



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program
Leesburg, FL



Caution: School open again



DATES:

Young Eagles – Resumes Sept 7th Yay!

VMC – NONE

Chapter meeting – August 31 9:00 AM
Admin bldg

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: TBD in hangar!
Let John Weber know if interested see email below

Last Program
Electronic Flight Bag



See "SHOUT-OUT"
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President's Corner

Mike Hage



John Weber's "Homily" this month is about family and aviation. Family is a relative term and I'm proud of my extended aviation family. One of my best friends went through hell a couple years ago. Just as the pandemic was hitting, Tracy's daughter broke her humerus while landing a CRJ in Atlanta. Turns out she had osteosarcoma. Four years later, after chemo, a global pandemic, countless surgeries, a reverse shoulder implant and way too many scary scans, she is hoping to flow to Delta later this year. I highly recommend everyone to listen to her story, Apple podcast, 'Ready 4 Pushback', ep160. It's a real tear-jerker, at least for me, as I had flashbacks to my times on the phone with Tracy as Carly ebbed and flowed through her journey.

I encourage all of you to keep expanding your aviation family by flying young eagles, mentoring youth on aviation maintenance or just helping with our EAA chapter 534 events. Even the smallest of actions can change somebody's life for the better.

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:

"Aviation is the branch of engineering that is least forgiving of mistakes".

– Freeman Dyson



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 potejntial 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 prep 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 – September 7th

Of Special note–

Our super-star Chloe Kadletz has passed her State Boards and is now an RN! One step closer to her dream.

Youth program-

Next up TBD Maybe a toolbox



Treasurer Report – 55 Members

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

My old Cessna excursion into trees (my opinion*)

- Possible tail wind 17, gusting to 27 mph
- 90° F
- 3,000 foot grass runway
- Pilot not comfortable with plane
- POH shows nearly impossible



Fly Safely

Note: * No official NTSB info yet, presented for training purposes only



Chapter 534 Young Eagles

- We will continue with our great **sign-up team** led by our chairwoman Jodie Soule.
- There will be **“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.
- All **first time YE get front seat** for first flight.



Project Updates

Pietenpol - Ted

Working on instrument panels



Murphy Rebel – Mark

Working on rudder pedals



Cessna 150 - Steve

Wing Root attach issues



Stinson

Future up for discussion

Family Affair

John H. Weber, VP

August 4, 2024



When it came to flying, I was lucky that I came from a family with an aviation background. Dad had been in the Army Air Corps at the end of WWII. He later received his private license via the GI Bill.



From my first memories, I can remember being associated with aircraft. I think a lot of us older pilots had airplanes in the family. For example, Mike Hage's father had a Kitfox that Mike later inherited. Mike and Gloria's daughter, Bella, has pursued aviation as a career and is now a first officer for Air Wisconsin. After working with the youth program the last few years, I am seeing a growing trend of kids becoming involved in aviation, with the parents onboarding after the fact. I will credit the EAA Young Eagles program for a significant portion of this.

Mason and his mom, Keri, have become great members of our Squadron 534 Youth Program. Even Mason's grandparents have become involved in his aviation activities. The last 2 youth meetings brought this home to me, with several of the parents of the youth participants getting involved in what we were doing. It did my heart good to see sons and moms, sons and dads, daughters and moms, working together to build wing ribs and learn about electronic flight bags. The electronic flight bag meeting had a couple of the parents coming to me afterwards, saying that "they" had found it beneficial and it would help drive their choices when the kids began flight training. Our Ray Scholarship Program had also shown this to me, as well.

Chloe's parents were very supportive during her training, and her later ratings. The family connection has been enough that her brother Isaiah is our current scholar! Both Chloe and Isaiah have evidenced a desire to pursue aviation, in conjunction with mission work in their futures. Our selection of Luke Nunez brought his father, Mike, into the chapter as well. Mike has taken this to heart and has become our Ray Scholarship Chairman (and doing a good job, I might add.). I have enjoyed the times that Mike has called, texted and emailed me questions about different planes and training options. They may be looking for a time-building aircraft in the near future. Luke has his tail wheel endorsement, and is working on his instrument rating. He is planning on becoming a commercial pilot.

As pilots and advocates of aviation, we should take the time to talk to any of the parents of the youth that are becoming involved in our little piece of the sky and answer their questions. Things that are second nature to us may be a "foreign language" to them. **These youth are the future of aviation, and we need to help them in any way that we can.**

SHOUT – OUT!



Katrina Morse who flew many times as a Young Eagle and participated in several youth events, has been accepted by Embry Riddle with a scholarship.



Isaiah Kadletz, our most recent Ray Scholar, soloed last month.



Reed Panos and Isaiah are rehabbing our restroom. Including a new mud-sink area outside the door! Great work!



Airport News

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Call Tracey Dean (352) 728-9786 ext1130

