

## Young Eagles Breakfast Event Saturday November 14, 2017

Earlier this summer about 80 Young Eagles took to the skies with the fine pilots from Chapter 465 and for many of them it was their first flight. Needless to say they all had a great time and perhaps this flight would kindle a lifelong fascination with the world of aviation.

In an effort to fan the flames of this youthful enthusiasm we held a pancake breakfast at Tina Nelson's hanger on the morning of Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. We had over 65 people in attendance and the fine breakfast was cooked up by Joel Marketello, Dale Radford and Steve Allen.

Out on the hanger floor tables and chairs were arranged for everyone to sit down and feast on pancakes and sausage. Following the breakfast we had speakers who presented their experiences in various worlds of aviation.

Joel Marketello gave a talk about the mechanics side of aviation and his past career as an airline mechanic and what he does today as an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic. Then Rod Dykhouse gave an excellent presentation about his experiences as a military pilot of various rotor craft. While not focusing on combat as such he gave great insight into the training involved and how military experience can propel a pilot into the world of commercial aviation. Bill Siegal discussed his career as a commercial airline pilot which was also fueled by his time spent as a carrier pilot during the Vietnam war flying A4's in the ground attack role. Brian Kisling with ACI Jet gave a talk about the world of Charter flying and the role of a Fixed base Operator. Dave Fretwell alerted participants to web site that can help youth and parents identify career areas and training that are linked to individual youth interests and aptitudes. This web site is free, operated by the US Department of Labor, the link is <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

Out on the ramp we had a number of planes parked for display including a Citabria, RV -4, Piper Saratoga, a Lancair and a Bonanza.



