



CHAPTER 25

SACRAMENTO, CA

October 2020 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our October newsletter! Well, it goes without saying that this has been a very challenging year. The pandemic put the skids on our fly-outs, and the smoke from this year's record wildfires really put the skids on flying this past month. And I'm sorry to say that we will not be holding our Fall Young Eagles flight day in October. However, despite all these set back, there is good news – VAA 25 is strong and doing well! And just to give you some idea....

A major goal of our Chapter is to grow general aviation by supporting youths interested in aviation through our Young Eagles program. At this time, we have 4 young adults who are out at the airport every Saturday helping work on airplanes. Last week the boys helped me finish the annual on my Decathlon by reinstalling inspection plates and the cowling, and this past Saturday Nick Leonard had the boys changing tires, installing wheel pants, and working on the engine as part of his RV-10 annual inspection. Stan Lawrence regularly flies with the boys in a Cessna 150, and I saw them out doing touch and goes and other maneuvers this past Saturday. One our Young Eagles is even scheduled to

take his check ride in December. This is one active Chapter, even in the face of the pandemic and smoke!

We are also working on updating our website and posting new pictures on it. Check is out when you have a moment. And if you have any projects you are working on, take some pictures and shoot them to our website guru, Dave Magaw, for posting. And we also haven't missed a beat with our safety seminars, i.e., our VMC Club. Steve Lightstone does a great job with our monthly safety seminars. They are, of course, by Zoom, which lets everyone socially-distance while increasing their aviation knowledge.

Our Executive Committee (me, Stan, Ray Scholar Coordinator Kim Owen, and V.P. Esteban Nava) also continues to have bimonthly conference calls to plan future events and keep the Chapter strong and moving forward. We have upgraded our bank account, developed a VAA 25 logo to be unveiled soon, and begun planning for a May fundraiser to support our Young Eagles program. More on that in future newsletters. So, despite all the challenges and chaos, your local Chapter is strong and doing well!

Finally, just a reminder about our annual membership meeting. As usual, we will meet at the Aviators Restaurant at KSAC (that's pilot talk for Sacramento Executive) on Saturday, December 12th, for breakfast and planning for next year. Put it on your calendar now, and plan on coming!

Well, that's it for another month. And as always, stay safe and keep the greasy side down.

Jim Sobolewski
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The VMC club meeting on the 19th was well attended by 13 members including all the Young Eagles. Steve Lightstone reviewed nighttime flight rules and safety including Q&A about certain flight rules involving night flight.

The October VMC club meeting will be on the 17th starting at 9AM and will be a zoom meeting, so be on the lookout for an invite from Chapter 25.

The EAA Vintage 25 online roster is up to date with all members pertinent information. However, we do need to gather the EAA membership number from the following individuals:

- o John Studarus
- o Brett Robinson
- o Joe Marquering
- o Bill Brooks

Please send an email with your EAA number to me at sapman007@comcast.net, so we can get it into the database and have you up to date within the roster.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, all scheduled flyouts for 2020 have been cancelled.

Thank you,

Scott Pierson
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of August 31, 2020 **\$20,356.09**

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September 2020

Income

9/03/20 Jim Sobolewski – donation	\$ 200.00
9/09/20 Stan Lawrence – donation	\$ 105.51
9/25/20 Steve Lightstone -- donation	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Total Income \$ 305.51

Expenses

9/11/20 Oshkosh Trip Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
9/18/20 Stan’s Primary Flight School	\$ 522.00
9/25/20 Esteban Nava Videography	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

Total Expense \$ 4,522.00

Balance as of September 25, 2020

\$16,139.60

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES SACRAMENTO / DGA REPORT

Young Eagle Report Valley:

It's the end of September and the virus shutdown is still going strong. So, it appears that there won't be any Young Eagle 🦅 Rallies this year! Very unfortunate as with many things of 2020.

Our Young Eagle Build, Maintain, and Fly program is going strong and we are so blessed that we have been able to do it safely to date. We have five boys faithfully attending our Saturday sessions. Every Saturday, they spend from 9:00am through 3:00pm. They do some building; example helping with a glass panel installation being installed in Kim Owens RV-6A, N811WT. They do some maintenance; example oil change and firewall forward inspection of our training aircraft Cessna 150/150 N3062S, which included the repair of a broken airbox support bracket. They do some flying; example Dylan Fricke flew 1.2 hours last Saturday 9/19/20 and has 13.0hrs of instruction. Liam Robinson flew 1.1hrs and a total of 10 hrs of instruction. Tyler Stump flew 1.0hrs and has 5.0hrs of instruction. Hayden Schaufel is our senior Young Eagle 🦅, he has his Private Pilots Certificate soloing in the RV-12 and doing his check ride in N3062S. He helps all the Young Eagles during our Saturday sessions as a mentor. He's indispensable to our program.

Tyler Pierson, our Ray Scholar has essentially completed his training for his Private and is waiting to become a 17-year-old (December 5, 2020). In the meantime, he is staying sharp with solo flights practicing stalls, slow flight, steep turns and takeoff and landing at local airports.

The Ray Scholarship Foundation allows use to use the excess money in our scholarship to train a second Young Eagle assuming we cover anything in excess of the Original \$10,000 scholarship fund. Since we have spent less than ½ the total we are confident we will be able to award a second Ray Scholarship fund. The second Ray Scholarship must receive his Private by March 2021. That being

said, I'm going to have Kim Owen our Ray Scholarship Foundation Coordinator elaborate.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Lawrence
Valley Young Eagle Coordinator

VMC CLUB REPORT

The September VMC meeting was well attended and a valuable source of information for all involved. The scenario was about being unable to activate runway lights at night at an uncontrol airport. The scenario caused the participants to talk about recommendations based upon their experiences.

The next meeting is Saturday, October 17, 2020. I encourage you all to attend and invite your friends.

Topic: VAA25 VMC Club

Time: Oct 17, 2020 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86346730884?pwd=RDhwUGJ0Z3MxZFczVTEyY3UyU1BuQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 4673 0884

Passcode: vaa25

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+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86346730884?pwd=RDhwUGJ0Z3MxZFczVTEyY3UyU1BuQT09>

Steve Lightstone
VMC Club Leader

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Musings from the scholarship side of things...

September has come and gone and, it seems, not too much has changed. We continue to practice COVID-19 measures of distance and facemasks when

possible. However, the flying instruction has continued at an impressive clip. Tyler has been completing more solo flights as he bides his time until his check ride in December. While our fearless instructor continues his eagerness in giving more flight instruction.

After carefully considering the amount of the Ray Scholarship used for Tyler's training, including setting funds aside for his practice flights over the next 3 months as well as costs associated with his check ride, we feel reasonably comfortable that we could give flight training to a second student with the remaining Ray Scholarship funds. This would be an awesome bonus. The first step will be communicating our intentions with EAA and submitting paperwork for a second scholar. We'll begin that process in September and hope the EAA agrees with our proposal. I'll keep membership apprised of our progress over the next couple of months via the newsletter... stay tuned!!

Now, for a few words from our Ray Scholar Tyler...

Boy if there was one way to describe the month of August, I would have to call it a month of networking. Starting off with flight training, despite the obstacle of smoke and visibility, I've still been able to work in a few solos on the days when the air clears up. It's mostly just been going over crosswinds, maneuvers, and all the other requirements for my check-ride.

Back to the whole networking thing I was able to meet and fly with Rick Atkins, the owner of Ragtime Aero. (His daughter Desiree is friends with my mom named Desiree also. Small world.) We first started a tour with his company hangar where he showed us his current project, the first ever Luscombe Phantom ever created back in 1934. Afterwards I was able to go up flying with him in a tail-dragger Cessna and despite me only flying in one once, I was able to pull off a fairly smooth landing. Pretty fun flight, and it was nice to meet another pilot in the community.

Tyler

Respectfully,

Kim Owen

Ray Scholarship Coordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT

There is not much to report about our website. So, I went to Florida (via Southwest Airlines) to close a purchase of a Pawnee glider tow plane for the Northern California Soaring Association. All looked good, the club bought the plane, and now I am flying it to California. Because of weather, I expect to take about 8-10 days to do the trip, perhaps more, I'm not in a hurry, which is good because the plane is slowwww and there are a lot of bad weather (hurricanes, smoke, etc...) here and there ahead.



1962 Piper Pawnee refurbished completely 5 years ago.—the Yellow Gorilla...



Florida is flat in every direction. This was shortly after leaving Vero Beach, FL.

Dave Magaw
Webmaster

CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS

October	Saturday, Oct 3, Young Eagles Flights at Little River (KLLR) - CANCELLED Saturday, Oct 10, Fly-out to Shelter Cove (OQ5) - CANCELLED Saturday, Oct 17, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.). Sunday, Oct 18, Young Eagles Flights at KSAC - CANCELLED
November	Saturday, Nov 21, VMC Club Meeting by Zoom (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.).
December	Saturday, Dec 12, Holiday & Planning meeting at Aviator's Restaurant KSAC (10 a.m.)

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Hello fellow EAA members

You may have seen the recent EM Blast from the EAA national office announcing the Fly-in to Paso Robles, as well as the FAAST announcement of the NTSB presentation at the event.

However, the EM Blast from the EAA and the FAAST do not contain full details on the fly-in including registration information etc. -- **so I have attached the flyer for the event.**

It is a one day including access to the Estrella Warbird and Race Car Museum, lunch, and a special speaker from a retired NTSB staffer (with FAAST Credit)

Please pass the attached information along to your chapter members as you see fit.

Hope you will consider visiting Paso Robles for a day - or stay overnight to enjoy the area.

Contact me for any questions you may have

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**SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EAA CHAPTERS FLY-IN
SUNDAY OCT 11, 2020 - HOSTED BY PASO ROBLES EAA CHAPTER 465**

Join us in Paso Robles for a one-day event centered at the Estrella Warbirds & Race Car Museum www.ewarbirds.org, which has the highest tourism visit rate on the central coast after Hearst Castle!!!



The one-day event will include (all participants must to wear masks – do not arrive without one)

- Full day access to the Estrella Museum which opens at 10:00 AM
- A catered lunch
- Presentation and “Fast Credit” by a retired NTSB official
- Fuel Discount anticipated, usually 0.25 off self-serve price and delivered to your plane by truck.
- Pre-registered cost per person for the day is \$32 up to Oct. 4, later or on-arrival registration \$42.

To register please send EAA 465:

- An Electronic Mail message to EAA465@sbcgloabl.net, including the: (i) your name(s), (ii) type of plane, (iii) N number, and (iii) your EM and Phone number
- A check for the number of people in your plane times \$32 to: Treasurer EAA465, 7460 Pinal Ave, Atascadero, CA 93422, or send payment to our EAA 465 Pay Pal Account at EAA465@sbcglobal.net

Hope to see you there. To find out more about EAA465 go to <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea465>

Dave Fretwell, President EAA 465 - EAA465@sbcglobal.net

PS: if you want to come a day earlier or stay later, to enjoy Paso Robles, the wine country, etc. be sure to book a motel ahead of time, camping is allowed on field, Uber, & the airport Café is open 6AM-2PM.

