



# 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, September 1, 2022 7-8 pm	<b>Online IMC/VMC club meeting.</b> FAA Wings credit available. Link to join will be sent via e-mail to chapter members.
Friday- Saturday, Sept 9-10	<b>AOPA Hangout west coast fly-in,</b> Felts Field (KSFF) Spokane, WA. Details <a href="#">here</a> .
Saturday, September 10, 2022	<b>Second Saturday Breakfast</b> at the EAA hangar 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Chapter Board meeting follows.
Saturday, Sept. 17th	<b>KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day</b> 8:00 a.m. – noon KLHM main ramp
Saturday, September 24, 11 am – 1 pm	<b>Fourth Saturday Lunch</b> at the EAA hangar

## EAA CHAPTER 1541 INFORMATION

Meetings	Usually the second and fourth Saturdays of each month held at KLHM Hangar S-12. Details available on the website.
E-mail	<a href="mailto:eaa1541@gmail.com">eaa1541@gmail.com</a>
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Chapter Hangar	Hangar S-12, Lincoln Airport
President	Darren Coomler
Vice President	Jim Hughes
Secretary	Darren Coomler (acting)
Treasurer	Scott Whelan
Chapter Board of Directors	Paul Darbo Christina Duran Michael Lagomarsino Ray McNaught Mary Wick
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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,

Here we are in August 2022. Airventure just completed a couple of week ago. School has started for some of the kids, Fall feels like it's right around the corner. The sense of the end summer for me was Labor Day; now, as a pilot it is the completion of Airventure. Fall I relate to the Reno Air Races. If you were not able to attend Airventure I encourage you to spend a day at the Reno Air Races. Beside planes racing overhead there is lots of aircraft displays and aerobatic flying shows.

During our August third Saturday breakfast + meeting we voted on the following items.

1. **The Saturday's meetings will change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.** The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the change. The reason for the change is to better our meeting by allowing our chapter members to fly out to other local EAA chapter meetings; this will also allow other chapters to attend our meeting. This will also allow more members to participate in the third Saturday Display Day at the KLHM gazebo.

2. **Allocating \$2,000 within the chapter's scholarship fund to a contingency fund to be used if a Ray Scholar gets close to finishing their flight training and runs out of scholarship funds.** The vote was all in favor. Due to higher aircraft rental and instructing costs in our area we have noticed that it could become a bit of a challenge for the scholars to complete their private pilot training before running out of money. The contingency money will only be used if the student pilot is very close to completing and needs a little financial help to finish.

Also, during our Saturday meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> Anthony Moreno gave a great presentation on his 2022 Air Academy experience at Oshkosh. Thank you, Anthony. We also had a large turnout of kids and parents interested in Young Eagle rides. We need help with this! We only have few pilots making themselves available to fly these kids, and we need more pilots and planes. Please contact me if you can help. (Darren 530-913-7768)

In other chapter news, we have reserved space for our chapter's Holiday party at Cattlemen's restaurant in Roseville. This will be held December 15<sup>th</sup>, with tickets available for sale in a couple of months. If you have anything that would be good for a Silent Live Auction at the party auction and you can donate it, that would surely be appreciated.

The Lincoln Airport Open House details are all getting finalized. We will be needing chapter members and their families to attend to help a little and just enjoy a great day. The Open House will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30am – 3pm.

Lastly, Bruce Estes was able to sell the Teeny Two aircraft that was donated to the chapter. The Teeny Two had a number of issues that made the sale difficult as an aircraft, but Bruce was able to sell it to a church that will use the

airplane as a display to show kids how an aircraft works. Thank you, Bruce, for all of your hard work.

Thank you all and have a great day. Remember our next chapter meeting will after the breakfast on the second Saturday of September, which will be September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely  
Darren Coomler

**Treasurer's Report**

As we continue to come out of the Covid lock down, our chapter finances continue to look good. Our membership continues to grow: we added 2 new memberships, 1 individual and a family of 6. This brings our current roster to 126 members.

**Membership Fee Update:** Just a reminder that from now on all memberships are \$30.00 per year. New, renewing, individual or families are all the same amount.

**Amazon Smile:** In case you didn't know it, we have an Amazon Smile account! This is a great way for you to support the Chapter through your Amazon purchases. Best part: it doesn't cost you anything. Depending on what you purchase, Amazon will make a donation to the chapter. You can find more information at: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) before you start shopping. Unfortunately, our chapter is spelled incorrectly, but you will find us under: Lincoln Eea Chapter 1541 Inc. I am working to correct our name, which was incorrectly spelled when our nonprofit paperwork was submitted years ago.

**Ray Scholar:** As of July 31st the Ray Scholar balance is overdrawn and the chapter

has provided funds from the general fund to cover while we await the \$2,000 deposit for Kaden passing the Knowledge Test milestone. The first \$1,231.50 will be returned to general fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott D. Whelan  
Treasurer

EAA Chapter 1541

Account Balances:  
Credits in black, debits in red.

**Hangar Fund**

Starting Balance \$ 21,130.60

**R&S Scholarship Fund**

Starting Balance \$ 11,336.00

Donation Jar \$ 121.00

Ending Balance \$ **11,457.00**

**General Fund**

Starting Balance	\$ 8,909.98
Hangar Rent (Jun & Jul)	\$ (1,250.00)
Membership Dues	\$ 280.00
Meals - Profit	\$ 221.26
Hangar Rent (Income)	\$ 600.00
Recycling	\$ 23.17
PayPal Fees	\$ (13.10)
Ending Balance	\$ 8,771.31

**Ray Scholar Fund**

Kaden \$ (1,231.50)

Balance of all accounts

July 31, 2022 \$ 40,127.41

## Ray Scholarship Update



Thank you to everyone who applied for our chapter’s 2022 Ray Aviation Scholarship. It was a difficult job to choose only one scholar as all the candidates were very deserving. We are pleased to announce that **Anthony Moreno** was selected by our chapter’s scholarship committee. Anthony’s application was submitted to EAA national and approved last week. Anthony will receive up to \$10,000 from EAA and The Ray Foundation to provide flight training to complete his Private Pilot License. Please join us in congratulating Anthony.



Congratulations are also in order for our 2021 Ray Scholar, **Kaden Kusick**. Kaden successfully passed his FAA Written Exam on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. With a short break to celebrate his high school graduation in Hawaii, Kaden jumped right back into

flight training, and we are excited to announce that he Soloed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations Kaden on passing the written exam, high school graduation, and soloing!

Congratulations also to our 2019 Ray Scholar, **Amy Whelan**. Amy passed her Commercial Checkride on June 27<sup>th</sup>. She is in town for the next six months to complete her CFI training, complex and tailwheel endorsements and build



as many flight hours as possible before returning to ERAU for her final semester before graduation. She will be available to mentor our Ray Scholars and looks forward to giving as many Young Eagles flights as possible.

Congratulations Amy!

## From the Galley



I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the galley. We are now averaging almost 50 meals served at each gathering. We are all aware of what is happening with food prices and unfortunately your EAA 1541 galley is no exception.

I do the best I can to source the best quality food for the lowest possible price. The Board has voted to raise the price starting in September. The new breakfast prices will only rise \$1.00 for the adult meals. The new price will be \$8.00. For lunches the prices will increase to \$10.00. The price for kids and families will remain unchanged.

Scott Whelan



Chapter 1541 President Darren Coomler and Ray Scholar Alumna Amy Whelan, building an experimental pancake. Not sure if the FAA will issue an airworthiness certificate...

**Project Updates and Adventures**

**Ernie Brock** writes:

My RV-14 is now flying and I just completed the first 40 hours!



**Brent Smith** writes:

After dealing with a temporary setback with one of the two fuel pump circuits on my Mini-Imp, both are now working as intended and the engine starts and runs well. With only a single item left on my punch list to be made and installed (maximum thanks for Tony K's help!), I've focused on polishing the undersides of the outer wing panels before re-hanging them, mounting the wingtip tanks and connecting all the electrical and fuel connections. I've attached a picture of the current results of my polishing efforts (thanks to Kurt von Salzen for educating me!). Before anyone pinches open the picture to zoom in I'll remind you that the picture is of the *underside* of the left outer wing

panel. 😊



On August 20<sup>th</sup> I was able to re-hang the outer wing panels on N441MP with the help of a couple of friends. Looks a whole lot more like a real airplane now!



Chapter member **John Tate** participated in a once-in-forever experience as a result of being invited to fly in the 50 ship RV formation at

AirVenture 2022 celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Van's Aircraft:



Group photo of John with 49 of his close formation buddies at OSH:

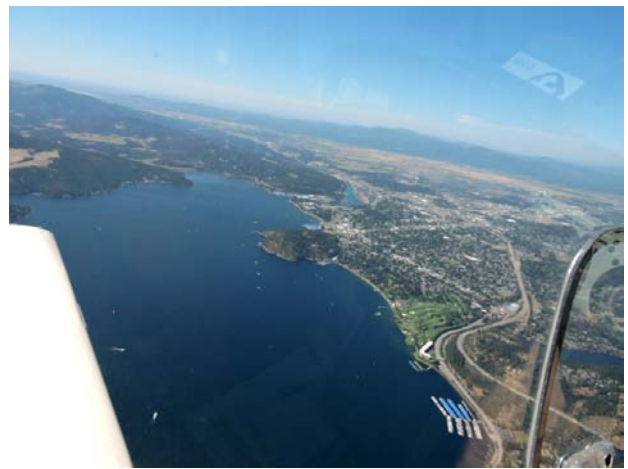


Paul "Dubs" Darbo writes:

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, I departed KLHM for Sandpoint (KSZT) in the Idaho panhandle to visit my son Ean who moved there from Lincoln last fall. With refueling at La Grande OR (KLGD) going and returning (on the 11<sup>th</sup>), the flight portion of the trip was nominal.



*Refueling at La Grande*



*Enroute over Coeur-D'Alene Idaho*

The Sandpoint area is beautiful with mountains and lakes all around. They say that in Lincoln you have everything you need within 100 miles, often 50. In Sandpoint, it's less than 10. Since Ean works from home, mostly on the phone, he is able to get out every day to go somewhere. With season passes to the Schweitzer ski resort he skied more last year that all of his prior 35 years here, often on the phone while doing so.

We spent most afternoons somewhere on the shores of (or actually on) Lake Pend Oreille, Priest Lake or Round Lake with his dog, again with Ean often on the phone, both driving to/from the lakes or while at them.



*Priest Lake, Idaho*



*Ean and dog trolling on Lake Pend Oreille*



*The day's trophy: a 33 inch Northern Pike*

Pictures cannot capture the beauty, comfort and joy of the area.

Dubs  
Mooney M20G N6797N

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, after waiting more than a year since ordering, **Ray McNaught** got an email from Vans Aircraft that the empennage kit for his RV-12is project was available to either crate for shipping or to pick up. He and tech counselor **Dan Masys** wasted no time since the weather was severe clear (other than some wildfire smoke in southern Oregon), and they took Dan's RV-10 with rear seats and baggage bulkhead removed on a quick turnaround trip on August 11 from KLHM to Aurora, Oregon and back to retrieve the kit parts.



*Mount Shasta passes the wing at 11,500 ft.*



*Wildfire smoke covering the Oregon Cascades near the Rogue River valley.*

It took about two hours to load all of the empennage kit pieces on the ramp at Vans.



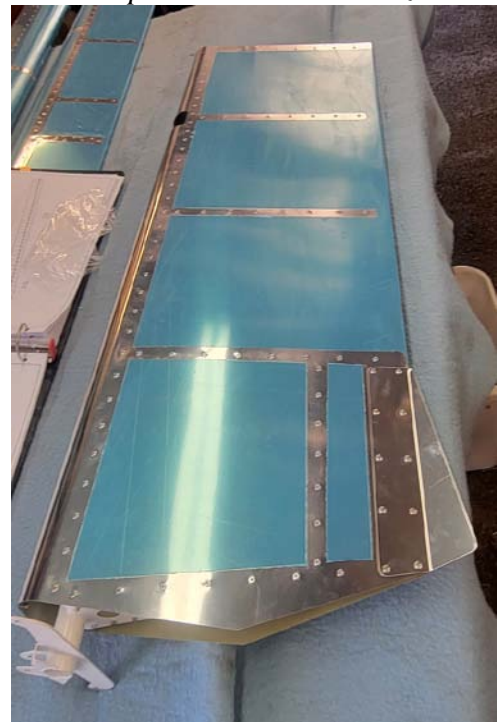
*Flying back from Oregon, with the long tailcone skins extending back several feet into the RV-10's tailcone; all of the kit components made for a close fit behind the pilot and copilot seats. The bottom fuselage skin is rolled up on the left of the picture, sitting on top of other parts. (Photo shot by Ray over his shoulder using his iPad).*

With a fine 30 knot tailwind going northbound, yielding an average ground speed of 210 knots, and an somewhat more not-fine headwind headed back south making groundspeed about 140 knots, the RV-10 covered the 810 nm round trip distance in 4 hours and 50 minutes. Not a bad substitute for 18 hours of driving roundtrip on I-5!

Within a week the empennage began to take shape, with the vertical stabilizer and rudder corrosion-proofed, assembled and riveted together:



*Completed vertical stabilizer*



*Completed rudder*



## Sightings



The Air Force displays its newest stealth technology