

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
Saturday, June 18, 2022	Breakfast at the EAA hangar in combination with Display Day at KLHM. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Young Eagles flights available.
Saturday, June 18, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Norcal Regional Ray Scholars Gathering, EAA Youth Flight and Fly-in Yolo Airport (KDWA) 24893 Aviation Avenue, Davis, CA 95616 See event flyer included at the end of this newsletter
Saturday, July 2, 8 – 10 am	Breakfast at the EAA hangar at KLHM. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Chapter Board meeting follows.
Thursday, July 7, 7-8 pm	Online IMC/VMC club meeting. FAA Wings credit available. Link to join will be sent via e-mail to chapter members.

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.
E-mail	eea1541@gmail.com
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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,

Well, I can tell its June, I've been seeing lots of cars around town with "Class of 2022" painted on them. For all of you graduates, Congratulations!

After the Saturday pancake breakfast on June 4th, we held our Board of Directors (BOD) meeting at the hangar. We opened the meeting to chapter members to listen in and to speak about any concerns that they may have. The BOD got some great suggestions on doing addition events and activities that the chapter hasn't done in years. You can look forward to seeing invitations to Fly-ins, Poker Runs and other activities that we can hop into our airplanes and go do.

If you don't have a plane don't worry, we always have extra seats available so you can participate. I invite and encourage you to attend our next BOD meeting July 2nd. We discuss a large number of items and your participation would be appreciated.

Also, during the last BOD meeting the Board voted on setting the membership at a flat rate of

\$30 annually. This will be for individuals and families, if you are interested in a chapter name tag that will be an additional \$5.

Your chapter has started the Ray Scholarship interview process to determine this year's recipient. Good luck to all of our applicants!

The chapter has also been active with Young Eagle (YE) flights. Along with our Saturday breakfast YE flights, on June 11th three pilots - - Bruce Estes, Kurt Von Salzen and myself -- flew eight young girls on some of their first flights in a GA aircraft. Lots of smiles! If you are interested in flying or helping with Young Eagles let one of the Board members know and we can get you plugged in. We will no longer be offering YE flight after the first Saturday breakfasts due to the BOD meeting. We will be offering them on the third Saturdays and small YE rallies throughout the year.

Starting in July we will be changing the monthly schedule up a bit. We will continue with our first Saturday pancake breakfasts, but the third Saturday will change to a lunch plus program event. The program will replace our current Zoom member meeting. Other than the popular IMC/VMC meeting on the first Thursday each month, there will be no more Zoom meetings. We want to see your smiling faces in person.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next event, thank you.

Sincerely
Darren

Project Updates and Adventures

Mark Rieger writes:

On June 9th, I received the airworthiness certificate today for my Cozy MKIV from Richard Dilbeck. I want to thank the Chapter for the help in getting there.



Editor's note: Congratulations to Mark on an amazing building adventure that began in 1998! For those interested in seeing and hearing the story from Mark himself, see the [Membership meeting videos page](#) on the EAA1541.org website.

Paul "Dubs" Darbo writes:

I've had my Mooney M20G for over 4 years now. The first 2 it was used about 120 hours each and the last two only about 55 each. This year may be less so I've been thinking about selling it - the plane needs to be flown!

Then things like today happen.

We are so blessed to be part of the general aviation community, going hither and yon, above the crowds without (hardly) any worries and leaving life's minutia behind. Today, Tom Folkerts (another Mooney owner) and I decided to go to Nancy's Airport Café at WLW, 54 miles from our LHM home. Like pilots do, we didn't go together in one plane. No, we both flew our own, just because. Upon landing, my left tire blew and the plane was stuck on the off ramp but just before the clear (hold short) markings. The wheel was in gravel and the plane couldn't be moved so the airport management posted a NOTAM about the situation.

As soon as the plane got stuck, I made a radio call about the issue. Within minutes, 2 separate vehicles came out to help. Some discussion ensued about how to handle the problem and we all agreed the only viable one was to pull the wheel right there where the airplane sat. The maintenance people had a jack and tools but no replacement tire and tube. They called Herfi Aircraft at Orland (O37) and he had the necessary tire and tube. With Tom's trusty ride, we flew 13 miles north, had the tire replaced and went back to WLW. The guys there had me back up in no time, but Nancy's was already closed so we missed lunch and simply pulled it out of the gravel and flew home, each in our own way.



After putting the Mooney to bed, I thought about what a great day this had been. People came out from nowhere to help a stranded stranger in need, all with a smile on their face. With a few great trips in mind for the summer, I think I'll keep the airplane.

Dubs Darbo

Tech Counselor Dan Masys adds another **"Friends Helping Friends"** story related to his RV-10:

As part of this year's annual condition inspection, it seemed prudent to send the prop out to be overhauled since it was purchased new at the time the plane was completed in 2007. Although the prop was working fine and only half way to the blade life TBO of 2400 hours, Hartzell states that its constant speed props should be overhauled every five years regardless of hours. This is a non-binding recommendation that covers all props including those in high humidity outdoor environments that can rapidly promote internal hub corrosion, and those that live in desert environments where corrosion basically never occurs. It is rare to find a homebuilt airplane whose owner gets the prop overhauled every five years, but at fifteen years since new, the time seemed right.

The overhaul, like everything else in aviation maintenance these days, took longer than expected. But the happy call finally came from Sullivan Propeller in Hayward, California that it was ready for pickup. When? Any time after 3 pm on Friday, May 27th. Which is to say, late on the Friday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend, at the shop which is located just south of Oakland, 131 miles from Lincoln! Not an ideal day and time for a 262 mile round trip drive to and from the Bay area.

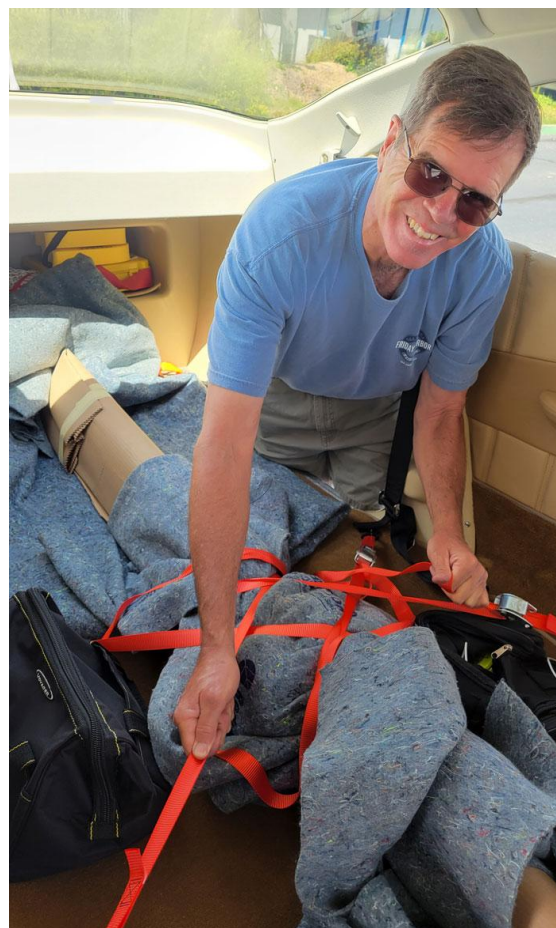
Chapter member Mark Siemens came to the rescue, offering his gorgeous Cessna 182 as an aerial pickup and delivery truck on short notice. The 182 has a remarkable 11 feet of space between the firewall and the baggage bulkhead,

and Mark removed the back seats to create a cargo space capable of swallowing the nearly 7 foot long propeller.

The icing on the cake after a fine 40 minute VFR flight was that Sullivan Propeller did a plane-side delivery directly to the transient parking area at KHWD:



Sullivan truck delivering prop directly to the transient ramp



Mark Siemens ties down the 'gift-wrapped' precious cargo for the flight back to KLHM.

The short and smooth flight back to Lincoln via the C182 was graced with views of bumper to bumper traffic crawling on all of the freeways leading out of the Bay area, and a jam packed I-80 through Sacramento. Slow lane, diamond lane, Skylane!



RV-10 and overhauled prop ready for installation.

Like Dubs, I thought "What a great day!"
Aviation friends helping friends.

Dan Masys

Brent Smith writes:

Just got back from a trip to Alaska during which I visited the "busiest seaplane base in the world" in Anchorage and got an hour of dual in a float-equipped Super Cub. Shot 10 landings, managed not to scare myself or any other living things. My first time in a seaplane. Woo-hoo!

George Hardin writes:

Four years ago I obtained my license and bought a Kitfox. I came to an EAA meeting and met 2 pilots, Tony Kasabasich and Bruce Estes. Tony gave me lots of information on STOL and how to manage my teenage son. I especially want to thank Bruce. Bruce found a half hanger to store my folding wing Kitfox. He was very helpful and knowledgeable with maintenance issues and anything to do with Aviation.

Lincoln has been a great place to fly out of, but now we are moving to Albany Oregon to get out of the heat and smoke and be near my

wife's family. Thank you for including me in your aviation family.

Around the World Chipmunk

By chapter member Dan Flom

One of the world's favorite military training aircraft is based here at Lincoln and recently had company from some British cousins.

The de Havilland Chipmunk was a basic trainer primarily used by the Royal Canadian Air Force, UK Royal Air Force, Portuguese Air Force and several other military forces around the world. Roughly 1300 Chipmunks were built between 1947 and 1957. They remained in service in the UK through 1996, and in Portugal as recently as 2018. Most have been decommissioned and sold off to private owners and flying clubs around the world.

In 1997, the Royal Air Force completed an *Around The World (ATW)* trip with two Chipmunks. They departed England, flew across northern Europe, Russia, Alaska, Canada and back across the north Atlantic to England. One of the two aircraft that completed that trip is in the RAF Museum in London. The other aircraft happens to live in Southern California. Its owner, Richard, is passionate about maintaining its heritage. In June 2022 he intends to re-create the Canadian legs of that ATW trip, 25 years later to the day, with the very same aircraft, carrying the original pilot's paper navigation charts, flight suit, and helmet.



Richard, along with a second Chipmunk, and it's owner, Steve (also British) passed through Lincoln and Auburn in early May, on the way to Canada.



While here, we took the opportunity for some formation flying and photography. Unfortunately our local Chipmunk was down for maintenance or we could have had a 3-Chipmunk formation (see photos). Many thanks to Mark Loper for his outstanding photography taken from the Bonanza photo ship.



More about the aircraft, the *Around The World* trip, and a documentary book can be found at www.wp833-llc.aero.

Dan Flom

Sightings



A Planes of Fame P-47 Thunderbolt visiting KLHM on June 1st



NorCal Regional Ray Scholars Gathering EAA Youth Flight And Fly-In!

June 18, 2022 9am-2pm

Davis Woodland (Yolo) Airport – KDWA
24893 Aviation Ave, Davis, CA 95616

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea52/ray-aviation-scholarship>



**Calling All Ray Scholars, Aspiring Ray Scholars, Ray Pilots
-EAA Chapters, and ALL OTHERS INTERESTED!**

Pancake Breakfast – Flying – Friends – Resources



Kids will:

Meet fellow Ray Scholars
Make Lifetime Friends and Colleagues
Learn about Flight Training and Career Resources
FLY! – Ray Alum Pilots will fly aspiring Ray



Chapters will:

Review Ray Program Rules, Procedures, and Best Practices
Share Ray Chapter Application Examples
Share/Discuss Flight Training Resources
Review external funding options for 50/50 Match Program
Explore Fund Raising Resources and Programs
Learn EAA Chapter Associated Flying and Flight Training Clubs
Initiate inter-chapter activities and projects!



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