Experimental Aircraft Association

Lincoln CA Chapter 1541

**Meeting Minutes**

General Membership meeting date: 11/20/12

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

President, Ken Schwartz, explained that this is the second membership meeting of the new EAA Chapter 1541 and how the idea came about for a Lincoln chapter. He detailed how the chapter has been forming and growing over the last two months. The by-laws have been approved by the chapter and have been sent to the EAA national office for approval. Articles of Incorporation have been completed and have been filed, we are working on filing the forms to become a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation and are continuing work on setting up a website, figuring out the direction for the chapter, forming committees, and looking for ways to raise funds for the chapter. Ken introduced the officers and board members.

Meeting dates and times: Our Board of Director meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm for dinner and meeting at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend, but these will be strictly business meetings, not social gatherings. Membership meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. The location is not set in concrete yet but it will be at Lincoln Airport. Zack Rockwell graciously donated the use of his hangar for tonight’s meeting. Next month’s meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19th, 2012 at 7:00pm at the same location – 1420 Flightline Dr (old Atkin Air hangar).

The minutes for the last membership meeting were distributed and Jay Holland made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

Our membership continues to grow; we currently have 28 members. There are 483 national EAA members within a 20 mile radius and over 300 EAA members within a 15 mile radius, 53 of those in Lincoln. Most do not belong to a local chapter so we are hoping to interest them in attending by sending out postcards inviting them to the next membership meeting. We are sending out 50 postcards a month. Ken asked for a show of hands to see how many in the audience received a postcard for this meeting. Four people raised their hand. So we know that the postcards are helping to get the word out. Please remember to let your friends and fellow aviators know about our new chapter.

Dues: Chapter dues are $15 per year for an individual and $25 per year for a family. Membership dues are due in December of each year, effective January first. If you join now your membership will continue until January 2014, giving you 13 months of membership. It is a requirement of EAA national, and our by-laws, that you also must be a member of EAA National. If you join EAA national online you will get your EAA number instantly. We will have EAA National membership forms at each meeting also. If you have joined the chapter, but didn’t know your EAA National membership number when filling out the application you can email it to us at LINCOLNEAA@HOTMAIL.COM .

Refreshments: Coffee, water and cookies are provided on the back table.

Presentation: was given by Jack Parks on his electric-powered homebuilt ultralight.

Ken Schwartz reviewed the similarities and differences in the iPhone, iPad, iPad mini, and the Garmin GPS. He showed each and compared the size and capabilities and costs. If you want to use the iPad or iPad mini in the cockpit it is a good idea to buy the cellular or LTE version, it is a little more money but then you have the capability of instant in-cockpit weather and a built in GPS. The 32gb iPad mini with cellular runs about $459 where as the Garmin GPS runs around $2500. Operating costs of the iPad and iPad mini are much less also. The Garmin costs about $500 per year to update the database. The iPads, using the WingX aviation program costs $99 per year for all your charts for the entire country, A/FD, approach plates, frequencies, airspace, TFRs, flight planning and filing, flight logs, online access to track your BFRs and night currency. If you opt for the additional 3D vision you can enter a flight plan and flight the entire flight in 3D on the web. It will appear on the scene just the same as if you were seeing out the windscreen. With WingX you can also plan a flight and enter waypoints and stops and then share it with your friends so that the whole group has all the same info.

Name tags: Dick Rupe will be the contact person for chapter name tags. The cost will be approximately $5 with a pin on the back, or $6 with a magnetic back. Fill out the information that you want engraved on the name tag and give it to Dick.

Email address: Our current email address is LINCOLNEAA@HOTMAIL.COM . This may change in the future, but for now you can correspond with us through this address.

Logo: we would like to select a chapter logo, several examples were passed around, bring any additional samples of logos that you create, or have your kids create one and bring it to the next meeting. The membership will vote on their favorite.

Questionnaire: along with your membership application there is a questionnaire form. Complete the first page and turn it in with the appropriate dues. Complete the second portion and please turn it in at the next meeting. It will help us understand what you want from this Chapter and how you want to get involved.

Corl Leach from the Lincoln Regional Airport Association (LRAA) welcomed EAA Chapter 1541 to Lincoln airport. He explained that the LRAA works more on the political side of aviation and airport operations by actively participating in City meetings and working with the City of Lincoln to improve airport operations. LRAA also hosts the airport display days on the third Saturday of each month and worked with the City of Lincoln to get us reduced fuel prices on those weekends. LRAA is planning to include a Wings seminar each month on the third Saturday as well. They are also planning an airport day in September 2013. Membership in the LRAA is only $20 per year – you can join online at [WWW.LRAA.AERO](http://WWW.LRAA.AERO) using PayPal or you can find an application in the pilots lounge and a drop box there also.

Raffle: Several items were donated for a raffle to help raise money. Jay Holland did a great job selling raffle tickets and the chapter raised $111.00!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

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