The date has not been announced so stay tuned.

2018 dues are due now. The dues have been increased to \$40 per year. They can be paid in person to Craig Louis, mailed in, or paid via PayPal through the chapter website at <http://www.96.eaachapter.org/>. Click on "Membership" to update your info and pay your dues.

Dennis Lord

I am away this month and see Xavier has mentioned a few items regarding recent Board decisions and other events of note. Allow me to add a few items.

We have learned of the passing of yet another member; Dietrich Alkonis. Dietrich was often seen around the hangar until recent times when we learned he was battling cancer. He leaves behind a C-150 fuselage that is available. It is a somber reminder that life is precious and that our health is most important. I wish to thank the Alkonis family for supporting us for many years.

The Expo occurred on September 23 as planned. A bit tamer this year, once again a number of volunteers stepped in to help. Within our ranks, and risking missing someone, I wish to thank the consummate volunteer Jim Lobue for stepping up to nearly every task. Xavier Marshall chipped in. Rich Schleicher cooked all day; much appreciated. Bill Kealey handled the radios. Ivory Williams worked all day. Chris Lord and Sean Cameron showed up for a half day. Dave Bristol was in the mix and there were outside volunteers from as far away as Tehachapi that drove down to assist us as well as a few airport tenants and, of course, AAC in helping with set up. Thank you ALL.

The 25L/TWY Alpha reconstruction process will commence in now December. Due to regulations that prohibit night landings upon unlit runways, night operations will be prohibited by NOTAM for that period of time to restore 25L which is the only lit runway.

Dietrick Edwin Alkonis (July 16, 1933 - September 29, 2017)

GONE WEST - Not alone into the sunset but into the company of friends who have gone before him...

I first met Dietrick at our EAA Chapter 96 meeting in Compton in 2007. We immediately became fast friends and bonded over our common interest in the Zenith airplane kits. We eventually worked together sharing ideas and built many of the major components together. He was always willing to offer his expertise as a machinist to anyone who needed help. His other main interest was boating. He had multiple yachts, both power and sail.

A memorable experience we shared on two occasions was going to the annual EAA Air Adventure Convention in Oshkosh, WI. We took a side trip to the Pietenpol annual gathering at Brodhead, WI. each time. We always brought our tents and camped out for both events. He was a great travel companion and we got to know each other well on these trips. We learned to make a camper out of a Uhaul moving truck when there were no other vehicles available to rent. We would joke about how we were the only ones we knew that ever turned a Uhaul moving truck into a camper. We were quite the talk at the event and felt right at home with all the other expensive motor homes we were parked next to.

Dietrick was still working every day at his machine shop making a device that was used by the fire departments to test the strength of firemen. He invented and patented this device that has been sold throughout the world.

I will miss seeing his zest for life and the companionship of a good friend.

He is survived by his wife Alice and two sons with extended family. *Terry Wetkowski*

Hangar Report

Gus Gustavson

The hangar is not your trash can!

We are slowly trying to get the hangar cleaned and organized. We have made great strides in doing just that. Bays are pretty much clear, and getting better as time moves on. The floors are swept of incoming dirt, feathers and whatever blows in. We have new tenants and we are scheduled to get more. Cleanup after the EXPO went very well. The only issue is that some planes were moved to different spots when returned which shouldn't be a problem. The tool area is slowly being improved with some much needed machine maintenance. There are even some discussions about upgrading equipment. We have ideas about making a few portable cleaning stations with brooms, dust pans and vacuum cleaners. I have found 5 (five) vacuum cleaners in the hangar, not counting my own. They have all been serviced, cleaned and in need of good hoses and some attachments.

The issue is this. As we try to keep the place clean, others try to make it a pig sty out of it. Wood chips and metal are left on the drill press, saws, mills, and floor, even though there is a working vacuum cleaner within arm's reach. The other was about 4 gallons of oil were deposited in an open bucket on the side yard behind a door. This infuriated several board members since some of loose oil was stashed on the side yard, behind a door. Another bucket of oil was at the gate. This oil to be taken across the North-East corner to a sump designated it, near the aircraft wash rack. It is now cleaned up. I know it is tough and you are tired when work is done but please CLEAN UP!

We have a new aircraft in the hangar. Eric Hicks and his 172 are in for an annual. Eric has an A&P friend named Frank who is doing the formal stuff. He has other helpers as needed because as you look at it, there is a lot of work to do. I wish him the best. You should see him at the meeting.

Hopefully soon, we may have a company come in to temporarily store parts in pallets in the remaining hangar floor for a few months. I will give you more information when it all happens. All this will be blessing to our hangar pocket books.

Leslie is pretty much done working on the GlaStar. He needs to change out his engine mount bushings for a sagging engine, sign off some paperwork, and then he flies.

On a sad note, a longtime friend of ours, Deitrich Alkonis, some know him at Deiter, has passed away September 29. He always made the hangar meeting and was a terrific person with a gift of gab. We will miss him.

I got into a rush moving planes, hangar doors this last weekend, to the point that I have been laid up either with damaged joints, or strained muscles. With the pain meds and lack of sleep, I have pretty much grounded myself from flying for a while. Doctor says no heavy lifting or pulling. Ideas have popped up to make an aircraft tug and install a windlass on the hangar doors to help. I have some great friends.

Pushing a broom is OK and making new panel parts for my plane is still in the plans.

See you at the Hangar. *Gus*

Election Slate for 2018 / 2019

Xavier Marshall, Dennis Lord

President:
Dennis Lord

Board Member:
Jim Lobue

Vice President:
Xavier Marshall

Board Member:
Ariel Hazi

Treasurer:
Craig Louis

Board Member:
Peter Hurley

Secretary:
Craig Louis

Board Member:
Christopher Lord

EXPO Pictures

Ivory Williams and Sean Cameron







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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.

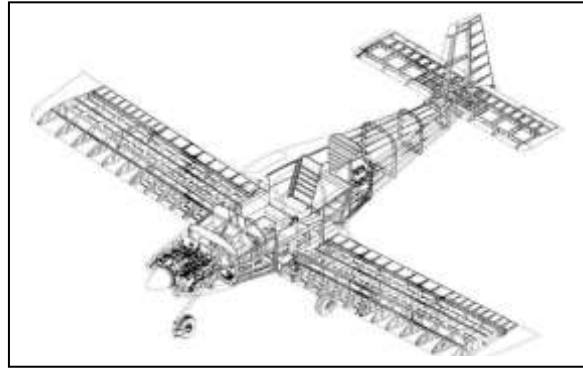
Chapter 96 is providing monthly VMC Club meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. We will use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share 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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