

EAA Chapter 96

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Editors Corner

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I'm always looking for member written and submitted articles for **your** newsletter. Please email me with articles, suggestions, and/or comments. Thanks.

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President's Forum

Merrill Eastcott

March madness is over but not the many spring activities your club has planned. It is now time to select the young person that we want to send to the summer EAA aviation camp. We have a reservation for a senior level candidate, age 16, 17, or 18. The dates are August 1-9. There are no hard and fast requirements other than his or her parents' permission. The chapter is paying for the camp tuition only. In the past some individual members have chipped in to help with travel expenses but that is to be determined. The candidate should write a letter to us describing their interest in going to camp. In the past the best letters have indicated the experience and interest that have had so far in their lives regarding aviation. Academic achievements are impressive but not required. Involvement in any kind of pursuit is a good thing to mention, like scouting, mentoring, student body, sports, etc. If any of you have a young person in your family tree that would be interested, please let a board member know. We will tell you what to do next. We will be making a decision next month.

We continue to work on membership and now have three categories of members: full, youth, and friends of our chapter that may belong to another chapter or live too far away to attend meetings regularly. Dennis Lord will explain this to you more thoroughly at the next membership meeting.

Planning for the September fly-in and model Expo is underway. It is now time to get on Keith Spreuer's volunteer list. Just get your name to any one of the board members. It takes 80 or more volunteers on the day of the event to make everything happen. Volunteering comes with free entry and a free lunch, so please volunteer. Hope to see you at our April 19 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Schleicher

Current Bank Balance as of April 15: \$11889.46

Total income for March: \$2783
Total expenses for March: \$3734.32
Total deficit: \$951.32

Open invoice total as of April 15: \$8129

We need assistance in collections from the following individuals:

Troy Gleeson
Paul Heiderich
Ira Munn

If any of our members know these people and can contact them and encourage them to pay their debt to the association, we will be able to recover. With Keith's hanger report, it will be noted that we have a welcome addition/renter with H2O(2) education renting the lounge and office space. Our regular monthly expenditures are averaging about \$300/month in addition to our fixed rent of the hanger at \$3493.46.

Hangar Report

Keith Spreuer

We took in a new tenant effective April 1. This is not our usual type of tenant but a company that gives aviation instruction. The owner is William Pass and his company is H2O2. They teach "Self Rescue" for pilots among other things. William made a presentation a few months ago at our meeting on the effects of solar flares on aviation electronics. They will be using the Pilot lounge several nights a month for the classroom training and some of our office space to store equipment. We also have been talking to some fellows who want to start a flight school and use the hangar for that operation. We are still checking to see if this fits with EAA HQ rules and if it is compatible with our other internal requirements. It is an opportunity to rent 2 large spaces in the hangar, 2 tie downs, and some office space. So it has the potential of putting us in the black. We will continue to pursue that. Otherwise we continue to have 3 large spaces available plus the space where the Bede 5 is stored. We are in the early stages of a possible donation of a Stinson in flyable condition which may require some hangar space. So things are in flux.

Upcoming Events

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ
Saturday, 19 April, 10:00

Next LA County Aviation Commission Meeting
April 30, 7 p.m.
Vista Aviation
Whiteman Airport

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, 3 May, 09:00

Young Eagles
CPM Open House
Compton Airport Admin/Terminal Building
Saturday, 3 May

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

General Meeting Program

Rhon Williams

Video program will include EAA Chapter videos and "Ultimate Aviation" DVD Vol 1.

Chapter Chatter



Dennis Lord is our current Chapter 96 VP, 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.

Faithful in following up, as able, there are two pieces of good news in /around CPM. 1) The runway crack on 25L has been repaired and, 2) we have received notice from the State that we can finally close up the “sinkhole” at the fuel pit. Sinkhole? Well, my term for the money pit we have been pouring millions (about \$2M) down in recent years due to underground fuel contamination.

Taking notice of many complaints about the crack in the runway, I chuckled when the repair was made and people then complained about how many people it took to fix it. You know, it was done in one day... get over it!

For those of you familiar with environmental law, you know we had to deal with the identified fuel plume once it was discovered some years ago. You do not want the Regional Water Quality Board breathing down your back. Water aquifers and local water rights are extremely valuable. If you want to be driven into the ground by lawsuits, just contaminate them. So, we paid, and paid, and paid to clean up this mess. You may have heard the vacuum pumps running on the East side of the Terminal.

Every month, Clint Simmons and I have been trying to close this up and stop the cash outflow. Finally, we’ve slowed it to a crawl and soon to a stop. Better yet, there are some State reimbursement funds coming but there are far better things to spend dollars on than environmental remediation.

Update on Membership: I discussed last month how the Chapter is now focusing on membership and reaching out to those who have been on the sidelines for many reasons. Allow me to share our progress.

Members are responding. There is a love for what we do here. While committed to seeing this mission through to where we are truly on top of membership, I must say it is a ton of work. Let me paint a picture. Our new roster is a reflection of old records. Roster records are off by 13 members from financial records. Our new Treasurer, Rich Schleicher, is working day and night on the books, his employment, and his LongEze project in the hangar. God bless him. Our Membership Chair suffered a family loss and has been unable to support this effort and my professional life has ramped up (expected) as I work myself out of a job and fully retire later this year. In recent weeks, we have slowed a bit but we will not stop!

This is precisely why we need to surround ourselves with members that can add value to the EAA 96 mission. New energy, new volunteers, youth we can mentor and who often bring new skills to the table. We need them.

I mentioned April 1 being a membership cutoff date. We have not done that. In fact, we aren’t even close to thinking about that until we re-engage everyone.

Is your Chapter membership current? If yes, thank you!! If not, I am asking you to help us out by renewing and letting us know where you are. It is simple to do on our website at www.96.eaachapter.org. Click on Join or Renew. This will greatly assist our workload and vetting of this roster and financial records.

Did you attend the first LA County Airshow at Fox on March 21-22? We pulled off a minor miracle in five months and featured the Blue Angels. Early count was a paid gate of 103,000. Bills were paid, charities supported, and two great days of flying and static displays! Expect a return in 2015.

Young Eagles support is needed for May 3 at Compton. The Airport is hosting a cooperative Open House with Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum and EAA 96 will provide Young Eagle rides. We need planes, and people. Contact Glenn Parkison for details.

"Blue Skies, Smooth Landings!"

Dennis is easily reached at DCLord@Hotmail.com 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.

LA County Airport Survey

Each year, LA County Public Works conducts an evaluation of products, services, and facilities at each of the County Airports. It is their desire to receive feedback from all users. The notice is sent to hangar tenants.

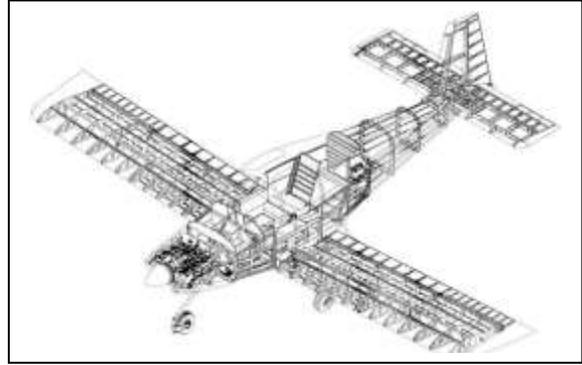
As an EAA 96 member you may have not seen the annual notification for this survey unless you receive Chapter mail. Therefore, I am ensuring that it is at least in the newsletter this year.

This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience using Compton Airport. Constructive criticism is welcomed and praise goes a long way, if warranted. For whatever reason, and I believe it is a lack of communication across the airport, Compton responses are always minimal in number. Yet, the ratings that do come in have shown a steady improvement in recent years.

We want to hear from you and I invite you to take a minute to do the survey. You will find it online at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/avisurvey>. Please keep your responses to one airport for each survey you fill out. The deadline is May 31, 2014.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Dennis C. Lord
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