



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

7/28 – VMC Safety meeting ZOOM at 7:30
No membership meeting in July

8/25 – VMC Safety meeting ZOOM at 7:30

8/27 – Membership meeting

9/17 – Young Eagles with new protocol
Inviting some CAP members for first flight

BREAKING NEWS!

9/24 – Chapter fly-in drive in breakfast and monthly meeting



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President's Message



"It's July in Florida again, with the usual hot weather and afternoon thundershowers. Along with hydrating all day, sunscreen, hot car seats, sweaty hangars and the usual prayers for the air conditioner to keep running. We're still working in the hangar and the Youth Program steering committee is working diligently to bring back a revitalized program in September. A number of Members are on vacation and we're on our historical break from a Chapter meeting this month. Young eagles flying is also curtailed until September due to the hot weather and unstable atmosphere (kids and turbulence, what could go wrong?). But the Chapter marches on. It's been a year and a half since our last Chapter elections and it's time to start the process again. I've asked Paul Adrien to head up the nominating committee and he's graciously agreed to do so. He'll pick a couple of assistants and their names will all appear in next month's Newsletter. Any Member in good standing interested in running for any position, Officer or Director, please let Paul or any of the Members of the nominating committee know. Voting will take place by written ballot at our October Chapter meeting and the newly elected slate of officers will assume their duties at the December Chapter meeting. If you've wanted to be more involved in your Chapter and how it works, here's an opportunity to do so. There's no pay, but there is a lot of satisfaction in seeing a Young Eagle's smile, a newly minted pilot, or a Youth that discovers she/he loves aviation and wants to make it a career.

Blue skies and tailwinds,
Steve

David Hopkins offered to be
our chief cook and bottle
washer!



Inspirational Quotes:

“Anyone who has not been up in the sky on a glorious morning cannot possibly imagine the way a pilot feels in heaven!” - William T. Piper



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.

Key points as follows:

Unique Identification: New logo, shirts, hats and name badges with new colors

Recruiting: Focused on Lake County schools and existing youth organizations. Already some progress also sample *program flier* on the website out for quotes for printing

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

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 – Sept 17, pilots at 8:30

Ray scholarship – Two applications for next award

Treasurer



Greg reports:

Membership is now at 90 for 2022. We are still missing about 15 members from 2021 that have not paid. 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:

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SAFETY

Don't forget!

With this high humidity summer weather, carb icing is very possible

Always use carb heat when reducing power

**Sometimes Stepping Back ←
Is the Best Way to Move Forward ➤**
John Weber, V.P.

As most of you know, I have stepped down as the director of the Youth Program (Squadron 534). I felt I had lost the needed direction that the program should go and that we didn't have the youth members at this time to make it a productive program. Covid hit us hard and our primary recruiting effort, Young Eagles, got hit hard as well. I felt that we needed fresh "blood" leading the ideas and the program.

I achieved my desired effect with this, in that we now have a steering committee to plan our efforts, such as recruitment, publicity, hands-on learning and better utilization of the flight simulator. Marty Harris is leading the charge with new ideas for the publicity flyers and reaching out to the community. Marty has already reached out to a couple of the high school JROTC program directors. You might check out his new documents on the chapter website www.eaachapter534.org. Jodie Soule is going to be ramping up Young Eagles this fall, which should yield us some new young folks in the hangar. Gretchen and I will still be working on a new curriculum as well as trying to integrate some hands-on projects like the Vans RV toolbox kit. We will also be doing some of the old stand-by projects, like covering control surfaces to get the kids ready to cover the Aircamper project.

I think that Mike Smolen (tech guru) will be working with Mark Peebles and Maria Distefano on more productive usage of the flight simulator. Marty donated an intercom and one headset that will be used to connect the "student" and the "instructor" on the flight sim. Mike has also linked the computers well enough that someone can be on the desktop computer and act as an ATC controller.

We have also had a few other volunteers-David Hopkins has agreed to be the regular cook for the Saturday programs and Bob Lincoln has come forward to be a regular "ramp marshal" for Young Eagles. Judie Betz has consented to do a regular preflight program on a non-flying aircraft for the Young Eagles. This should involve both the kids **and** parents on our Saturday Young Eagles. I believe Greg Nilsen has volunteered to bring an RC plane that can be utilized for explaining how control systems work, and also some basic aerodynamics.

I, for one, am looking forward to our Youth Program starting back up in September. It was felt that we needed time to get organized and present "Squadron 534 2.0". We will be continuing to look for more volunteers as we get geared up to start this fall. You, too, can become that "**Somebody**" that is needed to reach out and make our Squadron 534 program more educational and productive. See you in the hangar.

John

Project Updates
Pietenpol - Ted

Piet work is inactive now

Murphy Rebel – Mark



Mark says project in holding pattern to get working on the C150

SeaRey – Dale



Finishing the Flaps and ailerons. clearing up list of faults from a mini-inspection by Frank M. expect some decals this week

Cessna 150 - Steve



150 work team includes Steve, Wayne and Mark

EZ-up inspection cover kits

Several new orders coming in after ad was placed in Short Wing Piper - quarterly mag

