

# 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: <https://eaa1541.org/>

Date	Topic
July 21-27 Oshkosh, WI	<b>EAA Airventure Oshkosh</b>
Thursday August 7 7-8 pm	<b>IMC/VMC club online</b> <i>"What Would You Do? scenarios"</i> FAA Wings credit available
Saturday, August 9 8:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Second Saturday Muffins and Coffee</b> Program: <b>Presentations by our chapter's scholarship recipients, including AirVenture 2025</b>
Saturday, August 16, 2025 8:00a - 12n	<b>KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day</b> Airport main ramp
Friday- Saturday Aug 22-23	<b>Lincoln Wings and Wheels event at KLHM</b> Details below

## EAA CHAPTER 1541 INFORMATION

Meetings	Usually the second Saturday of each month held at KLHM Hangar S-12. Details available on the website.
E-mail	<a href="mailto:eeaa1541@gmail.com">eeaa1541@gmail.com</a>
Website	<a href="https://eaa1541.org">https://eaa1541.org</a>
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Chapter Hangar	Hangar S-12, Lincoln Airport
President	Scott Thompson
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Penny Mach
Treasurer	Scott Whelan
Chapter Board of Directors	Paul Darbo Jim Hughes Lesa McArdle Jeremy Preece Josh Smith
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



## President's Corner



Greetings from the middle of summer. As you read this, the big weeklong EAA convention and air show is underway at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

'Oshkosh' is one of those you-need-to-go-at-least-once events. If you've been, you know what I'm talking about. If you haven't, it's hard to describe. But, imagine 300,000 of your best friends and 10,000 airplanes all descending on one place for a week of aviation. There's something for everybody, from great daily airshows and rare airplanes to detailed educational seminars about every aspect of aviation. It is truly a week of intense aviation, lots of walking, a few bratwurst meals, an occasional thunderstorm drenching, and a time to make new friends and greet old ones. You can even camp under your wing, if you have one.

It's too late for this year, but if you are thinking about next year, start your planning early. Lodging can be hard to come by, as are car rentals, airline tickets, and all the other more mundane parts of a trip to Wisconsin. There are resources available to the first-timers, and lots of people in the chapter who are veterans of the week, so if you are interested you can get answers.

Our own local aviation event is approaching quickly. That would be **Lincoln's Wings and Wheels** weekend for Friday evening, August 22, and Saturday, all day, August 23. Our chapter is participating with volunteers in three areas: helping with the city's ramp control, our own informational booth, and our flight simulators set up in the youth center. We continue to solicit volunteers, especially for the ramp control, but beyond that, this is a family event for the region. I encourage you to spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. There should be a good display of aircraft on hand, plus a large car show, food trucks, a youth education center, and a host of other activities.

We were able to hook up our speaker from our last April gathering, Taigh Ramey, with the Wings and Wheels event coordinators. If all the pieces fall into place, Taigh will bring his big twin-engine **A-26 Invader** to the event. Nothing like a couple of 2,000 horsepower radial engines swinging 11-foot propellers to pull an airplane around, converting 100LL into noise for the crowd. The A-26 served the Air Force in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam, so it will be a special treat to have one on hand at the Wings and Wheels event.

Whether you are able to volunteer or not, make your plans to attend. There's more information elsewhere in this newsletter, including a link to a website, so check it out.

I'll also mention two more items. First, we have decided to resume our monthly **IMC/VMC Club Zoom meetings**. After more than five years of monthly meetings, we took a break for a few months but have

heard from our own chapter members and also, a bit surprisingly, from other individuals from across the country, about missing those monthly meetings.

The IMC/VMC Club usually presents scenarios, based on real life events, for the group to think about...sort of a “What Would You Do?” discussion. There’s really no right or wrong answer (well, maybe some wrong answers), but it’s an open discussion for a free exchange of information.

So, beginning on Thursday, August 7, we’ll resume the hour-long Zoom IMC/VMC Club meetings. They will continue on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm into the future. Our own Dan Masys is the main driver to make that happen, along with Jim Hughes as our FAA Safety Rep and myself as the requisite attending CFII. More details will come to you via a chapter email if you want to join in.

And, finally, we are working to put together a mini-seminar with the subject of “**Building Your Own Airplane.**” We are gearing this toward individuals who have toyed with the idea, and want more information about what is really involved from those who have done it. The date of the seminar is Saturday, October 4 and it will be a morning-long event. We will be limiting the size of the group to offer some hands-on opportunities. I’ll be sending out a “who’s interested” email in the next few weeks to gauge interest and base some further decisions depending upon the response. We held one mini-seminar back in March on IFR Flying (available on [YouTube](#)) and hope to continue to put more of these together on specific topics in the future.

Scott Thompson  
EAA chapter 1541 President

## **Lincoln Airport Wings and Wheels Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23**

As you read this, the big Lincoln Airport *Wings and Wheels* event is only about a month away. It will be a landmark event for the airport (presuming we are able to avoid a rare August monsoon that affected last year’s event).

Presented by the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, it is expected that as many as 10,000 guests from across the region will take part in this two-day event, showcasing the best of air, land, and local flavor. [Visit this website for more information.](#)

From the Wings and Wheels announcement:

### **Friday Night – August 22 | 5–10 PM**

Kick off the weekend with an evening of good food, glowing skies, and great music. Enjoy gourmet food trucks, dance to a live local band playing fan favorites, and don’t miss the breathtaking hot air balloon moonglow – a magical sight you won’t forget.

### **Saturday – August 23 | 6:30 AM–2 PM**

Start your morning with a peaceful hot air balloon rise, then watch the skies come alive with flybys and aircraft displays. On the ground, you’ll find hundreds of classic cars, hot rods, specialty vehicles, and aircraft up close, plus artisan vendors, tasty food, and fun for the whole family.

Our chapter will participate in three ways:

- We will provide the city with volunteers for the ramp crew on Saturday. We are trying to get twenty or so pilots or pilot-knowledgeable individuals to help maintain ramp control...safely guiding aircraft in and out of the parking areas and assist in crowd control during those movements. We already have a list going of volunteers so please consider adding your name to that list. Ideally, ramp crew volunteers will be available for the whole day, from 7 am until 3 pm, with appropriate water and meal breaks. However, if you can only commit to part of that time...we still need you. ***If you want to add your name to our list, please respond back to the chapter email at [eea1541@gmail.com](mailto:eea1541@gmail.com) ASAP and we'll get you set up! Be a star; get to wear a vest!***
- We are going to have an informational booth on the vendor line to spread the word about aviation, EAA, and our chapter. We'll have some special exhibits and some of our young people available to answer questions and just talk to people about what aviation has to offer.
- We are going to have our ***four*** flight simulators set up in the Youth area inside one of the hangars. Our simulators are a popular attraction at these events and gives our chapter a chance to interact with kids and parents about flying and aviation.





## Our Saturday Gathering: July 12

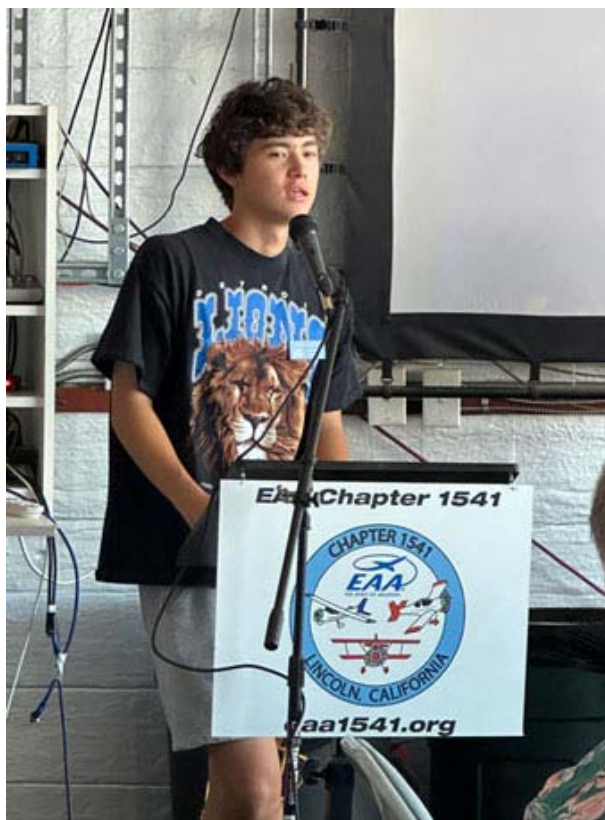


At our Second Saturday gathering on July 12, Bruce Estes did a great presentation on the trials and tribulations of getting his new Legends Cub from the Cable Airport in southern California to Lincoln, the long way around via Texas.





Bruce's Legend Cub was on display at our gathering on July 12.



We presented one of our young members, Tyler Madson, with a \$500 check as part of our chapter's effort to encourage and help them with flight training costs.

Chapter 1541 offers several scholarship opportunities seen on the chapter website.



Young Eagles pilot Jim Hughes was available to offer a spur-of-the-moment Young Eagles flight to new member Luke Ruhlin after our Saturday, July 12, gathering.





We are pleased to announce that Aria Ramey has received final approval from EAA to be our chapter's 2025 Ray Scholar. We are excited to support Aria as she embarks on her aviation journey with the goal of becoming a Private Pilot. She will be flying with Mach 5 Aviation in Auburn as her flight school and will be training with Amy Whelan as her CFI/CFII. We look forward to hearing all about her training progress in the near future.







Flight Instructor and Ray Scholar veteran and chapter member Amy Whelan (left) with Ray Scholar student pilot and chapter member Aria Ramey after completing Aria's ninth flight lesson at the Auburn Airport. The future USAF KC-135 tanker pilot is well on her way.

### **Other Chapter 1541 Scholarship Updates**

Congratulations to Andrew Hufford (Mach 5 Aviation) and Tyler Madson (Norcal Flight Center), each of whom received a \$500 grant from our chapter to continue their flight lessons and aviation journey. They were selected after their impressive interviews for the Ray Aviation Scholarship.

Our youth show amazing enthusiasm and desire to learn to fly and the chapter is pleased to support their journey.

## Membership Update

### New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to EAA Chapter 1541:

**Lohith R.:** Lohith is a youth member who joined our chapter after taking a Young Eagles flight. He is interested in becoming a pilot and one day flying a plane all by himself.

**The M. Family:** Tyler, Jullaney, and Giovanni joined our chapter after Giovanni took a Young Eagles flight. They are looking to become more involved in our chapter by volunteering to help at events and work on projects.

**Reshmanth V.:** Reshmanth is a youth member who recently took a Young Eagles flight with our chapter. He really enjoyed his flight. He is interested in engineering and would like to someday become an astronaut.

**The R. Family:** **Charles, Angie, Luke, and Savanah** attended our last membership meeting and were very excited to join our chapter. Luke is very interested in aviation and was able to take his very first Young Eagles flight. He was all smiles upon returning from his first flight. The family is interested in volunteering and learning to fly.



EAA 1541's yellow kiddie plane in the Lincoln 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.  
The bear flying it is only an honorary member of the chapter

## Treasurer's Report

**Members:** As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, our chapter membership stands at 206, including 12 Gold memberships.

**Ray Scholar:** As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the balance is \$ 0.00.

**Activity:**

**R&S Scholarship fund:** Increases – Donation buckets from the breakfast meeting - \$39.00,

**Hangar fund:** No Activity

**Chapter's fund:**

Increases – Member Dues \$ 150.00, T-Shirt Sales \$ 40.00

Decreases – Food costs \$ 57.90, Name Badge Order - \$205.00

**Aviation thought for the month:** In honor of the world's largest airshow - AirVenture and EAA's founding member Paul Poberezny, I have included a *couple of his famous "Paulism's"*.

- *Aviation seeds must be transplanted to future generations if we are to see our rich heritage passed on for others to see, to feel, to touch, to fly*
- *The airplane is the most democratic machine ever created*
- *We are a family – a family brought together by aviation*
- *As a result of EAA, I have become a millionaire, because I have a million friends through aviation*
- *I've learned more about people through my association with aviation than I ever did about airplanes*

Account Balances:

<b>Hangar Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 30,216.48
<b>R&amp;S Scholarship Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 21,018.13
<b>General Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ 20,248.28
<b>Ray Scholar Fund</b>	
Ending Balance	\$ -
<b>Balance of all accounts</b>	
June 30, 2025	\$ 71,482.89

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Whelan  
Treasurer EAA Chapter 1541

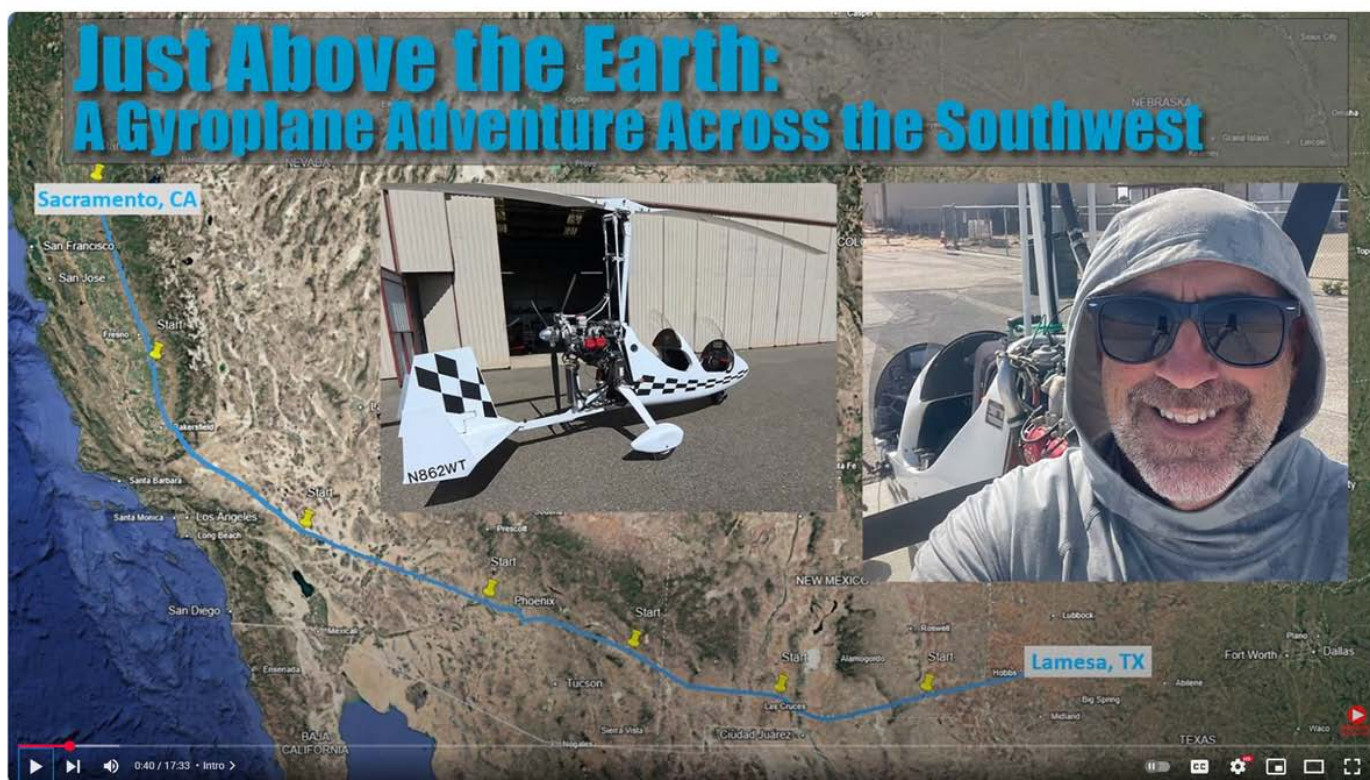


## Project Updates and Adventures

**Chris Silva** writes:

One of our chapter members recently sold their Gyroplane to an individual in Texas, so I got to fly it across the Southwest US. It was quite an adventure. I tried to capture the spirit of flying a gyroplane for those who don't get to experience it. It took me 5 times as long to make the video as it did to fly the trip, but hopefully it inspires other to explore light aviation:

<https://youtu.be/yKd8fiA5tM4>



**Mark Weitkamp** writes:

After a very long lay-off, I am back at work on my Thatcher CX4 project. My main goal recently has been to finish the engine cowl. I was new to fiberglass work, have learned a tremendous amount while working on this, and I have found it both educational and recreational, as well as often being very frustrating. When the cowl gets too frustrating, I switch off and work on other things, like fuselage skins, the windshield, and the elevator trim tab. It all has a long way to go, but I am making some progress. If anyone is interested in a very detailed look into what a plans-built homebuilding project looks like, I invite you to check out my online builder's log.

It is located at [Mark Weitkamp - Experimental Aircraft Builder's Log](#) and will tell you much more than you ever wanted to know about building a plane from plans.



Bending acrylic for the canopy



Attaching it to the fuselage



Progress on fiberglass engine cowling



Elevator trim tab

Mark Weitkamp

