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[Next EAA 551 Event](#)

Tuesday 5/16/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM all are welcome. Program at 6:30 PM. Brats, burgers and dessert at 6 PM. “I have a phone number for you to call when you are on the ground. Advise when ready to copy”. These are words no Pilot wants to hear! **“You Can Call Me Bravo, Buster”** presented by **Laura Hermann P/ASEL- IR, AGI, Remote Pilot, Lead FASTeam Representative**. Join Laura as she describes her inadvertent foray into O’Hara’s Class Bravo and the events that followed. She also will talk about her flight around the DC SFRA, what kind of training is involved, and answer the questions: What is The Fluky Gate?, Why is Leesburg Airport special?, and how are P 56 and R-6608A different? Join us for a tour around some challenging and difficult airspace! Laura is a 1500 hour instrument rated Private Pilot with high performance, complex, and tailwheel endorsements, who learned to fly in 2000 after completing a graduate program in nurse anesthesia. She also is an Advanced Ground Instructor and is adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota Mankato, Department of Aviation. One of her aviation goals is to land a Cessna in all 50 states. All she has left us Idaho in Hawaii! Idaho will happen in June and Hawaii at some point in the near future. Laura flies a Cessna 182 and it’s based at Flying Cloud Airport. Laura’s other passion besides flying for the \$200 hamburger is to rescue animals from overcrowded shelters and fly them to foster homes or forever families. She has flown over 200 dogs, one cat, and two goats. One flight involved two Great Danes in the back of her 182! Laura is also a leading FAASTeam representative and was named 2022 national FAA Safety Team Representative of the year. She is also the 2022 Flying Cloud Operator of the year. Along with volunteering for the FAASTeam, Laura is a member of the Minnesota 99s (women pilots), MSP Airport Watch, and EAA Chapter 878. We are honored to have Laura present at our EAA Chapter meeting! **WINGS credit is available** for this presentation.

[Our New Flight Simulator is Up and Running!](#)

EAA Chapter 551 has assembled a new flight simulator for Young Eagle Events and member use. It runs the newest, very excellent X-Plane 12 with three monitors, yoke, throttle quadrant, joystick, and instructor station. **The simulator is available to all EAA 551 current members (dues paid)** in the Aero Club Hangar at KSTC. **Come early to the next program meeting and try it out. The simulator will be available starting at 5:00 pm**, Food at 6:00 pm, and Program at 6:30 pm. Thanks to Chip Sauers and the others who spearheaded this project.



Food Prep for monthly programs: 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.

[EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20](#)

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at EAA.org/LTFWeek.





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Non EAA 551 Events:

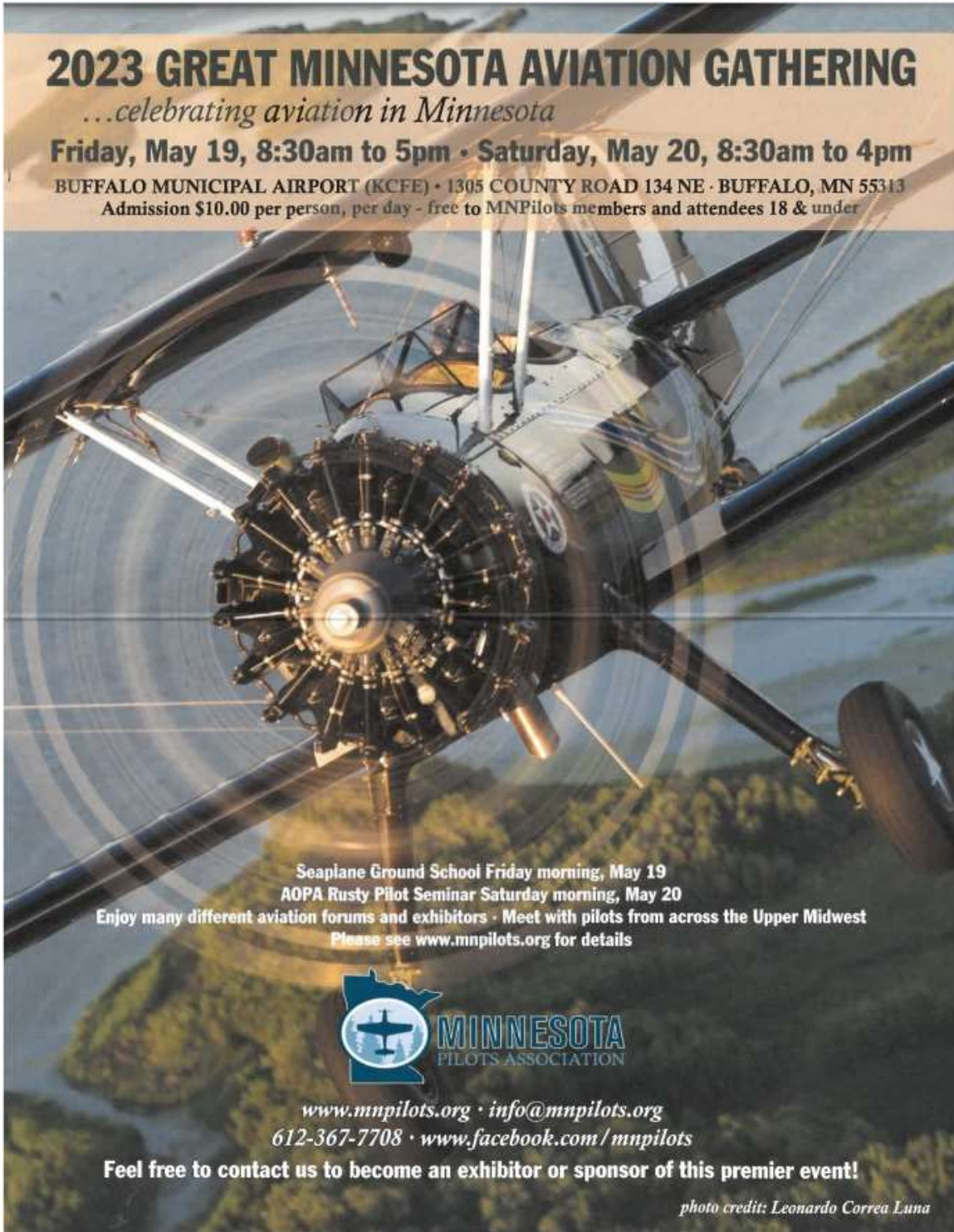
2023 GREAT MINNESOTA AVIATION GATHERING

...celebrating aviation in Minnesota

Friday, May 19, 8:30am to 5pm · Saturday, May 20, 8:30am to 4pm

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Admission \$10.00 per person, per day - free to MNPilots members and attendees 18 & under



Seaplane Ground School Friday morning, May 19

AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar Saturday morning, May 20

Enjoy many different aviation forums and exhibitors · Meet with pilots from across the Upper Midwest

Please see www.mnpilots.org for details



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Feel free to contact us to become an exhibitor or sponsor of this premier event!

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BUFFALO FLY-IN

**Breakfast &
Car Show**

SUNDAY
**JUNE 11,
2023**



- *CAR SHOW*
- *AIRPLANES*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Serving 7:30am–12pm

Adults: \$10

Youth 6–12: \$5

Kids 5 & under: Free

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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!

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/ea/youth/free-ye-flights/ye-volunteers/ye-volunteer-opportunities/ea-young-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 srreisdorf@charter.net for publication in the newsletter.

<p><u>2023 EAA Chapter 551 Directors (Voting Board Members)</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>Class 2 Directors: Dale Field Dave Tannehill Dean Scherer Steve Reisdorf Rob Jahnke (Webmaster) Ryan Rask (Newsletter Editor)</p>	<p><u>EAA Chapter 551 Appointments</u></p> <p>Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers Webmaster: Rob Jahnke Newsletter Editor: Ryan Rask Membership Coordinator: Ken Olson Scholarship/Fundraising Committee: On hold</p>
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Board Minutes:

EAA 551 Board Meeting

Date: 04/11/2023

Attendees: Ken O., Bill J., Kathy W., Chip S., Steve R., Dale F., Angie O., Rob J., Ashley T.

Call to Order: 18:30

March Meeting Minutes read and approved. Moved - Bill J., Seconded – Chip M/S/P

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson

- o General Fund: \$11,234.36
- o Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund: \$915.76
- o Treasurer’s Report approved. Moved -Bill J., Seconded – Chip S. M/S/P

Web Master: Rob J.

- o Monthly program information to be posted on Facebook and website.
- o Post bio and pictures of speakers on Facebook and website.
- o Website information is more “static” and Facebook information is more “dynamic”.
- o Information available on the website will be discussed at a program meeting.
- o Tool Crib information – if you have tools you would like to loan out, please contact Rob Jahnke.

Young Eagles Report:

- o YE Event dates 2023
 - o Saturday May 13 – STC

- o Saturday May 20 – STC (Rain Day)
- o Saturday June 17 – LXL
- o 3rd Saturday in September – STC
- o **Volunteers needed May 12th for YE event setup.**
- o **Volunteers/Pilots needed May 13th** (number of pilots/planes will determine how many registrations)
- o Online registration opens May 9th.
- o Simulator – Computer ready, seat needs to be installed.
 - o Help at YE event from Duncan, Adam, Izzy?

Ray Scholarship:

- o Duncan studying for his written.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

- o Camp Ripley tour – In Progress

Recognition:

None this month

Old Business:

- o YE Credits from 2022 could be used for signage for YE parking, event entrance, and new window clings for hangar.
 - o Bill will check with Mustang Graphics

New Business:

- o Lifetime membership – Bill is adjusting amounts and will be discussed at the next member meeting.
- o Discussion regarding the possibility of raising dues
- o Greeter at program meetings
- o 50/50 raffle
 - 1st prize – 50% of money collected.
 - 2nd prize – hat
 - 3rd prize - \$15
- o Upcoming speakers
 - April – Harold Green (wings credit available)
 - May – Laura Herman (wings credit available)
 - June 6th (due to Luke’s schedule) – Luke Cesnik
 - July – no program meeting
 - August – Dr. Erickson
 - Sept/Oct – Camp Ripley
- o EAA Leadership Academy in OSH or online – April 22-23
- o Meal planning:
 - April Program
 - Kathy – Hot dish
 - Angie – Salad
 - Bill - Bread
 - Ken and Dale – Dessert
 - May board meeting
 - Bill

Motion to Adjourn 19:55 - Moved – Bill J. Seconded – Steve R., M/S/P

EAA 551 Board Meeting

Date: 05/02/2023

Attendees: Ken O., Bill J., Kathy W., Chip S., Steve R., Dale F., Angie O., Rob J., Dale F., Dean S.

Call to Order: 18:31

April Meeting Minutes read and approved. Moved – Ken O., Seconded – Dean S. M/S/P

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson

General Fund: \$8,588.50

Scholarship Fund: \$1,755.62

Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund: \$3,517.21

34 Paid members

Treasurer's Report approved. Moved – Chip S., Seconded – Dean S. M/S/P

Web Master: Rob J.

Monthly program information to be posted on Facebook and web site.

Laura Hermann information to be posted.

Video from Harold Green is posted.

Tool Crib information – if you have tools you would like to loan out, please contact Rob Jahnke.

Young Eagles Report:

YE Event dates 2023

Saturday May 13 – STC

Saturday May 20 – STC (Rain Day)

105 kids registered.

Discussion regarding a Girl Scout event to be run as a Young Eagles event, not a “girl scout badge” event.

Simulator assembly is in progress and discussion regarding the portability of the simulator to events.

Discussion regarding location for the flight simulator.

LXL will be organizing their own YE event in June.

Ray Scholarship:

Duncan is studying for his written and flying twice a week.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

Camp Ripley tour – In Progress

Recognition:

None this month

Old Business:

YE Credits from 2022 could be used for signage for YE parking, event entrance, and new window clings for hangar.

Bill will check with Mustang Graphics
Continue with 50/50 and hat drawing – Ken and Angie
Greeter for June – Dale and Angie

New Business:

Lifetime membership – Bill is adjusting amounts and will be discussed at the next member meeting.

Motion to raise dues \$5.00 per year Dale F. Seconded – Ken O., M/S/P

Upcoming speakers

May – Laura Herman (wings credit available)

June 6th (due to Luke's schedule) – Luke Cesnik

Board meeting June 6th at 5:00 pm

July – no program meeting

August – Ken Shendel – F16 pilot

Sept/Oct – Patrick Woolfson

November – Bernie Erickson

Board meeting moved to July 11th due to 4th of July holiday.

Ice Cream social – Root beer float fly-in event discussed.

Haunted Hangars event at STC – Angie will inquire with Bill T and Bill M about logistics.

Brat fundraising at Coborns – Kathy will call Coborns for details.

Meal planning:

May Program

Steve, Ken and Dale – Brats and Burgers

Chip – Chips

Ken – buns

Kathy – Salad

Angie - Dessert

June board meeting

NA – same night as program meeting

June Program Meeting

Kathy – Shredded Beef

Ken – Buns

Angie – Salad

Chip - Beans

Motion to Adjourn 19:41 - Moved – Rob J. Seconded – Steve R., M/S/P



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