

# 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 (\$10)**

**General Meeting – 7:00 pm**

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## March 6, 2019 Program

### CJ Stephens Adventures in Flight:

CJ has more adventures and stories. In his case, more is better and there are some gaps we need filled in.

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### Dinner Menu

March dinner is traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage (lots of mustard!), veggie variety (potatoes, cabbage, carrot, parsnips, rutabaga), and home-made cookies for desert. \$10 (Yeah!)

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## Events Calendar

### Please send info about upcoming events!

Please send us information if it comes your way!

#### EAA Workshops in Fremont March 23-24:

[Electrical](#), [Fabric](#), [Fiberglass](#),  
[Sheet Metal](#) check your email

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

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## Making a Move

(by Stuart Deal)

It was one of those rare moments when you come to terms with reality and instead of fighting and complaining, you embrace it. Why do you embrace it? Because it feels like love. Yes there are sometimes in life that you hear the call as clear as a bell. No,

that is not your ears ringing from years of loud engines or rock music, it the sound of the arrival of the truth. The truth is that it is exceedingly easy to become overwhelmed with projects and hobbies. Then, on top of that, the work to keep body and soul and house together never seems to leave you respite, let alone time to work on the two planes in your garage. Perhaps that time is coming closer.

After years, the Mercedes in the driveway is finally out of my hair and all it took was to replace the alternator and have somebody who needed a car. A really old car. That took a couple of days when the sun was not shining and oh, yeah, I better get going to get that core charge back. Thank goodness my son found a buyer. Now if it just sticks.

The next obvious project is upgrading my cheap sheet metal brake. After watching a couple of upgrades on YouTube, and having the welding gear, time to slap on a bunch of steel, put on my recently purchased Jackson Safety auto-dark welding mask and go to town with the tiny little welder purchased on Ebay for \$70 dollars. I came wired for Australia, but now it is ready to go. Of course, I may need to get some steel to melt. Good to go. Let's see if the repairs that my Tri-Pacer has requested actually arrive.

No doubt, fixing the elliptical exerciser that sits next to the Tri-Pacer will be be easy after taking out the twenty or so screws. All that needs to happen is the belt needs some way to stay in place. A newer tighter belt, or maybe an idler pulley printed on the new 3D printer. In any case, the need for more exercise is pressing if sitting at a desk all day programming.

One thing I have never built is a boat. I have a real fascination for welding steel or aluminum boats but luckily when things flood around here there is quite a bit of higher ground, so you go to it instead of getting stuck like some of the hurricane driven floods that seem to drip around in the southeast U.S. I heard that kayaks and such were some of the first things to be lost in recent flooding. Admittedly, for those who are picking up the pieces after a flood, it probably is not much consolation that they are part of a smaller number than a huge disaster brings, but I hope it means that they

get the resources they need.

For me, it was free irrigation to light up the grass seed and fertilizer that are putting my lawn on the path to recovery, the second year after the drought put the stake in the heart of the over-sized under-watered desert I had for a front lawn during the drought.

When I bought grass seed in January, the guy at Friedman's said to cover it up with peat moss so the birds would not eat it. When I was spreading it, I noticed there were no birds. Still winter, so no takers. Recently though, so many Robins showed up, the Turkey Hawks started coasting in for a treat. I did not see the Robins eating my grass seed which had a blue coating on it. I did not try it, but my guess is that the blue coating of fertilizer does not taste that good to the birds. I get the impression that the Robins eat the worms, earthworms and insect larvae that make my lawn patchy so that I need the seed. Any turf farmers are welcome to fill me in (on my patchy knowledge of turf).

Once I get the lawn to grow, I get to keep it alive through the summer. This will be a matter of cutting back all the overgrown shrubs so the sprinklers actual spray the lawn and leaving them on until the soil is just this side of mud. That and more spraying and fertilizer should keep the letters from the neighborhood association at bay. The neighbor activists are on patrol complaining about anything that might touch property values. Why is it that the people who are so concerned about their property values never seem to sell their houses and move away?

If there is one thing that needs to happen now, it is arrival of the final element that will put this rant to bed. Since there is no room for administrative trickery that would offer up an irrefutable point that must be made, there has to be a final act that will settle things for good or ill. Wait, I know, I will elevate this tirade by claiming that all good things must finally end, thus implying that this is a good thing. Not as hard as it looks.

## Fly Mart

Please send changes to [eea124newsletter@sonic.net](mailto:eea124newsletter@sonic.net)

### **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)**

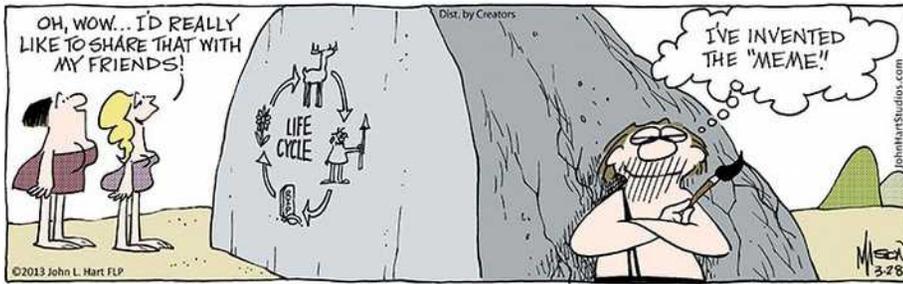
CAFE hangar space available at STS. Space for one or two light singles depending on fit. \$200 monthly each. EAA Chapter 124 Members, flyable aircraft only, please. Contact Mike Fenn (707) 481-5791

### **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

### **For Sale RV-12 Project: (5-18)**

All parts necessary to finish, including Avionics with ADS-B. Extras include: Factory fuel tank, Vernier Throttle, Landing gear upgrade, many small upgrades. Avery tool kit, Large tool box. air compressor, drill press, 1" belt sander, scotch bright wheels on grinder. 2 each 3' x 3' work benches. Joe Arluck, 925-455-9954, [jaarluck@comcast.net](mailto:jaarluck@comcast.net)



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## News / Notes From the Editor

**Remember dues are due. Still \$35. See John Whitehouse to pay by March, last chance to be in the Chapter 124 2019 Roster.**

**I definitely recommend checking out Otis Holt's Fuel Pump Study at the link below.**

**Many thanks to Andy Werback for the minutes.**

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### Interesting Aviation Links

Jeff's Planes – [Click Here](#)

Otis Holt Fuel Pump Study [Click Here](#)

Armstrong Flight Research Center [Click Here](#)

## EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019

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

Present - Marlon Young, Andy Werback, John Whitehouse, Bob Gutteridge (represented by Duane Green), Dan Steinhoff, Brien Seeley, Larry Rengstorf, Josh Hochberg, Ben Barker

Absent - Terry Freitas

Also attending - Mike Fenn, David Franco

Old Business

Young Eagles dates as proposed. May 11 has been confirmed Mike Morrissey by Angelina at SJC. Aug 24 will be Chapter open house event; Oct 5 is coordinated with "Girls in Aviation"; Josh working on the YE business cards.

Aircraft Display - Long Ez Project - Instead of the PCAM aircraft. Visit report - includes a canopy, but missing a wing. Will set up a site/lease by the fence to display it and auction off naming rights (just kidding). Some parts need to be built, good Chapter project. Motion to approve acquisition and display (with a monument sign) by Dan, Brien seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Board Openings - Still have one - Andy motion to nominate Dave Franco for the open position (replacing Stephen Mann), Dan seconds, Dave accepts nomination. Unanimous vote in favor.

VP Report - Jeane Sloan this month, looking for presenter next month. Brien reports that Otis Holt will probably be available later this year. Also, part 2 for CJ's stories may occur later this year.

Secretary Report - Minutes in the Newsletter did not include the January Board meeting minutes (corrected by 10 Feb). Marlon motions to approve the January Board minutes as presented in an earlier email - motion passed.

Treasurer Report - Bills are all current. Still not doing well on member renewals - Need a Newsletter Note and Ben or Andy will do an email blast. March is last chance for inputs to the Chapter roster.

Facilities – Weeds were sprayed, trees pruned. We do have a hangar lease opening.

Future – Discussion of Café Hangar/Lease; Get together on the local chapter regarding the open house (Marlon and Andy – email list, Everyone – format/content of the event).

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Werback

Secretary

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## **EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes February 6, 2019**

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

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

New Visitors – Dane Jasper, currently flying a Cirrus, but working on his Carbon Cub taildragger signoff, and interested in flying for Young Eagles. Vince Harper, currently flying a PA28-180, but looking for more interaction with experimental airplanes and builders. And New/Recent Members – Bob Starr and Susie Starr, Dominic and Mindy Cerniglio – they now base their Piper Arrow at EAA.

Welcome new Board Member – Dave Franco.

Newsletter – Member minutes only. Motion to approve, passed.

Web Editor – Thank you John. Belated award of Service Pin.

Treasurer – Solvent, but Membership RENEWALS are in order ASAP. Last date to renew is next Month. Consecutive membership is Important for aircraft parking tenants, plus Redwood Oil - discount. And, we have one hangar spot available.

Chapter Project – Marlon is looking into obtaining a Long EZ project, needs work, but would make a good project and display aircraft to make the Chapter more visible.

### **Builders Reports**

- John Swanstrom – House is moving along – roofing, siding. And the RV-12 canopy is coming along
- Kevin Quirk – ONEX is about ready to leave the nest! Pictures available! Almost ready for an engine run...This is his 7th project.

Presentation – Jeane Sloan presented excerpts and an overview of her latest historical fiction - She Was a WWII Photographer. The book is based on the experiences of 127 women correspondents in World War II. Jeane is a very active member of the Santa Rosa author community and enjoys researching and writing about women's experiences in WWII.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 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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