

# PENINSULA FLYER

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## Editors Corner

*Xavier Marshall*

Happy New Year!

Building a flying machine? Send me an email of what you are building so I can include a list in the next newsletter.

Next month I will be interviewing David Wade about his KR2 project.



## President's Report

*Keith Spreuer*

Happy New Year chapter 96!

As usual, it was a very busy December. In our chapter that also includes the Holiday Brunch. I was pleasantly surprised that we had a good turnout in spite of maybe not the best notice to you all. It was at the Alpine Village again this year and I thought it was very good. The food and service was quite good. But of course the highlight as always was the Auction led by our perennial auctioneer, Ron Schroeder. Thank you so much for your donations and generous bidding. We took in \$827 to be used to send kids to Summer Camp. We have reservation for two kids and we have two applicants already. Selection will be at the March BOD meeting. If you have any other candidates, have them send a short letter saying why they want to go. The deadline is before March 3rd.

The New Year's Day Fly Out was also well attended. I lost count at 12 planes but I think there were more like 15 total. We went to the Perris Valley airport, as we did two years ago. It really is a great place that day. There are a lot of Sky Divers that like to jump New Year's day so watching that is quite a sight. I sat at a table with a table of jumpers that were well seasoned. Very interesting!



It was a gorgeous day as New Year's is so often in SoCal! The bonus this year was it did not interfere with the Parade or the football game. Isn't that shot of Don Herzstien's Cozy and the sky diver great? Thanks to

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Jim Gates for the wonderful photos! For me it was a great 20 min flight each way. It was especially fun for my passenger and I since our gifts to each other this year is a Sky Dive intro. They had very good food and lots of activity to watch. There is a BBQ pit there if we want to arrange it in advance for next year.

The next meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup>. We have 3 former Young Eagles that have soloed recently and hope to have them recount their experience for us. We will have a BBQ lunch afterward. Don't forget it is membership renewal time so please bring your renewal check. I believe we will be set up soon with a Pay Pal account on our web site so you could check there also for renewal.

<http://www.96.eaachapter.org/events.htm>

## AWOS at KCPM

*Xavier Marshall*

First we get 'Jack's Lights' and then we get AWOS! [For those of you who may not know, a few of the local airport bums refer to those four bright lights on top of the Compton Courthouse as "Jack's Lights".]

Please make note of the frequencies. Jack recommends you pen them in on your chart.

KCPM: Compton/Woodley – 127.15

KPOC: Brackett – 124.4

KEMT: El Monte – 118.75

KWJF: Fox – 126.3

*Thanks Jack for the information!*

## Changes to local Airspace

*Jack Kenton*

There is now a class D around the LAX airport in addition to the existing class B. The training area frequency for operations at less than 2000' in the Long Beach and Palos Verdes training areas has been changed to 122.85 vice the old 123.025.

All pilots should be sure to have the new terminal area chart for flying in the area. The low level altitude frequency for the training area has, in fact, been expanded to be a frequency for all ops at less than 2000' south of the 91 fwy and east to the Prado Dam at AJO.areas.

## Hangar Report

*Keith Spreuer*

We did some reconfiguring of the hangar after the last BOD meeting Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and some clean up. Still need to move Rons trailer one row forward and swap Carl and the Long EZ. The center front row space is open and I have been talking to a Ercoup fellow that may want that space. I'm not sure is it will work there but we could try. The low wing will fit under the Champ but not sure how it will work with my wing. As it stands now (without the Ercoup) we have 2.5 small spaces vacant and 2 large spaces.

Even though it has been pretty cold the hangar activity has been active. Noe is keeping pretty busy on the Seraph project and Robert Cullinan's cowling on the Champ is looking good. I'm in the midst of doing some severe house cleaning in my space and hope it will look more professional soon.

We still need a lot of clean up, disposal, and reorganizing. This will definitely be a priority after the holidays

There's always activity going on at the Hangar on Saturdays so please drop in and visit.



## Aviation User Fee Petition Response from White House

*Xavier Marshall*

As I prepare the newsletter, I received a response from a petition places on the White House

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“We The People” petition page. The response disturbs me. The White House, driven by airline lobbyists, continues to fully support user fees. It seems they view general and business aviation as a drag on the aviation services. According to the response we don’t equally share the cost of air traffic services. You can read the whole response by clicking [White House Petition response](#). What can you do to combat this? Write all your representatives. You can find them by clicking [House](#), [Senate](#), and even your [local](#) representatives and let your voice be heard.

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## **AOPA Response to White House Aviation User Fee**

[From: AOPA Website](#)

After almost 9,000 people urged the president to take damaging aviation user fees off the table, the administration on Jan. 13 offered its response: No

[In a response to a petition](#) on the White House’s “We the People” website, Office of Management and Budget Associate Director for General Government Programs Dana Hyde reaffirmed the Obama administration’s commitment to a proposed \$100-per-flight fee for use of air traffic services, claiming that the fee would both “ensure that everyone is paying their fair share” and help reduce the deficit.

“We are disappointed but not surprised that the administration continues to seek a \$100 user fee on general aviation flights,” said AOPA President Craig Fuller. “Congress has repeatedly said that a GA user fee is an unacceptable method of funding the air traffic system. Pay at the pump has worked since the dawn of powered flight and it still works. The last thing we need right now is to create an expensive new bureaucracy to fix what isn’t broken.”

AOPA member Kevin Mossey of Marion, Iowa, [started the petition](#) Sept. 23 in response to a White House [deficit-reduction proposal](#) that would impose a \$100-per-flight fee for flights in controlled airspace. The petition pointed out that the existing system of revenue generation, collected through excise taxes, allows more of the revenue collected to go toward the operation of the air traffic control system. It also explained that fuel taxes more accurately reflect the amount of ATC services, “as a flight from NYC to LA will require more controller time than a flight from NYC to Boston.” The petition gained 8,904 signatures—well more than the threshold at the time for earning a response from the White House. [Read the rest on the AOPA website.](#) ■

## **Skypark airport: A haven for airplane enthusiasts**

From: [Sonoma Press Democrat](#)

By SUZIE RODRIGUEZ / Sonoma Valley Correspondent

With runways and hangars tucked discreetly into 34 acres off Eighth Street East, Sonoma’s Skypark doesn’t attract much attention from passers-by. But after celebrating its 25th anniversary as a pilot-owned airport in 2011, its place in Sonoma Valley has been firmly established.

Skypark serves business, recreation and destination flyers. It’s home to a flight school, a collection of antique and classic aircraft, and a cargo-load of high-spirited barnstormers, retired airline pilots and other colorful aviators.

As part of the Valley’s official disaster preparation plan, the airport participates in regular drills held with emergency and public safety agencies. If a disaster were to occur, pilots based there would assess the damage, and the airport would serve as a reception point for disaster and medical supplies.

But Skypark also offers numerous opportunities for community fun, learning, and involvement.

“We welcome our neighbors,” said Board member Darrel Jones.

If you come for a look, be prepared to find people who radiate enthusiasm about the joys of flight.

“Skypark is a very happy place,” said pilot Bill Smith. “The pilots here are extremely enthused about flying and socializing.”

[Read the rest on the Sonoma Press Democrat website.](#)

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## **For Sale:**

Thorp T18C – Asking \$34,000. Folding wing Thorp powered by O-320 (150 hp) with wood prop. Airframe & engine have 1100 hrs. Equipped for night and IFR operations. Aircraft is hangared at Compton/Woodley Airport (CPM). Contact Jack Kenton at

[jfkenton@calpilots.org](mailto:jfkenton@calpilots.org) or call 310-322-8098.



Also available is a partially built Pietenpol. Contact one of the board members for info or to make an offer.



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Send your newsletter ideas or articles to Xavier.Marshall at gmail dot com

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm – Compton Users Group meeting

Wed. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am – Aviation Commission Meeting

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – [Golden West Regional Fly In](#)

October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – AOPA Summit in Palm Springs

July 23-29 : Airventure

