

# 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
Thursday Oct 1 7-8 pm	<b>IMC/VMC club online</b> "What Would You Do? scenarios" FAA Wings credit available
Saturday, October 11 11 am – 1 pm	<b>Second Saturday BBQ lunch and program:</b> <i>Adding a Glider Rating to Your Pilot Certificate</i>
Saturday, October 18, 2025 8:00a – 12n	<b>KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day</b> Airport main ramp

## EAA CHAPTER 1541 INFORMATION

Meetings	Usually the second Saturday of each month held at KLHM Hangar S-12. Details available on the website.
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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 for September. Our summer is wrapping up but the highlight for the chapter occurred a few weeks ago for the City of Lincoln's Wings and Wheels event on August 23-24. We participated in three big ways.

First, we had a booth set up where we provided information about our chapter, Young Eagles, scholarship programs, learning to fly, the airport, and aviation itself to hundreds of guests. Our cadre of friendly booth volunteers talked to a lot of people and answered lots of questions.

Our chapter also had four flight simulators set up and operating under the guidance of Dan Masys and his busy volunteer team. Set up in the Youth Center hangar, they provided 135 simulator rides to young and old alike. There was always a line at the

simulator booth, so it was a popular attraction to the airport visitors.

And, we supported the city of Lincoln with a cadre of pilot volunteers who helped provide ramp control of display aircraft as they arrived and departed from the ramp area. Under the direction of ramp boss Ken Schwartz, we had about twenty yellow-vested chapter members spend the day directing airplane movements.

Now, get ready. We're getting edgy. We are going to shake things up a bit for October. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday gathering in October, on October 11, is now going to be a **BBQ Lunch**, just like the old days. Our galley chief Scott Whelan will be firing up the grill for burgers and fixins'. At our pancake breakfast earlier this month, we had some new members of the cooking team flipping pancakes, so we're now going to check them out on burgers. Those faces belonged to Jim Hughes, Martin Hobson, and Chinenye Ozumba. I think I saw Erin Whelan also helping out behind the grill. And, it should be noted, both Scott and Shirl Whelan spend time in the days before the meeting to make sure we have the ingredients we need available and ready to go. Our chapter can't thank these guys and gals enough for helping make these gatherings a success. (Food is the grease of the EAA.) We're trying to get more people involved on the cooking team and thank the new volunteers. A bonus for our helpers: they get a free meal as part of the deal. If you want to help out, talk to Scott Whelan at our next gathering, or email the chapter at [eea1541@gmail.com](mailto:eea1541@gmail.com).

Right now, our tentative program for our October gathering is a special one: **Adding a Glider Rating to Your Pilot Certificate** presented by someone who just did just that. Looking forward to this one. And, finally, put Wednesday, December 10, on your calendar. That's the date for our chapter's annual Holiday Party. Plans are being formulated and we'll have details and tickets available next month, so look for that.

Scott Thompson  
EAA chapter 1541 President

## Chapter Scholarship Activity in August

Our chapter's Richard and Susan Bristow Memorial Youth Scholarship program remains active. This past month we have helped two flight students by helping defray the costs of FAA medical certificates, headset purchases, and aviation training materials. These two flight students took advantage of our ***Get Started*** scholarship program. We also have an established ground school scholarship program that can offset the cost of a ground school by up to \$500. Details on both these scholarship opportunities [can be found here](#).

We have also granted a chapter flight student an amount of funding that should provide about five hours of flying as he works toward his private pilot certification.

Our current Ray Aviation scholar, Aria Ramey, also continues her flight training that will lead to her private pilot certificate. Aria flies regularly with one of our prior Ray Scholars who is now her flight instructor, Amy Whelan.

As most of you know, flight training is very expensive and one of the goals of our chapter is to help young people get a head start toward an aviation career. If you or someone you know are interested in more information about these opportunities, check out the webpage or contact our chapter's Scholarship Coordinator, Shirl Whelan, via our chapter email at [eaal541@gmail.com](mailto:eaal541@gmail.com).

## Chapter hosts KLHM Airport User's Meeting: video online



The chapter's [events video page](#) and YouTube channel have been updated with the **Lincoln Airport User's Meeting** held in the EAA hangar on Saturday, September 13, 2025. The topics covered included updates on the new hangars project, future improvements being planned for the airport, a recap of the 2025 Wings and Wheels event, and open Q&A. [The video](#) description includes an index with links so that viewers can jump to specific topics discussed.



## Successful Young Eagles Rally on September 20

Our chapter held another successful Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, September 20. The early morning started off with a bit of fog but that quickly cleared to clear skies and calm winds. We had four pilots fly 15 happy Young Eagles. Our pilots were Jim Hughes flying his Cessna 175, Dug Smith flying his Magnum gyroplane, Mark Rieger flying his Cozy Mark IV, and Perry Jensen flying his Zenith 701. On the ground helping were Cheryl Andrade, Penny Mach, Shirl Whelan, Scott Whelan, Tyler Madson, Lesa McArdle, and Scott Thompson. A few photos from the morning:



## EAA Air Academy 2026



### Attention Parents and Grandparents

The summer of 2026 is still a long way off, but it's not too early to consider some opportunities that are coming our way. As in years past and 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, next summer.

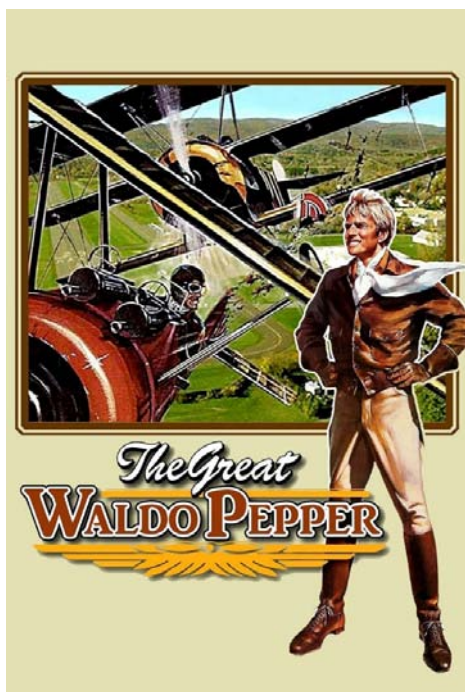
Chapter sponsorship pays the camp tuition and a travel stipend to help defray the cost of airline flights.

There are two types of Air Academy week-long camps: the Explore Aviation camp and the Navigating Horizons camp. Kids ages 14-18 at the time of the camp are eligible to attend. Specific information about each of the camp offerings [can be found here](#).

Our main intent here is just to let parents and grandparents know of this coming opportunity. We expect to have our application period for sponsorship in January, with the selections made in February. These camp slots fill quickly so advanced planning is required. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending one of these camps, please stay tuned for more information. Or, with specific questions, you can also contact our chapter's Scholarship Coordinator, Shirl Whelan, by emailing the chapter at [eaal1541@gmail.com](mailto:eaal1541@gmail.com).



## Remembering "The Great Waldo Pepper"



The passing of actor Robert Redford on September 16 brings to mind his starring role in one of the best aviation movies to come out of the twentieth century. Or even the twenty-first century (sorry Maverick). Released by Universal Studios in March 1975...that's 50 years ago...*The Great Waldo Pepper* had a good story and some great flying, something a bit rare in aviation movies.

A quick review of the storyline highpoints: an early aviator, Waldo Pepper (played by Redford) learns to fly at the end of World War I but misses his chance of combat with the top German ace. He becomes a barnstormer but eventually runs afoul of new government regulations and is grounded. He soon enough becomes a movie stunt pilot on the sly, and finally gets his chance at aerial combat with that German ace. Some exciting aerial action ensues. It's a good story with some good actors. Besides Redford, there is a young Susan Sarandon and Bo Svenson, plus a host of others.



Robert Redford, daredevil flying ace in THE GREAT WALDO PEPPER  
(CIC Video)

For aviation types like most of us, the airplanes are where the action is. A whole host of early, pre-1930s aeroplanes are utilized. No CGI involved. All real airplanes flown by real pilots doing real derring-do stuff. Noted fabled movie pilot Frank Tallman provided the planes and pilots for the film. Tallman, a long-time loving collector of antique aircraft, was in his element putting together the aerial sequences. His company, Tallmantz Aviation, was based at Orange County Airport down south, but filming locations were in Florida, Texas, and the Simi Valley area east of Oxnard. Tallman met his fate three years later while trying to duck under an overcast layer while flying back in to Orange County, so *Waldo Pepper* was his last great accomplishment as a movie pilot.

It's a highly recommended film. It's available to stream on several services...note, though, that it is on Netflix but scheduled to drop off that service on September 30...you have been warned. And for that rare crowd that still has a DVD player and actually knows how to work it...our

chapter's under-used DVD library has a copy for you to borrow. Check it out...it gets five out five propellers on my rating scale.



Scott Thompson



## From the Galley

By Scott Whelan



I would like to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who helped with the breakfast burritos this month. The volunteers included Jim Hughes, Martin Hobson and Ifeanyi Ozumba. Thanks to their hard work, we had a lot of fun in the galley and provided a good meal.

The October member meeting will be a lunch, and I am anticipating grilling burgers. I have a list of volunteers that I will be reaching out to.

We always need volunteers to make the meals successful. If you would also like to join in the fun we have in the galley please let me know by sending an email to [eaal1541@gmail.com](mailto:eaal1541@gmail.com).

## Membership Update

### New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to EAA Chapter 1541:

- **Troy & Diane T.:** Troy and Diane look forward to getting involved with our chapter activities.
- **Larry & Debi G.:** Larry is looking forward to getting back into aviation after taking a little break. He and Debi are planning to purchase an aircraft later this year or early next year and base it in Lincoln.
- **Leo K.:** Leo is a youth member looking to get more involved in aviation. He looks forward to volunteering at our chapter events.

## Treasurer's Report

**Members:** As of August 31st<sup>h</sup>, our chapter membership stands at 216, including 12 Gold memberships.

**Ray Scholar:** As of August 31st, the balance is \$ 312.00. The July training expenses were \$2,132.00

**Activity:**

**R&S Scholarship fund:** Increases – income from the donation buckets at the breakfast meeting and recycling income – \$103.46. A donation from Spitfire - \$250.00.

Decreases - the chapter awarded a \$500 scholarship to Tyler M. for flight training.

**Hangar fund:** No Activity

**Chapter's fund:**

Increases – Member Dues \$ 90.00,  
T-Shirt Sales \$ 120.00, Meal sales  
\$285.00

Decreases – Food costs \$ 125.14

**Account Balances:**

**Hangar Fund**

Ending Balance \$ 30,216.48

**R&S Scholarship Fund**

Ending Balance \$ 20,997.86

**General Fund**

Ending Balance \$ 20,726.50

**Ray Scholar Fund**

Ending Balance \$ 312.00

**Balance of all accounts**

August 31, 2025 \$ 72,252.84

**Aviation thought for the month:** *The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air. – Wilbur Wright*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Whelan  
Treasurer EAA Chapter 1541



## Project Updates and Adventures

**Brent Smith** writes:

I am beyond pleased to report that Mini-IMP serial number 2, *Menehune*, is again fully operational.



After finding success in the third iteration of the nose gear door retraction system, all the bits and bobs have been reinstalled and some may have seen me taxiing from one end of the runway to the other just getting comfortable again with the controls and monitoring the engine parameters.

All good so far and it's not impossible that there may have been air under the tires by the time this update is posted.

Brent

**Jim Hughes** writes:



I have an update on replacing the original 'rounded' wing tips on my Cessna 175B with Hoerner style wing tips. The aircraft also has flap gap seals, which were on it when I bought it.

The fuel use is consistent at 2 gph lower than the POH, so the aircraft now has over 6.5 hours of fuel.

A few months ago I was experiencing 'morning sickness' again, 200 hours after having a stuck exhaust valve.

I really didn't want to do the 'reaming' work again, so I tried adding TCP to the fuel, 1 oz per

10 gallons.

After 4 hours of flying, I noted that the engine starts smoothly, on all 6 cylinders, and it now idles smoothly at 700 rpm. Before adding TCP it would not idle smoothly below 800 rpm.

The annual is in October and I'm very interested in what the borescope of the cylinders looks like vs the prior 2 years.!

## Just for Laughs

Passenger to pilot: Can airplanes like this one land on water?  
Pilot to passenger: Yes, ma'am, but only once.

