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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: <https://eaa1541.org/>

Date	Topic
Thursday April 2, 2026 7-8 pm	IMC/VMC club online "What Would You Do? scenarios" FAA Wings credit available
Saturday April 11 11-1 pm	Second Saturday BBQ lunch EAA hangar S-12 at KLHM
Saturday, April 18, 2026 8:00a – 12n	KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day 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.
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	Vacant
Secretary	Penny Mach
Treasurer	Scott Whelan
Chapter Board of Directors	Paul Darbo Tim Devine Jim Hughes Lesa McArdle Josh Smith
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



President's Corner



Greetings as spring has finally sprung, though these days it seems more like summer. As I write this, we've had some great flying weather over the past few weeks. The warmth may be quickly melting our summer water supply, but the upside is some very pleasant flying for those who partake.

Goings-on in the chapter have been accelerating over the past few weeks, at least from where I sit. A major event was the very generous donation of the Zenith CH750 STOL aircraft kit that now resides in the corner of our hangar. This is an incredible opportunity that suddenly dropped into our lap. We are in now organizing some hands-on building opportunities for a small cadre of young and adult builders. It needs to be done correctly...we are building an airplane, after all. So, some good planning on the front end should make the back-end process

work smoothly. We'll have more about putting together a building team in the weeks to come, but the end result we see at this point is a completed Zenith 750 airframe less engine, propeller, and avionics, that we will sell at a market price to an eager airplane owner, and then maybe even help him or her complete the build. It is a win-win for the chapter, primarily because of the educational opportunity but also the funds received may create some other future building opportunities. We shall see.

Our youth scholarship program is also full steam ahead. We have selected three young men that the chapter will sponsor for the Air Academy summer camp at Oshkosh this coming June and July. We also have our current Ray Aviation Scholar, Aria Ramey, nearing her flight training completion and soon-enough check ride for her private pilot certificate. And, we are finalizing the selection of two Ray Aviation scholars for 2026 who will also take advantage of the financial assistance offered by the Ray Foundation through the national EAA and our chapter. And we have some other smaller scholarship opportunities...like we'll help you get your headset...your medical...your ground school completed...for our young student fliers. More information can be found [on the scholarship page](#) at our chapter website.

And, as I write this, we've had a very successful chapter Fly-Out to the Oroville Airport today. At my best count, we had twelve, count 'em, twelve aircraft from the chapter participate, with about 20 people enjoying the day beginning at the Lincoln Airport Display Day before winging off to Oroville. This is the first of what we expect to be several chapter fly-outs for 2026...our next one is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, so mark your calendar. It's a good way to meet some new people, do some flying, and have some aviation fun. Thanks to chapter member Chris Silva for organizing and making the one today a success.

Another cool chapter event that is being put together is a Spot Landing event on the evening of Saturday, June 13. There is more about this event elsewhere in the newsletter but it should be a fun time with some flying, food, and social time all bundled together, plus a bit of flight proficiency. This will be our chapter gathering for June...something special and something to start the summer off right.

And, for those planning ahead, our chapter is also putting together a flying caravan to make its way from Lincoln to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the big EAA AirVenture show/convention in July. The plan is to get a good group of those going to Oshkosh this year to, together, leave a bit early, and take a few days to

fly back, arriving early enough to avoid the rush...camping together under the assembled wings, and enjoying the sights and sounds of the greatest gathering of aviators and aviation enthusiasts on earth. There is more information about that also in this newsletter, but you get the idea. And you don't have to be a pilot or have a plane to participate. With the right planning, we should have some passenger seats available for journey also. Stay tuned.

There is more of the routine stuff going on too...we are hoping enough to satisfy the aviation itch of our members. If there's an itch we are missing, please let us know, particularly if you want to jump in and make something fun or different happen. If that's the case, please contact our chapter using our email...eea1541@gmail.com.

Scott Thompson
EAA chapter 1541 President

Chapter Fly Out to Oroville report

Editor's note: we asked two of our chapter's youth members to go 'on the wing' as cub reporters (pun intended) and send back their impressions of traveling there and back, and participating on site at Oroville. They maximized the airborne adventure by swapping going and returning in two light sports with different flying characteristics. Their reports were submitted right on time for this month's newsletter:

Daniel Doman writes:

Hi everyone! My name is Daniel Doman and I'm a young eagle. I've always been interested in aviation and Im grateful to be a part of a chapter that is consistently dreaming, building, and flying. The flying that the chapter did this week was the Orville fly-out and I'm glad I was able to participate. Going there, I got to fly in a silver Sonex which is the smallest airplane I've ever flown in. On the return, I was also able to fly in a plane more efficient than any other plane that I've ever flown in which was the RV 12is. All in all, this event was great, the pilots were all very friendly, and I learned some many new things.



Left to right: Young Eagles Dan Doman, Bhuvan Datta and Ray Scholar Aria Ramey at KOVE Oroville airport.

Bhuvan Datta writes:

The Chapter Fly-Out to Oroville on Saturday, March 21st went great. We had twelve planes from our Chapter participate in the fly-out, led by Chris Silva, including but not limited to Jim Hughes, Tim Devine, Tom Taylor, Eric Robertson, Kevin Austin, Jay Schumacher, Ray McNaught, Kevin Austin, and Dug Smith. Even though calling the weather 'a bit warm' would be an understatement, the fly-out was still a fun time. When we arrived at Oroville, there were a ton of aircraft parked in the parking lot of all shapes and sizes, along with a bustling food truck selling Hotdogs of all sorts and Hamburgers, which everyone bought and ate.

As a passenger, I got to fly with Ray McNaught on the way to Oroville in his RV-12is, one of the coolest and smoothest plane rides I have been on. He even let me control the plane for the large part of our descent to Oroville. As we landed, he performed a slip landing to eat up the excess altitude we had right before reaching the runway, which was the first forward slip I have ever seen and been part of.

On the way back to Lincoln, I flew with Jay Schumacher in his silver Sonex, which entailed one of the most thrilling rides I have been on. After climbing to 1200 feet, he granted me control of the plane up until touch down at Lincoln. The plane was cruising at 110 knots, and had a solid tendency to pitch nose up and bank right, even with nose trim all the way down. Unlike most planes, this one required the constant attention of the pilot, keeping the plane steady against its nature. It was a new and exciting experience, flying in the Sonex, with its combination of digital instruments and steam gauges.

Our March Second Saturday Gathering

Our **Second Saturday Gathering** on **March 14**, had a program presented by chapter members Paul Cannon, Dan Masys, and Bruce Estes. It featured the story of the orange and white Kitfox build that graced our chapter hangar last year. The project was started by Paul Cannon in 2002 but, after a year, languished in his garage after life demanded other priorities. It was resurrected with the help of Dan Masys in 2025, and took to air on its maiden flight on January 27 with Bruce at the controls. It was an excellent program with an excellent lunch that went with it. If you missed the meeting...well, you missed a good one. Here are few photos from the day.





Paul Cannon's 23 years-in-the-making-Kitfox, star of the show and now regularly flying around KLHM

EAA Chapter 1541 Oshkosh 2026 Adventure – Time to Go



It's time to go—no more “next year.” None of us are getting any younger.

For many pilots, Oshkosh is the ultimate **bucket list** experience: flying in, camping under the wing, and sharing the camaraderie of thousands of fellow aviators who all share the same passion for flight. There is simply nothing else like it in aviation.

This year, AirVenture is set to occur from **Monday, July 20 through Sunday, July 26**. However, most participants flying in try to arrive late in the prior week as many activities start the Saturday before the official opening, and flying in is a bit more relaxed before the week starts.

Flying to Oshkosh is an experience meant to be **savored—not rushed**. EAA Chapter 1541 is planning a group flight from **Lincoln Regional Airport (KLHM)** to **Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH)** this July, and we intend to make it a true cross-country adventure.

If you don't own an aircraft but would like to participate, we are coordinating ride-sharing opportunities with chapter members. In particular, we are looking for someone interested in flying right-seat in a Bonanza for the "Back to Oshkosh" experience.

Fun fact: The direct distance from KLHM to KOSH is **1,500 nautical miles**.

Whether you fly a Cessna 172, RV-7, Maule, or Grumman Tiger, all aircraft and pilot experience levels are welcome. The current concept is to depart **Monday, July 13 at 0600**, flying approximately **500 nautical miles per day**, with built-in flexibility for weather delays. The goal is to arrive **Thursday morning before noon**, allowing us to avoid peak congestion and the Fisk arrival rush.

Our plan is to camp together in the North 40 area, near the Warbirds parking and market area, creating a shared Chapter 1541 presence on the field. Return travel can be flexible—fly back with the group or depart on your own schedule.

We are in the early planning phase. This article is intended to get you thinking now and reserving time on your calendar for July.

If you are interested, one of our chapter board members, Tim Devine, is spearheading this effort and is our chapter's point of contact. For ideas, questions or comments, contact Tim at: email: devine@aviateinc.com or cell: 916-425-3264

Our goal is simple: bring a strong group from Chapter 1541 to Oshkosh, share the joy of aviation, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Before we know it, the years will have flown by—and opportunities like this become harder to take.

This is the first in a series of monthly updates on our Chapter 1541 Oshkosh 2026 adventure. Consider joining us—you won't regret it.

Spot Landing Contest – Saturday, June 13



Mark your calendar!

Our Second Saturday Gathering for June will be a unique event for our chapter. Instead of a normal lunch meeting on **Saturday, June 13**, we will instead host a **Spot Landing Contest**—a great opportunity to sharpen your stick-and-rudder skills and enjoy an evening of aviation-focused fun.

We are working with the city to get some temporary markings added to the Lincoln runway to replicate the landing spot markings used each year at Oshkosh to bring thousands of airplanes into the airport for AirVenture. We think a little practice is in order for those going, and also provide a bit of fun for all pilots who want to improve their spot landing skills.

Pilots will be challenged to land precisely on designated targets—the **Green Dot** or the **Blue Dot**—testing accuracy, consistency, and short-field technique. This event will include video recording for detailed review, plus, of course, **bragging rights** for the top performers.

This will be a **social evening event**, featuring:

- Hamburgers and refreshments (yes, including beer, uh, after flying)
- A relaxed, hangar-flying atmosphere
- Friendly competition among pilots

We encourage you to invite fellow aviators from other chapters and share in an evening that highlights pilot proficiency and camaraderie. Precision landings are a core skill, and this is a great way to stay sharp—whether working on short-field technique or hitting your “captain’s bars.”

As **Paul Poberezny** often said, EAA is like a three-legged stool:

“It has an aviation component, a social component, and an educational component. If any one leg is missing, the stool—and EAA—falls over.” This event brings all three elements together.

- **Date: Saturday, June 13**
- **Time: 5:00 pm-9:00 pm**
- **Location: EAA Chapter 1541 Hangar (S-12)**

Sunset on June 13 is 8:26 pm...plenty of time for those who want to come and fly but don't want to challenge the night sky.

We are still in the early planning stages and welcome input.

Chapter board member Tim Devine is taking the lead on planning this fun activity. For questions or to get involved, contact: Tim Devine, email: devine@aviateinc.com, cell: 916-425-3264

You can also respond back to the chapter using our email: eaal541@gmail.com.

Come out, bring your A-game, and see how close you can get to the dot.

Membership Update

New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to EAA Chapter 1541:

Amanda M.: Amanda is beginning her private pilot flight training and looks forward to getting involved with chapter events.

Caiden H.: Caiden is a student member who is interested in assisting with aircraft projects, building an aircraft, and volunteering at events.

Eric and Ian R.: Eric and son, Ian own a SeaRey. Eric is a previous chapter officer and looks forward to getting involved with chapter gatherings.

Drew W.: Drew flies a Cirrus SR22T. He would like to participate in future chapter events.

Jeshua H.: Jeshua is a CFII who is also interested in building an aircraft. He would also like to explore volunteering with Young Eagles.

Membership Renewal

Thank you to all the members who have already sent in their 2026 membership renewal payment! Just a reminder that chapter membership renewals were due **January 1st**. Annual membership dues in 2026 will remain at \$30 for both individual and family memberships. We will continue to offer an individual Gold membership at \$300.

Please renew your membership before **March 31st** to avoid missing out on membership news. If you have updates to your membership, please send the new information to eaa1541.org. We thank you for your continued support of our chapter.



As part of Young Eagles Mission 2.5, EAA is offering a new incentive to encourage chapters to recruit volunteer pilots. For every first-time Young Eagles pilot recruited by our chapter, we will earn \$25 in Young Eagles credits. This incentive runs January 1-July 31, 2026, with credits applied to our 2026 totals and available in 2027.

Volunteer Young Eagles pilots who fly 25 Young Eagles or more from October 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, will be awarded a limited-edition commemorative hat to thank you for your participation in helping hit this significant milestone.

Each year our chapter receives Young Eagles Credits based on how many Young Eagles flights our chapter pilots do. These credits can be used for Air Academy and activities and items that benefit the Young Eagles program. For the year 2025, our chapter received \$465. This was \$100 more than 2024. A big **Thank You** to all our pilots and ground crew!



Congratulations to our chapter sponsored 2026 Air Academy campers! The following youth will be attending Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI this summer. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Rex T.

Rex is an 8th grader in Junior High. Aside from his passion for flying, and all things airplanes, Rex plays tennis and lacrosse and enjoys riding his mountain bike. He has been to EAA AirVenture and since that visit several years ago he has been desperate to return for the camp. He can't wait to tour ATC and meet the other like-minded kids that are attending camp. Rex has never had the chance to fly as an 'unaccompanied minor' and is looking forward to that adventure.

"We are so thankful to EAA Chapter 1541 for this once in a lifetime opportunity"

Marco F.

Marco is 14 years old and in high school. He has always been interested in planes. His first memory of planes was attending Fleet Week in San Francisco and being amazed by the air show and the ships. Marco's first Young Eagles flight just two weeks ago added even more interest in planes when Pilot "Mac" let him take over the controls. "That was so cool." Marco is excited to attend EAA Air Academy and is most excited for the plane and helicopter flights. He is also looking forward to the simulators, launching air rockets, all the different projects that will be built, and learning about engines.

"I am really excited for this experience and thank you for this amazing opportunity"

Luke R.

Luke is a sophomore in high school. In addition to being interested in aerospace, he is also very involved in the symphonic, jazz, marching, and pit bands. He plays the bari sax and bass. Luke can be seen volunteering for the chapter in the flight simulator or working in the galley. At camp, he is most looking forward to gaining experience and knowledge in material engineering.

"Thank you so much for this opportunity"

2026 Ray Aviation Scholarship

As noted in this month's President's Corner, we are excited to announce that this year our chapter has been selected to administer not one, but two Ray Aviation Scholarships. We will be participating in the 25/75 program where our chapter provides 25% of the funds (\$3,000) and the Ray Foundation provides 75% (\$9,000) of the funds.

Ray Scholar Update

Our current Ray Scholar, **Aria Ramey**, writes:

As a cadet in the CA-954th Cadet Corps at Whitney High School, I have had the opportunity to be able to wear a flight suit to school on uniform wear days! Due to my involvement in aviation and the milestones I have completed thus far, I am honored to be the sole cadet who represents the corps in this flight suit. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent aviation in this manner and look forward to continuing my career in military aviation.



Aria with USAF Ret. Senior Master Sergeant Adam Eastlund, ASI (Aerospace Science Instructor)

Treasurer's Report

Members: As of February 28th our chapter membership stands at 98, including 11 Gold memberships.

Dues Reminder: Just a friendly reminder for those who haven't paid your dues yet, now's the time. You can renew on-line using [PayPal](#), mail a check to our PO Box, or in person at any chapter meeting. This is also a good time to verify your EAA National membership is also up to date. Thank you again for your support

Ray Scholar: As of February 28th, the balance is - \$2,959.00.

Activity:

R&S Scholarship fund:

Increases – Income from the donation buckets at the lunch meeting - \$79.00, and the sale of a donated power airplane tug \$600.00

Decreases – No Activity

Hangar fund: No Activity

Chapter's fund:

Increases – Member Dues \$870.00, Meal sales - \$390.00

Decreases – Annual hangar insurance - \$1,372.99, Food Costs – \$161.47

Account Balances:

Hangar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 30,216.48
R&S Scholarship Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 28,120.31
General Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 19,797.19
Ray Scholar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ (2,959.00)
Balance of all accounts	
<i>February 28, 2026</i>	\$ 75,174.98

Aviation thought for the month: “*The engine is the heart of an airplane, but the pilot is its soul.*”

-Walter Raleigh

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Whelan
Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1541

Project Updates and Adventures

This month's featured Update is a new project now in its planning and startup phase, that will live in the EAA hangar at KLHM. In early March the chapter gratefully received a complete [Zenith CH 750 STOL](#) airframe kit from chapter member Aaron Steines, partially assembled.



The kit, which Aaron and his cousin acquired and began work on in 2014, had been sitting in his garage untouched for the past five years while Aaron busied himself with his day job of piloting United Boeing 777's across continents and oceans. The components are now located in our EAA hangar:



Our plan is to use the kit as an opportunity for both youth and adult chapter members to get some hands on experience assembling a new airframe, with the component skills of reading plans and drawings, transferring designs to metal, then cutting, drilling, deburring and riveting the individual pieces into assemblies that become the fuselage, wings, landing gear, 'tail feathers', and controls of the completed aircraft.



We are currently gathering tools to support small-group building sessions, and assembling the CH 750 STOL drawings, step-by-step instructions, and supplementary videos. EAA chapter 1541 has also been recently designated as the new project owner and builder by the Zenith company in Missouri.

When the groundwork is done and we are ready to launch the project, an all-hands email will go out to the chapter members list asking for responses from those who would like to join a unique and educational opportunity that supports one of EAA's core missions: helping people to turn their aviation dreams into reality by building an airplane of their own.

The chapter is very grateful for Aaron Steines' wonderful generosity in making this chapter project possible!

City of Lincoln Airport Committee



We've mentioned this before, but we want to remind everybody that the City of Lincoln does much of its airport management process through the city's Airport Committee. It is organized by the city, with two City Council members present, but five of its members are from the local community. Its function is to sort through issues facing the airport, from funding to growth to community impact to future plans. It makes recommendations when appropriate to the Lincoln City Council where decisions are actually made. There is a lot that goes on at the committee

meetings that airport users, including our chapter members, should be interested in. The committee meets at the City Hall building on 6th Street in Lincoln on the **third Wednesday** of every month at **10:00 am**. The public is welcome and it is streamed live online for those who cannot attend in person. The meeting usually lasts about 90 minutes depending upon the agenda. Minutes from prior meetings and future agendas are published on the city's website. For a taste of what goes on at these meetings, [here is a link to the agenda](#) for the meeting held on March 18.

Piper Cub for Sale

One of our chapter members asked us to pass along some information from a friend and fellow EAA member who is selling his 1940 Piper Cub that is currently based in Washington State, so we present the following information. *(Please note we have no further information so don't contact the chapter about this...contact the seller directly.)*



1940 J-3 Cub Special, \$75,000

Setup for Backcountry, TT 3407, 469 SMOH, 0-200 100hp Continental, New Prop 72/40 152 hours; good logs, August 2025 annual.

30-gallon fuel capacity (12,12,6), lightweight starter, oil filter, new Tach, sealed lift struts, PA18 Step, new Muffler; carburetor rebuilt 2025; Oil Pump Housing inspected & checked, Generator inspected, tested; ELT 2027, new battery, new wires, new Garmin GTR 225 comm radio, King KT-76A transponder checked; Fabric: Poly cub yellow, Tires: tires are good.

Pictures are available on "Barnstormers," dated March 9, 2026, search for Piper J-3

If interested, please contact me, Marlin Israel. Owner and aircraft located in Clarkston, Washington • Telephone/Cell: 206.595.1409 m_israel@earthlink.net