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April 10th, 2025



The Ford Trimotor Then and Now

Tuesday 4/15/2025 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. See original footage of Ford Trimotor manufacturing from 1925-1933, along with footage of Harold Johnson flying aerobatics in the Trimotor. **All are welcome!**

Attention members: EAA 551 is looking for a donation of a GENTLY USED ELECTRIC STOVE to the Chapter for use in preparing program meals!

Upcoming 551 events:

Young Eagles 2025 Rallies: KSTC 5/10/25. KSTC 9/13/25

EAA 551 will be hosting EAA's Ford Trimotor June 20th-22nd 2025. We will need many volunteers to help make this event a success!

Tuesday 5/6/2025 – 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 5/20/2025 --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.



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Non EAA 551 Events:

WINGS OVER

ALEXANDRIA

***FLY-IN AND
AIR SHOW***

June 14th, 2025

Sponsored by:

FAGEN FIGHTERS

WWII MUSEUM

Fly-In:
8 - Noon

Air Show
1 - 3

**Live Flight
Performances**

**Static Ground
Displays**

Food Trucks & More

Wings Over Alexandria is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation

ISLE DAYS 2025

ISLE AIRPORT BREAKFAST

S.E. side of beautiful Lake Mille Lacs

Fly in	Sunday July 13, 2025
Drive in	at ISLE AIRPORT
Walk in	1½ miles north of Isle, MN
Just show up!	7:00 am to 12:00 noon

Under-wing camping Saturday night July 12



ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Juice, Milk, Coffee

Adults \$14.00

Kids 9 yrs and under \$7.00

PIC's free!!

Isle Airport - MY72 Unicom 122.9

2460' turf runway 16-34* Field elevation 1271'

***NOTE 70' trees 700' beyond north end and 180' left of rwy 34 centerline. 10:1 slope to clear.**

GPS coord. N46.15980 W93.46230

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. St. Cloud Regional Airport has added new policies to the Hangar Wait List. Please see <https://stcloudairport.com/107/T-Hangar-Leases-and-Fees>. Interested parties can stop by the Airport Administration office for specific inquiries, or call 320-255-7292.

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 \$30.00 for adult, \$40 for family, \$10 for student. 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?

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAPTER 551'S 2024 RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR KEEGAN EIBENSTIENER ON PASSING HIS PRIVATE PILOT CHECKRIDE ON MARCH 6TH 2025



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.

2025 EAA Chapter 551 Board and Appointments

Officers

President: Rob Jahnke

Vice President: Sheila Gruba

Second Vice President: Bill Justin

Secretary: Angie Olson

Treasurer: Ken Olson

Board Members

Dale Field

Steve Reisdorf

Ryan Rask

Chip Sauers

Ex-Officio Board Members (non voting)

Steve Anderson

Greg Bednark

Lenny Pintok

Keegan Eibensteiner

EAA Chapter 551 Appointments

Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers

Event Coordinator: Bill Justin

Webmaster: Rob Jahnke

Newsletter Editor: Ryan Rask

Tool Crib Manager: Rob Jahnke

Membership Coordinator: Ken Olson

Scholarship Coordinator: Ken Olson

Scholarship Committee: Sheila Gruba, Ken Olson

Board Minutes:

Date: 04/01/2025

Attendees: Rob J., Dale F., Ken O., Ryan R., Izzy E., Angie O., Tessa, Carrie, Chip S. Logan S.

Call to Order: 18:35

Motion to approve minutes from December, February, and March - Ryan R., Seconded, Chip S. M/S/P

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson

- o General Fund: \$13,098.84
- o Food: \$298.89
- o Scholarship: \$2,285.94
- o Scholarship Reserve: \$5,000
- o Chip will check with VFW regarding a donation.
- o Bill J. will check with E. side Lions regarding a donation.
- o Dale F. has designated his Thrivent contribution to go to EAA 551 – **Thank you Dale**
- o 48 paid members

Motion to approve treasurer's report – Dale F., Seconded – Ryan R., M/S/P

Web Master: Rob J.

- o Nothing new to report

Newsletter: Ryan R.

- o No new information
- o Request for Logan and Tessa to post about flying experiences on Facebook

Ray Scholarship 2024/2025:

- o **Scholar updates:**
 - Isaac – confirmed for EAA Air Academy Camp
 - Duncan – working with Jake in LXL to finish

- Keegan – private pilot license 03/06/25
- Tessa – working on ground ref. maneuvers and stalls
- Logan – has soloed and will be working on his X-C flights next.
- Izzy – working at STC Aviation

Young Eagles Report:

- YE dates May 10th and Sept. 13th.
- Chip has submitted insurance
- Volunteers requested
- Hangar 2 has been reserved
- Registration will open 2 weeks prior to the event and will be publicized 1 week prior to the event.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

- Discussion regarding a fly-out event to distribute Ford Tri-motor flyers.

Recognition:

- **Congratulations Logan! First Solo on 03/18/25!!**

Old/New Business:

- Ford Tri-Motor: June 20-22
 - Contact Rob J., if you would like posters and/or table tents to advertise the event.
 - Email Rob J., with the location(s) you place advertisements.
 - Connect any sponsors to Rob J. and Rob will follow up to provide the details.
- Volunteers for YE and Ford Tri-motor need badges.
 - There is an option for a free badge (limited to EAA only events).
 - Special badge price of \$25 for EAA members (badge is good for 3 years).
- Meal planning discussed for the remainder of the year.
 - April – Chilli, cornbread, dessert
- Review of programs for 2025:
 - April – Ford Tri-motor
 - May – Prop Balancing
 - June – AOPA safety
 - July – No program
 - August – EAA/AOPA Air Safety Seminar
 - September – Bill Mavencamp
 - October – Elections & Program TBD
 - November – EAA/AOPA Air Safety Seminar
 - December – Christmas Party

Motion to adjourn – Ken O., Seconded – Dale F., M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned 20:05



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Lake, Mn

Maintenance, Aircraft Rental

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