



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program



**DATES:**

**Young Eagles** - 10/21 pilot's briefing at 8:30  
*Be sure your EAA background check is up to date*

**VMC** - 10/26 7:30 PM zoom TBD

**Chapter meeting** – 10/28 9:00 AM  
 FAASTeam presentation in admin building  
 (Carb Icing)

**Christmas Party** Dec 2

- Admin Building KLEE
- 5:00 PM – 9:00 \$30.00 per person
- Pulled BBQ pork & chicken w/sides
- *BYO (wine or Beer)*
- Bring 1 wrapped present per person (*less than \$10 value*) Paul's FUN gift exchange!
- A few special items will be auctioned off
- RSVP with Paul or Aleric, money to Alaric
- Pay your \$20 dues while you are writing a check lol



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**President's Corner**

Mike Hage

This past month, Rosie, a former EAA 534 young eagle and Ray scholar, was able to give back and fly her first young eagles. A first flight is eye opening, but it must be very inspirational for a youth to look at their young eagle pilot and think "that could be me" in a few years.

Similarly, 10 years ago my daughter Bella took her first young eagle ride. At the time, I was a rusty pilot and hadn't flown in almost 15 years. It inspired me to get back into aviation and a couple years later, to my surprise, Bella decided to pursue a professional aviation degree at Minnesota State, Mankato. Fast forward 5 years and in a couple weeks, she will be starting her career as an airline pilot for a regional airline. Without that initial Young Eagles flight, I don't think any of this would have happened. It truly is an amazing program.

Tailwinds,

Mike



Rosie Rivera, right, takes her first two Young Eagles for their introductory flight. They are Amalie Weaver and Gabriel Carrasquillo.



One of the aviation items to be auctioned off at Christmas party! Proceeds for this item goes to youth program.

**Large Vintage Shadow Box**

*Inspirational Quotes:*

"Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society, The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist invents the parachute!"

- Gil Stern



## 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.

**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 – October 21<sup>st</sup>

### Ray scholarship –

Gretchen reports that Luke has soloed and is working on Cross country flights

Yay Luke Nunez! Congratulations!

### Treasurer Report –

- Chapter dues or donations may be sent to Alaric Schulte our treasurer.
- Christmas party fees and signup with Alaric or Paul Adrien

If you see a new member /visitor always say "Hi"!

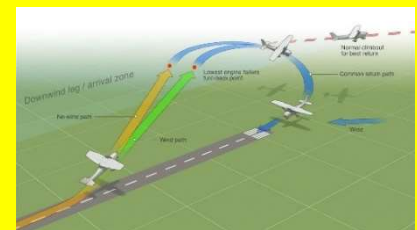
Three ways to pay your dues - pay with PayPal on our website under the membership link, pay in person at a Chapter meeting or at the hangar on Thursdays or Saturdays, or send a check in the mail made out to EAA Chapter 534 to my address below.

\$20 to:

Alaric Schulte – EAA 534  
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## SAFETY

### RETURN TO FIELD



Sadly, Richard McSpadden lost his life a month after his AOPA webinar on "engine failure at takeoff" series.

He and the pilot died in a C177 stall spin when engine failed on takeoff and pilot tried to return to airport!

Lower the nose and fly to the scene of the crash.

**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 teaching one of our adult members about cooking pancakes*

## Project Updates

### Pietenpol - Ted

Good progress center wing section in place



### Murphy Rebel – Mark

Mark explaining the complex “mixer-box” to operate the flaperons



### Cessna 150 - Steve



Stan chuckling about the many rivets he has gone through rebuilding this flap

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group back To package (70) Inspection covers to fill order



### Stinson

Some CYL issues

Bent Tailwheel



# Continuing Education

From the “Cheap Seats”

John Weber CFI-LS

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All professionals must do continuing education to maintain their licenses, and as pilots, we should consider ourselves “professionals”, as well. Realistically, is a flight review every two years enough to keep someone up to date on their knowledge? A drawback to aviation - in any respect - is the cost involved in maintaining “currency” and “proficiency”. There is a wealth of information, however, that I feel a lot of pilots ignore, and that can be had for FREE!

How many of us use ForeFlight or one of the other electronic flight bags in our flight planning and navigation? I am a ForeFlight user and I know that I have only scratched the surface of the capability of this system. I was watching a webinar last week that was given by the 2019 CFI of the year and he mentioned that a free website (and webinars) were available for ForeFlight, and that were better than the one he had on his website. It is <https://www.captainschiff.com/foreflight> or just google ForeFlight workshops. There are previously recorded episodes, and there is a new one - live - every month, that you can sign up for.



I think many of us have attended meetings from which we can get “Wings” credit, such as our own VMC Club meetings each month. There is a wealth of information and courses, webinars, etc, that can be found on the [FAASafety.gov](https://www.faa.gov/safety) website. Are you nervous about that upcoming flight review and the 1 hour of ground school? There is a course geared just for your flight review. Plug this into the search feature: ***ALC-25: Flight Review Prep Guide.***

There are so many different courses that you can take, it is kind of mind-boggling. Another advantage of taking these courses is that if you might ever perform a “stupid pilot trick”, this is documentation that you are trying to be a safer, more informed pilot. It may not be a “get out of jail free” card, but it is certainly going to be in your favor if the FAA ever looks at your record. (This also was covered by the aforementioned webinar, by the 2019 CFI of the year.)

I feel that many of us who are EAA members are also AOPA members. The AOPA has a branch called the Air Safety Institute that has multiple safety courses, as well. From a google search: “The AOPA Air Safety Institute serves all pilots by providing free safety education programs to pilots and flight instructors, analyzing safety data . . .” Many of these can be taken for “Wings” credits as well. From what I have seen, you do not have to be an AOPA member to access these courses.

I guess that I am an “old fart”, “curmudgeon”, or dinosaur when it comes to continuing education. I like taking courses that I feel have been “peer-reviewed” courses. There is also a lot of information on YouTube that is free for the taking, but I always have the concern about the author and what his/her knowledge base truly is. Many of the courses mentioned previously have a YouTube component, but anyone can be an “expert” on social media, and there may be some misinformation that you might wander into.

In conclusion, there is a whole lot of learning that can be accessed for free, and that just might also have the benefit of helping you out in case of an “oops”. Like it or not, we are “Professionals” and consequently have the obligation to continue our education throughout our flying careers.