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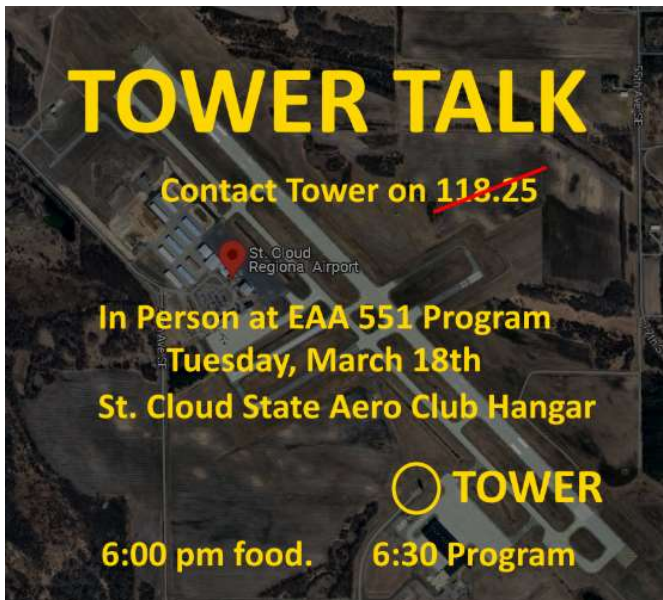
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March 15th, 2025



Chapter 551 Members, please make sure you pay your 2025 chapter dues! Adults \$30. Family \$40. Student \$10.

Tuesday 3/18/2025– EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. This is your chance to “Talk to the Tower” at KSTC. Presented by St. Cloud Regional Airport tower manager Erik Johnson.

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 4/1/2025 – 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 4/15/2025 --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:

The poster for the Wings Over Alexandria Fly-In and Air Show is set against a background of a topographic map. At the top, the "WINGS OVER" logo features a stylized aircraft silhouette with wings spread, flanked by horizontal lines. Below this, the word "ALEXANDRIA" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The main title, "FLY-IN AND AIR SHOW", is prominently displayed in large, bold, red, italicized letters. Below the title, the date "June 14th, 2025" is written in a large, bold, black font. To the left of the date, the text "Sponsored by:" is followed by the "FAGEN FIGHTERS WWII MUSEUM" logo, which consists of a blue circle with a white star and the text "FAGEN FIGHTERS" and "WWII MUSEUM" in red. To the right of the date, the event details are listed: "Fly-In: 8 - Noon" and "Air Show 1 - 3" in red, followed by "Live Flight Performances", "Static Ground Displays", and "Food Trucks & More" in black. At the bottom, a line of small text reads: "Wings Over Alexandria is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation".

WINGS OVER
ALEXANDRIA

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

June 14th, 2025

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***Air Show*
1 - 3**

**Live Flight
Performances**

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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, 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 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?

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 SteveReisdorf@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: 03/04/2025

Attendees: Rob J., Dale F., Ken O., Bill J., Gerg B., Jade T., Mom T., Ryan R., Izzy E., Angie O., Sheila G.

Call to Order: 18:34

Motion to replace Kathy W. with Sheila G. for VP position – Rob J., Seconded – Dale F. M/S/P

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson

- o General Fund: \$13,256,51
- o Food: \$288.00
- o Scholarship: \$5,365,94
- o Scholarship Reserve: \$5,000
- o 42 paid members
- o Please pay dues for 2025 as soon as possible
- o National dues are separate/different from EAA 551 dues
- o YE pilots need to be a member of EAA National.

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

Web Master: Rob J.

- o Dale F., and Izzy E., working on EAA 551 50th anniversary.
- o There is an archive link for newsletters

Newsletter: Ryan R.

- o No new information

Ray Scholarship 2024:

- o **Scholar updates:**
 - Keegan experiencing wx delays

- Tessa – flying going well. Started three weeks of ground school in LXL in addition to Sporty's. Anticipating written end of March, beginning of April.
- Logan – started flying in LXL and experiencing wx delays.
- Izzy – Flight training anticipated in STC in 2026
- Isaac – work with Rob to submit application for camp.

Young Eagles Report:

- YE tentative dates May 10th and Sept. 13th.
- We have \$935.00 of YE credits from last year.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

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

Recognition:

- No report

Old/New Business:

- Ford Tri-Motor: June 20-22
 - Discussion regarding sponsorships.
 - Fly-out plan to distribute flyers throughout the area.
 - Media contacts discussed.
 - Sponsorship levels and contacts discussed.
 - Bill M. and Bill T. have signed the Letter of Agreement (LOA).
 - Tickets are available on the web site.
 - Co-pilot seat is double the cost of a normal seat.
 - Rob will send an email with weather delay and/or cancellation information.
 - Food trucks will be available for the Ford Tri-motor event.
 - Volunteers for YE and Ford Tri-motor need badges.
 - There is an option for a free badge (limited to EAA only events).
- Meal planning discussed for remainder of year.
- Review of programs for 2025:
 - March – Eric Johnson, Tower Talk
 - April – Ford Tri-motor
 - May – Prop Balancing
 - June – AOPA safety

Motion to adjourn –Bill J., Seconded –Sheila G., M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned 20:28



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