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[Next EAA 551 Event](#)

Tuesday 3/21/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM all are welcome. Program at 6:30 PM. Pizza and Salad at 6 PM. Ryan and Kari Eiden will speak at 6:30 PM. Ryan has flown the Alaska Highway several times. His Piper Vagabond and homebuilt Wittman Tailwind have seen the adventures with him. His Piper Vagabond is hangared in Alaska. For the past 13 years, Ryan, Kari, and family spend part of each year mining in Alaska. Come and hear their story and see pictures they have to share. Please spread the word by sharing this event with friends and family. All are welcome! You do not have to be a pilot to attend meetings or become a member. EAA is for ALL aviation enthusiasts! Questions? Call 320-310-6592

[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.

Monthly Programs are the 3rd TUESDAY of the month.

Tuesday 4/4/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 board meeting. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Light meals are available at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday 4/18/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM all are welcome. Program at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday 5/2/2022 – EAA Chapter 551 board meeting. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Light meals are available at 6:00 PM.

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.





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!

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 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: 03/07/2023

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

Call to Order: 18:31

February Meeting Minutes read and approved. M/S/P

Treasurer's Report: Ken Olson

o General Fund: \$12,582.89

o Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund: \$3,090.81

o Treasurer's Report approved. Moved -Bill J., Seconded – Chip S. M/S/P

Webmaster: Rob J.

o Discussion regarding highlighting of newsletter links to make them more noticeable.

o Post bio and pictures of speakers on facebook and web sites.

Young Eagles Report:

o Discussion of Learn to Fly Day on May 20th .

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 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

Ray Scholarship:

o Duncan soloed!!

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

o Camp Ripley tour – In Progress

Recognition:

- o Duncan soloed!

Old Business:

- o Thank you notes sent to Gary Evans and Bill Mavencamp
- o Board members must be 18 but there are other activities/positions that are available for younger members.

New Business:

- o Promotional items and giveaways at chapter meetings
- o 50/50 raffle
- o Lifetime membership – Bill will check on.
- o Upcoming speakers

March – Ryan Eiden

April – Harold Green (wings credit available)

May – Laura Hermann (wings credit available)

June – Luke Cesnik

July – no program meeting

August – Dr. Erickson

Sept/Oct – Camp Ripley

- o Meal planning:

March Program

Bill – Pizza

Angie – Salad

Ken and Dale – Dessert

April board meeting

Angie

Motion to Adjourn 19:45 - Moved –Ken O. Seconded – Steve R., M/S/P



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