Experimental Aircraft Association

Lincoln CA Chapter 1541

**Meeting Minutes**

General Membership meeting date: 10/17/12

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

President, Ken Schwartz, explained how the idea came about for a Lincoln chapter of the EAA. 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 will be filed shortly, 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 and thanked “first lady” Sandra Schwartz for her help and support.

Ken expounded on the goals of this chapter to be unique and be family oriented. He encouraged everyone to become involved by sharing ideas or joining a committee. We also want to work closely with other EAA chapters in the area.

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 will start with 50 postcards a month and see what response we get. Hopefully, by the end of the first quarter of next year, if we are able to get families involved we could have over 200 members which would make us the largest EAA chapter in the United States.

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. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next month, November’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11/20/12 at 7:00pm at the same location – 1420 Flightline Dr (old Atkin Air hangar).

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 14 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 the next meeting for you also.

Presentation: was given by Jim Hockett AKA Jim Beam. Jim explained how he is able to make just about anything, including the tools to make other things. He gave an entertaining and enthusiastic presentation on the LED lights that he makes for experimental aircraft, how he is able to make tools, gears, pulleys or pretty much any part that is needed. He showed pictures and gave us the details of a helicopter that he built and flew more than 300 hrs.

Name tags: Dick Rupe will be the contact person for chapter name tags. The cost will be approximately $5. 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.

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.

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 $153.00!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.