

PENINSULA FLYER

South Bay

SoCal

Meeting On 11/19/2011 @ 10am

November 2011

Editors Corner

Xavier Marshall

I'm still 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 Report

Keith Spreuer

President's Report

Fall has arrived in full swing here in SoCal and the holiday season is quickly approaching. Thank you for electing me as your President for a new term. This organization has been a big benefit to me and I am happy to do my part in making it a pleasure for all you too. Thanks to Merrill for serving the last term, he has done an excellent job for us. I am especially happy that he has taken on the most important task of being our Treasurer for the next 2 years.

Our upcoming meeting is November the 19th and is the last meeting for this year since we have the Holiday Brunch in lieu of a meeting in December. We have a presentation lined up for this meeting to tell us about the Lightning LSA. The Light Sport section of the aviation community is the fastest growing at the present time with new ideas coming out every year. This presentation should be interesting and hopefully give an idea of how to get in to aviation at a lower cost. I will also be giving information about the Holiday Brunch (Dec 11th) and accepting payments and reservations. The New Years Day Fly Out is coming up too. We have decided to revisit the Perris Airport for the Brunch and hopefully watch the sky divers again. Last year we had an opportunity to look at a bunch of restored and project aircraft and there were a large number bringing the New Year with a little Sky Diving. The food was good too and the flight to Perris is just about the right distance and provides a nice view. Let me know if you plan to take your airplane and have any open seats. For those that would like to go and want a ride let me know and I will try to coordinate. Write to kspreuer@yahoo.com.

We also decided to put a reservation in for two senior level youth to go to Oshkosh this summer for the Air Adventure Camp. There are already 3 kids that have expressed an interest and we will be selecting 2 in

March. Thank you for flying Young Eagles during the year as this is a big help in supporting the Summer Program. Our Holiday Brunch and Auction is also very important in supporting the Summer Program so please bring your items to the auction and bring your generosity too in bidding on the items at the Brunch.

Speaking of Young Eagles, the next event is on December 3rd at Torrance airport at the Western Museum of Flight. Our last two events were spectacular since they occurred 2 days in a row, first at Compton at the Air Faire and then at Wings Wheels and Rotors on Oct 23rd. WWRE was a bit tenuous but in spite of the marine layer moving in and out we flew a bunch of kids. I'm sure we flew over 100 between the two events.

See you all at the November Meeting and at the Alpine Village Dec 11th

Hangar Report

Keith Spreuer

Hangar Report October 2011

October was a very good month after have excessive vacancies for about a year. We were down to 2.5 small vacancies and no large spaces vacant. November remains in that status but I have gotten indirect word that several spaces may open up in December or thereafter. I know for sure the RV-8 (Buck McGarity) is moving to Torrance in December. Marty Burnham has his RV-4 up in Visalia and I hear he may not bring it back but I'm not sure when he will give up his space. Rumor has it too that the Facet Mobile may be going to Oregon to a group of prospective builders. That would be great news for the design but the hangar continues to be a challenge to keep filled. I did meet with a prospective new tenant yesterday who wants to buy a nearly complete Cozy or Long EZ and complete it in our hangar.

We completed the sale of the BK-1 that Dick Woods donated and the new buyer picked it up on Saturday. That space is still very full of tools and left over parts of projects so we need to clear that out in order to rent that space. The chapter received \$3000 for that thanks to the generous donation by our past President Dick Woods. The buyer got a top notch project and we wish him tremendous success in completing it.

It was noted in the BOD meeting that now that the hangar is getting fuller it is more important

Hangar Report

than ever to clean up and clear the aisle ways. Carl is doing a good job on clearing up some of the junk outside. It looks like another trip to the dump will be needed soon.

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

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR 2012 EAA AIR ACADEMY CAMPS

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While summer 2012 feels like a long way off, it's never too early to sign up for EAA Air Academy, with spots at the summer aviation camp always filling up fast. The EAA Air Academy immerses youth ages 12-18 in aviation through classroom discussions, hands-on workshops, tours of the EAA facilities and museum, actual flight instruction in a Cessna 162 SkyCatcher, and a flight in a Bell 47 helicopter. The registration fee includes all instruction, materials, meals, and lodging in the beautiful EAA Air Academy Lodge, located at Pioneer Airport on the grounds of the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Lessons Learned Building

Xavier Marshall

This past weekend, I closed the VS. Although I'm "just" at the VS stage, I thought I would share my observations up to this point.

1. Don't bother noticing how many rivet holes there really are. They all have to be filled anyway.
2. Spring loaded center punches not only work on rivets; they also are quite effective on skin.
3. Cleco's pinch, and it hurts
4. The pain clecos cause doesn't diminish when you pinch yourself the second or third time.
5. Drills with stuck triggers do an interesting dance on the floor.
6. The deburring wheel is effective on aluminum and fingernails. Only the "cut" works. The "polish" part is totally ineffective.
7. The belt sander sands... anything...
8. Double check to make sure you tightened the clamps clamping your material in the drill press or prepares to get smacked with the material.
9. If you get a part of your finger between the bucking bar and material while riveting, it will hurt. This also hurts just as much the second time.
10. Tungsten bars are great for bucking, however

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they are not that great when they fall off your table and land on your foot. However, it doesn't hurt as much as compared to number 3, 4, and 9.

11. Five year olds are great for picking up rivets that fall, or spill.

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FAA ADVISES GA PILOTS TO CHECK FOR FUEL CONTAMINATION

The FAA has issued a Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) stressing the hazards of water contamination of fuel tank systems to GA pilots, owners, operators, and maintenance and service personnel. The fuel tank system consists of all tanks, components, lines, fittings, etc. - from the fuel tank to the engine

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FAA To Charge Companies For Online Charts, No Access For Individuals

Avweb

The days of inexpensive navigation and chart apps for your mobile devices appear to be numbered with the FAA's announcement that it will begin charging for downloads that were previously free starting April 5, 2012. A story in the December issue of our sister publication Aviation Consumer says the [Aeronautical Navigational Products Directorate](#) (Aeronav), which currently makes the latest charts and other navigational products available online for free, says it has to recover the costs associated with developing and hosting the products. That means charging fees to companies for those downloads and no longer allowing individuals access them at all. As of April 5, only those with distribution contracts with Aeronav will be able to download the data. The most noticeable impact will likely be on the small but increasingly popular industry segment (like ForeFlight and WingX) that develops flight-related apps for iPads and other consumer electronics. It will also have an impact on websites like RunwayFinder that use the data for their online products, some of which are currently available for free. How much impact isn't known because the FAA hasn't announced what it intends

to charge for the data. Affected companies have been invited to a meeting Dec. 13 in Washington to hear details of the FAA's proposal and offer input to the final pricing structure and the distribution contract.

Industry officials told Aviation Consumer that the market will likely reject significant increases in cost for apps and online products. Smaller providers and free websites may simply go out of business. Larger companies may try to keep their subscribers but with higher subscription prices. The pervasive fear in the industry is that this could lead to only one or two entities controlling the market for the distribution of government-produced information that is essential for flight safety. Aeronav spokeswoman Abigail Smith told Aviation Consumer the agency is determined not to let that happen but the new fees, whatever they are, will have to be enough to cover costs.

"Because we're legislated, we can't collect more money than our cost," she said. "We're committed to the most affordable product line for the end user. But if revenue diminishes, the product line diminishes." Under the new contract structure, the FAA will also set standards for those using FAA data to create their products. There have been issues with data being made inaccessible in the production of some apps and the standards will ensure that all information on printed charts is available in any digital version.

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EAA Webinars

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EAA Webinars are free to all aviation enthusiasts, but pre-registration is recommended since space is limited to the first 1,000 registrants.

November 16 - 7 p.m. CST

[First Flight](#)

Presenter: John White

November 17 - 7 p.m. CST

[Options for Building a Supercub](#)

Presenter: Bill Rusk

November 29 - 7 p.m. CST

[Fifty Years of Fly Baby](#)

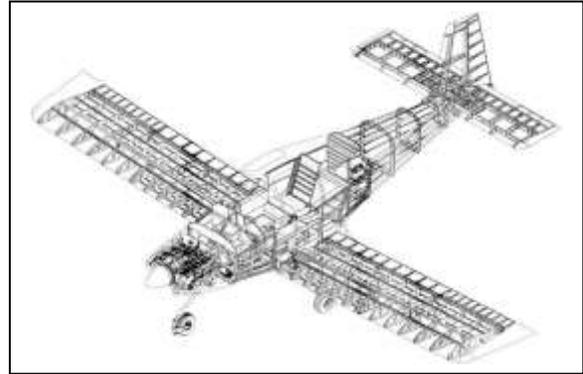
Presenter: Ron Wanttaja

December 7 - 8 p.m. CST
[The EGT Myth - AMT Credit](#)
Presenter: Mike Busch

December 8 - 7 p.m. CST
[Airspace and Communications Essentials - Wings Credit](#)
Presenter: Don Weaver

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Happy Thanksgiving to Chapter 96 and their families. See you at the Holiday Brunch on December 11th.



NEWSLETTER IDEAS OR ARTICLES?

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 11th – Holiday Brunch @ Alpine Village from 10am – 1pm

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South Bay EAA Chapter 96 Holiday Brunch

What: Holiday Brunch

Where: Alpine Village 833 West Torrance Boulevard

Torrance, CA 90502

(310) 327-4384

Who: All Chapter Members and Spouses, family, friends

How: all means possible

Why: Fun, Good Food, and it supports our Summer Camp Program

When: SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH, 10-2PM

Price: \$25/person

Send reservations and payment to

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or come to the next meeting on Nov 19th and make reservation/payment there.

