



## August 2022 Newsletter

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, I'm back in the land of the living, after a 5-day stay at Stanford. This time with a new mitral valve and a zipper down my chest, thanks to the skilled hands of Dr. Woo at SMC! I am so glad to have this surgery in my rear-view mirror. And thanks for all the good wishes from my flying friends. I am pleased to say I am on the mend and starting cardiac rehab now. The results are encouraging, but I suspect it will be several months before I am behind the controls again. That said, the future is looking bright.

And speaking of the future, VAA 25's future also looks bright! After a successful Young Eagles Day out at Yolo Airport with our brethren at EAA Chapter 52, Stan Lawrence and Nick Leonard decided to continue the Young Eagles celebration by flying to Oshkosh with three lucky Young Eagles. That's a long way to go for some Culver's frozen custard! Oh yeah, there might have been an airshow going on there as well. Check out the newsletter for more details of their adventure.

Well, that's it for now. I am going to take an early out this month and focus on my walking and rehab. In the meantime, fly safe, and keep the greasy side down.

Jim Sobolewski  
President

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

There is no Report this month.

Scott Pierson  
Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Balance All Accounts June 30, 2022:   \$ 63,803.72**

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**July 2022**

**Golden 1 Savings Account:**

***Beginning Balance June 30, 2022*   \$ 56,297.72**

***Deposits:***

07/31/22 Interest Payment   \$   .48

***Withdrawals***

\$ 0

**Savings Balance as of July 31, 2022** **\$ 56,298.20**

**Golden 1 Checking Account:**

**Beginning Balance June 30, 2022** **\$ 7,506.00**

***Income & Deposits***

07/01/22 Miscellaneous	\$	25.00
07/05/22 David King Dues	\$	10.00
07/06/22 Tee Shirt Sales	\$	140.00
07/06/22 YE Rally Box Donations	\$	41.00
07/07/22 Kirk Reamer Donation	\$	30.00
07/07/22 Jeff Harris Donation	\$	<u>400.00</u>

**Total Income & Deposits** **\$ 646.00**

***Expenses & Withdrawals:***

07/01/22 Stan's Primary Flight School	\$	763.00
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07/05/22 Brett Robinson	\$	1,346.00
07/07/22 Stan's Primary Flight School	\$	517.00
07/13/22 Rob Davids Private Pilot Checkride	\$	450.00
06/30/22 Rob Davids Private Pilot Checkride	\$	<u>900.00</u>

**Total Expense & Withdrawals** **\$ 5,061.00**

**Checking Balance as of July 31, 2022:** **\$ 3,091.00**

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**Balance All Accounts July 31, 2022:** **\$ 59,389.20**

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Wow.... What an incredible July we have enjoyed! For starters – we added three (yes 3) new private pilots to our chapter! A huge congratulations to all three of our 2021 Ray Scholars. Justin

Kaysinger started us off with a successful check ride. He was followed by Liam Robinson and finally, Tyler Stump was able to finish our trio of successful Ray Scholars! What a fantastic accomplishment to celebrate – not just our new pilots, but our wonderful Instructors as well – Stan Lawrence and Brett Robinson (who took on the training for his son Liam)! Congrats to you all!!!

Further, we continue to train Lilah Harris, as Chapter 52's Ray Scholar and our current 2022 Ray Scholar, May Conlin, who both enjoyed the cross-country trip to Oshkosh with the Vintage Chapter 25 pilots!

I am so thrilled to be associated with these young aviators. They are dedicated and not afraid to work hard. They have a wonderful energy and bring excitement to our Chapter! I have no doubt our 2022 Scholars will also make us proud!

For more information, the following is from each of our YEs:

*Thanks to the Ray foundation scholarship program I was able to complete all my training to become a private pilot! All the experiences and joys from the past year of training are memories I'll never forget. I am so lucky and grateful for the scholarship as it has changed my life and kickstarted my dream career of being a commercial pilot!*

- *Justin Kaysinger*

*It is with much pride that I can say that I've completed my private pilot training! On Wednesday, July 13th at Calaveras County airport I passed my private pilot checkride and am now a private pilot!! I just wanted to say thanks for everyone that's helped support me over the last three years and now let's see where this privilege takes me.*

- *Liam Robinson*

*This month has been incredible! At the end of last month, I took my check ride at Calaveras airport. My oral along with my take-offs and landings went well but I did not perform three of the required maneuvers to the needed standard. This was frustrating but I knew that I needed a little more practice. After practicing with my instructor, and feeling confident in my ability to perform them, I waited to hear back from the Examiner. Then on July 9th, a Saturday, he replied that*

*Tuesday at three would work. This was exciting but the only problem was that I would be leaving for my college's mandatory orientation in San Luis Obispo the next day. If I drove, I would not be able to get back in time. My instructor then came up with the plan in which I would fly the Cessna 150/150 down to San Luis Obispo and after my orientation, fly to my check ride. If I did this, it would be my farthest solo cross country yet, and my first time coordinating an overnight trip. To be honest I was nervous. All the pieces had to be accounted for to get to not only my orientation but then to my check ride in time. I heard a quote once that states, "If it excites you and scares you at the same time it might be a good thing to try." I did it... and it was amazing! Of course, there were times when I would question myself but then I would think of all the training that had prepared me for the trip. I ended up getting to my check ride with 20 minutes to spare and I was confident. I knew what had to be done and if I could complete an overnight cross-country trip, I could complete these maneuvers. As I landed with three maneuvers accomplished, I shook my examiner's hand and was smiling ear to ear. I was a pilot! Looking back, I could not have done this alone. My instructor, Stan, had been patient as I made mistakes and learned to become a pilot. The Ray Foundation financed me through their scholarship. Kim allowed me to receive the scholarship and made sure I reached all the requirements. Nick taught me to think three steps ahead along*

*with electrical skills. Mark taught me how to do plane maintenance and get some grease on my hands. Then all my friends from the Saturday club supported me and filled my journey with many great memories. I am grateful to have such amazing people in my life who have helped me get to where I am today. I am excited about where this will take me. The sky is no longer the limit.*

- *Tyler Stump*

*This month I passed my written, completed my dual cross country up to Chico, Santa Rosa, Davis, and back home to executive airport. My dual cross country was a very informative experience. I learned that my radio work needs to be improved, so naturally I have been working on it ever since. At present I am on my way to Oshkosh with May Conlin, and Austin Thomas. We are in Granite Falls, Minnesota! Thus far, the trip has been wonderful. Idaho was beautiful and flying over Lake Tahoe at sunrise was one of the most gorgeous things I've ever seen. We got to fly over the Grand Tetons, which was an incredible experience!! I greatly look forward to arriving at Oshkosh tomorrow.*

- *Lilah Harris*

*This month has definitely been an exciting and busy one! I was very fortunate to be approved for a Ray Scholarship in early July, and immediately started working with Stan on pre-solo training. We focused a lot on practicing landings, which I learned can be quite challenging with the crosswinds at Franklin! One of the most important parts of this past month's training was learning how to control airspeed during approaches and keeping the airplane as straight as possible to keep my landings smooth. It took a lot of practice (and three days in a row of early morning lessons), but I finally made it to*

*a point where Stan felt comfortable letting me control the Cessna 150 by myself. So, it was time to solo!*

*We set the solo date for July 16th, just one day before leaving for AirVenture in Oshkosh. It was a lovely day with just a slight crosswind and after a few landings with Stan, I felt ready to try on my own. My parents and friend made the early trip to watch. I made three solo landings that day and learned how scary and exhilarating solo flying was. It was truly an incredible day and I know I'll remember it forever. The next morning, I left with Stan and Lilah in the Piper Cherokee for our trip to AirVenture! We visited lots of amazing airports and towns along the way, and I had several opportunities to practice flying in the Cherokee and Nick's RV-10. I learned a lot and can't wait for next week when I'll get to explore the show!*

*- May Conlin*

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Dave Magaw  
Webmaster

## **YOUNG EAGLES' SACRAMENTO REPORT**

If you keep up with the world of experimental aviation at all, you probably know what July is all about: the event that attracts aviators and enthusiasts from around the world – the Disneyland of flying – that's right, it's OSHKOSH!!!!

And this year was extra special, as it was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Young Eagles program. We celebrated our very own Red Hamilton for his 30 nonstop years of flying young eagles.

Somewhat unrelated (but still cool), it was *also* the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Van's Aircraft – and yes, there was a 50-ship formation!!

In addition, this year 3 young eagles had the opportunity to attend Oshkosh. With them, they brought our very own chapter Adirondack chair to the Young Eagles Blue Barn where it will live forever.

But, before we get into the trip, we need to highlight some accomplishments; TWO new private pilots, Tyler Stump and Liam Robinson! And, new solo pilot, May Conlin! And a passed written test – congrats, Lilah Harris!

### ***New Private Pilots: Tyler Stump and Liam Robinson!***

After months (well, years almost) of studying and preparation, these two young aviators, Tyler Stump and Liam Robinson, took and passed their checkrides with flying colors in early July. Their examiner was DPE Rob Davids at Calaveras County Airport. Read



more about their experiences first-hand in Kim's Ray Scholar report!



*1. Tyler Stump, new private pilot, and DPE Rob Davids with N3062S, the Cessna 150-150.*



*2. Liam Robinson, new private pilot, and DPE Rob Davids with N6185T, Liam and Brett's Cessna 150.*

*New Solo Pilot: May Conlin!*

Motivated and available to fly, May and Stan worked together in the days leading up to Oshkosh, with May soloing on Saturday, the day before departing. Also, she recently earned another scholarship, which she will be using to continue her training after receiving her private pilot certificate.



*3. Stan and May after the "cutting of the shirt".*



*4. May, her parents Chris and Ava, and her puppy dog :)  
Written test? Check! Onto the Checkride: Lilah Harris!*

The stars finally aligned, and Lilah took and passed her written test! She will be taking her checkride shortly, as she has already soloed. Stay tuned for more details next month!

#### *Oshkosh 2022: The Deets*

This year, Stan Lawrence flew Bill Lagrassa's Piper Cherokee (thank you SO much, Bill!) and Nick Leonard flew his RV-10 to Oshkosh. Between the two of them, they were able to bring 3 young eagles: May Conlin, Lilah Harris, and Austin Thomas. Also with the group was Kim in her RV-6a, which she let Tenley fly for the PIC hours (thank you Kim!).

For the flight home, Tenley jumped in the Cherokee as Kim continued to NC and Sue Leonard flew airlines out and joined the group in the RV-10. Tim Redden and his friend Charlie also met with the squad on the way back and put on a private airshow for the “kids” in the sky – formation flying, smoke, and some aerobatics made the long flight quite exciting.

It was a fun-filled 2 weeks, with warm breezy weather and only one giant Midwest thunderstorm. On the way out, the group toured the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, South Dakota, the Fagan Museum in Granite Falls, Minnesota, and flew over Mt. Rushmore and Badlands National Park.

When they got to Oshkosh, the first week was spent exploring and volunteering; they drove out on the Peninsula to the town of Ephraim, toured the EAA Museum, directed traffic and welcomed campers to Camp Scholler, and assembled the EAA Vintage Chapter 25 chair at the Blue Barn.

During the week of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the kids networked at the career center, attended forums, and watched airshow after airshow. The four girls attended WomenVenture (and somehow ended up with free lunches and goodies). Stan and Kim volunteered at the EAA Young Eagles Blue Barn. May flipped out over the F-35s. Austin attended the Air Academy for a week. Some of the youngins got a special tour of the Warbirds with Tim – they even got to climb around in a B-25! And some of the group got an exclusive opportunity to go up into the Oshkosh Tower. Most of the group

went to the night airshow on Thursday, where they got to see airplanes shooting off fireworks...pretty freaking cool.

The highlight of the whole trip, however, was the people. After squishing as many bodies into a crew car as possible and banding together to tease Stan about his driving (or the fact that he picked up a dead fish), you get a little bonded to your fellow travelers. Card games played, laughs and memories made, and yes, if you're reading this, you should be feeling a little bit of late FOMO (fear of missing out) right about now. In other words, I hope I'm making everyone bummed out just enough, to the point where you all are deciding that you have to come to Oshkosh next year. The more the merrier 😊.

The way back home was interesting. The group stopped in Belle Fourche, South Dakota for the first night. On the second day, they had to land in Utah for fuel. The RVs went north to a cheaper fuel stop, the Cherokee landed at Logan, UT due to the density altitude.

If you recall, the Logan airport is an unlucky spot for this particular Cherokee, N7919N. In 2020, it popped a tire on landing. This year, it wasn't much luckier; on runup prior to takeoff, it was discovered that the left mag was dead.

The girls and Stan planned to stay the night in Logan. Tim, flying by on the way back to Sac with the RV group, peeled off to come help and bring some of their bags back (bags had been dispersed a little bit). They got the mag fixed (long story, stars seriously

aligned), stayed the night, and then departed to Sacramento the next day, arriving home at about 12:00pm.



5. No, the orange X's did not stop that big storm. This was just before the storm hit, shutting down the volunteer post at Camp Scholler.



6. May, Lilah, and the Devil Dog B-25!



7. *The Fam: Left to right: “The kids”, the “fun uncle”, “grandpa”, “mom”, and “dad”. Fam (minus Nick and Sue, “grandma” and “grandma”.) No typo.*



8. *Free T-shirts, the healthiest lunches within a 5 mile radius, and some lovely skittles water. And it doesn't look like it but we promise Mike was having a good time. 😊*



*9. One word: Jets.*



*10. The future of aviation: youth and the RV-15.*





*11. Oh yeah, remember the time that Stan had to take a “comfort break” and then we got stuck in Logan, UT?*



*12. The only thing better than an airshow is an airshow with free ice cream.*



*13. Nick, the girls, and the "bucket hat in the wind" life.*



*14. Stan and the "Most Beautiful Plane in the World". (According to him). Pretty gorgeous.*



*15. Angel Nick having a lovely chat with Benjamin Franklin in Neenah, WI*



*16. Mammoth skull at the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, SD.*



*17. "Big Boi Fast Planes" - May Conlin*

*Our very own EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Adirondack Chair*

Outside of the Young Eagles Blue Barn in Oshkosh, WI sit about 50 Adirondack chairs, all built and decorated by chapters from around the country. It was decided that EAA Vintage Chapter 25 needed one as well.

So, with the help of the mentors, over the course of multiple Saturdays in June and July, the young eagles of Sacramento built an Adirondack chair for Vintage Chapter 25. With the VAA25 logo on a background painted silver with decorative rivets, it displays our love of building and love of our chapter loud and proud.

The young eagles cut the wood, measured everything, sanded it, added rivets, and painted it. Finished just a day before the Oshkosh squad departed, the chair was loaded up into Nick's plane (in

pieces). When they arrived in Wisconsin, the group assembled it at the Blue Barn and left it there, where it will live forever with the other chairs.



*18. Kim, Lilah, Tenley, Stan, May and Nick with the newly assembled VAA25 Adirondack Chair in its new home.*



*19. There's home! Wow, we came a long way - EAA Vintage Chapter 25 representing, even all the way in Oshkosh, WI!*

### *Celebrating 30 years of Young Eagles Flights: Red Hamilton*

In all of EAA, there were five special people who have accomplished an incredible milestone: flying young eagles annually for the past 30 years without missing a year. One of these pilots is our very own Red Hamilton. One of our chapter's founding members, creating Vintage Chapter 25 in the early 1970's, Red has flown 839 young eagles to date.

Honored and excited to celebrate one of our own, Kim Owen reached out to EAA and secured tickets to attend the Tuesday night celebration to honor these pilots and support Red and his accomplishments. She and Stan enjoyed a lovely evening with him and his wife, Marilyn.

Red built his very own Wittman Tailwind, and has never been defeated in the cross-country races he competed in. Red has inspired and changed the lives of many youngsters with his passion and dedication to this world of flying. We are so proud of you and grateful everything you have done, Red.



*20. The pilots who flew young eagles for 30 years in a row. Red Hamilton, from Vintage Chapter 25 is in the white shirt.*



*21. Kim, Stan, Marilyn, and Red at the dinner celebration to honor the Young Eagle pilots.*



*22. Another view of the VIPs (Very Important Pilots).  
Not YE Related but SUPER COOL: Van's 50-Ship Formation!*

Who here has built or been involved in building a Van's RV? Yeah, that's right, probably a lot of you; our chapter, neigh, our whole airport, is kind of obsessed with them.

So, you probably already know that it was Van's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. But did you know that to celebrate, the first-ever 50-ship formation was flown... IN the shape of a 50?

And did you know that one of our pilots was in it? Yes, you guessed it – Tim Redden flew in and played a huge role in organizing the first-ever 50-ship flight. The giant mass of planes flew straight over Wittman Regional Airport twice, the second time in the shape of a giant 5-0. Next time you see Tim, give him a pat on the back because that was AWESOME.





*23. The first-ever 50 ship formation, made up of Van's Aircraft to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Van's. Can you spot Tim and Speedy, the RV-4?*

*What has everyone else been up to?*

**Tyler Stump and Liam Robinson** passed their private pilot checkrides with Rob Davids! And **May Conlin** soloed!

**Justin Kaysinger** passed his checkride last month and is continuing to help mentor others around the airport.

**Lilah Harris** passed her written test and will be taking her checkride in August.

The Ray Scholarship candidates, Austin, and Trenton are working through their Sporty's courses in preparation for taking their written test.

**Austin Thomas** is our young eagle who was selected to attend that Air Camp Academy. He has been working on his Sporty's!

**Trenton Welch** is studying for his private pilot written test.

**Adam Kennedy** has been flying the flight simulator on Saturdays. He does not intend to pursue a Ray Scholarship, but he recently registered for his Sportys and is studying.

### Our Graduates/Mentors

**Tyler Pierson** has been flying the RV-4 lots and enjoying life post-high school!

**Dylan Fricke** is studying for his written test and is also enjoying his first summer out of high school.

**Angelina Angrisani** has been flying the RV-4 and studying for her Commercial Written. She is also selling her Cessna 140, so if anyone is interested, hit her up. You can follow her flying adventures on her Instagram, @luckylina03.

**Hayden Schaufel** is working on his college degree through SJSU while working as an officer here in Sacramento. He has also been flying the RV-4.

**Tenley Ong** is continuing to pursue her instrument rating and work on her RV-6. She also wrote some articles for *EAA AirVenture Today* in Oshkosh this year.

### Other Updates

Applications may be submitted for both the Ray Scholarship and Build and Maintain Program.

### **Fly-Out Report**

The next official fly-out will be on **September 10, 2022**, so save the date! Location and details TBD.

If you are interested in attending (or have ideas/suggestions), please email Tenley Ong at [tenleyong@yahoo.com](mailto:tenleyong@yahoo.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley Ong  
Young Eagles Representative

### **VMC CLUB REPORT**

The meetings are now in-person meetings at Hangar 151. VMC safety meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Saturday, August 20th, VMC Club meeting. The following are meeting dates:

Aug 20, 2022 09:00 AM

Sep 17, 2022 09:00 AM

Oct 15, 2022 09:00 AM

Nov 19, 2022 09:00 AM

You will also receive an email notice and a calendar reminder each month close to the meeting date.

Steve Lightstone  
VMC Club Leader

## **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS**

### **EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2022**

<b>August</b>	<b>Saturday, Aug TBD</b> , Meeting at KSAC for Corn & Brats BBQ (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) <b>Saturday, Aug 20</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 10 Fly-Out. Details</b> in September Newsletter. <b>Save the date.</b> <b>Saturday, Sep 17</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>October</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct 15</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report. <b>Sunday, TBD</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 19</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 10</b> , Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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