

PENINSULA FLYER

South Bay

SoCal

Meeting On 04/21/2012 @ 10am

April 2012

Editors Corner

Xavier Marshall

Chapter 96 Members' are building:

Terry Wetkowski: Corvair powered Zenith CH750
(Scratch build)

Raymond Hill: Van's RV-7

Xavier Marshall: Van's RV-7



President's Report

Keith Spreuer

Greetings Aviators!

I love daylight Savings time! There is actually enough time to sneak out to the airport for an afternoon flight even if I don't want a night flight. Saturday after the Board Meeting it was a gorgeous day so we decided to fly a formation flight to Corona for lunch. It was one of those days when things just don't go right. First, I had left the master on and one battery was dead (I have a two battery system). So first I had to charge the battery to get going. I did some pattern flight to be sure the electrical system was up to snuff and landed to meet up with Don in his Cozy. Everything was normal. It's only a 15 min flight to Corona and the flight was beautiful. Set up for a short field landing there and touched down just right. But when the nose wheel contacted she slowed down pretty fast and then got pretty bumpy. I knew right away I had a flat tire but wasn't sure if it were a main or the nose. Now how the heck does that happen over a 15 min flight? Fortunately it was the nose and I carry a spare tube and tools. So the repair was a 20 min deal. I found the problem. The tube had been pinched on installation over two years ago! It worked fine all this time and finally decided to spring a leak. Then to top it off we found out the restaurant closed over a year ago. Hey, I'll take the small problems any day. Even with those, it was a real pleasure to be out there on such a nice day.

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The chapter is moving into the summer flying mode. We have a good presentation lined up for the next meeting on April 21st. Jay Sullivan will be speaking about the Lightning LS-1, <http://www.flylightning.net/>. Isn't that a hot looking LSA?

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I sure hope he is able to fly in for the meeting. Of course there will be a BBQ afterwards too.

Plans are moving ahead for our Summer Fly-in and RC Expo. There were a couple things we learned from the last one that will make this event even better. The RC portion will be expanded and will be easier to view. There will be U-line control as well as RC. And there will be expanded "buddy box" flying so guests can fly the RC's themselves with a pro as back up. I am the coordinator of volunteers this year. We are going to try to get 60 volunteers this year so no one has to work the full show but rather a shorter 2-3 hour period. So I will be looking at all our members and their spouses to lend a hand. I expect chapter 7 will want to participate as well. The date is Aug 5th so keep that open and come out for the fun. Our Young Eagles program is still going strong. There was an event at HHR on the 24th of Mar where we flew 29 kids. Upcoming events are May 19th at CPM and 7/21 back at HHR. Our two kids for Summer Camp at Oshkosh are all set up and have been accepted. Several of our member generously donated to cover their airfare too. The kids selected are Demetrius Ingram and Geronald Brown. I know they are excited to be going!

Hangar Report

Keith Spreuer

We are still struggling to keep the occupancy up in the hangar. There is more interest lately but seems as soon as we get a new tenant one of our old ones moves out. So we stand still at 3 large vacancies and 1.5 small vacancies. However, I have two pretty sure things lined up for the large spaces. Rhon Williams will probably move his Mooney in for a while. And Andy will move in a Scottish Bulldog in that he just bought. It will take some creative rearrangement to get them both in but I'm sure we can do it. I'm still procrastinating on the big clean up but the need is ever more critical. We have drill presses coming out of our ears! If anyone needs one at home, several of them are repairable. We are definitely going to have to do that clean up before the expo. I also bought a banner and George Butts very kindly printed a hangar advertisement on it. We will hang that out front next weekend. [Ed. It's already on the building]

2nd Annual EAA Fly-In and Model Expo

Dennis Lord

If you missed the 2011 show, don't miss this one! EAA Chapter 96 is returning with even more excitement than last year. Have you seen the video of last year's show? [Click to see it.](#)

Spread the word! On August 5, 2012 we are coming back with more high intensity R/C aircraft including Giant Scale and Jets. New, but yet to be confirmed, we have an expressed interest from the Circle Burners (U-control) to entertain us as well. Combined with the exhilaration of banner tow demonstrations, this promises to be a great day!

Gates open at 9 a.m. and we are a cheap date.... \$3/person for age 10 and up. Under 10 is free. How can you beat that? Fly-In's are welcome before 10 a.m. (Airport NOTAM'd closed after 10 a.m. unless prior permission). Advanced ticket sales are available after June 15th.

Volunteers are needed and we welcome all comers ages 15 and up. For three hours of light work, we will

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feed you and you have free access to the show.

So, come on out and support this fundraiser for EAA Chapter 96 programs. You won't be disappointed. For additional details, email Dennis Lord at DLord@SempraUtilities.com.



EAA/AOPA Medical Proposal Open For Comments

Various

Anyone with an opinion about the recent exemption request from EAA and AOPA that would enable more pilots to skip their third-class medical renewals now has a chance to comment on the official federal docket. The two advocacy groups are encouraging pilots to post their support for the change, and posted a guide ([PDF](#)) to help with the process. "Comments should be substantive, significant, specific, or supported," the guide says. The exemption would give pilots who fly recreationally the option to participate in a recurrent online education program and self-assess their fitness to fly, instead of renewing their third-class medical.

If the FAA agrees to allow an exemption to the rules, pilots would be able to fly thousands of qualifying GA aircraft with just a driver's license, a pilot certificate, and a certificate of completion (within the last 24 months) from the online course. The course would be free to anyone, not just EAA or AOPA members, through AOPA's Air Safety Institute. Other details can be found in the groups' 41-page proposal ([PDF](#)).



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YOUNG EAGLES AT CPM – 5/19

YOUNG EAGLES AT KHRH – 7/21

EAA FLY-INN/MODEL EXPO – 8/5

