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FAASTeam
Safer Skies Through Education



Tuesday 2/18/2025 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. **MN Accident Review and Case Study**. Learn From Mistakes and Enhance Risk Management by Reviewing MN Fiscal Year 2024 Data. Wings Credit Available. Pre-Registraton (GL15134732) for Wings Credit is preferred, but you will be able to get credit for attending by leaving your Wings email address with the host. Learn from the mistakes of others. **Presented In Person by Nick Halatsis**, FAASTeam Program Manager, Minneapolis FSDO where he is responsible for aviation safety, outreach, and training for our General Aviation communities. Nick served in the Fleet Marine Force and his squadron at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA. He deployed as a helicopter pilot and provided flight leadership both as an Aircraft Commander and Flight Division Leader. After years in the Fleet Marine Force Nick returned to Pensacola, FL to become an airplane Instructor Pilot. He instructed in the T-34C and T-6 Texan2 airplanes. Years later he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel out of a Marine Transport Squadron where he deployed in both the UC-35C/D Citations and UC-12W King Air airplanes. Nick will tell you that it was a true honor and privilege going forward and supporting America's brightest and bravest Warriors. In addition, he holds an Airline Transport license, Fixed and Rotor Wing Instructor qualifications and multiple type ratings.

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:

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 3/4/2025 – 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 3/18/2025](#) --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.



Non EAA 551 Events:

ICEPORT 2025

Mac's Twin Bay
LAKE MILLE LACS

Da Boathouse
IN DA BAY

HARTZELL
PROPELLER
FIGUA, OHIO USA

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
CONTACT: Mark Prigmeier (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/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

*****PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANY VEHICLES IN FRONT OF HANGERS***** **EAA Chapter 551 membership dues are \$30.00 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

2025 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: Sheila Gruba, Ken Olson

Board Minutes:



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