



## September 2021 Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everybody, and welcome back. After a brief summer vacation, your Vintage Chapter 25 Newsletter has returned. And what a great summer vacation it was. As reported by Stan Lawrence, he and Nick Leonard and 3 planes took six Young Eagles on a long cross-country trip back to the mecca of sport and recreational aviation, Oshkosh. The Young Eagles all got a chance to “Aviate, Navigate, and Communicate” during the trip, and to volunteer and soak in the wonders of general aviation at Oshkosh. Check out Stan's report for all the details!

Even though we took a short break this summer, our generous donors didn't! As noted in our last Newsletter, a Sacramento resident donated his Zodiac CH 601 HDS project, including a brand-new engine, to VAA 25. This is in addition to a Cessna 150 that was previously gifted to us. Well, the big new news is we now

received a third aircraft, an experimental Wittman Tailwind. The plane was completed in 1963 by a member of the Davis Model Airplane Club who recently passed away and donated by the Davis Model Airplane Club to VAA 25. See Stan's article on the donated airplanes. Looks like the Young Eagles have a lot of projects to keep them busy during the Saturday Build, Maintain and Fly program!

One more thing before I sign off. Now that our summer hiatus is over, we will be returning to our monthly VMC Club meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Look for a confirming email before the meeting.

Well, that's it for another month, short and sweet. As always, stay safe, and keep the greasy side.

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The chapter logo is now complete and is now being produced on hats, shirts and t-shirts for the staff and Young Eagles to wear.

The logo has also been sent to the videographer to display on our local chapter video that will be submitted to EAA.

Looking to setup another 501 C (3) for VAA Chapter 25 to house "planes" pay for insurance etc. starting the initial investigation.

Kim has been working on a "blueprint" for the Young Eagles Saturday build and Fly program that can be utilized by the team. This document is a starting point to articulate, in written format, a process for what our Chapter is currently doing with our Saturday Build group - including documenting how we bring new youth in, how we determine those going to Oshkosh and those receiving Ray Scholarships or Air Academy Scholarships.

Discussed our YE Day is a great place to find new, interested youth to join the Young Eagles program

We would like to make this a competitive application process in which we take on roughly 4 new youth each year. The first step will be to fill out an application and then come out to the hangar on a Saturday to shadow the YEs, meet Stan, etc. This process should start in October so we can make decisions by November/December.

Most of our current YEs have already obtained or are close to obtaining their private pilot's license. They are also either in their Senior year of high school or in college and will be graduating out of the program soon so the need for new YEs is becoming a priority for the 2022/2023 year.

Scott Pierson  
Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Balance as of July 31, 2021** **\$20,389.96**

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**August 2021**

***Income***

08/10/21 Robert Angrisani Donation	\$	200.00
08/10/21 Paul Ervine Dues	\$	10.00
08/10/21 Tony & Ruth Machado Donation	\$	500.00
08/10/21 Sac Valley Pilot Association Donation	\$	882.79
08/22/21 Kim & Mike Owen Donation	\$	<u>500.00</u>

**Total Income** **\$ 2,092.79**

***Expenses***

08/10/21 Stan's Primary Flight School	\$	<u>793.00</u>
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**Total Expense** **\$ 793.00**

**Balance as of August 22, 2021** **\$ 21,689.75**

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Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

## **YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO REPORT**

The flight to AirVenture, Oshkosh was a resounding success. We were able to fly six young Eagles 🦅 to the greatest aviation event in the world. The Young Eagles in our BMF (Build, Maintain & Fly) all participated in all planning, navigating, and flying for the trip. They all were involved in volunteerism helping in preparing for AirVenture 2021.

The Young Eagles 🦅 participating include Angelina Angrisani (private pilot, with Tailwheel endorsement) who was PIC flying RV-14 N7442S for the entire trip there and back. Dylan Fricke, Ray Scholar 2020 is at phase IV of his flight training. Taking the controls of the DGA Comanche learning basic formation flight along with planning, weather avoidance, and navigation. Justin Kaysinger is at Phase I of his training and was involved in the planning, weather avoidance with time at the controls of the Comanche. Tenley Ong is currently at phase III of her training to become a Private Pilot. She participated in planning, navigating, weather avoidance, and flying the Comanche in basic formation flight. Tenley became a published volunteer correspondent for the Daily Newspaper "AirVenture TODAY"! She penned two articles that were published! Awesome! She was also employed as a volunteer roving photographer. If you're interested in her photographic chronicling of our AirVenture trip, go to:

[OSHKOSH 2021 - iCloud Photo Sharing](#)

William (Liam) Robinson is a Ray Scholar 2021 involved in all aspects of our trip to Oshkosh AirVenture. He is currently at Pre-solo in his flight training! Tyler Stump is a Ray Scholar 2021. Tyler has soloed and is at Phase II. He was involved like all the Eagles 🦅 in all planning, navigating, weather avoidance, including flying the Comanche. All those student pilots participating in all phases of the AirVenture flight were signed off for two hours of flight time logged and signed off.

Our first Ray Scholar Tyler Pierson, who is now a Private Pilot with his Tailwheel Endorsement was unfortunately unable to travel to AirVenture. He was also our Air Academy Camp participant 2020 and 2021 which were both canceled because COVID-19 concerns. Tyler is an excellent pilot and hopeful of becoming an astronaut! He is planning to attend



Mockup of a DC-9 cockpit identified by Bob Angrisani airline pilot with Angelina Angrisani while touring in the Nicholas-Beasley Museum with Docent Sam Willis Samson. Sam and husband Kevin were our generous and generous hosts while overnight at Marshall MO. Thank You Sam & Kevin!





Volunteering at the Young Eagle 🦅 Pavilion. Setting up tables a clean of the tables including the chairs and floor.



Liam Robinson (left) and Tyler Stump(right) enjoying an inspection of the World War II De Havilland, Mosquito the all wood bomber was faster than most fighter of the period. All the Eagles were free to inspect the aircraft. We weren't able to volunteer at the Weeks hangar because of an abundance of volunteers.



Tenley and Angelina are at the controls of the World War II North American Mitchell B-25 bomber. This type of aircraft was used by the "Doolittle Raiders" operating off Naval Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet and bombing the Japanese homeland after the Pearl Harbor attack early during the Pacific War.





Justin Kaysinger(left), Liam Robinson(center), Dylan Fricke(right) and Tyler Stump on the wing of the Hawker Sea Fury that entered service shortly after World War II and did not see combat as a carrier-based fighter. The example here is beautifully restored.



The whole gang at a hangar located on Pioneer Field filled with prewar II aircraft.





Most everyone of our group waiting for their helicopter 🚁 ride!



The gang posing in front of the Lockheed P-38 Lightning a very successful World War II fighter used in the European and Pacific theaters of the war.



The EAA Museum a world class museum highlighting the world of experimental and homebuilt aviation!

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence,  
Treasurer and Young Eagle Coordinator Valley

## **DISPOSTION OF DONATED AIRCRAFT**

Chapter Members I would like to share with you all that we have had three aircraft projects donated to our Chapter.

These include:

- 1.) A Zenith Aircraft Zodiac 601 which is complete to include a brand-new Jabiru 6-cylinder 120 horsepower engine. I would estimate that the aircraft is approximately 45% complete. It will require propeller and avionics. The Pringle owner has shown invoices totaling over \$45,000.00 dollars invested.

2.) A complete Experimental Witteman Tailwind. It's a tricycle gear version with foldable wings and towable. The aircraft was built by Eut Tileston a Aerojet Engineer. He was also a prolific model aircraft builder and member of the Davis Model Airplane Club. He recently passed away at age 95. He donated his home and its contents to the model airplane club. They in turn donated the Drag-n-Fly N717 and a refrigerator to our chapter at no charge, with all logs and paperwork.

The airframe & engine have approximately 600 hrs total time. The engine is a Lycoming O-290D of 245hp at 2,800 rpm. This airplane is very well built and very unique. It would be an excellent project that will require reapplying for an FAA Inspection and a new Airworthiness Certificate. The remarks below were provided by the builder in 1963. This aircraft has been stored indoors it's entire life.

05/01/2004. Remarks by Eut Tileston (pictured): "Made from a Tailwind kit, during construction it was so highly modified that it is hardly a Tailwind anymore, modifications include:

Folding wings

Tricycle landing gear (required changes to fuselage and motor mount)

Full span flaperons

Modified fin and rudder (mostly shape).

I finished my "Tailwind" in 1963 in a blue color scheme and had it registered as Tileston Drag'N'Fly, with the c/n JET 101. Later modifications were:

Repainted in yellow

Cross over exhaust

Ram air induction (ala Mooney)

New cowl

More fairings.



These changes increased the speed about 20 mph (32 kmh)."





3.) The third aircraft is a 1964 Cessna 150 STC'd to a Cessna 150/150. Which is complete but needs to be assembled (we currently have our YE's tasked for that process) and registered to what we hope to form is a 501-C3 flying club which will be exclusively for the purposes of continuing our BMF program.

Aircraft projects 1 & 2 are slated to be put up for sale. If there are any chapter members interested in either of these projects, please contact any of our Chapter's officers. Any chapter member with any ideas on sale prices or any thoughts you think helpful please feel free to interject. All thoughts are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence, Treasurer, YE CFI  
Thank You

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Exciting news from the Ray Scholarship desk....

We now have two 2021 Ray Scholars working toward their private pilot certificates! A few weeks ago, EAA approved our second scholar, and both are focusing on the fun road ahead. Both scholars participate weekly in our Saturday Build, Maintain and Fly program. Further, both were treated to an amazing trip to Oshkosh this year, in planes flown by two of our awesome group of Young Eagle mentors, Stan Lawrence and Nick Leonard.

Tyler Stump has been concentrating on his piloting skills and over the past month has reached some great milestones. Liam, our newest scholar, is helping his instructor, also known as Dad, complete the annual on their plane and will be flying soon.

Now, a few comments directly from our scholars...

*My first time in an airplane was amazing but soloing was magical. Up in the sky, alone, accompanied only by silence, along with the roar of the engine and the few radio calls. This was what I experienced on my journey to obtain my pilots' license, this month. I had to complete four solos one at Franklin, one at University, the next at Rio Linda, and finishing with Executive airport; all with their own challenges. When the instructor gets out of the plane there is nothing more exciting but nerve-racking; knowing that you can do this like the hundreds of take-offs and landings done before but also having the "what if" in the back of your mind. One after the other I completed successful landings with my last one being finished on August 20th. This was an incredible month that I am very grateful for and I am excited for what comes next in this amazing journey.*

*- Tyler Stump*

*Since I received the scholarship earlier this month, I have done a few things. The first thing that I've done is to remove the generator from my Dad's airplane because we thought it wasn't working (it turns out it was the voltage regulator), and sent it down to Southern California to have it rebuilt. Next, I*



*helped put the tail on the Safari 400. Finally, I organized part of the hangar around Nick's workbench.*

*- Liam Robinson*

Respectfully,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **VINTAGE CHAPTER 25 PROJECTS**

### **NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

As many of you know two of our amazing Young Eagle mentors, Stan Lawrence, and Nick Leonard, once again participated in flying several Young Eagles, in their private planes, to Oshkosh for the AirVenture event. While there, Nick Leonard noticed a few fun "Chapter" concepts EAA was touting. EAA is inviting all chapters to construct an Adirondack Chair, complete with our Chapter "paint design". These chairs are sent to Oshkosh to be used around different venues to provide visitors a place to sit, relax and connect with other convention attendees. This year Nick noticed several of these Adirondack chairs at the Blue Barn venue. Examples can be found on the Oshkosh website.

A second project includes building a "street sign" indicating how many miles to VAA Chapter 25. These street signs are then added to posts around the Oshkosh grounds. Again, we can get creative and design a sign that is "relevant" or representative of our VAA Chapter 25 location.

These projects are purely for fun and present a wonderful opportunity for our members to come together and create some items that would show off our chapter at the international fly-in. I am looking for:

- 1) Any and all members that are interested in participating,
- 2) Any members that have wood crafting skills/tools, and
- 3) A member interested in leading this group.

Our current concept is to build the chair locally (plans are provided by Lowe's), decorate it, and then disassemble it to ship to Oshkosh. Once the group traveling to Oshkosh next year arrives, they will simply assemble the parts and add our Chapter Chair to the group. Similarly, we would like to create our street sign locally and then transport it to Oshkosh to be posted on a sign.

Again – this is really aimed at being a fun project for our members and we hope to have as many involved as possible. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at: kimowen105@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Kim Owen  
Vintage Chapter 25 Projects

## **VMC CLUB REPORT**

As you know, we skipped our July and August VMC Club meetings. We are planning to have our next meeting on September 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. as an in-person meeting at our Vintage Chapter 25 Hangar (#151 of the North Hangars), Sacramento Executive Airport.

Stay tuned for info about our September VMC meeting. All the final details will be in the reminder notice you'll receive the week of the meeting.

Steve Lightstone  
VMC Club Leader

## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

Nothing to report regarding the website this month.

Dave Magaw  
Webmaster

## CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 18</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting
<b>October</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct 16</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting <b>Sunday, Oct 17</b> , from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flying Young Eagles at KSAC. Meet in the Sacramento Executive Airport Main Terminal, 6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov 20</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting
<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 11</b> , Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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