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September 17th, 2023

Tuesday 9/19/2023 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, food will be **chili, bread, salad and a dessert** all are welcome and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM.

Ken Tuvman will be talking about his dad's experience as a waist gunner on a B17 and a POW in WWII.

The Story: Mission 91: The Bombing Raid

Dad wanted to be a pilot and got as far as flight training but was the last in his class to wash out. Not wanting to sit out the war on the ground, Dad completed gunnery school and was assigned as a left waist gunner to a B17-F Flying Fortress. He was sent to the 388th Group of the Eighth Army Air Force in Knettishall, England. He participated in one historical mission and another that didn't make the headlines - but should have.

The first noteworthy mission was the Regensburg / Schweinfurt Shuttle Mission to bomb the SKF ball bearing plant in Schweinfurt and a Messerschmitt fighter factory plant in Regensburg. Dad's group flew to Regensburg, led by Colonel LeMay and instead of returning to England, the forts diverted to North Africa near Libya. The Regensburg-Schweinfurt mission was historic as it marked the deepest penetration into Germany.

Dad's sixth and last mission was Mission 91 to bomb a Bosch Ball Bearing plant in Stuttgart. This was to be his last mission as his plane was shot down over France on their way back to England. He was captured, interrogated, and spent 20 months in captivity at Stalags VIIA in Mooseburg Germany and Stalag XVIII B in Krems Austria.

Fasten your seatbelts for a **detailed story of Staff Sergeant Bernard M. Tuvman from enlistment to liberation**. Part of this presentation is to "put you inside the cockpit" while on a bombing mission.

[Upcoming 551 events:](#)

Tuesday 10/3/2023 – 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 10/17/2023 --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 11/7/2023 – 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.

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:



**North Star Flyers
Radio Control Airplane Club Fall Picnic
Saturday , September 30 th with a rain date of October 1st .**

**This is a family friendly potluck event . The club will supply the meat, buns, and cheese .
Food served at 1 pm.
Come and watch and learn about Radio Controlled Aircraft before and after food is served . A
great way to network with other pilots and learn about radio control aviation. A great hobby !**

**Located just 30 minutes West of St. Cloud :
15123 County Road 17
Holdingford , MN**

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/eaayouth/free-ye-flights/ye-volunteers/ye-volunteer-opportunities/eaayoung-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 the 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 **both** Bill Towle (William.Towle@ci.stcloud.mn.us) and Lynn Hoff (Lynn.Hoff@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?



Thanks to everyone that helped Chapter 551 have another successful Young Eagles event!

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 sreisdorf@charter.net for publication in the newsletter.

2023 EAA Chapter 551 Directors (Voting Board Members)

Class 1 Directors:

President: Kathy Warzecha
Vice President: Bill Justin
Second Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Angie Olson
Treasurer: Ken Olson
Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers
Immediate Past President: Chip Sauers

Class 2 Directors:

Dale Field
Dave Tannehill
Dean Scherer
Steve Reisdorf
Rob Jahnke (Webmaster)
Ryan Rask (Newsletter Editor)

EAA Chapter 551 Appointments

Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers
Webmaster: Rob Jahnke
Newsletter Editor: Ryan Rask
Membership Coordinator: Ken Olson
Scholarship/Fundraising Committee: On hold

Board Minutes:

EAA 551 Board Meeting

Date: 09/05/2023

Attendees: Ken O., Bill J., Chip S., Greg B., Dale F., Angie O.

Call to Order: 18:02

Aug. Meeting Minutes read. Motion to approve – Ken. Seconded – Chip M/S/P

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson Motion to approve – Chip. Seconded – Dale M/S/P

- o General Fund: \$8,954.75
- o Scholarship Fund: \$1,755.62
- o Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund: \$3,981.08
- o 42 Paid members

Web Master: Rob J. – not present

Young Eagles Report:

- o Sept. 16th next YE event
- o EAA will control registration for event to accommodate prior registrants - 21 (from spring event). 56 have shown interest and may be able to register.
- o 7 confirmed pilots, possibly 2 additional
- o Ken will organize food.
- o Discussion regarding holding monthly YE flights for a small group of kids.

Ray Scholarship:

- o Duncan is practicing crosswind landings.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

- o Oct 07th Fagan Fighters WWII Museum, Granite Falls. Meet at 8:30 and wheels up at 9:00.

Recognition:

Old Business:

- o Greeter for August – Angie Olson

New Business:

- o Upcoming speakers
 - September – Ken Tuvman (Author, son of a B-17 gunner and POW)
- o Chapter Program meeting Sept. 19th
- o Board Meeting Oct. 03rd
- o Haunted Hangars event at STC
 - No response/engagement from CAP so the event is on hold until next year.
- o Meal planning:
 - Sep. Program meeting
 - Chili – Bill and Chip
 - Bread – Angie
 - Salad – Angie
 - Dessert - Dale
 - Oct. board meeting - Pizza
 - Chip

Meeting Adjourned 20:07



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RV-6A built by Chapter 551's own Bob Barrett is for sale by its current owner:

RV-6A N784TB For Sale

First flew in May 2009, 566 TT, NDH, Lycoming O-320, E-Mag, ADSB Out, ADSB In (with your tablet), Dynon D-10A EFIS and D-10 EMS, stunning paint and leather interior. Meticulously cared for by Second owner (for 11 years), always hangared. Located at KYNG (Ohio). \$64,900. Please call/text Don at (330)219-8201, or email b52don@gmail.com.



CESSNA FOR SALE BY OWNER



1974 CESSNA 150M

N2894V

Engine Time

Aircraft Hours:	5,138
Engine Hours:	39.9
Time since overhaul:	39.9
<u>Prop Time/ Since Overhaul:</u>	478.4

Avionics

Dual Nav/Com Radios
Garmin Portable GPS
ACK 760 ELT
GTX Transponders with ADS-B

Owner: Larry Helwig 505-440-5056

lkbonanza@aol.com

Moose Lake, MN Airport

Asking Price: \$50,000