



February 2024 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I hope your new year got off to a smooth start. Unfortunately, mine hit a few speed bumps. On her last run of the day skiing (a sport I have aged out of), my daughter fell and broke her leg. So, being the good dad that I am, I have been living down in San Francisco this past week helping her and her husband out as she recuperates from surgery to fix the break. Things were going well in the city until I discovered my car was stolen! Needless to say, a bump in the road I was not expecting. So off I went to the SF Police Department to report the theft. And then I got a second surprise. The next day the SFPD called to tell me they found my car and I had 20 minutes to retrieve it or I would be paying (a lot) for it to be towed. My son-in-law was a hero and got there just in time to avoid

the tow. The jerks who stole my car (stronger language to follow) apparently forced one of the windows down (there's a trick you can look up on YouTube), hot-wired it, trashed the inside, and drove it around breaking into other cars until it was almost out of gas before abandoning it. It cost me \$800 in repairs and cleaning, but I had my car back with a minimum of damage. So it goes.

Like I said, I hope your January was a little smoother than mine. And thanks to all my friends and their offers to help out.

In the meantime, things are operating smoothly at VAA 25. I renewed our chapter registration for 2024 so we are still an official Vintage EAA Chapter. And January saw our VMC Club Meetings Leader, Steve Lightstone, hit it out of the park with another great VMC Club meeting with control tower personnel. These are great meetings, and you don't want to miss them, so go ahead and mark your calendar now for our February meeting. As always, it will be on the third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. We meet upstairs next to the Aviators Restaurant. Our next meeting is February 17th. Hope to see you there!

And in case you missed it, Lisa Turner had an article in the December 2023 issue of *EAA Sport Aviation* magazine on older aircraft. As she said, "It's no secret that we're all getting older by the minute. So are our airplanes." Yeah, she didn't have to point out the obvious, but it is a good article nonetheless, so check it out if you missed it.

Well, that's all I have for this month. Hope next month goes a little smoother. In the meantime, get out there and get your plane in the

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 13th St Sacramento, CA 95822**

We would like to receive all renewals ASAP, so we can keep the chapter roster up to date and current.

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 as the roster is monitored and maintained by EAA.

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 Dec 31, 2023: \$ 52,861.50

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December 2023

Wells Fargo Savings Account:

Savings Balance as of Dec 31, 2023: \$ 47,040.84

Deposits:

01/30/24 Interest Income	\$ <u>6.06</u>
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Total Income & Deposits: \$ 6.06

Withdraws:

01/01/24 Correction Prior Month Interest Income	\$.03
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Total Expense & Withdrawals: \$.03

Savings Balance as of Jan 31, 2024: \$ 47,046.87

Wells Fargo Checking Account:

Checking Balance as of Dec 31, 2023: \$ 5,820.66

Income & Deposits

01/01/24 Unidentified Deposit in Dec 23	\$	65.01
01/09/24 Ray Scholarship funds for Emilio Martinez	\$	3,300.00
01/25/24 Jim Heffelfinger Dues & Donation	\$	30.00
01/29/24 Bob Angrisani Donation	\$	20.00

Total Income & Deposits: \$ 3,415.01

Expenses & Withdrawals:

01/01/24 Correction – there was no Ray Schlrshp Dpst	\$	4,250.00
01/29/24 Flying Panthers – Flight Training	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Expense & Withdrawals: \$ 5,250.00

Checking Balance as of Jan 31, 2024: \$ 3,985.67

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Balance All Accounts Jan 31, 2024: \$ 51,032.54

Allocation of All Account Balance to Scholarship Accounts:

Balances As of 01/31/24

<u>Ray Scholar</u>	<u>Scholarship Bal</u>	<u>Savings Less Scholar \$</u>
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Balance All Accounts Jan 31, 2024: \$ 51,032.54

Lima Robinson (\$1,100.00) \$ 49,932.54

Emilio Martinez (\$3,300.00) \$ 46,632.54

Austin Thomas \$.00 \$ 46,632.54

Chapter Balance without Scholarship Funds \$ 46,632.54

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We are continuing to find success with our Ray Scholar program. We have one current scholar, who is the last scholarship recipient from 2022. We have one qualified candidate, who has applied for one of our two 2023 scholarships and continue to search for our second 2023 Ray Scholar. For those interested, be sure to complete your Sportys courses and pass your written exam to become a qualified candidate.

Our current Ray Scholar, Emilio, continues to work on his flying skills with CFI Tenley Ong, when weather permits. We are hopeful for a little better weather over the next few months.

Here are a few words from Emilio...

This month we had to delay some lessons due to bad weather. It got bad to the point that we had to wait three hours at KMCC, for the fog to clear off of the runway. This month I was supposed to go solo for the first time, but we had to move it to next month. Hopefully the weather gets better.

- *Emilio*

Here's to clearer skies and more flying for all!

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

YOUNG EAGLES – COAST

No Report this Month.

Red Hamilton
Young Eagles – Coast

YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT

2024 is off to an interesting start, with a lot of wet Saturdays. The RV-4 is currently in pieces and the young eagles have been helping Stan fix fuel leaks and make other adjustments. Many of the young eagles have taken this time to apply for local scholarships and focus on getting their Sporty's Learn To Fly Courses and written tests done.

PRIVATE

Our young eagles have been motivated to get their training in and start working toward their private pilot licenses. They recently jumped on a group zoom call and discussed the scholarship application process. Shortly after, they all applied for the AAA/EHGF and California Air Museum scholarships with the help of their parents and program mentors.

Emilio Martinez, our most recent Ray Scholarship recipient, has been nailing his radio communications and is getting the hang of his takeoffs and landings. After completing his presolo quiz, he plans to solo this month!

Adam Kennedy completed his pre-solo quiz and is ready for solo! He has also been working on short cross country practice, and has

gone to KLHM and KEDU in the Cessna 172. Adam will likely be soloing in the month of February!

Amanda Hicks, Claire Nordstrom, Sam Murray, Leilany

Martinez and **Matthew Howell**, are working through their Sporty's courses and will be taking their written tests by the end of February to be eligible for the 2024 Ray Scholarship.

Teddy Reynolds continues to come out to the airport and help with the maintenance as part of the Saturday Build and Maintain program.

TAILWHEEL

After successfully making some awesome crosswind landings at KSAC, **Austin Thomas** earned his tailwheel endorsement!! He is excited to continue flying and start learning the RV-4. Congrats, Austin!!!

Rachel Long applied for the AAA/EGHF instrument scholarship and plans to work on her instrument rating. She will be doing some practice with Tenley, as well as continuing to fly tailwheel!

Nick Theodorovic and **May Conlin** are working on their tailwheel endorsements, including practicing wheel landings and polishing up crosswind landings.

Liam Robinson continues to help out on Saturdays as a mentor for the new young eagles. He will start working on his tailwheel endorsement in February!

COMMERCIAL

Tyler Pierson finished up an intense semester at school. He continues to assist with the Saturday Program while serving as a board member and will start working on his commercial more this winter!

OTHERS (GRADUATES/MENTORS)

Angelina Angrisani completed her FOI and FIA exams, and is now off to CFI Academy with ATP! In a few weeks, we will have a newly minted CFI in town. Wish her the best of luck!

Tyler Stump is at school in San Luis Obispo and **Justin Kaysinger** moved to Tennessee. **Dylan Fricke** has been working a lot lately, as has **ayden Schaufel**. We miss them all very much!

Kyle Rodrigues, is working on building his Piper Cub flew a fantastic dual cross country the other day with Tenley! They flew from KSAC – EDU – O41 – LHM – AUN – PVF – O61 – MCC – SAC on a beautiful Saturday morning. Kyle is excited to fly to some of these airports on his own and then start doing longer cross countries!

Tenley Ong is taking her CFII checkride on 2/5 with the hopes of being able to help people earn their instrument ratings. While flight instructing at Flying Panthers and helping with the young eagles, she has also been writing articles and working on her RV-6 when able. Her most recent passion project has been helping all of the young eagles polish their scholarship applications.

Other Updates

We are currently beginning the planning process for Oshkosh 2024! It will be held from **July 22th – July 28th**. 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 have a spot reserved for the second session of the Young Eagle Air Academy Camp and are still working on selecting a candidate. Applications will soon open for the 2024 Ray Scholarship.

Tenley Ong
Vice President & Flight Instructor

WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson
Webmaster

FLY OUT REPORT

Please see the tentative updated fly-out schedule below and **RSVP** ASAP. If I get no RSVPS, they will be cancelled.

DATE	LOCATION	PLAN
2/10/2024	Columbia (O22)	Breakfast
March 2024	Oceano (L52)	Beach day
March 2024	Auburn (KAUN)	Breakfast
MARCH 2024	Truckee (KTRK)	Ski Day

MARCH 2024	Half Moon Bay (KHAF)	Lunch/Beach Day
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Weather dependent, I'm planning a ski fly out to Truckee when the days get longer in March! We would fly up in the morning, ski in the afternoon, and fly back before dark. I can help coordinate the transportation and can also provide a limited amount of 50% off passes to Palisades Tahoe (a.k.a. Squaw Valley). Please let me know ASAP if you are interested!

If you would like to attend any flyouts (you don't have to own an airplane!) or have any ideas/suggestions, please shoot me a text or email me at tenleyong@yahoo.com. I'll help coordinate planes, pilots, and seats. Stay tuned for more dates and details!

Tenley Ong
Vice President & Flight Instructor

VMC CLUB REPORT

The January VMC Club was a success as we hosted the VMC Club meeting and another airport wide tower/pilot forum.

The next regularly scheduled **VMC club** meeting is **February 17th at 9AM**. The event will be in the KSAC terminal conference room.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Program Coordinator

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS
EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2024

February **Saturday, Feb 10, Fly Out to Columbia.** Details will be provided after you RSVP to Tenley.
Saturday, Feb 17, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.

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