



September 2022 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it looks as if summer vacation is drawing to a close, except for us retired folks, for whom it just turns into fall vacation! Despite the end of summer vacation, work is still happening every Saturday with the Young Eagles at KSAC thanks to the dedication of Nick and Mark. New kids are coming into the YE program while others are graduating from the program, although we find that many of them like to hang around the airport on Saturdays anyway. And thanks to Earl as well for patiently sitting with the Young Eagles and guiding them through the intricacies of safe flight on the

simulator. Certainly, a great learning opportunity with an experienced pilot.

And speaking of safety in flight, our safety guru, Steve Lightstone is continuing with our monthly safety seminars, aka the Chapter 25 VMC Club meetings, every 3rd Saturday of the month. Our next VMC Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at 9 a.m. at hangar 154. Look for a confirming email before the meeting.

And continuing on the safety theme, I am sure everyone has heard about the mid-air between a Cessna 152 and a twin Cessna 340 at Watsonville Airport by now. The C-152 was in the traffic pattern doing touch and goes as the C-340 announced that he was entering the pattern from 10 miles out for a straight-in landing on runway 20. From there things unfolded quickly and fatally for both aircraft. The AOPA Air Safety Institute has a great early analysis of this most unfortunate accident. Check it out if you haven't already seen it. To make a long story short, the twin Cessna was 10 miles out for a straight-in as the C-150 turned downwind for runway 20. At that time, the twin Cessna was doing 197 knots, which is more than 3 miles per minute. The twin Cessna called three miles out as the C-152 turned onto base leg. At this point the twin Cessna is doing about 180 knots and moving at 3+ miles per minute. Unfortunately, the C-152 turned final in front of the twin Cessna and then decided to do a go-around. By then it was too late and there was no way for the high-speed twin to avoid the low-speed Cessna. Seems like there is blame to be leveled at both pilots, but it is too late to play the blame game at this point. All we can do is learn from this tragedy, review, and follow the procedures for entering and flying in the traffic pattern, and keep a sharp lookout when we are out there. As the sergeant said in *Hill Street Blues*, "hey, let's be careful out there."

A couple of other things before I close for the month. First, be sure to check out the note from Red and Marilyn about the Young Eagles Event and fly-in they are hosting at KLLR (Little River Airport) on Saturday, September 10th. The Young Eagles Event lasts from 9 to 11 a.m. with the beach party and picnic to follow from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or so. Plan to be there!

And also on the radar is a “Girls In Aviation Day” rally sponsored by the pilots of EAA Chapter 62 (Santa Clara County/San Jose at the at San Jose Reid Hillview Airport (KRHV) on Saturday, September 24th. Chapter 62 is hoping to take 200 girls flying out of KRHV on Young Eagles flights. (Oh yeah, if boys show up, they will take them flying as well.) Chapter 62 is also looking for help from pilots, so if you have a plane and would like to help, please contact Dean McCully at dean@dmccully.com. See Flyer, which follows my Report.

Well, that's the news for this month. Hope you have a great and safe flying month, especially with all these flying opportunities and great weather, and as always, keep the greasy side down.

Jim Sobolewski
President



Come Celebrate 'Girls in Aviation Day' with a Free Flight!

**Saturday, September 24
9:00am – 1:00pm**

Young Eagles (for children ages 8–17)

Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated more than 30 years to giving young people ages 8–17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

**San Jose Reid Hillview Airport
2500 Cunningham Ave., San Jose**

Questions?

Email dean@dmccully.com



**You must reserve your child's flight online at
regathon.com/girls**



Expenses & Withdrawals:

08/04/22 Brett Robinson Flight Instruction	\$	300.00
08/05/22 PayPal Verification	\$.32
08/08/22 Tee Shirt Promotion	\$	543.79
08/11/22 Stan's Primary Flight School	\$	1799.00
08/18/22 Stan Lawrence Reimbursement for YE Headset	\$	325.00

Total Expense & Withdrawals: \$ 2,968.11

Checking Balance as of August 29, 2022: \$ 10,544.39

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Balance All Accounts August 29, 2022: \$ 63,843.07

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Ray Scholars have been busy adding to their overall aviation experiences, with a highlight being a trip to Oshkosh, WI for AirVenture. They are both working hard on their solo flights and accumulating hours and skills as they work their way toward future check-rides. While Lilah and May are hard at work, we are keeping an eye out for our second 2022 Ray Scholar!

The following are thoughts shared by our two current Ray Scholars:

The beginning of this month was certainly exciting as I flew back from Oshkosh with a small pit stop in Logan, Utah after losing a magneto in the Piper Cherokee! Luckily, we made it back home safely after an incredible trip. As soon as I got home, I hit the ground running with some awesome flying. Tim was gracious enough to let me fly in his RV-4 and experience some aerobatic maneuvers from the back seat. I can definitely say it was one of the coolest experiences of my life. Then, I flew several times with Stan, completing my second supervised solo

at University Airport, my third at Rio Linda, and my final at Sacramento Executive (with a tower)! I also started working on my Toolbox with Lilah and will be spending the next few Saturdays finishing up. Next month I'm looking forward to completing more solo flights and continuing to work on landings!

May Conlin

Hello All,

This update is going to cover my experiences from July as well as August. On July 7th I completed my dual cross country to Chico, Santa Rosa, Lampson Field, University, and back to Executive. Going into the flight I felt rather unprepared, as I hadn't flown in a while. As the flight progressed, it became apparent that my radio work had become incredibly shaky, and I quickly lost confidence. Though my landings and general flight went well, my takeaway from the flight was that I had quite a bit of preparation work to do before I could be sent off on my solo cross countries. Following this flight, myself and three other Young Eagles from VAA Chapter 25, were awarded the opportunity to fly up to Oshkosh, Wisconsin for EAA AirVenture, alongside my flight instructor, mechanical instructor, and scholarship coordinator. We flew up in an RV-6, RV-10, and a Piper Cherokee. I was fortunate enough to fly in the right seat in both the RV-10 and the Piper Cherokee on the way up. My favorite part of the flight up was flying over the Grand Tetons. I've truly never seen anything quite as majestic as they are. AirVenture itself was beyond incredible. I and the rest of the Ch25 crew, volunteered at Camp Scholler directing the RV ramp, from 4pm to 11pm for several days prior to the start of AirVenture. I got to see some of the most incredible places I've ever seen, and some of the most spectacular flying while I was there. Due to Tenley Ong (a member of Ch 25) being a member of EAA media, myself and a few others were allowed to go up

into the tower during one of the afternoon airshows, and even got to watch a Ch 25 member take off and fly in a 50 ship of RVs, all from the tower!! Every single day was jam packed with activities, and still even though so much was seen, there was so much more of AirVenture left to experience! The flight home from AirVenture was relatively smooth to begin with, but was quickly derailed by a dead left magneto in the Piper Cherokee, which I was flying in. Consequently, we got stuck in Logan Utah for the night, but replaced the magneto successfully and went on our merry way the following day.

August has been a far more prolific month, in terms of flight training for me. On August 8th, I took a flight up to Calaveras, with my flight instructor, in preparation for my solo cross country. The flight went quite well, with no hiccups, and three smooth landings. My instructor felt confident enough in my abilities and sent me on my first solo cross country up to Calaveras, Modesto, and back to Sacramento on August 9th. The flight in general went very smoothly; I found that being on flight following during solo flight was quite helpful. Flying into Modesto was a bit complicated due to the number of planes in the pattern; I had to extend my downwind quite a ways out. The tower controller was lovely, and incredibly helpful. All in all, the flight was an incredibly peaceful and relaxing experience. I felt prepared and competent. On August 15, I completed another solo cross country to Lampson Field and back, in preparation for my long solo cross country, which I had planned to take on the 20th. When I arrived to fly on the 20th, the starter sounded incredibly wrong. Upon quite a lot of deliberation, and discussion amongst myself, my instructor, and pilots at the airport that morning, I made the decision to not go flying. This decision ended up paying off in the long run, because there was in fact quite a substantial issue with the starter. I now plan to take my long cross country to Redding, Lampson, and back to

Sacramento on the 27th. I am preparing and studying for my checkride currently, and if schedules align, my instructor and I hope I will be taking my checkride in September, though no date has been set yet.

Lilah Harris

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Owen
Ray Scholarship Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

No Report this Month.

Dave Magaw
Webmaster

YOUNG EAGLES - COAST

Thank you all for the support that you have given me over the years and the decades. It has been my pleasure to take people, young and not so young, flying.

I particularly appreciate all of the work and effort that Stan Lawrence and Kim Owen are doing to bring the chapter up to speed with the recently available scholarship programs. The expansion to Build and Fly, pilot training, the large rally's, all possible with the many appreciated helping hands. Thank you all.

Vintage 25, Antique/Classic 25 then, was started just before the Young Eagle program was started. It seemed a natural fit for our chapter and the people that joined at that time. I see that it is still a good fit.

We were flying kids from Natomas Air Park and from Bill Merwin's dichondra field; the field of dreams we called it. We also flew kids at airports all up and down the valley and on the coast. Among them we were flying kids in C170, Globe Swift, Christavia II, RV-6, Aeronca Chief, Funks, Culver Cadet, J3, J4E, Bellanca 14-13-2, Wittman Tailwind and C180 that I think of. Now it is from SAC Executive, mostly, and Little River.

Appreciate what you have while you have it; nothing lasts forever.

Red Hamilton
Young Eagles - Coast

YOUNG EAGLES' SACRAMENTO REPORT

Summer is coming to an end and the young eagles are starting to go back to the land of responsibilities. Most of them are entering their junior or senior year, but we do have a few freshmen in college!

With all the new private pilots, there is huge shift happening; we have an increase in mentors, meaning more opportunities for incoming young eagles. There is still one scholarship available and lots of projects to be done.

All solos complete: May Conlin!

As of this month, May Conlin has officially completed all 4 of her solos: F72, KEDU, L36, and KSAC. She's starting to get ready for her cross countries!



*1. Stan Lawrence and May Conlin before her fourth solo at KSAC!
Solo Cross Country Complete: Lilah Harris!*

Lilah recently completed her solo cross country from KSAC to KRDD to 1O2 to KEDU to KSAC. It was a gorgeous day for her to cruise up to Redding, over the Sutter Buttes, Mt. St. Helena, and Clear Lake. She planned out her trip, remembered to pump fuel, and made some excellent PIC decisions!!



2. Flying over the coastal range!



3. The view of the Sutter Buttes from the Cessna 150-150.



4. *The view of Mt. St. Helena from the Cessna 150-150.*



5. *Lilah Harris's selfie flying over the valley, displaying her free "Don't do anything dumb" shirt from Oshkosh.*

What has everyone else been up to?

Rachel Long and **Teddy Reynolds** have just started coming to the airport. The two of them, along with **Trenton Welch** and **Austin Thomas**, are working through their Sporty's courses in preparation to take their written tests and apply for the second \$5000 Ray Scholarship.

Adam Kennedy has been flying the flight simulator on Saturdays. He does not intend to pursue a Ray Scholarship, but he enjoys learning about and working on the airplanes, as well as flying the flight simulator.

May Conlin just completed her fourth solo and is beginning to prepare for her solo cross countries!

Lilah Harris completed her solo cross country to Redding and Lampson Field! She is planning to take her checkride in September with Rob Davids at Calaveras County Airport (KCPU). She has also taken the lead on teaching Austin, Trenton, May, and Rachel how to make their toolboxes!

Our Graduates/Mentors

Justin Kaysinger and **Liam Robinson** recently passed their private pilot checkrides and are now working on their tailwheel endorsements with Stan in his RV-14.

Liam has also been helping Tenley implement a project management system, which will provide a common space for

everyone to reference projects that need to be done and who is working on them. It will also keep track of attendance, upcoming events, and graduates/mentor responsibilities.

Dylan Fricke is going to start A&P school soon!!

Tyler Stump is getting ready for college at Cal Poly SLO and will come back to be a mentor whenever he can.

Angelina Angrisani has been studying for her Commercial written while working through her second year of college. She is also selling her Cessna 140. You can follow her flying adventures on her Instagram, @luckylina03.

Hayden Schaufel is working on his college degree through SJSU while working as an officer here in Sacramento.

Tyler Pierson just finished helping Stan install electric flaps on the RV-4. He has been looking at college options.

Tenley Ong is continuing to pursue her instrument rating and restore her RV-6. She has also been working on the project management system with Liam.

Other Updates

Applications may be submitted for both the Ray Scholarship and Build and Maintain Program.

Fly Out Report

The next official fly-out will be on **September 10, 2022**.

Red and Marilyn will be hosting a Young Eagles Day event at KLLR. Incoming pilots **should not necessarily expect to fly kids**; the pilots that are based at KLLR have first dibs. However, if there is a big turnout, if we have pilots who would like to help, it would be appreciated!

Afterwards, we will be having a potluck picnic at the beach.

The plan is to depart KSAC at 7am and arrive at Little River around 8:30/9am (**weather dependent**) The event will run from 9-11:30am.

Anyone who doesn't want to fly young eagles in the morning can either depart KSAC later and arrive whenever. Or they can come early with everyone else and just hang out and explore. :)

Around 11:30, we will head to the beach for a picnic lunch/beach day. It's about 3 miles away, and we have a car to use.

Everyone can head home when they feel like it, but I'm guessing it will be around 2pm or so.

I need to know the following from everyone:

1. # of empty seats (if so, and they would like to bring a passenger, we have many youth from the Saturday BMF program who would love to attend).
2. If they want to fly young eagles at the Young Eagles Day event if needed.
3. Can they bring anything to the potluck picnic - if so, what?

PLEASE RSVP TO ME SO I KNOW WHO IS GOING!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley Ong
Adult Eagle

EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Fly-Out

to.....

Little River

YOUNG EAGLES DAY - POTLUCK PICNIC

Saturday, September 10, 2022

7:00 Depart KSAC

8:30 Arrive @ KLLR

9-11 Fly Young Eagles (optional)

11:30 Picnic lunch at the beach

2:00 Depart KLLR

TENLEY ONG
(916) 899-3183
TENLEYONG@YAHOO.COM

RSVP

Please RSVP with:

1. # of empty seats.
2. **Yes** or **No**: Do you want to fly young eagles at the KLLR Young Eagles Day Rally?
3. Can you bring anything to the picnic? If so, what?

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Young Eagles Little River Airport

There is no charge for this program, offered by local volunteer licensed pilots and a short flight is included, weather permitting.

Thank you to all our volunteers, EAA, and Mendocino County Department of Transportation.

Free Flight Program for youths 8 – 17. Signed parental permission required. Join us Saturday **Sept 10 9AM – 11:30AM at Little River Airport, 3 miles up Little River Airport Rd from Hwy 1**

PROGRAM INCLUDING GROUND INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEER PILOTS & OTHER LOCAL VOLUNTEERS. SPONSORED BY EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION.

VISIT WWW.YOUNGEAGLES.ORG ■

OVER 2,200,000 FLOWN. CALL (707) 964-3230 FOR MORE INFORMATION. ALLOW MINIMUM TWO HOURS AT THE AIRPORT. RESERVE AT <https://youngeaglesday.org> FORMS ONLINE AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3WKFFD7](https://bit.ly/3WKFFD7)

VMC CLUB REPORT

The meeting are now in-person meetings at Hangar151. VMC safety meeting are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Saturday, September 17th, VMC Club meeting. The following are meeting dates:

Sep 17, 2022 09:00 AM

Oct 15, 2022 09:00 AM

Nov 19, 2022 09:00 AM

You will also receive an email notice and a calendar reminder each month close to the meeting date.

Steve Lightstone
VMC Club Leader

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

EAA Vintage Chapter 25 Calendar for 2022

September	Saturday, Sep 10 Fly-Out. Details in Fly-Out Report (above).
October	Saturday, Sep 17 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report. Saturday, Oct 15 , 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 at KSAC. Meet in the Sacramento Executive Airport Main Terminal, 6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822
November	Saturday, Nov 19 , at 9:00 a.m. VMC Club Meeting. See Details in VMC Club Report.
December	Saturday, Dec 10 , Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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