



# The Flying Wire

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**Board Meeting - 5:30 pm**

**Dinner – 6:15 pm** (\$10 donation or more please)

**General Meeting – 7:00 pm**

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## October 4, 2017 Program

### Members Night:

Open discussion and socializing.

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## Dinner Menu

Dinner is a Chapter fund raiser sponsored by Sonoma Jet Center for Fire Victims: Barbecue Turkey, sliced, and all the fixings – mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, pumpkin pie. Donation: \$10 or as much you can give to the "Redwood Credit Union Fire Relief Fund", unless you are a fire victim, of course.

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## Events Calendar

### Please send info about upcoming events!

Please send us information if it comes your way!

#### PCAM Open Cockpit Weekend:

[November 18-19](#)

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

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## Sutter County Airport Fly Out

From Mike Tovani and David Heal (before the fires)

On Saturday, October 7, Dave Heal, Bob Gutteridge, myself and my Grandson Riley who is attending the Windsor High School Aviation ground school that Josh Hochberg is teaching, flew out to Sutter County Airport O52 in Yuba City.

There we attended the 70th Anniversary Rag Wing Round Up

hosted by Sutter Buttes Regional Aviation Association who offered up Bi-plane rides for \$100.00 in the SNJ or \$150 for a ride in their N3N around the Buttes. There was also about 3 raffles for airplane rides.

We had great weather, Philly Steak sandwiches, a good amount of J-3 Cubs, Super Cubs, and a Pietenpol, and a couple of Champs to look at.

They have a High School group building an RV-12. They had one wing on display that was ready to "close up" and a colored chart showing that most of the aircraft has been put together and was being stored in a nearby hangar.

All and all it was a really nice time and a great fly out, thanks to David Heal for suggesting it.



David's Take:

On Saturday, October 7th, Bob Gutteridge (in his Jabiru), Mike Tovani (in his Tri-Champ), and David Heal (in his RV-12) attended the Rag Wing Round-Up at Sutter County Airport. Technically, only Mike's Tr-Champ qualified as a Rag Wing, but all of types of aerial craft were welcome.

About 30 planes flew in for the display and tri-tip lunch. The weather was great for flying and we all had an enjoyable day

kicking tires and swapping stories. The Sutter County Airport group is sponsoring a teen-built RV-12 project and they have made considerable progress to date.



RV-12 N124DH



N3N at Sutter County Airport Rag Wing Round-Up



Riley Nagle at Sutter County Airport Rag Wing Round-Up

## EAA Members Volunteer

### Preparing lunches & dinners for 1st Responders, fire victims & hungry people (from Larry Rengstorf)

I received an email Monday asking for volunteers to help Mercy Chef's prepare food for the 1st responders.

Mercy Chef's, [www.MercyChefs.com](http://www.MercyChefs.com), is a faith-based group making meals for the 1st responders in disasters. They had just arrived from Houston TX. All workers are Volunteers, a Crew of about 5 or 6 mainly move the equipment and are the supervisors at the various sites.

They set up at the Christian Fellowship Church at 1130 Hopper St near the entrance to Coffee Park. I and a few EAA'ers went to work helping for the week. Even being all volunteers - we quickly had efficient lines preparing and boxing hot meals. We served many Police, Firemen & Calif Army Guard members and any one that needed a hot meal.



Most of them came to the Church to pick up the meals and served their people. We served breakfast and between 500 - 700 lunches and 500-800 dinners each day - Tuesday through Sunday. We ran three shifts daily - 6am-8am, 8am-2pm, 2pm-8pm, with a small "Pots & Pans" cleanup crew afterwards.



Preparing Dinners

Even though it was tiring and exhaustive at times, I came away with a rewarding feeling of being able to help others. I met a lot of really nice people and will try to keep in touch with them. I may even sign up to be on their volunteer list for other disasters.

Go to their site and see if you may be able to help out sometime. Even though Mercy Chefs are on their way to a little rest, the church still has plenty of supplies in the parking lot, water, personal necessities, and lots of clothes. So please tell a neighbor in need.

Larry

## It was a Dark and Windy Night

by Stuart Deal (with apologies to Snoopy)

On Saturday October 8 we had a long planned and very pleasant picnic in our neighborhood. It was nice to catch up with our more sociable neighbors and have a bite to eat. The weather was perfect and it seemed like we all had a good time.

2:39 AM Monday our dogs jump up and bark their heads off. My older son Wesley announces that Kristie and her son Travis are here with their large dog Leroy. They evacuated from Windsor because of a warning about a fire. Strangely, they drove past the fires burning in North Santa Rosa, on the 101, to get to us in South West Santa Rosa. I am sure this made it more worrying for Travis, who is two, because he was seeing more fire than he could possibly have imagined and Kristie was not having much fun either.

Now we are all up and only beginning to grasp what was happening when Wesley tells me that he just found burning embers in our cul-de-sac. Time to wet down the roof to make sure. Before long our friends Diane and Chris and daughter Emily arrive as they have no power and live in a somewhat vulnerable spot.

The rest of the night was checking on people and coffee and soaking the roof again.

While soaking the roof with the hose, the glowing smoke from the north rises with a constant sound of small explosions and sirens. People are evacuating from as close as two miles from our house. We are not ready to evacuate and are not for days, but luckily we never do.

Chris eventually goes off to help with the "all hands on deck" PG&E call-up since he has worked for PG&E for a long time. He works on the G part of the name and I have not had a chance to get his story, since he is still super busy. Power and gas were a mixed bag for much of the week. If you were without gas in Windsor or power in Santa Rosa you know. Since Wesley has his brewery in Windsor I was hearing about things there.

### Where?

Where is the fire now? That was the question for the next several days for those lucky enough not to know. The human desire for certainty is ravenous. From religion to education to business people crave certainty. But sometimes certainty is not so great. Knowing, with certainty, that your house is gone and that

you have a long road back to normalcy is much worse than the uncertainty of "I hope my house is still standing." or "I hope the fire doesn't make it here."

### The Black Leaf

There are lots of leaves on the lawn these days but here and there one leaf is much darker than the others. Also, the unmistakable strip of black paint from somebody's house that was carried off by the fury of the wildfire and flew on the breeze to offer a reminder that some things can't be stopped.



The Black Leaf

Peoples lives and livelihoods scattered on the dry wind reminded us to put on a mask if we went out of the house. There was a strange dichotomy of weather reports about where the wind is blowing the fires and what may burn next and the concern of those further away about "air quality". Well, if my house goes up in flames, I sure hope you don't choke on the smoke! Sorry, it just seemed weird to me.

## The Hardware Store

Going to the local hardware store to add a hose nozzle to my collection I met a guy standing staring at the garden hoses. People need to talk about it if they just barely escaped the fire. "I woke myself up" he said. "I don't freeze up when other people are panicking." This was clearly not his first close call. Whether he actually led the retreat from Coffey Park, I don't know, but I could tell by the way the hoses seemed so helpful and important, that somewhere in him was a desire to go back in time with a hose with enough water to fix the problem, to repair the damage and stop the implacable flames.

## Containment

As the battle against the several fires was joined it became more and more apparent that this was not going to be easy. I had never heard an official say "zero percent containment" before. At the grocery store: "Do you want a bag?" "Yes, please." "What percent containment would you like?" It was on everybody's mind, no matter where they were.

## Air Assets

Those helicopters and tankers don't fly themselves. As pilots it may be easier to realize the effort and skill that fire fighting flyers bring to bear. Yes, Cal Fire has assets, but they are so much more valuable because they can fly out of Sonoma County Airport. While most of the time it just seems exciting or cool that we have a [Cal Fire Air Attack Base](#) here, now it seems like the key to life.

Here in Santa Rosa we had a week, almost two, of loss and fear and giving and heroes and mutual aid. A time when Sonoma County shows that neighborly concern that seemed to be fading. "Are you alright?" is on everybody's lips. No matter how you came out of it and what is left to do to recover, we have living proof that the people around here are the real reason to love where we live, as beautiful as it is most of the time.

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## President's Piece

(By Andy Werback)

23 October 2017 – Get up before dawn, Venus still below the horizon. An hour later, clear skies, Venus shining brightly. A clear day, no wind. The ground is still damp after a bit of rain late last

week.

9 October 2017 – A very windy night. But we had had several really windy nights in the past few weeks, knocking down Redwood branches and covering the ground with needles. But this wind was from the north east, the earlier winds were from the south. Get up before dawn, very dark, smoky. No moon. No stars. An hour later, it is still mostly dark. Late morning, a red sun is visible. A phone message on the answering machine from around 2AM wasn't heard.

Very surreal. TV and newspaper headlines and stories are right out your front door. People scrambling for their lives, others trying to save their homes, and some succeed.

It takes a few days, but Cal Fire and numerous other agencies gather together to fight the fires. Healdsburg and Petaluma airports become staging areas for helicopter operations. Colson's C-130 tankers start flying out of Santa Rosa. It is hard to see how they have enough visibility to operate safely.

So many people have lost their homes, many in the middle of a city. "Urban wildfire". Absolutely true.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone – and we know quite a few. It's a very small community.

We asked for volunteers to house people in need – several people responded with available guest rooms – but everybody has already made arrangements with family or friends. I am amazed at how resourceful and generous this community is turning out to be. Thank you for offering to help!

It will take awhile, perhaps a long while, but we need to focus on rebuilding and restoring, and working on ways to prevent events like this from recurring. Lots of time, money, and patience. And special sauce.

## Announcement:

The November 1 EAA Dinner is being sponsored by the Sonoma Jet Center. In lieu of the normal \$10 for a nice meal, the Chapter is accepting donations of \$10 or more to help fire victims. Any help is much appreciated and it would be good to raise at least \$1000. The plan is that all proceeds will go to Redwood Credit Union for their relief fund. They have raised over \$10 Million so far. Their website - <https://www.redwoodcu.org/northbayfirerelief> - has information on how to donate, how to apply for help, and the results so far.

## Fly Mart

### For Sale: (10-17)

1959 Aeronca Champion 7GC Fully restored and ready to fly Complete recover and wings rebuilt with Milman aluminum spars. New instruments, new Cleveland wheels and brakes, 140 SMOH, recent prop strike and engine inspect by Corona Aircraft engines. Over 60k invested. Steal at \$25K Call Jim DuVander 707-953-0129 [jim@duvander.com](mailto:jim@duvander.com)

### For Sale: (10-17)

Garmin GDL 39 Portable ADS-B and GPS Receiver Paid \$800 for sale at \$300 James Carraway 415-300-6150

### For Sale: (8-17)

Glasair 2 FT serial#1077 Wing closed, control surfaces all completed, future vision instrument panel, kit was inspected by Al Negrin about 12 months ago when I bought it and found to be in excellent condition with good build logs and excellent craftsmanship. Wing and fuselage separated for shipping. Asking \$10,000 for the kit.

Also have a lycoming IO-360-B1E 0 hrs since rebuild by Dick Demars Aero. chrome lined cylinders, slick mags, plate says 200hp because it has 9:1 or 10:1 compression (I have to check the build logs). Built a long time ago, but recently inspected with cylinder #2 removal and boroscope. Asking \$15,000 obo Call Owen Fredericks 530-591-7554 [owenfred@gmail.com](mailto:owenfred@gmail.com)

### For Sale: (12-16)

Tripacer wings- need recovering. \$2500 Lycoming O-320, 1230 SMOH Last annual: 2014 Strattus II \$500 Engine mount for Piper Pacer. \$150 Call Jim DuVander 707-953-0129 [jim@duvander.com](mailto:jim@duvander.com)

**For Sale: (11-16)** 1974 Starduster too O-360 180 hp - Hartsell Constant Speed Prop - Icom 250 - Intercom - Transponder - 642 TT In Annual - Same owner for the last 16 yrs Contact Ray or Sher 707-584-9683 or 415-999-0949

**For Sale: (8-15)** disassembled continental A65 - needs crank and camshaft. New engine gauges, ammeter, airspeed indicator, new aluminum prop extension and new brake actuator. Paid \$400 - Byron Barnes 707-980-4818 [barnesbyron75@gmail.com](mailto:barnesbyron75@gmail.com)

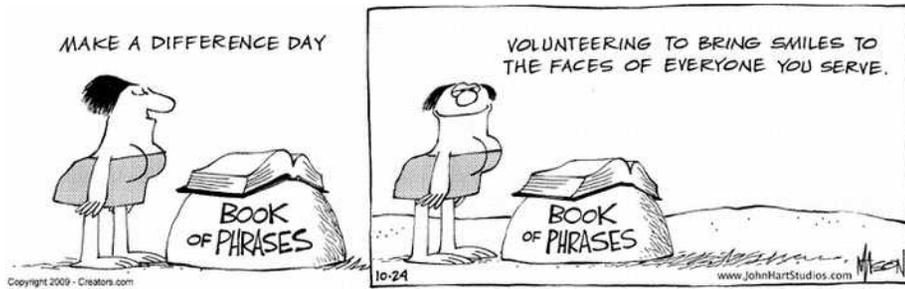
**For Sale: (7-15)** Seat Parachute - needs a fresh repack but otherwise in very good condition. Will sell it cheap to a member if interested \$350. Steve Pizzo, 707-829-7038

**For Sale: (7-15)** RV-6A Tricycle, Less than 80 TT, 180 HP - \$79,900. See Flickr link below. Ogden Utah. Call Angelo at 801-391-3873 <https://www.flickr.com/photos/angelosrv6a>

**For Sale: (7-15)** Two Bendix magnetos for 4-cylinder Lycoming (O or IO 320); converted Falco to dual electronic ignition. 1 left, 1 right rotation; both with impulse couplings. Harness, impulse coupling adapters, long mounting studs included. Time in service: 344 hours. Also available: 4 new Tempest massive electrode spark plugs, 4 well-used Champion fine-wire spark plugs, 1 brand-new TSO'd magneto noise filter. \$250 each, \$450 for both. Peter Lert, [peter.s.lert@gmail.com](mailto:peter.s.lert@gmail.com), 707-508-7500.

**For Sale: (7-15)** Garmin D2 pilot watch with GPS, worldwide airport database. Bought for Atlantic ferry flight that was canceled; worn 1 day to prove it works great, so basically new. Original box and all accessories included. New \$450, will sell for \$375. Peter Lert, [peter.s.lert@gmail.com](mailto:peter.s.lert@gmail.com), 707-508-7500.

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### Interesting Aviation Links

(thanks to Larry)

Wild Weasel - [Click Here](#)

Aircraft Lost in Vietnam War - [Click Here](#)

## EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes October, 4 2017

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2016 AEROPRO CZ A220 (From registration)  
and David Heal and RV-12 At Sutter

