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[Next EAA 551 Event](#)

Tuesday 1/17/2023– EAA Chapter 551 member program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, food for a nominal donation, all are welcome and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. **Gary Evens will be discussing the possible addition of turf runways at St. Cloud Regional Airport.** Gary and his family are members of EAA 551, a private pilot working independently with other members of the Turf committee on a possible Turf Operating Area at St. Cloud Airport. Gary will be discussing the development and implementation of 2 Grass (Turf) Strips at the St. Cloud Airport. If you want to land on the grass, please attend. Gary will show tentative strip locations and procedures for using the grass (Turf) strips. He will be looking for your names/email addresses of those who are interested in using Turf Strip and to attend a town hall meeting between FAA/Tower, Airport and us users. This would take your concerns or questions directly to the rule makers and to the next step of finalization. Great news is this should happen this spring! **Meal will be pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, veggies, and dessert.**

[A word from the President of Chapter 551, Kathy Warzecha:](#)

I'd like to welcome and invite you to our monthly meetings and our monthly board meetings. I welcome your ideas for speakers, fly outs, or any other ideas you have. Our goal is to get membership and moral back up by promoting our love for aviation. Please invite a friend with you to our meetings. Together we can make 2023 a great year for EAA Chapter 551.

EAA 551 Sponsored Coming Events

Board meetings are the 1st TUESDAY of the month.

Member Programs are the 3rd TUESDAY of the month.

Tuesday 2/7/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 board meeting. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Light meals are available at 6:00 PM for a nominal donation.

Tuesday 2/21/2023– EAA Chapter 551 member program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, food for a nominal donation, all are welcome and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday 3/7/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 board meeting. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Light meals are available at 6:00 PM for a nominal donation.

Food Prep for Program Meetings: Do you enjoy grilling, cooking or entertaining? We want to try something new with people interested in preparing food for our monthly program meetings. This is your chance to show your cooking knowledge, work with others, and build community. Contact Greg Bednark at 320-282-1274.



Non EAA 551 Events:

Chapter 551 members, if you see other aviation related events that would be fitting to have in this section, please forward them to me, Ryan Rask, at RyanCRask@gmail.com, or tell me about them in person. I will add them as I get them if they are fitting, thank you for the help!

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 23

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

ICEPORT 2023

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Aviation Safety Starts with Tanis Preheat

A sincere "Thank You" goes out to [Tanis Aircraft Products](#) for their continued generous support of this unique, family-friendly event! Tanis prize drawings will be held @1pm inside Da Boathouse restaurant. Please register inside the restaurant.

For the latest ICEPORT event updates, please visit:
[Facebook.com/CreateLift](https://www.facebook.com/CreateLift)

- Pilots monitor: 122.9
- No fee for this event (Donations are highly encouraged to offset Mac's Twin Bay plowing expenses)
- Plowed iceway. Skis & wheels welcome.
- GPS coordinates: 46.17N/93.48W

"Look for the orange safety cones depicting the landing zone"

VENUE: ICEPORT 2023 Fly-in Brunch (Mille Lacs Lake, MN)

DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 4th, 2023 10:00am - 3:00pm (Snow Day Backup Date 3/5/2023)

LOCATION: Mac's Twin Bay www.macstwinbay.com/da-boathouse-restaurant

News and Notes:

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Did you know that you pilots can still give Young Eagle flights (free flights to youth ages 8-17 years old) even when there is not a Young Eagle Rally? Pilots can find all of the information at <https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/free-ye-flights/ye-volunteers/ye-volunteer-opportunities/eaayoung-eagles-volunteer-pilots>

Young Eagle forms, Certificates of Young Eagles Flight, and Sporty's Log Book with access code to the Sporty's Online Ground School Program (\$249 value) are available to pilots to the right as you enter the Aero Club Board Room (Kitchen area).

The Young Eagle form to be completed in its entirety prior to flight, including parent/guardian signature.

Be sure to turn in your completed (flights given) Young Eagle forms. There is a file drawer below the TV in the EAA Chapter 551 Board Room marked for this. Pilots who are in compliance with giving Young Eagle flights and

with each fully completed Young Eagles form, EAA Chapter 551 will be given \$5 in Young Eagle credits for each flight. EAA Chapter 551 can then spend those funds on items to support future Young Eagles Programs.

T-Hangar Space at the St. Cloud Regional Airport. T-Hangar space is very tight at the St. Cloud Regional Airport. If you are in need of a T-Hangar or plan to purchase a plane and will be in need of a T-Hangar, please email **both** Bill Towle (William.Towle@ci.stcloud.mn.us) and Lynn Hoff (Lynn.Hoff@ci.stcloud.mn.us) to get your name on the T-Hangar Waiting List.

It's time for you to fly! Complete your SCSU Aero Club application today! The website has changed for scheduling, info, and registration. The new website is: www.scsuaeroclub.org

*****PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANY VEHICLES IN FRONT OF HANGERS***EAA Chapter 551 membership dues are \$25.00 Dues can be submitted/mailed to EAA 551's Treasurer: Kenneth HT Olson CPA LTD. PO Box 335, Sartell, MN. 56377**

EAA 551 chapter programs are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month @6:30 p.m, dinner at 6:00 p.m.
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Chapter 551 Member's Corner

What's happening around the chapter? Go somewhere cool in your airplane? Go flying with some friends?

Want to see it here? Send pictures (and a description) to RyanCRask@gmail.com with "551 Member's Corner" in the subject line

Submit projects you are working on and/or project updates to [Steve Reisdorf at sreisdorf@charter.net](mailto:sreisdorf@charter.net) for publication in the newsletter.

2023 EAA Chapter 551 Directors (Voting Board Members)

Class 1 Directors:

President: Kathy Warzecha
Vice President: Bill Justin
Second Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Angie Olson
Treasurer: Ken Olson
Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers
Immediate Past President: Chip Sauers

Class 2 Directors:

Dale Field
Dave Tannehill
Dean Scherer
Steve Reisdorf
Rob Jahnke (Webmaster)
Ryan Rask (Newsletter Editor)

EAA Chapter 551 Appointments

Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers
Webmaster: Rob Jahnke
Newsletter Editor: Ryan Rask
Membership Coordinator: Ken Olson
Scholarship/Fundraising Committee: On hold

Board Minutes:

EAA 551 Board Meeting

Date: 1/02/2023

Attendees: Steve R., Ken O., Chip S., Greg B., Angie O., Bill Justin, Kathy W., Ryan R., Dale F.

Call to Order: 18:30

December Meeting Minutes read and approved. Moved – Chip S., Seconded – Ryan R. M/S/P

December Special Meeting Minutes read and approved. Moved - Ryan R., Seconded - Bill J. M/S/P

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson

- o General Fund: \$8,053.65
- o Scholarship Fund: \$1,755.62
- o Ray Aviation Scholarship: \$4,000
- o Ken applied for Young Eagles Credits
- o Looking for a space for the flight simulator. Discussion regarding the office space as a possible location.
- o Treasurer's Report approved Moved – Ryan R., Seconded – Bill J. M/S/P

Web Master: Rob J.

- o Rob is available via phone if there are any questions or concerns.
- o Keying in eaa551.org will take you to chapters.eaa.org/ea551 without having to remember the new website URL.

Young Eagles Report:

- o National reimbursement will be \$10/flight in 2023
- o YE Event dates 2023
 - o 3rd Saturday in May – STC
 - o 3rd Saturday in June – LXL
 - o 3rd Saturday in September – STC
- o Discussion regarding smaller rallies targeted for STEM students
- o Discussion regarding scheduling a rain day for spring YE event

Ray Scholarship:

- o Duncan should send receipts for reimbursement
- o We are looking for scholars for next year. They must be a member and they must be active in EAA 551.

Program Ideas:

- o Jake Hermann (alternate) - January
- o Kyle Wensman - January
- o Greg and/or Bill Mavencamp – January
- o John Hanson
- o Don Lee MSPS (Mn Sea Plane Association)
- o CC Pockock
- o Luke Czesnik (POW – Balloon pilot)
- o Nathan and Brianna Mueller – Law enforcement using drones
- o Gary Evans
- o Patrick Wolfson (Sun Country Airlines)
- o Ryan Eiden (gold mining and flying)
- o Bernie Erickson (Air-Med)

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

- o Aitkin Valentine's Day Fly-in
- o Ice Port March 4th
- o Camp Ripley tour – In Progress

Recognition:

- o Duncan has finished his ground school – Way to go Duncan!
- o Dale will connect with Duncan to mentor through the rest of his license.

Old Business:

- o Discussion and clarification from By-laws regarding the election of leadership process.

New Business:

- o Motion to move the Board and Program meeting days to Tuesdays. Moved – Dale F., Seconded – Bill J. M/S/P
- o Discussion regarding alternate board meeting locations.
- o Discussion regarding connecting with home school students.
- o Next board meeting February 07, 2023
- o Meal planning:
 - January program meeting 01/17/23
 - Pulled Pork – Chip
 - Buns – Ken
 - Potato Salad – Bill
 - Veggies and Dip – Kathy
 - Dessert - Angie
 - February board meeting – Kathy W

Motion to Adjourn 20:35 - Moved – Chip S Seconded – Ryan R., M/S/P



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