



Young Aviators Update

May 2015

The kids added some color to their art that Dalton Dome designed. His art was the kids' choice, but as we planned "uniforms" for display of our past and presents project(s) we needed to expand a little for our Colorado and Mile High identity. Above is the full art, below on the right, the art we will use for embroidery, and the left, Dalton's art that was adapted. The final decision was made by the kids. I think they did a fine job!!!



Cockpit Day at Wings Over the Rockies has been rescheduled. The day that we hope to have the B25 on display is now June 13. Barring setbacks, we expect to be there, complete with our presentation for Oshkosh. We wish it had been pushed out rather than moved up but we WANT to be there!!!! Please put it on your calendar to come out and support the youth and adults that have made this project so special.

As a parent, I am constantly amazed by the things that the men and women of the chapter are teaching our kids. Please see this link for a slide show of recent progress.

Updates are posted by team leads at youngaviators43.com > B25 > Updates, but the photos in the slideshow will speak for themselves.

With spring here, the YA pilots wish to thank Terri and the Young Eagles program for their support! Many of these young pilots' passion for aviation began with a visit for a flight, where they were introduced to so many aspects of the love that we all share. We appreciate you!

We continue to meet people from all over that are following the progress of the Young Aviators and their projects. Due to a technical difficulty with the website, I had the opportunity to speak with a young woman who by my words "gets to see tons of people's cool websites" and was immediately reassured this was "by far one of the coolest things she's ever seen." I spent the next hour telling her what the team has done while she explored the site. She saw the Kid-EZ, the demo via YouTube video that was posted about the big simulator, the STEM page for funding, the education page for the WWII projects, and the mentor bios. She offered a suggestion, too. What about "Meet the Kids" to go with the bios for "Meet the Mentors"? What a concept! Our plates are a little full until after Oshkosh, but we will definitely be following up on that idea!

We also had a grandparent visit that has not seen the project. She was speechless. After meeting the leadership team, seeing the plane and education pieces... realizing the magnitude of the project, she can't wait until Oshkosh!!!

Finally, the YAs were contacted via the website by a Boulder man with a family friend that was a WWII pilot whose resume reads: *"Hank Fields was a pilot (aircraft commander) in the 489th Squadron of the 340th Bomb Group during the 1943-1944 Mediterranean Campaign. He continued flying after the war as an instructor, firebomber, corporate pilot, etc until he was 85."* The visit from Commander Fields' trip to the hangar was described as "inspirational and very cool" and "filled with interesting life stories" by the kids.

If you would like to receive the updates and reminders from the Young Aviators, please send your contact info to Andrea aaa43youngaviators@gmail.com and request to be put on the list. It's only a few emails a month.

Upcoming Meetings:
May 2nd and 9th work sessions 11 am - 2pm
June 6th and 20th 11 am - 2 pm
McEwen Hangar
2955 Piper Dr, Erie

Wings Over the Rockies Cockpit Day is on June 13