



Home of Squadron 534 Youth Aviation Program



**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**Stinson** - New tech volunteers have stepped up to begin teardown and prep for fabric and engine checkout



**Cheap labor for Weber**  
Mason turning wrenches



**Young Eagles** none for summer

**July Monthly meeting** - none for July resumes in

August

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**President's Message**

Mike Hage

At my local airport (6MN9) the other day, we had a guest speaker come in that helped create our little piece of heaven back in the 1940's. He talked about soloing back in 1947, flying a PA18-150 up to 35,000 feet, working for the General Mills Aeronautical Department and Project Skyhook. Who would have known that our little airport was the center of all that was the 'Cold War' and space exploration. A couple years ago, after the death of his wife, he took up flying again, after 20 years off, at the ripe old age of 88. Now at 92, almost 93, he owns a plane and flies twice a week.

BTW, for those of you that are saying a PA18 doesn't have a service ceiling of 35,000 feet, you probably have never seen one specially modified for the CIA with a helium balloon attached. Somebody had a hair-brained idea that an agent could float in unnoticed, descend, perform some mission and then fly a few hours undetectable in a rag wing aircraft back to friendly territory. We will never know if anyone did, but we do know it's possible.

There are a lot of 'timeless voices' as EAA National would call them. I'm sure there are few around Leesburg. We should really make it a point to find them and document their stories before it's too late.

Tailwinds,

Mike



*Inspirational Quotes:*

*"When everything appears to be going against you, remember that airplanes takeoff against the wind, not with it!"*

- Henry Ford



## 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** – none for summer

**Ray scholarship** –

Gretchen reports we have won our fifth consecutive Ray Scholarship for 2023/24

With \$11,000.00 towards the PPL!

Yay Luke Nunez! Congratulations!

**Treasurer Report** –

Chapter dues or donations may be sent to Alaric Schulte our new treasurer.

If you see a new member 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 hanger 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

# Veteran pilot dies in crash after failing to remove flight control lock

By General Aviation News Staff · July 14, 2023

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A composite image showing the airplane between 3.7 seconds and 7.3 seconds after takeoff. (FAA photo)

**FLY SMART!**



## Chapter 534 Young Eagles

**Our next Young Eagle rally will be TBD in the Fall**

- We will continue with our great **sign-up team** led by our chairwoman Jodie Soule.
- We will have **“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

Fiberglass wing tank completed and installed



#### Murphy Rebel – Mark

Back to work on the Rebel



Cessna 150 - Steve



150 work team includes Steve, Wayne and Mark. Great progress being made!

#### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group back to hands-on fabric application for steel tube rudder



**Next Up** revival of our Stinson 108-2

