



September 2023 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we are nearly through summer. And again, I wonder, how does the time pass so quickly? But it does, so that means we have to stay busy and involved.

And speaking of busy and involved, the Young Eagles program on Saturday is busy with involving youth in all things aviation thanks to the efforts of Nick "Propeller" Leonard and Mark "I'm Can Fix This with a Hammer" Zukowski. If there are any parents out there with aviation skills who would like to help, stop by some Saturday and talk with Nick or Mark.

Also, on the aviation calendar this month are Reno Air Races, aka the National Championship Air Races, at the Reno-Stead Airport from September 13th through the 17th. This will be the last year for the air races at Reno, and it looks to be an exciting finale with four classes of air racing including the Unlimited and Jet class, STOL competition, and extraordinary military and civilian demonstrations. I expect you will want to get your tickets soon to this final gala event.

And with the Reno Air Races right around the corner, our VMC Club meeting will take a short recess in September while everyone high tails it up to Reno. But not to fear, our VMC Club meeting will resume in October, specifically October 21st.

Speaking of October, all you pilots should have received notice of our Fall Young Eagles Flight Festival and Rally to be held on Sunday, October 15th, at Yolo County Airport (KDWA). Stan Lawrence, the 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 the use of their facilities for this great event. Set up for the event will be on Saturday, the 14th. Look for more details in our October newsletter.

Oh, one more thing before I sign off this month. You should have received a recent email from Steve (Mr. F-18 Hornet Driver) Lightstone asking for your help. It seems that Executive Autopilots & Avionics has lost its lease as to the end of August and has to move out of its present facility. There is an old City College building on the East side of KSAC on 24th Street that they would like to lease and move into, but things are moving slowly at the county level. It certainly makes sense to keep a valuable avionics repair shop on the airport, so please go ahead and shoot an email to Airport

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This month our Ray Scholar continues to impress as he glides along in his training. Although he had quite some time off while the group, including our CFI Stan Lawrence, made the annual trek to Oshkosh. However, Austin wasted no time upon Stan's return and got back in the airplane for more training. You can get some of the details from Austin himself... see his brief article -

This month I completed my first solo cross country!! I flew to Yolo, Woodland, Colusa, and Lincoln. It felt weird but awesome to be flying a plane by myself. I also was able to do my first night flight to Modesto, which was really exciting!! Using the foggles at night was cool and felt interesting to not see outside. Overall, this month has been interesting and fascinating.

- Austin

Further, our most recent graduated Scholar, Rachel Long, experienced an amazing trip to Oshkosh and wrote a brief article to share with us about her trip. Rachel is continuing with further training as she works to earn her tail wheel endorsement! Keep up the great work Rachel!

*You can read on the **next 4 Pages** the article from Rachel highlighting her trip to Oshkosh.*

Finally, we are still awaiting our second scholar for 2023. Our time gap is closing, but we hope to have a qualified nominee before October!

Respectfully submitted,

August 14, 2023

My Tenth Month with the Ray Aviation Scholarship

Rachel Long | EAA Vintage Chapter 25

Oshkosh 23' was a life changing experience! From flying with our group from California to Wisconsin to getting a ride in a Breezy to meeting the first female fighter pilots and NASA spaceflight directors, the trip was one I will never forget.

The trip began at 5:00am at KSAC, where Tenley, Stan, Tyler, Emilio, Nick, and I departed from Sacramento to Canyonlands in Moab, Utah. I flew with Tenley, Stan flew with



Tyler, and Emilio flew with Nick. Flying over the Sierra Nevadas was beautiful, and much more impactful experiencing it with friends. We then arrived at Canyonlands and spent a day driving through Canyonlands and Arches National Park. At night, Tenley, Stan, Tyler, and I all decided to head back into Arches National Park and view the stars from under the Double Arches. Tenley and I, the novice photographers we are, attempted to take pictures of the milky way from under the arches.

The next day we headed to South Dakota where we dropped off Tenley for her multi-engine rating course, which is about the only thing to do in Madison, South Dakota. We left her and departed to Oshkosh with Tyler, Emilio, Nick and I in the Rv-10 and Stan in the RV-4. Coming into the pattern was so awesome and the whole convention, the tower controllers were astounding. They were all very calm and sometimes conversational, while at the same time keeping everyone safe and spaced.

After arriving, Stan, Tyler, Emilio, Nick, and I all traveled to Nina, where we stayed the



first week before the dorms opened up. We dropped off Emilio at Young Eagles Camp on Tuesday, then Tyler, Stan, Nick, and I all got to volunteer at Homebuilts and watch airplanes arrive. It was there that I felt recognized about being a Ray Scholarship recipient. At home, not many people know what the scholarship is outside of the north hangars. But at Oshkosh, many of the volunteers knew what it was and congratulated us for it. I got a ride

in a Breezy to a guy who was giving rides to people, predominantly Young Eagle volunteers. I learned that it's not called a Breezy for nothing!

The next week, Tenley returned with her multi-engine rating and got to participate in a homebuilders fly-by for the convention, honoring 70 years of homebuilt aircraft. Tim Redden also joined us for the convention. Getting to hang out with Emilio, Nick, Stan, Tenley, Tim, and Tyler was by far the best part of the convention. They were all very insightful and fun to be with. Being with them made the trip much more joyful.



Not to say the convention was not absolutely spectacular. I met many amazing people, including the first three female fighter pilots in the United States Air Force, the longest serving NASA Spaceflight Director, two astronauts, and a Thunderbirds pilot. I also got to go inside a C-17, C-5, the Super Guppy, and a C-1A.



I dragged Tyler and eventually Emilio to many seminars, many centered around the NASA Artemis missions and female pilots. Getting to hear from Randy Bresnik (Astronaut) and Michael Sarafin (Artemis Mission Manager) was very cool and helped me get a clearer understanding of future spaceflight missions. We also attended Zara and Mack Rutherford's presentations on being the youngest to fly solo around the world was inspiring and gave a great story about what you can do if you set your mind to it.



Aside from seminars, the airshows were also a highlight of Airventure Oshkosh 23'. Many of the aerobatic maneuvers seemed to defy physics, in what you could see and hear. The loud afterburn of the fighter jets and the smoky twists of the aerobatic planes were wonderful to witness.



In all, the trip was unforgettable and I was so glad to go. I not only experienced a much broader scope of aviation, but also developed a deeper connection with my family at the North Hangars. Hopefully I'll get another chance to go to Airventure Oshkosh, but for now I will be training tailwheel in the RV-14 so next time, I can land at Oshkosh myself.



Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson
Webmaster

YOUNG EAGLES - COAST

No Report this Month.

Red Hamilton
Young Eagles - Coast

YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT

I'm currently traveling and do not have access to a computer and also limited service. There will be no Young Eagles Report this month. However, I'll make sure to have a good one next month!

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley Ong
Board Member & Adult Eagle

Fly Out Report

No Report this Month.

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VMC CLUB REPORT

The National Championship Air Races are September 13 – 17 at Reno-Stead, **so this month's VMC Club is cancelled. The next meeting** will be on **Saturday October 21st at 9 a.m.** All meetings are in-person at the **KSAC 2nd 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

September	Sept 13 - 17, The Last Year of National Championship Air Races at Reno-Stead (RTS)
October	Saturday, Oct 21 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
November	TBD
December	Saturday, Dec 9 , at 10:00 a.m. Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant Saturday, Dec 16 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.

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