

# The Flying Wire



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## Chapter 124 Experimental Aircraft Association

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**Board Meeting - 5:30 pm**

**Dinner - 6:30 pm \$7**

**General Meeting - 7:00 pm**

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## September 3, 2022 Program

**Brian Seeley:** Brian will bring us up to date about recent developments regarding ultra quiet aircraft.

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**Dinner Menu:** September dinner is ... yes again! Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Along with Baked Beans and Super Salad. The special Dessert is Fiddle Faddle. \$7 please

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### Its a Wrap

By Stuart Deal

While I keep meeting people who have done this before, it is a new experience for me. For the stuff, there are several options: put it on a truck, ship it, sell it, give it away or trash it. For the people it is lay them off, get them to move, or get them to keep working, but from home.

Some did move so they were spared the frustration of training their replacement, but most did not, and walked out the door with years of experience. Most of the experience was not shared because time and other limitations work against it. You are lucky to convey the “must haves” unless you create documents on everything. My experience is that actually reading all the documents still leaves out the evolution of a development process.

Yes, a business that builds aircraft parts is moving far away and you may see the future tenant when you visit the airport office, though I best not put specifics in black and white. It turns out that I am one of the people who, temporarily, is helping from home.

The thing that is brought home to me by this process of watching a building empty out is that while there may be some interesting products and projects and hardware, a company is the people who work there. Almost all of them are more interesting than the work you share with them.



I had to take a picture  
of the shrink wrap machine in shrink wrap.

Those of us staying in Santa Rosa have mostly adjusted to the way things are going to be. No local printers, no face to face conversations, only remote IT support, I have to admit most of the change is good for me. A less rigid schedule, time to work on other things, more time at home are the good part of the change.

As far as timing is concerned, this is probably a good time for most of us to make a change. For me, it is time to do creative projects to help myself instead of for people who have already moved on. While sometimes it seemed like being a computer generalist might be a liability, it is once again people having faith in me to do something I have not done before that enables me to be of service.

In any case, since I am moving to part-time, I hope this allows more time for flying and writing since that is something I have been missing.



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## News / Notes From the Editor:

### Dealing with the unfamiliar

With any luck you are enjoying your summer (almost fall) and you have lots of stories about building or flying that you feel like sharing. If that is the case, this is the perfect forum for you to be published. No need to be shy because we are on your side. A few pictures with faces toward the camera and getting the feeling across of why you do what you do and we can put it in print to help bring our chapter together.

Thanks in advance.

## Interesting Aviation Links

(Thanks Larry Rengstorf )

Youth Electrified [Click Here](#)

Flying Dog [Click Here](#)

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## EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes

### August 3, 2022

Meeting Convened 5:30 pm

Members in Attendance: Ben Barker (Vice President) presided, John Whitehouse

(Treasurer) David Franco (Secretary) Larry Rengstorf (Facilities) Brien Seely, Dan Steinhoff, John Fritsch, Dominic Cerniglio.

Zenith Airplane Build Update- The plane was inspected by Kevin Quirk our

chapter's metal plane expert. His recommendation was to the airframe evidences an extreme disregard for standard construction techniques, and should not be considered a starting point for a chapter build project. His recommendation was to liquidate the wing ribs and other accessories and return the profit to chapter coffers.

Motorhome Removal- No progress

Long Eze Sign Update- Update pending a report from Dan Steinhoff who was

absent. A suggestion was made to explore whether mounting the plane on the building might be an alternative to mounting it on a pole.

Bump System- No action or update.

Treasurer's Report- The previous month posted a positive cash flow.

Facilities Report- The paving of the common driveway was complete as promised.

Meeting Adjourned 5:57 pm

## July 6, 2022 (Board Minutes)

Members In Attendance- Dan Steinhoff (President) John Whitehouse (Treasurer)

David Franco (Secretary) Larry Rengstorf (Facilities) John Fritsch, Kevin Quirk,

Brien Seely, Tim Petersen, Dominic Cerniglio

Meeting Convened- 5:30

Old Business Agenda items:

- Zenith Project. A core group led by Dominic Cerniglio is taking the initiative to meet and appraise the project.

- Motorhome Removal. No progress

- Long Eze Project. The President will investigate with county official the possibility of mounting the airframe on pole for advertising purposes.

- 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.

- Bump System Motion. A motion was proposed that the board affirm that the intent of the Bump System was not to displace one member/tenant from one hangar to another; it was meant to supply hangar space to someone who does not yet have a place to hangar their plane. (Following a reading of the hangar and storage agreement for clarification.) The motion carried 4 In favor, 2 Nays, and 2 abstentions

Treasurer's Report- The coffers carried a slight negative this month. Most

hangar spaces are up to date.

Recognition of Sam Werback's Contribution- A motion was made granting her

honorary lifetime chapter membership along with a gift card \$200 recognizing

her tireless efforts. The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:30

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## EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2022

Meeting Convened 7:15 pm

The acting president Ben Barker called the meeting to order and welcomed

new and returning visitors. He conveyed, Dan Steinhoff's regrets that he did not make it back from Oshkosh in time for the meeting. He then extended a hearty thanks to Sam Werback and her helpers for preparing a delicious Tri-Tip dinner.

Treasurer's Report- John Whitehouse reported that chapter coffers are in a healthy state, and that the chapter had posted a modest gain during the previous month.

Pacific Coast Air Museum Retrospective- CJ Stephens shared the story about just how far the Air Museum has come. He remembered how the idea of creating a museum was born in his living room, among friends who dared to dream aloud. The museum in the intervening years has grown to include examples of Korean War aircraft all the way up to the modern age. He encouraged everyone to take full advantage of this local asset and to volunteer, so that it can only become better.

Facilities Report- Larry Rengstorf revealed in the news that the shared driveway paving job has been completed. He sarcastically remarked that the county jumped right on it- it only took 40 years!

Presentation Topic- Oshkosh 2022 Firsthand Reports

Paul Hollingsworth noted Gyro-copter aficionado shared many of his pictures that conveyed the electric enthusiasm of the event! He made a point to stand in line for the vintage helicopter tour, which gives riders an amazing overview of the expansive grounds. By all accounts the event's seminars, vendor pavilions and workshops are only improving year over year.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45



Meeting Convened 7:45

Andy Werback mentioned that Pacific Coast Air Museum would like some homebuilder stories for their publication. Forward all stories to Andy Werback at [andyw54\\_punt@earthlink.net](mailto:andyw54_punt@earthlink.net)

Young Eagles- Dominic Cerneglio made an appeal for increased chapter participation.

Presentation Topic- The Return Of Quincy Zlotnick

His rocketeering adventures led to an internship with Scaled Composites, which holds legendary significance for experimental aircraft builders. He went on to do an internship at Joby which is a VTOL capable tilt rotor concept. He presently completed his 2nd year of employment at Space-X.

access during in-flight travel. He finds himself now attached to the Starship project. Which will be the largest rocket ever built. His enthusiasm for aerospace and mastery of his chosen field was truly awe inspiring. His numerous successes instilled a sense of pride in those chapter members who were lucky enough to have played any part in firing Quincy's youthful ambitions.

Meeting adjourned- 8:30 pm



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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.

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