



# Runway 15



*The Monthly Newsletter for EAA Chapter 1541, Lincoln, California*

**October 2018**

## *Briefing Strip*

- Sad news for our chapter as chapter member and LRAA President Rocky Green passed away on September 27 after a short battle with cancer. More on the back page.
- Last member meeting in our chapter hangar for awhile will be held on **Wednesday, October 17**. Details inside.
- November member meeting is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Holiday Party is set for **Wednesday, December 12**, at Cattlemens in Roseville. Tickets are available from any board member: \$40 per person for dinner, entertainment, and all the hangar flying you want. More details inside.
- Monthly evening member meetings (3rd Wednesday of the month) will be held at Cattlemens for the months of January, February, and March due to winter.
- Hangar improvements continue: audio-visual improvements with our screen mounted on the south wall and the projector now suspended from the ceiling. These two are big improvements with some finishing touches in the works to provide an easy-to-use and effective tool for our programs.
- Our chapter is preparing to sponsor two attendees to the 2019 EAA Air Academy held at Oshkosh in July 2019. Look for details inside.

## *Calendar*

- Wednesday, October 17** : Chapter 1541 Member Meeting, EAA Hangar, 6 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Saturday, October 20**: EAA Chapter 1541 Pancake Breakfast and the Lincoln Airport Aircraft Display Day.
- Saturday, November 3**: Pancakes and a Movie. 8:00 am until 10:00 am at the EAA Hangar.
- Wednesday, November 7**: Chapter board of directors meeting at House of Pizza, 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm.
- Saturday, November 10**: BBQ Lunch and a Program. Lunch begins at 11:00 am, program at 12:00 pm:
- Saturday, November 17**: LRAA Display Day, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (No chapter pancake breakfast..resumes in April)
- Wednesday, November 21**: No member meeting in November due to Thanksgiving holiday.
- Saturday, December 1**: Pancakes and a Movie. 8:00 am until 10:00 am.
- Wednesday, December 12**: Holiday Party at Cattlemens in Roseville. More information inside.

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](mailto:sthompson@aerovintage.com) or call me at 916-716-3442.



## *~~Help Still Wanted~~ Bannermaster*

Dick Rupe has volunteered to take on the weekly task of managing the chapter banners that we place around the airport to announce our various events. We appreciate the help and also thank Dick for his continued management of coffee production for our various functions. Both tasks demand a dependable and consistent effort, so we are grateful to Dick volunteering his time.

## *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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### *Mailing address:*

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### *Chapter Hangar:*

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### *Chapter Officers*

President:

Scott Thompson

Vice President:

Tom Lieb

Secretary/Treasurer:

Jim Hughes

### *Chapter Board of Directors:*

Cheryl Andrade

Darren Coomier

John House

Bruce Robinson

Randy Sharp

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### *Webmaster:*

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### *Newsletter:*

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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*

Lots of stuff going on these days and it seems a bit hard to keep up, at least for me. But it has been a productive few weeks for our chapter. We held a very successful Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, October 6, that saw seventy-two young people experience aviation up close and personal. Ten pilots and a bunch of chapter volunteer help and a Jr. ROTC group pitched in to make the day fun and safe. Our chapter's Young Eagle Coordinator, Cheryl Andrade, did a great job of organizing things and it showed. Thanks much to Cheryl and the team of volunteers that made it possible.

Also, as you wander into the chapter hangar these days you might see a few changes in the audio-visual department. Our big screen is now mounted on the south wall of the hangar along with two speakers. And, our AV projector is suspended from the ceiling. This works very well for both sound and picture quality. We can

thank Darren Coomier for leading the design and fabrication team that did this work.

Now the last piece of the audio-visual puzzle needs to be completed. Members and visitors may have noticed that every time we have a program we also usually have a crowd of perplexed individuals huddled around our audio-visual table scratching heads and silently cursing. I'm usually in the middle of that group as we try and figure out how to blend digital and analog electrons together with a confusing mixing board.

Well, those days may be coming to an end as we have now have actually read the mixing board instruction manual. Who knew? Yes, we now have a glimmer of understanding and with the addition of a yet one more black box and remote control, we may have our audio-visual problems sorted out. This could well save me a frustrating hour at every meeting. It's not that difficult but there seem to be a lot of buttons and none of them seem to do anything. But, we are on the verge of gaining control, something that is good for both airplanes and audio-visual.

Finally, exciting news on our scholarship front as you can see elsewhere in this newsletter. Our chapter is sponsoring two young people, yet to be selected, to the EAA Aviation Academy at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, next summer. This is the first fruit of our initiative to take advantage of the funds we have in our Richard and Susan Bristow Memorial Scholarship Program. It's a great start.



*The chapter arranged to have our new sign mounted at the airport entrance. It makes our presence at the Lincoln Airport known and provides a starting point for anyone interested to learn more about our group. The sign was the culmination of the effort by board member John House who was able to enlist the assistance of graphic artist Paul Joiner (also a Lincoln City Council member), and sign maker and chapter member Ray McNaught, both of whom donated their services to the chapter.*

# *Member Meeting*

## *Wednesday, October 17 at 6 pm.*

On Wednesday evening, October 17th, we will have our monthly member meeting with a BBQ dinner starting at 6 pm at our chapter hangar. Wear your name tag or get one at the door along with a door prize ticket.

At about 6:45 or so, Jennifer Hanson, Public Services Director for the City of Lincoln, will present some information to our chapter about what is going on at the Lincoln Airport and some of the things on the horizon that may bring some exciting changes. This will be your opportunity to ask questions about hangars, fuel farms, runway projects, new tenants, and whatever else has been bubbling up in the past months.

Later in the meeting we will have a few minutes of safety talk with John House, a trivia contest, and maybe a surprise or two. Tickets for the Holiday Party (more information nearby) will be available for purchase for \$40 each. And, we can take debit or credit cards if that helps.,

This will be the last monthly member meeting at the hangar for awhile. There will be no member meeting in November due to Thanksgiving. The December meeting will be the Holiday Party at Cattlemens on December 12, and then we will have our winter January, February and March meetings also at Cattlemens. So come out to the last BBQ dinner of the season and bring your family and friends.



## *Young Eagle Rally a Success*

Chapter 1541 held its second Young Eagle Rally of 2018 on Saturday, October 6. We had ten volunteer pilots fly seventy-two Young Eagles over a five hour period during the day, with a good number of volunteers from our chapter and a Rocklin Jr. ROTC unit pitching in to make the event a success. The weather was perfect for the morning, with a north wind kicking up a bit after noon, but overall the skies were clear and the kids were smiling.



Photos by Scott and Amy Whelan

*“My daughter LOVED her airplane ride and is so looking forward to a future ride!”*

—Robin Slattery, happy parent

# *Chapter 1541 2018 Holiday Party*

**\*\*\*Wednesday, December 12\*\*\***

## **Cattlemens**

*2000 Taylor Rd, Roseville*

**Party starts at 6:00 pm**

**Tickets: \$40 per person for dinner, fun, and entertainment**

No-host bar will be available in the dining room

**Tickets are now available from any board member**

**We will have a silent auction with a bunch of good stuff**

**Come prepared to have some fun**



***Jimmy Doolittle -  
Scholar, Aviator, Daredevil,  
Military Leader, American***

***By Marty Maisel***

***Part 5***

**Change of Plans – the Raid on Japan**

On the early morning of April 18, 1942, a full day ahead and more than 150 miles shy of the intended launch location, the combined task force came across a Japanese fishing boat. Intercepted radio signals from the Japanese boat confirmed that the American fleet was spotted and a decision was made to take off as soon as possible. Engine covers and tie-down ropes were removed, fuel tanks topped off and at 8:20 AM LTC Doolittle and his crew took off from the deck of the Hornet on his way to bomb Japan.

About six hours after take off, ten bombers targeted military and industrial sites in Tokyo. The others struck Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya, Yokosuka and Kobe. While the attack did not do significant damage, it yielded two major psychological impacts:

—Japan was stunned and demoralized by the unexpected raid and, in response, several fighter units were withdrawn from the front to protect their homeland.

—American moral was boosted by our first offensive action of the war.

Facing headwinds, the attackers flew on until they ran out of fuel. Fifteen of the crews crash-landed or bailed out over Japanese-occupied China and made it to friendly territory with the aid of Chinese civilians and soldiers. One B-25 crew, running out of fuel, landed in the Soviet Union and was immediately interned. Three crew members died after bailing out or ditching. Eight airmen were captured by the Japanese – of the eight three were given a “trial,” found guilty and executed, one died in

confinement during the war and the other four were freed in August 1945. All aircraft were lost to the American cause and none were turned over to the Chinese as planned.



*Lieutenant Colonel James H. Doolittle, (center) with members of his flight crew and Chinese officials in China after the 18 April 1942 attack on Japan. (Image is in the public domain)*

Among the civilians who helped Doolittle and his crew avoid capture by the Japanese was a young American missionary named John Birch. Birch was killed by Chinese Communists 10 days after the end of the war. The John Birch Society, an anti-Communist organization, was named in his honor.

**After the Raid**

The Japanese were infuriated by the raid and that Chinese civilians aided and protected the American airmen. In an act of revenge “A quarter million Chinese soldiers and civilians were killed in the three-month campaign” after the raid, as noted by General Claire Chennault, commander of the famous Flying Tigers.

On April 30 Doolittle and his crew were invited to the palace of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, leader of Nationalist China, where Madam Chiang presented them with decorations from the Chinese government.

About that time Doolittle got word that General Arnold had promoted him to brigadier

general, skipping the rank of full colonel, and that he had orders to immediately return to Washington “by any means possible.” After an arduous trip that took him to India, Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Senegal, Brazil and Puerto Rico, Doolittle arrived in Washington D.C. on May 14, 1942. He was directly taken by staff car to General Arnold’s office where Arnold congratulated him, told him to go to the uniform store to get a proper general’s uniform, and to go to his apartment and stay there out of sight and incommunicado until called. Doolittle, unaware of what plans were in the works, did exactly as he was told.

A couple of days later General Arnold called Doolittle and said he would drop by in a few minutes to pick him up. When the staff car arrived he saw that General Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, was seated next to Arnold. After he sat down in the front seat next to the driver he asked where they are going. The reply was: “we’re going to the White House. The President is going to give you the Medal of Honor.”

Unknown to Doolittle, Hap Arnold had arranged for Jimmy’s wife to fly from the West coast to attend the ceremony. Doolittle’s surprise was complete when he saw his wife for the first

time since before he sailed out of Alameda on the Hornet,

Doolittle’s impact on WWII was not over. In the final chapter, Doolittle is given command of the 8th Air Force and helps bring the war in Europe to an end.



*Brigadier General Doolittle receiving the Medal of Honor from President Roosevelt , left to right: General Hap Arnold, President Roosevelt, Mrs. Doolittle, Jimmy Doolittle, General George Marshall. (Image is in the public domain)*



*(USAF photo)*



*Free  
Opportunity  
For  
Young Eagles!!*



## **Youth Aviation Summer Camp July 2019 Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

EAA Chapter 1541 of Lincoln, California, is sponsoring two aviation-eager teens to attend the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) week-long Air Academy held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Our chapter will sponsor these two Young Eagles with full tuition, including room and board, and round-trip transportation from Sacramento to Appleton, Wisconsin.

- *One 14-15 year old Young Eagle to attend a session from July 7-12, 2019*
- *One 16-18 year old Young Eagle to attend a session from July 16-24, 2019.*

Campers are engaged through a variety of hands-on activities while staying at the EAA Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Experienced aviation instructors help them delve into flight through studies, hands-on demonstrations, flight simulation, and other exciting activities.

Application deadline for the EAA Chapter 1541 Air Academy Sponsorship Award is **December 31, 2018**. More information and the application process is found on the Chapter 1541 website at [eaa1541.org/airacademy](http://eaa1541.org/airacademy).

More information about the EAA Air Academy can be found at the EAA website at [eaa.org](http://eaa.org).

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*From LRAA:*

**Remembering**

# **Rocky Green**

**1945-2018**



Rocky Green lost his battle with cancer on September 27, 2018, but leaves a legacy of achievement and leadership. His non-stop efforts on behalf of the Lincoln Regional Aviation Association, the Lincoln Regional Airport, and its entire community of pilots and users is one for the record books. Rocky worked tirelessly on many projects and events, some you may not even be aware of, and most focusing on airport and pilot safety.

*A partial list includes:*

- President of the Lincoln Regional Aviation Association
- Worked tirelessly on airport encroachment issues. Made numerous presentations to City and County planners, commissions and committees.
- Director, Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART), leading the development of a new Lincoln Airport team
- Identifying and pushing for updates to the Lincoln Airport's Facility Directory
- Updates to the AWOS to reflect activity at the airport for incoming pilots
- Supervised fly-ins at the Lincoln Powered Parachute Field, gave safety briefings and checked out new pilots using the LPPF
- Helped rehabilitate the Karl Harder Pavilion (gazebo team effort)
- Airshow ramp manager (2016)
- Member EAA 1541
- Light Sport Certified Flight Instructor
- Historic Aircraft Display Day team member