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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, December 23	No BBQ lunch and program Due to Christmas holiday
Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 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, Jan. 13 8 – 10 am	Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast at the EAA hangar
Saturday, January 20, 2024	KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day 8:00 a.m. – noon main ramp Build and Fly Informational meeting 9:00 – 11:00 EAA hangar

Saturday,
January 27
2024

BBQ lunch and program

Topic to be announced

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	eea1541@gmail.com
Website	https://eaa1541.org
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 Jeremy Preece
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



President's Corner



So, 2023 is drawing to a close. For our EAA chapter, it ends on an up note as the Holiday Party held on December 13th was a great success, at least from where I'm sitting. It seems everybody had a good time, the food and service at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse was outstanding, and the chapter raised another \$530 for the youth scholarship fund through the raffle and silent auction. Our chapter also formally received a check from the City of Lincoln in the amount \$8,338...the net proceeds from the Airport Open House held earlier this year. That money is also going to the scholarship fund. As explained elsewhere in this newsletter, we have good plans for this donated money.

I'll mention that I've heard some feedback here and there that our chapter spends a lot of effort on engaging the youth in nurturing interests in aviation, possibly to the neglect of some of the older folk. To that feedback I agree...yes, we spend much effort on the younger people.

Looking around, it's not hard to find numerous articles documenting the current and forthcoming shortages of new people coming into the aviation technical industry. Even as seen in the past few years, there is an ever-increasing number of attractive options to young people in technological fields that compete for their attention, and I think aviation often loses out. Thus, the EAA and our chapter and many other aviation groups deem it important to pay attention and nurture any young person's interest in things that fly. I've personally seen several examples of kids whose vision suddenly expanded with excitement when he or she saw what aviation can offer.

But it is not my or the chapter's intention to neglect any of the 'older' generation of aviators and aviation enthusiasts. Many of our monthly programs are aimed straight at the more experienced in our crowd, whether it be aircraft building techniques, historical presentations, or pilot education. We have the VMC/IMC club Zoom every month for pilots and those otherwise interested in exploring real-life scenarios. For fun, we also have the occasional chapter fly-outs, and have some other plans in the works too.

The chapter is primarily limited these days by a shortage of volunteers who have a passion for a particular subject and will work to make something happen around that. If you're that person...I want to talk to you. Whether it is to put together a technical program on electrical wiring, or how to fly a Bay Tour, or tell the story of building your airplane...yes, we have room for that. Our 2024 Program schedule is wide open...so if you have something to say that will interest our aviation compatriots, please, talk to me.

And, I will now go back to something I mentioned last month in this same space. One of my specific goals for the chapter for 2024 is to grow the interaction of our community. If you have any specific questions or problems that have to do with flying or building or maintaining or whatever, please contact our chapter at our chapter email address: eaa1541@gmail.com. Or, contact me directly at

sthompson@aerovintage.com. We have a cadre of experienced and friendly people that can help answer your questions or solve your problems, and we'll work to connect you guys together. This process will help you and it will help us as a chapter to support each other.

Thanks to all for a good year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

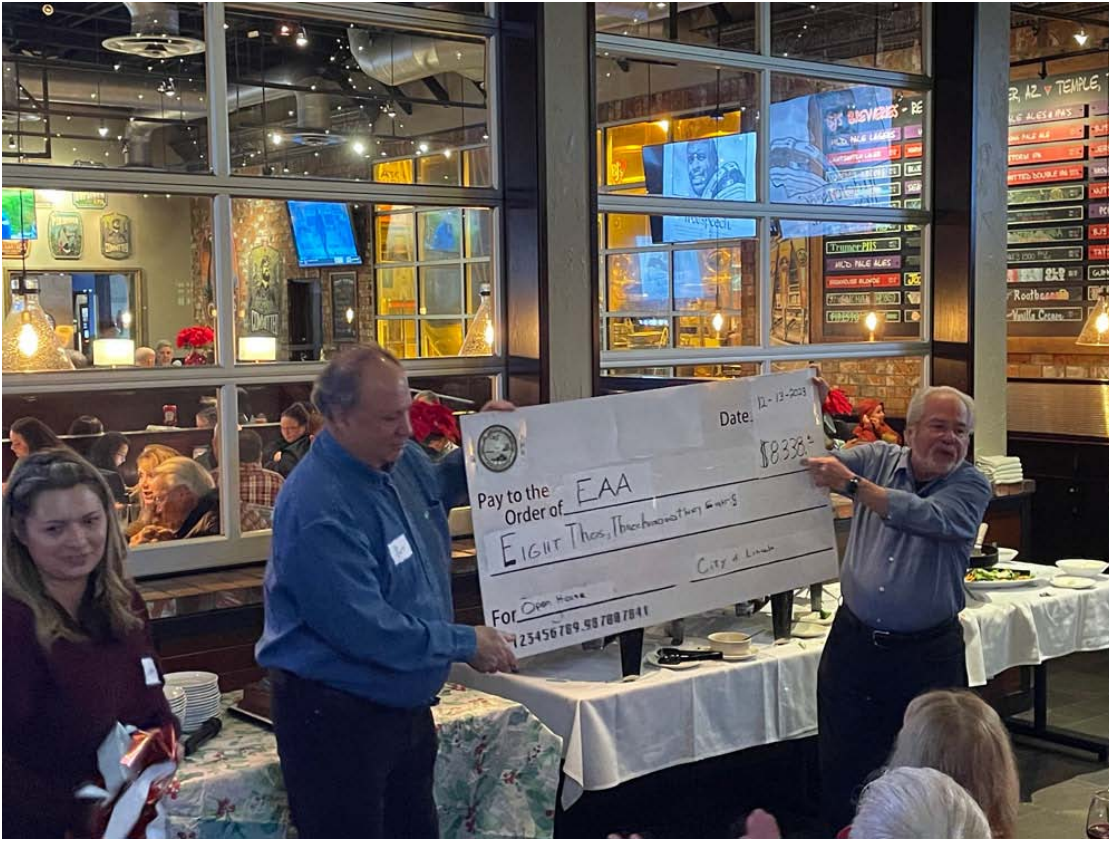
Scott Thompson

Holiday Party 2023

The chapter's 2023 Holiday Party was held on Wednesday, December 13, at BJ's Brewhouse and Restaurant in Roseville. It was a fun social time, with about forty-five chapter members and families in attendance. The chapter received a check in the amount of \$8,338 from Richard Pearl on behalf of the City of Lincoln, the donation being the city's net proceeds from last summer's Airport Open House. All of that donation is earmarked for the chapter's youth scholarship fund. We also took a few minutes to recognize chapter members Scott and Shirl Whelan for their long and dedicated service to the chapter. A raffle and silent auction were held that will also benefit our scholarship fund. All in all, it seemed to be a relaxed and fun evening for the group. Please see the list of local merchants and individuals who graciously sponsored our raffle and silent auction, and keep those merchants in mind as you go about your business and dining in Lincoln and the surrounding area.







These Local Merchants and Individuals Graciously Donated Items for our 2023 Holiday Party Raffle and Silent Auction

Local Merchants

- **Leatherby's Family Creamery (Lincoln):** \$25 gift card
- **Wings Grill (Auburn):** breakfast or lunch for four (value up to \$75)
- **BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse (Roseville):** \$25 gift card
- **The Waffle Shop (Lincon):** 5 x 'Two free waffle certificates' (value of each pair up to \$25)
- **Mr. Pickles (Lincoln):** 2 x \$10 gift cards
- **Safeway (Lincoln):** \$25 gift card
- **Pampered Chef:** \$40 Gift Card with Embroidered tea towel
- **Beeswax Store (Lincoln):** Local Honey Gift Set (value \$35)
- **Sunshine Flyers (Auburn):** Introductory Flight Lesson (value \$149)

Individuals

- **Scott and Shirl Whelan:** Giant Airplane Kite (value \$25)
- **Scott and Shirl Whelan:** co-author signed "101 Chuck Yeagar-isms" book (value \$25)
- **Lesa McArdle:** Aviation Specialty Socks Basket (value \$25)
- **Author Nick Veronico:** signed Navy PB4Y-2 book (value \$60)
- **Author Nick Veronico:** signed Wreckchasing 102 book (\$30 value)
- **Author Scott Thompson:** signed B-17 Final Cut book (value \$25)
- **Mike and Sandy Lagomarsi:** EAA Ford Tri-Motor Cap (value \$28)
- **Dave and Penny Mach:** 2 -40oz Yeti Tumblers with 1lb gourmet coffee gift basket (value \$125)
- **Mike and Sandy Lagomarsi:** Pilot Flight Bag (value \$60)
- **Cheryl Andrade:** 29 fighter aces autographed "Ghosts" book by Philip Makanna
- **John Tate and David M. Kinsley:** Aviation Art (value \$100)

Chapter Youth Scholarship Program

Our chapter's Richard and Susan Bristow Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund received a big boost recently. The City of Lincoln donated the net proceeds from the August 26 Airport Open House and Family Festival to our chapter's youth scholarship fund. Our chapter participated in the open house by organizing a pancake breakfast for visitors, running our flight simulators, and providing volunteers for airport ramp control. The city returned the favor by providing a check in the amount of \$8,338.41 to our chapter's youth scholarship fund. The presentation was made at our recent Holiday Party by the primary organizer of the open house, Richard Pearl, who happens also to be the City of Lincoln Treasurer and a chapter member.

Thus, as of December 1, 2023, our scholarship fund stands at \$19,336, with about \$6,000 of that fund already committed to existing chapter scholarship programs. Those existing scholarship programs are the sponsorship of two young people to attend the week-long EAA Air Academy summer camp held

each year at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and the support of our chapter's annual Ray Scholar. (There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter about Air Academy.)

But we are now happy to have some additional scholarship money to work with. Toward that end, our chapter board of directors is seeking to expand our youth scholarship opportunities. We have three initiatives we are moving forward on: 1) sponsor a chapter EAA Build and Fly Program to provide a group of chapter youth the opportunity to build and fly a radio-controlled aircraft; 2) to sponsor two young people ages 8-12 to attend the Aerospace Museum of California (at McClellan Airport) week-long youth summer camps this coming summer; and, 3) to provide some specific financial grants to qualified young people undergoing aviation education, be it flight training or other aviation technical training. (There is more information about the EAA Build and Fly Program elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Though not technically part of our scholarship programs, our chapter also holds regular Young Eagles Rallies to introduce young people aged 8-17 to aviation through an introductory flight with an EAA volunteer pilot. Those flights can light a fire in a young person to pursue aviation as a career or a hobby, and possibly become a beneficiary of our scholarship program at a later date.

Our chapter Scholarship Coordinator, Shirl Whelan, and the chapter Scholarship Committee is working toward administering these three new initiatives, as well as continuing to work with our existing programs. You will see more information on our scholarship programs in the coming months, but we want to make everyone aware of how our chapter is expanding our support of young people interested in aviation.

New Chapter Board Member Jeremy Preece

Jeremy Preece was added to our chapter board of directors effective at our December board meeting. Jeremy joined the chapter in August 2022. He is a broadcast engineer by trade and has worked in radio since he was about 19, but his first job was washing planes and working the desk at an FBO at the Riverside Municipal Airport (KRAL), where he also learned to fly. He received his PPL the day after his 17th birthday, but eventually life and career got in the way and he ended up taking a 25-year hiatus from flying. After drooling over too many aviation videos on YouTube, he jumped back into the cockpit about two years ago. He's always been passionate about flying (even when he wasn't) and find the EAA's activities exciting as we foster the love of aviation as a hobby and profession for all ages. Welcome, Jeremy, to our board of directors and thank you for volunteering to help our chapter thrive.

Membership and Young Eagles Update

New Members for December

We are delighted to welcome the Tom Oja Family to our chapter membership!

YOUNG EAGLES UPDATE

Due to the holidays, we will not be having Young Eagles until January 27, 2024. Our regular mini-rally is from 8:00am to 10:00am before the barbecue luncheon.

The operation on my torn rotator cuff was a success, and I am well on my way to recovery. Thanks to all for your well-wishes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR, and may 2024 be a better year for all.

Be happy and fly safe.
Cheryl Andrade



EAA Air Academy Summer Camp Opportunity



As part of our youth scholarship program, EAA Chapter 1541 will sponsor two young people to attend individual sessions of the EAA's Air Academy summer camp to be held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, this coming summer.

Fun and discovery combine for an experience that young people can find nowhere else at the EAA Air Academy, a series of weeklong camps designed to introduce young people ages 12-18 to the aviation world.

The chapter has reserved two slots, one for the Basic Air Academy for ages 14-15 to be held on June 28 through July 3, and one for the Advanced Air Academy for ages 16-18 to be held on July 16 through July 24. Our sponsorship provides tuition and a travel stipend for each young person. Participants stay at the EAA Air Academy under the

direction of EAA counselors for the entire session. Experienced aviation instructors help them delve into flight through studies, hands-on demonstrations, flight simulation, and other exciting activities.

We are in the process of identifying sponsorship candidates from within the chapter. [Here is more information available from the EAA website.](#)

For more information about our chapter sponsorship, please email back to the chapter at eaal541@gmail.com and we'll contact you.



EAA Young Eagles Build and Fly Program: To All Parents of Kids Aged 8-17

EAA Chapter 1541 will be starting an EAA Young Eagles Build and Fly Program for young people ages 8-17. This is an intensive radio-controlled (RC) model building and flying initiative to introduce youth to aircraft construction and the fundamentals of flight. A leader from Associated Modelers of Sacramento (AMOS) will be assisting with this build project. **An informational meeting will be held Saturday January 20, 2024, from 9:00-11:00 am at the EAA hangar located at the Lincoln Regional Airport/Karl Harder Field.** We are requesting that both interested parents and kids attend the informational meeting to learn more about the program.

At our first meet-up, we will be going through the SIG electric-powered eKadet LT-40 kit, talking about what the build process entails, using the RC simulator for hands-on fun and more. Our plan is for three-hour (9:00 am-12:00 pm) group building sessions to be held on **Third Saturday** of each month beginning on February 17. As this is a new program, we may need to adjust times as we go along.



This will be a hands-on project and we expect a commitment from each participating young person to be able to attend each of the building sessions. We hope to have the building sessions completed no later than June.

After the eKadet LT-40 is completed and ready to fly, we will set up a meeting at the AMOS airfield located at 4015 E. Catlett Road in west Lincoln and fly the model aircraft. The AMOS group will provide flight instructors that will teach

each young person ground, field and air safety. This will be discussed throughout the build project as well to ensure all are prepared for the first flight.

We are looking for a cadre of young people who want to build and fly our radio-controlled aircraft. And, we are looking for adult volunteers to help with this exciting youth program. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please let us know. Our chapter point person for our Build and Fly Program is Penny Mach. For more information or to sign up for this free program, please email our chapter at eaal541@gmail.com and we will be in contact with you.

Treasurers Report

Members: As of November 30th, our current membership stands at 168.

Ray Scholar: As of November 30th, the balance is \$ 842.50.

Dues Reminder: Just a friendly reminder for those who have not paid your dues yet. Remember the chapter now uses 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. This is a good time to verify your EAA National membership is also up to date.

Activity: The chapter received a donation from the City of Lincoln for \$8,338.41, in recognition of the chapters support and effort to help make the Airport Open House a success. The city would like these proceeds to be used to support youth activities and events. Donations like these are extremely helpful to fund youth activities, such as sponsoring students to attend Air Academy every year at Oshkosh. Chapter Member and the City of Lincoln Treasurer, Richard Pearl was extremely instrumental in the coordination and success of this event. I would like to thank all the chapter volunteers who also made this a successful event.

Aviation thought for the month: *The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who... looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space.*

Account Balances:

Hangar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 26,016.48
R&S Scholarship Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 19,336.97
General Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 15,167.62
Ray Scholar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 842.50
Balance of all accounts	
<i>November 30, 2023</i>	\$ 61,363.57

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Whelan
Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1541

Project Updates and Adventures

Tech Counselor **Dan Masys** writes:

December 2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the first flight of the first aircraft that my wife (a.k.a. Rosie the Riveter) and I built. It was a 200hp Van's RV-7A that loosed the surly bonds from Brown Field in San Diego, on the 100th anniversary month of the Wright brothers' first flight. The Wrights flew on December 17, 1903. Not wishing to jinx the flight, the intrepid RV-7A builder-pilot flew a week before that on December 13, 2003.

The plane made a fine Christmas card picture that year:



In the past 20 years, the -7A was first flown 410 hours by its builder, and then subsequently owned by pilots in Virginia, Montana, and California. It currently is based at Fox Field in Lancaster, CA and is owned by an aerospace engineer whose father flew the Boeing 747 that hauled the Space Shuttle for NASA. Small aviation world!

Its N number is now N747DE, which the owner notes stands for "747 Dad's Encouragement". 😊

