

# The Flying Wire



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## Chapter 124 Experimental Aircraft Association

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**Board Meeting - 5:30 pm**

**Dinner – 6:15 pm (\$7)**

**General Meeting – 7:00 pm**

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## May 1, 2019 Program

### John Whitehouse: "I Love Connie":

Please join us for a presentation on the most beautiful airliner ever built – John Whitehouse will present an overview of the famous Lockheed aircraft and his personal experiences with the C-121 and EC-121 military versions.

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### Dinner Menu

Make your own Super Burritos, Salad, Rainbow Sherbet and Snicker Doodles. All for only \$7

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## Events Calendar

### Please send info about upcoming events!

Please send us information if it comes your way!

**Nut Tree Fly-In:** [Fourth Saturday Each Month](#)

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## So Easy If You Try

(by Stuart Deal)

It is not hard to write an article for an EAA Chapter Newsletter. Lots of people have done it and done it well. The chapter gets news or a chance to get closer to something of interest and the writer gets the satisfaction of contributing a part of themselves to the group.

While it is possible to write yourself into a topic, see what pops out as you go along, usually a topic will present itself because of an experience or event. Most folks won't start without a topic, but it is completely possible to write without a topic, waiting for one to emerge, though there are lots of topics in the aviation world.

So what is a typical topic for an article? Around here, fly-outs and fly-ins are as natural as well as \$100 hamburgers and burritos. A flight to an airport with a restaurant is a natural for a review of the restaurant and discussion of the who went, the particulars of the airport location, pattern and class. Highlights, low-lights, sights seen and photos taken all help flesh out an article.

Airplane projects with what, where, who, why, when and a few close up pictures from a cell phone are good topics and perfect for a newsletter article.

Okay, let's say a topic has chosen itself and you get as far as pulling out the computer to type your thoughts or even have an app on your phone to record the main points. How to start? It is usually best to "begin at the beginning", as Lewis Carroll points out. What or who first got the ball rolling? Then hit us with why you care about the topic. Perhaps it is aviation oriented and you are spending time finding out what is going on and you find yourself able to help all of us find out what is going on since we may not know.

Maybe the events you describe happened in the past and are not widely known. If you are patient with our lack of understanding, you just may inform us and entertain us at the same time.

If you were there and we were not you have something to tell us that would show us the world in a new light.

On these pages we have seen the likes of letters from the front of a war zone, enlisting, flight training, relatives experiences, wild fire escapes, quick fly-outs, "try it you'll like it" high priced burgers, builders reports, memorials and the occasional complete fabrication of fantasy events.

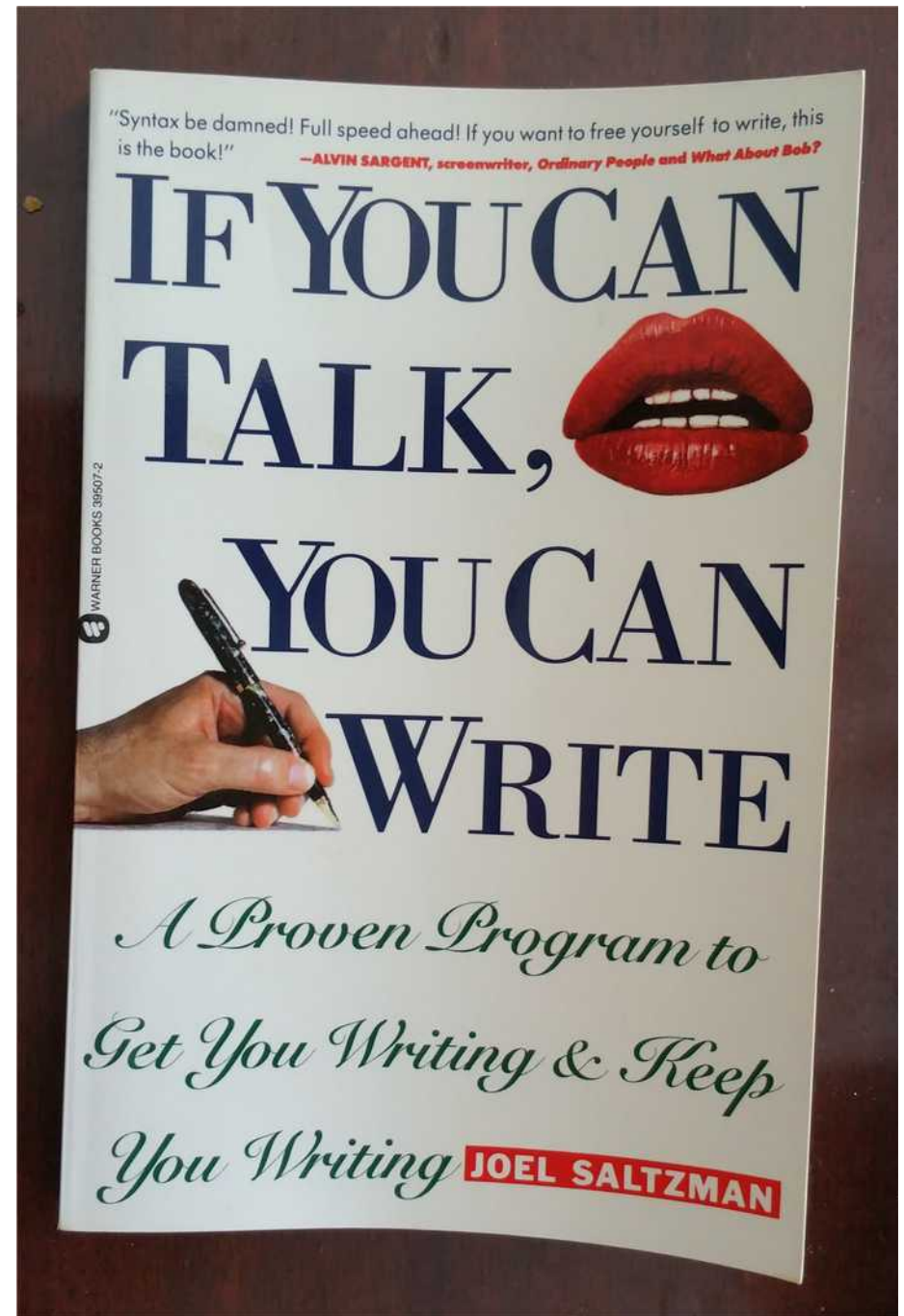
There are memories that members have that go way back and

may have been discussed with one or two people, but never published and shared with the group. If you have ever thought of writing your memoirs but just have not gotten around to it, this is the perfect forum for getting out the high points that will later be chapter one of the rest of your life story.

I am currently reading a book titled "If You Can Talk You Can Write". I had it on my shelf for a while but while I was looking through my four heavily stocked bookshelves for a specific obscure programming book I happened upon it and decided it was a good bet to relieve the stress of losing games of "Free Cell" on my cell phone (I usually keep trying until I win).

This book pokes a hole in just about every reason people give for not writing and gives strategies for making it easier to get going with putting something on paper, or electrons as I am doing now. One major premise of the book is that it does not have to be perfect. Just starting and ditching the concern whether it is good or bad let's you edit it later. Allowing yourself to wander until you get to something that is really what you are trying to say gets you where you are going with zero pressure.

The only pressure is the pressure you are getting from me to produce. You are not doing enough. I need articles to put in the newsletter and it is not fair to make me write them all. I am deeply complimented if you think my writing is so good that you are waiting to see it, but I wish you would put in your thoughts because I have a lot going on and barely have the time to put the dinner menu and the minutes together. Really, the articles that I have included from members have made this fun and interesting and I long to return to those days when folks contributed.



## Fly Mart

Please send changes to [ea124newsletter@sonic.net](mailto:ea124newsletter@sonic.net)

### Cleaning out the Hangar: (4-19)

TIG Welder Miller diversion 180 AC/DC, new never used with extra electrodes and ceramic cups w/Argon full tank and regulator. Includes Miller 500E electronic helmet also new and unused. Total cost was over \$2,000; asking \$1,300 or best offer.

36 inch metal brake w/stand; new \$239; \$100 or best offer

1 ton shop crane (engine hoist) \$139 new; \$75 or best offer

2 Flightcom Classic ANR Headsets very good condition, \$339 new; \$100 each or best offer

Call Jim Boyer at 707-571-8001, or see at 3504 Banyan St. Santa Rosa

### VHF Transceiver Wanted: (10-18)

Wanted – Aircraft VHF handheld radio, must be working, but can have bad battery. Replacement for one lost in the fire. Please contact Bob Matreci [rjm5678@msn.com](mailto:rjm5678@msn.com) 707 291 5472

### CAFE Hangar Spot: (9-18)

CAFE hangar space available at STS. Space for one or two light singles depending on fit. \$200 monthly each. EAA Chapter 124 Members, flyable aircraft only, please.

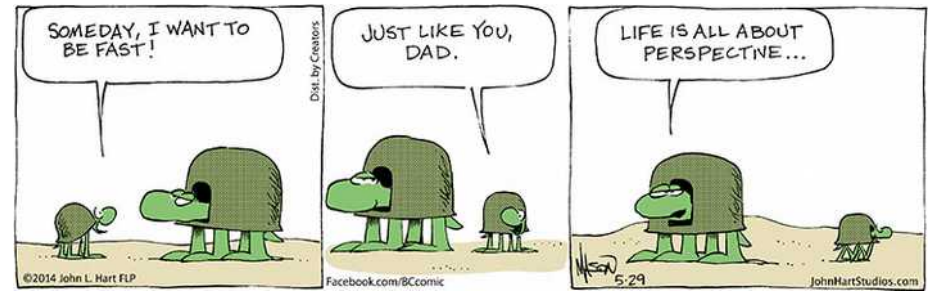
Contact Mike Fenn (707) 481-5791

### EAA Hangar Spot: (9-18)

Eaa Ch 124 has one Hangar spot available for a RV size airplane, \$110 per month, plus \$200 deposit.

Must be Local & National Member.

Call Larry 707-575-0331 or Marlon 707-479-9994



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## News / Notes From the Editor

Spring may be as good as it gets. Nice weather and a floral fantasma.

### Interesting Aviation Links

(Thanks to Larry Rengstorf and David Heal)

Building the B-24 [Click Here](#)

F-4 Phantom Nostalgia [Click Here](#)

P-51 Mustang vs. Sea Fury - A Comparison [Click Here](#)

Transition [Click Here](#)

## **EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 3, 2019**

Meeting Called to order by President Marlon Young at 5:30 PM

Present - Marlon Young, Andy Werback, John Whitehouse, Larry Rengstorf, David Franco, Dan Steinhoff... Ben Barker, Bob Gutteridge... Terry Freitas

Absent - Josh Hochberg, Brien Seeley

Also attending - Mike Fenn

Old Business

Minutes - March - Motion to Approve by Larry, second by Dave, passed

Open house - Andy submitted plan to Marlon. Looking for event coordinator, menu, cooks. Dave Franco volunteers to be event coordinator. Andy will submit plan to Dave and the board. Have email support ready to go. Marlon will check on some menu possibilities. Need a flyer, publicity, what are we offering... have lots of room to park airplanes. Special event...Marlon will coordinate with STS ops and FAA. Need to check on availability of CAFÉ Scales if we offer that opportunity...

New Business

July 3 Meeting - Leave schedule as is and watch the fireworks in Windsor; Have an informal meeting. Flying stories.... Update - Potluck? Sounds good.

John W - we've received an EAA letter on a Chapter Recognition program - Resolve to improve our points, results in some good chapter recognition. We're almost there at 6 points out of 10.

VP Report - Have Lynn Hunt tonight, John W has the May program...will be interesting. [Marlon talking to Red Jensen - Prandtl, wing, model aircraft...possibly invite pcam and WCFlies too.]; Ben - motion to allocate funds for the roster - second by Andy, all in favor (about \$300).

Secretary Report - all good

Treasurer Report - Stable, nothing unusual in February and March. Need to update the bank card (required a resolution to be

signed by the secretary)

Facilities Report - Need a good source of email/phones contact info for AOA badge holders. Some not in the roster. Issue last month is resolved. Mowing in progress, road fixed. Some airplane covers got pretty ratty, cleaned up. Annuals completed. Progress!

Membership - How about some sort of automatic membership renewal? Andy to check with EAA Chapter 62... Ben will ask his daughter, too... is it possible to get a 'Square' device to connect to the checking account?

Young Eagles - APRIL 27 NEEDS PILOTS!

Dave - anyway to improve the little awning on the side of our hangar? Need a sales pitch (drawing!)

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Werback

Secretary

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## **EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes**

**April 3, 2019**

Meeting called to order by President Marlon Young at 7:05 PM.

Marlon thanks the cooks - Sam thanks her crew - Jim, Arlene, Geri, Duane, Dan and Howard.

Newsletter - Thank you Stuart for sharing (Vietnam Memorial - the Wall the Heals)

Minutes from March, motion to approve, done

Treasurer/Membership - Lots of members renewed - still need to work on being more timely... (Even with announcements at meetings, notes in the newsletter, and a group email announcement...)

Facilities - Lots of progress, grass getting cut, potholes filled

Young Eagles - April 27 is our first event in 2019. Need Pilots! Please sign up! Per Josh, need a background check every 3 years, info is on the desk.

Open House - August 24, in conjunction with YE date. Dave



Franco will lead the charge, should be fun.

VP Report –

Builder's Report – Bob Starr reported that Remo's Marquardt Charger is sold, moved to Texas. Bob Gutteridge covered their trip to Copperstate – new date, new location – and the travel to and from – outbound, with Doug Dugger's engine leaking oil, discovered on a timely stop before something happened... good visit on the way back at Furnace Creek. Andy reported on Top Gun, a new book by Dan Pedersen, the founder of the program, and getting to fly with Darrel "Condor" Gary, one of the initial instructor group.

Presentation – We had an outstanding presentation by Lynn Hunt. He started off with a recap of the early days at EAA 124, pictures and stories. Then, the main course. In 1995, for the 50th anniversary of end of WWII, the Navy put together a Pearl Harbor commemorative program. Lynn described the event from an initial mysterious phone call, to qualifying in the Grumman Albatross for a short field takeoff, a journey to Alameda NAS (where the Doolittle Raiders staged from), a 10 day cruise to Hawaii, and flying the Albatross off the USS Carl Vinson, along with about 11 other historic warbirds. Getting there involved some great experiences with the officers and crew on board an operational US navy aircraft carrier.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Werback

Secretary

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Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. FOOD (\$7 sometimes \$10) AND SOCIALIZING (free) from 6:15 to 7:00 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Directions: The site is located on the west side of Sonoma County Airport. Take the Shiloh Road exit from Highway 101 in northern Santa Rosa. Turn left at the stop light (west) and continue to a "T" intersection. Turn left again and follow the road to the EAA sign on the left.

Members are invited to submit articles of interest. You will be notified whether or not an article will appear in the current issue.

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