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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 May 7, 2026 7-8 pm	IMC/VMC club online <i>"What Would You Do? scenarios"</i> FAA Wings credit available
Saturday May 9 11-1 pm	Second Saturday BBQ lunch Program: CalFIRE Air Operations over Wildfires <i>EAA hangar S-12 at KLHM</i>
Saturday, May 16, 2026 8:00a – 12n	KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day Airport main ramp
Saturday, May 30 11a-2p	Chapter Fly-out to Petaluma <i>Lunch at Two Niner Diner</i>
Saturday, June 13 Time TBD	Land on the Dot Event Spot Landing practice for OSH BBQ Dinner in lieu of BBQ lunch

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	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	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



We try to blend our chapter's offerings to include experienced aviators, not-so-experienced aviators, new aviators, young aviators, and aviation enthusiasts. As an example, our April Saturday gathering featured a program on **Upset Prevention and Training** by representatives from Foothill Flight Center at Cameron Park, training that every pilot needs to consider to expand their skill set.

And, for our May gathering, we're going to have a presentation by a **CalFire representative about operating near wildfires** which, for Northern California, can quickly pop-up just about anywhere at any time, especially in the coming summer. This should be good information for every chapter pilot to absorb. And, we are once again going to have a **chapter fly-out, this time on Saturday, May 30**, the destination this time being the

Petaluma Airport and its Two-Niner Diner for brunch/lunch. More details are coming.

For our younger set, our chapter is sponsoring four young people to attend the **Air Academy summer camp at Oshkosh, Wisconsin**. That's double what we've done in recent years, but we have the resources and some excellent candidates, so we want to send them east for a good week of aviation immersion activities.

On the **Ray Aviation Scholar** front, both our 2025 scholar, **Aria Ramey**, and one of our 2026 scholars, **Tyler Madson**, are nearing their checkrides to earn their private pilot certificates. We're excited to see such progress and for them to soon achieve remarkable goals.

We also hope to announce our **second EAA Ray Aviation Scholar for 2026** at our May 9th Saturday gathering. We've made a selection but there is an application process that must be completed before it's official and squared. The Ray Aviation Scholarship is a great opportunity to earn a private pilot certificate for a young person. We are looking forward to working with our Ray Scholars this year, as our chapter members can greatly enhance a young person's flight training.

I want to take this time to also highlight two special events that are coming soon. Our June Second Saturday gathering will be unique for our chapter: an (almost) summer evening at the airport that will feature spot landing proficiency training that we'll also use as a social event. **Land on the green dot...**those who have flown into Oshkosh know about that, plus for both flyers and non-flyers alike, a nice BBQ dinner and some social time lying to each other about how good we are as pilots at landing on dots. More details are offered elsewhere in this newsletter. We're going to spread the word to local pilots throughout the area so we hope to get a good fun crowd, both flyers and non-flyers, for the event.

And, please, for anyone considering going to Oshkosh for AirVenture this coming July, either flying or riding, pay attention to an effort being made by our chapter to **get a group together to make a trek out of it**. We hope to gather a gaggle of chapter planes all heading east at the same time, possibly leaving on Tuesday, July 14, enjoy three days of flying to arrive at Oshkosh early for the week at AirVenture. Camp under the wings as a chapter group while back there. We hope to have seats open for non-flyers also, but we need to start planning this. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter. We need to gauge interest in this pretty quickly so we can start some good planning.

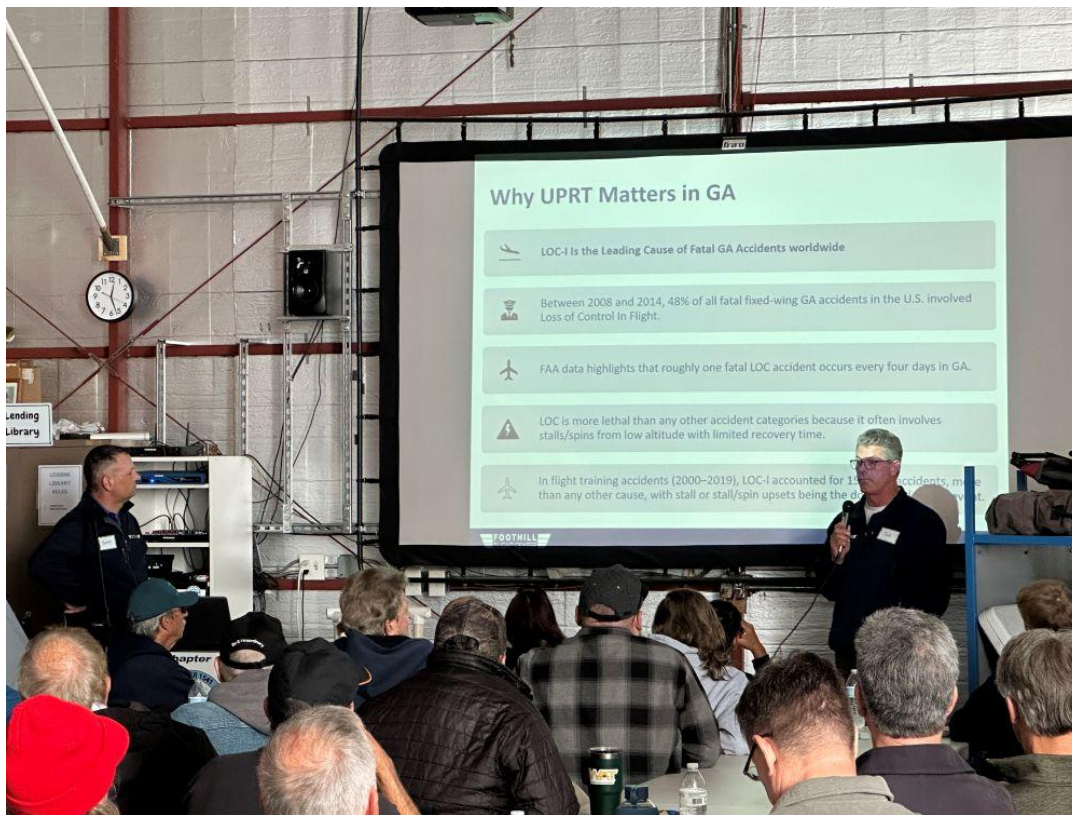


And, I'm happy to announce that our chapter was designated as an EAA Gold chapter for 2025 for the seventh year in a row. There are specific [criteria that need to be met to achieve special EAA chapter recognition](#), with three levels of status: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. I did a quick count: there are 63 EAA chapters in California; there are 13 of those that have Gold Status. So, we think we are doing something right and a thank you is due to all the volunteers that make EAA Chapter 1541 possible.

Scott Thompson

EAA chapter 1541 President

Our April Second Saturday Gathering



Dustin Jones, left, and Don Bradley from Foothill Flight Center at Cameron Park provided a well-received presentation on Upset Prevention and Recovery Training at our April Second Saturday gathering on April 11. The presentation was cut a bit short by a level 4 thunderstorm that rolled through the airport, necessitating a quick clean-up to get our tenant RV-7 back into the hangar before the deluge and windstorm hit. You might say we thereby prevented an aircraft upset...

AIR OPERATIONS OVER WILDFIRES

CAL FIRE Aviation and Airspace Control

Join **CAL FIRE Air Operations BC David Krussow** from the **Grass Valley Air Attack Base** as he discusses:

- How CALFIRE Aviation operates over wildfires
- What is a Fire Traffic Area (FTA) and how does it affect you as a pilot
- TFR's and wildfires
- Question & Answer session to follow

***EAA Chapter 1541
Our next gathering
Saturday, May 9***



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: ea1541@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:

Keith M.: Keith is a pilot and interested in volunteering with Young Eagles.

Kristina L.: Kristina is a pilot and has been flying out of Lincoln for many years. She is interested in volunteering with Young Eagles.

Ray Scholar Update



Congratulations to **Tyler Madson** for receiving final approval from EAA and being selected as our chapter's 2026 Ray Scholar. Tyler is a Senior in high school working toward his Private Pilot License at NorCal Flight Center in Lincoln, CA. He has already accomplished his first solo flight and successfully passed the FAA written exam.

Tyler first became interested in aviation through the EAA Young Eagles program, which inspired him to start his flight training. He has volunteered many hours on the chapter's SIM team sharing his passion for flying and aviation with our community. Tyler writes, "as I progress through my training, I'm looking at different career paths that would help me achieve my goal of being an airline pilot, including opportunities to serve as a pilot in the Air Force Reserve." We look forward to supporting Tyler as he pursues his dreams and goals.



Ray Scholars come together to support each other.
Pictured: Amy Whelan ('19), Tyler Madson ('26), and Aria Ramey ('25)

Treasurer’s Report

Members: As of March 31st, our chapter membership stands at 116, including 12 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 March 31st, the balance is - \$ 559.00. EAA deposited \$2,400 for Aria passing the written test.

Activity:

R&S Scholarship fund:
 Increases – Income from the donation buckets at the lunch meeting - \$53.00.
 Decreases – \$399 for ground school reimbursement to Aria

Account Balances:

Hangar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 30,216.48
R&S Scholarship Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 27,786.30
General Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 20,581.11
Ray Scholar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ (559.00)
Balance of all accounts	
<i>March 31, 2026</i>	\$ 78,024.89

Hangar fund: No Activity

Chapter’s fund:

Increases – Member Dues \$1260.00, Meal sales - \$460.00
 Decreases – Annual PO Box renewal \$216.00, Food Costs (Lunches) – \$318.84 (YE events) - \$67.85, Tools and registration costs for the Zenith build project - \$395.83

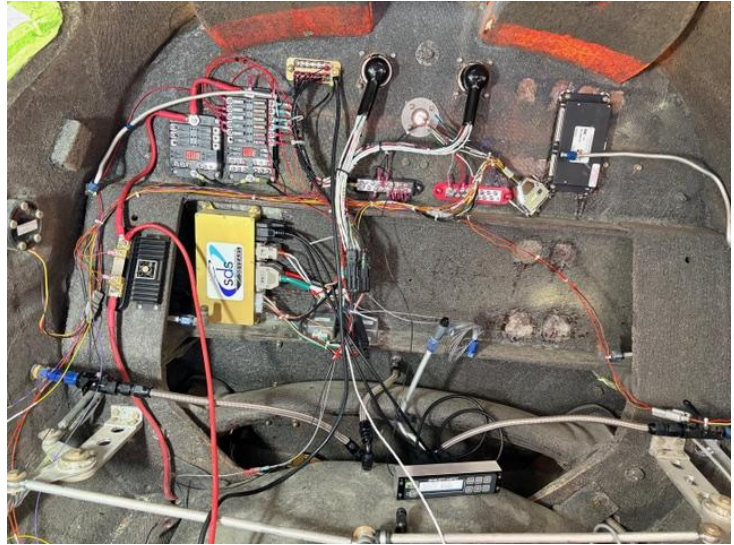
Aviation thought for the month: “Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.” - Unknown

Respectfully Submitted,
 Scott Whelan
 Treasurer
 EAA Chapter 1541

Project Updates and Adventures

David Goldfarb writes:

I'm slowly making headway with my [Velocity](#) build. I pivoted from fiberglass to electric during the cold weather and have the bulk of the SDS injection and ignition complete along with the Dynon EMS 220. I included micro switches for the door pins and parking brake for visual warning.



Next weekend I will be laying up my carbon fiber instrument panel made of 6.5 oz CF weave over 1/4" Aramid honeycomb.

Switches are on the way along with the rest of my Dynon goodies. I plan on using the Advanced ACM.



failure from the early kits.

Now that the weather is warming up, I made the plenum and runners for cooling air from the roof NACA ducts.



I also had a billet nose fork made during the winter as there are some experiences of fork

In the category of **Too Cute to Pass Up**, the chapter has received the donation of a **P-51 pedal plane** that our hangar neighbor across the taxiway, **Steve Schulte**, built for his grandkids.

As kiddos will do, they grew and don't fit in the plane any more.

The pedal plane will can be seen in our hangar and will join our yellow wooden sit-in model for **Wings and Wheels**, and other public open house chapter events.

Thank You, Steve!

