



January 2024 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the Holidays are starting to fade into the New Year. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year – and a safe, active and busy new year at that! Considering what we did last year, that will be a challenge.

Looking back on 2023, we had a busy, active, and if I might brag a little, a highly successful year due to the work of our hard-working members and volunteers. Steve “Mr. F-18 (it has two engines, just like the 737)” Lightstone continued to lead informative and educational VMC club meetings at the airport that were well attended. It is good to have such knowledge on the airport in

someone who is so willing to share his knowledge and expertise. Thank you, Steve.

In addition to educational opportunities on the field, it was a real active year for Young Eagles who wanted to learn to fly and “Older Eagles” who wanted to advance their flying careers. In 2022, both May Conlin and Rachel Long were awarded EAA Scholarships through the Ray Scholar Program. They put their Ray Scholarship funds to good use, and completed and earned their Private Pilot Certificates this past year. Strong work, but that’s not the half of it!

In addition to her private Pilots Certificate, May earned a second scholarship from the EAA and is using it to fund work on her instrument rating, while also flying with Tenley Ong, Sacramento’s newest CFI (more on Tenley later), and working on her Tail Wheel, High Performance, and Technically Advanced Aircraft Endorsements in an RV-14. Did I mention that she will graduate from Saint Frances High School in Spring, and then is heading to Annapolis, yes, the Naval Academy, after graduation?

We also have a future astronaut in our midst! Rachel, our second 2022 Ray Scholar, is now a sophomore at University of California, Davis, studying Aerospace Engineering. That should help her a lot as her long-term goal is to be Astronaut! Rachel earned her Private Pilot Certificate this past July, and then flew with Tyler Pierson in an RV-4 to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2023. And in addition to studying Aerospace Engineering, Rachel has also gone on to earn her Tailwheel, High Performance, and Technically Advanced Aircraft endorsements.

Oh, by the way, Tyler was our first Ray Scholar in 2020 and earned his Private Pilot Certificate that December. Since then, Tyler has also earned his Instrument rating as well as his Tail Wheel, High Performance, and Technically Advanced Aircraft endorsements, all while attending Sacramento City College. Tyler will be transferring to UCD in the Fall, with plans to study Airspace Engineering. Do I

sense a pattern developing here? He is also interested in becoming an astronaut. But before he gets to space, we have him on the Chapter 25 Board and working as our web master.

We also had two young students who were awarded a Ray Scholarship learn to fly in 2023. First up is Austin Thomas. Austin worked hard and earned his Private Pilot Certificate in October of this year, just after his 17th birthday! Austin actually earned his rating in the fewest number of hours of any scholar so far, just 44. It may be that his attendance at the EAA Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh in 2022 helped. Strong work by another Young Eagle! And Tenley is currently working with him to complete his Tailwheel, High Performance and Technically Advanced Aircraft endorsements. Austin is currently looking at attending aeronautically-oriented colleges in North Dakota (too cold), Virginia (too humid), or Southern California. No strong opinions, but I know which direction I would choose!

Our second Ray Scholar for 2023 is Emilio Martinez. Emilio is also being trained by Tenley, a newly-minted CFI. She has him working hard in phase I of his training. Emilio was our Air Academy attendee for 2023, and flew with Tenley to Oshkosh in Stan “Sparky” Lawrence’s RV-14. Emilio is planning on a career in the U.S. Air Force. That’s where they fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon, a fighter I’m partial to.

Now, time to brag a little on Tenley Ong’s accomplishment. Tenley said it was a challenging year, and thanked Stan for his inspiration, support, and passion for flying that he shared with her. Tenley graduated in just three years from the University of Oregon (2020) with a degree Environmental Studies, but says she was always interested in becoming a pilot. After graduating, she returned to Sacramento and took a (non-flying) job working at REI. Her interest in flying remained, so she reached out to Kim Owen, VAA 25’s champion note taker, meeting scheduler, and Scholarship

Coordinator. Kim told Tenley to contact Stan for guidance on how to proceed. Tenley then started flying with Stan at the end of 2020 (a challenging time with the start of Covid) in his RV-14 and earned her Private Pilot Certificate in January 2022. After that, she joined Chapter 25's Board as the Young Eagle's Board Representative while continuing to work on additional ratings. In March 2023, Tenley completed her Commercial Rating training with Stan and earned her Certificate. She then applied for and won a \$10,000 scholarship(!) provided by the Auburn Aviation Association and the Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation, which she used to begin her training at Sunshine Aviation, and earned her Instrument Rating in 2023. Not done yet, she went on to earn her multi-engine rating on her way to Oshkosh this past July. Then, while both studying and working full time at Axis Jet, she passed all her written exams (scoring in the high 90's) and earned her CFI in October 2023. Super work, Tenley! She is now building on her 500 plus hours of flight time and instructing others to fly. I have no doubt that the "Bigs" will swoop her up as a First Officer as soon as they are able to! Until they do, she has agreed to be our Chapter V.P. Thank you, T, and I hope we didn't put too much on your plate.

And while we're talking about flying, we also need to mention Adam Kennedy who is working toward his Private Pilots Certificate. Tenley is flying with him in a Cessna 172 at KMCC Flying Panthers, while he attends college at Sacramento City College as well as the Chapter's Saturday Build and Maintain Program. He has been excelling in his flight training and will soon solo.

Finally, Angelina Angrisani, while not a Ray Scholar, has been attending ATP Flight School at KSAC. She earned her instrument rating in October 2023, and hopefully will have earned her Commercial Certificate by the end of December. By the way, Angelina is planning to attend CFI Bootcamp in February 2024. We are wearing out the FAA-designated Examiners!

As for other 2023 Chapter accomplishment, the pilots in and around Sacramento, in conjunction with their compadres at Yolo Airport, carried off another overwhelming successful Young Eagle's Rally and Flight Festival in May in Yolo. Nearly 70 future young pilots were introduced to aviation with a flight "around the patch." We had another Young Eagle's event scheduled in October, but unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate so it had to be cancelled after two attempts.

And, as usual, Stan and Nick Leonard ("but sparks don't fly when I work on things!") made it back to Oshkosh in July to introduce two future aviators to experience the sights, sounds, and excitement of AirVenture 2023! As noted later in this missive, they plan to do it again in 2024.

Finally, we capped off the old year with two big events. First up was our Annual End of the Year Pancake Breakfast and Meeting at the Aviator's Restaurant. Since Mark "Greasy" Zukowski and Nick were retiring as active leaders from the Young Eagle's Saturday Build and Maintain Program, the Chapter gave each of them a leather jacket with their name embroidered on it as a thank you gift. As Nick wasn't at the meeting, his gift was sent home with his lovely wife, Sue. (They will still be out at the airport on Saturdays so you can still bother both of them!)

The Annual Breakfast was followed a week later by a gala VMC Club meeting led by Mr. F-18. Turns out Steve was working for some time behind the scene to set up a meeting with the KSAC tower controllers called "KSAC Pilot/Tower Controller Forum." Steve ended up running the meeting three times with a huge number of people attending and asking questions of KSAC Tower Controllers as well as NORCAL TRACON personnel. And I can't believe the number of people who earned Wings credit by attending the meeting! A huge 'thank you' to Steve for his hard work.

So those are the highlights for 2023. Looking forward to 2024, we have another busy year planned. As before, we will continue with our monthly VMC Club meetings at 9:00 a.m. on the third Saturday

of each month at the Aviator's Restaurant.

Even though Mark and Nick are now semi-retired, the Young Eagle's program will continue, albeit now headquartered at Stan's hangar. The Flight simulator is still up and running from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or so on Saturdays, with help from Earl, in the DGA hangar. Talking to Stan, he has threatened to build a balcony in his hangar for the Flight simulator! We'll see.

Also, tentatively scheduled for May 11th, is our first post-Covid flyout. The flyout is planned for Alta Sierra Airpark, north of Auburn. As noted, the date is tentative, so look to future newsletters for more information.

And, of course, we will have our semiannual Young Eagle's Rally and Flight Festival in May. You can mark your calendar now for May 19th for this event. And the good news is that it will now return to KSAC! That should make it real convenient for all the Sacramento pilots out there to help out!

Going forward, VAA 25 has an Air Academy Camp slot for Session 2 Advanced, and two Ray Scholar slots to fill. We also have six dorm rooms and a vehicle reserved for AirVenture 2014, in case you are interested. Talk with "Sparky," aka Stan, for more info. And if you have an inside track on a 4-place plane, let Stan know about that as well. It will help our Chapter fly two Ray Scholars and Camp Eagles  back to AirVenture 2024 this summer.

And before I close up this newsletter, I would also like to give a shout out and thank you to Kyle Rodrigues and Mark Lewendowski, VAA 25's two newest technical advisors. We will do a feature on them in future newsletters.

So that's it for this month, not so short but real sweet. Hope to see you out there as the weather improves. And, as always, keep the greasy side down, and clean the underside of your plane every now and then.

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. I will be sending out a couple of reminder emails over the next few weeks to those that have yet to renew. The emails will be coming from VAA25secretary@gmail.com so please check your spam folder as well.

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 Nov 30, 2023: \$ 50,758.44

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December 2023

Wells Fargo Savings Account:

Savings Balance as of Nov 30, 2023: \$ 49,184.78

Deposits:

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| 11/30/23 Interest Income | \$ 6.06 |
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| Total Income & Deposits: | \$ 6.06 |
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Withdraws:

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| 12/04/23 Transfer to Checking | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 12/07/23 Reimbursement to Tenley for Gifts purchased | \$ 650.00 |

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| Total Expense & Withdrawals: | \$ 2,150.00 |
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| Savings Balance as of Dec 31, 2023: | \$ 47,040.84 |
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Wells Fargo Checking Account:

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| Checking Balance as of Nov 30, 2023: | \$ 1,573.66 |
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Income & Deposits

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| 12/04/23 Transfer from Savings | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 12/29/23 Pierson Family Dues & Donation | \$ 100.00 |
| 12/29/23 Stan Lawrence Dues & Donation | \$ 130.00 |
| 12/29/23 Mark Zukowski Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Tim Redden Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Jim Jordan Dues & Donation | \$ 50.00 |
| 12/29/23 Steve Lightstone Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Harry Ansorge Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Bob Opdahl Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Mark Lewandowski Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Kim Owen Dues & Donation | \$ 80.00 |
| 12/29/23 Hal Pattenuade Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Tenley Ong Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 Bob Angresani Dues | \$ 20.00 |
| 12/29/23 James & Wendy Nordstrom Dues & Donation | \$ 45.00 |
| 12/29/23 Al Redd Dues & Donation | \$ 25.00 |
| 12/29/23 Ray Scholarship funds for Emilio Martinez | \$ 4,250.00 |

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| Total Income & Deposits: | \$ 6,360.00 |
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Expenses & Withdrawals:

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| 10/30/23 Flying Panthers Adam Kennedy's Instruction | \$ 1,000.00 |
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10/31/23 Tenley Ong Flight Training \$ 1,113.00

Total Expense & Withdrawals: \$ 2,113.00

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

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Balance All Accounts Dec 31, 2023: \$ 52,861.50

Allocation of All Account Balance to Scholarship Accounts:

Balances As of 12/31/23

| <u>Ray Scholar</u> | <u>Scholarship Bal</u> | <u>Savings Less Scholar \$</u> |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Balance All Accounts Dec 31, 2023: | | \$ 52,861.50 |
| Austin Thomas | \$3,197.00 | \$ 49,664.50 |
| Emilio Martinez | \$4,250.00 | \$ 45,414.50 |

Chapter Balance without Scholarship Funds \$ 45,414.50

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy New Year from the Ray Scholars! We have had a busy month as our new CFI, Tenley Ong, has started working with our most recent Ray Scholar, Emilio Martinez. Emilio was awarded our second 2023 Ray Scholarship and will be working on earning his PPL over the next several months.

Further, we have submitted our application to the EAA for another 2 Ray Scholars in 2024. The application window is open and we are seeking qualified candidates that meet our criteria; including being

between 15 and 18 years old and having passed the written exam. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, or if you have a potential candidate who is interested in submitting an application.

Here are a few comments for our current Ray Scholar:

I flew about 5 times with Tenley on Saturdays and weekdays throughout the month. We went through the fundamentals of flight, practiced stalls, both power and shut off, we did some pattern work, and practiced landings most of the time. I got the hang of it already and did my first three landings by myself on Wednesday the 13th. Tenley says I should be ready to do my first solo in mid-January or the beginning of February.

- Emilio

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

YOUNG EAGLES – COAST

No Report this Month.

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Young Eagles – Coast

YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT

The month of December was a slow one for the young eagles as 2023 wraps up and we have started preparing for 2024. However, we do have one big milestone to celebrate...

New Commercial Pilot: Angelina Angrisani!

Angelina Angrisani passed her commercial checkride on December 28, 2023! She started the checkride at 3:00am on December 27 with DPE David Luse at ATP flight school. After passing her oral

exam and analyzing the weather, they chose to discontinue until the following day. On December 28th, she passed her checkride with flying colors! What a great way to end the year, congrats Lina!!



Angelina Angrisani and DPE David Luse shaking hands after Lina passed her Commercial Checkride!



Lina, the ATP Cessna 172, and her new temporary commercial certificate!

PRIVATE

Emilio Martinez, our most recent Ray Scholarship recipient, has been working on takeoffs and landings. He plans to continue working towards soloing in January.

Adam Kennedy, our first-ever EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Scholarship recipient, has been working on takeoffs and landings in the Cessna 172 at KMCC with Flying Panthers. He also plans to continue working towards soloing in January.

Amanda Hicks and **Claire Nordstrom** continue to work on their Sporty's courses and will be taking their written tests by the end of January 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. **Sam Murray** continues to work on his Sporty's course as well, with intention to take his written test and earn his license.

TAILWHEEL

Rachel Long finished up another term at UC Davis and looks forward to flying more in 2024. She will be doing some practice instrument work with Tenley, as well as continuing to fly tailwheel!

Austin Thomas and **May Conlin** are working on their tailwheel endorsements, polishing up their crosswind landings. Austin plans to learn to fly the RV-4 next!

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 January!

Nick Theodorovic, our newest addition to the program, already has his private pilot license and intends to start working on his tailwheel endorsement in January as well.

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! He is also working on getting instrument current with Tenley.

OTHERS (GRADUATES/MENTORS)

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 **Hayden Schaufel**. We miss them all very much!

Kyle Rodrigues, is working on builing his Piper Cub and will start training for his dual and solo cross countries in January!

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 fly-out schedule for 2024 below and **RSVP** to any or all of them ASAP. If I get no RSVPS, they will be cancelled. Due to rain in the forecast, our first fly out to Columbia Airport (O22) has been moved to Saturday, January 20th.

| DATE | LOCATION | PLAN |
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| 1/20/2024 | Columbia (O22) | Breakfast |
| TBD | Oceano (L52) | Beach day |
| FEB 2024 | Auburn (KAUN) | Breakfast |
| MARCH 2024 | Truckee (KTRK) | Ski Day |
| MARCH 2024 | Half Moon Bay (KHAF) | Lunch/Beach day |

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 then 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 December VMC Club was a success as we hosted an airport wide tower/pilot forum. If you missed it, you are in luck.

After the regularly scheduled **January 20th VMC club at 9AM**, we will repeat the tower/pilot forum for those who missed it. Both events will be in the KSAC terminal conference room.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Program Coordinator

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

January **Saturday, Jan 20**, at 9:00 a.m. **VMC Club Meeting**. See **Details in VMC Club Report**.
Saturday, Jan 20, Fly Out to Columbia. Details will be provided after you RSVP to Tenley.

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