

# 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, November 25	<b>No BBQ lunch and program</b> Due to Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday, Dec. 7 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, Dec. 9 8 –10 am	<b>Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast</b> at the EAA hangar
Wednesday, Dec. 13 6-8 pm	<b>2023 Holiday Party</b> BJ's Restaurant, Roseville Details on page 4
Saturday, December 16	<b>KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day</b> 8:00 a.m. – noon KLHM main ramp
Saturday, December 23	<b>No BBQ lunch and program</b> Due to Christmas holiday

## 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:eea1541@gmail.com">eea1541@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 Penny Mach Lesa McArdle Ray McNaught Lorin Ponton
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



## President's Corner



Greetings as we move into the final months of 2023. Our chapter has had a busy summer but now we transition into the holiday season and our chapter activities give way to family and other such things. Still, looking at the calendar, we do have one more chapter event we are concentrating on, and that is the Holiday Party set for Wednesday, December 13.

As I've noted earlier, we are trying to do things a bit differently this year...both in location and emphasis. The main thing we've tried to do is keep the ticket cost down so we more families can attend. We're also looking at the party as a more social event with a buffet-style meal and opportunities to visit and get to know other chapter members and their families. If you have not yet purchased tickets for the party, I encourage you to go to the [dedicated page on our chapter website and do so as soon as possible](#). We'd like to have an approximate head count in early December. Please note that tickets will not be available for purchase at the door on the night of the event; they must be pre-purchased. The absolute final opportunity to purchase tickets will be at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Pancake breakfast on December 9 but I hope the chapter members won't wait until the last minute to get their tickets.

One of the party activities will be a low-key raffle. We've already gathered a good number of worthy items for the raffle but are looking for more, and any help you might be able to lend to arrange donations to the raffle would be most appreciated. All proceeds from the raffle will go to our chapter's Youth Scholarship Fund. We'll have raffle tickets for sale at the door so buy a bunch to increase your chances to score a great prize.

Our Youth Scholarship Fund has had a good stream of income this year thanks to some special donations and some dedicated work by several chapter members. Because of that income, the chapter board of directors is pursuing new initiatives to ensure the scholarship funds are disbursed in the most effective and equitable way possible. We already routinely support the EAA Air Academy and EAA Ray Scholar program with the scholarship funds, but there are other opportunities we are exploring. There will be more on these initiatives in the coming months.

One thing that was discussed at our last chapter board meeting was a basic question: why do we gather together as an EAA chapter? We do have a list of eight purposes for the chapter posted on the ["About Us"](#) page on our website, and it might be worth a look by members to remind us why we are "officially" here. But it is also a more personal question for each member: why are you a member of EAA Chapter 1541? Without thinking about it too hard, we should each have an answer to that question. I hope they are positive reasons, be it fun, social, educational, recreational, advocacy, or a fill-in-the-blank reason. I'm not advocating for any survey or initiative about this question, but it is a question worth asking. When new people come to visit our chapter and consider joining us, I hope they see a welcoming, friendly, open group of aviation advocates. I'm concerned when I hear that we've had people come and take a look, and then don't come back. There may be reasons for them not coming back that are beyond our control, but I think it worth redoubling our efforts to make people feel welcome and give them a reason to come back.

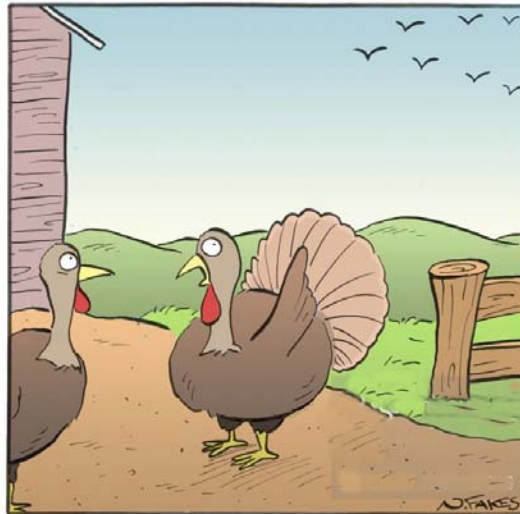
So, I'll leave this philosophical discussion by saying that I think we can probably do a better job of making our chapter resources available to all comers both inside and outside the chapter. We have a great pool of talent and knowledge about all things airplane and piloting and maintaining in our group. And nearly everyone in our talented group is usually willing to help out anyone in aviation need. What we aim to do is a better job of is connecting those in need with those who can help.

Thus, I am making this specific offer here for the first time, but you will hear it more in the months to come. Do you need aviation help? Have you never changed the oil on your airplane before and would like someone to look over your shoulder for this first time? Are you having trouble getting the correct flare on a fuel line for your homebuilt.? Do you need to have a better understanding of airplane weight and balance before your written exam? Are you flying to Truckee and have never flown into a mountainous airport before? Are you planning your first solo cross-country flight and would like to see it in our flight simulator before you actually fly it?

Well, we have people in our chapter who can help you with these and a myriad of other questions and problems. The face-to-face contact is important but to get to that point, [please email the chapter](#) with your question or problem. Don't be embarrassed about asking because we have people who understand as they've already been there themselves.

We will make every effort to connect you to someone who can give you some able aviation assistance. If you need something quicker, please give me a call at 916-716-3442...but be aware I'm deathly afraid of spam callers so you'll probably have to leave a message and I'll call you back. I promise.

Scott Thompson



"Before the end of November, we  
need to learn to do that."



# HOLIDAY PARTY!

## Holiday Party Tickets Now Available



Our Chapter 1541 Holiday Party is set for **Wednesday, December 13**, at BJ's Restaurant in Roseville (across from the Galleria). We are making a special effort this year to keep the cost as low as possible so we can include more families. Tickets are **\$40 for adults** and **\$15 for kids under 12**.

The meal will be a pizza buffet with a specialty entrée, with salad and non-alcoholic drinks. There is also a no-host bar available at BJ's. You can also bring your own bottle of wine with no corkage fee.

We are planning an informal social gathering beginning at 6:00 pm and lasting until 8:00. We are holding a low-key raffle, just for the fun of it, with all the raffle proceeds going to our youth scholarship fund. The list of raffle prizes is growing so plan to buy dozens of raffle tickets to increase your chances of scoring a cool prize.

Please plan on joining us on December 13. Tickets [are now available online at this dedicated page](#) on our chapter's website. They will also be available at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast on December 9 **when ticket sales close**. Tickets will *not* be available at the door of the event; they must be pre-purchased. To keep the dinner ticket prices as low as possible, we are selling them at pretty close to cost, so the dinner itself is not a fundraiser for the chapter.

## Membership and Young Eagles Update

### New Members for November

We have not received any new members yet for November. Whether staying at home or traveling this month, I do believe everyone is concentrating on Thanksgiving.

### YOUNG EAGLES UPDATE

Due to the holidays, we will not be resuming Young Eagles until January 27, 2024, which will be our regular mini-rally before the barbecue luncheon.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF MY EAA FAMILY MEMBERS!**



Be happy and be safe.  
Cheryl Andrade  
YE Coordinator

## Treasurers Report

**Members:** As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, our current membership stands at 168.

**Ray Scholar:** As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, the balance is \$ 842.50.

**Dues Reminder:** As we approach the end of the year, just a quick reminder that you can now pay your dues for 2024.

**Aviation thought for the month:** *The sky is not the limit, it's just the beginning.*

Account Balances:

<b>Hangar Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 26,016.48
<b>R&amp;S Scholarship Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 10,807.61
<b>General Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 14,191.80
<b>Ray Scholar Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 842.50
<b>Balance of all accounts</b>	
October 31, 2023	\$ 51,858.39

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Whelan  
Treasurer  
EAA Chapter 1541

## Project Updates and Adventures

**Ray McNaught's** RV-12iS was transformed this month by Kracon Aircraft Refinishing at KLHM, from a bright aluminum bird (that was prone to blind the pilot with sunshine flashes reflecting off the wings when banking), to an all white creature with a red nose.

Meet Rudolph the Red-Nosed Planedeer:



With tongue firmly in cheek, Ray explains the red nose, which is just the start:  
I got my graphics on! Here I am making a high G turn on KLHM!



Ray followed this with:

Actually this is all the graphics as of now.

I put the tail number on the fuse because the VS gets a bunch of stuff.



**Tim Whitmire** writes about his 4<sup>th</sup> RV-14A Condition Inspection:



I finished building my RV-14A, N885RV, in 2018 and it has been five years since my first flight. This is my 4th annual condition inspection.

So far, I haven't found anything overly wrong with the aircraft. We take all the access panels off, check the flight controls for tightness, check all the bolts and make sure nothing has loosened up. Lube all the flight control bearings.

This year, we are replacing the original Molex connectors with Deutsch connectors. They are much higher quality, and they crimp better and they're very secure and they're also moisture proof. Vans has several service bulletins that apply, so we check a lot of parts for cracks. Oil change, brake pads, retune the EMags and she's good to go. It's nice to have the repairman's certificate on experimental airplanes.



Tim Whitmire