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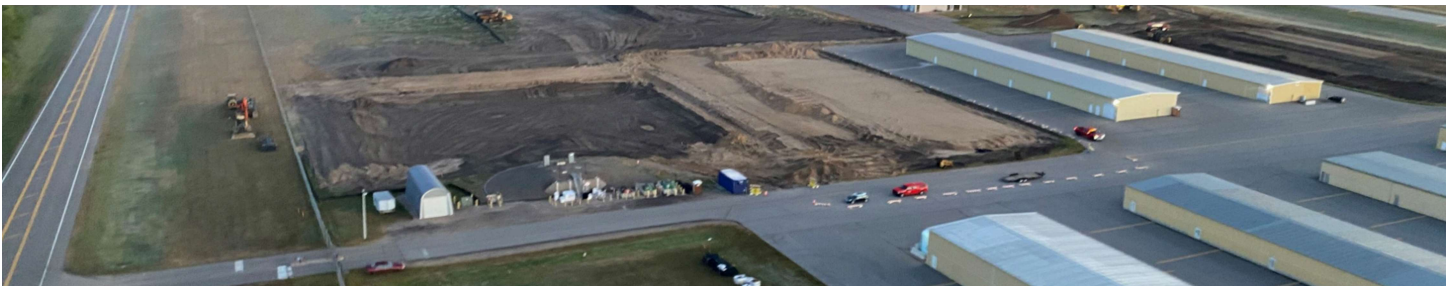
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Chapter 551, St. Cloud Mn.



January 15th, 2025

**Tuesday 1/12/2025**– EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour. Meal will be soup, salad, bread, and a dessert. Program at 6:30 PM. **What's happening at St. Cloud Regional Airport? Find out from Airport Director Bill Towle.**



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

## Upcoming 551 events:

**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 2/11/2025** – 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 2/18/2025** --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:

# ICEPORT 2025

**MAC's Twin Bay**  
LAKE MILLE LACS

**Da Boathouse**  
IN DA BAY

**HARTZELL**  
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**TANIS**

A sincere "Thank You" goes out to [Tanis Aircraft Products](#) (a Hartzell Propeller Company) for their continued generous support of this unique, family-friendly event. Prize drawings will be held @2pm inside Da Boathouse restaurant. (Please register inside)

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 2025 Fly-in Brunch (Lake Mille Lacs, MN)  
**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, March 1st, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Da Boathouse/Mac's Twin Bay [www.macstwinbay.com/da-boathouse-restaurant](http://www.macstwinbay.com/da-boathouse-restaurant)  
**CONTACT:** Mark Priglmeier (320) 200-8050 [CreateLift@gmail.com](mailto:CreateLift@gmail.com)

## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 27th

### *30 online sessions to expand your knowledge of 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and end on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Each day, we offer six live webinars running


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](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover 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, January 30<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA’s Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week follows immediately after the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1953. I can’t think of a better way to recognize our organization’s founding than to spend 5 straight days learning about homebuilding.

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

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.







# Homebuilders Week Schedule

## January 27 - 31, 2025

**To sign up: [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)**

Time CST	Monday 1/27/25	Tuesday 1/28/25	Wednesday 1/29/25	Thursday 1/30/25	Friday 1/31/25
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC - Sean Elliott, Rob Hackman, & Jack J. Pelton	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dave Nelson
1:00-2:15	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Composite Construction - Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Liability of Selling Your Homebuilt - Kathy Yodice
2:30-3:45	Fabric-Covering Basics - Nate Hammond	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Sonex Highwing Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	The Need for Speed: Kitbuilt Options - Dave Forster	Hardware for Homebuilts - John Cox	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Breising	Weight and Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Engine Selection Basics - Dick Koehler	Gas Welding - Budd Davisson	Working With Wood 101 - John Egan
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation - Phil Lockwood	Designing the Perfect Paint Scheme and Its Impact on Budget - Craig Barnett	Data-Driven Diagnosis of Engine Issues - Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits - Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

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**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>. 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](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 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

<p><b><u>2025 EAA Chapter 551 Board and Appointments</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Officers</u></b> <b>President:</b> Rob Jahnke <b>Vice President:</b> Kathy Warzecha <b>Second Vice President:</b> Bill Justin <b>Secretary:</b> Angie Olson <b>Treasurer:</b> Ken Olson</p> <p><b><u>Board Members</u></b> Dale Field Steve Reisdorf Ryan Rask Chip Sauers</p> <p><b><u>Ex-Officio Board Members (non voting)</u></b> Steve Anderson Greg Bednark Lenny Pintok Keegan Eibensteiner</p>	<p><b><u>EAA Chapter 551 Appointments</u></b> <b>Young Eagles Coordinator:</b> Chip Sauers <b>Event Coordinator:</b> Bill Justin <b>Webmaster:</b> Rob Jahnke <b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Ryan Rask <b>Tool Crib Manager:</b> Rob Jahnke <b>Membership Coordinator:</b> Ken Olson <b>Scholarship Coordinator:</b> Ken Olson <b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Greg Bednark, Angie Olson, Ken Olson</p>
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**Board Minutes:**

**EAA 551 Board Meeting**

**Thanks to the board for preparing a tentative meal plan for 2025!**

EAA 551 Menu - Draft

	Main	Main	Side	Side	Dessert	Person Assigned (Tentative)
<b>January</b>	Soup		Salad	Bread	Chocolate Cake	Angie O.
<b>February</b>	Tatertot Hotdish	Shaved Beef	Veggies/Dip	Buns	Rice Crispy Bars	
<b>March</b>	Goulash		Salad	Buns	Goey Butter Cake	Carrie W.
<b>April</b>	Chili		Salad	Corn Bread	Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars	
<b>May</b>	Burgers/Brats		Watermelon	Chips	Assorted Cookies	
<b>June</b>	Burgers/Brats		Coleslaw	Corn on the Cob	Apple Crisp/Whipping Cream	
<b>July</b>	Potluck/Picnic					
<b>August</b>	Burgers/Brats		Potato Salad	Corn on the Cob	Chocolate Cake	
<b>September</b>	Taco Bar	Soft Shell/Hard Shell/Chips		Fixings	Rice Crispy Bars	Ryan R.
<b>October</b>	Pasta Bar	Red/White Sauce	Salad	Bread Sticks/Cheesy Bread	Goey Butter Cake	
<b>November</b>	Pulled Pork		Coleslaw	Buns	Apple Crisp/Whipping Cream	
<b>December/Christmas Party</b>	Apps.					
<b>*Plan for 45 people</b>						
<b>Other meal ideas</b>	Baked Potato Bar					
	Mac and Cheese					



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