



## **December 2024 Newsletter**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, our Fall Young Eagles Rally is in the books, our clocks have “fallen back,” and the days are getting shorter and colder. So, you know what that means, don’t you? The Christmas Holiday Season is upon us, and it’s time for our Annual Christmas Breakfast and Awards Meeting! Right on time.

This year, as in the past, we will have our Annual Christmas Breakfast at the Aviator’s Restaurant at KSAC (that’s Executive Airport for the non-aviators). Stan has already made the reservation and scheduled the upper room for us. Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and we will start at 10 a.m. So, mark

your calendars, and see you there.

With the Christmas Season upon us, the December VMC meeting will be on holiday until the New Year. Look forward to our VMC meetings to resume in January. Our next meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>, if you want to get a head start on your 2025 calendar.

One more thing; the EAA Annual Survey is available. Our chapter gets “points” and a higher rating if a certain percentage of our members complete the survey by the end of the year. It’s just a brief 3-minute survey. Here’s a link to the survey at [surveymonkey.com](https://surveymonkey.com). [Take Survey](#) › Thanks, and as the commercial say, “Just Do It”.

Well, that’s it for this month. Just a short article from my desk. Enjoy the Holiday Season and the time with your family, and plan on coming out for our big Christmas Breakfast and Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. And Best Wishes for the New Year. As always, fly safely, and keep the greasy side down!

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Scott Pierson  
Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Balance All Accounts Oct 30, 2024:                   \$ 62,801.55**

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**November 2024**



Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Our Ray Scholars continue to work hard on achieving their goal of obtaining their PPL! Progress is made, but as we all know, the learning curve is not always a straight line of progress. Life happens, unexpected issues arise (with planes, instructors and students) and thus this is a great time to remind ourselves that goals aren't always reached as anticipated. Offering encouragement to all of our Ray Scholars and pilots-to-be in training can go far to boost their motivation and dedication to the task at hand. If you see one of our young aviators, please extend those words of encouragement!

Here are quick comments from each of our Scholars:

*For this month it was all check ride preparation. I flew my long solo cross country to Redding, which I had to deviate due to IFR procedures at the airport. After, I practiced Private Pilot maneuvers for the rest of the month. Today was my check ride and it didn't go as planned. Overall, this month was busy.*

- *Emilio*

*My flight training is going good! (Despite the fact I can't necessarily fly because of maintenance, still.) I just passed my Human Factors in Aviation class and learned about how human factors can affect safety in aviation. The Aircraft Aerodynamics class is about to start!*

- *Adam*

*I have been continuing my flight training with Tenley, and it's been going pretty well. The hope was that I'd already be able to solo, but I don't have the required government ID yet and that's slowing things down. However, I have applied for an ID, and I'll be taking my final driver's license test this week so I should have a valid ID by the end of the month at the latest. I'm very excited to solo and I hope I'll be able to as soon as possible.*

- Matthew

We appreciate the encouragement and most of us can recall how we felt during our training days. Looking forward to getting in some good, quality training this month (weather permitting) and watching our Ray Scholars achieve their goals!

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **YOUNG EAGLES - COAST**

No Report this Month.

## **YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT**

The year is coming to an end! Between beginning building the Sonex kit, cleaning airplanes and the hangar, flying the sim, studying, and celebrating successes, the young eagles are finishing 2024 strong. Also, a big thank you to Earl for continuing to teach everyone on the sim and for making a super cool shelf to store our study materials in the hangar!

## NEW PRIVATE PILOT: JESSIE DAVISON!!

**Jessie Davison** passed her private pilot checkride with DPE Carol Zerbe on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024! She was in the (and I quote) “top 2% of private pilot applicants”. Jessie went above and beyond with her oral exam knowledge through extensive studying, attending classes at Sac City College, and never hesitating to ask questions. Aside from flying and going to school, she has also been working part time!

She is the first scholar to pass a checkride from the Air Museum of California’s \$12,500 Private Pilot Scholarship. Jessie hopes to continue to use the funds for instrument training.

In addition, she earned her tailwheel endorsement on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>! Between Oshkosh and checkride prep, she has been flying in the Van’s RV-14 to practice her tailwheel skills. After a beautiful morning using KSAC Runway 02, she nailed the crosswind landings, earning her endorsement.



*1 (and 2). Carol Zerbe, DPE, and Jessie Davison, private pilot, holding her brand new private pilot temporary certificate after Jessie signed her certificate in the office.*



*3. Tenley Ong, CFI, and Jessie Davison, private pilot, with N3062S "Mellow Yellow" at Nevada County Airport (KGOO).*

## VMC CLUB AND SKI FLYING TALK WITH DPE CAROL ZERBE

Thank you to everyone who joined for the VMC Club and Ski Talk on November 16<sup>th</sup>! We had a simply fantastic turnout with 30+ people between EAA Vintage Chapter 25 and Flying Panthers Flight School.

Carol Zerbe, DPE, came to speak to everyone about ski flying in Alaska, a very niche area of aviation. Already flying around in the backcountry is nuts.... Let alone landing on a glacier! She explained how to determine if certain lakes were safe, different types of skis you could put on your plane, tips for landing on a glacier, and shared a few stories herself. If you are interested in attending one of her ski trips, visit her website at:

<https://northboundflying.com/specialty-flight-instruction/>.



*4. Between EAA Vintage Chapter 25 and Flying Panthers, over 30 people attended the VMC meeting and Carol's Ski Flying Talk. Thank you to everybody who came!*



*5. Tenley Ong, Zach Lauzon, Ryan and Tyler Pierson, and Emilio Martinez closeup the hangar for the night after a long Saturday mentoring young eagles at the KSAC.*

### UPCOMING PRIVATE PILOT CHECKRIDES

**Emilio Martinez** has his private pilot retest in late December/early January. We are continuing to fly and study while waiting for an exam date. He has been working so hard over the past year (and especially the past two months), getting quizzed by friends, planning and flying his cross countries, and studying consistently. In addition to flying and regularly attending the Saturday Build and Maintain program, he has been going to school. After earning his

private pilot certificate, he intends to work on his instrument rating and join the Air Force!

We have also successfully booked Matthew Howell a checkride on February 11, 2025! Once he has his government-issued ID, he will be soloing soon. Yay, Matthew!

We are still waiting to get access to a Cessna 172 to help Adam Kennedy finish his training. If anyone has any leads, please contact Tenley or Stan!

### PRIVATE

**Adam Kennedy** has taken a break from training due to the Flying Panthers Cessna 172 being down for maintenance over many months. We are currently looking into other flight school options for him with Tenley still as his CFI. Again, please let me know if you have any leads!

**Matthew Howell** has started his private pilot training and is getting close to solo! He will be soloing soon.

**Amanda Hicks, Claire Nordstrom, Sam Murray, Leilany Martinez, and Teddy Reynolds** are all still preparing for their written tests to be eligible for the Ray Scholarship.

New additions to the program include **Marcus King, Ethan Truong, Elena Contreras, and Kelvin Gellenbeck**. Ethan has already passed his private pilot written test with a 92% and will be our first applicant for the 2025 Ray Scholarship.



*6. David and Marcus King, Tenley Ong, and the Cessna 150-150 "Mellow Yellow". They flew one Saturday morning to fuel up at McClellan Airport (KMCC).*

### TAILWHEEL

**Liam Robinson** is working on his tailwheel endorsement, including practicing wheel landings and polishing up crosswind landings.

### INSTRUMENT

**Rachel Long** has been attending school at UC Davis, working part time, and plans to work on her instrument rating soon. She recently became current in the RV-14 and is stoked to continue her flight training, including working towards her instrument rating.

## OTHERS (GRADUATES/MENTORS)

**Tyler Stump** is at school at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and **Justin Kaysinger** moved to Tennessee. **Dylan Fricke** moved to Texas. **Hayden Schaufel** is working for the police department. Our three most recent graduates have gone on pursue their passions by attending universities with aviation-focused programs and coursework. **May Conlin** is currently attending the Naval Academy! **Austin Thomas** is attending California Baptist University! **Nick Theodorovic** is attending Middle Tennessee State University for school! We miss our graduates very much!

**Angelina Angrisani** earned her CFI Certificate in October and is beginning to put it to use! She will be providing tailwheel endorsements in her Cessna 170B while also giving instruction at Flying Panthers Flight School. She already has a list of students and is excited to get started instructing.

**Tyler Pierson** started his final year at Sac City College, in addition to helping Stan with projects around the airport, attending chapter events, and flying whenever he can. He is planning to take the FIA and FOI written tests over winter break in preparation for his CFI checkride.

**Kyle Rodrigues** has been continuing his hard work at Precision Flight Controls while teaching at Sac State. He is studying for the instrument written and will begin training at Flying Panthers on Monday. In his free time, he is helping with chapter events, flying,

tutoring the young eagles, doing contract work, building his Piper Cub or pursuing one of his many other hobbies!

**Tenley Ong** has been focused on checkrides lately. She is also helping with chapter events, restoring her RV-6, gearing up for ski season and studying for her MEI. Her next batch of private students include Emilio Martinez, Zach Lauzon, Greg Young, Adam Kennedy and Matthew Howell. Her instrument students include Kyle Rodrigues and Jessie Davison.

### JUST A BIG THANK YOU TO STAN

Last, but most certainly not least, I wanted to give a quick shoutout to Stan Lawrence, CFI. He has been working tirelessly over the past year to keep N3062S up and running for checkrides and without him, none of the successes in 2024 would have been possible. Stan, we all love you so much and are grateful for the resources and opportunities you have provided for all of us younger folks at the airport. I speak on behalf of all of the young eagles when I say we always look forward to congregating on Saturdays to learn, work, and sometimes just hang out.



*7 & 8. Stan Lawrence visited Jim Weir, A&P and AI, down the street from Nevada County Airport (KG00) and here he is in the shop! Also, Stan, Zach, Kyle, and Tenley took apart the Cessna 150-150 for the 100-hr inspection in preparation for November checkrides.*

Tenley Ong  
Vice President, CFI/CFII

## **FLY OUT REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Tenley Ong  
Vice President, CFI/CFII

## **VMC CLUB REPORT**

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the VMC Club meetings held this year. The next VMC club meeting will be **January 18th at**

**9 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the KSAC terminal second floor conference room.

I am Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Steve Lightstone  
VMC Program Coordinator

## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson  
Webmaster

## **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS**

**December Saturday, Dec 14**, Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10:00 a.m.)

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