



Runway 15



The Monthly Newsletter for Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1541, Lincoln, California

Briefing Strip

- Our **Young Eagle Rally** held on **Saturday, October 12** was a great team effort and a big success on a sunny (if somewhat hazy) Saturday. We flew 69 eaglets.



- The next Chapter meeting will be **Wednesday, October 16th** in the EAA hangar. This month's program will be a presentation by our chapter's own Mike Lagomarsino on his decades long service working at the McClellan Air Depot back when it was a huge USAF operation performing heavy maintenance, modifications, and overhauls of the operational Air Force fleet of aircraft. We're looking forward to hearing Mike's personal account of working at the depot from 1966 to 1999, very busy years at KMCC.
- Chapter member **Amy Whelan** received a prestigious EAA national **Ray Aviation Scholarship Award** of \$10,000 in support of her pilot's license training.



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On the Horizon: Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date information, go to the chapter website: <http://eaa1541.org/>

Date	Topic
Wed. October 16 EAA hangar 6:00 pm dinner 7:00 pm program	Monthly Chapter Meeting Program: McClellan Air Force Base, 1966 – 1999 Mike Lagomarsino
Saturday, October 19 8:00 am	Pancakes to support LRAA Display Day
Saturday, November 2, EAA hangar 8:00am	Pancakes and a Movie
Saturday, November 2 10:00 am	Chapter Board Meeting All chapter members welcome
Wednesday, November 6 EAA hangar 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm	IMC Club Both IFR and VFR pilots welcome! FAA Wings Credit available

Saturday, November 9 11:00 am – 1 pm	BBQ lunch and a Program: Using Foreflight by Bruce Estes
Wednesday, November 20 Cattlemen’s Restaurant 6:00 pm dinner 7:00 pm program	Monthly Chapter meeting Program includes chapter leadership slate to be presented and voted upon

EAA CHAPTER 1541 INFORMATION

Meetings	Usually the third Wednesday of each month held at KLHM Hangar S-12. Details available on the website
E-mail	eea1541@gmail.com
Website	http://eaa1541.org
Mailing Address	EAA chapter 1541, PO Box 1126, Lincoln, CA 95648
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Membership	Chapter dues: \$20 per year for individuals; \$30 for families; \$300 for gold membership

President’s Corner



Our chapter is celebrating a couple of important events that have occurred in the last month. We had a great

Airport Fun Day in September that was a precursor to an outstanding Young Eagle Rally that just occurred...this past Saturday (October 12). And we also have a personal milestone achieved by one of our chapter’s younger members, so all in all it has been a good past month.

The chapter’s Airport Fun Day was held on Saturday, September 14, and featured a cross-section of all the things our chapter has to offer. We had a static lineup of aircraft for visitors to examine, and a bunch of activities in our hangar that included a flight simulator, a hands-on riveting table, an RC model display, and information tables for our chapter, the Young Eagles, and our Air Academy sponsorships. We served more than 125 hot dog lunches and we are guessing at a public attendance in excess of 150 people. We were quite pleased with the turnout and public response.

One of the goals of the Airport Fun Day was to generate some interest in the October Young Eagle Rally, and it did just that. That day marked the opening of our online registration for the Rally, and we had a couple of dozen signups right off the bat. By the time of the rally we had just about filled our schedule with 75 kids signed up and a waiting list to boot. The Rally day arrived with blue skies, calm winds, and enthusiastic kids. We ended up with ten pilots flying a total of 69 Young Eagles over a five-hour time span. We had a bunch of happy kids and families at the airport for the event, and I think we generated new interest in

some kids as to the possibilities of aviation in their futures.

Both of these events required a commitment of volunteers from our chapter, and it was nice to see good participation by those that came out. From behind the scenes it can be difficult to put together these events because we do not always know how many are coming out to help. Thankfully, we have some very dedicated individuals in the chapter who are there consistently and tirelessly for these events. We are moving forward with plans for our Holiday Party in December and initial planning for events in 2020. Among those plans are to sponsor two more young people for the EAA Air Academy for next summer. More details on that will be coming soon, but we have already opened registration to apply for that program with information available on our chapter's website.

And, I need to extend my personal congratulations and that of our chapter to Amy Whelan, one of our chapter members, for being awarded an EAA Ray Scholarship. The Ray scholarship provides up to \$10,000 in chapter-administered funds for flight training, and Amy is going to pressing forward rapidly this coming winter and spring in an effort to complete her training to receive her Private Pilot certification. It is a huge opportunity for her as she is hoping for and planning for an appointment to the Air Force Academy in 2020 with a future career as an Air Force pilot. She is a very capable young woman who our chapter has been able to help in the past (she was sponsored by our chapter for the 2019 EAA Air Academy) and we are looking forward to seeing her achieve much in aviation in the future.

Scott Thompson

September Chapter Meeting report

Our September monthly member meeting was held on Wednesday, September 18, at our EAA hangar at Lincoln. We offered a hot dog dinner (hot dog leftovers from Airport Fun Day) beginning at 6 pm and had a short business meeting at 6:45 pm.

Our presentation for the evening was done by Austin Wiswell, a retired USAF colonel who has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in both military and civil aviation. On the military side, he began his USAF career in 1963 after completing an ROTC program at San Jose State. He flew a variety of USAF aircraft including the F-4 Phantom II in Vietnam in 1970 and, later, the A-20 Warthog (officially, Thunderbolt II). After retiring in October 1987, Col. Wiswell did airport management and consulting until 1999 when he joined the Division of Aeronautics for CALTRANS. He became the chief of the division in 2000 and served in that important position until his retirement in 2005. In the years since, he has done consultancy work for various aviation interests.



For our evening presentation, he concentrated on his experiences flying the A-10 Warthog and entertained with many detailed ‘war stories’ that demonstrated the depth of knowledge he has on that somewhat unsung USAF aircraft. Though the USAF never loved the A-10 (and still doesn’t), the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps did. It was and is an effective and efficient tank buster and ground attack aircraft. Austin also treated us with some video shot in the remote California desert area known as Star Wars Canyon showing a variety of U.S. military aircraft navigating its extreme terrain.

Scott Thompson

My new Legend Cub!

By Tony Kasabasich



I own a company that builds specialized landing gear throughout the aviation industry. One of those markets is the backcountry community. So it was time to add a Super Cub to the stable.

Legend Cub is one of the many aircraft manufacturers we sell to but after a visit to their shop, I knew that’s the plane I wanted for my own. We made a deal in March and got to work. This project was an owner assist build where I needed to build 51 percent of the

aircraft. This allows me to conduct my own conditional inspections and build it my own way.



Some of the parts like the landing gear and instrument panel were built in our shop in California and shipped to Legend Aircraft in Sulphur Springs Texas for installation.



I made many trips to the factory for my owner/builder program. After 6 months we completed the build and brought in a DAR who

specializes in Cubs. Inspection and first flight went smooth. No issues at all.



I returned back to Texas the last week in September after the phase 1 flying was completed in order to fly the new plane home.

The adventure started September 27th in east Texas. Over the next 3 days we did about 7 hours a day of flight time.



We overnighted in Carlsbad, NM and Glendale, AZ. Finally reaching Paso Robles, CA to drop off my buddy Joe at his home. One last overnight at the Hastings Ranch (wonderful winery) and then a short 3 hour flight to our shop in Lincoln.



The first day in its new home was spent washing the dirt and bugs off. This was my first build and my first brand new airplane and I don't see myself ever selling it! So excited!

Keep it simple and light-weight were my motto during the build. It came out exactly like I wanted.

This all started about 3 years ago when I started dating my girlfriend Stacey. She's a regular at the airport and loves airplanes and flying. She goes everywhere with me. You could say this Cub is as much hers as it is mine. I wanted something she was completely comfortable and safe in. And something where each flight was an adventure we could share together. I'm truly blessed to have them both.

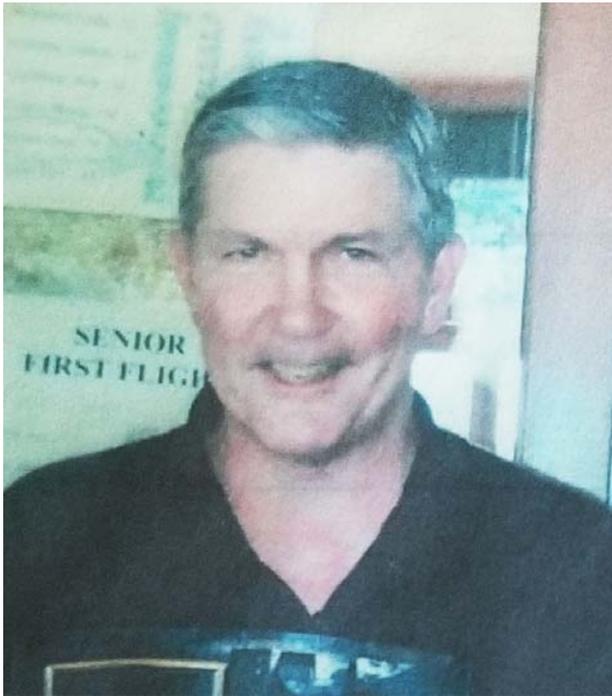
We also own a Grumman AA5. This plane is off to the paint shop in the coming weeks to get a matching paint job to the Cub.

Tony Kasabasich

Gone West: Frank Burkhead

Frank Burkhead passed away Sunday, September 29, 2019. He was a regular at our meetings, flew Young Eagles and was a Gold Member in support of our chapter. His son Paul Burkhead related that it was all rather sudden. Frank got diagnosed with a pre-leukemia condition called MDS (myelodysplastic

syndrome) and a couple of days later got an infection. A few days after that he passed.



We will miss him.



Mark Your Calendars...

Wednesday, December 11: EAA Chapter 1541 Holiday Party. Our annual Holiday party on December 11 will be held once again at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Roseville. Holiday food, fellowship, chapter recognition awards and our Silent Auction to benefit the chapter's Scholarship fund. Fun for all!

