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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
Saturday, May 30 11a-2p	Chapter Fly-out to Petaluma <i>Lunch at Two Niner Diner</i>
Thursday June 4, 2026 7-8 pm	IMC/VMC club online <i>"What Would You Do? scenarios"</i> FAA Wings credit available
Saturday, June 13 5:00 – 9:00p	Land on the Dot Event Spot Landing practice for OSH BBQ Dinner in lieu of BBQ lunch
Saturday, June 20, 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	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.

Summer is almost upon us, and the birds are all atwitter. The aluminum, fabric, and fiberglass birds are also getting ready for a summer of flying. The price of avgas might take one's breath away, but once getting past that, it's still a good time to come out to the airport and stretch wings or watch others do so.

There is information in this newsletter about some of the upcoming activities for our chapter, and I won't belabor those other than to mention them briefly here.

The big thing coming up is that we are planning a special June Second Saturday Gathering on June 13. Instead of a breakfast or lunch...we are instead gathering in the late afternoon for some aviating that supports proficiency, fun, and food. Can't get much better than that.

See the flyer in the newsletter about our Land on The Green Dot Dinner...it's the first time we've tried something like this but I don't expect it to be the last. Plan to spend the pre-summer evening on June 13 at the airport.

Something that is also new and groundbreaking for the chapter is the Zenith 750 STOL aircraft build that is slowly coming together in the back corner of the hangar. We have a small but dedicated group of adult and youth builders involved...and as I write this, the fuselage is about to stand on its own (three) legs. The landing gear is being mounted with wheels, tires, and brakes. Thus, the major fuselage assembly is nearing completion. Waiting in the wings...er...yes, are the wings that are presently a big pile of boxed parts. Soon enough, they will be carefully unpacked and, plans out and carefully studied, will start to be constructed. For more information about this fine project, track down Dan Masys, our airplane-builder-in chief.

One of the things our chapter wants to do is encourage our group of pilots and fellow travelers to get out and fly, even together. Toward that end, we are having another chapter Fly-Out on the last Saturday of May, May 30. We are trying to gather some pilots and planes to fly over to Petaluma (O69). As can be seen elsewhere in the newsletter, signing up is easy. We are looking for more pilots and planes with some extra seats...we have a good group of non-pilot chapter members already signed up who would like to participate. The Two Niner Diner at Petaluma is a great lunch stop and provides a fine chance for some fun aviating and eating. If you and your plane are free that Saturday, consider joining the group. It should be a fun time.

Also, elsewhere in this newsletter is information about the upcoming Wings and Wheels event to be held at our Lincoln Airport on Friday-Saturday, August 28-29. Besides being a fun time and an opportunity to promote our airport, it is also a chance to dive in and help make the event a success. We are particularly looking for pilots or pilot-knowledgeable types to help with the city's ramp crew. That crew will help move airplanes in and out of the display area and keep the crowds under control during that time.

For those considering making the trek this July to the big EAA AirVenture convention and airshow, consider joining what we are hoping might be gaggle of chapter pilots, passengers, and planes spending the week prior traveling together. Check out the information presented elsewhere in this newsletter. We've had

a limited response so far to our planning, so we'll make a decision shortly as to whether this will be a go or not. If you are interested, please let us know sooner than later by sending an email back to the chapter.

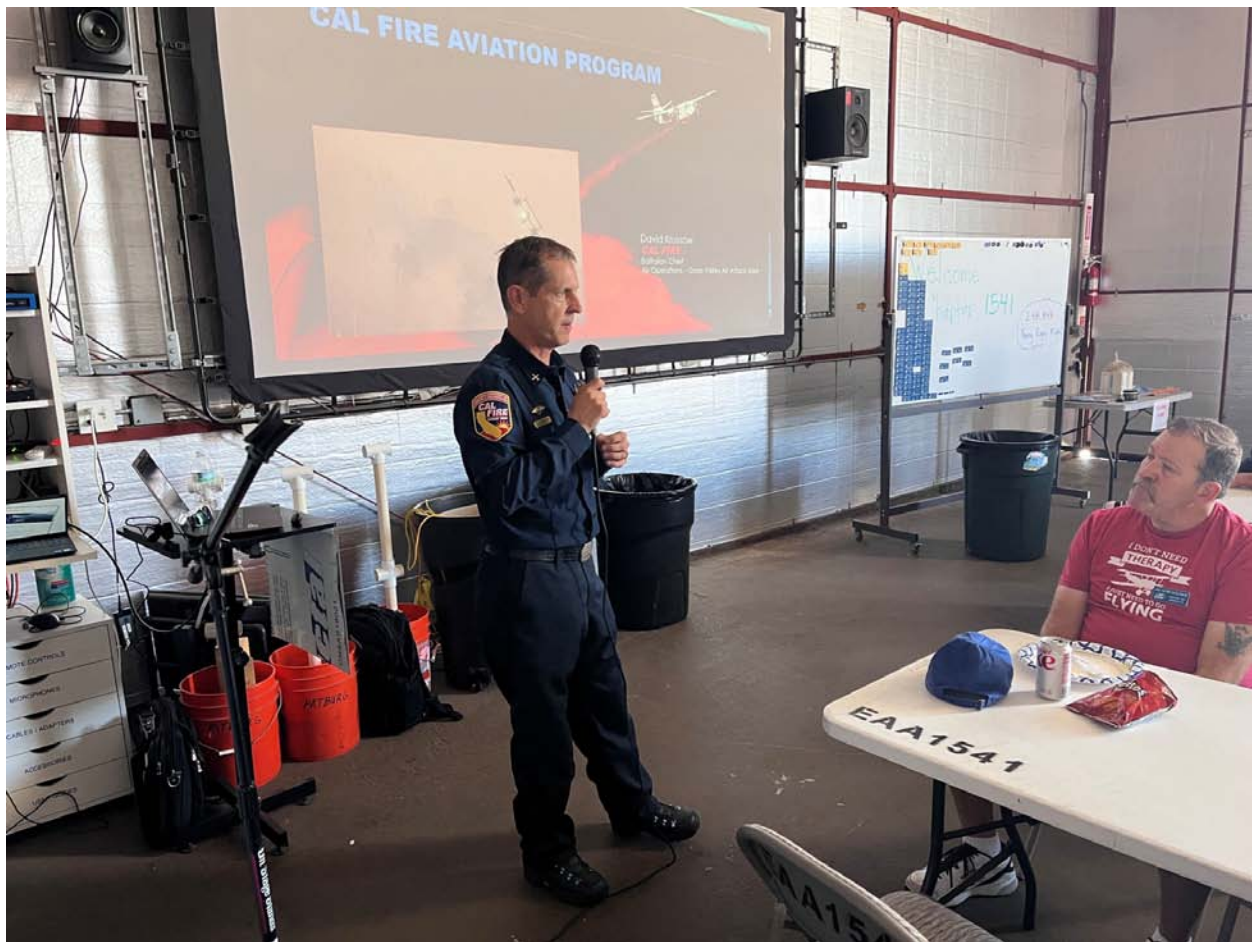
Meanwhile...blue skies and tailwinds.

Scott Thompson
EAA chapter 1541 President

Our May 9th Gathering: CDF Battalion Chief David Krussow



CalFire Battalion Chief-Air Operations David Krussow came from the Grass Valley Air Attack Base to present on *Air Operations Over Wildfires*, a particularly appropriate subject for May as the fire season in northern California gets underway. It was an excellent presentation that also provided some great aviation information.



Battalion Chief Krussow provided an informative and engaging presentation that included both video and audio of air attack operations in progress. It was eye opening to many pilots the level of activity that goes on around a wildfire, and the importance of staying well clear of any smoke or fire areas, regardless of whether or not a TFR is in effect.





Back in the old days at the Grass Valley Air Attack Base, a converted B-17 air tanker begins a takeoff roll. Fire-fighting operations at Grass Valley date back to the 1950s. The B-17 carried 2,000 gallons of fire retardant...weighing about 18,000 pounds. The current S-2 tankers based at Grass Valley carry 1,200 gallons of retardant, while the new CalFire C-130 air tankers can carry up to 4,000 gallons.

Chapter Fly-Out to Petaluma on Saturday, May 30



The chapter is having another fly-out...this one set for **Saturday, May 30**. The destination this time is the **Petaluma Airport**...that's O69, heading of about 219 magnetic from Lincoln for 71 nm...and the **Two Niner**

Diner for lunch. Once again, we'll try to get as many chapter planes, pilots, and passengers as possible all heading in that direction at the same time. [Sign up using this link or the below QR code.](#) Plan to meet at the Gazebo at 10 am on Saturday, May 30.



**EAA Chapter 1541 Oshkosh 2026 Adventure:
A Bucket List Flight Every Pilot Should Experience**



If you are a pilot and have never flown into Oshkosh, this may be the year to finally make it happen.

Let's be honest — none of us are getting any younger, and every pilot owes it to themselves to experience Oshkosh at least once. *EAA AirVenture* is truly the Disneyland of Aviation. Imagine thousands of aircraft, endless rows of vintage airplanes, warbirds, homebuilts, seaplanes, aerobatics, night airshows, forums, aviation legends, and pilots from all over the world sharing the same passion for flight.

There is simply nothing else like it.

EAA Chapter 1541 is looking to organize as many aircraft as possible to make the journey from Lincoln Airport (KLHM) to Oshkosh this year. It does not matter what you fly — Cessna 172,

Bonanza, Mooney, Piper, RV, Experimental, or anything in between. This is not a race. We are going to take our time, enjoy the cross-country adventure, and make the trip part of the experience.

Proposed Departure Plan

- Depart KLHM: Monday, July 13, 2026
- Arrive Oshkosh Area: Thursday, July 16 before noon

Arriving early has major advantages:

- Better aircraft camping locations
- Less arrival stress
- More time to enjoy Oshkosh before the crowds peak
- Easier parking together as a group

One of the best parts of Oshkosh is camping under the wing of your own airplane. Morning coffee with fellow pilots, evening hangar flying stories, and watching airplanes land all day long becomes part of the adventure. You do not need to stay the entire week. Some pilots may stay a few days and head home early. Others may stay all week. Personally, I plan on staying the full event because there is simply too much to see and do in just a few days.

I have flown to Oshkosh three times over the past 12 years, and I can honestly say the excitement, energy, and experience cannot truly be described in words. Oshkosh is something every pilot should experience firsthand. Over the years I have also learned a few tips and tricks that make camping under the wing much easier and more enjoyable — starting with one important lesson: cheap tents and Midwest thunderstorms do not mix very well!


If you are interested in flying to Oshkosh with the group, or even if you are just thinking about it and have questions, please reach out.

Contact Information

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P35 Bonanza – South Hangars B19

 Text Preferred: 916-425-3264

 Please text your email address if you would like updates and planning information.

This could be the year you finally check Oshkosh off your aviation bucket list!





13 JUNE 2026 SPOT LANDING CONTEST

**HOW GOOD
ARE YOUR
SKILLS?**

★ **5:00 PM**
to **9:00 PM**

**LINCOLN AIRPORT
KLHM**
SPONSORED BY
EAA CHAPTER 1541

HOW GOOD ARE YOUR SKILLS,
CAN YOU LAND PERFECTLY
ON THE **GREEN DOT**?



REMEMBER AT OSHKOSH
YOU HAVE TO LAND ON A DOT....

**WE WILL USE THE RUNWAY
WITH THE FAVORED WINDS.**


WE WILL BE USING
TECHNOLOGY TO SEE AND
RECORD EACH AIRCRAFT
AS IT LANDS IN THE
EAA HANGAR.
THE SPOT LANDING CONTEST
WILL BE BROADCAST FOR
EVERYONE TO SEE.
WHEN YOU LAND YOU WILL
BE ON THE BIG SCREEN
FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.




REMEMBER MANY AIRPORTS
HERE IN CALIFORNIA HAVE
WEBCAMS THAT RECORD
YOUR LANDINGS.
• AUBURN MUNICIPAL
• SAN MARCOS
• OXNARD
JUST TO MENTION A FEW.

SO HOW GOOD ARE YOUR SPOT LANDING SKILLS?
DO YOU CONSISTENTLY LAND ON YOUR AIM POINT / TARGET POINT?
★ CAN YOU LAND PERFECTLY ON THE **GREEN DOT**? ★
★ ARE YOU READY TO FLY TO OSHKOSH THIS YEAR? ★

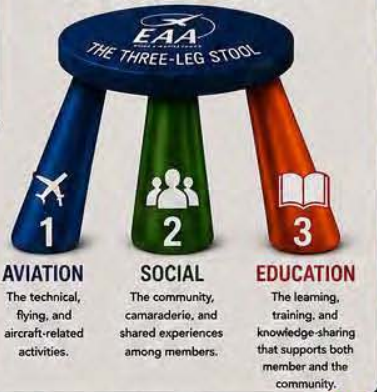
 **ARE YOU READY?**
★ Stop by the EAA Hangar to Register
★ Registration Opens at 4:30 PM
★ Last Landing for the Contest is **8:00 PM**

The pilot that lands closest to the green dot will be awarded special recognition along with Bragging rights for the next 12 months, we will have two awards....



**THE TROPHIES
HAVE BEEN MADE –
WILL YOUR NAME BE
ON THE TROPHY
FOR 2026?**

REMEMBER THE EAA
THREE LEG STOOL?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE?
Paul Poberezny, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), famously described the organization as a three-legged stool — with each leg representing a core component:




**SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026
EAA HANGAR 1541
LINCOLN CA**



**5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM EAA HANGAR
BURGER BURN, BEERS AND SOCIAL**

**THE COMMUNITY, CAMARADERIE, AND
SHARED EXPERIENCES AMONG MEMBERS.**

 13 JUNE 2026
SUNSET 8:32 PM
TWILIGHT END 9:02 PM

 SEND ANY QUESTIONS TO
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TIM DEVINE
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(TEXT IS BEST)

CHAPTER 1541
EAA BOARD
MEMBER

Lincoln Airport Wings and Wheels Mark your Calendars: August 28-29

As you read this, the big Lincoln Airport *Wings and Wheels* event is just about three months away. 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 eaal541@gmail.com and we'll get you set up!
- 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 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.

Ray Scholar Update



Congratulations to **Sam Mach** for receiving final approval from EAA and being selected as our chapter's 2026 Ray Scholar.

Sam is a senior in high school working toward his Private Pilot Certificate at NorCal Flight Center in Lincoln, CA. He has already completed over ten hours of flight training prior to being awarded this scholarship. Sam has always been interested in aviation. Shortly after taking his first Young Eagles flight, Sam began attending our chapter gatherings.

He has been an active member of the SIM team, Youth Build and Fly, and Airport Days. Sam plans to complete his Private Pilot training and then continue on with a degree in aviation in college. We look forward to supporting Sam as he pursues his dreams.

Treasurer's Report

Members: As of April 30th, our chapter membership stands at 146, including 12 Gold memberships.

Ray Scholar(s):

As of April 30th, we now have 2 Ray Scholars, and their combined balance is \$ 2,294. The balance for Aria is -\$559 and the balance for our newest scholar, Tyler is \$2,853. We received his initial deposit of \$5,800 and his invoices for the month were \$2,547.

Activity:

R&S Scholarship fund:

Increases – Income from the donation buckets at the lunch meeting - \$33.00, Recycling \$34.63.

Decreases – \$1,000 flying scholarship to Tyler

Hangar fund: No Activity

Chapter's fund:

Increases – Member Dues \$630.00, Meal sales - \$215.00

Decreases – Food Costs (Lunches) – \$175.34 (YE events) - \$28.55.

Account Balances:

Hangar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 30,216.48
R&S Scholarship Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 26,853.93
General Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 20,901.57
Ray Scholar Fund	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 2,293.88
Balance of all accounts	
<i>April 30, 2026</i>	\$ 80,265.86

Aviation thought for the month:

“A mile of highway will only take you a mile, but a mile of runway can take you anywhere.” - **Unknown**

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Whelan
Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1541

Project Updates and Adventures

Ray McNaught writes:

Look at this tailgater!



Went to Visalia with Ernie Brock for a **Formation Flying Clinic** put on by the Beach Boys! (B2OSH) I was paired up with an RV-10, I guess they figured the 10 could fly slow and still handle better than the Bonanzas and Barons!

Had a great time, Ernie was my safety pilot... hope I didn't scare him too badly.

After the first formation take off we figured out the mighty RV-12 could haul Ernie and I aloft at 95 knots at 500 fpm, it did much better than everyone expected!

I then flew over to Kingman AZ, dodging the Restricted airspace around Edwards AFB and through the "gray area" under the watchful eye of Joshua Approach, where I assume the military flies their drones. It was a fun little jaunt! Wish could have taken a selfie! ;-)

Ray McNaught

Brent Smith writes:

In the last week, I've had the first and second flat tires of my more than 50-year flying career. 😊



Admittedly, a fair part of that was devoted to flying helicopters and skids don't get flats. Still, it was doubly frustrating when I took Menehune out for a nice taxi after replacing both main tires and tubes only to have the left one blow out on the way back to the hangar. WTH?! After getting her back to the hangar in the heat (ugh!), dismounting the offending wheel and disassembling it, I was doubly frustrated to find that the new tube had split more than half way around.

This on top of the orange alternator light coming on again and the engine monitor reading -7 amps. Haven't we been here before? The tube I can chalk up to a cheap made-in-China product that will be replaced with a made in Taiwan product. The alternator light? TBD. Did someone say "snake bit"?

1541 STOL team update:

The chapter's Zenith CH 750 STOL airframe building project continues to benefit from the generosity of chapter members. Scott Thompson donated a benchtop belt and disc sander, and Jim Hughes donated a drill press useful for both precision drilling and for spinning a Scotchbrite wheel that is the "magic tool" used by homebuilders to convert rough aluminum edges on fabricated aircraft components to smooth-as-silk polished aircraft components. Project leader Dan Masys designed and built a little 24 x 36 roll-around bench with locking casters that holds the power tools and a machinist vice. The team of high school and older builders is making steady progress on the airframe with their movable workshop:

