



# 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, April 22, 2023 11 am – 1pm	<b>Fourth Saturday lunch and program</b> at the EAA hangar. Program: <b>Wreckchasing</b> , by Aviation Author Nicholas A. Veronico
Saturday, April 29 9 am	<b>Chapter Fly-Out to Nancy's restaurant, Willows</b> Details below
Thursday, May 4, 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.
Saturday, May 13 8 – 10 am	<b>Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast</b> at the EAA hangar
Saturday, May 20	<b>KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day</b>

8:00 a.m. – noon  
KLHM main ramp

**No May Fourth Saturday BBQ Lunch.** Our Saturday, June 24th Fourth Saturday BBQ Lunch will proceed as planned.

## 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>
Website	<a href="https://eaa1541.org">https://eaa1541.org</a>
Mailing Address	EAA chapter 1541, PO Box 1126, Lincoln, CA 95648
Chapter Hangar	Hangar S-12, Lincoln Airport
President	Scott Thompson
Vice President	Cheryl Andrade
Secretary	Jim Hughes
Treasurer	Scott Whelan
Chapter Board of Directors	Paul Darbo Christina Duran Lesa McArdle Ray McNaught Lorin Ponton Mary Wick
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold

## President's Corner



Greetings for the month of April. Nice flying weather has finally arrived, and it looks like it will stick around for a while. Lots of stuff going on with the chapter these days, so I'll take a moment to review a few of the past and coming events.

We had an excellent program in March at our Fourth Saturday BBQ lunch. Former ATC controller Gary Veer presented an informative and entertaining program on the ins and outs of air traffic control. Along with that, the chapter enjoyed some fine food with pulled pork sandwiches and all the other good stuff provided by the cooking team led by Scott Whelan.

As you read this, we are also looking ahead to our April Fourth Saturday BBQ lunch on April 22.

Noted aviation author, photographer and editor Nicholas A. Veronico is our guest this month, and he will present a program on the obscure but intriguing field of Wreckchasing. Wreckchasing, for those who have not heard of such a thing, is the process of researching and documenting an old plane crash and then, if circumstances allow, trying to locate the crash site. There are dozens, probably hundreds, of crash sites in California that bear historical interest. Many years ago, I was able to document and visit the crash site of a rare B-17C that went down near Porterville a month before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Much of the airplane wreckage remained. Of the nine people aboard, all but the pilot managed to parachute from the bomber before it crashed. The documented history of the crew and the plane told an interesting tale. Nick Veronico is an expert on Wreckchasing and his presentation should be of great interest to the chapter.

April has five Saturdays, and we are taking advantage of that extra Saturday to hold the first organized chapter fly-out of the year...actually the first fly-out in several years. The destination is Nancy's Airport Café at the Willows Airport for a good brunch. More information and a link to sign-up for the Saturday event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Each summer, the EAA Air Academy summer camp is held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Our chapter sponsors up to two kids each year using our chapter's Richard and Susan Bristow Memorial Scholarship Fund. This past month, we were happy to announce that Sam Mach and Prahlad Iyengar were selected from a very qualified group of applicants. It was a difficult choice, but we congratulate Sam and Prahlad and look forward to hearing about their summer adventures.

Along the same lines, as I write this we are in the process of selecting our chapter's nominee for the EAA Ray Scholarship. The Ray Scholarship provides up to \$11,000 for flight training costs to get a young person started in aviation. The requirements of the program are stringent, but we have had four successful Ray Scholars over the past years, and we anticipate another one in the next year.

I've decided to postpone our planned "Basics of Riveting" class that we scheduled to hold on May 5. Details to come on when we will reschedule. I'll also mention that our chapter leadership team has decided not to have a Fourth Saturday BBQ for the month of May. The date falls on Memorial Day weekend, and we've identified a good group of chapter members who won't be in town that weekend. So, we will defer our appetites for a good BBQ lunch and program to our June BBQ meeting to be held on Saturday, June 24.

Aside from that, just about every weekend now has aviation opportunities available. Lots of fly-ins, pancake breakfasts, Young Eagle rallies, and the like are being held at airports in the area. We try to post as many as possible on our chapter calendar but do miss a few here and there. If you know of one that we are missing, let us know with a quick email to the chapter.

Scott Thompson

### From our new chapter Vice President

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for entrusting me with the title of Vice President for our chapter and the responsibilities that are included. If, in the future, I must preside over one of our meetings, it will not be as polished as Scott's; however, I will do my best.

See you for breakfast and lunch!

Cheryl M. Andrade  
Young Eagle & Membership  
Coordinator

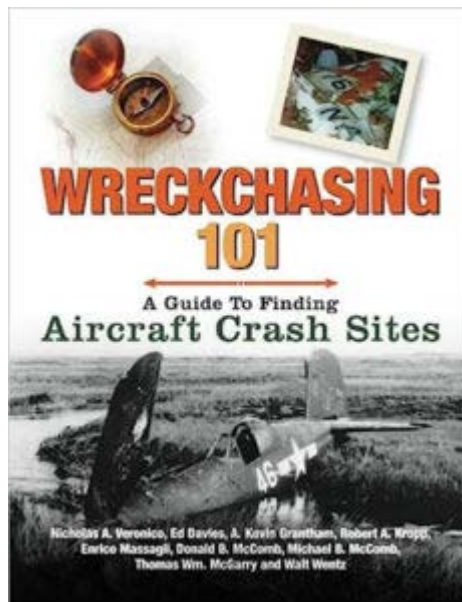
### April 22 BBQ Lunch and Program: Wreckchasing

Our chapter will be having our Fourth Saturday BBQ Lunch on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 11:00 at our hangar. Our Program for April will be a presentation by aviation author Nicholas A. Veronico on "Wreckchasing".

***Wreckchasing*** is researching, locating, and documenting aircraft crashes and crash sites that occurred before 1970. As the nation's population expands, we are often encroaching upon historic aircraft crash sites. It is the job of the wreckchaser to respectfully locate and document these sites before they are scavenged by recyclers or built upon by developers. ***Wreckchasing*** is an avocation that combines meticulous research, detective work, and outdoor adventure.



**Nicholas A. Veronico** is the author of a number of aviation, military, and transportation books. He began looking for and documenting aircraft crash sites in the late 1980s, and in 1995 started the website [Wreckchasing.com](http://Wreckchasing.com). His website's message board has become an on-line community for those interested in researching and finding aircraft crash sites. Most recently, his research led to the City of San Carlos, California, commemorating the March 1945 crash of a Navy R4D that impacted less than a mile and a half of his home. Sixteen servicemen survived the incident while seven perished.



On May 28, 1944, his grand uncle was lost in the 390th Bomb Group's B-17G "Decatur Deb." Nothing was known by his family of the loss until Nick began to further research the air war, which led to his book *Bloody Skies: U.S. Eighth Air Force Battle Damage in World War II*.

Nick will present on a number of aircraft crash sites, both civilian and military, that he has documented over the years. Nick will also have a few of his many books available for purchase including *Wreckchasing 101*, *PB4Y-2 Privateer*, and *Boeing 377 Stratocruiser*.

BBQ Lunch starts at 11:00 at our hangar at the Lincoln Regional Airport. If you are not familiar with our hangar's location, come to the airport and just follow the "EAA" signs.



*The grill is hot from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. when it shuts down, so come early. BBQ Lunch is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 12 or under, and \$25 for families.*

### Chapter Fly-out April 29th

We are holding our first chapter fly-out of the year on Saturday, April 29. The participants will gather at 9:00 am at the Gazebo at KLHM and depart, en masse, for a fine brunch at Nancy's Airport Cafe located at the Willows/Glenn County Airport (KWLW). Willows is 64 fun-filled air miles northwest of Lincoln.



*Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner*

**So, we are also trying something new for this event.** We are using SignUpGenius to see if this will help organize the fly-out. We are asking all who wish to participate to use [this link](#) to go to the sign up



page, either as a pilot/plane or as a passenger. We'll try to include as many non-pilot chapter members as possible as passengers...this will depend on how many pilot/planes participate and the ability to accommodate passengers. We are limiting the passenger sign-ups to just ten individuals. Please note that we cannot promise that we will be able to get all the passengers who sign-up on an airplane going to Willows.

This is the first organized chapter fly-out we've had post-COVID, so we are putting our toe in the water to determine the interest in this and future fly-outs. (As of right now, we are planning fly-outs for the five-Saturday months this year...that would be April, July, and September.)

Also, a word of warning: we are using the free version of SignUpGenius which is very advertisement-heavy. Verify what you are clicking on as you go through the signup process to ensure you are not actually clicking on an advertisement.

If this process works well, the chapter may spring for a paid, ad-less version of SignUpGenius.

## Treasurer's Report

**Members:** As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, our membership roster stands at 115 ***Current Memberships***. Thank you for the continued support.

**Membership Dues:** Just a friendly reminder for those who have not paid your dues yet. The chapter changed to a simpler format, all memberships are now \$30 a year – individual and families. You can pay these on-line using PayPal, mail a check to our PO Box, or in person at any chapter meeting. Remember an EAA National membership is required, this is a good time to verify it is up to date. For the month of March, we received \$120.00 in dues.

**Ray Scholar:** As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, the remaining balance is \$ 5,898.06.

**Activity:** For the month of February – The chapter received a \$5,000 donation from Melissa Leither. These were the proceeds after the sale of her fathers' Starduster. This donation was allocated to both the hangar fund and the R&S Scholarship fund, which is used to promote youth activities in the chapter. Donations like these are extremely helpful to fund youth activities, such as sponsoring students to attend Air Academy every year at Oshkosh. Bruce Estes was extremely instrumental in facilitating the donation and sale of the aircraft – Thank you Bruce for all your ceaseless efforts. Expenses included: hangar rent = \$625, food = \$166, web site = \$89.

Aviation thought for the month: *Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.*

**Account Balances:**

<b>Hangar Fund</b>	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$ 24,130.60</i>
<b>R&amp;S Scholarship Fund</b>	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$ 14,576.00</i>
<b>General Fund</b>	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$ 13,952.32</i>
<b>Ray Scholar Fund</b>	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$ 5,898.06</i>
<b>Balance of all accounts</b>	
<i>March 31, 2023</i>	<u><u>\$ 58,556.98</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott D. Whelan  
Treasurer  
EAA Chapter 1541

<b>Project Updates and Adventures</b>
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**Brent Smith** writes:

Got my eMag back from the manufacturer in Texas after they modified it to provide the proper sensing to the tach display in my JPI EDM900 engine monitor. Now if I can just find room in my busy retiree schedule to reinstall it, I can get on with final reassembly and taxi testing! Whew!

Brent

**Branden Culp** writes:

Over the last few months I have been finalizing my RANS S-21 build with my Titan IO-340 engine installation in our EAA hangar. On the morning of March 22nd I had my first engine start as well as my DAR inspection later in the afternoon.

First flight was the evening of March 30th using the FAA additional pilot program with tailwheel guru CFI Steve “Shaggy” Schulte as my second pilot.



Minor squawks such as a heavy left wing and INOP fuel flow gauge have been fixed. I'm at 13 hours flight time so far, and the engine has broken in by evidence of the much cooler CHTs and stabilized oil consumption. Working to fly off my 40 hours and planning to take her to OSH in July.

Branden Culp  
EAA #767297

**Paul "Dubs" Darbo writes:**

Grace is an American Staffordshire that was moments from being put down when Giselle's Legacy notified the shelter a home was found for her. Alex and Hailey lost their precious Mila a few months ago. Something about Grace touched them. They'll never forget or stop grieving Mila, but are honoring her by opening their homes and hearts to Grace, a gentle, sweet little girl who was abandoned by the only family she ever knew. She sat petrified, and grief stricken in the shelter.





Very quickly, Pilots N Paws had organized a transfer that needed to be done within days. She was picked up and taken to the Banning airport where Jonathan A. had flown his RV-6A from Visalia to pick her up and fly back north to Davis University airport. Grace was transferred to me for the final leg to Redding where Alex and Hailey met us. These organizations and many people teamed up to save this wonderful dog.

Dubs

**Ray McNaught and tech counselor Dan Masys** did the first start of the Rotax 912iS engine on Ray's RV-12is project on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



And this was followed on April 14<sup>th</sup> by a visit from Designated Airworthiness Inspector Richard "Dilly" Dilbeck, which converted N40RM from a project into an airplane with an airworthiness certificate! Ray is celebrating by heading off to Missouri to attend the two week Light Sport Repairman - Maintenance course at Rainbow Aviation, where graduates receive an FAA rating that enables them to work on and do annual inspections on all Light Sport aircraft, not just their own.

### Just for Laughs

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I called the telephone company and said, "I want to report a nuisance caller", he said "Not you again".

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: 'Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!' The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: 'The driver just insulted me!' The man says: 'You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you.'

A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: 'I'm looking for the man who shot my paw.'

Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'. He said: 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome'. 'Is it common?' I asked. 'It's not unusual' he replied.

