



Runway 15



The Monthly Newsletter for EAA Chapter 1541, Lincoln, California

November 2018

Briefing Strip

- 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 and online at the chapter website: \$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 upgrades are nearly complete with the addition of the audio-visual control center (AVCC...just kidding). More inside.
- Our chapter is sponsoring two attendees to the 2019 EAA Air Academy held at Oshkosh in July 2019. Look for details inside but note the deadline for applications is December 31, 2018.
- Look for some City of Lincoln-sponsored workshops in early December to discuss airport finance issues. Our chapter will have representatives present and participating in planning for the future of our airport.
- Chapter dues are coming due for 2019. Annual membership dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. We also offer a Gold Membership for \$300 for those who want to seriously sustain the chapter, and get a few freebies through the year in recognition of their commitment. More to follow.

Calendar

- Saturday, November 17:** Lincoln Airport Aircraft Display Day, 0800-1200; no EAA pancake breakfast at the display day this month.
- Saturday, December 1:** Pancakes and a Movie. 8:00 am until 10:00 am at the EAA Hangar.
- Wednesday, December 5:** Chapter board of directors meeting at House of Pizza, 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm.
- Saturday, December 8:** BBQ Lunch and a Program. Lunch begins at 11:00 am, program at 12:00 pm:
- Wednesday, December 12:** Holiday Party at Cattlemens in Roseville. More information inside.
- Saturday, January 5:** Pancakes and a Movie. 8:00 am until 10:00 am at the EAA Hangar.
- Wednesday, January 9:** Chapter board of directors meeting at House of Pizza, 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm.
- Saturday, January 12:** BBQ Lunch and a Program. Lunch begins at 11:00 am, program at 12:00 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

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.



Correction and Apology

A long time overdue but I need to correct and apologize for an item I included in a article I did on the Planes of Fame Museum way back in the Runway 15 newsletter of November 2017...one year ago. In it, I incorrectly stated that John Maloney, son of Planes of Fame museum founder Ed Maloney, had been killed in a 1983 plane crash. In actuality, it was Jim Maloney, John's older brother, that was killed in that accident. John Maloney survives and is currently the vice president of the Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino, California. It was a careless error as I have been in contact with John Maloney several times in past years. I certainly apologize for this error and sincerely hope it did not cause any confusion or upset for anyone who happened to read what I wrote.

—Scott Thompson

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 segue into the holiday season it is natural that our thoughts turn a bit away from airplanes and airports and more toward family and traditions. Our chapter activities are taking a bit of a breather through November and December to accommodate those thoughts. We still have a few of the regularly scheduled Saturday morning activities scheduled, but otherwise the main thing on the chapter calendar is the Holiday Party set for Wednesday, December 12.

We will gather this year at Cattlemens Restaurant in Roseville. Your chapter board of directors is working diligently to have a fun and relaxing evening.

Among the evening's activities will be a silent auction. We did this last year too but this year we have a special impetus. All of the proceeds from the silent auction, as in 100%, will go into our chapter's Richard and Susan Bristow Memorial Scholarship Program. From this program we fund youth education programs including the sponsorship of two young people to attend the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh in the summer of 2019. So as you enjoy the Holiday Party, consider what is being offered in the silent auction and, as you make your written bids, think about where your purchase dollars will go.

Whether or not you want to participate in our silent auction, please plan on joining us at the Holiday Party. I encourage you to purchase your tickets earlier rather than later...we usually sell out the tickets and we have a limited number of seats due to the room size at Cattlemens. You can buy tickets in several different ways: online using PayPal with a credit or debit card, mail a ticket order in with a check payable to "EAA Chapter 1541," or grab a wandering board member and have him or her sell you tickets. Don't be that guy standing at the door with a sad look on his face because he waited too long.



Apparent visitor to our Lincoln airport in mid-November was this sweet looking Cessna 140A. It was too pretty not to photograph...a bit of internet research reveals that N1106D is owned by a gentleman from Ketchikan, Alaska. It was parked near Andy Bibber's Adventure Flight hangar. Andy used to be based in Alaska....coincidence? We think not. (Scott Thompson)



On Saturday, November 10, Bruce Estes presented an informative program on aircraft painting. He knows about this because he is getting his trusty (ex) red & white Cardinal painted at Kracon, right here at the Lincoln Airport. Here is Bruce with his airplane as it nears completion just a few days later. Bruce had hoped to have the airplane on display for his Saturday presentation but, like most things airplane, it wasn't quite on schedule. His program went through the whole process he followed from selecting the paint shop and paint scheme through to the incredible amount of detail work necessary for a picture perfect paint job. (Scott Thompson)



Our audio-visual setup in our chapter hangar just keeps getting better and better. Darren Coomier spearheaded the effort to assemble and install a control center that will make working with the various components much easier. Always a few things more things we want to do, but the system is nearing completion.



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
or online at the chapter website**

**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 6

The War in Europe

Doolittle was the first American hero of WWII and the Army gave him a B-25 to tour war plants to give morale-boosting speeches. In midsummer 1942 Doolittle was asked to serve as the air commander of the 12th Air Force under General George Patton as Patton was preparing an offensive against the Germans and Italians in North Africa.

In recognition of his leadership of the 12th Air Force, Doolittle was promoted to Major General on November 20, 1942. Following the successful North Africa campaign Doolittle took command of the 15th Air Force during the assault on Sicily and the invasion of Southern Italy.

In January 1944, Lieutenant General Doolittle became the leader of the 8th Air Force based in England. Doolittle's plan was to use the US Strategic Air Forces in a series of coordinated raids, supported by RAF night bombing, on the German war industry. With the great numbers of B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers escorted by P-51D and long range P-38L fighters, the 8th Air Force soon dominated the skies over Western Europe. The invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, eventually led to the defeat of Germany. On May 8, 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill proclaimed V-E Day, "Victory in Europe."

The War in the Pacific

After the cessation of hostilities in Europe, Doolittle was ordered to prepare to move a large portion of the 8th Air Force personnel to the Pacific theater. He was to return to the states and then move to the Kadena Air Base on Okinawa to set up headquarters. Plans were made to equip the



*Personalized photo of General Jimmy Doolittle.
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8th Air Force with B-29s instead of the B-17s and B-24s used in Europe and crews sent back from England began training in the Boeing Superfortress.

In mid-July Doolittle arrived in Okinawa and found conditions to be extremely primitive. Unlike his relatively luxurious accommodations in England, he found himself living in a tent exposed to wind and rain.

On August 6, Colonel Paul Tibbets, flying B-29 *Enola Gay* from the island of Tinian, delivered an atomic bomb called *Little Boy* over the city of Hiroshima, Japan. When Japan refused to respond to warnings of further destructive attacks if they did not surrender, B-29 *Bock's Car* dropped a second atomic bomb called *Fat Man* over Nagasaki. The surrender of Japan was announced on August 15, 1945 and the 8th Air Force would not be pressed into action in the Pacific.

The formal unconditional surrender ceremony took place aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. It is interesting to note that Jimmy Doolittle, who led the first attack on Japan, stood on the deck of the Missouri that day and witnessed the final act of the Second World War.



Formal Japanese surrender ceremony aboard the USS Missouri. General Doolittle is second from left. (Image is in the public domain)

Post War

On January 5, 1946, Doolittle reverted to inactive reserve status in the Army Air Forces in the grade of lieutenant general. He retired from the United States Army on May 10, 1946. On September 18, 1947, his reserve commission as a general officer was transferred to the newly established United States Air Force.

Doolittle returned to Shell Oil as a vice president, and later as a director.

With his academic background he was appointed chairman of the National advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) in 1957. Doolittle had been interested in the research in rocket propulsion conducted by Robert Goddard since the 1930s and advocated that NACA increase its focus on rocket science. Doolittle was the last person to hold that position as NACA was superseded by NASA in 1958. He was offered the job of being NASA's first administrator but he turned it down.

Doolittle continued to serve in various industry and government-related positions for several years. He retired from the Air Force Reserve on February 28, 1959.

On April 4, 1985, the U.S. Congress promoted Doolittle to the rank of full four-star General on the U.S. Air Force retired list.

Jimmy Doolittle died at Pebble Beach, CA on September 27, 1993, and was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

In his remarkable military career he never held the ranks of Captain and Colonel.



Doolittle is awarded a fourth star, pinned on by President Ronald Reagan (left) and Senator Barry Goldwater (right), April 10, 1985. (Image is in the public domain)

Summary and Honors

- Collegiate middleweight boxing champion
- Received the first Doctor of Aeronautical Engineering degree in the U.S.
- Army test pilot – performed the first outside loop
- Set cross-country speed records and won the Schneider Cup race, the Thompson Trophy, and the Bendix Trophy
- Piloted the first demonstration of instrument flight (“Blind Flight”)
- Planned and led the first WWII air raid on Japan
- Commanded the 12th, 15th and 8th Air Force
- Worked as a Shell Oil Co. executive before and after the war
- Awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Croix de Guerre (France), and the Order of the Bath (United Kingdom).

He titled his autobiography “I Could Never Be So Lucky Again.”

I think it was more than luck.



*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.

More information about the EAA Air Academy can be found at the EAA website at eaa.org.

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