



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 29	EAA 1541 Poker Run details below
Thursday, July 11, 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, July 13 8 –10 am	Second Saturday Breakfast and program at the EAA hangar Speaker: Tech Counselor Dan Masys on “Upgrading a homebuilt aircraft with new avionics: How Much, and How Long?”
Saturday, July 13 10:30 – 11:30 am	Build and Fly session At the EAA hangar

Saturday,
July 20,
2024

**KLHM Vintage Aircraft
Display day**
8:00 a.m. – noon main ramp

Monday,
July 22 –
July 28,
2024

EAA AirVenture 2024
Wittman Field
Oshkosh, WI

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	eaa1541@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 Penny Mach Lesa McArdle Jeremy Preece
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



President's Corner



I've now done this column seventeen times in my current term as president of EAA Chapter 1541 but regrettably it will have to be my last one, at least for the foreseeable future. As I wrote in an email sent to the chapter recently, I am forced by family medical circumstances to resign from the position as chapter president. It is something I do with regret, as I think we have some momentum going that was moving the chapter forward, and any sudden change in leadership is bound to cause some transition hiccups. Fortunately, we have a set of strong chapter officers and board of directors, and they will ably move the chapter forward through the coming months.

In discussions with the other chapter officers, though, we will be in a transition period. I know that several officers and board members, myself included, were planning to step back a bit at the end of their terms, which occurs at the end of the calendar year. Toward that end, we've been on the lookout for chapter members who have a vision for the future of the chapter. We've identified a few folks who have taken an interest in leadership. However, it is a slow process to bring a new leader along, and it pretty much starts with joining our chapter's board of directors or otherwise getting deeply involved.

The chapter has, for the past many months, held a number of regular events, among them the 2nd Saturday Pancake Breakfast, the 4th Saturday BBQ Lunch and Program, the 4th Saturday Young Eagles mini-rally, the youth Build and Fly Program, and the online IMC/VMC Club. Besides the leadership initiative, we always need volunteer support to pull these events off and, frankly, despite calls for some fresh volunteers over the past few months, only a very few have stepped forward. Without some help, the chapter may need to rethink holding all these events each month. Even getting a stable supply of cooking help for our meals has proven to be a challenge. I thank those few volunteers that have stepped up to lend a hand. Nonetheless, we may need to shrink the monthly offerings to meet the volunteers available.

This is a long way of saying to each chapter member that the future of the chapter lies collectively with your corporate effort to keep it a success. There are places for everybody in helping as a leader or a worker bee. Please consider stepping up...this is your official invitation. Contact Jim Hughes or Scott Whelan via return email to the chapter to discuss your role in keeping the chapter moving forward.

As for me, I'll still be around, but just in the background. My circumstances will not allow much active participation in chapter events, but I'll try to help from my computer as much as I can. As a personal update for those who have asked, my wife Lisa suffered a stroke while visiting family in Calgary, Alberta. It's been quite a few weeks getting her back to Lincoln and into rehabilitation. Fortunately, her condition is steadily improving and we expect a full recovery during the many months ahead.

Finally, I'll add that it's been a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the leadership team for our EAA chapter. We are one of the largest and most active in Northern California and have been recognized as a Gold chapter by EAA HQ for many years running. Our chapter is an advocate for the Lincoln airport; the city council is aware of us and calls on us to help with events at the airport. We have scholarship opportunities for young people. We offer Young Eagle and Eagle flights to introduce many to aviation. We offer social times for pilots and fellow travelers to enjoy hangar flying over the common denominator of a meal. We offer aviation education and safety programs on a regular basis. And we have more special events, such as the Poker Run planned for the end of the month, and the upcoming Wings and Wheels city airport open house.

To keep this going, perhaps you can look at the current situation as a great opportunity to jump in and continue our success forward.

Scott Thompson

Summer Time....Camp Time

Four lucky youth members are off to aviation camp this summer thanks to our chapter sponsorships and scholarships.

Nathan R. will be attending "Dream It...Build It" camp at the Aerospace Museum of California

Spencer K. will be attending EAA Basic Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Shem S. will be attending EAA Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Sam M. will be attending EAA Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

We look forward to hearing all about their camp adventures when they return. If you are attending an aviation camp this summer, please let us know. We would love to hear about your experience and maybe even sponsor your camp next year.

Poker Run Saturday, June 29th

A couple of months ago chapter members had an opportunity to provide feedback to the board on things we do well and things they would like us to do better. One suggestion was more flyout and flying events. In the past we have a lot of success with Poker Runs. So, we are sponsoring our first Poker Run in over 5 years. They are a lot of fun and usually very easy to attend and participate in. I am coordinating a Poker Run for the chapter. I also reached out to local EAA chapters in the area for their help at their local airport. The event will be on Saturday June 29th. Details are on the flyer. You can participate as either a pilot or a passenger in an aircraft. The chapter needs volunteers to help with the lunch when the pilots return and awarding of prizes. Please let me know if can volunteer to help by sending an email to eaa1541@gmail.com.

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EAA Chapter 1541
Summer Poker Run

Saturday, June 29, 2024

- Lincoln (LHM)
- Auburn Muni (AUN)
- Yuba County (MYV)
- Colusa County (O08)
- Yolo County (DWA)



Prize For Best Hand
Prize for Worst Hand
End at Lincoln at 12:00 for BBQ Lunch and Award of Prizes
All pilots and passengers invited
Complete information and rules emailed to participants
\$35 per participant includes BBQ Lunch
\$10 BBQ Lunch for non-participants

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Sign-up using QR code or use the link at eaa1541.org

New Chapter Hangar artwork

Our steady progress in adding new sources of information and visuals to our chapter hangar now includes a new backsplash behind the kitchen counter area:



The chapter's logo and EAA national logo flank an inflight picture of chapter member John Tate's RV-6A doing an aileron roll with smoke on and John at the controls, representing the fun of recreational aviation and the aircraft building creativity, persistence and piloting expertise of our chapter. The picture was selected from a group of candidate photos by an online and in person vote of chapter members. Stop by and give it a look on your way to get a cup of coffee from the kitchen area!

Youth Volunteer Log

Volunteers are priceless and the heart of EAA. We are encouraging our youth to get involved and volunteer for our chapter events. Many schools require a small number of hours of volunteerism for a nonprofit organization to qualify for high school graduation. Scholarships and colleges also look at volunteer hours when considering candidates. EAA Chapter 1541 now has a way for the youth in our chapter to document their chapter volunteer hours.

A Youth Volunteer Log will be available in the Library cabinet for youth to track any volunteer time at chapter events. These log sheets will be available to copy and turn in for school or scholarships.

If you would like to participate, please complete one log sheet with your name, phone number, and email and file it in the Youth Volunteer Log binder found in the hangar's Library cabinet. Anytime you volunteer just complete a new line on the log sheet and have a board member sign the "verified by" to confirm your attendance. Completed sheets should be left in the binder so they are available each time you volunteer.

Ray Scholar Update



Chapter 1541's first Ray Scholar, Amy Whelan, is currently taking a leave of absence from her Flight Instructor position at United's Aviate Academy, in Goodyear Arizona. Amy will be spending her summer in Oshkosh, WI again this year as a CFI at EAA's Air Academy. She will have an opportunity to mentor and fly the Air Academy campers. This year, she also invited her sister Erin to look into helping out at Air Academy. Erin, although not a pilot (yet), has a lot of experience with youth camps. Erin accepted a position as the Assistant Camp Director at Air Academy. We wish them both success at the Air Academy Camp this summer.

Visiting the tower at KOSH

Young Eagles Update

Summer is here, and our chapter's simplified summer schedule will not include Young Eagle mini-rallies in the months of June and July. Several of our regular ground volunteers and pilots will be at AirVenture 2024 in Oshkosh, or on their way there and back on the dates of our monthly rallies. An updated Young Eagle rally calendar will be published in next month's newsletter.

Be happy and fly safe.

Cheryl Andrade, V.P.,
YE Coordinator

Recycling

The chapter continues to collect plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and glass bottles. These items are recycled not only to help the environment but to also add a little money to the youth scholarship fund. Please feel free to bring in your recycles from home and they will gladly be accepted and added to the collection that is recycled each month or two. Don't forget when you are at chapter events to look for the blue recycle bin for your drink containers. The chapter has earned a little over \$65.00 this year from recycling.

Treasurer's Report

Members: As of May 31st, our chapter membership stands at 188.

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

Dues Reminder: Just a quick reminder, if you haven't already done so, please pay your dues for 2024.

Activity:

R&S Scholarship fund: Increases - Donations at chapter meals \$ 62. Expenses – Air Academy tuition for one of our campers \$1,100, Airfare Per Diem for two of our Air Academy campers \$1,400

Hangar fund: No Activity

Chapter's fund: Increases - \$30 for dues, \$240 in meal sales. Expenses – \$40 food expenses for the different events, hangar supplies for \$450, for fire extinguishers and a new ladder.

Aviation thought for the month: *Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute.* – Gil Stern

Account Balances:

Hangar Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 27,416.48
R&S Scholarship Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 17,231.63
General Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 16,384.46
Ray Scholar Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 842.50
Balance of all accounts	
May 31, 2024	\$61,875.07

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Whelan
Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1541



UNIQUE GENERAL AVIATION & GOV'T AIRCRAFT
SPECIAL AVIATION SIMULATORS FOR YOUTH
VINTAGE & SPECIALTY CAR SHOW
FOOD TRUCKS & BEVERAGES

HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH AT 6:30AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7AM
TETHERED HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE (EARLY MORNING)
KIDS ZONE & ARTISAN BOOTHS

\$10 ENTRY ADMISSION
FREE ENTRY FOR 12 & UNDER
LINCOLN REGIONAL AIRPORT
1480 Flightline Drive Lincoln Ca 95648



SCAN QR CODE OR
VISIT URL BELOW
TO REGISTER!
bit.ly/LincolnWingsWheels2024
More Info: Visit URL



Project Updates and Adventures

A Chapter Fly-Out Adventure to Lampson Field

Scott Whelan writes:



On Saturday, June 15 the chapter sponsored a flyout to Lampson Field near Clear Lake. We had lunch at Reds @ the Skyroom. The flying conditions were great. The staff and food at Reds were excellent.

We were lucky enough to get a table next to the transient parking area. As expected, when you get a group of aviation enthusiasts next to an airport, all of the attention was directed to the aircraft movement on the airfield. It was fun sharing stories about experiences had in most of those aircraft. Thank you to the attendees – Jeremy, Jim, Sela, Dubs and Branden.

And a special thanks to Jim Hughes for coordinating this event. If you would ever like to participate in a fly out, as a pilot or passenger, keep an eye on the chapter website and newsletter as we continue to host these in the future.

Brent Smith writes:



Though interrupted with some family travel, I've made a little progress towards getting the Mini-IMP into the air.

Unfortunately, erratic fuel pressure readings while getting back into taxi testing eventually revealed that the wrong sender had been provided with my engine monitor. Since a plug-n-play replacement could not be found, I had to return the

monitor to the manufacturer for calibration with a new sender. More of "it's always something..."



Sightings

Seen in the skies over Lincoln, and on the ramp at KLHM on Father's Day, June 16, 2024:



[Darren Pleasance](#) flew P-51D *Straw Boss* owned by the [California Warbirds Museum](#) of Hollister to KLHM to give the Father's Day gift of a lifetime to a local Lincoln donor who helps sponsor the plane. Darren is an EAA national Board member and business luminary who air commutes from his airpark home in Sun River, OR to Cisco Corporation in the Bay area.

