



March 2022 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we have a strong start into the year, and ready or not, corned beef, cabbage, green beer, and leprechauns are right around the corner!

As previously reported, our Build and Maintain Program is off the ground and running at full throttle, or more accurately trying to get other aircraft off the ground and running at full throttle. This is all thanks to the efforts of Nick “Multimeter” Leonard and Mark “Hammer Time” Zukowski. Right now, an RV-8A is ready to get back into the air, an RV-12 is nearly there, and C-150 is undergoing an annual with help from the Young Eagles. Oh yeah,

work on a Safari helicopter is also proceeding, with the rotors nearly ready for installation and first engine start hopefully just around the corner. And a tip of the St. Patrick's Day hat also goes out to Steve "You Need to Fly More and Drink More Beer" Lightstone for his work on formalizing the parameters of the Build and Maintain Program. We now have attendance sheets and skills sheets for the Young Eagles to complete when they show up on Saturdays, written guidelines for our program, and plans for a mentor program with Young Eagles who graduate from the program. And finally, a big thank you to Stan "Sparky" Lawrence for the countless hours he spends folded into a C-150 teaching young wannabe aviators how to fly. We have an uber successful program on our hands!

The bugs are also worked out of our flight simulator now. Thanks to generous donations of a computer, flight controls, and Flight Sim software last year from Nick and Mark and the recent donation of a large three screen monitor from Earl "You'd Be Amazed at the List of Planes I Have Flown" Johnson, we now have an amazingly realistic flight simulator for the Young Eagles to "fly" when they're not working on airplanes. Just last Saturday Earl was sitting with Young Eagles at the sim and coaching them through basic flight maneuvers in a C-172. Thank you to everyone for your time and dedication to the VAA 25 Young Eagles program.

And the beat goes on with our VMC safety meetings. We returned to an in-person meeting in February for the first time in ages! Steve led the meeting out of the Hangar 154 at KSAC with a video link for those who could not attend in person. Going forward, we will plan to meet in person, if possible, with a video link for those who can't get out to the airport. VMC safety meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Our next meeting is March 19th. Check your email the week before for updated information.

Now for some big news in the making. EAA Chapter 52 is planning to host a NorCal Regional Ray Scholars Gathering and Fly-In at the Yolo County Airport on Saturday, June 18th. Chapter 52 asked us to co-sponsor the event with them, and we of course agreed. The event is still in the planning stages, but as envisioned it will include invitations to other chapters to fly in, exhibition of show planes, a pancake breakfast, Young Eagle flights, aviation workshops, and lunch so people can fly home on a full stomach. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event!

Well, that's the news for this month. Now that the weather is warming, follow Steve's advice and fly more and drink more beer (I think in that order.) And while you are out there flying, remember to keep the greasy side down. Have a great March.

Jim Sobolewski
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following are the Minutes from the Board meeting on Saturday Feb. 26th:

Young Eagles (YE) Program Build and Maintain (B&M) Policies, Procedures, and Standards were presented, discussed, and ratified.

The B&M Standards for all YEs is now in place, it includes ground training via flight simulator in the hangar and documentation review with YE mentors.

Selected a Young Eagle to attend Air Camp in Oshkosh.

Discussed and narrowed the finalists for submission of the Ray Scholar award. Final decision on which YE will be nominated will be made over the next couple of weeks.

Next board meeting on Thursday March 24th.

YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO REPORT

Hi! Whether it's celebrating the accomplishments of our solo pilots, working on the new [Instagram page](#), or starting the annual on the Cessna 150-150, 3062S, the young eagles of Vintage Chapter 25 in Sacramento have been busy as usual!

Solo Pilot: Lilah Harris!

On January 31, 2022, Lilah Harris completed her first solo at Franklin Field (F72) in the Cessna 150-150! Since then, she has soloed at Davis (KEDU) and Rio Linda (L36)! Congrats Lilah! Next up is the written test and soloing at KSAC!



1. Lilah holding up the back of her shirt in front of Cessna 3062S after the “shirt cutting ceremony” for her first solo on January 31, 2022.



2. Lilah and proud CFI, Stan Lawrence.



3. Stan cutting the back of Lilah's shirt with mom's assistance.



4. View from the wing of Cessna 3062S during one of Lilah's recent flights with Stan.



5. View of Sacramento from the wing of Cessna 3062S during one of Lilah's recent flights with Stan.



6. Lilah's first solo at Franklin Field (F72).



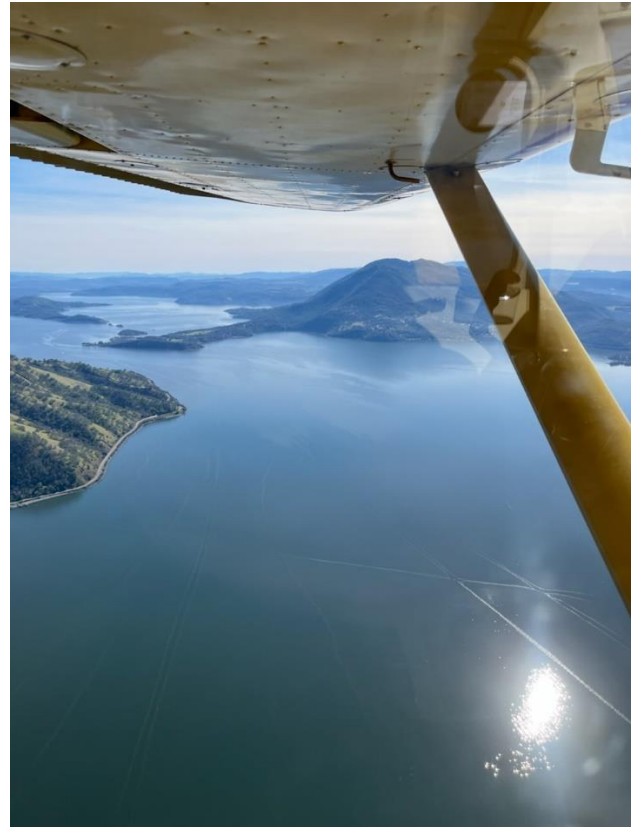
7. Lilah's first solo at Franklin Field (F72).

Solo Cross Country Pilot: Tyler Stump!

On Saturday, February 5, 2022, Tyler Stump successfully flew his long solo cross country from Sacramento to Redding to Lampson Field (and earned a new call sign in the process!) He's going to be studying for his checkride fairly soon here, if not already!



8. Photo from Tyler's Solo Cross Country.



9.. Photo over Clear Lake from Tyler's Solo Cross Country.

This month the young eagles attended the VMC Meeting, hosted by Steve Lightstone, and learned about the new flight simulator (doesn't it look SO COOL?!) Charlie Lightstone, potential Ray Scholar Candidate, did an extensive amount of work setting this system up. During the Saturday sessions, our young eagles will now be able to take turns on the flight simulator and log their progress.



10. Large turn-out at the VMC club meeting. Young eagles are sitting on the couches in the front, soaking it all in.



11. Adam Kennedy, Tyler Pierson, Austin Thomas.



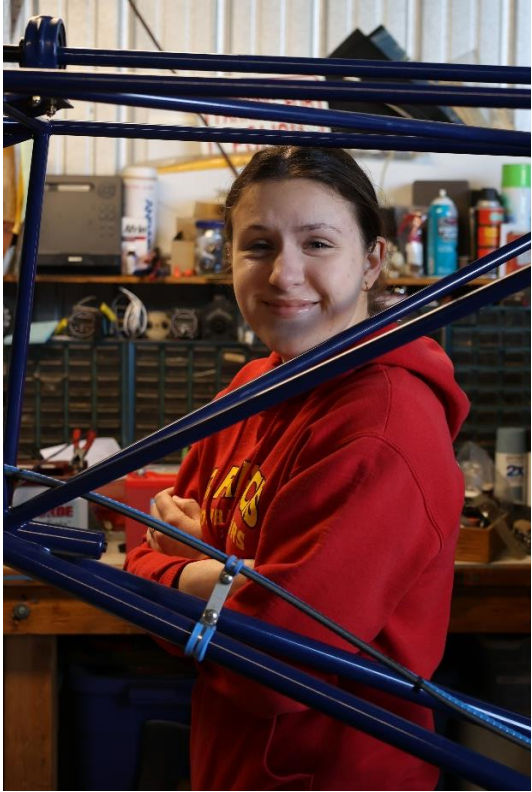
13. From inside the hangar.



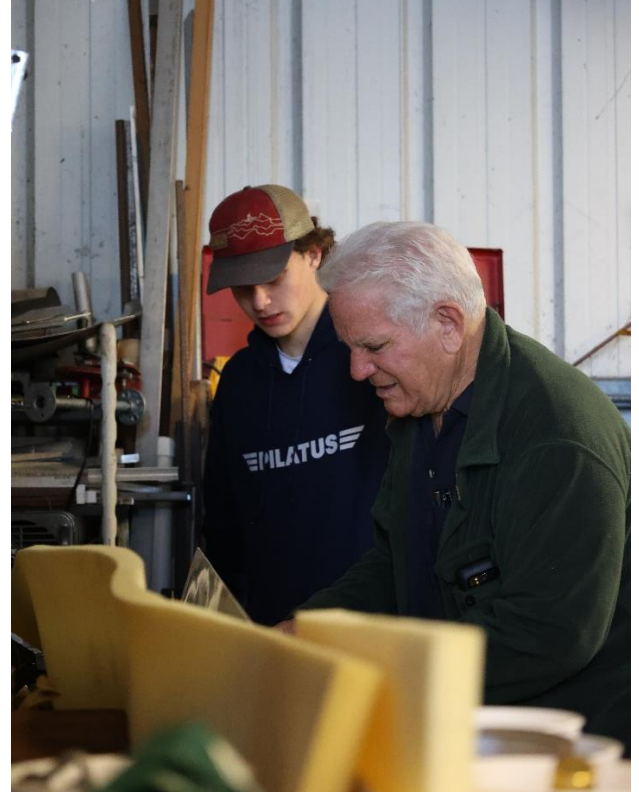
12. Steve Lightstone, presenting the meeting.



14. Tyler Stump, Justin Kaysinger, Trenton Welch, and Liam Robinson.



15. Lilah Harris working on helicopter.



16. Nick Leonard mentoring Liam Robinson on a project.

What else has everyone been up to?

Liam and Justin are working toward their short solo cross countries! Justin hasn't flown much but he helped Charlie Lightstone set up the flight sim and is assisting with the annual on Cessna 3062S.

Dylan Fricke made a sweet video for the IG. Check it out [here](#).

Lilah has been helping Trent, Adam, and Jake with their toolboxes. She also helped with starting the annual on the 150 by changing some spark plugs. The Ray Scholarship candidates are also working through their Sporty's courses in preparation for taking their written test.

Angelina Angrisani took Adam Kennedy on his first young eagle flight. She is also studying for her commercial checkride, which has been moved to April.

Tyler Pierson and Tenley Ong are also studying for their commercial written.

Tenley bought an RV-6 and is currently restoring it with the gracious help of many friends around the airport. She hopes to fly it to Oshkosh this year!



17. Tyler Stump working on the RV-12.



18. Jake Lavery working on the helicopter.



19. Angelina Angrisani training for her commercial with Stan Lawrence.



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21. *Tenley Ong and her new baby, her own RV-6.*

Other Updates

The rooms have been booked for Oshkosh 2022! We will be taking 2-4 young eagles, depending on a variety of factors.

Also, we have some new young eagle candidates for both the Ray Scholarship as well as the Build and Maintain Program! Currently, Austin Thomas, Trenton Welch, Jake Lavery, Charlie Lightstone, and Adam Kennedy submitted applications. They have all been on an introductory flight and participated in the Saturday maintenance sessions. Stay tuned for updates next month!

Upcoming events:

Oshkosh and Air Camp: As announced previously we have a Young Eagle Air Academy Camp spot reserved for the Advanced first session from **July 19th-27th, 2022**. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh will be held from **July 25th-31st, 2022**. The person selected to attend the Young Eagle Air Academy Camp will be announced soon!

Fly Outs! On Saturday, March 12, we will be doing a fly out to the Chico Air Museum and Lampson Field at Clear Lake. If you are interested in attending this one in March, please email Tenley Ong at tenleyong@yahoo.com. As details are finalized, those that sign up will receive detailed information about times and where the group will fly for lunch.

Other fly-outs will likely include Redding, Oceano, Yolo, Shelter Cove, and Mendocino! Schedule to be released soon.

In Conclusion

Lots going on, it's almost difficult to keep track of it all! Stay tuned for more updates!

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley Ong
Young Eagles Representative

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Ray Scholars continue to progress in their flight training while spending time learning about other aspects of aviation. Coming off of the holiday break, illnesses, sports seasons, plane annuals and prepping college applications – our Ray Scholars have a lot on their plates. However, their passion for aviation continues to shine brightly as they complete cross-country flights, study for upcoming check rides and work on various aircraft. I anticipate our Ray Scholars will be buckling down and spending most of their time preparing for their check rides in the near future!

Here's a quick soundbite from our Ray Scholars:

This month was tons of fun. I was able to complete my long distance solo cross country. I flew to Redding (KRDD), then to Lampson Field (1O2), and back to Executive (KSAC). It was a beautiful day with clear skies, and it was amazing to get the chance to fly over Clear Lake. I also got to be part of doing the Annual on the Cessna 150/150. I changed out the brake pads, cleaned spark plugs, and did a compression check. I began the program not having any idea of what a spark plug even was and now I am

comfortable doing a compression check or cleaning the spark plugs by myself. I am very grateful for all that I have learned and my amazing instructors who have taught me. - Tyler Stump

This last month I did two cross-country flights, and we flew to Auburn for lunch! There were about 100 planes parked there and a few Para copters as well. I also worked on the landing gear lines on the Comanche. Recently I've begun studying for the private pilot oral exam that I'll be taking the next few months! - Justin Kaysinger

In the last month I've advanced quickly in my aviation. I soloed twice in less than 24 hours a few weeks ago! One at Franklin (F72) and the other at Davis (KEDU). I helped Tenley start the Instagram page for VAA chapter 25. I've also been helping around the hangars teaching the newer young eagles how to rivet and dimple properly. I also began working on attaching the main rotor blades to the Safari 400 helicopter! - Liam Robinson

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

VMC CLUB REPORT

Fellow Aviators,

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Video link for those that can't make the in-person meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461746782?pwd=M2tkUzBzdkFIS3NLV3lXRGU4RkVwZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 6174 6782

Passcode: vaa25

The meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9AM as follows:

Mar 19, 2022 09:00 AM

Apr 16, 2022 09:00 AM

May 21, 2022 09:00 AM

Jun 18, 2022 09:00 AM

Jul 16, 2022 09:00 AM

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 a calendar reminder each month close to the meeting date.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Club Leader

WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Dave Magaw
Webmaster

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

There is an opportunity to fly into the Las Trancas (17CL) Private Airport on the coast north of Watsonville.

The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) signed an agreement with the lumber company to keep their private airport open. You need to go to their website (theraf.org) to get a pilot briefing and sign the liability wavier. I

have been a member of the RAF for at least 10 years, and they are a great organization.



The airport is 25 nm on a heading of 282 from KWVI.

The strip can have a lot of wind shear and rotor on short final when the wind is blowing. I landed on RWY 32 and from the white cones marking the start of the strip to the building is 825 feet. There is approximately 300 feet more if you need it.

If you want to see a landing at Las Trancas, you can watch a video of my landing on “Jim’s Husky Flying” YouTube Channel. The video name is “Rancho Murieta to Las Trancas.”

The thing that I didn’t do well was hold a lot of forward stick after touchdown, so the bump about mid strip bounced me into the air. After that the bounce you can see me really put in forward stick. I did a wheel landing, because it works best in the Husky and I wanted to be able to see the curve in the strip.

The day before my flight to 17CL, I went into KCPU for gas with a passenger and easily stopped in 700 feet. The combination of the uneven gravel surface and mid field bump added 125 feet to my landing.

The day I flew in there were 10 airplanes and 20 pilots there for an impromptu BBQ held by the RAF. Several pilots from KWVI drove in. One of the pilots, who flies an RV-7A from KWVI, had flown with Tim and Stan in RV air show group. I asked him about flying his 7A in and he said the strip was a little rough for the RV-7A nose wheel structure.

It is a beautiful place to land, and the RAF even has a BBQ available for pilots who want to cook something while there.

Jim Jordan
Newsletter Editor

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2022

March	Saturday, Mar 12 , Fly out to Chico Air Museum. See Details in YE Report. Saturday, Mar 19 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
April	Saturday, Apr 16 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
May	Saturday, May 21 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report. Sunday, TBD , 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
June	Saturday, Jun 18 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
July	Saturday, Jul 16 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report. TBD , Stan, Chapter Leaders, and Young Eagles depart for Oshkosh and AirVenture. Monday, Jul 25 to Sunday, Jul 31 , AirVenture
August	Saturday, Aug TBD , Meeting at KSAC for Corn & Brats BBQ (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Saturday, Aug 20 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
September	Saturday, Sep 17 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
October	Saturday, Oct 15 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report. Sunday, TBD , 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
November	Saturday, Nov 19 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
December	Saturday, Dec 10 , Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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