



# CHAPTER 25

SACRAMENTO, CA

## **April 2020 Newsletter**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to All! This has sure been a good news-bad news month. Or more accurately stated, a bad news-good news month! Can you say, “shelter in place?” But enough about the bad news. Let's fill you in on some good news.

First, through the hard work of Stan Lawrence, Kim Owen and Esteban Nava, VAA 25 was awarded a \$10,000 Ray Aviation Scholarship! The scholarship was announced by David Leiting, Jr., an EAA Chapter Field Representative, while he was out here giving the EAA Boot Camp for local Chapter officers in late February. Kim completed and submitted our our application for the Ray Scholarship in early February, and Stan and Esteban invited David and his fellow Boot Camp presenter to dinner after their Boot Camp presentation for a little “schmoozing.” Well it works, because David broke the news to us at dinner. A huge shout out to Stan, Kim, and Esteban for their hard work. That means VAA 25 will have \$10K to put toward flight training of one of our Young Eagles.

More good news. We offered the scholarship to one of our Young Eagles, Tyler Pierson, and he accepted. Right now, Kim is holding off requesting the first payment for flight training while we see how long the Governor's shelter in place order remains in place. Hope to get Tyler's flight training started soon. Tyler will also have the opportunity to fly back with us to Oshkosh for the 2020 Fly-in and attend the Air Academy while he's back there. (We also offered another Young Eagle, Audrey Robbins, the opportunity to fly back with us for the fly-in at Oshkosh this summer.) If Nick Leonard goes back, and he always does, you can be sure that he will give these two Young Eagles the opportunity to experience all the delights of Oshkosh, including Culver's Frozen Custard, the Pile of Perch at Wendt's on the Lake at Lake Winnebago, and deep fried cheese curds!

Also, congratulations are in order to Hayden Schaufel who completed his check ride and was awarded his private pilot's license on March 19<sup>th</sup>. (Hayden, the cockpit is not where you are supposed to shelter in place! Just saying.) Hayden has been with the Young Eagles program for the past few years and traveled to Oshkosh with us in 2018. Hayden also continues to come out the hangar on Saturday and putter on airplanes. Hayden is in his first year of college at Sac State and plans to pursue a career in aviation when he finishes his college education. Congratulations, Hayden!

I attended the EAA Boot Camp here in Sac in late February. It was a (tiring) day-long session, but very useful as the presenters gave us attendees a lot of valuable information about building and growing our local chapter. (It's like drinking from a fire hose.) And on the subject of our local chapter, one of the recommendations at the Boot Camp was for each local chapter to have a media spokesperson for inquiries from the media about aviation-related subjects. I will be the contact person for VAA 25, and I've asked Steve Lightstone to assist me. Because of his broad aviation knowledge and experience, I will coordinate any inquiries with him, and let him make the public responses.

For those of you who don't know, we have another local EAA chapter at KSAC, Chapter 52. Unlike us, they are not a vintage chapter. After the Boot Camp, I contacted their Young Eagles Coordinator to do a little networking. I also put him in contact with Esteban to see about coordinating our resources and partnering with them on activities like our Young Eagles flights. We will see how it pans out.

Well, I am probably singing to the choir, but this coronavirus pandemic is real and is serious. Like all other organizations, we are concerned about the well-being of our members and the Young Eagles whom we work with. Accordingly, we are canceling our April fly-out to Watts-Woodland Airport, and there is a good chance our May fly-out will be canceled as well. We will keep you advised. And while I am on that subject, we have our Young Eagles' flights scheduled for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at KSAC. It's too soon to know if it will go ahead as planned, or if we will have to continue it to June.

I also talked with Steve, our VMC Coordinator and presenter. Steve did a super job at our January and February VMC meetings, and both were well attended and educational. A huge shout out to Steve for his super work. Unfortunately, we will be canceling our April and May VMC meetings at this time. Hopefully, the efforts of our government leaders will stem the spread of the coronavirus and we can get back to our monthly meetings. I will keep you posted.

Well, that's it for now. Stay safe and keep the greasy side down when you sneak out of your “shelter” and go flying!

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Young Eagle Hayden Schaufel received his Private Pilots Certificate on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 flying the Cessna 150/150. the oral exam took 2.5 hours and his flight portion was 1.4 hours. Great job Hayden!

From the EAA - Thank you for your chapter's participation in the Young Eagles program during 2019! Below are the total number of Young Eagles credits your chapter members earned during 2019 and the value of those credits. We are pleased to maintain the credits earned in 2019 at a \$5 value. Your chapter, EAA Chapter Vintage 25, has earned 142 credits for a total value of **\$710**.

Ray Foundation Scholarship Award. The pilots and leadership of Chapter 25 awarded our EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship for 2020 to Tyler Pierson.

Stan will continue to focus on ensuring that all the Young Eagles attending the Weekend Build a Plane / Helicopter Program receive on-going flight instruction.

We're excited and honored to receive the 2020 Ray Aviation Scholarship Award as this sets an excellent foundation for our EAA Vintage Chapter 25 moving forward. A Huge shout out to Kim and Esteban for your attention to detail and perseverance pushing through to getting the Ray Foundation Scholarship!

Our fly-in to Ione and Lodi were cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation and our next event to Yolo Flyers on April 18th has also been cancelled.

Thank you,

Scott Pierson  
Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Balance as of January 31, 2020** **\$2,978.09 corrected**

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**February 2020**

Income \$ 200.00  
    Donations – D. Pierson

Expenses \$ 1,045.00  
    Final Payment for AirAcademy

**Balance as of February 29, 2020** **\$2,133.09**

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Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

**YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO / DGA REPORT**

We have continued our Saturday sessions throughout the month of March until this last Saturday. Saturday, March 21, 2020 was a strictly on voluntary basis, two of our Young Eagles 🦅 opted out. We had one Tech advisor and one flight

instructor in attendance, Nick Leonard & Stan Lawrence respectfully with two Young Eagles 🦅 Tyler Pierson and Dylan Fricke.

As previously reported by our Secretary Scott; Hayden Schaufel soloed December 15, 2018 and received his Private Pilots Certificate March 19, 2020. He did an AWESOME job flying the Cessna 150/150. The Designated Pilot Examiner was Orin Breedlove. The oral took 2.5 hrs and the flight portion was 1.4 hrs.

Hayden started March 2018 with our Young Eagle 🦅 Build, Maintain and Fly weekly Saturday program. Soloed in DGA's Young Eagle 🦅 built RV-12 on December 15, 2018. In 2018 we were only training to the Solo. So, Hayden enrolled in CFI's Private Pilots Pilot training program where he again soloed in a Cessna 172M. Where he completed most of his Phase II & III training. He came back to Stan's Flight School and completed Phase VI and Recommendation ride for his Private Pilot Practical Test.

Hayden self-studied with Sporty's free to Young Eagles online FAA written exam for the Private Pilots Certificate course.

Please give a congratulatory virtual high five 🙌 in view of the required Social distancing. He is a very deserving young man and a great student! It was a pleasure to be able to help him attain a certificate to learn how to fly. Because this is only the beginning. Unfortunately, I didn't take any picture after his marvelous achievement....my bad!

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We also received amazing news, our EAA Vintage Chapter 25 won the Ray Foundation Private Pilot Training Scholarship. We proceeded to evaluate our four Young Eagles in our Saturday program. Esteban Nava, our Chapter Vice President, created a scholarship application for both the EAA Ray Foundation and the Advanced AirVenture AirAcademy Camp. In addition, an all-expenses paid trip to AirVenture one week early for volunteering and enjoyment of the AirVenture Show is provided by DGA pilots who go to Oshkosh to the two recipients. After evaluation of applications and using a scoring rubric created by Esteban, the applications were distributed to eight different judges familiar with our weekly Saturday sessions and the attendees to score each application. So, it is with great pleasure that we announce that Tyler Pierson has won both the Ray

Scholarship and the Advanced AirAcademy Camp. The all-expenses paid light plane flight to AirVenture was won by Audrey Robbins.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 was the official beginning of Tyler's flight training. He put in 1.2 hours of instruction. His application sent to the EAA headquarters was official accepted and he will be given the full Ten Thousand dollars. Today Monday, March 23 it's been reported that the first payment of \$4,000.00 is on the way. It will be sent directly to the Chapters' bank account.

Tyler's birthday is December 5, 2020 he will be 17. We will plan weather permitting, to have him ready for his check ride on that date. As you all may know you must be 17 years of age before you can attain your private license.

We also received good news about the possibility of being able to use the funds for two Eagles toward their private license. However, we must complete the certification of the first candidate to his/her private before we can proceed to the second.

In our evaluations of costs of fuel, oil, a/c maintenance, instructor fee and aircraft rental will be about \$70.00/hr or about \$4,200.00 for 60 hrs of instruction. Of course, this is only possible because of donation of the aircraft which isn't being amortized.

I'd like to thank everyone who has worked so hard on this effort. Especially Kim Owen, Esteban Nava, Nick Leonard, and Mark Zukowski. I feel our weekly Young Eagle Saturday sessions are the catalyst that brings this all together.



Audrey Robbins and Tyler Pierson our scholarship winners.



Dinner at Rio City Cafe where the announcement was made in person by David Leiting EAA Headquarters Ray Foundation Coordinator, seated on the right right front on the left front is President of Chapter 1 Flabob Airport ,second row left Michele Lawrence, second row right J. Gill Wright, left third row yours truly, Teresa Nava, fourth row left Tyler Pierson and mom Desiree Pierson .



First row left Serena Kamps EAA Headquarters Leadership Academy, First row right, Steve Lightstone VMC Presenter, second row left Jim Sobolewski Chapter President, second row right Charlie Lightstone, third row left Dorian Nunez, third row right Sue Wiseman Leonard, fourth row left Hayden Schaufel new Private Pilot, fourth row right Nick Leonard, Aircraft tech.

Stan Lawrence  
Young Eagles Sacramento / DGA

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

We are thrilled to announce that EAA has approved our Ray Scholar candidate, Tyler Pierson. I am in the final process of submitting our Agreement with EAA and we should see funding to our account in the near future. The initial funding will be \$4,000 which is intended to get Tyler to his solo, or through his first three

months of training. Stan and Tyler are already working on their flight-training plan and Stan anticipates Tyler will be soloing soon!

We have put processes in place for detailing Tyler’s flight training experiences, paying invoices, scheduling required meetings, etc. – so we feel like we are in pretty good shape to smoothly work through this exciting opportunity.

We will be submitting commentary from Tyler in the months to come and will ask him to participate with a brief comment at any “in person” meetings we host in the future, in which he can participate.

Here’s to our first Ray Scholar; more to come in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS**

<b>April</b>	<b>All Events are Cancelled</b>
<b>May</b>	<p><b>Saturday, May 2, Young Eagles Flights at Little River (KLLR) (8:30 a.m. to Noon)</b>  <b>Saturday, May 9, Fly-out to Alta Sierra (09CL) (11 a.m.)</b>            Lunch at Bob Opdahl's hangar with the Alta Sierra Airport Flyers  <b>Saturday, May 16, VMC Club Meeting - CANCELLED</b>  <b>Sunday, May 17, Young Eagles Flights at KSAC (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)</b></p>
<b>June</b>	<p><b>Saturday, Jun 13, Fly-out to Chico (KCIC) (10:00 a.m.) Visit the Chico Air Museum</b> and lunch after at airport restaurant.  <b>Saturday, Jun 20, VMC Club Meeting at KSAC (8 a.m. to Noon)</b></p>
<b>July</b>	<b>No Meetings</b>
<b>August</b>	<p><b>Saturday, Aug 8, Meeting at KSAC for Corn &amp; Brats BBQ (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)</b>  <b>Saturday, Aug 15, VMC Club Meeting at KSAC (8 a.m. to Noon)</b></p>
<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 19, VMC Club Meeting at KSAC (8 a.m. to Noon)</b>
<b>October</b>	<p><b>Saturday, Oct 3, Young Eagles Flights at Little River (KLLR) (8:30 a.m. to Noon)</b>  <b>Saturday, Oct 10, Fly-out to Shelter Cove (0Q5) meet at airport (11 a.m to 1 p.m.)</b>  <b>Saturday, Oct 17, VMC Club Meeting at KSAC (8 a.m. to Noon)</b>  <b>Sunday, Oct 18, Young Eagles Flights at KSAC (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)</b></p>
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov 21, VMC Club Meeting at KSAC (8 a.m. to Noon)</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 12, Holiday &amp; Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)</b>

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