



## August 2024 Newsletter

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, hard to believe, but Oshkosh AirVenture 2024 has come and gone! I wasn't there but judging from the pictures and posts on Facebook and elsewhere, it was quite a show. What with the warbirds, military transports and fighters, airshow acts, and, oh yeah, regular planes, it looked like everything was there. And as for VAA 25, 4 planes made it back, including 2 RV's, a Cessna 150 (a lot of cockpit time for them!), and a Cherokee borrowed from Bill La Grassa. Included in the group of 8 going back was, of course, our own Stan Lawrence, Tenley Ong who first soloed in 2021 and is now a CFI/CFII, and Tyler Pierson who in 5 short years has earned his Private, IFR, and Commercial ratings with no end in sight, as well as 3 Young Eagles experiencing Oshkosh for the first time.

As we do (almost) every year following a successful Oshkosh trip, we will celebrate with a brats, corn and beer cook-off later this month. Look for more information in your email for the date and time.

In other news, VAA has received three in-kind donations this year, including an operating forklift, which we put to good use, and a couple of industrial-sized air compressors, which we will put on the market and sell to raise funds to support our Young Eagles programs. If you know anyone who needs an air compressor, have them contact us. And most recently, we received the donation of a tails kit for a Sonex Onex, unassembled of course. So now we have more projects for the Young Eagles to work on during our Saturday Build and Maintain Program. Thank you to all our generous donors and supporters!

Looking forward, our VMC Club meeting will in the KSAC Terminal Conference room on Saturday, August 17. It is an great opportunity to discuss flight safety and have a fun visit with your fellow members.

And farther down the road is our Fall Young Eagles Rally, likely scheduled for October. As always, we will work with our sister EAA Chapter out of Yolo (Chapter 52) and host the Rally out of its facilities at the Yolo County Airport. Look for more information about it in future newsletter as well and expect Stan to start signing up YE Rally pilots in the near future.

One thing you'll notice is that this month's Newsletter is missing a few Reports. The combination of the travels to and from Oshkosh and a flu bug has caused us to skip several Reports this month. We will have a GREAT September Newsletter with all the Reports including the highlights of the Oshkosh trip.

Well, that's it for another month. Hope you are enjoying your summer and the great flying great weather. As always, fly safely,

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Scott Pierson  
Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Welcome to the lazy days of summer! Well... maybe not so lazy for our Ray Scholars. Unfortunately, the flying school we are utilizing is still experiencing issues with their planes, which leaves one of our scholars without current training options. We are hoping to find a solution soon. Our other current Ray Scholar continues to move forward with his training, as time permits. Most notably, our instructors and some lucky Young Eagles, including 2 scholars, got to experience the magical aviation Mecca known as Oshkosh. We firmly believe this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity leads to a true passion for aviation; I know those of us lucky enough to have experienced this trip understand.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that Matthew Howell has earned our second scholarship for 2024. Congratulations Matthew!!! Matthew enjoyed the trip to Oshkosh and will be starting a new program for Ray Scholars. Matthew is part of a beta test that has our Ray Scholars spending their initial time on simulators, working through flight modules. Once they have successfully passed all of the modules the hands-on flight training will begin. The idea behind this beta program is to measure if simulator time shortens the need for “in air” time and ultimately reduces the

overall cost to achieve a PPL. The EAA will be measuring the responses, and we look forward to understanding the outcome of this approach.

Now a word from our scholars...

*For this month, July, I managed to knock out a bunch of stuff. The good news is that our Cessna 150/150 is back up. July 4<sup>th</sup>, I got a refresher after not flying for one and a half months. Turned out ok. July 6<sup>th</sup>, I went through new stuff, that being all emergency procedures, stalls, engine fire simulation, etc. July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, I went on my dual night Cross Country from 9pm to 2am. I also managed to obtain all my instrument hours. I'm expected to fly next on July 17<sup>th</sup>.*

- *Emilio*

*The aircraft is (still) in maintenance. I've heard that the aircraft should be out of maintenance soon (via flight schedule pro)! I'm also excited about flying to Oshkosh very soon!*

- *Adam*

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **YOUNG EAGLES – COAST**

No Report this Month.

Red Hamilton  
Young Eagles – Coast

## **YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Tenley Ong  
Vice President, CFI/CFII

## **FLY OUT REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Tenley Ong  
Vice President, CFI/CFII

## **VMC CLUB REPORT**

The next VMC club meeting will be **August 17th at 9 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the KSAC terminal conference room.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Steve Lightstone  
VMC Program Coordinator

## **WEBMASTER REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson  
Webmaster

## **CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS**

<b>August</b>	<b>Saturday, Aug TBD</b> , Meeting at KSAC for Corn & Brats BBQ (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) <b>Saturday, Aug 17</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 21</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report.

<b>October</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct 19</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report. <b>Sunday, TBD</b> , from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. <b>Flying Young Eagles</b> . Location TBD
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov 16</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 14</b> , Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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