



May 2024 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT! Why do I say that? Well, I got an email from John Oleson, Senior Editor for *Sport Aviation*, yeah, the *Sport Aviation* out of Oshkosh. Didn't know what he wanted, so I dealt with it by ignoring it, my usual modus operandi when I don't want to deal something, and I figure it doesn't really have anything to do with me. Well, John sent a follow-up email asking me to contact him, and when I did, he said he wanted to interview me because I was President of VAA 25. So, with some trepidation, I told him 'Yes,' and immediately asked for input from the other officers on what to talk about. With their help, I made an extensive 'cheat sheet' listing all the accomplishment of VAA 25. When John called for the telephone interview, he said

that our Chapter had been mentioned as a well-established and well-regarded Chapter, which is why he sent the initial email. Excellent news, if I don't say so myself. I spent 15 minutes or so bragging on our accomplishments to him.

All I can say is it's great to have that reputation back at National. And, let me be clear, I take no credit for our reputation. I just consider myself an administrator who handles the necessary paperwork and writes a monthly column for the newsletter. The real heroes are the folks doing the heavy lifting, or as I like to say, the "boots on the ground." My hat's off to Jim "Husky" (no, the plane, not the dog) Jordan, who bugs me every month that I am late with my column, Stan "Sparky" Lawrence, who, with the help of several volunteers, hosts and runs the Build & Maintain Program every Saturday at KSAC as well as keeps our finances in great shape, Kim Owen, our champion Ray Scholar Coordinator and meeting note taker, Esteban Nava, a major force (together with Stan) behind our biannual Young Eagle's Rally, Steve "F-18" Lightstone, our VMC Coordinator and Aviation Safety Guru, and Sue Wiseman, our YE Rally Photographer. Also, a major shout-out to all the helpers who volunteer their time and effort to make our Build & Maintain Program a success, the pilots who donate their time and effort to fly the kids at the YE Rally, and to our many members who support VAA 25 with their dues, donations, and time. We could not do this with our "tribe." And my apologies to anyone I forgot to mention.

And, finally, while I'm on this subject, check out the July issue of *Sport Aviation*. Sam told me that the 70th Anniversary edition will include a feature on EAA chapters and include short features on various chapters, including VAA 25. I sent Sam some pictures of chapter activities, but don't know how much space he will have to include them in the issue. We shall see.

In other news, our big YE Rally is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. We will again be partnering with our sister EAA Chapter 52 and operating out of their facilities at the Yolo County Airport. Plan on flying a simple establish route as at previous Rallies with first flight starting at 9:00 in the morning. The Y.E. Rally should wrap up by 4 p.m. We have 90 enthusiastic and curious Young Eagles looking

forward to their first experience with general aviation, so we are in need of pilots. If you haven't already done so, go to the youngeaglesday.org website and register there to fly if you haven't already done so. Also, please check to see that your youth protection certificate is current. Remember, we can't do these Rallies without pilots like you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Stan Lawrence at (916) 869-8119, Tenley Ong at (916) 899-3183, Esteban Nava at (916) 396-3808, or Scott Pierson at (916) 612-4788. Your participation is much appreciated.

Our monthly **VMC Club meeting**, which was scheduled for Saturday, May 18th **has been cancelled**, because of the YE Rally on Sunday and the setup required for the Rally on Saturday. Also, our **fly-out to Alta Sierra Airpark** has been **rescheduled to Saturday, May 11th**. The Alta Sierra Airpark, is a private airstrip in the Sierra foothills north of Auburn. It a great fly-out with a great BBQ, so put that on your calendar as well. **See Details in Fly Out Report.** There will be a lot of aviating this month!

Well, that's the news for this month. So great to see that Spring has arrived and flying weather is here. So, get out there, and remember, keep the greasy side!

Jim Sobolewski
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Report this Month.

Scott Pierson
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance All Accounts *Mar 29, 2024:* \$ 56,893.15

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April 2024

The 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.

Allocation of All Account Balance to Scholarship Accounts:

<u>Ray Scholar</u>	<u>Scholarship Bal</u>	<u>Savings Less Scholar \$</u>
Balance All Accounts Apr 29, 2024:		\$ 59,270.46
Lima Robinson	(\$1,100.00)	\$ 58,170.46
Emilio Martinez	(\$8,250.00)	\$ 49,920.46
Austin Thomas	\$.00	\$ 49,920.46
Adam Kennedy Rav	(\$6,250.00)	\$ 43,670.46
Chapter Balance without Scholarship Funds		\$ 43,670.46

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

News from our Ray Scholars! Well, as the weather slowly starts to improve, our scholars find themselves facing other challenges; mainly in the form of maintenance issues with the planes they have been flying. So – their flying obstacles continue, but they are pressing on with studying and flying other planes, when available.

If nothing else, these particular Ray Scholars are receiving an extra lesson in patience! A brief note from each scholar...

I haven't flown this last month due to aircraft maintenance. But as always, safety is a priority! I am looking forward for the aircraft to come out of maintenance next month!

- Adam

For this month, April, I accomplished quite a lot. I flew solo for the second time at University Airport, KEDU. After flying constantly with my instructor for two weeks, I flew solo for the third time at Rio Linda Airport. This airport was a bit challenging since it was my first-time landing on a short runway. On Saturdays, I helped clean and had a study session with my chapter. I also flew my first dual cross-country with my other instructor Stan, and learned how to fly in formation since there were other people flying with us. This month was busy.

- Emilio

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

YOUNG EAGLES – COAST

No Report this Month.

Red Hamilton
Young Eagles – Coast

YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT

April was a fantastic month for the young eagles! We got to celebrate some supervised solos, replace the tires on the Cessna 150-150, attend the Oceano Fly Out! The young eagles have been busy at the airport on Saturdays, working on their Sporty's courses, and getting ready to finish up their school years.

Solo Pilot: Emilio Martinez!

Emilio Martinez, our most recent Ray Scholarship recipient, completed his second and third supervised solos at University Airport (KEDU) and Rio Linda Airport (L36)! Afterwards, he intends to work on his instrument rating after completing his private pilot and hopefully join the Air Force!



1. *Emilio Martinez and Stan Lawrence posing in front of the Cessna 150-150 (N3062S) at after Emilio's solo at KEDU.*

Solo Cross Country: Kyle Rodrigues!

Kyle Rodrigues, young eagle mentor, successfully flew his solo cross country on Sunday, April 29th, 2024! He went to Harris Ranch (308), Calaveras (KCPU) and back to KSAC. In addition to working on his private pilot, he is working on building his Piper Cub,

mentoring young eagles, and working on getting solo hours. His checkride is May 15, 2024 with DPE Carol Zerbe at KCPU.



2. Kyle and N3062S at Harris Ranch (308) during his solo cross country!

Air Academy Candidate Selected: Teddy Reynolds!

Teddy Reynolds has been selected as or air academy candidate for the second session of Air Academy in Oshkosh 2024. He has been coming out to the airport for the past 2 years, helping with the

maintenance as part of the Saturday Build and Maintain program. He already has his third class medical and has applied for his student pilot certificate in IACRA. He has completed his Sporty's and is planning to take his written test soon.

PRIVATE

Amanda Hicks, Claire Nordstrom, Sam Murray, Leilany Martinez and **Matthew Howell**, are working through their Sporty's courses and will be racing to take their written tests to be eligible for the 2024 Ray Scholarship.

TAILWHEEL

Austin Thomas earned his tailwheel endorsement in January and this summer he plans to start learning the RV-4. He is also finishing up his senior year of high school.

Nick Theodorovic, May Conlin, and **Liam Robinson** are working on their tailwheel endorsements, including practicing wheel landings and polishing up crosswind landings.

INSTRUMENT

May Conlin has been training for her instrument rating with Tom Jones at Flying Panthers under her EAA scholarship. She will soon be picking up training for it with Tenley Ong in order to knock out her final requirements and PIC Cross-Country hours. When N4962L is back on the schedule, she will be flying often in preparation for her Instrument!

Rachel Long has been attending school at UC Davis, working part time, and plans to work on her instrument rating soon. She is also continuing to stay current and flies as much as she can.

COMMERCIAL

Tyler Pierson has been helping with the Saturday Program while serving as a board member and preparing for his Commercial checkride. Over the next month, he will be studying for the commercial oral and polishing up maneuvers in preparation for his Commercial Checkride on May 22, 2024 with DPE Carol Zerbe.

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!

Angelina Angrisani has been increasing her multiengine time while studying for her Certified Flight Instructor Certificate (CFI). She plans to take her CFI checkride in her own Cessna 170B with DPE Rob Davids at KCPU in June 2024!

Tenley Ong has been flight instructing, helping with the young eagles, she has also been writing articles and working on her RV-6 when able. She currently has five students with upcoming checkrides and has been preparing them the best she can.



3. Lina and Tenley doing the Bay Tour and getting familiar with the Class Bravo!

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!

Tenley Ong
Vice President, CFI & CFII

FLY OUT REPORT

Hangar 32 Potluck and BBQ

On April 13, 2024, Tenley had a potluck and BBQ at her hangar to bring together mentors, friends and families in the aviation community. At least 60 people showed up and brought food and drinks! It's a small world!

Thank you to DGA for lending us the tables, Stan for picking them up, and Kyle for bringing the barbeque and grilling up a storm! Also – thank you to Claire and Zach for helping me set up the tables. And of course, thank you everyone for coming. Hope to do something like this again soon.



4. Young eagles (and Steve McKibben) from the Saturday Build and Maintain Program attended the BBQ on Saturday evening.



5. Everyone gathered just west of the South Hangars!

Successful Fly Out: Oceano (L52!)

The following day, on April 14, 2024, a large group attended the Oceano Fly Out! There were 18 of us who flew down from Sacramento and then 3 friends met us from Southern California. Thank you to Bill Lagrassa for lending his Cherokee to Stan! We were able to fly all of the young eagles who wanted to go!

In attendance were the RV-14, Cessna 170B, Piper Cherokee, three Bonanzas, a Mooney, and a Cessna 182! This may be the largest fly out yet. We ubered to the Pismo Beach Pier and had a wonderful day on the beach. Everyone got to do what they wanted, whether it

was swimming, lunch, surfing, walking around, shopping, or a combination of all of them.



6. Angelina Angrisani, Austin Thomas, Leilany and Emilio Martinez, Steve Devine, Riley, Charlie, Zach Lauzon, Ryan Canepa, Matt Smazenka, Tenley Ong, Stan Lawrence, Adam Kennedy, Lisa Simpson, Claire Nordstrom, Luke Jarrett, Anastasia Heideman, Shawn Britton. Ken and Shari as well (not pictured)



1. .5 selfies with the young eagles at the beach!



2. Austin Thomas and Angelina Angrisani flew Lina's 170B back home.



3. POV of the RV-14 flying formation off the C170B.



4. Ocean views :)



5. All the planes parked on the ramp at Oceano County Airport (L52).



6. Adam Kennedy and Stan Lawrence hanging out on the beach.



7. Shawn Britton and Anastasia Heideman flying the Bonanza. Lisa Simpson is hiding in the back :).



8. Lisa Simpson happily taking a much-needed break at the beach!



9. Angelina and Angrisani and Shawn Britton chatting on the beach.



10. Luke Jarrett adds oil to his turbo Bonanza before heading back to Sacramento.



11. Our friend, Matt Smazenka, flew into KSBP from KLGB in his Mooney and got the crew car for the day!



12. Stan Lawrence and Emilio Martinez insisted on walking from the airport to the pier. 2.8 miles, wow!

Please see the updated fly-out schedule below and **RSVP** ASAP!

DATE	LOCATION	PLAN
May 11, 2024	Alta Sierra	BBQ Lunch
May 26, 2024	Truckee (KTRK)	Ski Day
June 2024	Half Moon Bay (KHAF)	Lunch/Beach Day

May 11: BBQ Fly Out to Alta Sierra (09CL)

Plan on arriving by 11:00 a.m., so you'll be in time for the BBQ graciously hosted by the Alta Sierra folks. Note this is a Private Airport. If you have not flown into 09CL before, you should contact our host Robert (Bob) Opdahl (530) 273-7348 for a briefing.

09CL Info:

Elevation 2280 ft MSL

Runway 01 and 19

Wind permitting land on RWY 01

Landing on RWY 19 PROHIBITED

Takeoff on RWY 19 due to excessive gradient

The neighborhood surrounding the airport is noise sensitive

Arriving fly the recommended Left-Hand Traffic Pattern

Pattern Altitude 3080 ft MSL

May 26: Ski Fly Out to KTRK

On May 26th, I'm planning a ski fly out to Truckee! We will fly up in the morning, ski in the afternoon, and 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 if you are interested!

If you have any questions, please shoot me a text or email me at tenleyong@yahoo.com. I'm working on coordinating planes, pilots, and seats. Stay tuned for more dates and details!

Tenley Ong
Vice President, CFI & CFII

VMC CLUB REPORT

There will be **No** VMC club meeting this month due to the Alta Sierra Fly Out and the Young Eagles Rally the same weekend.

The next VMC club meeting will be **June 15th at 9 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the KSAC terminal conference room.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Program Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson
Webmaster

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2024

May	Saturday, May 11 , Fly out to Alta Sierra. See Details in Fly Out Report. Sunday, May 19 , from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flying Young Eagles - Location KDWA. Sunday, May 26 , from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fly out to KTRK . See Details in Fly Out Report.
June	Saturday, Jun 15 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
July	Saturday, Jul 20 , 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 22 to Sunday, Jul 28 , AirVenture
August	Saturday, Aug TBD , Meeting at KSAC for Corn & Brats BBQ (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Saturday, Aug 17 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
September	Saturday, Sep 21 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
October	Saturday, Oct 19 , 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 . Location TBD
November	Saturday, Nov 16 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
December	Saturday, Dec 14 , Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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