



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program



DATES:

Young Eagles – 02/03/24 See photos pg. 4
02/17/24

NEW! YE will now be held 1st Saturday of the month
03/02/24

pilots arrive at 8:30 for briefing.

Be sure your EAA protection training is up to date.

VMC – FEB 22 always fun and helpful!
7:00PM

Chapter meeting – FEB 24th, 2024

Visit to Kimball's to view progress on Kermit
Week's Lockheed Vega masterpiece!

Travel instructions to follow |!



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President's Corner

Mike Hage

A few years ago, I put an ad on Craigslist looking for people that had interest in helping with our chapter Zenith 701 build. One of the respondents was a retired architect and always had interest in aviation, but had never been around small GA aircraft. He joked about getting his license but mentioned he was around 70 and probably too old. He showed up religiously for a couple months, but eventually the long drive became too much. He lived on the other side of the Twin Cities, around 40 miles away and probably over an hour drive with traffic.

Little did we know, he quit coming because he was working on his PPL. A couple weeks ago, he reached out to one of our chapter members and told him that at age 73, he just passed his checkride and now had a lesson to learn. He said the experience with us inspired him to start flying and was forever grateful.

The next time you are at the chapter hangar and see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and welcome them to the chapter. You never know what a smile and a handshake will lead to.

Tailwinds,
Mike



CONGRATULATIONS!
 Luke Nunez - our latest
 Ray Scholar passes his
 PPL check-ride

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:

"If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller.

That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again."

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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 – Feb 17 and Mar 2, 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.

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
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SAFETY

Recently, pilot getting commercial pre-checkride in his Bonanza was doing stalls with instructor at 2,000 ft. when tragically **they spun-in!**

In a spin, descent can be up to 2,000 to 5,000ft/minute, not much recovery room!

Spinning ceases only when opposing forces overcome auto-rotation. Since yaw coupled with roll powers the spin, the pilot must forcibly uncouple them **ASAP!**

Altitude is your friend!
Depending on your stall/spin proficiency, 4,000-5,000ft good altitude

FLY-SAFE!





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.



Once again Mason
Showing an adult member
how to do stuff, like using a drill
press!
Actually, Alaric is a great teacher!

Project Updates

Pietenpol - Ted

Basic instruments fitted



Murphy Rebel – Mark

Sawing aluminum stock



Cessna 150 - Steve

Fuel tank repairs



Stinson

Future up for discussion

GREAT PICTURES FROM LAST YOUNG EAGLES

