



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program
Leesburg, FL



DATES:

VMC – October 24, 7:30 PM -> ZOOM

Chapter meeting: October 26, Admin Bld, 9:00 sharp Elections (see note below)

YOUTH PROGRAM: In hangar after Gen Meeting! “weight & balance”

Nominees for election:

- Mike Hage (incumbent)
- John Weber (Incumbent)
- Alaric Schulte (incumbent)
- Judie Betz (incumbent)
- Eric Stoltz
- Luke Nunez
- Reed Panos
- Stan Carpenter

Vote for 7

(Paul Adrian, Ted Luebbers & Marty Harris are stepping away)

Young Eagles – November 9th
(Pictures from last YE on page 5)

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Dec 7th! If you want to go, Let Alaric know! \$30 each - details to follow

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President’s Corner

Mike Hage



We have been blessed with good weather lately both for our pancake breakfast and our monthly Young Eagles.

Our YE rally was successful, thanks again to Jodie for all her hard work and all the other volunteers that made it all happen. We did have 3 of our pilots that had to bail out last second (including yours truly) for bad batteries. Reminder to all, we can use all the help we can get, pilots and ground crew for our next YE rally in November.

As I write this, we are hunkered down, prepared for the worst but hoping for the best. It’s looking like we will be spared the really strong winds, but anything can happen. Our prayers go out to those still reeling from hurricane Helena and all those that will be affected by Milton.

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 potejntial 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 – Nov 9th, 2024

Of Special note–

Mason sitting in his VP2 in his garage! Thanks to all who delivered!



Youth program – Oct 26th Effects of weight & balance even for balsa planes



Treasurer Report – 56 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:

Alaric Schulte – EAA 534
8701 Airport BLVD, Suite 103
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SAFETY

DRIP, DRIP, DRIP

While dealing with my knee issues my plane sat with 5 gallons of fuel in nose tank.

3 months later before first check ride with knee repaired, less than a gallon was remaining.

YES, this small innocuous blue spot on my floor was 4 gallons dripping each day.

LESSON always do your pre-flight before flying, things may not be as they seem!



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.



Project Updates

Pietenpol - Ted

Becker Com radio installed in front of throttle



Murphy Rebel – Mark

Working on torque tubes



Cessna 150 - Steve

Wing Root bolt finally removed with 4 workers



Stinson

Future up for discussion

“The WHEEE Factor”

John H. Weber EAA 534 VP

October 5, 2024

It takes a lot of effort to put on a Young Eagles event like we did this morning. From Jodie, preregistering the kids, to someone making sure we have a computer set up to print certificates, someone to man the computer, to ramp marshals, to our pilots and planes, to our Ray Scholars doing the preflight demonstrations, to our “chief pilot” making the weather decision and giving the pilot briefing, giving the Young Eagle briefing. This translates to a LOT of involvement, time and effort on our part. I also have to consider the parents’ involvement, time and effort. I think we have kids coming from all points of the compass-Gainesville, Clermont, Mascotte, Tavares, to just name a few.



BUT, it was brought home to me today exactly why we do this! On one of my flights today, I had a young man who was very honest with me and told me before startup that he was somewhat scared and quite nervous about going up. We talked about things for a couple minutes before starting the engine, including the fact that he was the “boss” and I was the “driver”, and if he didn’t like it we would land ASAP.

I did my best to involve him with the taxi-out and had him watching for anything from his outside view side of the plane, as I couldn’t see over the cowling on that side. Once we were moving, he seemed to relax somewhat.

After the tower cleared us for takeoff, we lifted off the runway and started to climb out. After reaching about 300 feet of altitude, I was somewhat startled by a loud “WHEEE” exclamation from my co-pilot. The rest of the flight went well, while my co-pilot was constantly commenting on how things looked from the air. “There is a baseball field-I can see the WHOLE thing! Wow the cars are little and look like a bunch of hot wheels!”

After landing and coming back to the ramp, I asked my cohort if he enjoyed the flight? With a note of confidence in his young voice, he assured me that he had enjoyed it very much and was looking forward to being able to do it again.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the reason that we fly Young Eagles. It is a way to share our joy in what we do with the future generations. The numbers are nice (2.4 million), but to me it is the outreach of one at a time to the younger folks. Right or wrong, I know that I impacted and influenced this young man’s life today.

Airport News

We love to support Chapter 1234 as they contribute to our Youth program almost every year from the funds generated by these fly-ins!



Please come and join us for our EAA Chapter 1236 Annual Fly-In at Love's Landing Aviation Community. Airplanes on display will include antiques, classics, and home-builds. The event starts with early arrivals at 9:00AM for coffee and donuts.

Lunch begins at 11:30 AM through 1:30 PM. There'll be lots of Pulled Pork to eat, (no Bun) beans, coleslaw, cornbread, homemade desserts and a drink included. Purchase your Lunch tickets at the Ticket booth.



YOUNG EAGLES

Several YE took to the skies
Sat Oct 5 at KLEE



EAA Chapter 534 pilot Steve Tizard has Young Eagle Hailey Proctor strapped in for her Young Eagle flight.



EAA Chapter 534 Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient, Luke Young, pays it forward by flying Young Eagle Mason Hochstetler.



JAXON
Pic by Marty

YE photos courtesy of Ted Luebbers