



## March 2023 Newsletter

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, we've had a cold and wet start to 2023. I am not happy about the cold, but am really happy with the rain and snow. Put it in the bank for the summer!

So now it's time to do a little planning for the year, once the cold and rain has gone. We definitely will do a few fly-outs, but those are still in the planning stage. However, what is definitely past the planning stage and is on our calendar is our Young Eagles Rally and Flight Festival. This year our first Young Eagles Rally and Flight Festival will take place on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> out at Yolo Airport (KDWA). As usual we will need volunteers to help with the

event and volunteer pilots to fly the kids. So be sure to put it on your calendar and “yes” when asked to help and fly.

Nick “Multi-meter” Leonard and Mark “Hammer Time” Zukowski continue to run our Build and Maintain Program, although it is time to graduate some of the older kid and bring in a fresh crop of teens. If you know a responsible teen interested in aviation and willing to get her or his hands dirty working on planes on Saturday mornings, be sure to give Nick, Mark or me a heads-up and refer them to the Build and Maintain program.

And though it is cold and frequently too rainy to fly, it's never too cold or rainy to learn about flying and improve your aviation skills and knowledge. You just have to show up at the KSAC Terminal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. for an hour of informative aviation knowledge and discussion thanks to the effort of Steve “I've never bounced a landing in a 737” Lightstone. Make sure you show up this coming March 18<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, Corned Beef and Cabbage will not be served afterward!

And before I sign off, congratulations are in order to Ray Scholar graduate May Conlin who complete her training with Stan “Sparky” Lawrence and just received her private pilot's license.  
Congratulation May!

Well, that's the news for another month. Stay warm, follow Steve's advice to fly more and drink more beer (in that order, I believe), and while you're out there flying, remember to keep the greasy side down. Have a great March!

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

It is renewal time for Vintage Chapter 25. You can either pay in cash or check in the amount \$20 to Stan at the North Hangars or you can mail a check made out to Vintage Chapter 25 to the following address:

- **5800 13<sup>th</sup> St Sacramento, CA 95822**

We would like to receive all renewals as soon as possible so we can keep the chapter roster up to date.

If you do not plan to renew, please let us know so we can keep our EAA roster database as up to date as possible, because the roster is monitored and maintained by EAA.

We have monthly chapter board meetings to discuss/plan our schedule of events as well as tasks and future plans for the Chapter. If you would like to attend one of our board meetings to discuss ideas or thoughts, please email me at [vaa25secretary@gmail.com](mailto:vaa25secretary@gmail.com) and we can get you on the meeting schedule.

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 January 30, 2023:    \$ 60,333.02**

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**February 2023**

**Wells Fargo Savings Account:**

***Beginning Balance Jan 30, 2023:***      \$ 57,310.14

***Deposits:***

02/27/23 Interest Payment	\$ 7.42
<b>Total Income &amp; Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 7.42</b>

***Withdraws***

02/27/23 Transfer to Checking	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Savings Balance as of Feb 27, 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 55,317.56</b>

**Allocation of Savings Balance to Scholarship Accounts:**

**As of 02/27/23**

<b><u>Ray Scholar</u></b>	<b><u>Scholarship Bal</u></b>	<b><u>Savings Less Scholar \$</u></b>
<b>Savings Balance</b>		\$ 55,317.56
Justin Kaysinger	\$ 635.00	\$ 54,682.56
Liam Robinson	\$1,136.00	\$ 53,546.56
Tyler Stump	\$ 161.00	\$ 53,385.56
Lilah Harris	\$4,337.00	\$ 49,048.56
May Conlin	\$2,758.00	\$ 46,290.56
Rachel Long	\$1,634.00	\$ 44,656.56

**Savings Balance without Scholarship Funds \$ 44,656.56**

**Wells Fargo Checking Account:**

***Beginning Balance Jan 30, 2023:***      \$ 3,022.88

***Income & Deposits***

02/21/23 Marcus King Dues	\$ 20.00
02/27/23 Adam Kennedy Dues	\$ 20.00
02/27/23 Bob Angrisani Dues	\$ 20.00

02/27/23 Ava Conlin Donation	\$ 200.00
02/27/23 Transfer from Savings	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 2,260.00</b>

***Expenses & Withdrawals:***

02/01/23 Stan's Primary Flight Training	\$ 1,045.00
02/24/23 Stan's Primary Flight Training	\$ 1,356.00
02/24/23 Stan's Primary Flight Training	\$ 2,015.00
<b>Total Expense &amp; Withdrawals:</b>	<b>\$ 4,416.00</b>

***Checking Balance as of Feb 27, 2023:*** \$ 866.88

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**Balance All Accounts Feb 27, 2022:** \$ 56,184.44

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Well... we are heading into the final stretch for our 2022 Ray Scholars. May has been doing her best to get in her final training and check-ride sessions during the past few stormy months. She is so close now and should be done soon. Rachel is right on her heels and is expected to be looking at completing her check ride this spring! We have been fortunate to have two focused and dedicated Ray Scholars over this past year.

We are also looking forward to 2023. We have one nominee in the works and are accepting applications for a second Ray Scholar nominee! We will also be looking at a variety of training options this year and trying to keep our training as efficient and effective as possible.

Now here are a few comments from our current Ray Scholars:

*February has been filled with lots more flying! The focus of this month has been preparation for my Checkride, specifically the Oral exam. I've spent a lot of time with Lina, Tyler, Tenley, and Stan going over the many rules and regulations as a Private Pilot. I've also gotten in lots of practice on maneuvers, specifically my landing and navigational skills. Emergency procedures have also been a large point of emphasis this month, as I learn how to react quickly and effectively to a variety of scenarios commonly experienced in flight. I'm in the home stretch for Private Pilot training, and look forward to finishing it out in the next few weeks!*

- May Conlin

*Rachel's comments follow on **next Page** of the Newsletter.*

- Rachel Long

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

Hello, most of you have met me already but my name is Tyler Pierson and I will be taking over for Dave as the new Webmaster for Vintage Chapter 25. Now that I have the resources to access the website, you can expect to see brand-new updates to the website and the addition of up-to-date info for our chapter and any events we have planned going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Pierson  
Webmaster

February 15, 2023

# My Fourth Month with the Ray Aviation Scholarship

Rachel Long | EAA Vintage Chapter 25

This month, we've finally become clear of bad weather and made significant progress on my pilot training! On January 26, I completed my last supervised solo at Sacramento Executive airport. I have become much more confident in my radio communications since I started and felt very good about flying at the controlled airport during my test. While I was very excited about successfully completing my three laps around KSAC, I was quickly informed afterwards that I had done a touch-and-go on my first landing!

So embarrassing! Especially because tower knew I was soloing. Thankfully they helped me out and made sure to tell me to do a full-stop landing for my next two laps. They also had me extend my base for a VERY long time on my final lap, so I practiced slow flight... not sure if it was necessary for traffic or they're just testing me.



The completion of my Phase I means Stan and I have worked lots more on short field and soft field landings and takeoffs. We also practice engine on and engine off stalls on the way to Franklin, where I have been practicing my short and soft field landings and takeoffs. In preparation for my checkride, we've walked through very detailed preflight checklists and Stan

has made sure I know what all the instruments do and how they work. Now, I am looking forward to planning my cross-country and unsupervised solos in the next month. It has definitely taken a lot of work to feel that I could takeoff, travel, and land at another airport by myself, but I am quickly starting to see the finish line and it is very exciting!



## **YOUNG EAGLES - COAST**

No Report this Month.

Red Hamilton  
Young Eagles – Coast

## **VMC CLUB REPORT**

The next meeting will be on **March 18 at 9am in the Terminal's 2nd floor conference room**. All meetings will be "in-person" at the Terminal.

Our meeting schedule for 2023 is:

Mar 18,  
Apr 15,  
May 20,  
June & July TBD  
Aug 19,  
Sep 16,  
Oct 21, and  
Dec 16.

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

Steve Lightstone  
VMC Program Coordinator

## **YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT**

The young eagles are continuing to work on the helicopter, cleaning hangars, practicing on the flight simulator, and attending Arduino sessions hosted by Kyle Rodrigues.

*Passed Private Pilot Checkride: May Conlin!*

**May Conlin** passed her private pilot checkride at KSAC with DPE Carol Zerbe on Sunday, February 26, 2022. She is 17 years old and was our first Ray Scholar from last year. This was one more accomplishment to add on the many she already has. A high school student at St. Francis High School, she is a leader and role model as Junior Class President and as a defensive player on the Varsity Lacrosse Team. May hopes to get accepted into the United States Naval Academy to one day fly F-35's off of carrier decks.

May will be continuing her flight training with the help of the wonderful Stan Lawrence, and aims to earn her tailwheel, high performance, and complex endorsements. She has a scholarship through EAA, offered by an individual Naval Officer, which will fund her instrument training.



1. Christopher Conlin (dad), May Conlin, and Ava Conlin (mom), in front of the Cessna 150-150, N3062S, after May's checkride on

*Sunday, February 26, 2023.*



*2. May and her parents celebrating with Michele Lawrence. Photo by: Stan Lawrence.*



*3. Carol Zerbe, DPE, and May Conlin after her checkride in the Cessna 150-150.*



4. Carol and May with her new temporary private pilot certificate.

What has everyone been up to?

**Austin Thomas** successfully passed his written test with a 92%! He has applied for the Ray Scholarship for this year and will likely be officially starting flight training with Stan soon.

**Adam Kennedy** finished his Sporty's and will be taking his written test soon.

**Matteo Trento** continues to work on his Sporty's.

**Trenton Welch** has been helping clean the hangars and attending Kyle Rodrigues's Arduino class.

**Teddy Reynolds** passed his third class medical and is still studying for his written test.

## Our Graduates/Mentors

**Tyler Stump** is attending college at Cal Poly SLO.

**Liam Robinson** has been helping mentor young eagles and keeping track of projects. He attended the VMC club meeting for the month. In addition, he has been working on the helicopter and helping clean hangars.

**Tyler Pierson** has been helping mentor young eagles with projects (especially airplane annuals). He recently passed his instrument written and CFII written!

**Tenley Ong** continues her instrument training and will be taking her commercial checkride soon as well if the weather holds up. She has been working on panel plans for her RV-6 restoration project.

**Angelina Angrisani** applied for a scholarship through the Auburn Aviation Association, and hopes to use it to fund her instrument training.

**Justin Kaysinger** and **Dylan Fricke** have no updates for this month.

### Other Updates

We are currently beginning the planning process for Oshkosh 2023! It will be held from **July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will be taking a few young eagles, depending on a variety of factors. Young Eagles – **get your written tests done** if you want to apply for the Ray Scholarship and go!

We are still working on selecting a candidate for the Air Academy.

Applications will soon be reviewed for both the Ray Scholarship, as well as the Build and Maintain Program.

### Upcoming Events:

**EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023:** The biggest airplane festival of the year will be held from **July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**Oshkosh and Air Camp:** As announced previously we have a Young Eagle Air Academy Camp spot reserved for the first session from **July 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley Ong  
Board Member & Adult Eagle

## **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS**

### **EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2023**

March	<b>Saturday, March 18</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
April	<b>Saturday, April 15</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
May	<b>Saturday, May 20</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
	<b>Sunday, May 21</b> , from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flying Young Eagles at KDWA. Details will be in the May Newsletter and emails.
June	<b>TBD</b>
July	<b>July 18th - 26th</b> , EAA Young Eagle Air Camp <b>July 24th - July 30th</b> , AirVenture
August	<b>Saturday, Aug 19</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
September	<b>Saturday, Sep 16</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
October	<b>Saturday, Oct 21</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
November	<b>TBD</b>
December	<b>Saturday, Dec 9</b> , at 10:00 a.m. Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant <b>Saturday, Dec 16</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.

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