



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program



President's Message

Changing of the guard!

There comes a time in each organization where the reigns are turned over to a new regime.

The classic book "Good to Great" by Jim Collins talks about how companies transition from being good companies to great companies, and how most companies fail to make the transition.

This same philosophy can also be applied to organizations such as EAA 534. The biggest take away is that most great organizations become great because the previous leader set up their successor to succeed. From what I have observed, this has been happening at this chapter for many years and it shows.

I would like to thank Steve for what he is handing over to me, an organization that without the major pandemic, would have easily been a gold level EAA chapter.

I look forward to the challenge of making this chapter the best it can be. It will take everyone's help to get there, but I know together we will do great things!

Merry Christmas

Mike Hage



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

12/17 – Young Eagles

01/28 – Radio Control flying at Southern Eagle Squadron
For our Youth program



New Officers & Directors (starting Dec)

- President-Mike Hage
- VP-John Weber
- Treasurer-Greg Nilsen
- Secretary-Judie Betz

- Directors- Paul Adrien
Marty Harris
Ted Luebbers.

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Inspirational Quotes:

The engine is the heart of an airplane, but the pilot is its soul

David Hopkins warming up the grill!





SQUADRON 534 Youth Aviation Program updates!

I am pleased to report that the steering committee which includes our Ray Scholars, has made great progress refreshing the wonderful legacy of our youth group.

Unique Identification: New logo, shirts, hats and name badges with new colors. *(Shirts have arrived!)*

Recruiting: Focused on Lake County schools and existing youth organizations. *Recruiting & info fliers are printed with copies on 534 website*

Workshops: We all agree that aviation is a collection of disciplines for future aviators to absorb, including systems, assembly and building, tools and techniques. Youth will have planned presentations and hands-on workshops.

Simulator: Formal flight planning and pilot instructor communications with headsets with potential for flying the flight-plans in a real plane.



Maria DeStafano one of our future SIM instructors getting the hang of it!

Food service: committed crew for preparation, cooking and clean-up headed up by David Hopkins.

Young Eagles: First-time YE will get priority front seat flying A non-flying plane will position in front for hangar for sample pre-flight demo for kids and parents! Our Youth group and members will engage visitors, kids and adults.

Ray Scholarships: Hoping to pick-up more qualified youth as we grow the Youth population back next cycle.

Admin: Need help with keeping Youth member's attendance and logbooks.

Funding: We have monies in our treasury previously donated for Youth group. This will be earmarked for activities and materials needed for the above.

A debt of gratitude to John Weber and all the volunteers who will turn these words and ideas into reality. A special thanks to our **Ray Scholars** who bring brilliant ideas to the table with the important insight of their youth and experience.

Marty Harris
Steering committee chairman



Young Eagles – DEC 17

Pilots at 8:30

Ray scholarship – Nick Hopkins
chosen for Sailplane / glider rating



Treasurer



Greg reports:

We now have **100 members in the Chapter**. We welcome the financial support and we hope that more people could come out on Thursdays and Saturdays to help on our projects.

If you need to send in your dues you can do that on our website www.EAChapter534.org and click in the membership button and pay by PayPal. You can also send a check made out to EAA Chapter 534 for \$20 to:

Greg Nilsen
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Christmas SAFETY-lol



Events

Promotion Booth for EZ-up Inspection covers at Williston EAA fly-in Dec 3

*Katrina Redhour
Working the display*



Christmas Party- Dec 3rd



Project Updates

Pietenpol - Ted
Center section for wings
Working on fuel tank



Murphy Rebel - Mark
On hold



SeaRey - Dale



New logo

Cessna 150 - Steve



150 work team includes Steve, Wayne and Mark



New Youth member **Mason** teaching Wayne a few tricks





Chapter 534 Young Eagles



Our next Young Eagle rally will be Dec 17, 2022

- We will continue with our great **sign-up team** led by our chairman Jodie Soule.
- We will have **“Name tag stickers”** for all who are without our 534 tags. All members “adult and youth” will now help host and engage our Eagles and their families showing them the planes we are working on as well as flight SIM and chatting about the Youth Program.
- Our existing youth members will be wearing the new **“Squadron 534” T-Shirts.**
- Judie Betz and others will walk families around an **exhibition plane in front of hangar,** demonstrating a traditional walk-around and safety checks. This should save time for YE pilots.
- Starting Sept all **first time YE get front seat** for first flight.

We look forward to a great new season and many new youth members!