

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

### EXPO

Saturday, 23 September

Our annual community event

Volunteers needed.

### VMC Club Meeting

Thursday, 5 October, 7pm

Topic: Rotor Turbulence

Open to all non-instrument rated active pilots.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 7 October, 09:00

Open to all members.

### Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 21 October, 10:00

Election of Officers and Directors

Open to everyone.

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EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.  
1017 Alondra Blvd  
Compton, CA 90220

## 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.*

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The Expo is coming and we need volunteers. Keith Spreuer is the volunteer coordinator and he would like to hear from you. Bill Kealey has secured our event radios after a minor glitch due to a change of ownership at the radio shop but we worked past that. David Gee is back to manage glider ops in the hangar and his volunteers from last year are secured. The model clubs are confirmed and will have a good presence. Our show open patriotic tribute is confirmed. Attendees all comment on how much they love to see the banner ops. Still, we need some more volunteers for Friday setup and early arrivals on Saturday. This is the only general fund fundraiser that we do and if you care about your Chapter, we would appreciate your support.

At Saturday's Member's meeting (9/16), I hope to see a solid proposed slate for incoming Directors and Officers. We are losing one Director seat and need to replace it. In the change with Dustin leaving for Air Force flight training, his void will be filled by Chris Lord and Kyle Hathaway from LA Air Force Base who have agreed to share responsibilities. This team approach seems to be working so that one individual does not have to do all the work. Due to the Expo, there will not be a Young Eagles rally this month but will resume in late October.

The Internet "deal" that was proposed last month did not materialize at the price quoted. Therefore, no progress. We simply cannot seem to break down the barriers to making this happen primarily due to the reality that funding simply isn't in place. While speaking to funds, it was noted by me that standard hangar reassessments on the airport resulted in a 160% increase in Possessory Interest Taxes paid on their monthly bill. In speaking briefly with the County this week, I expressed my concern that should such an increase occur on the EAA leasehold, it would nearly break us. I was told, and we'll know for sure when the invoice comes around October 1, that our leasehold is already invoiced by the Assessor and that there should be no corresponding increase. Hopefully, that is truth.

On the plus side, we have found a way to replace our worn out air conditioners in the Conference Room, Kitchen, and the Office space. All funded externally to our organization. Let cooler heads prevail!

I am hearing that the runway/taxiway reconstruction process will commence in October. At the recent Commission meeting at CPM, my takeaway was that operations will not be affected except for that period that 25L is being worked on. 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.

In a time when airports should be promoted, I learned today that yet another aviation event has gone West, and one we participated in. Wings, Wheels, and Rotors at Los Alamitos JFTB has folded its tent. The Base's Legal Team has taken a position the last three years that there is too much liability to continue flying activity. It has been a trying experience for the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce to motivate sponsors and more to support an event that no longer supports flying. You may recall that we (Chapter 96) started flying Young Eagles for them in 2005. After the first three years, I turned it over to Chapter 7 who ran it for seven more years. We would average 200 kids flown each year in a 6-7 hour period! But, those days went away three years ago and with the handwriting on the wall, the Chamber made their announcement today.

In a similar vein is SMO with the AOPA and others now filing legal briefs. While it seems ominous to some in my age bracket, I see a huge shift in aviation to autonomous operations and the needs of someone to maintain those systems. It took my Dad's generation 66 years to go from Kitty Hawk to the moon. We've stumbled in low earth orbit since and now the world of autonomous operations and AI are on our doorstep. What will the coming decades provide?

As always, your feedback is welcome.

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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 News

*Gus Gustavson*

Well, our Dustin Wallace has left the coop and is in Del Rio Texas taking his Air Force pilot training. He reports that classes are intense but not so bad that he is still able to get time in his VeriEZ on weekends. We will keep tabs on his adventures.

In the meantime, the hangar is relatively quiet.

The hangar is quieter now. I have been quite busy with other tasks but my wife Dee was hankering for a much needed R&R from her work. So we flew to Paso Robles on Labor Day weekend flying and wine country. A 6 hour drive was just 1 1.6 hour flight. When we got there, ACI Jet Center was top notch. They got our rental car, helped us with our luggage, and we were set for the weekend. I asked around about the EAA there and they said they were prominent. The local paper even had a great article on the Young Eagles program there. Their one issue is they have no A&P at the field. None. I was amazed. What an opportunity for a fresh A&P out of school with some on-the-job training. If I were 30 again! Wineries, two classic car shows, shops and rest made it wonderful.

The flight back was interesting. I checked the weather at 9:00 and the report was scattered clouds at Long Beach and LAX at 9:00. Clearing usually occurs at about 11:00 and so we took off. Clear skies until we got to Santa Barbara which is overcast a lot. No issue there. I skirted some clouds and headed for the LAX corridor. The cloud tops were at about 2000 feet and I could see LAX through small holes. Turning to Compton wasn't looking great either. Little holes, here and there. Then Dee says, "There is a big hole!" Sure enough, there was a clear patch, about 1-1/2 miles in diameter with CPM right there. We turned in under the clouds right in line with downwind. Nice. We even had a welcome call from one of the banner tows about a mile away. Nice to be home.

The man-lift sprung a hose leak and we have cleaned up the mess. Now to get the bad hose out is going to be tricky. We need to lift the arm to gain access. Richard Geiser is figuring out how to do that.

Leslie Huttunin has an old BD-4 on the field and got word that someone was out to steal it. So he now has it temporarily moved to our side yard where he plans to remove the propeller and engine from it before trashing it. It is getting crowded back there.

I got a call while I was in Eugene Oregon from a gentleman who has a 172 and wants to rent space for his 172 while doing an annual. He should be at the meeting and had some interesting offers for us. His name is Eric whom he linked up with Dennis Lord for more information.

## 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

Board Member:  
Rich Schleicher

# First Flight

*Gil Cargill*

First flight! All went well. Now the WORK of refinement begins...but it is an airplane.





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## Chapter 96

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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.

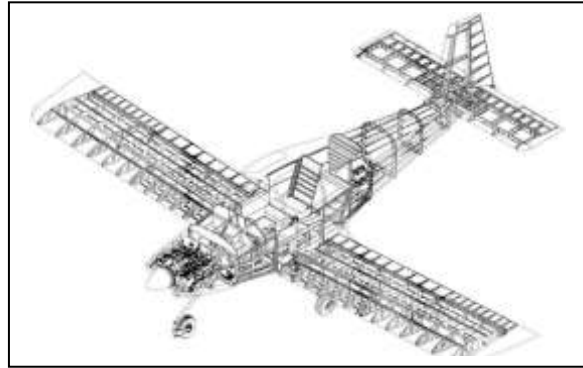
Chapter 96 is providing monthly VMC Club meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. We will use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share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