



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Breaking news:

Luke Nunez our 2023 Ray Scholar has had a busy year so far. Besides taking an active part in Chapter 534 activities, he has graduated from high school as a stand-out baseball pitcher, secured a job as a lineman at Sunair Aviation, *the Fixed Base Operator at the Leesburg Airport*, and is now taking flying lessons using his scholarship. So far, Luke says he has logged 10 hours of dual flight instruction and feels he is closing in on his first solo flight. He plans to become a Certified Flight Instructor and ultimately hopes to become an airline pilot.



Young Eagles none for summer
06/24 – Monthly meeting @ admin bldg
 9:00 donuts & coffee

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President’s Message

Mike Hage

I’m thrilled to share some fantastic news with you all. EAA 534 has recently been gifted an extraordinary project - a 1947 Stinson 108-2 Vintage Aircraft. This generous donation has opened up a world of possibilities for us to embark on a restoration journey by breathing life into this iconic piece of aviation history.

With your support, we can honor the Legacy of the Stinson 108-2 and ensure its timeless beauty continues to inspire future generations of aviators. Join us as we meticulously restore this classic aircraft, preserving its heritage and celebrating the craftsmanship that shaped the aviation industry.

The Stinson 108-2 project holds great significance and we are grateful to undertake this endeavor. This restoration is not just about revitalizing an aircraft, it’s about preserving a piece of aviation history.

Together let’s rally our skills, knowledge and passion to revive this Stinson back to its glory. We look forward to your involvement and support as we move forward with this exciting project.

Mike



Inspirational Quotes:

“A propeller is just a big fan out front to keep the pilot cool, proof is when the propeller stops the pilot starts to sweat profusely”
 – unknown



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 – none for summer

Ray scholarship –

Gretchen reports we have won our fifth consecutive Ray Scholarship for 2023/24

With \$11,000.00 towards the PPL!

Yay Luke Nunez! Congratulations!

Treasurer Report –

Chapter dues or donations may be sent to Alaric Schulte our new treasurer.

If you see a new member always say "Hi"!

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 hanger 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
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SAFETY Steep turns over houses!

I know many of us have circled or buzzed our homes or friend's events for fun.

Unfortunately for some the fun ends tragically when the plane gets too low & slow as pilots are looking out the side window waiving rather than watching the coordination of controls- bank angle, slip ball and airspeeds.

Not to mention the FAA requirements! Go out and practice some turns around a point and get proficient.

FLY SMART!





Chapter 534 Young Eagles

Our next Young Eagle rally will be TBD in the Fall

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



Project Updates

Pietenpol - Ted

Fiberglass wing tank completed and installed



Murphy Rebel – Mark

Back to work on the Rebel



Cessna 150 - Steve



150 work team includes Steve, Wayne and Mark. Great progress being made!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group back to hands-on fabric application for steel tube rudder



Next Up revival of our Stinson 108-2

