

EAA Chapter 96

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Editors Corner

Jim Lobue

There was no newsletter for December 2016.

Due to transitions documented in this month's Chapter Chatter, Treasurer and Hangar reports will not appear in 2017 in the same format as before. Hangar News in this issue details the changes in hangar management this year.



Upcoming Events

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday, 21 January, 2017, 10:00

Special Presentation:

"Flying the SR-71 Blackbird – Jim Shelton"

Open to everyone.

Young Eagles

Saturday, 21 January, 2017

Following the General Meeting

CPM Airport Terminal Building

"Weather permitting"

EAA Chapter #96 Meetings are at CPM.

1017 Alondra Blvd

Compton, CA 90220



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Chapter Chatter



Dennis Lord is our current Chapter 96 President, 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.

It's a new year and I trust that each member found some peace and quiet during the Holiday season. Changes have occurred around the Hangar and will continue to change going forward. You, our member, are our greatest asset and without you we cannot survive. To that end, a gentle reminder is in order that 2017 member dues are due now and will be delinquent on April 1.

The Board has contracted out the handling of our financial records. While this is still in flux today following the handoff by Rich, we are pleased that Rhon Williams has offered his expertise to assist in this transition and develop policies and procedures for going forward no matter who does the work. We have made one decision and that is we will remain with Quick Books. Given this, it is a requirement going forward that any Treasurer must have some familiarity with this software. We were fortunate to have Rich but with his departure, we need to find the right person.

Gus Gustavson is now handling the hangar and sharing the workload with him is Richard Gieser and Jim Lobue. This team will be adding value to the organization by keeping us stocked, functional, and organized. I encourage all members to assist them as able and for our tenants, keep your workspaces clean and safe.

The Board is looking at our Library, Pilot Lounge, Conference Center, and Lobby (I've heard so many names....) for a possible facelift. Turns out, Gus' daughter has expressed interest in giving us some design cues and an Architectural Interior Design major. So, she has been provided with some basic information about the use of the room and we will share with the Board the results of anything she puts forth to us.

We made an investment in chairs for our general meetings and have found a few scattered around the hangar. To ensure that we continue to provide a cohesive and professional look at our gatherings, we have placed a lock on those chairs so they don't end up missing or lost. There are other chairs left along the east wall that are available for tenant use at any time.

Are you skilled in laying linoleum or tile flooring? Drywall installation or repairs? Electrical wiring? Painting? Video installations? As we move forward with our planned improvements, these skills could be useful to the Chapter. If the answer is "yes, but I'm too old to do that anymore", then we'll appoint you to supervise and teach those that can! This is a Build Chapter and I know there are a ton of skills among us.

There is a Young Eagles rally scheduled for this Saturday, Jan. 21. However, we are concerned about the weather forecast of four days of rain from Thursday thru Sunday. If you are a pilot, or ground crew, for this program please keep up to date on what the plan is. At our General Members meeting, George Hanniff has yet another outstanding program on the SR-71. Don't miss this one! I've already seen some outside interest in attending. George is assembling a schedule of events for the rest of the year so if you have something you would like to see, please reach out to him.

Lastly, I saw a photo today of another nearby Chapter's YE rally this past weekend that included the entire ground crew. It struck me that they were two youth and four wives or significant others. This is something that is missing in our Chapter and I'm challenging the organization to be inclusive. It is the only way we will grow. EAA HQ proudly has something for everyone and we should be the same and not just bring the women to the Brunch once a year. We have one woman YE pilot and occasionally two, but none come to our meetings or hangar gatherings. Think about it. They bring talents to the table too.

As always, your feedback is welcome.

Dennis is easily reached at President@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

Hangar News

Craig Louis, as edited by Jim Lobue

NEW HANGAR MANAGEMENT TEAMS

For some years Keith Spreur worked as Hangar Manager. Now that Keith is stepping down, we've come up with a shared team structure to take over keeping things going. Here's the new leadership:

Hangar Manager, Gus Gustavson

Gus is leading the public/tenant facing aspect of hangar management. Gus will be responsible for tenant relations, fielding public inquires about the hangar including the ramp, and making sure we all work together to keep the hangar clean and organized.

Facilities Team, Richard Geiser

Rich has volunteered to lead our continuing efforts to keep the physical plant in repair and maintained. As you have certainly noticed, we have improved lighting over the last year; that was largely Richard's work. Dave Bristol has volunteered to be in active support as well, as he has already been over the years.

Supplies Team, Jim Lobue

Jim has volunteered to take over managing the comestible and dry goods inventory and the supply room. This includes making sure we have the groceries needed for the chapter meeting barbecues. Requests for janitorial or kitchen supplies may be sent to jimandmandy@yahoo.com

HANGER TENANT MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES

We'd like to call for all tenants to participate in hanger maintenance work parties, every other month, after the regular chapter meeting and barbecue.

These work parties may be for as little as straightening and cleaning up our own project spaces to working together to police the shared areas, like the machine shop, storage yard, etc. Clearly everyone won't be able to attend each work party, but we'd like you to contact Gus in advance if you need to be absent so that we can make arrangements. Don't worry. We're a pretty mutually helpful crew, so I'm sure we can work together to keep the place maintained without getting oppressive.

Young Eagles

Glenn Parkison

Our next Young Eagles event, and first for 2017, will be Saturday, January 21. This time we will have a Girl Scout troop coming to the event. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to be a part of it.

I am still in need of volunteer pilots, ground crew and kids for our events. If you can help out give me a call at the number below. If you know some kids, have their parents call me to get more information and register for a YE flight. Our event may spark interest in aviation in a young mind, or maybe in their parent, and it is a great outreach to create goodwill for our airports.

And they are always fun!

Glenn Parkison
310-374-4812

Holiday Brunch

Xavier Marshall



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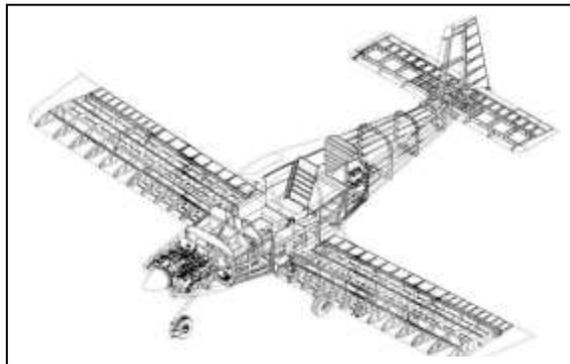


Monthly Meeting:

Third Saturday of the
month at 10 a.m.
Compton Airport
Chapter 96 Hangar
1017 West Alondra Blvd.
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