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Chapter 551, St. Cloud Mn.



November 16th, 2024

**Tuesday 11/19/2024** – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. A very personal and impassioned pre-recorded presentation by **Mike Patey** focusing on aviation safety and his “3 Strikes” rule. Recorded at Hangar 7 Forum at KSPK Spanish Fork, Utah.



🎄 EAA 551 Christmas Party 🎄

Saturday December 7th

SCSU Aero Club Hangar

2pm to 5pm

Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvres will be provided

Live music by Kitty Fenlason and Rich Eckman

## Upcoming 551 events:

**Tuesday 12/3/2024** – 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.

**Note: No monthly program in December, no board meeting in January and Feb board meeting will be 2/11.**

**Tuesday 1/21/2025** --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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## SCTCC Announces Aviation Maintenance Technician Program



St. Cloud Technical and Community College has announced, at an event at St. Cloud Regional Airport, that they will be starting an Aviation Maintenance Technician program, set to start in Fall 2026. SCTCC has been awarded more than \$1 million of the \$13.5 million from the Minnesota State Industry Sector Funding Award allocated to expand industry sector programs. St. Cloud Regional Airport and SCTCC are working together to find a solution for a space for hands-on learning at the airport. St. Cloud was selected as a prime location for an AMT program because of the proximity to MSP and STC.

<https://sctcc.edu/about-us/news-events/news/sctcc-aircraft-maintenance-program-closer-takeoff>

**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](http://WWW.HOLIDAYTREEOFHOPE.ORG)**

OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



**\*NEW LOCATION\* COLLECTION DAY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2024**

FLY OR DRIVE TOY DONATIONS TO

**ATLANTIC AVIATION, ANOKA-BLAINE REGIONAL AIRPORT**



**9877 N. AIRPORT RD NE, BLAINE, MN 55449**

FUEL DISCOUNTS FOR PILOTS FLYING IN DONATIONS

**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](mailto: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/eea/youth/free-ye-flights/ye-volunteers/ye-volunteer-opportunities/eea-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>. Scott Leishman, Assistant Airport Director, 320-650-3252, is overseeing the process. Interested parties can stop by the Airport Administration office for specific inquiries.

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**



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