



## March 2025 Newsletter

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, it's been a strong start to 2025, weatherwise, with some rain (and snow in the mountains) and plenty of longer sunny days. Here's hoping we have more of the same through the Spring.

In the meantime, we are starting to make plans for various events for this year. I know that if you go to the Events Calendar of our website (<https://chapters.eaa.org/vin25> or access it through the Find a Chapter link at EAA.org), you'll find a lot of "TBDs" on it. Let me assure you that the Officers and Board Members are working on updating the calendar, but in the meantime let me fill you in with some events and dates for the year.

Of course, we have a weekly Build and Maintain program run out of the Vintage 25 hangar (102) every Saturday starting at 9 a.m. That program is geared toward nurturing the aviation interests of future aviators by teaching them about building, working on, and maintaining GA aircraft. At this time, Kyle Rodriguez, Tenley Ong, and Tyler Pierson have assumed the laboring oar for this program, although you will still see Stan Lawrence out there. And of course, Earl Johnson is also regularly out there guiding future aviators through the basics of flight on our 3-screen flight simulator.

But the B&M Program is only a part of Vintage 25 activities. Next on our Events Calendar is our first big members' event of the year, a Pancake and Hot Chocolate Breakfast. It's presently scheduled for Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Vintage 25 hangar. Look for an email blast and reminder as the date approaches. This event is for members, and soon to be members. So, use this as a gentle reminder to send in your membership renewal if you are still dilly-dallying, and encourage your aviation-minded friends to join as well. It's only \$20, the price of a few Starbucks coffees!

And of course, we have our regular VMC Club meeting on the third Saturday of the month. They are entertaining, educational, and open to all aviation enthusiasts and pilots, members or not. Our next VMC Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. As always, it is held in the second-floor airport terminal meeting room. So be there and broaden your flying knowledge!

On the members' side of the ledger, our Events Calendar says that our club meetings are on the second Saturday of the month. That used to be true, that is until Covid hit! Pre-Covid, we tried to pick a nearby airport for a casual flyout and breakfast and called it a meeting. That was, and is, a good idea, and we are looking to start it up again. And, of course, we will still have our Gala Christmas Breakfast Meeting and officer elections in December.

So, to help you with your planning, here's a tentative schedule of Vintage 25 plans and activities for the year. We will send out email blasts for confirmation and as reminder during the year:

- Build and Maintain Program – Most Saturdays at the hangar
- VMC Club meeting - Third Saturdays in March, April, May & June
- Pancake and Hot Chocolate Breakfast – March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Alta Sierra Flyout (09CL) – May 10
- Young Eagles Spring Rally – May 18 @ Yolo County Airport
- Classic Tail Wheel Fly-in – May 31 @ KMAE Madera (tentative)
- Members' meeting/fly-out – June 14 (TBD)
- Oshkosh Flyout – July 18 to 26
- Members' meeting/fly-out – September 13 (TBD)
- Beer and Brats Fundraiser – September (date to be determined)
- VMC Club meeting – Third Saturdays in Sept., Oct. & Nov.
- Young Eagles Fall Rally – October 12<sup>th</sup> @ Yolo County Airport
- Gala Christmas Breakfast Meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup>

So that's the plan for this year. Mark your calendar and plan to participate. We'd love to see you there!

Well, that's a wrap for this month. Roll your plane out of the hangar on the sunny days and dust those cobwebs off. And when you do that, keep the greasy side down, or throw an occasion loop or two in there!

Jim Sobolewski  
President

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No Report this Month.

Scott Pierson  
Secretary

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **February 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Checking Balance</b>	<b>Savings Balance</b>
<b>1-Feb</b>		<b>Total in Accounts</b>	<b>\$56,362.42</b>			
<b>1-Feb</b>		<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$ 3,016.53</b>	<b>\$53,345.89</b>
3-Feb	\$ 20.00	Donation	Checking	Bob Angrisani	\$ 3,036.53	\$53,345.89
13-Feb	\$ .14	Interest	Savings		\$ 3,036.53	\$53,346.03
13-Feb	\$(6,785.00)	Transfer to Checking	Savings		\$ 3,036.53	\$46,561.03
13-Feb	\$ 6,785.00	Transfer from Savings	Checking		\$ 9,821.53	\$46,561.03
14-Feb	\$ (631.00)	Flight Instruction	Checking	Tenley Ong	\$ 9,190.53	\$46,561.03
14-Feb	\$(6,785.00)	Flight Instruction	Checking	Tenley Ong	\$ 2,405.53	\$46,561.03
20-Feb	\$ 50.00	Donation	Checking		\$ 2,455.53	\$46,561.03
27-Feb	\$ 20.00	Donation	Checking	Bob Angrisani	\$ 2,475.53	\$46,561.03
27-Feb	\$(1,607.00)	Scholarship Funds	Savings	Matthew Howell	\$ 2,475.53	\$44,954.03
27-Feb	\$(2,973.00)	Scholarship Funds	Savings	Adam Kennedy	\$ 2,475.53	\$41,981.03
27-Feb	\$(1,158.00)	Scholarship Funds	Savings	Emilio Martinez	\$ 2,475.53	\$40,823.03
<b>27-Feb</b>		<b>Total in Accounts</b>	<b>\$43,298.56</b>			

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence  
Treasurer

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Another exciting month for the Ray Scholarship program. We are pleased to announce that Matthew Howell successfully passed his check ride and is now focusing on additional ratings! A huge congratulations to Matthew.

Unfortunately, at this time, Emilio Martinez will be taking a break from his goals of obtaining a PPL. Please share some encouragement with him if you see him at a future VMC meeting. We hope to reconnect with him in the future as he steers his current focus to school and work.

This leaves the Chapter with one remaining Ray Scholar, Adam Kennedy. Adam has been working hard on polishing his flying skills and studying for the oral exam portion of the check ride. Provided his training progresses as planned and the weather holds out, Adam is scheduled for a check ride in March!

Finally, we are beginning the process, which has once again changed, to welcome our newest Ray Scholar candidate Ethan Truong. He will be participating in EAA's beta testing which has Ethan working through several simulator phases prior to hopping into an airplane for flight training. We anticipate formally adding Ethan as our first 2025 Ray Scholar in the next few months!

A few words from our Ray Scholars....

*This last month has been incredibly busy. I did a lot of flying and a lot more studying to be ready for my check ride, which was on February 11. Thankfully, I passed!! (= I couldn't have done it without Tenley, who was so supportive and helpful all the way, beyond what is required by a CFI). Stan too was incredibly helpful and thoughtful, always showing up at the hangar to help with the planes even when he should have been home resting. And, without the Ray Aviation Scholarship, I wouldn't even have had the resources to provide for flight training. Next, I plan to continue on to get my tailwheel endorsement and instrument rating, while continuing to attend the weekly BMF program at Executive.*

- *Matthew Howell*

*My flight training is going well! I have just completed a stage check as of Monday; I have accumulated roughly 15 hours on the DA40. I am now actively planning my long cross country.*

- *Adam Kennedy*

Kim Owen  
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## **YOUNG EAGLES – COAST**

No Report this Month.

## **YOUNG EAGLES - SACRAMENTO REPORT**

What. A. Month. February has been a super successful month with two passed checkrides right at the beginning, as well as a student solo!

### **NEW PRIVATE PILOT: MATTHEW HOWELL!**

On February 11, 2025, **Matthew Howell**, our second 2024 Ray Scholar, passed his private pilot checkride with DPE Carol Zerbe at Nevada County Airport (KGOO)! Matthew has been working hard over the past couple of months managing school, studying, and flying. He got to fly his dad home in the Cessna 150-150, N3062S “Mellow Yellow”. Matthew looks forward to graduating high school, pursuing his instrument, and attending college. We are so proud of you Matthew – congratulations!



*1. Matthew Howell, new private pilot, and Tenley Ong, CFI, pose for a picture with Matthew's new certificate and Mellow Yellow!*



*2. Chris Howell, proud father, and Matthew Howell, private pilot, pose for a picture with Matthew's certificate before flying home together.*

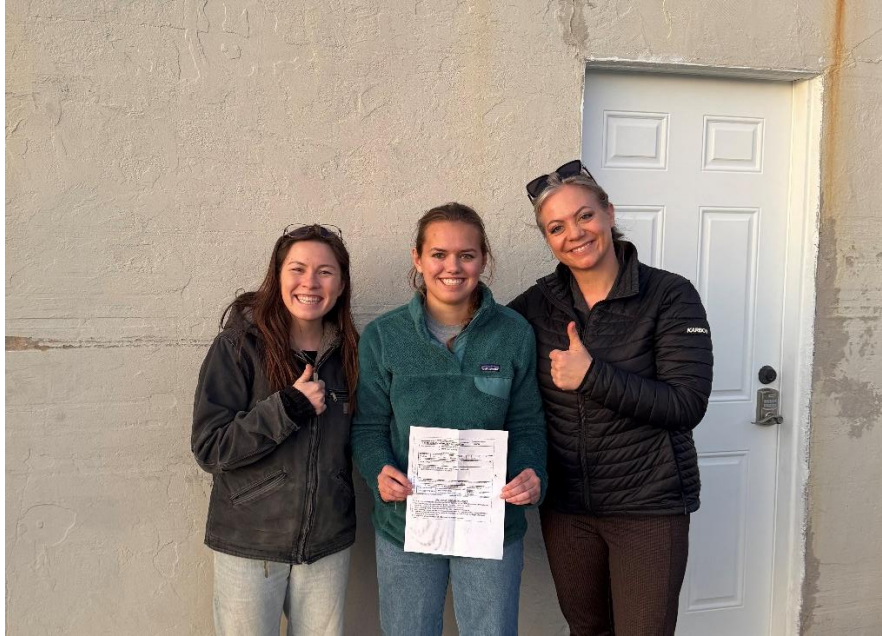


*3. Matthew Howell and DPE Carol Zerbe shake hands at Nevada County Airport (KGOO) after Matthew passed his checkride.*

### NEW INSTRUMENT RATED PILOT: JESSIE DAVISON!

**Jessie Davison** passed her instrument checkride on February 7, 2025 at Lodi Airport (103) with DPE Carol Zerbe. She flew in the Cessna 152, N4962L, rented through Flying Panthers Flight School, a nonprofit based at McClellan Airport (KMCC). She showed perseverance and determination when it came time to finish her PIC XC hours *and* adapt to a different airport than she had been practicing at. Jessie was the first scholar from the Air Museum of California & Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation scholarship to complete her private pilot and was able to continue to use her funds for instrument training. With the support of her many airport friends and her CFII, Tenley Ong, she passed with flying colors! Jessie is excited to move on to her commercial.





*4. Tenley Ong (CFII), Jessie Davison (newly rated instrument pilot), and Carol Zerbe (DPE) at Lodi Airport (103) after Jessie passed her instrument checkride.*



*4 (left). Jessie poses with N4962L, the Flying Panthers 152, and her*

*new giant certificate. 5 (right). Matthew Howell, Tyler Pierson, and Stan Lawrence all came to support Jessie on her checkride day.*

### SOLOING THE DA40: ADAM KENNEDY!

**Adam Kennedy**, our first 2024 Ray Scholar, successfully soloed N945PC, the DA40. He has been able to train in it due to the kindness of the Alex Erdman and Marc Houston over at Skyrise Aviation at KMHR. He is getting some excellent experience using a constant speed propeller and G1000's. He also successfully completed his night cross country with his CFI, Tenley Ong (see pictures below. Adam's private pilot checkride is currently booked for March 18, 2025, with DPE Carol Zerbe at Nevada County Airport (KGOO).



*Figures 6 and 7. Adam and Tenley successfully completed Adam's 100nm night cross country to KRBL, KCIC, and home to KMHR.*

### OTHER YOUNG EAGLES UPDATES

**Ethan Truong** is our new Ray Scholar for 2025. We are excited for him to start flying and are working on finding him the right school and aircraft, as Stan's 150-150 will be grounded in the coming months for scheduled engine overhaul. He is currently working on the new Ray Scholar simulator program (thank you Kyle and Tyler for helping him set it up!).

**Kelvin Gellenbeck** is preparing for his written tests to be eligible for the Ray Scholarship.

**Emilio Martinez** is still working on his private pilot certificate and is applying for scholarships to continue his training. He looks forward to continuing to attend the Saturday young eagle program and figure out his next steps as he graduates high school this spring.

### TAILWHEEL

**Liam Robinson** is working on his tailwheel endorsement, including practicing wheel landings and polishing up crosswind landings.

### INSTRUMENT

**Rachel Long** has been attending school at UC Davis, working part time, and plans to work on her instrument rating soon. She recently became current in the RV-14 and is stoked to continue her flight training, including working towards her instrument rating.

### OTHERS (GRADUATES/MENTORS)

**Tyler Stump** is at school at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and **Justin Kaysinger** moved to Tennessee. **Dylan Fricke** moved to Texas. **Hayden Schaufel** is working for the police department. Our three most recent graduates have gone on pursue their passions by attending universities with aviation-focused programs and coursework. **May Conlin** is currently attending the Naval Academy! **Austin Thomas** is attending California Baptist University! **Nick Theodorovic** is attending Middle Tennessee State University for school! We miss our graduates very much!



**Kyle Rodrigues** is busy at work as the new Director of Engineering. He also has been teaching at Sac State, machining parts, working on his plane, and helping mentor young eagles on Saturdays.

**Angelina Angrisani** has been teaching lots at Skyrise Aviation, Flying Panthers, and independently. She is providing tailwheel endorsements in her Cessna 170B. She has been doing amazing work with her current students and is looking at her next steps. You're awesome, Lina!!

**Tyler Pierson** started his final year at Sac City College, in addition to helping Stan with projects around the airport, attending chapter events, and flying whenever he can. He is planning to take the FIA and FOI written tests in preparation for his CFI checkride.

**Zach Lauzon** is excited to continue flying and helping mentor others. He has been studying with Ray Scholars and building time. He wants to earn his instrument rating next.

**Tenley Ong** has been focused on checkrides but is looking towards her next steps with her career while also finding ways to continue to keep the planes and young eagles program going for the coming years. She is also restoring her RV-6, ski instructing and studying for her MEI. Her next batch of private students include Adam Kennedy, Ethan Truong, and Greg Young. She also has multiple instrument/commercial students.



*8. "IACRA Party" at Starbucks with Matthew Howell and Jessie Davison. We got a lot done that day, especially considering there were no charging ports at Starbucks!*

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 **March 15th at 9 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the KSAC terminal second floor conference room.

I am Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Steve Lightstone  
VMC Program Coordinator

## WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Tyler Pierson  
Webmaster

## CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

<b>March</b>	<b>Saturday, Mar 15</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>VMC Club Meeting. Details</b> in VMC Club Report. <b>Saturday, Mar 22</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>Pancake and Hot Chocolate Breakfast.</b> Vintage 25 Hangar.
<b>April</b>	<b>Saturday, Apr 19</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>VMC Club Meeting. Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>May</b>	<b>Saturday, May 10</b> , at 11:00 a.m. Fly-out to Alta Sierra (09CL). <b>Details</b> in Fly Out Report. <b>Saturday, May 17</b> , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. <b>Details</b> in VMC Club Report. <b>Sunday, May 18</b> , from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flying Young Eagles - Yolo County (KDWA). <b>Saturday, May 31</b> , Classic Tail Wheel Fly-in at Manderia (KMAE) - TENTATIVE
<b>June</b>	<b>Saturday, Jun 14, Member's meeting/fly-out</b> (TBD) <b>Saturday, Jun 21</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>VMC Club Meeting. Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>July</b>	<b>Friday, Jul 18 to Saturday, Jul 26, Oshkosh Fly-out</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 13, Member's meeting/fly-out</b> (TBD) <b>TBD - Beer and Brats Fundraiser</b> <b>Saturday, Sep 20</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>VMC Club Meeting. Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>October</b>	<b>Sunday, Oct 12</b> , from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. <b>Flying Young Eagles</b> - Yolo County (KDWA). <b>Saturday, Oct 18</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>VMC Club Meeting. Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov 15</b> , at 9:00 a.m. <b>VMC Club Meeting. Details</b> in VMC Club Report.
<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 13</b> , at 10:00 a.m. <b>Gala Christmas Breakfast Meeting. Details</b> in Reports

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