



Runway 15



The Monthly Newsletter for EAA Chapter 1541, Lincoln, California

May 2018

Briefing Strip

- Our first Young Eagles Rally in several years is happening on Saturday, May 12. We have a full slate of Young Eagles to fly: 75 have signed up online and that is our maximum number. We have ten committed pilots and planes to fly, though several may have other duties that day. It should be a good day for flying and we are looking forward to introducing some kids to flying. Event starts at 8 am with a BBQ lunch offered at 10:30 am. Many chapter volunteers are pitching in to make it a success.
- Chapter 1541 is going to hold a concurrent pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of each month with the LRAA Aircraft Display Day. The first one is coming up on Saturday, May 19. Volunteers are needed for the event to be held at the Gazebo area on the airport.
- Hangar improvements are ongoing in the chapter hangar. A large modular storage rack and utility area is now up and running at the back of the hangar. More stuff is on the way for our chapter home. Many volunteers have pitched in to paint and assemble and move, and more are always welcomed.
- Look for more information soon on our chapter's Learning and Development Program being put together under the leadership of board member Erika Wallin. We've taken some input from chapter members and are working to implement some new ideas in the next month.

Calendar

- Saturday, May 12:** Chapter 1541 Young Eagles Rally, 8 am to 1 pm with BBQ lunch from 10:30 am (details inside)
- Wednesday, May 16:** Chapter 1541 Member Meeting, EAA Hangar, 6 pm to 8:30 pm. (details inside)
- Saturday, May 19:** EAA Chapter 1541 Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Lincoln Airport Aircraft Display Day; breakfast 8 am to 10 am, display day until 12 pm. (details inside)
- Saturday, June 2:** "Pancakes and a Movie:" EAA hangar 8 am to 10 am.
- Saturday, June 9:** "BBQ Lunch and a Program," EAA Hangar 11 am to 1 pm.
- Wednesday, June 13:** Chapter Board of Directors Meeting, House of Pizza on Nicholas Road, 6 pm eats, 6:30 meets (pushed back one week from normal schedule)
- Saturday, June 16:** EAA Chapter 1541 Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Lincoln Airport Aircraft Display Day.
- Wednesday, June 20:** Chapter 1541 Member Meeting, EAA Hangar, 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

In addition to the events listed above, there are pancake breakfasts, fly-ins and other aviation activities scheduled for almost every weekend throughout the area. Check the chapter website calendar for the most current information: <http://eaal541.org/events/>

For the most up-to-date information, go to the chapter website

<http://eaal541.org>

Newsletter Contributions

Please help by contributing stories and photos that might be of interest to other chapter members. Perhaps where you flew, what you are building, or what you know about something. A few short paragraphs and a photo or two of your project or travels would be a great contribution. I'll take care of the rest. Please email me (Scott Thompson) at sthompson@aerovintage.com or call me at 916-716-3442.

Help Still Wanted Bannermaster

So, the chapter has some new informational banners that we place about the airport to announce our delicious pancake breakfasts, our scrumptious BBQ lunches, and our enviable dinner member meetings. These banners need to go up a few days before the events and come down after the event is over. If you have always wanted to carry a bunch of banners around in the trunk of your car and help promote our chapter's events, this job is for you. It is ideal for someone who hangs around the airport a lot, but it turns out that is pretty much all the people in the chapter. But if you hang around the airport during weekdays and have some trunk space available, and if it sounds like something you might want to do, then please drop me an email: sthompson@aerovintage.com.



Chapter Information

Meetings:

Usually the third Wednesday of each month held at KLHM Hangar S-12. Details available at the website.

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Membership:

Open to all. Chapter dues: \$20 per year for individuals; \$30 for families; \$300 for gold membership.

President's Corner



*by Scott Thompson
Chapter President*

As we start to transition into summer, I want to summarize four areas into which our chapter has invested time and resources.

The first are the upgrades we are doing to our chapter hangar. Anyone who was in our chapter home in April saw some big changes. The hangar floor has been sealed and painted after most of the water leaks were, hopefully, eliminated. And then, we have purchased and installed modular shelving for both storage and utilization. Getting the hangar a bit more organized and excessing off unneeded material will aid in making our gatherings and events that much better. The work in this first phase is not quite done but it is close. Next up will be some reworking of our audio-visual equipment and adding some other touches to make our chapter home that much better. The hangar work has been organized and directed by board member Rubin Wallin with a bunch of volunteer help behind him.

The second item is the Young Eagles Rally we are holding on May 12. The chapter has participated in Rallies in years past, but this is an effort to make it a priority in our chapter planning. We are using an EAA-provided program called Flight Squid to do online sign ups for both Young Eagles and pilots. It seems to be working pretty well and I think it will keep the Rally somewhat organized by having just fifteen Young Eagles per hour participating. Over five hours, we expect to fly 75 young people and introduce them to aviation. More Rallies are in the future.

Much behind the scenes effort and planning have gone into the Rally, and many chapter volunteers have stepped up to help out. The event would not be possible if the pilots

and ground volunteers were not stepping up. Our chapter Young Eagles Coordinator is Cheryl Andrade who is a newcomer to the chapter but has organized much of the planning that went into this first Rally.

The third area is an initiative to provide a pancake breakfast to go along with the LRAA Aircraft Display Day that is held the third Saturday of each month at the airport. Our intent is make the pancake breakfast available in an effort to widen the appeal of the Display Day outside the airport and into the community. We also hope to attract some attendees from other area airports to the Display Day. Our chapter leadership is of the mind that anything that raises awareness of the airport's benefit is good for the Lincoln Airport and the LRAA and our EAA Chapter 1541 as well. Also, all proceeds from the Display Day pancake breakfasts will be dedicated solely to our chapter scholarship fund.

To make this pancake breakfast happen and to also support the other meals we cook at events, chapter Vice President Tom Lieb is organizing a cooking team to spread the workload out a bit but still cover all the scheduled cooking. It's not an easy task because it also required keeping a food inventory and purchasing supplies as needed. Costco is involved.

Finally, the fourth area is one that is still a bit in the background but we are actively working it. It is the Learning and Development Program. This initiative is being led by board member Erika Wallin. Our intent is to develop over the longer term a program of scholarships and mentorships to involve new people in aviation. We also plan to develop learning opportunities for chapter members and visitors on various aspects of aviation from riveting to electrical troubleshooting. The Learning and Development Program will be the umbrella that covers these different but related efforts.

We are seeing some growth in our chapter numbers and see our membership up over a hundred again. I can only thank the many who are there every week pitching in to make things happen, and offer an open invitation to anyone chapter member who wants to join the effort. We need you and you might have some fun.

Wednesday, May 16, 6pm - 9pm Monthly Member Meeting

Come out for our chapter's regular monthly member meeting at the EAA hangar on Wednesday night, May 16. We will offer a BBQ dinner beginning at 6 pm so you don't have to cook that night. Meeting will start at about 6:45 pm or so with some short business items to cover. We have several items on the agenda including an update on the Learning and Development program that the chapter board of directors is pushing forward. We will also have a presentation by chapter member Paul "Dubs" Darbo on what was involved in buying an old Mooney and rejoining the ranks as an aviator.



Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, May 12

Our chapter will hold a Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, May 12. It is the first Rally we have had in several years. We are happy to say that all available slots, totalling 75 kids, have been filled. We have at least ten pilots who have committed their time and planes to the event, and a dozen or more ground volunteers to make the event happen.

We have planned the Rally such that fifteen Young Eagles are scheduled to fly each hour between 08:00 am and 12:00 pm. We are also going to have a BBQ Lunch available for \$6 beginning at 10:30 am.

The Rally is being held in the Gazebo area near the fueling area of the airport. Check-in for the Young Eagles will be held at the NorCal Flight Center conference room, generously donated by Chris Braun for the chapter's use during the Rally.

For anyone not familiar with the Young Eagles program, it is a national EAA initiative that has flown over 2 million young people since its inception in 1992. Young Eagles provides a way to introduce young people to aviation.

Our chapter intends this to be the first of many such Young Eagle Rallies.

April 28 Open House and Program with Beth Stanton



Our chapter was fortunate to have aerobatic pilot and aviation writer Beth Stanton provide a well-received presentation at our Saturday, April 28, Open House at the hangar. Beth spoke on her topic "Cleared for Takeoff: YOU Are the Pilot of Your Life." Beth flew in from Livermore with Dave Watson with this Super Decathlon. (Scott Thompson)

Beth spoke for a solid hour on how to push past those things that hold each of us back from reaching our goals, whether it is applied to flying an airplane or to other aspects of modern living. She was available before and after the program for questions and general discussions. (Scott Thompson)



Much of the hangar upgrade work was completed by the date of the Open House. More work to do, but the chapter home has some new modular shelving installed and the hangar floor is freshly sealed. (Scott Thompson)



Several chapter members brought out their airplanes for display during the Open House, and visitors from the community enjoyed seeing the airplanes up close. (Scott Thompson)



Air Power Advocate – Father of the U.S. Air Force

By Marty Maisel

The Billy Mitchell Story – Part 5

Mitchell's Prognostication

On December 7, 1941, at 7:48 Hawaii time, Imperial Japanese Navy carrier aircraft attacked United States military interests on the island of Oahu. Two groups of bombers and torpedo-carrying aircraft hit battleship row. Another group hit Ford Island and Wheeler Field and another attacked Hickam Field and other targets.

Several hours later, Japanese aircraft attacked Clark Field in the Philippines. Later, Japanese ground forces landed on Luzon and subsequently took Corregidor – just as Mitchell predicted 17 years earlier.

Posthumous Recognition

The North American B-25 was nicknamed the “Mitchell” bomber, after Billy Mitchell. The B-25 “Mitchell” is the only American military aircraft named after a person.



North American B-25 Mitchell. (USAF photo is in the public domain)

In 1946, Mitchell was posthumously awarded a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor “in recognition of his outstanding pioneer service and foresight in the field of American military aviation.”

The National Security Act of 1947 established the Department of Defense, unifying command of the Army, the Navy and the newly-created Air Force – as Mitchell suggested in 1919.

A major airport in Milwaukee (in his home state of Wisconsin) was named the General Mitchell International Airport.

The United States Air Force Academy dining hall was named for General Mitchell.

Mitchell Hall was named in his honor at the George Washington University in Washington D.C., his alma mater.



In 1999, General Mitchell's portrait was put on a US airmail postage stamp.

The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell movie was produced in 1955. The movie's portrayal of Mitchell's quest was fairly accurate.

In 1942 President Roosevelt posthumously elevated Mitchell to the rank of Major General on the Army Air Corps retired list (he was a Colonel at the time of his court martial). Congress reaffirmed the posthumous commission in 2003.

Due to his outstanding pioneering service and his foresight in the field of American military aviation, William Billy Mitchell is recognized as the Father of the U.S. Air Force.

At The Airport...



Will Gottenberg and his PT-22 are seen taxiing out early on the morning of April 28 on their way to the Beale AFB open house. Flying conditions are fortunately pretty good all year round in Northern California, but the “real nice” flying season is upon us, with numerous opportunities to get out and do some fun flying, even of the open cockpit variety. (Scott Thompson)



During the chapter Open House on April 28, chapter member Charlie Rogers (on right) mentioned during Beth Stanton’s program that he had always wanted to investigate unusual flying attitudes but had never followed through. No time like the present, it seems, because aerobatic coach Dave Watson (on left) offered Charlie a demo flight right then and there in the Super Decathlon that Beth and Dave had flown in from Livermore. From all reports Charlie enjoyed his flight that included a few loops and rolls. Charlie has an aerobatic-capable RV-8 so perhaps more in the future? (Scott Thompson)