

The Flying Wire



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Board Meeting - 5:30 pm

Dinner - 6:30 pm \$10

General Meeting - 7:00 pm

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In Person Chapter Meeting

[Current CDC Guidelines](#) Describe how fully vaccinated folks can feel safe doing things they have not done while trying to stay safe from Covid. Common sense, masks, distancing and fresh air still offer a reduction in risk, which as pilots we can all appreciate.

October 6, 2021 Program

Reno Air Races with Larry Rengstorf and CJ Stephens:

All the good stories about who was there including the racers and planes, a must.

Dinner Menu: The October Dinner is Oktoberfest theme – Traditional German Sausage, Rot Kraut (Red Cabbage), German Hot Potato Salad, 5-Bean Salad and Brownies, if you still have room. \$10 donation. BYOB

Events Calendar

Please send info about upcoming events!

[San Francisco Fleet Week](#)

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Growing up with the XB-70 Valkyrie

(by Stuart Deal)

I lived in Antelope Valley from about 1960 to about 1968. The desert was very different from San Vicente Boulevard in Santa Monica. As different as moving from Hughes Aircraft to North American must have been for my Dad, Oliver E. Deal. As many of you know he was a Marine pilot in the Second World War flying the B-25's of VMB-413. Here is a picture of him at a party with that outfit.



After adding an advanced degree in physics he stayed in California and was ready to help test the Cold War weapons of the time out in the desert near Edward Air Force Base. Driving the dunes to Edwards was almost as much fun as the cheeseburgers at the officer's club.

While growing up there we drove Sierra Highway past Palmdale about once a week for some years while they built the XB-70, the giant white plane that was so big the tail stuck out from the hangar at North American Aviation in Palmdale, at least that is how I remember it. Looking at some of the historical pictures, I see that

the hangar was pretty big.



While I never saw the [XB-70](#) fly and I never met Joe Walker, the chase pilot who was killed colliding with it in his F-104, I do remember how somber it was to learn that somebody who lived on our one mile square block in Lancaster had died trying to get some good pictures of the new bomber.

As a little kid, there are touch points where you enter the world of grownups and I dare say that my little world in the expansive and mostly open desert collided with the truth about finality and impermanence when the Valkyrie came down to earth.

If you want to know more about the plane, I recommended a few links:

[The Air Force Museum](#)

[The Wikipedia Page](#)

[A Very Cool YouTube Video](#)

Fly Mart

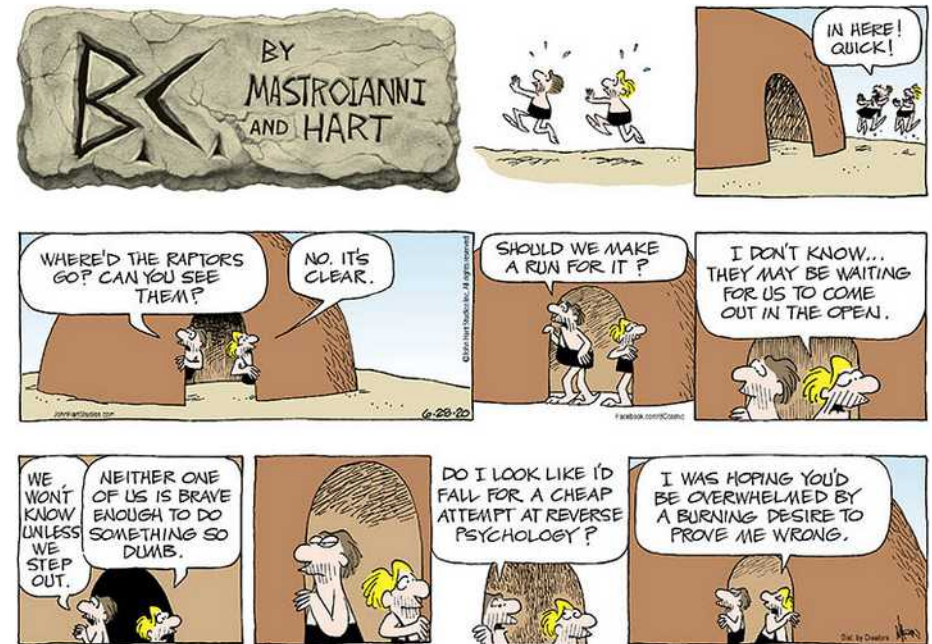
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News / Notes From the Editor

Rather than getting contributions in my inbox, I found a complaint. It appears that somebody did not notice the Membership Link on eaa124.org

I think the volunteers for Chapter 124 have been very dedicated and I appreciate what folks have done to keep things rolling in the club. There are some efforts afoot to add some new things on the web to enable paying dues online and make it even easier. You can log into your PayPal.com account and pay your dues to eaachapter124@gmail.com, I would add a note to remind John whose PayPal account is the source. That's what I did.

Interesting Aviation Links

(Thanks YouTube)

SST Documentary [Click Here](#)

EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021

Meeting convened- 5:30 pm

Members in attendance: Marlon Young (President) John Whitehouse (Treasurer) David Franco (Secretary) Larry Rengstorf (Facilities Manager) Dominic Cerneglio, Dan Steinhoff, Mike Fenn, Bob Gutteridge.

Previous Minutes Approved (With the following amendment regarding the payment of dues) January 1st is the payment due

date. Dues paid before the end of the prior year will receive a \$5 dollar discount (\$45); pay before February 1st to be included in the published membership roster. Dues after January 1st are \$50 for the year. Approved by unanimous vote.

Zenith Experimental Build Update- An inventory of the received parts is nearing completion. Construction plans, with Lynn Hunt taking the lead appear to be taking shape. No work has yet been done.

Motorhome Update- No progress made toward its removal.

Roster Publishing Software Inquiry- Efforts will be made to ascertain what program and the cost involved in expediting the publication of the yearly membership roster.

Webpage- Tabled till next meeting.

Nominating Committee Update- The chairman of the committee Bob Gutteridge has put together a slate of candidates to fill the upcoming board vacancies.

Mailchimp Newsletter Coordination- The secretary will make certain that the present newsletter editor has the same Mailchimp mailing list that the chapter uses for general announcements.

Treasurer's Report- Chapter coffers remain relatively stable owing to paid up hangar and tie-down rents.

Facilities Report- The relocation of Prop-Jet to our side of the airport is complete. The board unanimously approved DART to a hold one day training and briefing meeting at our facility.

October Presentation- Reno Air Race Report

Young Eagles- September 18th event will be held at our facilities- both ground personnel and pilots are still being recruited.

Meeting Adjourned- 6:30

EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021

Meeting Convened- 6:30

After thanking all the participants in the Open House event the President (Marlon Young) expressed his thanks to Sam and Andy Werback for their tireless efforts in providing deliciously prepared

meals for our gatherings. He then went on to announce that the September 18 Young Eagles event is going ahead as planned. He also appealed for more volunteers; both ground crew and pilots.

Presentation- Stepping Up To A Single Pilot Jet as Owner/Operator..... Or Why My Next Address Will Be A Box Under 101

President of Sonoma Jet Center, Josh Hochberg regaled the group with detailed stories about his eventful first year of jet ownership. He helped the attendees understand the underlying economic rationale that informed both his decision to step up to jet ownership, and why he chose the plane he did. His giddy delight in jet ownership was tempered with reverential thankfulness for being afforded the opportunity to have such a machine in his life. He went on to recount how he incorporates his business jaunts with missions involving the delivery of service dogs to their awaiting recipients.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:30 pm



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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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