



CHAPTER 25

SACRAMENTO, CA

December 2020 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, as we approach the Holidays and the end of the year, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on all we accomplished this year despite the pandemic. We started off in February with our first VMC Club safety meeting at the terminal. Lead by Steve Lightstone, our initial meeting was well attended and highly informative. Later that month, we met with representatives from the National Organization and were award a \$10,000 Ray Scholarship to cover training of a Young Eagle from first flight to checkride. Not too shabby! Our status as a Gold Chapter was also confirmed, and Nick Leonard and Mark Zukowski were appointed by the National Organization as Tech Counselors and Steve and Nick were appointed as Flight Advisors.

Then came the bad news about the pandemic. It forced us to cancel our fly-outs and Young Eagle flights for the year, but it didn't slow us down. With hangar doors wide open and plenty of ventilation, we continued with our Young Eagles program on Saturdays. We've had 3 or 4 Young Eagles out every Saturday, and Nick and Mark have been guiding them in working on different aircraft as well as

a helicopter project. (If truth be told, there's also been some messing around in a go-kart!) And along with all of this, Stan Lawrence has been instructing each of the Young Eagles in a Cessna 150. Why, I even saw them wearing masks in the plane at times!

When things started opening up this summer, Stan and Bill La Grassa embarked in an Oshkosh cross-country trip with 2 planes and 4 Young Eagles. All this time, our monthly VMC Club meeting was continuing, well attended, on Zoom, and providing interested pilots in the area with useful and timely safety information. When Bill and Stan returned from the Midwest, it was time for our annual August (Root) Beer and Brats feed, again with the hangar doors wide open and masks available for all. We had a great turnout, and through the graciousness of our guests, raised \$800 to add to our treasury.

As you can see, this has been a challenging year, but we have safely risen to the occasion. As I write this, one of our Young Eagles, with the help of the Ray Scholar award and Stan's instruction, is preparing for his private pilot checkride! And since we only spent half of the Ray Scholar money, we can use the rest of the funds to train a second Young Eagle. That's success! And thanks to Stan for his passion and dedication to flying and the Young Eagles.

As we close in on the end of the year, it's time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so, and to encourage your fellow pilots to join us as well. After all, it's the members' dues, dedication, and donations, that keep us vibrant and operating. Attached to the Newsletter is a Membership Application. If you are an existing member, don't worry about filling out the whole application unless your contact information has changed. Just put your name on it, check the renewal spot, and send it with a check to our Treasurer (or if you don't feel like dealing with the Application, just shoot Stan a check!) And if you feel generous, this is a good time to include a little donation as well!

Just a short note about our December calendar before I sign off. With the uptick in the coronavirus, we are moving our Annual December Members and Awards meeting to the north hangar at KSAC for safety reasons. It will just be a casual event with coffee and Vitamin O (that's donuts!) provided. We will start at 10 a.m. The hangar doors will be open, tables and chairs will be spread out for guests, and masks and hand sanitizer available. So, if you are available and

comfortable with this arrangement, be sure to come out. If not, we will see you next year! And don't forget, our next VMC Club safety seminar will be Saturday, December 19th, at 9 a.m. On Zoom, of course!

Yes, this has been a challenging year. But despite it all, we have overcome the obstacles and continued to grow our Chapter. Certainly, we have come a long way from the original group of 15 aviation enthusiasts who first met in September 1992 to form our little Chapter. And I am confident we will have an even more successful year in 2021. So, until then, stay safe, have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas, and don't forget to keep the greasy side down.

Jim Sobolewski
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Renewal documents have been sent out to the chapter members so we can get everyone updated before the end of the year. We already have nearly half of the membership renewed so thank you.

We should have a PayPal account setup this week for payments, donations, etc. Please check our website for details on the PayPal information. I will also be sending out information about PayPal in the next newsletter as well.

I have been attending EAA training seminars which is covering all aspects of operating and running an EAA Chapter. This training, once complete, will give points to our local chapter which will help us maintain our Gold standing with the EAA.

Remember that all donations to our Chapter are tax deductible.

Finally, Tyler Pierson is scheduled to take his FAA check-ride on December 8th at KSAC.

Thank you,

Scott Pierson
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of October 25, 2020

\$17,809.60

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November 2020

Income

10/27/20	Mark Zukowski	Donation	\$ 1,000.00
11/04/20	Bill LaGrassa	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/04/20	Mark McElroy	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/04/20	Mark Zukowski	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/04/20	Douglas Johnson	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/04/20	Harry Ansonge	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/22/20	Jim Jordan	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/22/20	Jim Jordan	Donation	\$ 180.00
11/22/20	Kim Owen	Dues 2021	\$ 20.00
11/22/20	Kim Owen	Donation	\$ 80.00
11/22/20	Desiree Pierson	Dues 2021.....	\$ 20.00
11/22/20	Scott Pierson	Dues 2021.....	\$ 20.00
11/22/20	Tyler Pierson	Dues 2021.....	\$ 20.00
11/22/20	Pierson's	Donation	\$ 40.00

Total Income

\$ 1,500.00

Expenses

Stan Lawrence, Flight Instruction Ray Foundation.....\$ 425.00

Total Expense

\$ 425.00

Balance as of November 22, 2020

\$18,884.60

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO / DGA REPORT

Young Eagle Report Valley:

We had a busy November with our Young Eagle Build, Maintain, and Fly program! The following photos are of Dylan Fricke's 4th Supervised Solo at a towered airport (KSAC).



Dylan and Flight Instructor after Dylan's 4th Supervised Solo.



Dylan right after completing his 4th Supervised Solo at a towered airport.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Valley Young Eagle Coordinator

GONE WEST

We met Thad Shelnutt in the very early days of Vintage 25. He was faithful at flying to meetings all over in his trusty Funk. He, like the rest of us, really enjoyed the fly-ins at Merwin Ranch and landing on the dichondra field.

He set up a very interesting get-together at Clarksburg that was a joint meeting with Vintage 25 and the Sacramento Early Ford V8 Club chapter; it was fun to see and be able to photograph the old Fords and old airplanes together on the grass. We would see him at fly in meetings all over northern California, and always enjoy visiting with him. Schellville, Eagles Nest, Columbia, Colusa, Alta Sierra, you name it.

Thad served as treasurer for many years and flew many Young Eagles, in his Funk.

One summer he flew his friend Dale Beech from Sacramento to Coffeyville KS for the Funk reunion, yes, in his Funk.

He was a great guy.

Red Hamilton

VMC CLUB REPORT

There was not a November VMC meeting, because of the Thanksgiving holiday. However, we are planning to have the next VMC Club meeting by Zoom on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 9 a.m. The invitation for the meeting, which will be sent in early December, will provide the required Zoom information for the meeting.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Club Leader

Scholarship Evaluation Team 2020 / 2021

The EAA Vintage Chapter 25 is proud to announce that EAA Leadership from Oshkosh, Wisconsin personally communicated on Saturday, February 22, 2020 that our Chapter 25 was an “Award Recipient” of the 2020 / 2021 Ray Scholarship Foundation. This Award allows us to focus on 1 to 2 Young Eagle candidates in pursuit of their pilot certificates. Under this program they complete all of the requirements for their Glider, Sport or Private Pilot certification. We’re excited to communicate with you that our EAA Ray Scholarship Application was noted by EAA Scholarship Evaluation Team to be in the Top 10% of all applications.

Earlier in the year we also finished our EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Scholarship and Application process, which was truly competitive. As you know, through our local application process, in March 2020 Vintage Chapter 25 announced Tyler Pierson as our first Ray Scholar award recipient. Since that time Tyler has worked diligently to prepare for his checkride, which is scheduled for December 8th.

We (Vintage Chapter 25 from Sacramento) Leadership and Pilots as a result of the Scholarship Application and Selection process identified our **Second** \$5,000 EAA Ray Scholarship Foundation “Candidate” for 2020 / 2021, who is **Dylan Fricke**. We are fortunate to have some of the initial scholarship funds remaining. The chapter has been approved by EAA to offer a 2nd Ray Scholarship with our remaining funds.



Esteban, Kim, Stan, with Dylan Fricke and family receiving the 2nd Ray Scholarship

As our Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Mrs. Kim Owen will oversee all aspects of the 2020 / 2021 Ray Scholarship Foundation Award's entire program and ensure that we stay on schedule, file required reports and updates, budget, and that all of the required milestones are being met.

We highly encourage all the Young Eagles to stay focused on your academics, attend airplane and helicopter build weekend programs, continue to fly, and sharpen your skills. As well as completing Sporty's through EAA, volunteering for Young Eagle Flight days, and staying actively involved in Vintage Chapter 25 programs and activities.

Stan will continue to focus on ensuring that all the Young Eagles attending the Weekend Build a Plane / Helicopter Program receive on-going flight instruction.

We're excited and honored to receive the 2020 /2021 Ray Scholarship Foundation Award as this sets an excellent foundation for our EAA Vintage Chapter 25 moving forward.

Thank you to **Dylan Fricke** for all his hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm for the on-going success of our EAA Vintage Chapter 25 and congratulations on receiving the 2020 / 2021 Ray Scholarship Award.

We are all proud of YOU.

Esteban Nava
Scholarship Evaluation Team 2020 / 2021

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Ray Scholarship program continues to be a bright spot during our pandemic filled days. Tyler is rounding the corner on his final practices with his check-ride now set for December 8th. Good luck Tyler!!

Other good news... we have formally been approved by EAA to use remaining scholarship funds for a second Ray Scholar. Through our committee application process Dylan Fricke has been chosen as our second award recipient! Dylan has been flying with Stan as part of the Saturday youth program but will now be fully supported by the Ray Scholar!

Here is an update from Tyler:

Now that all my training is mostly wrapped up, here comes the final stretch of it all. Preparing for my check ride! I've been nervous these past few weeks, but according to my family, it's ok to be nervous about something like this. Luckily, I've had Stan and Hayden helping me out with all the preparations and work that I need to do for it. Those two have been such a good help these past few weeks!

The only downside to this is that sadly my check ride had to be rescheduled from December 5th to December 8th, and the DPE I'm going to has changed. Luckily the DPE who will be doing my check ride is Oren Breedlove, who was responsible for giving Hayden his PPL. Hopefully next time I write one of these reports, I'll be speaking to y'all as a private pilot.

Tyler Pierson

Respectfully,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

Nothing new on the website front. The Pawnee is now in service at Byron and is proving to be great tow plane.

Dave Magaw
Webmaster

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

	Saturday, Dec 12, Holiday & Planning meeting at the Chapter 25 hangar KSAC (10 a.m.)
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December	Saturday, Dec 19, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom at 9 a.m. – Details will be included in the invitation that will be sent to all members in early December.
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