

EAA Chapter 96

# PENINSULA FLYER

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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*

. The selection committee, a subset of your board, has finished their work selecting a candidate to attend the summer EAA aviation camp. His name is Ethan Marquez and we will learn more about him shortly.

We continue to work on membership and now have three categories of members: full, youth, and friends of our chapter that may belong to another chapter or live too far away to attend meetings regularly. Dennis Lord will explain this to you more thoroughly at the next membership meeting.

The June board meeting will be an intense planning session for the September fly-in and model Expo. All of you are invited to attend with your questions and suggestions. We still need you to get on Keith Spreuer's volunteer list. Just get your name to any one of the board members. It turns out that Wells Fargo bank employees receive up to 16 paid hours for volunteering in their community. If any of you bank at a local Wells Fargo branch, I have copies of a letter announcing the opportunity to volunteer at our expo that I would like you to deliver to the branch manager on behalf of Chapter 96. Please approach me at the next members' meeting. Volunteering comes with free entry and a free lunch, so please volunteer.

We are actively looking for help in securing interesting and informative programs for future membership meetings. Everybody has at least one good story to tell, or knows at least one person whose story would be of interest to us. Please help us in this endeavor.

I hope to see you at our May 17th meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

*Richard Schleicher*

The month of April starting balance was \$13182.92. The ending balance for April was \$9789.27. We had a negative cash flow of \$3393.65. Our income/deposits in April was \$4157.86 and our expenditures were \$7551.51. Hanger rent payment every month of 3453.95 remains as our biggest expense. April and May hanger rent was paid in the month of April prior to May 01 and therefore appears in the April report expenditures.

Hanger and tie down tenant income remains at \$2914/month. If all spaces were rented, our income would be an additional \$1904/month. We need to find other builders who value the resources and can support the hanger. We need to increase our membership and I hope those that read this will be encourage to know that we are doing our very best to provide a safe and resourceful place to hang out, work on your project, use the tools, and socialize in the comfort of an open hanger with great used furniture. Speaking of which, anyone capable of listing some of the excess furniture on Craigslist, please do so on behalf of the association. We need to clean up the used furniture area and recreate the work space so that potential hanger mates will see a professional work space.

The good news is that I have made contact with some of the old outstanding renters and have received payments toward their statements. Thank you to those responsible parties who are stepping up to their responsibility and helping us keep the hanger alive. We need to continue to collect from those who are delinquent.

PayPal has become an option to pay but it does cost approx. 2% to receive funds into the account. We may address this issue if it becomes more than a financial expense for the convenience. Not included in the bank report is a \$300 deposit received for a hanger rental space(John Lundberg) in April. I would also like to mention that we received a Sempra Energy VIP Grant in the amount of \$450 for the volunteer work received from Dennis Lord and Dana Dulabone. Thank you Sempra and thank you Dennis and Dana!

As mentioned in the previous months report, please send future rent payments and membership payments to:  
Richard Schleicher  
9 Barkentine Road  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.  
Those of you who pay by automatic means can continue to do so to our Bank of America account with direct payment or you can have your institution pay to EAA Chapter 96 accounts receivable at my address.

## Hangar Report

*Keith Spreuer*

The hangar tenancy remains the same in April except that we just learned that Tom Allen vacated his tie down several months ago. So we have roughly 3 large vacancies and a "no rent" small space where the BD5 is stored. We had been expecting to move a donated Stinson in to the hangar in May but that is on hold for now and may not happen. We have a lady doing clean up now in the Kitchen and bathrooms. That is working out good. The H2O2 guys have fixed up the lounge with some carpet and shades that are nice. The kitchen is prettied up some too and there is a Krug coffee maker now.

The Open House went very well. We partitioned off part of the hangar and there were some vendors and activities out side the hangar. The Startduster and the Jenny were displayed. Thanks to Dana and Chet for hosting the guests that dropped by while I was flying Young Eagles. Speaking of which here is a photo of a YE I flew and he was selected as our Air Academy Youth for Summer Camp this year, Ethan Marquez.



## Upcoming Events

Chapter General Meeting and BBQ  
Saturday, 17 May, 10:00

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, 7 June, 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.*

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I want to express my sincere appreciation to those that stepped up to support our participation on May 3 at the CPM Open House and I was sorely disappointed that due to a health issue I was unable to fly that day. Thanks to Chapter 7 as well for handling out TOA YE commitment for us so we could handle CPM. It was a busy day.

On April 30, the County Commission met at Whiteman Airport and there was a healthy turnout of WHP tenants. Always is since our former manager, Andrew Marino, seems to put on the best spread at any of the Commission meetings! The report from AAC on Compton activity was nominal. The May 3 event, the EAA pedestrian gate self-closure device was installed, the AWOS has been repaired, land survey work for the runways and taxiways are being done these days (25L NOTAM closure during the day) that will result in RWY and TWY project in the future, two south side standard hangars are available, 99% occupied with 20% non-aviation use, fuel sales were down in March (cyclical due to weather, winds, etc.), AAC employee Luis left is for the CHP academy (I for one, will miss him), and there was a Toyota commercial filmed on the airport featuring Hugh Jackman.

Some members have T-hangars on the airport. Have you noticed there has not been an increase in hangar rents in two years? It's interesting how not one hangar tenant has mentioned that to me. In fact, due to a change in the possessory interest tax, it actually went down a couple of dollars this year.

We are in the last days of the annual Airport Survey. If you have not seen an email or notice in your hangar invoice (most EAA members don't) then I am asking that you take five minutes and do the survey online and tell what you like, or don't like about CPM. You can comment on other County Airports as well, simply do a separate survey. You will find it at: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/survey/index.cfm?pid=liMhXCAK&q124=web>

We continue to trim up our membership roster. Currently, we have 45 paid current members confirmed by financial records and I know there are those that we have yet to engage. Yes, there are tales of leaving aviation, projects, even just recognizing the limits of aging. We understand. This is not a sales mission but a re-engagement of all who were once part of this proud Chapter. This work continues. If you are ready this and have not renewed this year and would like to, simply go to our website and renew. It is simple. [www.96.eaachapter.org](http://www.96.eaachapter.org)

We continue to work on our financials, making sound business decisions, addressing our receivables, and treating everyone the same. It is also critical that as a Chapter we return to the simple social graces of making visitors feel welcome. Yeah, I know, we are all pilots and "we got attitude". But putting on a smile and saying hello isn't hard. People respond to things where they feel welcome and we are all in this together. So, the next time you see a stranger in the hangar, say hello and find out why they are there. You just might make a new friend!

With summer coming, there should be lots of good flying weather. We are fortunate here in CA but don't take safety for granted. File flight plans for cross-countries. Especially when crossing the mountains. Some five years ago, a search for a CPM tenant didn't even start for two days due to no filed flight plan. While there were no survivors in this case, consider your family members and just do it. We tend to get a bit lazy at a non-towered airfield but radio communications are not difficult.

Lastly, come and see us on Third Saturdays at 10 a.m. There have been a steady stream of really good programs as we have addressed this. Soon, I hope to lock down a NASA engineer who will make a presentation on advanced wing design. It is a fascinating conversation. Hope to see you soon.

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Dennis is easily reached at [DCLord@Hotmail.com](mailto:DCLord@Hotmail.com) 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.

## Young Eagles at Compton/Woodley Airport

*Jim Stothers*

Compton Airport's open house on this Saturday, May 3, was an unqualified success as far as Chapter 96 was concerned. The tally was 47 young people flown by my count.

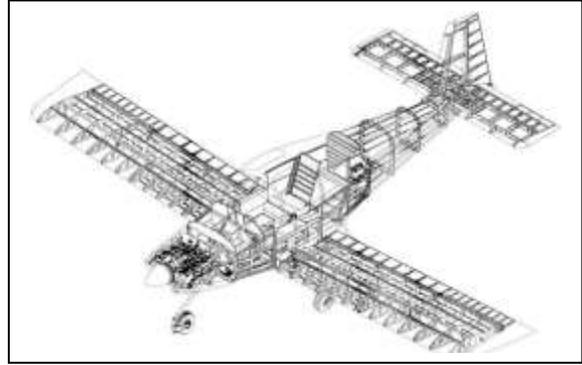
Our thanks go to four pilots (and their airplanes, of course); Keith Spreuer, James Snider, Doug Allen and Rhon Williams. The weather was perfect, and cooperation between elements providing flights was excellent. Helicopter rides were offered, and the "Red Tails" also offered rides, and the mix went off without difficulty.

The ground crew, Jim Lobue, Roque Nauta, Barry Jay, Dennis Lord, and a young man volunteer, Fernando Runa, made sure that sure that all limbs, heads and other body parts remained firmly attached to our young adventurers ("though it would appear that some hearts remained firmly in the clouds!")

Another benefit was that we encountered a candidate for this year's Air Academy, assuming that he follows through on our minimal requirements for eligibility.

The Chapter can be justifiably proud of Glen Parkison's marshalling the event. His patience, and calm under the pressure of hundreds of questions, relevant or not, are to be much admired. No amount of praise to him can be excessive.





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