



# CHAPTER 25

SACRAMENTO, CA

## March 2021 Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we are cruising through the winter months with ease this year. The weather has been great, the daffodils are blooming, the fruit trees are beginning to bud out, and the COVID-19 vaccine is finally getting distributed. (Yeah, I got my first shot.) No complaints here! And things are moving along well at VAA 25.

Speaking of VAA 25, two great bits of news with our Young Eagles program. First, we have our flight simulator up and running, or better yet, off the ground! A big thanks to our Secretary, Scott Pierson, for donating a computer, monitor, and Flight Sim software, and Mark "Torque" Zukowski for donating the great set of flight controls. A heartfelt thanks to both of Scott and Mark for their generosity! So now, in addition to flying with Stan on Saturdays, our Young Eagles can do some hangar flying as well. The software lets you abandon the standard Cessna 150 (no offense to a plane that taught a lot of us to fly), and choose whatever aircraft you want, from a Piper Cub to a DC-3 and more. When the kids get off the computer, I will have to try my hand at a P-51 Mustang. Why not?! We also have a hot spot set up at the hangar, so we can access FAA

ground school and test information. What a great asset for our Young Eagles program!

The other news is our Young Eagles program is bursting at the seams. It seems we now have more teens wanting to be in our program than we have space. Victims of our own success! As our Young Eagles progress through the program, we will open it up to other worthy candidates. In the meantime, Stan Lawrence continues to fly with our present Young Eagles, Nick Leonard and Mark continue to school the Young Eagles in different aspects of aircraft maintenance, and Hayden Schaufel, a graduate of our Young Eagles program and recent private pilot, works with the Young Eagles on their ground school. It is great to have such dedicated help!

For the rest of our members, our VMC Club meetings (third Saturday of each month) continue to have a great turnout with our VMC Safety Coordinator, Steve Lightstone, guiding us along on some challenging scenarios. Next scheduled meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> – don't miss it!

Finally, just a gentle reminder, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2021, now is a great time to do it! Just send our Treasurer, Stan Lawrence, a check for \$20. Don't worry, he won't spend it on beer!

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

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Enrollment to the local chapter continues to grow as we now have 58 members with 25 new ones for the 20/21 year!

Our Young Eagle Dylan Fricke performed his solo and Cross-Country over the past month and is well on his way to taking his exam and FAA check-ride. We have a new Young Eagle in the nest, his name is Justin Kaysinger and had never been in a plane of any kind before. So, his very first ride in an airplane was with Stan in the RV and Justin loved it!! 😊



Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

## **YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO / DGA REPORT**

Our Young Eagle Build, Maintain, and Fly program continues to move forward. We've grown by one new Young Eagle, Justin Kaysinger 15 years old. He currently has about 1.5 hrs. of flight time.

Dylan Fricke our Second Ray Foundation scholar is currently entering phase 3 of his flight training. He's completed his dual cross country and night cross country. His dual cross country was completed in marginal weather conditions and proved to be very educational in regard to weather and decision making. The flight originated in KSAC then to Chico (KCIC). We had intended to fly next to Santa Rosa Charles M Schultz Airport (KSTS) but the passage through the Coast Range had mountain obscurement. Dylan then decided to deviate to the Nut Tree Airport (KVCB), where we decided to fuel up because of the excellent price of \$3.55. From the Nut Tree we finished up back to KSAC and put our faithful Cessna 150/150 N3062S back in her hangar to fly another day.



**Dylan Fricke approaching the KCIC airport with a broken ceiling of 6,000 feet and much more than 10 miles visibility.**



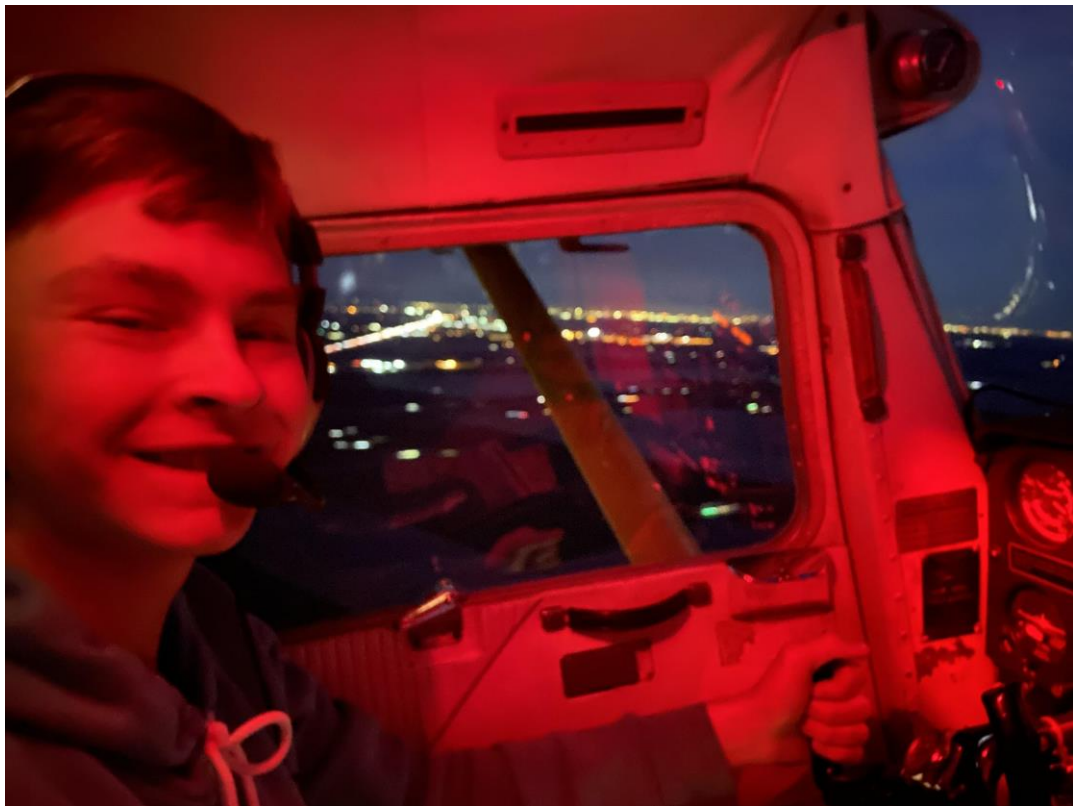
**Dylan listening intently to Chico tower control clearing him to land!**

Two weeks after his Dual Cross Country, Monday, 02/22/21, Dylan planned for his Night Cross Country. The requirement is that the airport be 50 plus nautical miles from the home base airport. Dylan planned his flight from the Nut Tree Airport because he lives in Vacaville, CA. Flying from KVCB to the Modesto City Airport (KMOD) and back via Lodi Airport (103) and Sacramento Executive (KSAC). He made two landings at Modesto, one landing at Lodi, five landings at KSAC and two night landings KVCB fulfilling his 10 night landing requirement. He also tracked to the Linden Vortac while wearing his Foggles. He acquired a total of thirty minutes of hood time plus, 2 hours and 40 minutes of his night flight requirement of 3 hours. Dylan is doing an excellent job with the mechanics of flight and navigation but struggles with the regulatory items, weather, airspace etc. required for the written. He is being tutored by his fellow Eagles, who have acquired their Private Pilot certificates Hayden Schaufel, Tyler Pierson and Angelina Angrisani.

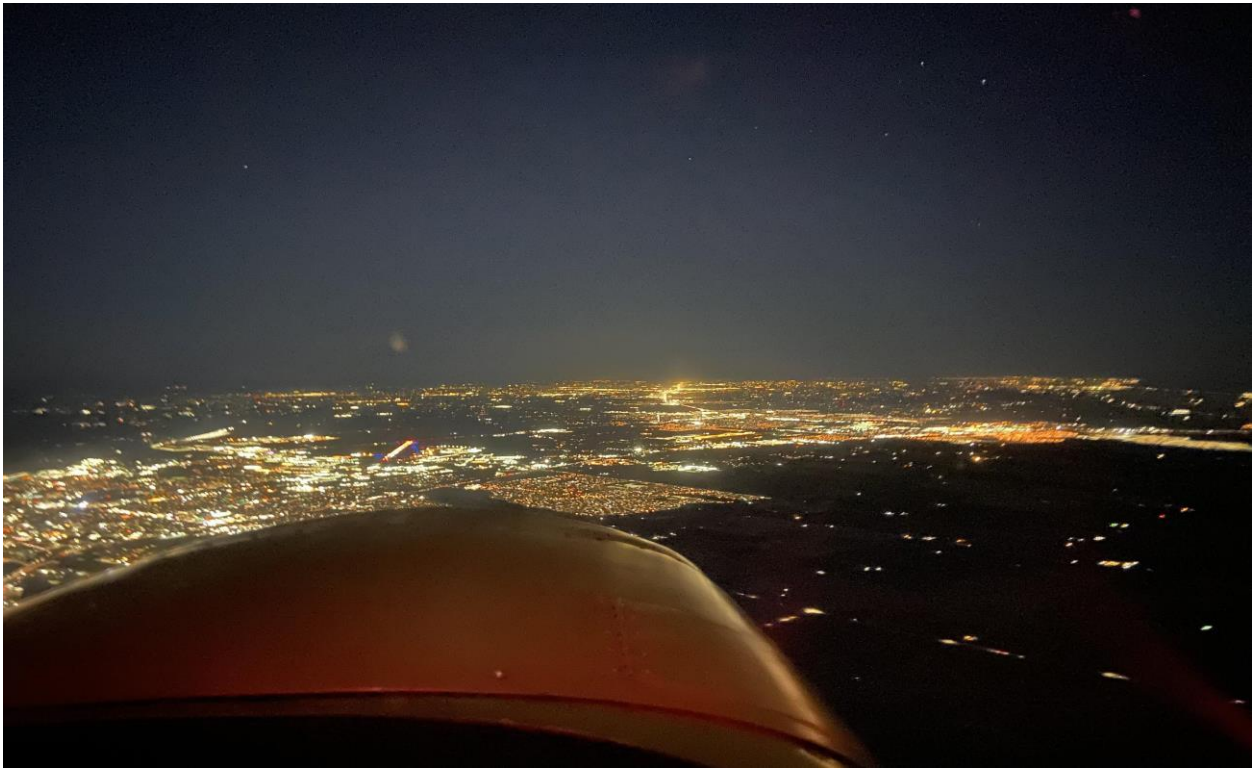




**Before takeoff for Dylan's night cross country.**



**Climbing on course from the Nut Tree airport!**



**The Stockton Airport from 5,500 feet and ten miles.**



**Tracking the Linden Vortac goggles on simulated instrument conditions on a spectacular night for flight with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  moon!**





**On short final to runway 20 Sacramento Executive Airport. He is appropriately high on the glide path and perfectly lined up. Looking good Dylan!**



**On the approach to the Nut Tree Airport runway 02. Lined up and appropriately high on the glide path.**





**The end of a good flight where Dylan demonstrated his excellent flying skills. Good work Dylan. Keep working and studying to be the best you can, and you will succeed.**

Angelina Angrisani was scheduled for her Check Ride Monday 02/22/21 at 7:00am but the DPE canceled suddenly for personal reasons the day before. She is a recent addition to our group and is doing great.

Tyler Stump, Liam Robinson, and Tenley Ong are nearly ready to do their solos. They are absolutely fabulous recruits to our program. Hayden Schaufel and Tyler Pierson have their Private Certificates and are both working on their Tailwheel Endorsements. They have given tirelessly to helping the others achieve their goals. Tyler also applied to try for an AOPA scholarship to help pay for his instrument ticket. Hayden is a recent graduate of the Sacramento Police Academy where he excelled. He is working as a community investigator.

The latest addition and for the moment the last that we can safely accommodate to our program is Justin Kaysinger.

I'm very proud of our program that Nick Leonard, Mark Zukowski, Esteban Nava, Jim Sobolewski, and the current lynchpin to our program Kim Owen have accomplished. They have given of their time and money to give life to our Young

Eagle 🦅 Build, Maintain and Fly crew. Without question our country is going to be in good hands if our group of Young Eagles is representative of young people generally.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence,  
Treasurer and Young Eagle Coordinator Valley

## **VMC CLUB REPORT**

Fellow Aviators here is the ZOOM link for the VMC Club meetings thru the summer. There has been some confusion with google trying to hijack the meeting. This link will remain the same for the foreseeable future. Thanks. See you on the third Saturday of each month..

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150924002?pwd=dk9nV0tTQjZSaldpaElKNGEwS2pHUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 5092 4002

Passcode: vaa25

Topic: vmc club

Time: February 20, 2021 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Sat, until Jun 19, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)

Mar 20, 2021 09:00 AM

Apr 17, 2021 09:00 AM

May 15, 2021 09:00 AM

Jun 19, 2021 09:00 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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Steve Lightstone  
VMC Club Leader

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Well as the country continues to deal with the pandemic Stan has been busy training our latest Ray Scholar Dylan. They have managed to spend some time flying and training as Dylan's works on obtaining the skills necessary for his private check ride.

Otherwise, we are still awaiting any word from Oshkosh regarding the status of our application for a 2021 Scholarship. I am hopeful we will be sharing some good news by next month's newsletter.

Musings from our Ray Scholar, Dylan:

*This month has been full of cool crazy, fun jobs and adventures. The adventures and the jobs have been so fun and have helped me learn new techniques, which is always good. Some adventures I have been on recently include my cross-country flight to Chico. That was so fun and very long, but it was cool seeing my surroundings and the many towns that were on my way to Chico. Some jobs that we have been working on at the airport have been the Yak which is so confusing because there are so many bolts and leave you no room to reach in, so you must find someone with small hands that can reach those areas. These are some of the new things that have happened recently.*

Respectfully,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator



## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

I haven't done a single thing to the website this last month other than add the last newsletter. On the other hand, I have been working a lot on my RV4, given the arrival of some parts I had been waiting several months for (Andair duplex fuel valve). And it is nearly ready (again) to make its first flight--perhaps in the next week or two... It was ready the first-time last October, but I could not make the Rotec TBI work properly. It would not deliver enough fuel at full throttle and the engine would die--not a good thing when flying. So, I changed to SDS electronic fuel injection and ignition (with which I have experience), hence the need for the duplex fuel valve, and quite a bit of rewiring and replumbing, etc.

Dave Magaw  
Webmaster

## **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS (Tentative – Subject to Change)**

March	Saturday, Mar 20, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting by Zoom ID# 871 5092 4002 PW vaa25
April	Saturday, Apr 17, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting by Zoom ID# 871 5092 4002 PW vaa25
May	Saturday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting by Zoom ID# 871 5092 4002 PW vaa25
June	Saturday, Jun 19, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting by Zoom ID# 871 5092 4002 PW vaa25
July	Friday, Jul 16, Stan, Chapter Leaders, and Young Eagles depart for Oshkosh and AirVenture Monday, Jul 26 to Sunday, Aug 1, AirVenture
August	Saturday, Aug TBD, Meeting at KSAC for Corn & Brats BBQ (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Saturday, Aug 21, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting
September	Saturday, Sep 18, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting
October	Saturday, Oct 16, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting
November	Saturday, Nov 20, at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting
December	Saturday, Dec 11, Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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