



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program
Leesburg, FL



DATES:

YOUTH PROGRAM: Dec 14, RC Simulator



VMC: Christmas break

Chapter meeting: Christmas break

Young Eagles: Jan 4th, 2025

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President's Corner

Mike Hage



Tis the season. We recently had our 2024 Christmas party and we were able to reflect on what has been and what will be in 2025.



Highlights of the night were John shedding a tear when he returned the clown picture to the white elephant pool and

Marty wearing those sexy blue, fuzzy slippers he won at last year's party.



With the new year approaching us, we have some exciting things happening. The board recently created a new flight scholarship, in honor of Jodie Soule for her years of dedication to making our Young Eagles program the best it could be (*see below*). A committee will be formed in January to help solidify all the details. The youth program seems to have been revitalized and our best guess is that we will have 5 or 6 excellent Ray Scholarship candidates. It's going to be a tough decision for the selection committee if we acquire another scholarship this year from National.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Mike

ALERT! Still 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 proof that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible."

– Eddie Rickenbacker



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: when able

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 – Jan 4, 2025

Jack Hickey (a new member) has volunteered to be the new YE coordinator, with his wife **Stephanie** for ground support at our rallies!

Youth program –



Of Special note–

In honor of **Jodie Soule**. our Ray Scholars presented flowers, cake and a sample Scholarship Check to Jodie at her final YE Rally this month. This will be presented each year to a deserving youth.



Treasurer Report – 57 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:

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SAFETY

True!

Some flying vehicles are not required to have ADSB-OUT



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Chapter 534 Young Eagles

- We will continue with our great **sign-up team** led by our chairman Jack Hickey.
- 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 Rudder and elevator cables



Murphy Rebel – Mark

Working on flaperons and building seats



Cessna 150 - Steve

Working on cable feed points through win ribs



Stinson

Future up for discussion