



CHAPTER 25

SACRAMENTO, CA

August 2020 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our August newsletter! How did more than half the year sneak by me again?!

Well, we had our scheduled fly-out to the Chico Air Museum on Saturday, July 11th. It was a good news/bad news event. We had three planes committed, with two more possible. I took the Comanche up to Chico with our VP and YE Coordinator, Esteban Nava, as my copilot and navigator. It was an easy 40-minute flight up the valley to Chico, a quiet little airport north of Sacramento. Unfortunately, no one else showed up.

Chico Air Museum is in a large WWII era hangar at the north end of the field. The Air Museum had the hangar doors wide open and 3 staff members there to greet us. After waiting a short time, we went ahead with the tour. At this point, let me give a huge shout-out to the museum and its staff. Even though it was just Esteban and I, our docent gave us a full tour of the museum and the exhibits. It is amazing how much aviation history the staff has collected, and how well it is presented. In additions to have Stan's donated Culver Cadet, the

museum has a nice assortment of other aircraft and exhibits, including the cockpit of a P-3 Orion, an F-15, and a section dedicated to outer space and the International Space Station, as well as a (robust!) tire from the main landing gear of the space shuttle that went to space. The Army Air Force used Chico as a training base during WWII, and there was a nice assortment of artifacts from that period. A great little museum with much to offer. After the tour, we got a ride to Foodies for a burger, i.e., a grease bomb, before flying home. All in all, a nice trip, although the people at Foodies were real casual about using face coverings. Safety concerns likely held attendance down for this trip, and that's understandable, especially with the uptick in infections this summer. So, we will wait until next year when we (hopefully) have a vaccine and can return to normal and schedule another trip to Chico.

In that vane, I would like to add a short public service announcement here. On the Friday after our fly-out, I started coming down with flu-like symptoms. I was uncomfortable for 3 or 4 days. Since my symptoms were also consistent with the coronavirus, I had a Covid-19 test on Thursday to rule that out. (Took 4 days to get it done!) Fortunately, no one I was in contact with beforehand has become sick. Even though I think it was just a bout with the flu, I am waiting for the test results before I go out in public again. It was a little wake up call. So, like the Sergeant on Hill Street Blues used to say at the end of his briefing, "Hey, let's be careful out there!"

Well, Oshkosh has come and gone, virtually that is. Stan and Bill La Grassa took a couple of planes back to Oshkosh and points in between with 4 Young Eagles the week before Oshkosh. The Young (and Old) Eagles got to visit Arches National Park and the Sonex factory in Oshkosh as well as other venues, and I'm sure had their share of frozen custard at Culvers. Based on the pictures Stan sent back, it looks like everyone had a good time, although I don't think they brought a personal jet back with them from the Sonex factory.

We are continuing with our monthly VMC safety meeting on the third Saturday of the month. We (read Steve Lightstone, our VMC Coordinator and safety expert) are conducting the meetings on Zoom, and it is working out really well. Join us on Saturday, August 15th, at 9 a.m., for our next VMC meeting. You will find that it is a well spent hour-and-a-half. Check out Steve's note in the newsletter for log-in information.



Also, a reminder that VAA 25 will host our annual corn and brats' lunch at the north hangars at KSAC on August 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have the hangar doors open and working hard to keep everyone safe. Feel free to join us!

Finally, just a comment on an interesting email I got from Red Hamilton, our past president. Red got an email from a pilot on the East Coast interested in starting a Vintage chapter in his area. Our East Coast friend contacted the EAA National organization and was referred to our chapter as a model of an active and dynamic chapter. Wow, what a nice compliment, especially coming from the National organization. I can only thank our dedicated group of officers and volunteers for all their hard work!

Well, that's it for another month. And as always, stay safe and keep the greasy side down!

Jim Sobolewski
President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

July fly-in to Chico turned out not to be well attended with only our President Jim flying up with Esteban for the tour of the museum and lunch.

Stan, Bill and 4 Young Eagles flew to the Midwest with stops in Utah, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. Lots of sightseeing and views.



Trip of a lifetime for the four Young Eagles and a great substitute for the Oshkosh cancellation.

Kim Owen was able to get us back into the online roster at the EAA, which will help us determine all active and current members of our chapter.

I will be working with Kim to ensure that the roster is up to date and accurate as possible soon.



Thank you,
Scott Pierson
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of June 30, 2020 **\$ 9,635.09**

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July 2020

Income

Desiree Pierson – donation	\$ 500.00
Brett Robinson – donation	\$ 550.00
Kathy Lester – donation	\$ 500.00
Ray Foundation Final Check	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Total Income \$3,550.00

Expenses

Check 9002 for
Stan's Primary Flight Training \$ 352.00

Total Expense \$ 352.00

Balance as of July 24, 2020 \$12,833.09*

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*Please note that we do not have a separate account for the Ray Foundation funds that can only be used for Flight Training of our Scholarship winner Tyler Pierson. The balance in the Scholarship account is \$8,479.00. The Chapter's regular account balance is \$4,354.09.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO / DGA REPORT

2020 has been an infamous year, especially for aviation. Unfortunately, because of this Oshkosh was not as popular as it was just a year prior. To make up for the lack of an airshow the Young Eagles Vintage Chapter 25 decided to help and keep aviation alive by making a trip that was just as great as Oshkosh. The flight filled, 9-day trip, was packed full of new and invaluable experiences from Sacramento to Wisconsin and back.

The first stop on our journey was Moab, Utah where we soared over the unimaginably massive sandstone valleys. We spent two days exploring Moab and the Arches National Park, where we went on a 3-mile hike peaking at a 30% grade to the world-famous Delicate Arch. The flight out in the morning on our trip from Moab to Custer gave Bill and I real experience at high density altitude take offs.

The second stop was Custer, South Dakota where we experienced landing on a heavily sloped runway. After grabbing fuel, we took off towards Granite falls, Minnesota.



On the way we caught our best tailwind shooting our Piper Cherokee at an impressive 170 mph over the ground (our average was 130 mph over the ground).

When we got to our final destination for the day, we were greeted by one of the airport workers who directed us to the places where we would be staying, and he sorted out the rental car. While Stan, Bill and the other young eagles were tying the planes down Dylan and I loaded the car with all our bags. When we finished the worker invited us on a small preview tour of the WWII Museum that was on the granite falls airport grounds. After talking to the man, we learned that he was Ron Fagen, the owner of the airfield and multiple ethanol fuel plants throughout the nation.

Through his generosity he made it possible for our group to have a private tour of his own WWII museum on our return flight back from Oshkosh.

The next day we set out to Oshkosh where we spent three days exploring the towns of Neenah, Ephraim and of course Oshkosh. In Oshkosh we got to see the Sonex factory and their very ambitious future projects. We saw the new Humvee replacements being rolled off the assembly line. We also got to see into the Kermit Weeks hangar however we were not able to enter it due to covid-19. Oshkosh was very interesting even though there was no airshow the town and surroundings still have a lot to offer.

The Flight back from Oshkosh to Sacramento had the most lessons in it. Bill and I were put to the test when departing Oshkosh to the Fagen museum. We studied the nearby storms, their movement and their ferocity. Luckily the storms were mild and far enough away where they didn't affect us much. Upon landing at Minnesota again, we all had our full tour where we saw amazing warplanes. We saw everything from Gliders to B-25s to P-38s to the actual sand moved from Omaha beach to the museum.

Departing Minnesota, we flew to Custer, South Dakota to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse. Departing Custer, we flew our longest leg which was direct to Logan, Utah which was very scenic. Unfortunately, we had planned for quick fuel up and a steady departure however upon landing at Logan the tire on the Cherokee blew and needed to be replaced. Luckily we had four young eagles ready to work and we hauled the plane over jacked up the wing and got it all fixed up within two hours (most of the time was spent waiting for the new inner tube and tire to arrive). We then departed back to Sacramento with one last fuel stop.

I had a lot of experience flying the Cherokee on this trip in many new scenarios and learned a lot about aircraft planning not only for the plane but for weather. Many of these things I had read about but flying in the valley we don't have a lot of high-density airports or mountainous terrain. There was so much to learn from the trip that it became an invaluable experience and I would like to thank each and every one who made the trip possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hayden Schaufel
Young Eagles Sacramento / DGA

VMC CLUB REPORT

We are looking forward to everyone interesting in learning about flight safety and having a fun aviation-oriented activity joining us for our Zoom meeting on August 15 at 9:00 a.m. The information necessary to attend the next meeting is:

VMC Club 15 August.

Steve Lightstone is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VAA 25 VMC Club

Time: Aug 15, 2020 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88169739465?pwd=L21hVDgzaTVYSjE0a2QxWVhHdmVjQT09>

Meeting ID: 881 6973 9465

Passcode: vaa25

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Steve Lightstone

VMC Club Leader

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Although the pandemic has put a slow down on much of what we knew as "normal", it has not impacted our Ray Scholar. Tyler continues to be passionate and focused on aviation and his training. After passing his written exam he had the sheer joy of taking on a true cross-country flight as he and some of his fellow Young Eagles took a flight to Oshkosh - with many interesting stops along the way. Tyler continues to gobble up every aviation-oriented opportunity sent his way. He was chosen by EAA to submit a video question to the astronauts on the International Space Station - what a thrill to watch NASA TV and see our Ray Scholar posing a question for the astronauts. Tyler has also recently received an invitation to participate in a TedX aviation discussion later this month. We are thrilled to see all the opportunities provided to the Ray Scholars and believe Tyler is a standout!! The following is Tyler's update on his experiences over the past month:

Notes from Tyler:

What an adventure this past month has been! Despite Air Venture being closed, we decided to go ahead and take our own little trip across the US to Oshkosh. Despite many of the businesses and attractions being closed, we were still able to visit many famous landmarks and check out Oshkosh Airport. Since our trip was over one thousand miles long, I was able to obtain plenty of cross-country time. My check-ride in December is approaching a lot faster than I expected, so every hour of practice helps!

Cheers,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

Nothing new to report regarding the website.

Also, nothing new on the RV-4--still awaiting the FAA to come inspect it for the AW certificate. The COVID-19 virus is keeping them away.



I have started a new project--a Wag "Sport Trainer" (a cub clone) pictured on the prior page...probably will take a number of years to complete, but it won't be your Dad's (Grandfather's) Cub when it is done...!

Dave Magaw
Webmaster

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

August	Saturday, Aug 8, Meeting at KSAC for Corn & Brats BBQ (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Saturday, Aug 15, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.).
Sept	Saturday, Sep 19, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.).
October	Saturday, Oct 3, Young Eagles Flights at Little River (KLLR) (8:30 a.m. to Noon) Saturday, Oct 10, Fly-out to Shelter Cove (OQ5) meet at airport (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Saturday, Oct 17, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.). Sunday, Oct 18, Young Eagles Flights at KSAC (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
November	Saturday, Nov 21, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.).
December	Saturday, Dec 12, Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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