

EAA Chapter 96

# PENINSULA FLYER

South Bay

SoCal

Meeting On 08/17/2013 @ 10am

August 2013

## Editors Corner

Jim Lobue

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

*Some folks took pictures during the June meeting of the fabric covering of Carl's Piet. PLEASE, send them to me to incorporate into a future newsletter article.*

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## President's Message

Keith Spreuer

It's time for our August Meeting on the 17th. It's been typical of Summer time, lot's of folks are away for vacation and we had quite a few I know of that made Oshkosh this year. That's one of the reasons we moved the Annual Chapter 96 RC Expo and Flyin to Sept 14th this year. With most of the vacations over and the kids back in school, we think it will allow greater participation. I am manager of the volunteers. With the event only about a month away and only about half the needed volunteers signed up, I am urging you to contact me ([kspreuer@yahoo.com](mailto:kspreuer@yahoo.com)) and let me know if you are available. This is our 3rd year and it has been getting better each year. Last year it was pretty warm in August when we held it. This year? Well August has been much cooler and September who knows? But at least the June gloom should be gone by then and perhaps a more comfortable day. It is shaping up nicely and I know Dennis is courting the jet models to come back. There will also be a photo op with an SNJ this year and a whole list of aircraft on display. We are still looking for more display aircraft so please contact Merrill or myself if you want to join the display.

Elections are coming up in October. I'm going to step down as President and all the other officers are up for renewal too. Jim Lobue is the chairman of the nominating committee. I'm sure he would be thrilled to hear that you are interested in participating in the organization. Here are the positions open

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
BOD 4  
BOD 5  
BOD 6

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We have scheduled the Holiday Brunch at the Alpine Village again. It is set for Sunday December 8th, never too early to mark your calendar

## Hangar Report

*Keith Spreuer*

We still have 8 of our 9 tie down spaces filled. I spoke to Troy Gleeson (Long Easy). He has not sold his LE yet and is out of work so he needs to vacate his space. That makes 3 large vacancies and one small one. Plus we have 2 small spaces using 2 large spaces. I expect that puts us at negative cash flow of about \$400/mo. We need to do better than break even so we are continuing to search for new tenants.

## Treasurer's Report

*Merrill Eastcott*

The month of July started with a balance of \$16,121.12 and ended with a balance of \$14,606.69 showing a negative cash flow of \$1,514.473. This month's negative cash flow is due primarily to the hangar rent increase of \$35.48 per month backdated to February and all paid in July, and to a few normally on time tenants that as yet have not paid for July. July must again be vacation month for some of us! Accounts receivable is still a problem but the Board is working it. Lastly, I will be out of country from July 25 until August 13, but tenants please send in your rents on time.

## Here's a Pilot Alert!!

*Jim Gates*

I entered the north pattern at Torrance for 29R about a month ago and was told to follow a Robinson helicopter downwind ahead. He was at 1100 feet-- NOT AT 600. I could not see it (and therefore would not be able to avoid it as required by the FARs).

In a meeting last week, I asked Robin Rush (TOA tower chief) about it and found out that TOA tower routinely inserts helicopters into the fixed-wing pattern. I was shocked! Remember, the tower is NOT responsible for separating traffic--that is the pilot's responsibility. But if you cannot see the helicopter, you cannot avoid it.

I am trying to get more information on this dangerous practice. The FARs require helicopters to remain clear of fixed wing traffic. Updates will be provided on the Torrance Airport Association website: <http://www.taainfo.org>.

Be very cautious at TOA. If told to follow a helicopter in the pattern (and you cannot see it), you might want to tell the tower that you are departing the pattern and will return when it is safe to do so.

## EAA Webinars

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EAA Webinars are free to all aviation enthusiasts, but pre-registration is recommended since space is limited to the first 1,000 registrants.

### August 14 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Annual Condition Inspection on your Homebuilt Aircraft](#)

Presenter: Joe Gauthier

### August 21 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Overview of Insurance and Risk Management for EAA Chapters](#)

Presenter: Liesl Wrolstad, Trevor Janz

### August 27 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Building and Flying the Legal Eagle XL Ultralight](#)

Presenter: Sam Buchanan

### September 4 - 8 p.m. CDT

[Is Your Mechanic a Minimalist or a Maximalist?](#)

**FAA AMT & Wings Credit**

Presenter: Mike Busch

### September 11 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Stepping Up to Light-Sport Aircraft](#)

**FAA Wings Credit**

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

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## **Upcoming Events**

RC EXPO - Our biggest event of the year  
Aviation4Fun.com for more details  
Saturday, 14 September

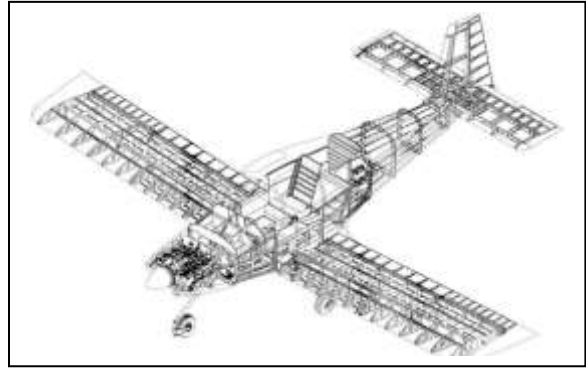
Chapter General Meeting and BBQ  
Saturday, 17 August, 10:00

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, 7 September, 09:00

We have started the nomination process for the upcoming elections.  
Attending a BOD meeting is a great way to see what it is all about and  
maybe consider running for office. All members are encouraged to attend.

Holiday Brunch at Alpine Village  
Sunday, 8 December

Except for the Holiday Brunch, all of the above are at CPM.  
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## **NEWSLETTER IDEAS OR ARTICLES?**

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