



CHAPTER 25

SACRAMENTO, CA

January 2021 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it looks like 2020, with all its challenge, is finally in our rear-view mirror, and 2021, with all its promise, is in our windscreen.

While we couldn't accomplish all our plans for 2020, we were still very successful. This past year saw us receiving our Gold Chapter designation, expanding our membership, and being awarded a \$10,000 Ray Scholarship for Young Eagle flight training. We also got our VMC Club up and off the ground (pun intended!), expanded our Young Eagle Build, Maintain and Fly program on Saturdays, and trained our first Young Eagle from novice to private pilot! See Stan's report on this accomplishment. Not too shabby for a pandemic year.

So, what's on tap for 2021? Well, if the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we can make all the plans in the world, but we may not be able to carry them out! Our annual December Membership meeting is an example of that. We originally scheduled it when the restaurants were open, but then had to move it to a hangar when the restaurants closed. However, even this plan hit a big

downdraft when the COVID-19 infection rates spiked, and the weather turned nasty. But this is the new normal, so we need to be flexible as we plan for 2021.

So, what are our plans? As reported elsewhere, Stan and our VAA 25 Tech Counselors Nick Leonard and Mark Zukowski will continue to work with the Young Eagles on our Saturday Build, Maintain and Fly program. (The maintaining includes working on the go kart at the hangar!) And Steve Lightstone will continue his excellent work on Zoom with our monthly VMC Club meetings. If you haven't signed in on the third Saturday of the month, you are missing some valuable information and discussions! Our next meeting is January 16th at 9 a.m. Look for the reminder email that Jim Jordan sends out. Kim Owens is continuing to work on another Ray Scholar Foundation grant, Stan is teaching our next Ray Scholar to fly, and our Secretary, Scott Pierson, is looking to put together a flight simulator for the Young (and Old) Eagles to use at the hangar! Right now, we are in a wait-and-see mode about scheduling our Annual Membership meeting, but we will! And when the vaccines get out and we can get open once more, we will begin scheduling Young Eagle flights and fly-outs.

One more thing while I think of it. This is membership renewal time. So, if you haven't already done so, please renew your membership by sending our Treasurer, Stan Lawrence, a check for \$20. And if you want to throw in a small donation as well, we will graciously accept it.

Well, that's it for now. And as always, stay safe out there, and keep the greasy side down.

Jim Sobolewski
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Enrollment/renewals have been coming in and we have about 60% of the membership renewed for 2021

We have had 20 new members join in 2020

Our chapter PayPal account has been setup and is ready for use and will be on the chapter website soon

Scott Pierson completed the 6 course webinars for Chapter Leadership Training which gives the Vintage Chapter a point towards maintaining our gold standard with the EAA

If you haven't renewed yet with the EAA please do soon so. The renewal application form is included with the Newsletter email.

Thank you,

Scott Pierson
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of November 22, 2020 **\$ 18,884.60**

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December 2020

Income

12/12/20	PayPal Direct Deposit	\$	0.23
12/12/20	PayPal Auto Deposit	\$	0.17
12/18/20	Robert Angrisani Dues & Donation	\$	110.00
12/18/20	Red & Marylin Dues & Donation	\$	100.00
12/18/20	David Robinson Dues & Donation	\$	50.00
12/18/20	David Supan Dues	\$	20.00
12/18/20	Robert Opdahl Dues	\$	20.00
12/18/20	James Hopelain Dues	\$	20.00
12/27/20	Jim Sobolewski Dues & Donation	\$	70.00
12/27/20	Bruce Walters Dues & Donation	\$	60.00
Total Income		\$	450.40

Expenses

12/10/20	Check #9007 Stan Lawrence	\$	218.00
12/10/20	Check #9008 Stan Lawrence	\$	1,475.00
12/24/20	Check #2031 Chapter Renewal	\$	683.00
Total Expense		\$	2,376.00

Balance as of December 24, 2020 **\$ 16,959.00**

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Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO / DGA REPORT

I thought I would start with a pictorial report of Tyler's check ride. The highlight of our Young Eagle program for December and the January Newsletter! See below:



The DFE Oren Breedlove with Student Pilot and Ray Foundation Scholarship Recipient Tyler Pierson. Doing a preflight walk around shortly after successfully completing the Oral Portion of his "Check Ride".



🍌🍌 New Private Pilot Tyler Pierson with Designated Flight Examiner Oren Breedlove shortly after deplaning after Tyler’s successful “Check Ride” 🍌🍌! Please note the confident stance for the photograph!



From left to right: Dad, Scott Pierson, Mr. Breedlove DFE, Tyler PP and his proud mom Desiree Pierson.



Left to Right: PP Hayden Schaufel, Young Eagle 🦅, protégée and mentor for Tyler having previously received his Private Pilot “check ride” from DPE Mr. Breedlove, and newly minted PP Tyler Pierson. Culminating a happy and very successful check ride day. Tyler was in the words of Mr. Breedlove during his debrief with his instructor “a very fine Pilot doing well on his oral and doing a by the book perfect soft field landing. Please congratulate Tyler on his excellent check ride and for all his hard work to achieve his goal.

Because of Tyler’s hard work and donations of aircraft by Joe Marquering. Donation of insurance premium and time given by Kim Owen, Nick Leonard, Mark Zukowski, Esteban Nava and others. Tyler was able to acquire his Private while using only 1/2 the \$10,000.00 provided by the Ray Foundation scholarship funds. He in fact has \$964.00 remaining which he is planning to use for his tail wheel endorsement. He has also been studying for his Commercial Written Exam and will continue his training to acquire his commercial rating hopefully in 2021.

Dylan Fricke was accepted by Ray Scholarship Foundation to receive the remaining funds in our bank account. Dylan has completed his solo's Phase I of his training and is in Phase II which includes, normal full flap landings, short field, soft field and crosswind landing training. He is also studying diligently for his PPL written test which is required before he can advance to Phase III. More funds can then be released to continue flight training after passage of the written test. After passing his written he is also eligible to apply for his free LightSpeed headset from EAA & LightSpeed.

Our Saturday Young Eagle 🦅 Build, Maintain, and fly program has been continuing during this pandemic period on a voluntary basis and is being well attended. Currently we have Hayden Schaufel, Tyler Pierson, Dylan Fricke, Liam Robinson, and Tyler Stump. New to our program is Angelina Angrisani who is currently preparing for her PPL check ride. Also, we have an Eagle 🦅 participant Tenley Ong 21 years old, a college graduate of Oregon State University, who is enthusiastically participating. Most are attending every Saturday from 9:00am through 3:00pm. It is a great program! All the participants are outstanding young people, and we are all extremely proud of them and our dedicated team.

We are adding a couple more items to check the boxes that help secure our Gold Chapter Status and helps us to hopefully secure another Ray Foundation Scholarship. We are planning on adding a Flight Simulator to our hangar151, for computer-based flight training. We are also considering adding a Radio-controlled Model Airplane program as well. Currently we have secured a computer from Scott Pierson along with the program. I have a 36-inch Flat screen TV to donate. We will need to purchase flight simulator controls if none are donated. Also, looking for modeling donations from the membership. If you have the ability and want to help, we need volunteers for both these projects. Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Valley Young Eagle Coordinator

VMC CLUB REPORT

We had a smaller group at the December meeting, but everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to learn and share their experiences. The next VMC Club meeting will be held by Zoom on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. The invitation for the meeting, which will be sent in early January, will provide the required Zoom information for the meeting.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Club Leader

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Well, we knew this time would come. We are thrilled to report that we have witnessed the successful journey to Private Pilot of our first Ray Scholarship recipient. I think Tyler says it best... so I'll let his words below describe this incredible event. Further, Tyler will be pursuing additional certificates (hey tail wheel, etc.) with Stan as he continues his joy of flight.

We have also started working with our second awardee of the year - Dylan Fricke. Dylan has begun the formal training for his Private Pilot certificate, as a Ray Scholar, in earnest. He has also shared his thoughts on his initial flight training as a scholar! We are excited to have Dylan on board and look forward to following his flight training!

Wishing all a very happy New Year - and hoping 2021 brings us all together in absence of the pandemic!

Tyler's Musings:

Well, I did it! It's been over a year and a half of hard work and studying, but I finally did it. I can now confidently say that I'm finally a pilot. It feels like time flew by, but reflecting on it now, there was much along the way. How could I forget the rigors of studying for my knowledge test or the wonderful flight training with Stan? It was a long year indeed but despite the challenges presented to us, I was able to push through and finish my work. The excitement and relief I feel is immeasurable!

But this wasn't just all me doing this, for sure it wasn't. Along the way, I was able to work with many amazing people who reassured me of my success. Stan, the most amazing flight instructor in the world, taught me from the

ground up how to truly fly a plane to the best of my ability. Hayden, a great friend who was showing me every step of the way what I needed to know and how to succeed. My parents, of course, were the main people always supporting me and cheering me on, even on days I was feeling down. Nick and Mark, who also taught me that the mechanical portions of a plane and hangar work are just as important as the flying. And finally, all of you with Vintage Chapter 25. Those of you who were there every day, and those of you who popped in everyone once and a while to say hello. You guys always put a smile on my face and made the worst of days feel like the best. Thank you all for being there with me every step of the way.

Tyler P.

Dylan's Musings:

Over the last months I have learned so much and have conquered so many things. For example, I finished all my solos, and I did my practice cross-country. It was a fun time and a great experience. Finishing my solos was so amazing because I have accomplished that part of my training. It also makes me feel like I'm so close to getting my license. Now some projects we have been working on have been the nose rudder on the RV-12 which has been so fun and an amazing experience because I have been learning how to work on the airplane and see how the parts make the airplane work. My main goal right now is to study for my written test coming up, so I can pass and keep my adventure for my license alive.

Dylan F.

Respectfully,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

Nothing new on the website currently. We are working on adding a "PayPal" link to the website, so Members could easily pay their dues or make donations.

Dave Magaw
Webmaster

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

January **Saturday, Jan 16, 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 January.**

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