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Tuesday 10/17/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour, food will be **tacos and dessert**, all are welcome. Program at 6:30 PM. **Scott Leishman, the Assistant Airport Director at St. Cloud, will be our speaker. He will be talking about airport projects, both current and future.**

[Upcoming 551 events:](#)

Tuesday 11/7/2023 – 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 11/21/2023 --EAA Chapter 551 monthly 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 12/5/2023 – 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.

Saturday 12/9/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 Christmas Party. SCSU Aero Club Hangar, stay tuned for more information.

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.

Allan "Al" A. Warzecha

Allan A. Warzecha, age 85, of Holdingford passed away peacefully of natural causes surrounded by his family on Friday, October 6, 2023 in the home where he was born, built by his parents on land that was purchased by his great grandfather in 1888 after he immigrated to Minnesota from Poland.



A graveside service will be held at the St. Hedwig Parish Cemetery at a later date. An open house Celebration of Life will be held on October 28, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Holdingford Legion in Holdingford, MN. Arrangements are with Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN.

Allan Alois Warzecha was born on October 27, 1937 in Holdingford, MN to Stanley and Sally (Kuklok) Warzecha. He grew up in Holdingford and graduated from Holdingford High School in 1955. Allan's father passed away at a young age and Al stayed at home to help his mother on the farm and continued living on the family farm after his marriage to Donna Determan on June 17, 1967. He served in the National Guard for six years and he then owned and operated Warzecha Plumbing & Heating until 2019 when he retired due to health concerns. Al provided plumbing and heating services to many in his community and was known for his quality work and making his own ductwork for heating systems. He would often respond to late night calls to fix furnaces in the middle of the winter and phone calls from customers asking for a service call. Up until two weeks ago, he generously provided over the phone guidance and taught customers how to fix an issue themselves at no charge to them. He was a natural engineer, finding creative ways to make anything he needed to overcome any challenge. He was a frugal man and had a knack for creating useful tools out of found objects. His current project was rebuilding a 1959 Aeronca Champion airplane, which he was very proud of and close to completing.

Al had a great sense of humor and loved playing practical jokes. He enjoyed animals, tools, attending auctions, and collecting Cockshutt Tractors. He loved Polka music, even learning to play the button box and piano accordion by ear. He looked forward to attending as many live Polka music events as he could over the years. Walking into his house and shop, you were guaranteed to hear Polka music playing over KASM radio. He also loved spending time in his shop, which was an "organized mess," yet Al knew exactly where everything was located.

Al obtained his pilot's license in 1965 from Whitney Memorial Airport, which was the original airport in St. Cloud. He and Donna owned 4 airplanes throughout their marriage. Allan had a great passion for flying. They attended many fly-in breakfasts and took many cross country trips in their airplane over the years. He enjoyed taking people for rides in his airplane and was known for doing stunts especially for laughs. He and Donna loved traveling and took many family road trips throughout the U.S., as well.

Al, known as "Woody" by some, was a beloved member of the community. Al's door was always open and he had frequent drop-in visitors. He loved spending time with his family, especially his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a humble man with a quiet faith and will be deeply missed by many.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Knight (Greg) of Litchfield, MN, Diane Warzecha of Menlo Park, CA, Kim (Wayne) Maciejewski of Avon, MN, and Kathy Warzecha of Holdingford, MN; seven grandchildren, Kayleigh (TJ) Vernon of Casper, WY, Jeremy (Katie) Lewerenz of Mora, MN, Arielle (Josh) Johnson of Darwin, MN, Kalin Volinkaty of Darwin, MN, Crystal Czech (Nat) of Little Falls, MN, Rachel Maciejewski of Sauk Rapids, MN, Garrett (Linda) Warzecha of Phoenix, AZ; six great-grandchildren, Cannen, Aurora, Easton, Amelia, Piper and Charlie. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Buster and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, on March 3, 2021; his parents, Sally and Stanley Warzecha; sisters, Lucille Skroch, Cecelia Grebinoski, Jeannette Fautsch and brothers, Othmar and Leonard Warzecha.

As his health declined in the last few years, the family is grateful for the wonderful care he received from all of his providers at CentraCare, including Dr. Nee, Dr. Cowardin, nurse Joyce, and the rest of the Nephrology team, Amy Kramer, APRN, CNP, Dr. Kern, the Cardiology team at Centracare, Dr. Abigael Luke, and all of his care team at St. Cloud Hospital especially Bre, Kathie, and Sammi who were there toward the end. Thank you to the Holdingford Fire and Rescue Squad, Mayo Clinic Ambulance, and the Stearns County Sheriff who assisted in Dad's last trip to the hospital and the Mayo Clinic Ambulance service who carefully and compassionately brought Dad home for his last time. A special thank you to Stephanie, RN of CentraCare Hospice, for her compassionate support and care at the end of Allan's life.

Al's family would like the community to know how grateful they are to all of you for the visits, phone calls, homemade treats and friendship over the years.



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Non EAA 551 Events:

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TREE OF HOPE BEGAN MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO WHEN RAY & CELESTE SHEFLAND NOTICED A PROBLEM; HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN IN NEED OF A SMILE OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. GATHERING THEIR AVIATION FRIENDS, THEY COLLECTED & DELIVERED TOYS TO LOCAL HOSPITALS.

SINCE THOSE EARLY YEARS, WE'VE GROWN TO SUPPORTING MORE THAN 35 HOSPITALS, SHELTERS AND CHARITIES IN MINNESOTA & WESTERN WISCONSIN WITH TOYS.

THEIR MISSION CONTINUES BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. SHOP FOR TOYS (INFANTS THROUGH AGE 18), MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION OR BECOME A SPONSOR. VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.HOLIDAYTREEOFHOPE.ORG

OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



COLLECTION DAY

FLY OR DRIVE TOY DONATIONS TO THE
ST. CLOUD REGIONAL AIRPORT, HANGAR H
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 8AM-12PM

TREE OF HOPE IS A REGISTERED 501(C)(3)



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?



Thanks to everyone that helped Chapter 551 have another successful Young Eagles event!

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.

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: 10/10/2023

Attendees: Ken O., Bill J., Chip S., Kathy W., Angie O.

Call to Order: 18:30

Sept. Meeting Minutes read. Motion to approve – Ken. Seconded – Chip M/S/P

Treasurer's Report: Ken Olson Motion to approve – Chip. Seconded – Dale M/S/P

- o General Fund: \$8,817.10
- o Scholarship Fund: \$1,755.62
- o Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund: \$2,828.96
- o 46 Paid members
- o \$220.00 for Fly-out lunch

Webmaster: Rob J. – not present

Young Eagles Report:

- o 71 kids (68 registered and 3 walk-ins).
- o Chip connected with an individual interested in a Ray Aviation Scholarship. Chip will send information to Ken.
- o Two simulators were a wonderful asset to the event.

Ray Scholarship:

- o Duncan is continuing toward his private check ride.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

- o Voyager Village for brunch.
- o Reminder to contact EAA for Fly-out (event) insurance.

Recognition:

- o Thank you to Wilbur for many years of volunteering as a YE pilot!

- o Thanks to Ken for contacting EAA for Fly-out insurance.

Old Business:

- o Greeter for October – Ken
- o Granite Falls Fly-out was a great success, beautiful weather and 8 planes from the chapter.

New Business:

- o A celebration of Al Warzecha will be held on October 28, 2023, from 12:00 – 5:00 at the Holdingford Legion.
- o Upcoming speakers
 - October – Scott Leishman, Assistant Director STC – airport projects, current and future.
 - November – John Decker, STC historian (tentative).
- o Chapter Program meeting Oct. 17th
- o Board Meeting Nov. 07th
- o November board elections
 - Vacant positions: V.P. and Second V.P.
- o Meal planning: Oct. Program meeting
 - Taco meat – Bill
 - Onion, lettuce, tomatoes – Chip
 - Shells (soft/hard) and dessert – Angie
 - Salsa/Guac – Kathy
 - Cheese, sour cream – Ken
- o Tree of Hope to borrow tables for their event – Chip will contact to determine date.
- o Christmas Party – Dec. 09th.

Motion to adjourn: Moved – Ken, Seconded – Kathy, M/S/P
Meeting Adjourned 19:27



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RV-6A built by Chapter 551's own Bob Barrett is for sale by its current owner:

RV-6A N784TB For Sale

First flew in May 2009, 566 TT, NDH, Lycoming O-320, E-Mag, ADSB Out, ADSB In (with your tablet), Dynon D-10A EFIS and D-10 EMS, stunning paint and leather interior. Meticulously cared for by Second owner (for 11 years), always hangared. Located at KYNG (Ohio). \$64,900. Please call/text Don at (330)219-8201, or email b52don@gmail.com.



CESSNA FOR SALE BY OWNER



1974 CESSNA 150M

N2894V

Engine Time

Aircraft Hours:	5,138
Engine Hours:	39.9
Time since overhaul:	39.9
<u>Prop Time/ Since Overhaul:</u>	478.4

Avionics

Dual Nav/Com Radios
Garmin Portable GPS
ACK 760 ELT
GTX Transponders with ADS-B

Owner: Larry Helwig 505-440-5056

lkbonanza@aol.com

Moose Lake, MN Airport

Asking Price: \$50,000