



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 20-26 2026	EAA Airventure 2026 Oshkosh, WI
Saturday, August 8 8:00a – 10:30a	Second Saturday Breakfast and program: AirVenture 2026 attendees present their stories
Thursday Aug 13, 2026 7-8 pm	IMC/VMC club online “What Would You Do? scenarios” FAA Wings credit available
Saturday, August 15, 2026 8:00a – 12n	KLHM Vintage Aircraft Display day Airport main ramp
Saturday, Aug 29	Wings and Wheels event at KLHM

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 Frankie Fusco Jim Hughes Lesa McArdle Josh Smith
Membership	Chapter dues: \$30 per year for individuals and families; \$300 for gold



President's Corner



Greetings from the middle of summer. Late July is synonymous with the big EAA AirVenture convention and airshow at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and as I write this, the weeklong event is indeed getting underway. The week officially starts on Monday, July 20, but in reality it starts about a week earlier with early arrivals and reunion parties. This year's gathering begins, unfortunately, under very smoky skies...fires in Canada and the upper Midwest are reducing visibilities and making everything just a bit yukky. The smart weather people say that much of that smoke will blow through by the weekend, but we shall see. A lot of people up there have bigger problems than EAA convention air quality, but hopefully the smoky pall won't put a damper on the aviating week.

Oshkosh (B'Gosh) 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.

Our chapter's **Second Saturday Breakfast** on August 8 will feature some Oshkosh tales, both from a few chapter members who made the trek, and also from our four young Air Academy participants who spent some time there at the EAA summer camp.

Later in August, our local airport is holding its own special event. That would be Lincoln's **Wings and Wheels** weekend for Friday evening, August 28, and Saturday, all day, August 29. As in past years, the City of Lincoln and the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce are organizing and sponsoring the event. 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.

Whether you are able to volunteer or not, make your plans to attend. Check out the promotional poster included in this newsletter. This is a great way to show visitors from the area the airport and highlight its part of the community. And, in past years, the City and Chamber have donated the net proceeds from the entire weekend to our chapter's scholarship fund, becoming a key donor to our effort to support young people pursuing some aspect of aviation as a career.

On two other notes, I'll mention that we very reluctantly postponed our big "Land on the Green Dot Dinner" event in June. The three-digit forecast temperatures with a west-facing hangar in the late afternoon did not bode well for anyone to have a good time, except possibly for the paramedics that may have had to stop by. In any event...it will be on the calendar for the cooler spring of 2027. A date has not yet been set, but it will happen.

And, looking forward to 2027, we are going to lose a few members from our officers and board of directors who have decided to take a break. I am encouraging anyone who wants to get involved at a higher level in keeping our chapter moving forward, please consider this as an opportunity. I am gratified to have spoken to several very capable individuals who are considering stepping up, but we have room for more. I consider our chapter to be very active and successful, but it does take some dedicated planning and participation to make that happen. Please email the chapter (eea1541@gmail.com) if you want to discuss this further...I'll get the email and we'll talk. Don't be shy.

Scott Thompson
EAA chapter 1541 President

Wings and Wheels



Taigh Ramey brought the Stockton Field Aviation Museum **Douglas A-26 Invader** to the 2025 Wings and Wheels event, where it proved to be a popular draw of the crowd. He's bringing it and a few other aircraft back for the 2026 event.

July 11 Breakfast Gathering



For our July 11 breakfast gathering, **Brent Smith** provided a great presentation to the chapter on his Mini-IMP project, something he has been working on since 1998. The Mini-IMP recently made a short flight and by the time you are reading this, Brent may have finally overcome all of his project's challenges and it may be flying again regularly.

Ray Scholar Successes!



Congratulations to our **2026 Ray Scholar**, Tyler on passing his check ride on June 15th and completing the Ray Scholarship program.

Tyler is looking forward to taking his parents up for a flight very soon and starting to study for his instrument rating.

Nice job Tyler!



Congratulations to our **2026 Ray Scholar**, Sam on a beautiful First Solo flight on July 9th. Sam said he was a little nervous, but it was a great experience, and he can't wait to get up flying again.

Way to go Sam!



Congratulations **2025 Ray Scholar**, Aria on your acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy. We look forward to hearing all about your future flight training in Colorado.

Go Falcons!

2023 Ray Scholar Anthony Duran received his Commercial Pilot certificate from Designated Pilot Examiner Mark Montague on Saturday, July 18th. Anthony continues his forward progress toward an Air Transport Pilot rating and a first officer position with Horizon Airlines supported by a scholarship from Alaska Airlines, at San Jose State University.

For Anthony and all of our Ray Scholars, the sky is definitely not the limit!





AT THE LINCOLN REGIONAL AIRPORT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH PRE PARTY

EVENING MOON GLOW

**VIP
EXPERIENCE
OPTION**

LIVE MUSIC

FOOD TRUCKS & BEER GARDEN

**GATES OPEN
AT 5PM
\$5 ENTRY FEE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

**\$20
CAR SHOW
FEE**

AVIATION & CAR SHOW

YOUTH AVIATION EXPO - FLIGHT SIMULATORS

FOOD TRUCKS - VENDORS - DJ

**GATES OPEN
AT 7AM
\$10 ENTRY**

Young Eagles

EAA Young Eagles: Mission 2.5



The Young Eagles program has introduced more than 2.4 million kids to the magic of flight since 1992. Now, 33 years later, we are setting our sights on another historic milestone that will require the support from the entire Young Eagles community, including pilots, coordinators, and ground volunteers.

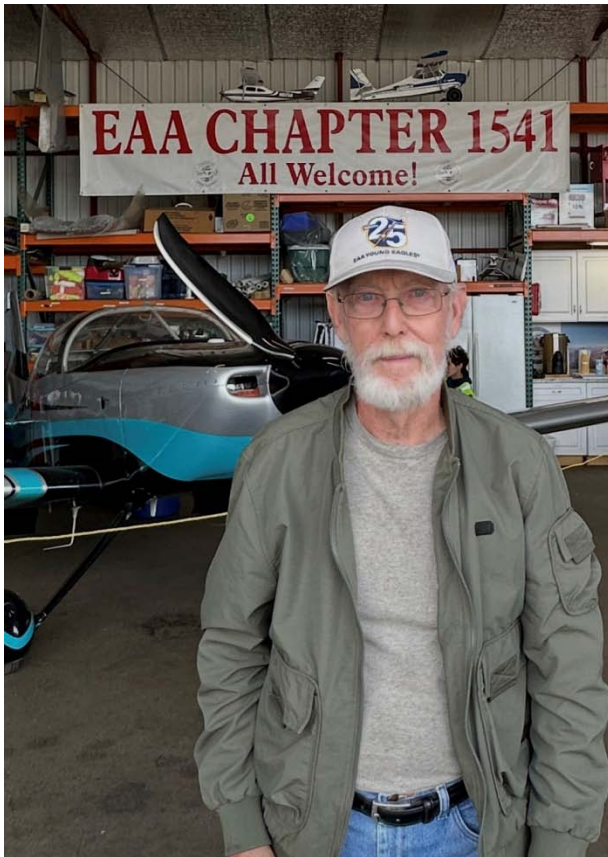
2.5 million Young Eagles flown by EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026.

Why It Matters:

Every Young Eagles flight is more than just a ride; it's a spark that ignites curiosity, fuels dreams, and opens doors to careers in aviation. When a volunteer pilot provides a Young Eagles flight, they are not just flying, they are shaping the future of flight, one Young Eagles flight at a time.

Fly 25 for 2.5:

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 cap to thank you for your participation in helping us hit this significant milestone.



Congratulations to **Jim Hughes** for earning his EAA Young Eagles Mission 2.5 limited edition commemorative cap. Jim earned this by flying over 25 Young Eagles since October 1st of last year. At last count, 48 flights were recorded. Amazing job!

Thank you, Jim, for all your support of the Young Eagles program.

B-17 coming to Lincoln this September



Ninety-one years ago, on July 17, 1935, the prototype of the airplane that would become the B-17 was rolled out for the public to see for the first time at Boeing Field in Seattle. The Boeing Model 299 made its first flight eleven days later, on July 28. Though the airplane dubbed as the Flying Fortress was much advanced for 1935, no one knew at the time that a much-improved B-17 would play a key role in the strategic bombing campaign over Europe that began seven years later.

One of the few surviving B-17s, the Commemorative Air Force's *Sentimental Journey*, is coming to Lincoln airport on a tour stop in mid-September. It will be available for both ground tours and flights.

More to come on this worthy event at our Lincoln Airport.

Treasurer's Report

Members: As of June 30th, our chapter membership stands at 151, including 12 Gold memberships.

Ray Scholar(s):

As of June 30th, Tyler has completed his PPL training and we will get his balances completed once we get all his paperwork completed. His current balance is \$2,852.88. We didn't received any invoices for Sam or Aria for June so their balances remain at \$3,600 for Sam and -\$559 for Aria.

Activity:

R&S Scholarship fund:

Increases – Income from soda sales in the refrigerator - \$14.00. Donations from the Young Eagles Rally \$55.00. Recycling \$31.88
Decreases – The final payment for our 4 AirAcademy scholarships - \$ 4,905.00.

Hangar fund:

No Activity

Chapter's fund:

Increases – None

Decreases – Food Costs \$22.26, Bottles of water for coffee and Soda on Sale. Hangar Supplies - \$84.63 for paper plates and napkins, \$45.00 for our WiFi puck, \$17.96 for doughnuts at the June Young Eagles event.

Account Balances:

Hangar Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 30,216.48

R&S Scholarship Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 24,350.81

General Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 20,018.68

Ray Scholar Fund	
Ending Balance	\$ 5,893.88

Balance of all accounts	
<i>June 30, 2026</i>	\$ 80,479.85

Aviation thought for the month: "I hope to see you at AirVenture" – Me

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Whelan
Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1541

Project Updates and Adventures

Tom O'Hair writes:

We've decided to sell the completed components of our Zenith CH750 Cruiser project. Please feel free to spread the word to any interested folks. We have the following completed components:

1. A full set of plans with serial number
2. Vertical and horizontal stabilizers with electric trim
3. Both wings with flaperons are complete and sitting in a rolling cradle
4. A set of AeroLED nav/strobe lights
5. Installed fuel tanks with Skytek aluminum fuel tank plumbing
6. Hundreds of clecos and a few air tools

\$10,000 for everything.

Thanks,
Thomas O'Hair
Roseville
916.407.6545

Brent Smith writes:



Per my report at Saturday's meeting this month, Menehune's rattles have been greatly reduced.

I've investigated the City's fuel supply and concluded that it is not the source of my contamination problem. Still working on eliminating that.

