



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program

DATES:

Young Eagles - 01/20/24 pilots arrive at 8:30 for briefing.
Be sure your EAA protection training is up to date.

VMC - 01/25 always fun and helpful. 7:00PM

Chapter meeting – January 27th, 2024
9:00 AM Admin Building.

Speaker: **Brig. Gen. William J. Jabour**

Vice Commander
Planes: F-4, AT36,
A10, F16, YF22



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President's Corner

Mike Hage

The other day, my buddy Brad and I were going to take our daily batting practice, but all the usable fields were full. Brad said, maybe we can talk this older gentleman into swapping fields since he was just practicing pitching. He said "sure, but I'm almost done, can I join you guys, I'd love to take a few cuts." Turns out he is also from Minnesota, recent cancer survivor and 89 years young.

Fast forward a week and Dave came walking up while we were out hitting. We asked him to join us and he jumped at the opportunity. After an hour or so, Brad and Dave were chitchatting and Dave mentioned that he was a pilot, had owned many airplanes and had flown his Cessna 206 on amphibious floats multiple times to the Arctic.

I'm still amazed at this small world. If I see him next week, I'm going to invite him to come join us at our next meeting and Brigadier General William Jabour. I'm sure he will like shooting the breeze with fellow pilots and telling them stories of polar bears and breaking down 500 miles from civilization. Not sure about the latter part, but to a bunch of southern boys, just hearing about landing on a frozen lake at -20F might be an adventure.

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:

"The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who...looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space...on the infinite highway of the air."

Wilbur Wright



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 – January 20, 2024

Ray scholarship –

- **Mike Nunez** has taken responsibility for Ray Scholars this year. Thanks to Gretchen for her many years of service
- **Luke** is scheduled checkride -Jan 16
- **Nick** is ready and waiting for his sailplane checkride
- Searching for **next 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”

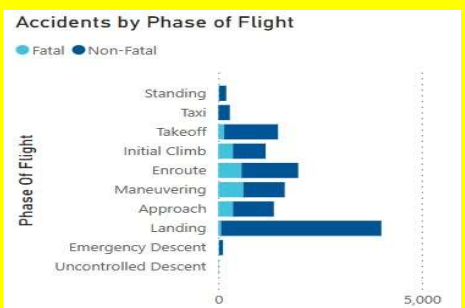
Three ways to pay your dues - pay with PayPal on our website under the membership link, pay in person at a Chapter meeting or at the hangar on Thursdays or Saturdays, or send a check in the mail made out to EAA Chapter 534 to my address below.

\$20 to:

Alaric Schulte – EAA 534
8701 Airport BLVD, Suite 103
Leesburg, FL 34788

SAFETY

Pay Attention!



FLY SMART!



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

SHOUT OUT!

John Weber

Jan 2024

Hi all,

Just a note of congratulations to Chuck Troutman and Steven Nelson on a successful first flight of their Zenith 601HD. It has been a while in coming. John

