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# The Flying Wire

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**Virtual Board Meeting - 5:30 pm**

**Virtual General Meeting - 7:00 pm**

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## March 3, 2021 Virtual Program

### Joel Leveille, the USAF and The Dragon Lady

Joel Leveille grew up on the east coast under the base to final turn for Brunswick NAS. As a young boy he was afraid of the objects flying over their house until his father told him there were people in those objects that were flying over them. From then at age 5, he was hooked. His family supported his interest by taking him to airshows and making sure he had plenty of aviation magazines and videos to feed the interest. At age 15 he started flying lessons agreeing to get a job to help pay for the cost. His path into the Air Force was by way of the ROTC and Embry-Riddle, Dayton Beach where he earned a pilot slot in the USAF and was then stationed at Moody AFB flying the Texan T-6 II. His carrier was off to a flying start.

Joel will speak on his Air Force career, flying air force missions, and flying the Dragon Lady - the Lockheed U2.

The meeting will start at 7:00, and we expect to start Joel's presentation around 7:15 pm.

### EAA Chapter 124 Feb. 3 2021 Board Meeting (Virtual) Minutes

Meeting convened: 6:00 pm

Member in attendance: Marlon Young (President) Ben Barker (Vice President) John Whitehouse (Treasurer) David Franco (Secretary) Dan Steinhoff, Dominic Cerniglio, Larry Rengstorf, Brien Seely, Bob Gutteridge.

Prior meeting minutes not approved due to a breakdown in publishing.

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from Chapter 124. The LLC will be set up so rights to ownership shares can be earned as "sweat equity" and by monetary or in-kind contributions. Once the airplane is completed, additional members will be able to buy-in at a yet to be determined dollar value. Should the plane ever be sold, any net profit in the LLC will go to the chapter.

Motorhome: No progress towards removal.

Young Eagles: There is an effort underway to potentially hold an event in August.

Treasurer's Report: Chapter coffers are relatively steady and are momentarily in the black.

Membership Extension: In the interest of all new and renewing members being included in the roster, membership fees will be accepted up until publication date.

Long Ez: Original money's allocated to the completion of the promotional non-flying plane have been returned to the chapter's general fund.

Online Payment Options: The treasurer is still investigating the least expensive option for processing electronically submitted payments.

EAA-Furnished Website Templated Site: Board Members with an interest in updating our Internet presence are investigating the functionality of the EAA offered product.

Facilities: No issues to report, other than scheduled pothole repairs on the driveway.

Derelict Cherokee: The facilities custodian has managed to extract cash settlement from the lease signatory, bringing the Piper Cherokee current.

CAFE Hangar: A meeting of interested parties, led by the chapter President, is formulating a plan which would better use the hangar space.

Presentation Schedule 2021:

January	Dan Steinhoff/Ben Barker (B-17crash) Pt 1
February	Dan Steinhoff/Ben Barker (B17crash) Pt 2
March	Marlon Young (Joel Leveille)

April	David Franco (Henry Crigler)
May	Bob Gutteridge
June	Dominic Cerniglio
July	Mike Fenn
August	Oshkosh Attendees Share Experiences
September	Josh Hochberg
October	Larry Rengstorf (Reno Race Report)
November	Brien Seeley
December	John Whitehouse

Newsletter: Efforts will be made by the President to ascertain the present editor's commitment to continuing in that role.

In Person Meeting Motion: Motion to tentatively schedule the resumption of in-person gatherings in May, 2021 was made and carried by acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned: 7 pm

## **EAA Chapter 124 Feb. 3, 2021 General Meeting (Virtual) Minutes**

Meeting Convened- 7:00 pm

In Person Meetings: The president announced our stated aim of resuming in-person meetings beginning in May, 2021.

Membership Renewals: A reminder was also announced to the group.

Zenith Project: There are two members interested in taking on the project under the terms outlined by the club president, Marlon Young. The plane is to be owned by a yet-to-be-established flying club corporation (LLC) separate from Chapter 124. The LLC will be set up so rights to ownership shares can be earned as "sweat equity" and by monetary or in-kind contributions. Once the airplane is completed, additional members will be able to buy-in at a yet to be determined dollar value. Should the plane ever be sold, any net profit in the LLC will go to the chapter.

Art Hayssen promoted a Wings Webinar for Feb. 17, 7pm

Marlon Young shared his flying adventures moving and settling his son into a new Southern California apartment and job.

Kevin Quark reported on the successful completion of the recent vinyl wrap job done on his Sonex.

Main Presentation: (Part 2) Collings Foundation B-17 Crash of 909

New details emerged which implicate some basic human psychological tendencies as the proximate cause of the accident. The phenomenon of *Expectation Bias* led the pilot in command to believe he knew, without investigation, which engine was failing. In doing so, he inadvertently shut down the wrong engine. The engine suffering detonation was No. 3 and not the No.4 motor. Given that the flight crew had ongoing performance problems with No. 4 the concept of *Normalization of Deviance* also played a factor. The persistent deviant performance of No. 4 had become so normal, the pilot in command devised a work-around that involved blowing nitrogen gas into magneto to purge moisture. This procedure is unknown to anyone in aircraft maintenance circles.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15

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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!

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