



Young Aviators Update

December 2014

Thank you for all of the support we get from the Chapter! This is the second month that I have been honored to pen this update and I am so appreciative of the support our kids (and adults) have from 43. It really DOES take a village. We are grateful our village is Erie, Colorado.

I would like to share with you the email that was sent to the YA leaders from Ryan G. whose family moved to Florida last summer. Even with so many changes in his life, he was worried that he wouldn't be able to continue experiencing his love of aviation with other kids.

"Hey Guys,

I recently did my presentation for chapter 288 to try and start a new Young Aviators.

My good friend Mason did a presentation with some pics of the old, and what we hope to become. We also had an unexpected surprise... Jack Pelton flew down here to Spruce Creek and witnessed our presentation! Then, what happened next was unbelievable. Mr. Pelton stood up and gave the Young Aviators of Port Orange \$3,000 from their personal account! But wait, that wasn't enough for 288, they matched that price! We ended up with over \$6,000 to get our group started! Embry Riddle has also given us a donation, we just don't know how much.

So far we have had three very successful meetings and are going to elect presidents and VP's along with secretaries and treasurers this Friday. Overall, I think this will be another very good branch of the Young Aviators.

Well, that's it for now. I can't wait to come back out and visit you guys and see how much the B-25 has grown! Plus we'll get to be in Oshkosh!!!!

Best of wishes, Ryan."

That just has to make you smile!

The YA Communication team is still trying to work out the logistics of the group and how to keep everyone up to date.

B25 updates will be posted by our team leads after each work session. The blog (located at youngaviators43.com > B25 > Updates) has a heading of the work session date and the updates are posted under the

comments. We welcome anyone to visit - and work if you would like - to the McHangar. Work session dates are posted on the home page of the site.

Jim Elliott has been expanding the "Education" portion of the site. Jim is striving to educate the YAs (and their families) for the trip to Wisconsin. The kids need to be able to talk about the plane with youngsters waiting to see the interior. It's going to take everyone to man our plane! If you are heading to Oshkosh and want to volunteer in KidVenture with the B25, please let Lynn Miller know.

Lynn and Pat Miller hosted a planning session for the accommodations at Oshkosh. It sounds like there will be a good turnout from 43 and many of us will be able to camp together. Every family is trying to find ways to accommodate their family and work schedules, budget, and desired accommodations with the needs of the B25. It's amazing to see the effort from so many with such busy lives.

Our hope is that our kids and the members of 43 will be able to have a pizza party at the B25 one evening. It's a vision at this point but it sure would be fun.

WE STILL NEED TO GET THE GYROCOPTER SOLD!

Any help out there in our aviation community??

We need the funding and the space.

Upcoming Meetings:

**December 6th and 20th - 11 am - 2pm at the McEwen Hangar
2955 Piper Dr, Erie**