



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program

**DATES:**

**Young Eagles – 04/06/24**

pilots arrive at 8:30 for briefing.

*Be sure your EAA protection training is up to date.*

**VMC – March 28** Always fun and helpful!  
7:00PM

**Pancake Breakfast** (chapter meeting)  
Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:00 – 11:30

Always need extra hands!



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**President's Corner**

Mike Hage

A couple weeks ago, I decided to go down to the local billiards room and shoot some pool. Fifteen years ago, I was a really good player and one of the best in our local league. I figured I'd be a little rusty but as soon as I knocked the rust off, I'd be right back where I left off. As I expected, I was very rusty, but something else was different. When I got home, I started watching some YouTube videos and to my dismay, I had also forgotten all the little tidbits of knowledge that I had picked up when I played like cue ball control, back hand english, cut induced throw, 3 rail kicks and spin.

Similarly, we all get rusty flying. Some of us figure it's just 'knocking off the rust' and getting our three take offs and landings that are required to be current. But are you proficient? What about the airspace, stalls, steep turns, soft field techniques and emergency procedures that we learned coming up through private pilot? Biennial flight reviews help, but often just become a reason to fly to a local pancake breakfast with your friend that is a CFI and come home with a pencil whipped endorsement in your logbook. I challenge y'all to schedule a flight with a CFI on a yearly basis and work on things we normally don't do when going for a \$100 hamburger.

Tailwinds,

Mike

**ALERT!** Looking for someone to head up the Youth Program! Talk to John Weber or Mike. This is central to our chapter's success.

**Inspirational Quote:**

*"AS a Pilot, it is your responsibility to think about the consequences of every choice you make!"*

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## 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. in their own space.

**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 – April 6, 2024

### Ray scholarship –

- **Mike Nunez** has taken responsibility for Ray Scholars this year.
- **Luke** passed his checkride. Cheers!
- **Nick** has started his PPL training Sun Air (non-Ray)
- **Searching for new candidate**

### Treasurer Report –

- Chapter dues or donations may be sent to Alaric Schulte our treasurer
- We have **53** Members.

If you see a new member /visitor always say  
**“Hi and WELCOME”**

Three ways to pay your dues - pay with PayPal on our website under the membership link, pay in person at a Chapter meeting or at the hangar on Thursdays or Saturdays, or send a check in the mail made out to EAA Chapter 534 to my address below.

\$20 to:

**Alaric Schulte – EAA 534**  
**8701 Airport BLVD, Suite 103**  
**Leesburg, FL 34788**

## SAFETY

**“SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING”**

**As Mike says above, fly with CFI annually!**

Often pilot friends will tell me they don't really want to fly with some other pilots as they are uncomfortable with their flying practices and techniques.

While flying, I usually will gently suggest to other pilots what, in my view, is unsafe and encourage others to let me know if I am operating unsafely! For sure I tell the CFI to critique me for same.

Remember our aviation license is a license to learn!

**FLY-SAFE!**