

# PENINSULA FLYER

South Bay

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## Editors Corner

*Jim Lobue*

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*

We are getting ever closer to this year's Fly-in and Model Expo, just a little over six weeks away on Saturday, September 26th. First, we have room to display about 20 aircraft, so I am looking for those of you who own or have access to an aircraft and would be willing to display it to contact me ASAP. We are especially looking for kit built aircraft, antique or unusual aircraft, and ex-military aircraft. All will be cordoned off so Expo attendees will be able to see, but not touch your pride and joy. Secondly, we need at least 60 volunteers for the event day. Most tours of duty are about two hours and the biggest needs are in the food court and security. Please consider volunteering and contact Keith Spreuer to let him know you can help out. In any case, join us for a fun filled day that the whole family can enjoy.

The board has selected the location for the chapter's annual holiday brunch. We have secured the banquet room at Marie Calendars in Torrance for Sunday, December 6, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Note that this is a week earlier than first announced. The price will be forthcoming next month, but should be a little less than last year. Mark your calendars now.

It is getting that time again to begin creating a list of candidates for the up-coming elections at our October general membership meeting. Our by-laws require us to divulge the names of the nominating committee a couple of months before the election, so here they are: Keith Spreuer, Dave Bristol, and Merrill Eastcott. Positions you will be voting on include all four officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as three of the six board members. If you have a desire to be considered for any of these positions, let one of the committee members know of your desire. A slate of candidates will be presented at the September membership meeting and posted in next month's newsletter.

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We have a special presenter for our membership meeting this Saturday. Ethan, the young man we sent to the Air Venture camp at Oshkosh this summer will share his experiences with us. So plan to attend the meeting and hear what he has to say. See you then.

For any detailed reports or specific inquiries of any income/expenditures for the association, please send your inquiries to [ops@actsworld.com](mailto:ops@actsworld.com)

## Financial Report

*Richard Schleicher*

Beginning bank balance: \$13293.58  
 Billed Income \$ 3270.00  
 Total July Deposits \$ 2295.00  
 Pay Pal \$ 527.00  
 Total income: \$ 2822.00  
 Expenditures \$ 4793.06

Ending balance \$10481.80  
 + Pay Pal transfer: \$ 800.65  
 Total: \$11282.45

Break down of expense for the month:

Hanger rent \$3493.46  
 June BBQ \$ 70.28  
 Edison \$ 148.79  
 Water \$ 107.53  
 PIK Insurance \$ 973.00

Following is a financial synopsis of the year to date (6 months):

Beginning balance Jan 01, 2015: 16443.82

	Income	Monthly expense	Monthly balance
January	4906.05	4857.44	+ 48.61
February	3905.00	6159.89	-2254.89
March	3675.00	3832.11	- 157.11
April	3766.30	3792.67	- 26.37
May	3990.00	3746.34	+ 243.66
June	3625.74	4452.68	- 826.94
July	3270.00	4793.06	- 1523.06

As with the last months report, we are depending on hanger and tie down space rental to cover our monthly expenses. With one more month to go before the Expo, we will not have any other income generation until September.

The outstanding collections as of July 31 is \$5600; Any suggestions for collecting these outstanding receivables are welcome. The hanger may look full, but there remains a few spots that if rented to paying renters, would tip the balance each month to a positive cash flow and enable us to sponsor some programs that would benefit our members and encourage newcomers to this chapter. If anyone has any ideas on how we can generate monthly income, now would be a good time to make the suggestions.

## Hangar Report

*Keith Spreuer*

We had no additions or deletions from our list of Tenants. I still expect Matt Rupert to take space 9 in Sept but I have not heard from him in a few weeks. We need to have a general clean up before the Expo. I will concentrate on that after I get my Cozy back this weekend. It has been up in Columbia, CA since June 4th. If Matt takes space 9 then our vacancies are space 5b, 6, 7, and 11 (tool space). Attached is the tenant list and layout.

*If anyone wants a copy of the tenant list and layout document, please email Keith or myself. –ed.*

## Upcoming Events

### Expo Planning Meeting

**Saturday, 15 August, 08:30**

**All members are encouraged to attend.**

### Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

**Saturday, 15 August, 10:00**

**Open to everyone.**

### Chapter Board of Directors and Expo Planning Meetings

**Saturday, 5 September, 09:00**

**All members welcome.**

### Fly-in and Model Expo

**Saturday, 26 September, 09:00**

**Compton-Woodley Airport**

### Holiday Brunch

**Sunday, 6 December, 10:00**

**Marie Callender's, Torrance**

**EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.**

**1017 Alondra Blvd  
 Compton, CA 90220**

## **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.*

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Unless this is your only connection to Compton Airport, you know by now that tragedy struck at CPM last Sunday, August 9. A banner tow pickup by an Aviat Husky went awry. After a number of missed pickups, he snagged the line and then reported he could not climb to his ground crew. In whatever procedure they use, the pilot released the banner which fell harmlessly back onto the airport. However, the Husky failed to maintain airspeed and stalled, torque rolled onto its back and nose down to impact just east of TWY Foxtrot in the dirt. Several tenants raced to save the pilot but were unable to. The pilot did not survive and the aircraft was completely destroyed in a post-crash fire. He was not from CPM, but Santa Paula, and had flown all day on Saturday at CPM without incident.

As a media-trained first responder, I tried to manage the story before it got out of hand. Social media was abuzz with speculation and then the NFL Eagles fans lit up Twitter with a story that the pilot was carrying a banner they purchased to razz the Dallas Cowboys fans at their annual Blue-White game in Oxnard. I squashed that story when I learned that it was not true and reported that the aircraft waiting on the RWY for the Husky pick up was the Eagles banner pull. That aircraft could not depart after the accident which closed the field. Social media is not always a friend to first responders and starts rumors that are difficult to defeat. But, in a move that warmed my heart, the organizers of the "GoFundMe" website donated all of the funds raised for the banner pull to the pilot's family.

Of course, all emergency agencies arrived and the airport was closed through the night. Now, with the only aircraft recovery facility being in Phoenix, a vehicle arrived at 1:30 a.m. to take the wreckage away. The NTSB will file a preliminary report within a month and a final report somewhere between 6 months to a year.

The gates appear to be fixed and working properly. It took a while.... I tested them with my sports car and no dings. As long as a vehicle is on the sensor, it stops. I suspect the gate conversion vendor programmed it incorrectly but I really don't know the system.

What are you, our member, doing to ensure the annual Expo is a success? We continue to gather volunteers. There are tickets for sale, we need someone to organize EAA 96 merchandise and set pricing for the Booth. That Booth is already fully staffed but we need some pre-organization they cannot do. We need food servers, a critical function. We need financial sponsors. Ask your Company to support us! Sponsor materials are available. This is a 6 hour event and not a heavy load on anyone but it takes a village (or Chapter) to pull it off.

The next Expo meeting is on Saturday, August 15, in the Board Room at 0830. We can use some more members committed to seeing the Chapter thrive. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. I will guarantee there is something you can do! Let us know what you can do. In addition, if you are willing to provide the names of those that might consider sponsoring this event, please connect with me and pass along their contact information. We need to succeed.

Following the GM meeting this Saturday, we will erect the banner at Alondra and Central. In addition, we need all members to encourage family, friends, anyone attached to interested youth to attend. Last year 74 youth flew RC or Control Line aircraft.

New this year are Drones. We are working to close a deal with a major Drone supplier and let them do a demonstration of their products and the safe use and flying of Drones. I watched this at Oshkosh and it is amazing to see. We are also working on a crowd favorite; jets. It is our hope to bring a few in.

As always, your feedback is welcome.

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**Dennis is easily reached at [VP@EAA96.org](mailto:VP@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.**

An EAA AIRVENTURE press release is reprinted below.

Our own Dennis Lord was honored, along with others, at the annual Chapter Leaders Breakfast.



## Chapters to Present Major Achievement Awards



**July 25, 2015** - At EAA's annual Chapter Leaders Breakfast chapter major achievement awards will be presented honoring several members who have gone above and beyond this past year for the benefit of their chapters and EAA.

The awards are being presented to Ron O'Dea, EAA Lifetime 518444, San Antonio, Texas; Mark Scheuer, EAA 235919, Knoxville, Tennessee; Dr. Jim Wills, EAA 167788, Farmville, Virginia; Dennis Lord, EAA 9008238, Long Beach, California; and C.J. Stephens, EAA 304344, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

**Ron O'Dea** has been an EAA member since 1997. He initiated programs to retire Chapter 35's hangar mortgage and helped grow Chapter 35 to more than 160 members. As membership coordinator for the chapter, Ron maintains the membership database program and facilitates chapter member communications with other chapters and the FAA.

Ron serves as backup chair for the chapter hangar and tool crib, is an EAA flight advisor and EAA chapter safety officer, Ron is trained in the use of and negotiated the pricing on carbon monoxide detectors to chapter members.

An FAA Safety team member, Ron has been a Young Eagles pilot since 1997, and has logged more than 100 YE flights.

He holds a commercial certificate, ATP, multiengine, and has been a CFI and CFII since the 1970s. Ron currently flies a Citabria at San Geronimo Airpark in San Antonio, Texas.

**Mark Scheuer**, who has served as Chapter 17 president and vice president, has been an EAA member since 1981 and is marking his 30th year at Oshkosh this year.

A Chapter 17 Lifetime member, Mark brings tremendous vitality and energy to Chapter 17. He organizes the chapter annual banquet and has featured speakers such as Paul and Audrey Poberezny, Cirrus Aviation's Dale Klapmeier, and Hal Shevers of Sporty's.

Besides being a Chapter 17 financial supporter and newsletter contributor, he's also a volunteer for Remote Area Medical, specializing in transporting doctors, nurses, dentists, and opticians into remote areas in the United States and foreign countries to provide free health care.

Mark has helped coordinate the World War II Veterans Recognition Ceremony each June.

He is founder and president of PS Engineering, which celebrated its 30th year in Oshkosh this year. Along with pioneering GPS moving map technology, Mark previously pioneered GPS systems on the Palm-sized HP 95LX.

PSE systems were used on Virgin Galactic SpaceShipOne and White Knight.

Mark is an instrument-rated pilot and an aircraft owner.

**Jim Wills** of EAA Chapter 1202 has been an EAA member since 1981. An instrument-rated and aerobatic pilot, he is also an experienced builder with completed projects including a Rogallo glider, an Easy Riser, a Sky Kite, and a Kitfox.

Currently flying a Cessna 182, Wills is also a Young Eagles pilot. He purchased a C-150 for local young people to begin flight training.

Wills improved chapter communications at the chapter. He was instrumental in installing a Wi-Fi system in the chapter hangar providing Internet access to the entire airport. He also created the Chapter 1202 website.

He's a volunteer coordinator at Fuqua School's Aviation Program overseeing the student's Zenith 750 airplane build. Jim has also lent an extensive collection of aviation specific tools to the Fuqua school program.

Jim has revitalized the Farmville airport and kept it from closing, interacting with city council. He's always mentoring young pilots and helping out by offering hangar space to new pilots.

A pilot for nearly 40 years, **Dennis Lord** has been an EAA member since 1999. He is a volunteer at Oshkosh, Chapter 96 vice president, and pilot of more than 500 Young Eagles flights.

Dennis is the author of many "Chapter Chatter" newsletter columns. He coordinated a business plan that kept the chapter afloat during a tough time.

He coordinated and spoke at EAA 96 Fly-In and AMA Model Expo and is the go-to guy regarding Compton Airport and Los Angeles County oversight.

As a 12-year member of the Commanders Group representing the LA AFB to Air Force Space Command, he helped coordinate the first LA County Air Show at Fox Field in 2014, and again this year, drawing 140,000 attendees.

Dennis has educated civic leaders on the value of their community airports, especially as a resource in their emergency response plans. He has also worked with the FAA, KEMT, and KCPM airports to address and resolve helicopter noise concerns.

Dennis served as a member of an advocacy group that succeeded in revising legislation when California flight schools were hit with thousands of dollars in fees as a result of SB48.

He flies tributes to veterans on Memorial Day each year at his own expense and is an 18-year volunteer for LIGA International, a flying doctors group. Finally, Dennis has served as commissioner of the LA County Aviation Commission for 13 years and is a former chairman.

Based in Windsor California, **C.J. Stephens** bought and started flying a 37-hp Piper J-2 Cub when he was 15 years old. He has been an EAA member since 1980, and an EAA Chapter 124 board member.

In 1988 C.J. became an EAA flight advisor, working with 15 builders and conducting 20 first test flights for EAA builders.

He has built a VariEze and a Glasair III, logging some 1,700 flight hours this far. He was also the first recipient of the Spirit of Flight Award by the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. C.J. has also been honored with the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Flight Research by EAA.

A CFI in multiengine and gliders, C.J. has provided training for in-flight emergencies and formation flying techniques.

He's a safety pilot and race starter for the Sport Class at the Reno National Air Races as well as a safety pilot for the Reno Unlimited Class. C.J. has also raced a Hawker Sea Fury and P-51s at Reno.

He's also chief test pilot for the CAFE Foundation and developed the J-Curve Method for predicting performance of experimental category aircraft.

Founding member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, he has logged 14,000 flight hours in 130 types of aircraft and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force flying 232 combat missions in Vietnam, and totaling 3,000 hours in F-4 Phantoms.

C.J. was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and 12 Air Medals, and holds USAF, Navigator, and Bombardier wings.



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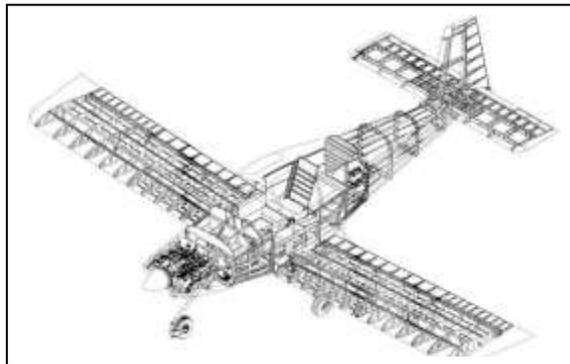


**Monthly Meeting:**

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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