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September 13th, 2024

Tuesday 9/17/2024 – EAA Chapter 551 monthly program. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, meal and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. We will be grilling burgers and brats. **The Story of DRACO as told by Mike Patey.** This is a pre-recorded program by Mike Patey telling viewers the story of DRACO. He calls it “The most badass monster bush plane ever!” There are some surprises in this story you won’t want to miss. **Everyone is welcome, bring your friends.**



**Thanks to all the pilots and volunteers that helped with our September Young Eagles Rally.
Another successful event!**



Upcoming 551 events:

Tuesday 10/1/2024 – 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.

Tuesday 10/15/2024 --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.

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.

The EAA Chapter 551 By-Laws shall be amended as follows as of August 6, 2024 pending approval of the membership at the October 15, 2024 Program meeting.

Article VII Chapter Officers

Chapter Officers:

1. The Chapter Officers shall be Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, *Chapter Second Vice President*, Chapter Secretary, and Chapter Treasurer, or a combination of Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer.
2. The term of office for all Chapter Officers shall be one (1) year. ~~Officers shall be limited to 2 consecutive terms except Secretary and Treasurer who may run for unlimited consecutive terms.~~ **Officers may run for unlimited consecutive terms.**
3. The Chapter Officers shall be elected at the regularly scheduled October Chapter Membership Meeting and shall hold office for one (1) year, from date of installation. Installation of Chapter Officers shall be at the December Chapter Membership Meeting following their election, but no later than January 1st following their election.
4. The Chapter Treasurer may be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Chapter Officers. The premium to bond the Chapter Treasurer shall be at the expense of the Chapter.



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Non EAA 551 Events:

St. Cloud Regional Airport Ribbon Cutting for the New T-Hangar and the New Fire Truck

When: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Where: St. Cloud Regional Airport – New T-Hangar Building

The Saint Cloud Regional Airport Authority would like to invite you to a ribbon cutting on September 19, 2024, at 5:00 PM related to the completion of our new T-Hangar Aircraft Storage Building and the delivery of our new Airport Fire Truck.

These projects represent milestones as the first new T-Hangar Aircraft Storage Building in more than 20 years, as well as a new Airport Fire Truck that replaces the previous one that was more than 20 years old. The event will include a brief ceremony, light refreshments, mingling with community representatives, and an opportunity to tour the new T-Hangar Building and kick the tires on the new Fire Truck.



Fly In!

September 28th, 2024

Noon - 4pm

1544 45th Avenue SE
St. Cloud, MN 56304
Tower 118.25
Ground 123.75

Eat. Sleep. Fly!

***Kick off
the start
of fall with
a chili
LUNCH!***



- Free admission
- Open to the public
- \$1 off retail price 100LL
- Airplane rides for purchase
- Chili meal for purchase
- Raffle



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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/ea/youth/free-ye-flights/ye-volunteers/ye-volunteer-opportunities/ea-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

*****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 sreisdorf@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:

Date: 09/03/2024

Attendees: Rob J., Greg B., Dale F., Ken O., Angie O., Chip S., Keegan., Steve R., Ryan R.

Call to Order: 18:35

August Meeting Minutes read.

Motion to approve – Ryan R., Seconded – Ken O., M/S/P

Treasurer's Report: Ken Olson

- o General Fund: \$12,588.41
- o Scholarship Fund: \$3,802.31
- o Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund: \$0
- o 61 Paid members
- o Motion to approve – Ryan R., Seconded – Greg B., M/S/P

Web Master: Rob J.

Nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Ryan R.

- o Percent of opening is consistent
- o Highlights from EAA Chapter focused seminars
- o 20 members are needed to run/work a pancake breakfast at EAA if we would like to raise funds for the chapter (approximately \$4,000).
- o YE workshop and kits are available.

Ray Scholarship 2024:

- o Keegan is working on scheduling his mock check ride.
- o Duncan's training is in progress

- o Two 2025 Ray Aviation scholarship candidates – Tess W., and Logan S.
- o Two 2026 Ray Aviation scholarship candidates – Isabelle E., and Jade T.
- o Motion to commit to raising \$3,750 in 2025 to support scholarships. Moved – Ken O., Seconded Steve R., M/S/P
- o Motion to approve Logan S. as a 2025 Ray Scholarship candidate. Moved – Dale F., Seconded Ryan R., M/S/P

Young Eagles Report:

- o Sept. 07th
- o 54 kids signed up
- o Anticipating 80 kids
- o Briefing for volunteers regarding extra vigilance for security on the ramp.

Activity/Trip Planning Idea Sharing:

- o Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new T-hangars – Sept. 19th 5:00 pm.
- o Bowstring - Sept. 28th
- o STC Fly-in Sept. 28th Noon to 4pm
- o Camp Ripley – Oct 18th or 19th
Announcement and sign-up member meeting and information will be sent out with newsletter.

Recognition:

- o NA

Old/New Business:

- o EAA scholarships available for 2025 EAA Advanced Air Academy

New Business:

- o September program – Mike Patey, The Story of my Draco
- o Next board meeting – Oct. 01
- o Discussion regarding Gleim x-plane simulator training program for \$150.00
Motion to approve up to \$150.00 for flight simulator. Moved – Chip S., Seconded Dale F., M/S/P
- o October program meeting will include elections and bi-law revision to remove term limits.
- o Possibility for growth and fundraising through a summer camp and/or B-17, tri-motor event.

Meal Planning:

- o Meal for Sept.
 - Grilling burgers and brats

Motion to adjourn – Steve R, Seconded – Dale R., M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned 20:35



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