

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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Upcoming Events

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 16 April, 10:00

Open to everyone.

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, 16 April, 08:30

Open to all members.

Young Eagles

Saturday, 23 April, 11:00

Compton Airport Admin Building

The Collings Foundation's

Wings of Freedom Tour

23-25 April

Torrance Airport

EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.

1017 Alondra Blvd

Compton, CA 90220



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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.

I have been generally encouraged by the spirit around the Hangar in the last month and continue to remind myself that not all of us are retired. For me, anyway, retirement is just a “phase” as it’s in my blood to remain active. But, starting with my wife, I am also reminded that I can be pretty intimidating to some people. Well, she is not the only one to tell me that. After all, at 6’ 9”, I can “Lord” it over most.

On a personal note, I was pretty much off the radar screen as a child through my teen years. Trying to find my way, I couldn’t find my butt with both hands. Then, I got a job.... and was nearly killed on it. I left to go flip burgers in Wilmington for one of the wives (Marjorie) of the original McDonald brothers. Even that didn’t last long after I puked in the French fry machine at lunchtime.

Then, a real job came my way and that fortunately lasted five decades. Some men took me under their wing and kicked that butt so I could succeed. Floundering in school, last to be picked on the basketball court, little to no parental direction due to a Mom decimated by MS, and a social wallflower, there wasn’t much hope. But, the real change came after I graduated from high school at 16, played city leagues for five years, developed a game and was then offered to go to college at age 21 during my employment. Suddenly, I was thrust into a “come to play or go home” world. I was paid (through a scholarship) to intimidate and learned it well as I was now the older one. Stay out of MY key!! That’s MY ball!

So, what does this have to do with anything aviation?

As a Commissioner, I’ve watched the parade of pilots come to Commission meetings with problems. Problems with management, problems with infrastructure, problems with budgets and generally problems with everything and YOU’RE (the Commission) the problem! In watching this, I’ve referred to this as the “PIC mentality”. In the cockpit, no one tells us what to do unless a hired instructor or a FAA Examiner. We can overrule ATC, FAA regs, and more in the interest of flight safety. Don’t tell ME (the pilot) what I can or cannot do!

Well, guess what? We all have problems and the problem here is that once you step outside the cockpit and into the public arena, you are no longer the PIC. Indeed, without that title, we all must get along.

And, so it is for me. We all understand our passion for aviation or we would not be here. But, it is not for me to assert that it is my way or the highway. I have tried hard to accomplish things with Board support and not division which gets the organization nowhere. I truly believe we are starting to settle in and get things done and I’ll be speaking more to that in future editions here.

In a recent County meeting, I learned that as a result of a management negotiation with American Airports and their five-year contract renewal, there will be marketing funds available for community outreach. The County will ultimately designate how those funds will be used but input from tenants through airport user groups and the County Commissioners is welcomed. Again, these dollars are specifically for reaching out to the local community. About \$15K is available.

At this meeting, I offered that EAA submit a proposal to formally upgrade the catwalk on the East side of our Hangar into a quality “EAA 96 Airport Observation Deck” complete with yet-to-be designed tables, seating and shade. If done properly, it could be funded entirely by these funds and we would welcome the community to come and see what we do. We are currently looking for someone to take this project on, draw it up, and assist us in making a proposal while the dollars are available.

As always, your 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.

Young Eagles - Volunteers Needed

Glenn Parkison

We have a Young Eagles event coming on April 23 and I will talk about that further in a minute. For now I need to talk about volunteers for our YE events. YE is a program that will be 24 years old this year and I am happy, and proud, to say that Chapter 96 got into the program at the start and we are still holding events about 8 times every year. From our first YE event to the present day, chapter members have been incredibly generous with their time, their planes, their help and we have flown about 8000 kids since 1992.

In earlier years we had a larger chapter, more pilots and more workers volunteering at our events allowing us to fly 50, 60 even 100 or more kids in a day. More recently we have a smaller chapter, fewer pilots and changing priorities in member's lives. We have fewer volunteers so we can only invite and fly 15 to 25 kids at our events.

Getting to my point, in past years I had a particular group that was committed to YE and would show up at almost every event. As the chapter has changed, this group of committed people has become quite small and cannot now sustain the chapter's YE program. I need help so we can continue. Specifically, I need a couple of people who will commit to help me as ground crew at all, or most all, of the events during the year. I appreciate and enjoy anyone who comes to an event help out even once or infrequently, but now I must have some fulltime ground crew also. Contact me.

Our next YE event is on Saturday, April 23 at Compton Airport. We will be meeting at the administration building and starting at 11:00 AM. The YEs should be there by 10:30 so we can get the necessary paperwork done prior to the start time. I am looking for more YEs for the event. If you know some kids or organizations who might want to attend this or a later event have the parents contact me.

Glenn Parkison
310-374-4812

TOA – Volunteers Needed

Approximately 200 students from Torrance Middle- and High-schools in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) classes will attend aviation-related classes at the Torrance Airport on 4/25 from 9 AM through 4 PM. In addition to the class work, the students will be treated to ground tours of the Collings Foundation WWII aircraft, which will be visiting our airport from 4/22 to 4/26.

Volunteers are needed to help organize and supervise the students during their visit.

Click the button below to volunteer.

[volunteer](#)

Hangar Report

Keith Spreuer

The hangar tenancy is up slightly in March with Mike Austin taking a half space. The attached spread sheet shows the layout and the income. We still show 81% of full income. Rich Geiser helped me up date the equipment list so I think it is pretty complete now. I looked for leaks during the rainy days but didn't see any significant leaks. I've been there a fair amount this month doing my Annual. That will continue throughout April.

Tenant list and layout is available by request. Please contact Keith or myself. -ed

March 2016 Financial Report

Rich Schleicher

Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
	Hanger Rental	3,668.00			
Program Income					
	Membership Dues	140.00			
	Total Program Income	140.00			
	Total Income	3,808.00			
	Gross Profit	3,808.00			
Expense					
Facilities and Equipment					
	Electric	89.33			
	Rent, Parking	3,564.38			
	Water bill	103.96			
	Total Facilities and Equipment	3,757.67			
Operations					
	BBQ Supplies	72.41			
	Total Operations	72.41			
	Total Expense	3,830.08			
	Net Ordinary Income	-22.08			
	Net Income	-22.08			
	March Total Deposits	452			
		1276			
		32			
	open bank acct amt	12460			
	Ending bank acct amt	11041			
	Open paypal amt	489			
	ending paypal amt	976			

For any detailed reports or specific inquiries of any income/expenditures for the association, please send your inquiries to ops@actsworld.com As reported by: Rich Schleicher EAA Treasurer

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EAA Chapter 96

City: Compton, CA

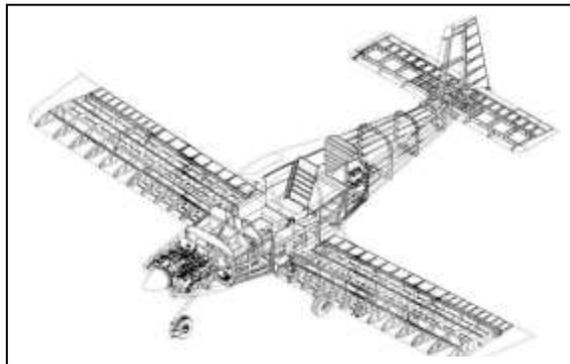
Airport: Compton
Airport (CPM)



Monthly Meeting:
Third Saturday of the
month at 10 a.m.
Compton Airport
Chapter 96 Hangar
1017 West Alondra Blvd.
Compton, CA 90220



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