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

April 2018

## Briefing Strip

- Beginning in April, our monthly member meetings are switching back to our chapter hangar (Hangar S-12) at LHM. April meeting is on **Wednesday, April 18** beginning at 6:00 pm. Details inside.
- We are planning a Chapter 1541 Hangar Open House for the community on **Saturday, April 28**. Program presentation by aerobatic pilot Beth Stanton; more details inside.
- Young Eagle Rallies are coming: EAA Chapter 1541 will hold its first Rally of 2018 on Saturday, May 12. And, we have a second one scheduled for early October. Look for more details inside.
- Our chapter's first youth scholarship program is up and running. Applications and details are available at the chapter website; more information also inside.
- The chapter hangar is enjoying some cleanup and improvements. Look for new paint on the floor and a rearranged hangar; don't look for water on the floor as most of the water leaks have now been fixed.
- We want to spread the volunteer workload out a bit: we need folks to help on our cooking team to help prepare our delicious pancake breakfasts and BBQ meal. Think about it....
- Attention hangar event attendees: please park your vehicles in a manner that does not block the taxiways. No more than two deep, please, next to the EAA hangar.

## Calendar

- Saturday, April 14:** "BBQ Lunch and a Program" at the Chapter Hangar. Lunch at 11:00 am; program "NOTAMs and You" at 12:00 pm.
- Wednesday, April 18:** BBQ Dinner and Monthly Chapter Member Meeting, Chapter Hangar; dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:45 pm.; program at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, April 21:** LRAA Annual Meeting.
- Saturday, April 28:** Chapter Hangar Open House/BBQ Lunch/Program: Open House at 09:00 am; BBQ Lunch at 11:00 am; Program with Beth Stanton at 12:00 pm.
- Saturday, May 5:** "Pancakes and a Movie" at the Chapter Hangar, 08:00-10:00 am.
- Saturday, May 5:** Monthly Board Meeting at the Hangar at 10:00 am (after pancakes)
- Saturday, May 12:** Chapter 1541 Young Eagles Rally at Lincoln Airport Gazebo area, 08:00 am.
- Wednesday, May 16:** BBQ Dinner and Monthly Chapter Member Meeting, Chapter Hangar; dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:45 pm; program at 7:00 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 area. Check the chapter website calendar for the most current information: <http://eaa1541.org/events/>

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

<http://eaa1541.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**

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](mailto:sthompson@aerovintage.com).

## **Kitfox for Sale**

Mike Strobel, an EAA member from Mokelumne Hill, let us know that he is selling his Kitfox 1 with a Rotax 532 engine. The airplane has 72 hours on it...engine is running a bit rough he thinks due to a coil. He is asking \$12K for it but is eager to sell it. Contact Mike at (209)304-4622 or [mikeflyzmxl@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeflyzmxl@yahoo.com).

## **Chapter Information**

### **Meetings:**

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

### **E-mail:**

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### **Website:**

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### **Chapter Hangar:**

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### **Chapter Officers**

President:

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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 the weather turns nicer we look forward to springtime flying activities and several important chapter events occurring in the next month.

Besides our normal programs, we have added a Chapter Community Open Hangar that's coming up very quickly...it is set for Saturday, April 28. The goal of the Open Hangar is to allow you, our members, to reach out to friends and families and invite them out to the airport to see what is going on. We'll have several airplanes on static display and have some aviation-themed activities available in the hangar between 09:00 am and 11:00 am. At 11:00 we'll offer a \$6 BBQ lunch for some social time. At 12:00 pm we are happy to present Beth Stanton, a local aerobatic pilot, writer, and speaker to present on a subject that reaches beyond the cockpit to life in general. I hope you take the opportunity to invite those around you out to airport for the morning.

Also coming up quickly is our first Young Eagles Rally of 2018. Our chapter has set the date of Saturday, May 12, for the opportunity to introduce aviation to young people aged 8 through 17 years. We are participating in this national EAA program that has flown over 2 million young people since its inception in 1992.

Our chapter is offering online sign ups at <http://www.eaa1541.org/ye> but space is limited. We are going to fly a maximum of 75 kids starting at 08:00 am that morning.

As I write this, we have eight pilots signed up online to participate in the event, but I know there are others who are interested in offering their time and airplanes to the event. Please let me know if you are and I will let you know how to sign yourself up as a Young Eagle pilot for our event.

We will also offer another \$6 BBQ lunch beginning at 10:30 that morning. We are looking for some chapter member participation so please make yourself available on Saturday, May 12, to help make our first Young Eagles Rally a success.

We have some other things going on, some more obvious and other not so. Among the obvious are some hangar improvements. If you attended our "Pancake Breakfast and A Movie" on April 7, you may have noticed the hangar was in a bit of a disarrayed condition. We have an able team of volunteers from our chapter who have been working to water seal the base rails of the hangar with the intent of making it watertight. In the next weeks we hope to apply a seal coating to the hangar floor and assemble some new storage racks at the back of the hangar. We will then be able to organize and efficiently store our chapter stuff. Weather permitting, we hope to have this work mostly completed by our hangar open house. The weather so far has only cooperated by providing some significant rainfall that allows the water sealing to be checked. Some dry weekends would now be appreciated.

Not so obvious is that the chapter board of directors has established a Learning and Development Program being guided by one of our board members, Erika Wallin. Under this umbrella program our chapter has the goal of widening our scholarship offerings, establish learning grants, enabling a mentorship program, and much more. If you as a chapter member have particular gifts or passion for widening the world of aviation, please contact me or Erika and we can get you plugged in. Don't be too surprised if you get a tap on the shoulder with a direct face-to-face request to join our chapter's new initiative. We need a few good folks.

**Saturday, April 14: BBQ Lunch and Program**

## **Notice to Airmen**

NOTAMs, or Notices to Airmen, is the way pilots get the most current information about everything from airport conditions to navaids, from TFRs to GPS status, and from braking action to volcanoes. Important stuff, but to many pilots the NOTAM system is a bit of mystery. How do you find the stuff you need to know about without getting lost in stuff you don't?

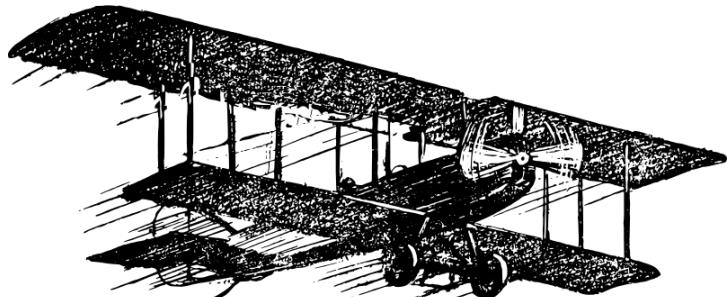
Let's spend some time taking a closer look at the NOTAM system and explore the different kind of NOTAMs. Where do they come from and what are some of the best places to look for the ones you need to know about. Come to a BBQ Lunch with a program on NOTAMs on Saturday, April 14, at the EAA Chapter 1541 hangar (Hangar S-12) at the Lincoln Regional Airport. Lunch starts at 11:00, the one hour program at 12:00. This is an FAA Wings Safety Seminar event.



**Saturday, April 28: Open Hangar, BBQ Lunch, and Program**

## **Chapter 1541 Community Open Hangar Day with BBQ Lunch and Program**

Come one, come all, out to the Chapter 1541 Community Open Hangar Day with a BBQ Lunch and an excellent general interest program presented by aerobatic pilot Beth Stanton. Do you have any friends that don't even know that there is a Lincoln Regional Airport? How about friends that consider any airplane smaller than a Boeing 737 as a "little" airplane? How about people around you that aren't sure how to spell "E-A-A."? How about just some friends?



Anyone and everyone is welcome at this community open house at our hangar. We'll have the hangar doors opened up, we'll pull a few airplanes out of nearby hangars as static displays, we'll have some hands-on activities for young and old, and we'll have some cool aviation videos running in the background. Coffee and donuts, too.

For those less-inclined to be enthralled by things with wings, perhaps the BBQ lunch at 11:00 will hold interest. As something for all, we will have Beth Stanton, a local aerobatic pilot, writer, and speaker, present a program at 12:00 on the subject of "Cleared for Takeoff, YOU are the Pilot of Your Life." (More information about Beth and her program at the right.) This also is an FAA Wings Safety Seminar event.

## ***Our speaker for the Saturday, April 28 Open House is aerobatic pilot Beth Stanton***

After earning her private pilot certificate in 2011, Beth Stanton sought unusual attitude training to conquer her fear of spins and inadvertently discovered the thrill of competition aerobatics. Now a competition aerobatic pilot, she has flown in dozens of aerobatic contests flying a Super Decathlon, Pitts S-2B and Lazer 230.

She is past president and director of the Northern California Chapter 38 of the International Aerobatic Club and was the 2014 U.S. Western Regional, Southwest Regional and California State Sportsman champion, and the 2017 third place U.S. Western Regional Intermediate Champion.

Beth is the author of feature articles and columns for EAA publications. She has conducted FAAST safety seminars promoting unusual attitude and spin recovery training and has spoken to organizations around the country including high schools, women's associations, civic organizations, Women in Aviation National Conference and Sun N Fun. She has served as a panelist and mentor for high school girls at Women of Aviation Week events at venues in the San Francisco Bay area.



### **Cleared for Takeoff, YOU are the Pilot of Your Life.**

Sparks of great ideas may be extinguished before ever given a chance to catch fire. We can give up before even beginning to pursue a dream, thinking it is beyond reach. For Beth Stanton, getting her private pilots license was the most difficult and rewarding accomplishment of her life. It also sparked her greatest adventure. Making leaps of faith taught her lessons in perseverance, determination, and overcoming perceived limitations. She decided that if she could learn how to fly, she could do anything. Pilots understand the four forces of flight. They correlate directly to the four forces of LIFE. Releasing drag and weight and firing up thrust and lift can't help but to rocket you forward. Beth will share a 10-step navigation checklist that will guide you exactly where you want to go with as much efficiency as a GPS. Wholly astonished at how aviation has rocked her world, Beth is on a mission to lead the charge and inspire others to chart a course to a life beyond his or her wildest imaginings.

**Monthly Member Meeting, Wednesday, April 18**

## **Member Meeting for April at the Hangar**

If you drive to Cattlemens Restaurant for the April Chapter 1541 Member Meeting, you may enjoy a steak dinner but you will not be at the member meeting. We are doing the annual switcheroo and moving back to Hangar S-12 at our Lincoln Airport. The birds are chirping and the flowers are blooming, so it is time for BBQ dinners and enjoying the evening sounds of airplanes taking off and landing on the nearby runway.



On Wednesday, April 18, we will start at 6:00 with a BBQ Dinner which looks alot like our BBQ Lunches except it is at dinnertime. The \$6 meal includes all the normal stuff and maybe some different stuff too plus water and soda and coffee. At about 6:45 we will have short business meeting to talk about other stuff that members should know about, but we won't talk about this stuff for too long.

At about 7:00 pm we are going to do a bit of brainstorming about our new Learning and Development Program, a session that will led by Erika Wallin who is the board member running this new initiative.

Then, at about 7:30, Randy Sharp will present on *The Flying Samaritans* and his experiences flying with the volunteer group that supports medical clinics in Mexico. Randy will speak about the organization and his volnuteer flights south of the border. (See more informatoin about the Flying Samaritans at right.)

So, if you end up sitting by yourself at Cattlemens, you will soon enough remember that you forgot to mark this event in your calendar as being at the EAA Chapter Hangar and not in Roseville. Be forewarned.

# *The Flying Samaritans*

## *by Randy Sharp*

There are many chapters of the Flying Samaritans in California and Arizona. Each chapter runs a clinic in a different city in Mexico, some on Baja and some on mainland. We are associated with the Mother Lode chapter (“ML”).

ML operates a clinic in San Quintin, Mexico, which is on the Pacific Ocean about 160 miles south of Tijuana. San Quintin is fairly small and mostly consists of farm workers. The Rodriguez family owns most of the local farmland and has a big ranch/farm in San Quintin.

The landing strip we use is on the farm and so are the clinic buildings. The hotel is a short 5 minute drive from the farm.



Depending on who signs up to go on a clinic in a given month and what pilots are available, the clinic/flight coordinator assigns people to pilots/planes.

Their mission has always intrigued me after reading about the organization in a newsletter found on the internet via YouTube. I've flown many years transporting critical patients associated with injuries or hospital medical transfers



(i.e. NICU, pediatrics, burn victims etc.). However, these flights have always been performed under compensation. The Flying Samaritans is truly an amazing organization that does this on a volunteer basis. The living conditions, environment, compensation, and time spent away from their families is a sacrifice not to be taken lightly. What impressed me the most was the passion of helping the citizens of Mexico with no rewards, other than the smiles and thanks from so many lives they have touched. The team that I worked with was amazing. The friendliness and assistance from all team members was rewarding and very much appreciated.

## **Ground School Scholarships Available**

Our chapter is now offering Ground School scholarships through Chapter 1541's new Learning and Development Program. Our chapter would love to open new opportunities to students who have an interest in aviation.

We're going to be providing a scholarship for a six week private pilot ground school (no previous aviation experience necessary) at NorCal Flight Center at Lincoln Regional Airport. It is a comprehensive ground school that lasts six weeks, with only one evening a week.



This course will prepare you to learn to fly and prepare you for the FAA written exam. The course covers all essential topics of aviation, and gives you an incredible foundation that will allow you to understand areas such as navigation, flight operations, communication, aircraft parts, and weather.

We will also pair each student up with a chapter mentor who will be able to answer any questions you have as well as giving you advice and general aviation knowledge.

We're aiming for one boy and one girl, 16-20 years old at the time of application submission per course. This is an ongoing scholarship that will send two new students every three months.

Requirements: Attend at least one Lincoln EAA event/ meeting to explain what you have gained from this experience. We are also asking for feedback about what our chapter can do to improve future scholarships.

## **Chapter Member Featured in Magazine**

Chapter member Andy Bibber and his Cessna T-50 "Bamboo Bomber" were featured in the April/May 2018 issue of the popular aviation magazine *Warbirds International*. The article by Roger Cain detailed the history of the rare airplane and Andy's company, Adventure Flight, based right here at our Lincoln Airport.



## **Cooks Needed**

Do you know your way around a spatula? How about which side of the hamburger is cooking when it's on the grill? Well, you are just the guy or gal we are looking for.

We need to expand our cooking team because we are cooking more stuff. We have pancake breakfasts and BBQ lunches and BBQ dinners and Dug can't do it all! We need about six guys or gals to say "YES, I WILL HELP" and then, like magic, you are on the cooking team. This work involves set up, cooking, and clean up. We will work around your schedule and we won't need you for every event. Yes, there is a place for you behind the grill. Please contact Scott Thompson or Tom Lieb with your interest to help out.



# **FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS**

# **YOUNG EAGLES RALLY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**

**8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**LINCOLN REGIONAL AIRPORT**

**Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1541**



Our Lincoln EAA chapter is offering free airplane rides to any young person aged 8-17 at our Young Eagles Rally to be held at the Lincoln Regional Airport on Saturday, May 12, beginning at 8:00 am, weather permitting.

The Young Eagles is a national program by the EAA that has provided over 2 million young people with introductory flights since its inception in 1992. Our chapter participates with local experienced EAA pilots who offer their time and planes to introduce the world of aviation to young people. Parental permission is required.

You can sign up at our website at <http://eaa1541.org/ye> and you can get more information about the national EAA program at <https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/aviation-education-and-resources/eaa-youth-education/eaa-ye-program>.

Come join us for a fun morning for both kids and parents. We'll have a BBQ lunch available for \$6.00 beginning at about 10:30 am. The Young Eagles Rally will be held at the main area of the airport near the airport office. Signs will direct you but you can't miss it.

Space is limited and you need to register ahead of time at <http://eaa1541.org/ye>.



**Register Online At:**

**eaa1541.org/ye**

**You must pre-register online**

**Parental approval and signature required**

**This is not a school funded activity**

**Questions?**

**Contact the Chapter 1541 Young Eagles Coordinator**

**Cheryl Andrade ([cherylsclub@gmail.com](mailto:cherylsclub@gmail.com) or 530-923-7111)**



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

*By Marty Maisel*

## *The Billy Mitchell Story – Part 4*



(USAF)

### **The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell**

The court-martial procedures began in Washington on October 28, 1925. Twelve generals (two were later dismissed) and a colonel were appointed to sit in judgment, comprising the highest-ranking court ever convened to try an officer. None of them was a flier. Mitchell's friend, General Douglas MacArthur, was a member of the Court-Martial Board.

Mitchell's chief counsel Illinois Congressman Frank R. Reid called many war heroes and celebrities to testify on behalf of Billy Mitchell. His supporters included Major Hap Arnold, Admiral Richard Byrd, Eddie Rickenbacker, Congressman La Guardia and Margaret Ross Lansdowne, widow of LCDR Lansdowne.

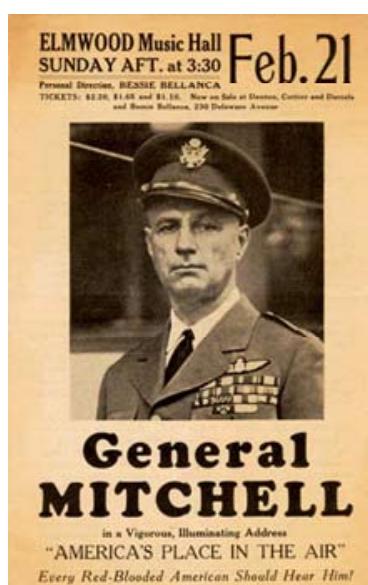
The court-martial dragged on for seven weeks. When it was over, the board deliberated for about half an hour and rendered its verdict - GUILTY.



*Billy Mitchell (standing) during his 1925 court-martial. Chief Counsel Frank Reid is seated to his right. (U.S. Army photo is in the public domain)*

The sentence was suspension from rank, command and duty with forfeiture of pay and allowances for five years.

Mitchell resigned effective February 1, 1926 and immediately embarked on a coast-to-coast lecture tour showing films of the ship bombings and continually expressing the need for military preparedness in the air. He called attention to the rapid strides being made in aviation in Europe and Asia and warned of Japanese plans to seize Hawaii, the Philippines and Alaska. His sweeping charges appeared in major American magazines and aviation journals but eventually the public's interest in Mitchell waned and his influence diminished.



*Mitchell speaking tour advertisement (Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame)*

William "Billy" Mitchell died on February 19, 1936 of complications of influenza. He was fifty-six years old.

Perhaps the most significant contribution of Billy Mitchell was simply his steadfast and outspoken advocacy of the development of strong, capable and safe military aviation assets - at a time that his commanders clearly did not share, nor welcome, his ideas.

By the mid-1930s U.S. Military leadership recognized the importance of air power and

began to acquire advanced fighters and bombers that would help the Allies win the Second World War.

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Mitchell's 1925 forecast of a war in the Pacific unfolds as he predicted in Part 5 of *The Billy Mitchell Story*. Also, years after his death, Mitchell is recognized for his role in advocating the development of the U.S. Air Force.

## **Member Spotlight**

**by Bruce Estes**

Like a lot of us, **Mike Moore** had always dreamed about flying but finances, family, and life got in the way of him pursuing his dream. Finally, the stars were in alignment. Mike was semi-retired, and finances were no longer an issue. Mike and his wife, Kira, took a discovery flight out of Auburn about five years ago and they both loved the experience. The hook was set in both of them. Mike and Kira both got their Private Pilot's License.



Then, Mike bought his first airplane, a Kitfox knockoff that Mike purchased for \$10,000 in Arizona. The wings folded so Mike towed the airplane to his home in Newcastle, did a lot of work on it to make it airworthy, but decided that this airplane was not for him. So, Mike did what any airplane loving person would do. Mike bought a Grumman Cheetah, flew it for awhile, sold it and upgraded to a Piper Cherokee, flew it for awhile, sold it and upgraded to a Grumman Tiger (which he still owns). He also recently purchased an RV-6A. Also, Mike owned a Cessna 150 for a while. When asked what airplane is/was your favorite Mike replied "The RV6 by far."

Mike spent ten years as an appraiser for Placer County. Mike also did independent appraisal work. He wisely started investing in real estate many years ago and today manages his portfolio of investment properties.

Mike can often be seen at the airport with his two sons, Ryan, who is twelve, and Dylan, who is ten. Mike says that Ryan is passionate about aviation and without a doubt will be a commercial pilot. Mike brings his sons to the EAA breakfasts often.

Mike is easy to spot at Lincoln Airport. He is the guy with the "RV Grin." Mike, thanks for joining Chapter 1541 and congrats on the RV-6A purchase.

## ***Modesto Breakfast Fly Out***

On March 10, seven Chapter 1541 members and some guests departed Lincoln for Modesto for the monthly CAF Breakfast event. Pending rain and ceilings of about 4,000' did not deter anyone (although the forecast was for VFR). None of the members except myself had attended this breakfast before so most didn't know what to expect. ALL were VERY IMPRESSED and can't wait to do this flight again next month.

Here is a list of the members that flew: Richard Bristow (RV-6A), who had to turn back because of a broken wire from his alternator, Stan Stewart (Beech Debonair), Charlie Rogers (RV-8), Tony K (Grumman Yankee), Frank Burkhead (Remos Light Sport), Mike Moore (RV-6A), Dave Marsh (Cessna 180) and myself, Bruce Estes (RV-6).

So, if you own or have access to an airplane, watch for our next flyout. If you don't have access to an airplane but want to attend, come to meetings and weekend events at the hangar, get involved with our chapter, meet some great people, and ask to be a guest for the next flyout. You will have fun, I promise.

—Bruce Estes



## ***Important: Mark Your Calendars***

**Saturday, April 28:** Chapter Open House at the EAA Hangar from 8 am to 2 pm. Invited speaker for a 12 pm program is aerobatic pilot Beth Stanton. She will present a program entitled *Cleared For Takeoff, YOU Are the Pilot of Your Life*. Other hands-on activities will be available in the morning, plus some mini-programs and other good stuff. Plan on inviting friends, family, and random strangers. Coffee and pastries all morning, a \$6 BBQ Lunch at 11 am, Beth's program at 12 pm.

**Saturday, May 12:** Chapter 1541 Young Eagles Rally from 8 am to 12 pm. Flights will be dispatched from the Gazebo area in the middle of the airport, with check-in and briefings to be held at the nearby NorCal Flight Center conference room. We will also offer a \$6 BBQ lunch beginning at 10:30 am. Please plan to be available to help out at this event. We will be in touch.....