

EAA Chapter 96

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Editors Corner

Jim Lobue

A shorter newsletter this month with just the basics.

See you all next year.

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President's Forum

Merrill Eastcott

We just had an exciting end to the year with our holiday brunch and auction at our old stomping grounds, the Alpine Village. Hope you were there. Over 50 members, family and friends attended. I don't know the final auction income just yet, but it seemed to be one of our best. I would like to thank Lucy Bristol and her helpers for the beautiful table decorations and the organized door prize program. Thanks go to Robert Cullinan for donating many of the door prizes. Of course thanks to our talented auctioneer, Ron Schroeder.

Remember that there will not be a general membership meeting this month, December. We did have 10 minutes of a formal membership meeting at the beginning of the brunch for the sole purpose of electing three board members for the coming year. Continuing on the board will be Rhon Williams and Dave Bristol. Newly elected to the board is Richard Geiser who is replacing Carl Lekven. Thank you Carl for all the service you have given EAA Chapter 96 in many ways over the years.

So until I see you again in January, have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Financial Report

Richard Schleicher

Beginning bank balance: \$ 9753.99.
Ending balance \$10917.26.
Income/deposits \$ 6288.18
Expenditures \$ 4852.63

Break down of expense for the month:

Hanger rent \$3493.46
Edison \$ 149.77
Water \$ 110.96 Oct
Water \$ 96.96 Nov
Hanger Maint. \$ 130.76
Bank chg \$ 12.00 Returned check
Returned check \$ 200.00 Tomas Martinez
Expo Expense \$ 546.39 (Rhon)
Statement of in. \$ 20.00
Nov BBQ \$ 92.33

We had a positive income for the month: \$1435.55. We had 2 factors that greatly contributed to our positive cash flow in Nov: The Stinson donation (\$2000) and \$1225 of income for the Christmas luncheon.

The Expo total expenses reported and paid is \$1216.39. The total profit for the Expo is \$2690.61. We have had some additions to the Hanger space rental in November. The total November invoice amount was \$3366.

PayPal payments for Nov = \$192.

As reported by:
Rich Schleicher EAA Treasurer

Current bank balance: \$8625.04

Paypal income will be transferred to Bank of America account and will be reported in the December report.

Hangar Report

Keith Spreuer

. The hangar occupancy is steadily increasing. Craig Louis took a half space for storage and we have a new tie down tenant, Jerry Kwono. So the only no paying spots in the hangar now are the tool space, the BD5 half space, space 9, space 4, half of space 5, half of space 6 and one tie down. The total billing for the hangar is now at \$3516, which I believe is a little better than break even.

Activity around the hangar slows a bit this time of year with the holidays and Winter. But last Sunday a group of kids lead by one of our Young Eagles came out and used our ramp and my Cozy to make a school video project. We were blessed with a nice sunny day between rain storms. Speaking of rain, of course we had our perennial roof leaks with the heavy down pour last Thursday. This year was pretty bad and we need to get this solved once and for all. The American Airports Is having a roofing company out today to estimate repairs. This time it ruined about 10 ceiling tiles and flooded the office kitchen and hall to the pilot lounge. We also have had a spite of plumbing problems especially with the ladies room. I repaired it for the 3rd time last week but I think in is going to be good now.

Meeting Program

The Holiday Brunch on the 7th was our meeting for December. There will be no meeting on the 20th at the hangar this month.

Upcoming Events

New Year's Day Fly Out
Wednesday, 1 January, 11:00
French Valley Airport (F70) Café
37600 Sky Canyon Dr
Murrieta, CA 92563
(951) 600-7396

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

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.

A reminder to our members that it is time for member dues renewal. Invoices will be in your inbox soon if you are not already current. Your Chapter appreciates your support and we grew the membership in 2014 to 64 paid members. Please consider joining, or renewal. Remember, Chapter membership is not valid if you are not a current national EAA member with an assigned number that you can provide. This is for Chapter insurance reasons should there be a claim involving you. As a Chapter, we cannot assume the liability for non-EAA members since our insurance policy requires that all members are registered and current with National.

Last month, I spoke about the gate card system at CPM. Don't be caught short on access. There will be a date certain that your old car will not work. March down to Rafael's office and get your new card and do it now!

With the Holidays upon us, there is much to be thankful for. I am thankful there were no significant accidents at CPM this year. Some call it luck but I will give credit to those pilots that flew safely. It is good to come to the airport and make it home or a weekend party. Speaking of, the CPM Holiday party is at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 19th in the CPM Terminal. Attendees are encouraged to make a donation to this catered event and to bring a toy that will be presented to the Compton Fire Dept. for distribution in the community.

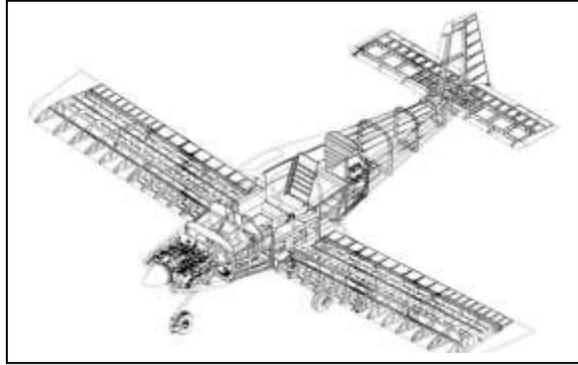
I want to express my gratitude for departing Board member Carl Levken for his work to better the Chapter over the past two years. Replacing Carl is Richard Geiser. I look forward to Richard's ideas and contributions in the coming years. Returning to the Board is Rhon Williams and Dave Bristol.

Lastly, we have been contacted by EAA HQ regarding being the featured Chapter at the Jan. 9-11 Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Convention at the Ontario Convention Center. This is the same event that Rhon and I presented to last year where Rhon displayed his Jenny (the BIGGEST model in the room!) and I spoke on our partnership between two local AMA Clubs and EAA 96. EAA is asking us to staff their booth and details are being worked out. The AMA Clubs are excited to be a part of this. EAA 96 should be equally so. If you are interested in supporting your Chapter at this show, please contact me for additional details.

In our home, we celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas. We warmly send our best wishes to you and yours during this Holiday season and encourage you to seek peace and understanding through your own traditions. It is highly likely I will spend some moments enjoying the movie "Unbroken", due out on Christmas Day. The story of Louis Zamperini, a B-24 aviator lost in the Pacific, an Olympic runner, and a survivor of the Japanese prison camp system has been read far and wide. Few know there was a prior autobiography called "Devil at My Heels". Lou signed it for me. His older brother Pete was my high school track coach; I flew the passes at Lou's Torrance memorial in a SNJ-5. Lou didn't make it to January 1 where he was to ride as Grand Marshal in the Rose Parade but his family will stand proudly in his place. This story is near and dear to me and causes deep reflection on history and what could have been had it not been for the "Greatest Generation"..

As always, your feedback is welcome.

Dennis is easily reached at 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.



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