

# **October 2023 Newsletter**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, Fall is clearly here. And how did this happen so fast? It's beyond me.

And since it's Fall again, I might put in a good word about Fleet Week scheduled for next week. Yes, I know it's in SF, and it's known as "Fleet Week," not "Airplane Week," but in fact the celebration is as much about aviation as it is about the Navy's ships. In previous years, I would take my boat down and anchor out in Aquatic Park for the weekend. (Aquatic Park is restricted to sailboats, so I could get in but the stinkpots had to stay out.) Come Saturday I would have a fabulous spot to watch the airshow with the performers flying directly on the waterfront. I would go below, make lunch, grab my favorite alcoholic beverage(s), and retire to the cockpit to enjoy the many performances. And who was there for the grand finale but the Blue Angels. Talk about pilots who can fly! And one of my favorites was the "Blues" support plane, a C-130 Super Herc named "Fat Albert," which would always do a great demo just before the "Blues" show. After Fat Albert left the flight line, the "Blues" would come thundering overhead, and I mean directly overhead! What a show! And when it was over, I didn't have to leave. I could just stay overnight and take off the next morning if I wanted to. Hoping to get back to that next year.

And speaking of aviation and thundering performances, several of our members went up to Reno for the final running of the Reno Air Races in September. Unfortunately, I didn't make it this year but heard it was really exciting, and more unfortunately, understand it was marred by a mid-air collision between two champion AT-6 drivers. The collision happened after the Gold race when the pilots were getting ready to land. Go figure. It's a simple reminder that your flight is not over until the engine is stopped and you are safely in the hangar. As the Sergeant would remind everyone on Hill Street Blues, "Hey, let's be careful out there."

And speaking of being careful out there, Steve "My F-18 was Painted Grey and had Rockets on It" Lightstone will resume our monthly VMC Club Meetings on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at KSAC in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor terminal conference room. Be there!

And last but not least, our Fall Young Eagles Flight Festival and Rally to be held on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Yolo County Airport (KDWA). Please note the new date! As always, Stan Lawrence, a moving force behind the Y.E Flight Festival, is looking for a few good pilots and planes (actually a lot of good pilots and planes) to volunteer their time and fuel to introduce future Young Eagles to the flight experience by flying them around the patch at Yolo. As usual, we will be coordinating our efforts with EAA Chapter 52, and thank them in advance for their help and the use of their facilities for this great event. Don't forget to contact Stan if you can help out.

So that's it for this month. Have a great month, and as always, keep the greasy side down!

Jim Sobolewski President

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report this Month.

Scott Pierson Secretary

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members of EAA Vintage Chapter 25's this month's Treasures Report includes the balances of our Ray Scholars. I have separated their balances from the chapters funds to reflect the actual Chapter's Bank account balances in both the checking and savings accounts.

Balance All Accounts August 30, 2023: \$ 57,908.29

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August 2023

Wells Fargo Savings Account:

Savings Balance as of August 30, 2023: \$ 54,858.31

**Deposits:** 

08/31/23 Interest Income	\$ 6.98
09/29/23 Interest Income	\$ 6.90

Total Income & Deposits:			13.88		
Withdraws					
<b>Total Expens</b>	e & Withdrawals:	\$	0.00		
Savings Balance	\$	54,872.19			
Wells Fargo Check	ting Account:				
Checking Balance	e as of August 30, 2023:	<u>\$</u>	3,049.98		
Income & Deposit	.s				
09/29/23 Bob Angrisani Donation			20.00		
Total Income	e & Deposits:	\$	20.00		
Expenses & With	drawals:				
09/06/23 Stan Lawrence Flight Training 09/15/23 EAA Air Academy Camp			1,129.00 200.00		
<b>Total Expens</b>	e & Withdrawals:	\$	1,329.00		
Checking Balance as of Sept 29, 2023:		<u>\$</u>	1,740.98		
Balance All Accou	nts <i>Sept 29, 2023:</i>	\$	56,613.17		
Allocation of All Account Balance to Scholarship Accounts:					
Balances As of 08/30/23					
<u>Ray Scholar</u>	Scholarship Bal Sav	vin	gs Less Scholar \$		
Balance All Accounts Sept 29, 2023: \$ 56,613.17					
Rachel Long	(\$1,088.00)	\$	55,525.17		

Austin Thomas \$5,750.00 \$ 49,775.17

#### Chapter Balance without Scholarship Funds <u>\$49,775.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence Treasurer

#### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Greetings to all! Hope the start of the Fall season and the great weather have you enjoying the friendly skies! We currently have one Ray Scholar working hard and getting close to signing up for his check ride. He has quickly grasped the aviation concepts and maneuvers and will surely shine on his upcoming check ride! Below is a brief from our Ray Scholar Austin.

We are also reaching the final dates to identify a second Ray Scholar for this year. Stay tuned next month for an update on our Ray Scholarship!

This month I was able to finish training to gain the minimum required hours to earn my private pilot hours!! I am now focusing on studying for my oral exam. I assisted in the replacement of the brake pads on the RV-10. I helped trace out metal to create aircraft frames for a Cub with Kyle and helped one of the new students review for their written test. Then I attended the Reno air races and had a blast and saw Stan.

- Austin

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen Ray Scholarship Coordinator

# MAY CONLIN ACCEPTED NAVAL ACADEMY

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I have the pleasure of announcing that May Conlin our EAA Vintage Chapter 25 2022 Ray Foundation Scholar has been accepted into the United States Naval Academy!!!

I believe it was about the first day I met May and gave her an introductory flight that I asked her what her career goals were? Her answer straight up was I want to fly F-35s for the Navy! Well, it looks as though she is on her way to doing just that.

Congratulations May Conlin you are awesome! You have been rewarded for your very hard work!

Stan Lawrence Treasurer

# **YOUNG EAGLES – RALLY**

We have changed the date of our **Young Eagle** *Rally* from Sunday, October 15 to **Sunday, October 22**. It will be held at EAA Chapter 52's Awesome facilities located at the Yolo County Airport (KDWA).

All pilots who are planning to participate, please go to the website youngeagleday.org if you haven't already registered as a pilot or a volunteer please do so before signing up as a pilot or volunteer for the Rally. Then indicate your availability for the event "EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Young Eagle 🕊 Rally at the Yolo County Airport (KDWA).

If you have questions: Contact Esteban Nava 1(916) 396-3808, Tenley Ong 1(916) 899-3183, Stan Lawrence 1(916) 869-8119.

Stan Lawrence Treasurer

# YOUNG EAGLES - COAST

No Report this Month.

Red Hamilton Young Eagles – Coast

# **YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT**

Everyone has been busy getting back into school and studying. However, have a few very exciting announcements. Emilio Martinez passed his private pilot written test, Adam Kennedy has been awarded a chapter scholarship, Austin Thomas completed his solo cross countries, and May Conlin has been accepted into the Naval Academy!

#### Passed Private Pilot Written Test: Emilio Martinez!

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Emilio took his private pilot written test at Executive Flyers and passed! He will be picking up flight training more in the coming months with Stan. Congratulations, Emilio!

#### New Scholarship Recipient: Adam Kennedy!

Adam Kennedy has been awarded a chapter scholarship and will be starting training at the Flying Panthers Flying Club at McClellan Airport. He has also been attending the Saturday sessions, where he was taught how to cut and bend metals (they didn't do the bending part, but they did do the cutting part. The person who taught them was a professor at Sacramento City College, where Adam attends school.

#### May Conlin: Accepted into the Naval Academy!

May Conlin has been accepted into the Naval Academy and will start in late June! She has to get medical clearance, then over the summer she will attend Plebe Summer, a 6-week bootcamp-style training for Freshmen. To get into top physical fitness, she will prepare by doing a lot of running! Congratulations, May!

#### Austin Thomas: New Solo Cross County Pilot!

Austin is very close to taking his private pilot checkride. He was able to finish all three of his cross-country solos this month. He said it was "super exciting landing at Clear Lake and loved the view. I did more night flight training, and I completed all my required flight hours and have begun studying for my check ride."



#### Other updates:

Tyler Pierson has been helping Emilio get ready for his checkride while getting back into the college semester. He has been helping mentor everyone on Saturdays, as well. He says, "Austin is getting close to taking his check ride, May is working on her instrument, and we've mostly been helping Stan with the projects in his hangar (RV-14, RV-4, and trying to get the green 150 working)". Angelina Angrisani passed her Instrument written and will be taking her Instrument Checkride any day now. Stay tuned for updates next month!

Liam Robinson has been working with some of the newer young eagles on the sim when Earl wasn't there.

Tenley Ong will be taking her CFI Checkride on October 25<sup>th</sup>. She has been studying nonstop.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley Ong Board Member & Adult Eagle

#### WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson Webmaster

# **RECOGNITION OF TENLEY ONG'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

It is fun to see the recognition our Board Member Tenley is receiving for her accomplishments. If you didn't see the story in in the September issue of EAA Sport Aviation, the next page is a copy of their story.

Jim Jordan Newsletter Editor MEMBER**CENTRAL** 

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



# TENLEY ONG

**YOU MAY RECOGNIZE TENLEY ONG,** EAA 1388744, from her contributions to EAA's blog, where she has written relatable stories about working toward her pilot certificate. Tenley, a talented writer and pilot, is also one of the hardworking volunteers who make AirVenture special. Tenley not only cleans and sets up the forum buildings but also has been contributing to *AirVenture Today*, the official newspaper of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, for two years. She's a dedicated journalist who is not afraid to cover subjects people want to know. From a behind-the-scenes look at the Van's Aircraft 50th anniversary flyover to how much free stuff one young pilot can collect just by walking through the AirVenture grounds, Tenley loves being involved in and writing for the EAA community.

"I've been involved in a lot of stuff in my short life at the age of 23," she joked. "Not once have I encountered ... a community quite like the aviation community. The amount of support that I've had in the last couple years has been incredible, and I want to find a way to pay it forward and give back."

Tenley, originally from Sacramento, fell in love with aviation when she was little. She dreamed of flying cars and flying to school. In high school she had the opportunity to go on a flight over Sacramento. "I was looking at the ground and all these places that I knew from a completely different angle ... I couldn't stop thinking about it," she said. From there she connected with a flight instructor, and the rest is history.

She first got involved with EAA through her local chapter, EAA Vintage Chapter 25 in Sacramento, California, in 2020. She worked on chapter members' airplanes on Saturdays, eventually mentoring other young pilots and earning a seat on her chapter's board. In 2021 she tagged along with Ray scholars from her chapter to AirVenture, where the group helped with sweeping the pavilions and getting the forum stages ready. While volunteering, our May 2023 Volunteer Spotlight subject Abigail Oleniczak, EAA 1157455, wrote an article highlighting the volunteer work Tenley's chapter was doing.

"I was like, 'Hold up! That's really cool! I want to do this!" So she tracked down *AirVenture Today* Managing Editor Hal Bryan and reporter Barbara A. Schmitz to see how she could get even

#### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make EAA AirVenture Oshkosh —and just about everything else EAA does — possible. This space in EAA Sport Aviation is dedicated to thanking and shining the spotlight on volunteers from the community. Sadly, it cannot capture all of the thousands of volunteers who give so much to the community every year. So, next time you see a volunteer at AirVenture or elsewhere, however they are pitching in to make EAA better, be sure to thank them for it. It's the least we can do. Do you know a volunteer you'd like to nominate for Volunteer Spotlight? Visit EAA.org/Submissions.

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- Tenley Ong

more involved in AirVenture's culture and community. "They were very welcoming, and I've been doing as much writing as I can ever since," she said.

Barb described working with Tenley: "It is fun to work with Tenley because she has a passion for aviation and EAA. Because she was familiar with AirVenture, she knew what type of stories were out on the field, and she immediately started pitching ideas of things she could write. Besides her skills, it's her enthusiasm I most admire and enjoy. She always puts 100 percent into whatever she does ... she's just a fun part of the AVT team."

As for plans for the future, Tenley has her degree in environmental studies from the University of Oregon and hopes to connect her interest in the environment with her passion for aviation. "I'd really like to work for some kind of sustainable aviation company and tie it all together," she said. One thing is for certain, no matter where her career takes her, Tenley will be a presence at many AirVentures to come. **EMA** 

#### **FLY OUT REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Tenley Ong Board Member & Adult Eagle

#### VMC CLUB REPORT

This month's VMC Club meeting will be on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. All meetings are in-person at the KSAC 2<sup>nd</sup> floor terminal conference room.

Our meeting schedule for the remainder of 2023 is:

Oct 21, and Dec 16.

Close to the meeting date, you will receive an email notice of that month's meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our meetings.

Steve Lightstone VMC Program Coordinator

#### **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS** EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2023

	Saturday, Oct 21, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
	Sunday, Oct 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flying Young Eagles at KDWA. See
October	Details in the Young Eagles Rally Report (above).
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November	TBD
December	Saturday, Dec 9, at 10:00 a.m. Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant

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