

EAA Chapter 96

# PENINSULA FLYER

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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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Welcome to the final, and somewhat abbreviated, newsletter for 2015. I will continue to be editor for 2016. With Dennis Lord taking over as president, the format may change slightly, as he wishes to continue Chapter Chatter as his primary article each month.

We plan on highlighting builder's projects as much as we can get in the way of articles and pictures. If you have an aircraft project in our hangar, at home or elsewhere, think about sharing with us here and/or making a presentation at one of the monthly meetings. When I get started again on my project, you will see a write-up here.

Here is Rhon's Jenny to help get us motivated.



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# Holiday Brunch 2015





## 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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. I want to express a heartfelt note of appreciation to our Board members who answered the bell when we were asked to support the CPM Users Group Holiday Dinner on December 11. It is important to note that these were not dollars from our General Fund but individual donations from our Board members. As a matter of policy, I do not support one charitable organization supporting other charitable events unless there is a direct benefit to do so. We had great attendance! In fact, I believe an entire table was all EAA 96. Thank you all.

Peris Meeks, a familiar face around the airport, is working to revitalize the User's Group. I encourage you to support him as he works to engage tenants around the airport.

You have likely heard that the FAA is requiring the registration of UAVs weighing from about ½ pound up to 55 pounds. There is a \$5 one-time charge. However, in the seeds of discord there is opposition to this from the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) who has recommended to their membership NOT to register. While I have not sufficiently educated myself on the bullet points on both sides of this matter, I can share that when I am ready to fly a UAV, I will register. It is hard for me to fathom that with the pressure from Congress being put upon the FAA to "do something", that the AMA is going to win this argument. Anyway, I encourage you to educate yourself and choose if you plan on flying UAVs. Link: <http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2015/12/17/hold-off-on-registering-model-aircraft/> Note, I do not like the media term "drone". Same with "fracking". These are words used to connote bad things when both have been around for decades.

I mentioned last month that our EAA Leadership Seminar at Flabob was on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Let me set the record straight. It is on January 30<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday! We are close to full registration of the entire Board and there is room for more! Should you be interested in what it takes to run this organization, I encourage you to register and join us. This is a one-time opportunity that saves us thousands of dollars by not having to travel to Oshkosh. Register at: <http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/eaa-chapters/chaptergram-articles/2015-10-eaa-chapter-leadership-boot-camps-scheduled>

On the airport front, the County has been made aware of the rough entry from Twy Alpha to 25L. I anticipate that it will be repaired soon, if not already. I haven't checked. Regarding airport security, we continue to encourage vigilance, especially with people working on aircraft. There have been three attempts now in recent months to acquire an aircraft or perform unauthorized work upon an aircraft. Pay attention!

We had a sold-out house for the Holiday Brunch on December 6<sup>th</sup>! Money was raised for an Aviation camper for this summer and we are tallying Young Eagle credits to ensure we can fill a slot. For the first time in a while, we changed venues and went to Marie Callendar's in Torrance.

At our December 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, we voted to move the January Board meeting to 0830 on the morning of the GM meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will test this to see if it works but it will require some diligence of Board members to ensure certain tasks are completed without the benefit of a first Saturday Board meeting. These tasks are primarily with General Membership meeting programming and issuance of the newsletter.

As we cruise through the Holidays, let your flaps down, create some drag, don't forget the landing gear, and just settle in. While our family celebrates Christmas, we wish you a hearty celebration in your faith or manner that you choose. A Happy New Year too!

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.**

# **Upcoming Events**

## **New Year's Day Flyout**

**Friday, 1 January, 11:00 arrival  
Perris Valley Airport**

## **Chapter Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saturday, 16 January, 08:30**

**Note this is the same day as general meeting.  
All members welcome.**

## **Chapter General Meeting and BBQ**

**Saturday, 16 January, 10:00**

**Open to everyone.**

## **Young Eagles**

**Saturday, 06 February, noon  
CPM Administration Building**

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

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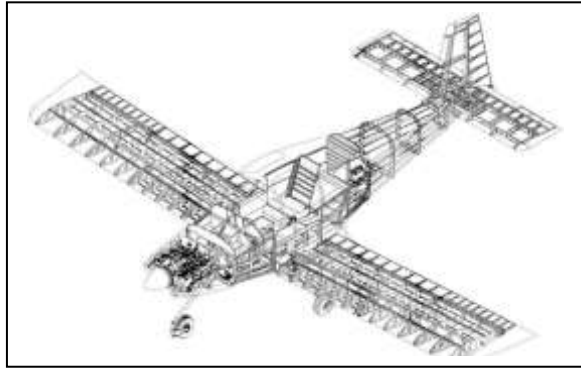
Airport: Compton  
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**Monthly Meeting:**  
Third Saturday of the  
month at 10 a.m.  
Compton Airport  
Chapter 96 Hangar  
1017 West Alondra Blvd.  
Compton, CA 90220



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