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January 12th, 2024

Tuesday 1/16/2024 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour, food will be **sloppy joes, chips and a dessert**, all are welcome. Program at 6:30 PM. The topic this month will be **Important NOTAMs Decoded**. How to find out what they mean. Why they are important. Presented by **Gary Evens of St. Cloud Airport Maintenance**.

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Upcoming 551 events:

Tuesday 2/13/2024 – EAA Chapter 551 board meeting. **Different week than normal due to scheduling conflicts**. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Light meals are available at 6:00 PM for a nominal donation.

Tuesday 2/20/2024 --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 3/5/2024 – 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 3/19/2024 --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.

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.



Non EAA 551 Events:

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

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

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.



Homebuilders Week Schedule

January 22 - 26, 2024

To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

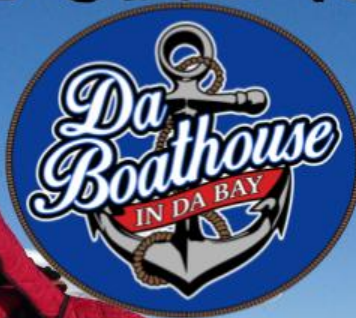
Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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ICEPORT 2024

MAC'S Twin Bay
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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 @2pm 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 2024 Fly-in Brunch (Lake Mille Lacs, MN)

DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 10:00am - 3:00pm

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

CONTACT: Mark Priglmeier (320) 200-8050 CreateLift@gmail.com

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 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 airport@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.

2024 EAA Chapter 551 Board and Appointments

Officers

President: Rob Jahnke

Vice President: Kathy Warzecha

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: Greg Bednark, Angie Olson,
Ken Olson

Board Minutes:

EAA 551 Board Meeting

EAA 551 Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Rob Jahnke

Present were Kathy Warzecha, Bill Justin, Dale Field, Ken Olson, Steve Anderson, Rob Jahnke, Chip Sauers, Greg Bednark, and guest Keegan Eibensteine

Rob reviewed member and chapter appointment list, and list of ex officio board members and list of programs for 2024 currently scheduled.

December minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Bill, seconded by Chip, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was presented by Ken.

Webmaster report.

Rob Jahnke reported Wifi update. Currently we are accessing WiFi from St Cloud Aviation from their guest privileges. Rob to inform them of the circumstance and get approval from Bill to continue to do so.

Newsletter report.

Nothing to report

Old Business.

Since there was no election of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President at the November meeting, the by-laws state that the board of directors shall fill the empty positions. Rob Jahnke has agreed to serve as president for 2024, Kathy Warzecha has agreed to serve as First Vice President, and Bill Justin has agreed to be an activities director. This slate of officers was presented. Motion to accept this slate of officers was made by Ken, seconded by Dale, and passed unanimously.

Christmas Party review.

The members had received good comments about the move to the afternoon time. Ideas about possible entertainment for the future were presented. A reminder to recognize in the future the service by board members, officers and Young Eagle volunteers was noted.

Dues update.

The board had approved in May an increase in dues to \$30 by members, \$40 for family, and to keep student membership at \$10. It was noted that this needs to be voted on by the members. This will be an action item for the January membership meeting.

Committee members.

Rob presented a list of the various committees of EAA chapter 551. These members are volunteers and are not required to be voted on by the membership. A motion was made by Ken, seconded by Kathy to approve the slate of committee members. Passed unanimously.

Ray Scholarship update.

Our current scholar, Duncan Sauers, is still in training. We have expended the \$10,000 that was the amount of the EAA scholarship. Duncan will be responsible for the further costs of training. He has expressed the desire to complete his training.

There are two scholarship programs offered by EAA: the first is an \$11,000 scholarship that is applied for by chapters and is awarded in February or March. Applications by the chapters for this scholarship is due to EAA by January 31. There is no guarantee that we will be successful, but we have had four successful candidates in the last 6 years. The second is a scholarship, whereby the chapter is responsible for raising 25% or \$2,750, with EAA provided funding for the remaining \$8,250. EAA has expressed that if the chapter has had one successful candidate in the past that a slot for 2024 was assured. This application was submitted by Ken by December 31, which was the due date of the application. The chapter had initiated a scholarship fund with the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls several years ago (pre-pandemic). Ken had inquired about the status of this fund in December and verified that the balance in the fund was \$4,980. He also inquired about the potential of using this fund for our Ray Aviation scholars. They informed him that if a grant was applied for to use these funds, that they would send the money back to the chapter, since their minimum to maintain the fund is \$20,000.

A motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Bill to apply to the Initiative Foundation for a grant in the amount of the balance to be used for future Ray Scholars. Passed unanimously.

Garbage detail

Concerns about cleaning the premises after board and general membership meetings were discussed. The need to make the cleanup a priority in the future was emphasized.

Young Eagles Details

Dates for the young eagles events in 2024 were discussed, noting that in 2023 our event coincided with the Great Minnesota Gathering in Buffalo. Also the potential of an event in Little Falls during Dam Days was

raised, if the Little Falls chapter did not hold an event there this summer. The fall event in September was also discussed.

Rob has done research on our past chapter policy of paying the FBO directly for some of the fuel consumed by the pilots at Young Eagles events does not meet FAA or EAA approval, so in the future our chapter is precluded from providing this benefit. Our future events will have no monetary participation by the chapter. Since this is not a task, act or responsibility of the chapter, no motion was made or needed.

Air Academy

Cost and levels of involvement in EAA's various air academies were discussed. The academy's opportunities for attendance by youth for 2024 are already filled. The chapter needs to keep this in mind going forward.

Flight Simulator

Usage of the flight simulator was discussed. It was agreed that the simulator is for the use by any EAA member. A meeting will need to be held with those using the simulator for training, with a system of impressing on those using the simulator that they need to be members of EAA 551 to continue to do so.

Spending Limits and authorization resolution

A resolution to give authority to the treasurer to pay ongoing bills of the chapter in an amount not to exceed \$500 was presented. Motion made by Dale, seconded by Chip to accept such resolution. Passed unanimously.

Meal Planning

In the past, the board members had agreed to each be responsible for arranging for the meal for one month...that they didn't have to do the work, but make sure that something was planned, both for the board meeting and the membership meeting. Ken volunteered to make sure we had enough chili for the January membership meeting. He also volunteered to take care of the February meetings, and to get ideas from the rest of the board for upcoming meetings.

The February board meeting will be held on February 13, and the general membership meeting on February 20.

Motion to adjourn by Dale, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm



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