

# 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 (\$7)**

**General Meeting – 7:00 pm**

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## January 2, 2018 Program

### C J Stephens Missions and Adventures:

Early days of military and other flying with surprises, successes and other edge of your seat action.

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## Events Calendar

### Please send info about upcoming events!

Please send us information if it comes your way!

**First Day Fly-out:** January 1 morning fly out.

Coordinate with [Bob Gutteridge](#)

**Copperstate Fly-in:** [February 8,9 and 10.](#)

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

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## First Day Flyout

(from Bob Gutteridge email)

Greetings Flyers,

Here we are at the end of another year. As done in the past, I hope we can observe the beginning of a new year with a flight. No excuses this year, flying conditions are forecast to be CAVU!

Hoping that the tradition of a flight conducted on the first day of the new year will bring good flying for the remainder of the year, Geri and I will be heading out to the airport Tuesday morning at about 10:00.

This year we are planning to explore a bit rather than making the journey to Nancy's at Willow. Our tentative plan is to make the short hop up to Ukiah then wander towards town and stop in at the first

inviting place we find. If you wish to join us, company is welcome.

Here are some other suggested destinations if you do not wish to join us on our fools errand:

\*I have heard that the PAPA flyers are headed south to Half Moon Bay.\* \*Another rumor I picked up was that the folks home based in the northern central valley will be headed to Nancy's on the early shift in the hopes of missing the noon rush.\* \*However, if Nancy's seem crowded, there is always the Big Bear Diner just a short walk across the freeway from the Willows airport.\*

Hope to see you at the airport Tuesday morning. Come a bit early and form up with others and pick a destination. Don't forget to tune in on the chat channel, 122.750 and share your adventure with us. please share with anyone I may have missed.

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## Family Month

(by Stuart Deal)

Yes, the rain and wind are not great for flying and with all the holiday parties and family visits, the airline pilots are doing most of the flying in December. While my Tri-Pacer continues to stoically wait in my garage with zero progress, I now have reason to drive to the airport almost every day.

Way back in June I saw an ad that my previous employer, Icore International/Zodiac Aerospace one block from the airport office, was looking for a Software Engineer, a position that I filled for them back in 2009 when a key defense customer slipped away because of the CEO misinterpreting a joke by the salesman on the account.

The salesman was fired, the account was lost and as budgets went south, I was left to fend for myself working for Bell Helicopter and Cessna Aircraft because of the knowledge gained at Icore.

I sent an email to my previous exceptionally likable boss from Icore saying that I would like to return to Icore to help in any way I could. This was June 2018 and I did not want to play the "known quantity" card too hard or be a pest, so I left it there. Much to my

surprise, in mid November, I got an email from Bill, my previous boss, suggesting that sending a resume would be the next step. I was delighted to comply and still had no idea what might come of it.

An interview date of November 27 was finally set because I was late in picking up Bill's interview request and it was just like I had never left. The interview question that stuck with me was "What will you do if we disagree what approach to take?". Apparently, my answer was acceptable because they offered me the job starting December 17. While there are more convenient times to start a job, there are few times that have so many paid holidays in one stretch. I have not found out who decided to make my return to Icore include the maximum holiday benefit, but clearly, I owe them.

Two days of videos and filling out forms later, I started back at my old job with lots of friendly and familiar faces. Because Icore is a quick walk from the Sky Lounge, I could get lunch there the day my son Blake, his wife Rachel and their tiny daughter Jenny arrived during his holiday break (from the Army as you may recall). While I was working that week, and not around much for preparations, we had a late celebration of Jennifer's first birthday on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I had done an all day carpet shampooing adventure the weekend before and with massive food preparation and party decoration on Friday and loads of relatives coming to town, nerves were slightly on edge but it all came off without a hitch Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, when my wife Helen and I welcomed a large-ish gathering to our house to celebrate Jenny's first year.

A birthday journal for Jenny was started and it had notes and some of the younger guests drew pictures in it. Here is what I wrote in it:

"Hi Jennifer,

This is your Grandpa Stuart writing to you on the occasion of your first birthday/family reunion on December 22, 2018. You were happy most of the day with a few exceptions, and you

seemed to smile after we were done taking pictures. Now that you are reading there are a huge number of worthwhile books that may benefit you and affect your life in a good way. My recommendation is would be to get really good at something that fascinates you and be one of the few people in the world that understands it as well as you do.

You are special and wonderful in so many ways and are loved much more than you might guess. If your seek strength, you will find it and confidence is bound to follow. I look forward to seeing how things go for you after the auspicious start you have made.

Much Love,

Grandpa Stuart"



Blake and Jennifer

While writing this, I was thinking that if this was my one shot to communicate to my granddaughter, who lives in Colorado, I would want to get in something useful. You never know, and the presence of young children brings the future very close to home.

So what other things stood out this month? Well, finally buying a 3D printer brings me that much closer to being the complete maker geek that I have often imagined I would become. Perhaps I can put it to use in the home aircraft factory that I envision or just making wacky stuff for the heck of it.

While this year has been rough for lots of people, and I have had some reality checks I would rather not have had, I have to be grateful for the rather tumultuous December that has come my way. As I sit back and reflect on the year, it looks like we saved the best for the last month.

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## **PCAM Volunteers at work:**

(from Larry Rengstorf)

This is one of the containers we moved yesterday – in the rain. We had to get them out of the old area into where we moved the planes, near the Butler building. Seeing we are not leasing that land now – the county wanted them off that lease area.

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Larry in the middle of things

## Fly Mart

Please send changes to [ea124newsletter@sonic.net](mailto:ea124newsletter@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 Andy 707-823-5616.

### 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

Happy New Year everybody. Thank goodness fire season is over. My advice, stucco siding and a flame proof roof with sprinklers on it. Keep ignitable items away from the house. Here is the [CalFire Home Hardening Web Site](#).

Remember dues are due. Still \$35 at this writing. See John Whitehouse to pay on or before March to be in the Chapter 124 2019 Roster.

### Interesting Aviation Links

(thanks to David Heal)

The Lafayette Escadrille –[Click Here](#)



## **EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes**

### **December 5, 2018**

Called to order by President Andy Werback at 5:30 PM. In attendance: Marlon Young, Ben Barker, John Whitehouse, Larry Rengstorf, Steve Barnes, Terry Freitas, Dan Steinhoff. Also attending: Mike Fenn, Bob Gutteridge, Dave Franco.

Andy requested directors to provide entries for the Chapter 2019 calendar, particularly the Young Eagles and Open House dates.

Andy reported that the PCAM Directors discussed and favor the idea of lending a display aircraft to EAA124. Larry Rengstorf moved (Dan Steinhoff seconded) that EAA124 request the Lockheed JetStar. Motion approved unanimously. Andy noted that the airport has to approve signs. Ben volunteered to bring samples of possible designs to the next meeting.

Marlon remarked that the split format of the members meeting tends to extend the meeting and cause a loss of audience for invited speakers. He invited discussion of better alternatives to be tried during his term as President.

Andy noted that the Chapter is without a Secretary for 2019. He volunteered to fill in until a regular replacement is found.

Larry Rengstorf observed that meetings often do not follow best procedures and recommended the Chapter provide a summary of Roberts' Rules of Order to the officers. Ben Barker, seconded by John Whitehouse, moved that the Chapter purchase copies of the Roberts' Rules laminated card shown by Larry for each incoming officer and director to be included in the Officer's Manual.

John Whitehouse's Treasurer's Report noted that last month was a break-even time, but cash is depleted by payment of a large insurance premium that will appear in December business.

Larry reported that the site is in good condition.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ben Barker, Secretary

## **EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes**

### **December 5, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Werback at 7:15 PM outside the hangar. Andy conveyed the chapter's thanks to the cooks and helpers for dinner, to Stuart Deal for the newsletter and to John Palmerlee for the website. He then welcomed visitors and new members.

The minutes of the November 2018 Board and Members meetings were approved as published in the newsletter.

John Whitehouse stated that the Chapter broke even in November, but the bank account is depleted by payment of a large insurance premium that will appear in December business.

Larry reported the site and facilities are in good order.

The evening's speaker was Gerald Finton, whose presentation was titled "INTO THE JAWS OF THE DRAGON! Ho Chi Minh's Back Yard." Jerry described his path from ROTC to the USAF and F-4 Phantom pilot. He flew missions from Thailand in a unit commanded by Robin Olds, and described for us a daring raid that was recounted in a famous painting. Jerry was too modest to mention that he was awarded the DFC for that action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ben Barker, 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.

Please email articles to: eaa124newsletter@sonic.net

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