



EAA Chapter 1541 Newsletter April 2016



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Wings & Words

Editors Corner

Well, Spring finally seems to be here and all seems to be going well. We're in our new hangar – and actually had our first (March) General Membership meeting there. The BBQ was being to good use again and the 30 +/- attendees were well fed.



64 of the 104 members on our roster have paid their dues for 2016. Time to re-up, folks, and you can pay any one of three ways: at a General Membership meeting, by check to our P.O. Box, or via PayPal through our website. We have 14 Gold Members (EAA'ers paying an extra \$300 to help with the hangar expenses) and five more have pledged to join this august group. Thanks, guys!



Richard Bristow had us walk down to his hangar for a presentation on his “side-job” of securing air samples for environmental assessment for NOAA in the Mighty Beech. Richard’s flights have taken him south the LA basin and north to the upper coast of California, and from FL250 down to 200 feet. Not for the weak of heart, or kidneys, as the flights can last 4+ hours. And talk about equipment! The monitoring gear strapped in the rear compartment costs north of \$25,000.



Richard says that he has, and can, take a passenger along for the ride, as long as he/she understands the “ground rules”. This is important work that affects all of us, so a big Thank You, Richard.

The chapter held a special seminar Tuesday April 12th at the EAA hangar on “Who is the NTSB and what do they Do”. Allison’s talk about accidents: what happened and what we can learn from them was extremely informative. Allison is a past recipient of Auburn’s AAA club’s pilot scholarship program, and after college she ended up in the NTSB as an accident investigator. It’s nice to see the impact we aviators can have on someone’s life and career.

We’re back on our regular schedule for the monthly General Membership meeting...Wednesday April 20th...6:00pm for the BBQ, then the meeting.

Bruce E’s Poker Run is May 14th. See information later in this Newsletter.

The Lincoln AirFest 2016 is now two months away and the planning continues. It’s a great opportunity to showcase the Airport, the city of Lincoln, and flying. This will be a very complex undertaking and will take many volunteers. The AirFest Coordinating Committee is looking for volunteers from the EAA and the LRAA, primarily to help in crowd control on the tarmac and flight areas. There will be 70 +/- aircraft in the display area, plus all the aircraft flying in for the event. Lots of activity! Contact Jim Hughes (jim.hughes1@att.net) to get involved.



President's Corner

Great weather has arrived and with the longer Spring days many of us will be looking forward to more flying, and spending time with friends at the airport. Our new EAA hangar will be a great place to meet up and share some time with fellow EAA members. Our meeting place is the result of many dedicated people coming together with both money and effort to create a wonderful Event Center for our group. Special thanks to our Gold members, board members, and officers, and especially the volunteers for their contributions of time, money, and sweat.

On the subject of our Hangar; we have a new hangar boss. Dick Rupe will be the new Hangar Boss to help coordinate Hangar improvement projects, replacing Ken Schwartz. Ken will be sharing his time between Reno and Lincoln as he has purchased a home in Reno and will be maintaining two homes. Ken will continue to be involved as Vice president but his availability to coordinate Hangar projects will be limited. Dick has stepped up to help (as he often does) to fill the need to have a person available to coordinate improvement projects for the Hangar. Please contact Dick and volunteer some time to help out. We have lots of ideas, and what better way to meet up with old and new friends?

Wednesday April 20th our General Membership meeting will feature Dick Rupe and Ken Schwartz's RV6 build. The plane will be on display in front of the EAA hangar. This will really be special because the plane will be covers-off for inspection of mechanical electrical and avionic installations. The plane is at the 90% done with 90% to go stage, so it's a perfect time for a Q&A. I have seen the great work both Ken and Dick have put into their project and believe that this will be an excellent time to learn from a couple of outstanding builders. As usual the meeting will feature Bar-B-Que burgers etc.

I'll see you there!

Happy landings,

Ron Wright
President



1541 Event Calendar – 2016

Upcoming Major Club Events:

- April 20, EAA General Membership meeting; our hangar; 6pm
Vans RV build presentation
- May 4, EAA Board Meeting, Pizza Roundup; 6pm
- May 14, EAA 1541 Poker Run, originating from KLHM
- June 11, Lincoln Regional Airport AirFest 2016



Ongoing (non-Lincoln) Events (note – this section will be building as we go forward; if you know of an event that should be added, please advise).

- 4th Saturday of each month – Rancho Murietta Airport (KRIU) Chapter 1476 Historic Aircraft and \$5 Lunch, 9:00am – 1pm, and 11:00am – 1:00pm respectively
- May 27-30; EAA B-17 appearance at Mather Airport; sponsored by EAA Chapter 512. This is the only NorCal stop this year.

Club Executive Roster

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Members Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight is on Tony Kasabasich, but call him "Tony K" because nobody can pronounce Tony's last name. Tony can generally be seen flying low around Lincoln Airport on his electric scooter or working on vehicle suspension parts in his hangar. Many of EAA 1541's meetings have been held at Tony's hangar, courtesy of Tony. (Thanks Tony).



If you go by Tony's hangar on a nice day, you might see Tony on his phone, taking care of business, while soaking up some sun, with an aircraft radio tuned to the local CTAF for Lincoln playing in the background. All the while viewing the traffic in and out of Lincoln.

Tony became interested in flying when he was 16. Tony was attracted to a girl, whose father was the airport manager of the Auburn Airport. The romance between Tony and the girl soon faded, to be replaced by a romance with flying.

Tony has been flying for 30 years, and has logged 1500 legal hours and 1500 non-legal hours. Ask Tony to tell you the story about the non-legal hours. Tony holds a SEL rating, almost has a glider rating, and has a tailwheel and complex endorsement. Tony has owned 4 airplanes, and loved them all for various reasons. Today, Tony owns a Grumman Yankee (originally designed by the famous Jim Bede) and a Just Aircraft Summit, which is affectionately named "Dusty". Dusty is a low and slow airplane, and modified with Tony's landing gear suspension mods and large tires so Tony can take Dusty to places that you wouldn't take a mountain bike to.

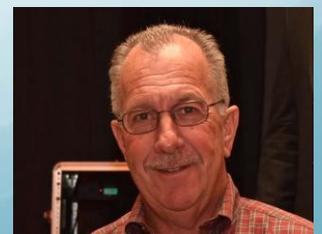
Fresh out of high school, Tony built a successful business building suspension parts for off road racers and rock climber vehicles. Many of Tony's suspension parts have been in the Baja 1000 off road race.

About 4 years ago, TK1 Racing (the name of Tony's business) expanded into the aircraft business, and started building aircraft suspension parts. These suspension pieces allow an aircraft to land and take off in extremely short, rough, areas. This part of Tony's business got legitimized a couple of years ago with Tony's first order from Just Aircraft, a production aircraft builder. Recently, the aircraft side of Tony's business has exploded.

Tony estimates that he has sold about 600 suspension systems to companies such as Kitfox, Just Aircraft, Back Country Super Cub, Cubcrafters and other aircraft manufacturers. Tony has also sold suspension systems to Zlin Aircraft, an Italian aircraft manufacturer so Tony can now claim that he is an international company. Tony is extremely excited about the future of the aircraft side of his business.

Tony is an active member of EAA 1541 and has served on the Board of Directors for a few years. Tony is an enthusiastic pilot or passenger. If you want a safety pilot so you can shoot some IFR approaches, call Tony. If you want a lunch companion for a flight, call Tony. If you need a ride somewhere that Tony can fly to, call Tony. I think you get the idea. Tony loves to fly.

Bruce Estes





EAA Chapter 1541 presents the 2016



Poker Run

Saturday May 14th

Lincoln Airport (KLHM), Hangar #27 (green hangars, north of the transient parking)

Registration opens at 08:00

First airplane takeoff at 09:00

Awards and Raffle at 13:00

Route: KLHM – KMYV – KRIU – O61 – KAUN – KLHM

Pick up a playing card in a sealed envelope at each airport.

The pot is 30% of the total entry fees, and is split between the high and low hands.

**Limited to 52 entries, \$30 entry fee includes a BBQ lunch and 1 raffle ticket.
(Additional lunch tickets \$10, additional raffle tickets \$1)**

Download a pre-registration form at <http://eaa1541.org> (under “Documents”) or register on the day of the event at Lincoln Airport.

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