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Dinner - 6:30 pm \$10

General Meeting - 7:00 pm

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November 2, 2022 Program

John Fritch: Eleven years of amateur, homebuilt power generation...a short case study

Dinner Menu: Traditional Thanksgiving – BBQ Turkey, sliced, and all the fixings – Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin Pie and Whipped Cream. \$10

Girls in Aviation Day and Young Eagles Rally

By Marlon Young

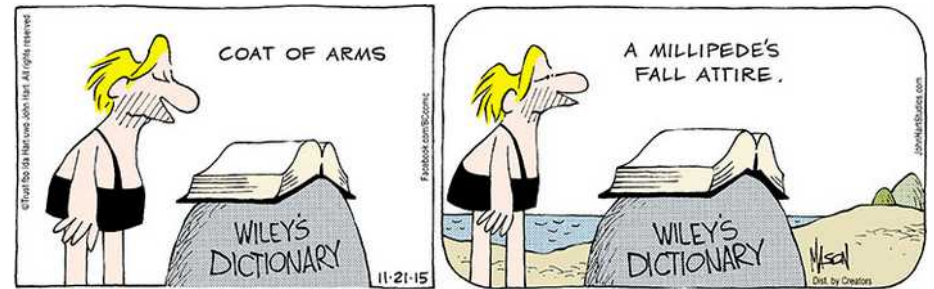
The Girls in Aviation Day and EAA Chapter 124 Young Eagles event on September 24, 2022, was a huge success. We managed to conduct at least 67 Young Eagle flights. The event was attended by the airport manager, other airport tenants and community members who had a chance to visit our Chapter site. We had a diverse collection of static aircraft on display, display booths focusing primarily upon aviation and Girls in Aviation, and several food options.

A big thanks to Sonoma Jet Center and Julia Hochberg for all of their assistance in making it happen, along with your Board member Dominic Cerniglio; they were the backbones of the event. A significant thank you to the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport and their staff in helping to make this event happen. They were very helpful in managing the security plan, providing restrooms and managing the parking logistics.

The highlight of the afternoon was being able to award two different flight scholarships that your Chapter initiated and started with a \$1,000 pledge for the seed money. We were able to award a \$3,000 scholarship as a flight credit at North Coast Air, Inc. to Sophia Neilson, and with additional funds raised a second

scholarship of \$1,000 to Ty West. Rob Clark of North Coast Air, Inc. is also offering to waive the cost of their Private Pilot Ground School. Hopefully this will help these young individuals who appear dedicated to careers in aviation. Thank you to Sonoma Jet Center, Rob Clark and North Coast Air, Inc. for supporting their scholarships, Art Hayssen, Marlon Young, and Fred and Elaine Romberg for also providing additional funds for the scholarships.

Hopefully this can be a springboard to a larger event next year, with the hopes of doubling the number of Young Eagle flights, scholarships and participants.



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News / Notes From the Editor: Not a competition

As the summer fruits disappear from the grocery stores and cooler days come our way. There still is time to have an adventure and write an article about it. If you get the faces in the picture and feel like talking about it, I would be glad to put it on these pages.

Interesting Aviation Links

(Thanks Larry Rengstorf)

Youth Electrified [Click Here](#)

Flying Dog [Click Here](#)

EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 2022

Meeting Convened: 5:30 pm

September Minutes Unanimously Approved

Members in attendance: Dan Steinhoff (President) John Whitehouse (Treasurer) David Franco (Secretary) Larry Rengstorf, Kevin Quirk, Tim Petersen.

Zenith Project- A motion was tabled by unanimous consent to investigate liquidating the Zenith project.

Motorhome Removal- It has been established that motorhome ownership is held by CAFE. A motion was made to ask the CAFE Foundation LLC, to respond to EAA Chapter 124's, request for removal by formal letter and furnish a plan by Jan. 1 2023. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bump System- The review of the existing bump system is pending review.

Wayne Cook addressed the board and conveyed that his Kitfox now has a valid airworthiness certificate and he made an appeal that he now be given closed hangar space. The following statement was entered in the record:

October 5, 2022

To EAA Chapter 124 Board Members and all General Members:

With great happiness, last Wednesday I received the Temporary Airworthiness Certificate for Kitfox N523FP. This aircraft is now ready to fly in all regards.

After reassembly, in endeavoring to sandwich it back into the shade hangar behind Brian C's 182, it brought home the reality that there is no way I can muscle his plane out of the way to get the Kitfox in and out. I'm not strong enough, and there is not enough room.

A bit of history:

I've been an EAA Member, and a member of Chapter 124, since 2004. I've served 2 terms as President, at the request of the Membership at large, and have also served as a Board Member.

My previous Kitfox N211DJ was housed in the sunshade from 2013 until 2021; my current Kitfox N523FP, has been housed in the sunshade from 2021 to the present.

For a number of years, I have made verbal requests of the designated hangar manager to be moved into a closed hangar space but have never received any response.

On Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, I wrote a formal request to the Board requesting closed hangar space. The board has not responded to my request.

In June, 2022, I met with the Board, requesting a review of hangar administration: EAA Chapter 124 Hangar Bump System, June 2022 Purpose: "Daylight process" and make transparent for all members

This was the response in the Chapter Minutes:

"From July 6, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Bump System Update. The board has been assured that an update from the original working group will be presented at the upcoming January 2022 Board meeting. (It was alluded to by Board members that this effort had been underway for 2 - 3 years, with no action? A simple tallying of bump points is what is called for, in this case.)

-End of Statement-

A motion was made that the board authorize a hearing regarding the administration of the bump system at the November 2022

meeting by devoting a 45 minute session to address Wayne's concerns. The motion was passed 8 to 1.

Treasurer's Report- Chapter coffers are largely unchanged from the previous month. Hangar rents are paid up to a large degree.

Facilities Report- No items to convey.

Motion to adjourn- 6:30 pm.

EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2022

Meeting Convened 6:30

The president greeted the attendees and welcomed all new visitors.

Builder's Report: Wayne Cook announced that his project Kitfox received its temporary airworthiness certificate and ready for its maiden flight. The project was taken over by Wayne after languishing for a period.

Girls In Aviation Debrief- Dominic Cerniglio, the lead organizer thanked chapter members for helping make the September Girls In Aviation/ Young Eagles event. The popularity of the event and the size of the crowd in attendance was encouraging. He then extended his thanks and appreciation to Sonoma Jet Center and the airport management for their cooperation and assistance.

It was announced that a former chapter president Don Preston died Aug. 21, 2022.

Treasurer's Report- The treasurer reported that the scholarship fund earmarked for Young Eagles was granted to a young girl with a passionate interest in aviation.

Chapter dues are due by the 1st of the year.

Facilities Report- Nothing worth noting.

Program- Reno Air Races CJ Stephens and Larry Rengstorf

CJ Stephens described how the event suffered from wild fire related visibility limitations, which contributed to the event starting and stopping as conditions allowed. He mentioned that to his eye housing seems to be encroaching on the formerly remote air race venue. A factor which he believes may threaten the future of the high speed low flying spectacle.

He was very impressed by the sport class which in some cases had entrants reach 400 mph.

He also reported on the STOL drags which provided some lively entertainment. He then gave his insider perspective on the tragic mishap that took place during the Jet Class event. He had noticed that the ill-fated pilot had been taking unc customary routes around the circuit prior to impacting terrain.

Larry Rengstorf shared many of his photographs that allowed attendees the get an up-close view of the event. The images, many of which, were taken from the driver's seat of his tug-rig afforded us a seldom glanced perspective. The color and pageantry of the event is captured vividly in the gleaming propeller blades and sleek fuselages of race participants.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 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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