



Runway 15



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

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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
Thursday, August 4, 2022 7-8 pm	Online IMC/VMC club meeting. FAA Wings credit available. Link to join will be sent via e-mail to chapter members.
Saturday, August 6, 2022	Breakfast at the EAA hangar 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Chapter Board meeting follows.
Saturday, August 20, 11 am – 1 pm	Lunch at the EAA hangar, followed by chapter members presenting their experiences at 2022 AirVenture, Oshkosh

EAA CHAPTER 1541 INFORMATION

Meetings	Usually the first and third Saturdays of each month held at KLHM Hangar S-12. Details available on the website.
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Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



President's Corner



Welcome Chapter 1541 Members and Friends,

It's July. Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th. Our family usually gets together and does a family BBQ by the pool and then fireworks later in the evening. This year was no exception, except my job was to eat as much potato salad as possible, resulting in a mid-day nap by the pool. Well enough of me and my lack of eating self-control. During the fireworks I noticed a few planes up and about. I have never flown at night and witnessed a fireworks display. It may be a wonderful sight from above seeing all of the displays around the city at the same time or terrific seeing an object shooting skyward and exploding. If any of you have flown on a July 4th night, please share your story with the rest of the chapter. Send your story in to eaal541@gmail.com and our newsletter editor Dan Masys will add it to the next newsletter.

The chapter had its first lunch meeting on the 16th. We have changed the third Saturday to a lunch meeting starting at 11am. It was a bit warm, but with the ceiling fans on and the hangar doors open it was a nice and well attended meeting. Thank you, Scott Whelan, and the galley crew for some fine burgers.

During lunch I noticed one of the members riding a small wheeled electric bike. Let me tell you this one is cool. Ok, 41lbs. 15 mile range on battery alone, 30 miles if you help with the pedaling, collapsible, and available around \$300 at Costco if in stock and \$370 online. It's called a Jetson Bolt Pro Folding Electric Bike. I've been looking for a small electric bike that could fit into the plane to visit those towns that are a few miles from the airport.

With our lunch meeting starting later in the day it's allowed us to offer Young Eagle (YE) flights in the morning when it's a little cooler. We are in need of some additional YE pilots and helpers. In order to be a part of the YE program you need to complete the Youth Protection educational program online, which you can find on the national EAA website under Young Eagles. It takes about 25min to view the program and take a quiz on it. There is also a no-cost background check, and verification is available within 10 days. Please get yourself approved and available to make some kids and their parents' smile.

Lastly, Oshkosh runs from July 25th to 31st this month, though many arrive early. There will be a 50 plane formation flight on Monday 7/25 to honor Vans Aircraft's 50th anniversary, and chapter member John Tate will be in the formation, probably making some smoke with his RV-6A. If you are attending, some of the chapter members will be meeting up at Kelly's Bar on Thursday the 28th; contact Bruce Estes for more details at 650-504-4464. Have a great time, take lots of pics, and be ready to share at next month's lunch meeting.

All, have a great remaining July, keep cool and we'll see each other next month,

Sincerely
Darren Coomler

Project Updates and Adventures

Brent Smith writes:

I've attached a pic of the removable pitot I just installed on my Mini-IMP. It's called a Pitot Pal from AC Spruce. Pretty neat way to avoid lookers bending it. The pitot just sockets in and, when removed, is replaced by a plug with a "remove before flight" tag.



I have only 4 items left on my completion punch list before inviting all members of the Chapter to guest inspect my project.

Bruce Estes built a new rudder and vertical stabilizer for his RV-6 after cracks were found in the rudder and it needed to be patched, a common problem of early RV-6's before the rudder skin thickness was increased. With the new tail surfaces installed, Bruce donated the still-airworthy tail parts as a piece of aviation sculpture to hang from the rafters of the chapter's hangar:



Thanks to Bruce for a fine piece of flying artwork!

Mark Rieger was featured in last month's newsletter receiving the airworthiness certificate for his Cozy MKIV. On July 7th, with Mark at the controls the Cozy loosed the surly bonds and headed skyward on its first flight, at Yolo County airport.



Mark the builder, soon to be Mark the Cozy aviator, with a borrowed crash helmet and a borrowed Nomex fire-resistant flight suit, just in case.



Liftoff!



Mark's wife Amy welcomes her Cozy aviator back to earth after a 30 minute first flight.

Editor's note: Mark is making steady progress through phase one flight testing. As of the day of newsletter publication, he has accumulated 9 hours of flight time in the Cozy, carefully expanding the envelope of its flight characteristics. You can follow him at <https://flightaware.com/live/flight/N716CZ>

Ray McNaught went to Oshkosh in 2021, got a demonstration flight in a Vans RV-12is and ordered one on the spot. 11.5 months later, nothing had arrived. But earlier this month, a box full of avionics arrived (usually the last kit to install), followed by a notice from Vans that three more kits were ready: the engine, fuselage, and wings. Ray had a choice. He could either have Vans build shipping crates, and hand the cargo off to a trucking company, or Ray could do a 'Will Call' onsite pickup of everything left uncrated. The choice was clear.

Aurora, Oregon is 550 miles from Sacramento, and Ray made the drive in about 9 hours on

Sunday, July 10. That put him first in line when Vans opened on Monday morning:



After some doubts expressed by Vans staff that he could get a new engine its factory box, prop and the parts for wing and fuselage kits in his smallish van, Ray got it all loaded including the 15 foot wing spars secured to the rooftop rack:



A mere 9 hours and 550 miles later, all arrived here in good condition. Let the RV-12is project begin!



Just for Laughs

This is my step ladder, I never knew my real ladder.

So, if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I am 29, my humor suggests I am 12, and my body mostly keeps asking if I am sure I am not dead yet.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there is a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as "going out"

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it is because I missed the exit.

Kids don't know how easy they have it today. When I was a kid, I had to walk 9 feet through a thick shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

Sightings



There seems to be no end to the Top Gun craze