



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program

DATES:

Young Eagles – 05/11/24

Great time had by all see notes and pictures last page

VMC – May TBD

Chapter meeting - Admin bldg
May 18th, 2024 9:00

- **Eagles*** flight for adults info session
- Eagle Flights on “flightline”
- Hangar open-house *View projects meet members*



* **“EAGLES”** EAA initiative for adults who may like to learn to fly or used to fly and want to again!

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President’s Corner

Mike Hage

Our May Young Eagles rally was a huge success. We started off the rally by announcing our 2024 Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient, Isaiah Kadletz. We flew 15 Young Eagles and were honored by our 2023 Ray Aviation Scholar, Luke Nunez, flying Young Eagles in the Cessna 152 he rented from SunAir Aviation. With any luck, his passenger, eleven-year-old Amalie Weaver, will follow in his footsteps and return the favor 6 or 7 years from now.

On May 18th, we are hosting a ‘Flying Start’ event and will be giving Eagles flights to adults that have never flown GA before. Most of our registered participants are parents of our current Young Eagles. You never know, maybe a couple of them will go on to get their pilot’s license.

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:

“Aeronautics was neither an industry nor a science. It was a miracle”!

– Igor Sikorsky



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 – Done till Fall

Ray scholarship –

- **Mike Nunez** has taken responsibility for Ray Scholars this year.
- **New Ray's Scholar** chosen from several excellent candidates

Congratulations Isaiah Kadletz of Mount Dora, FL for this honor. He has worked on our project planes with earnest dedication and has the work ethic and dream to do a great job!



Treasurer Report –

- Chapter dues or donations may be sent to Alaric Schulte our treasurer
- We have **53+** Members.

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
8701 Airport BLVD, Suite 103
Leesburg, FL 34788

SAFETY

Passenger safety briefing

Be sure to advise your passenger(s) how to get out of plane in an emergency! What NOT to grab if they get nervous. Keep feet off pedals! Where to hang on and where the barf bag is. Also be gentle for first flights! Discuss sterile cockpit during communications and critical sections of the flight!

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 “ME”
how to fly my L16 tail dragger

Project Updates

Pietenpol - Ted

Basic instruments fitted



Murphy Rebel – Mark

Sawing aluminum stock



Cessna 150 - Steve

Fuel tank repairs



Stinson

Future up for discussion

Inspiring the Future Generation, One Child At A Time (True Story)

(Intro-theme from Dragnet - the names have been changed to protect the innocent)



John Weber

I was talking to one of my pilot mentors this week and he related this story to me. My mentor, Bill, keeps his Pitts S-1T at a small country airport in North Carolina. The airport manager is very willing to work with Bill about him practicing his IAC routine close to the airport. Bill was working on his aerobatics late afternoon on July 5, and had to stop as it was getting close to sunset. As Bill was taxiing into the hangar where he keeps the Pitts, he saw 3 cars full of people pull up to the fence. He told the airport manager, who was in the hangar, about the cars and people and the manager said, "Go see what they want." As Bill went to the fence, a large group of adults and children got out of the cars and came to the fence. Bill was sure that he had made someone mad and was about to get chewed out, however, the opposite was true. The spokesperson of the group was a 10-year old girl, whom we shall call Suzie. She told Bill, "Today is my birthday and we were having my party outside, and we saw your airplane doing tricks over us and it was so COOL! Will you go up and do some more for us?" Bill explained that as the sun was setting he couldn't go do anymore. The young lady was momentarily crestfallen, but then exclaimed, "You made this my best birthday party ever! Can I have a pinky-touch?" and proceeded to push her hand through the fence towards Bill. Now Bill is not a "young child" person, but still went forward and did a pinky-touch with the young girl. As the group was leaving, Suzie turned around and said, "Remember, I will have another birthday next year!"



John Weber

GREAT PICTURES FROM LAST YOUNG EAGLES

