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Next EAA 551 Event: 3/15/2021

3/15/2021– EAA Chapter 551 member meeting. SCSU Aero Club Hangar 6:00 PM, food for a nominal donation, all are welcome and social hour. Program at 6:30 PM. Chad Morley from St. Cloud Aviation will lead a presentation on **Installations, Transponder Checks, Pitot Static Checks, and Other Subject Matter Relating to Avionics**. Chad has lots of information to share! Time permitting, there may be a tour of the St. Cloud Aviation Maintenance Facility at the end of the meeting.

Instagram: @eachapter551

New Chapter Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea551>

2021 EAA Chapter 551 Ray Aviation Scholarship Update!

March 2, 2021 from Megan Hart at EAA: "Congratulations! EAA Chapter 551 has been approved for a 2021 Ray Aviation Scholarship! Due to your chapter's dedication to EAA, youth engagement, and the wonderful application submitted, EAA and the Ray Aviation Scholarship Review Committee is excited to have your chapter onboard in 2021!"

In early January 2021, the Scholarship Coordinator submitted a chapter application to be a Ray Aviation Scholarship Chapter. We are so excited to hear this!! One youth was pre-selected this past Fall to be EAA Chapter 551's Ray Aviation Scholar if the Chapter received the Scholarship. This youth needs to complete an online application with EAA. Once this application has been approved by EAA, then the Chapter will announce the 2021 Scholar! This youth will receive a \$10,000 flight training scholarship for their private pilot training.

EAA Chapter 551 is so excited to be nominated to be a Ray Aviation Scholarship Chapter for our third year in a row!

EAA 551 Sponsored Coming Events

[2021 Young Eagles Events: May 15th at STC, June 19th at LXL, September 19th at STC](#)

4/5/2021 – 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.

4/19/2021– EAA Chapter 551 member meeting. 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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Donna M. Warzecha, 82
Holdingford
December 1, 1938 – March 3, 2021

Donna M. Warzecha, age 82, of Holdingford passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A private family graveside service will be held at the St. Hedwig Parish Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are with Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN.

Donna Mae Determan was born on December 1, 1938 in Melrose to Fred and Pauline (Weinmann) Determan and grew up in Sauk Centre. She moved to Swanville in 1945 and graduated from Swanville high school in 1956. She then worked at Munsingwear until 1967. Donna was married to Allan Warzecha on June 17, 1967 in Swanville. After their marriage Donna focused on raising their 4 daughters. She was a wonderful cook and baker serving wonderful meals everyday. Donna and Allan loved traveling and made many family road trips throughout the U.S. Having had his pilot's license, Donna and Al owned an airplane throughout their marriage. They took many cross country vacation flights and fly-in breakfasts at regional airports. Donna enjoyed gardening and taking care of her family. In recent years she became skilled on the computer and used the internet and facebook to find new recipes, join various groups and stay connected with friends and family. Donna's family will remember her fondly for her spectacular sense of humor, caring nature, wonderful personality that always made her the life of the party, and her excellent sense of style. More than anything else Donna loved spending time with her family, especially her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

Donna is survived by her husband, Allan Warzecha, of Holdingford; children, Karen Volinkaty of Litchfield, MN, Diane Warzecha of Menlo Park, CA, Kim (Wayne) Maciejewski of Avon, MN, and Kathy Warzecha of Sauk Rapids, MN; seven grandchildren, Kayleigh (TJ) Vernon of Casper, WY; Jeremy (Katie) Lewerenz of Clear Lake, MN; Arielle (Josh) Johnson of Darwin, MN, Kalin Volinkaty of Darwin, MN; Crystal Maciejewski of Little Falls, MN; Rachel Maciejewski of Royalton, MN; Garrett (Linda) Warzecha of Phoenix, AZ; four great-grandchildren, Cannen, Aurora, Easton and Amelia; and siblings, Ione Hoskins of Brainerd, Lorraine Symalla of Cold Spring, MaryAnn Wessel of Elk River, and Eugene "Gene" Determan of Moorehead, MN;

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pauline (Weinman) and Fred Determan; an infant brother; and brothers, Kenneth Determan and Romaine Determan.

Food Prep for Program Meetings: 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.

EAA Members, We Want Your Opinion

On Saturday, February 27, EAA sent out an email with the above title to all members across the country. EAA wants your opinion in several local and national areas. This is your opportunity to provide feedback to help improve programs on both local and national levels. We hope to get as many EAA Chapter 551 members as possible to complete this online survey. By doing so, it could provide our Chapter one point in EAA's "Chapter Recognition" program, and thus support our chapter for being a future EAA Ray Aviation Scholar Chapter.

Non EAA 551 Events:

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 though there are no Young Eagle Rallies scheduled for 2020? 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. 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 Monday of every month @6:30 p.m, dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please reference our EAA 551 monthly newsletter for details: <http://www.eaa551.org/newsletters.php>
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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



Great presentation by Joey Schimnich, A&P Mechanic and CFI on What Maintenance Pilots Can Do on Their Planes on February 15, 2021 in the Aero Club Hangar.

2021 EAA Chapter 551 Directors (Voting Board Members)

Class 1 Directors:

President: Tyler Gohmann
Vice President: Isaac Stone
Second Vice President: Steve Reisdorf
Secretary: Angie Olson
Treasurer: Ken Olson
Young Eagles Coordinator: Chip Sauers
Immediate Past President: Mark Priglmeier

Class 2 Directors:

Dale Field
Dave Tannehill
Dean S.
Chip Sauers (Young Eagles Coordinator)
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: Carol Schimnich, Greg Bednark, Ken Olson and Angie Olson

Board Minutes:

EAA 551 Board Meeting

Date: 03/01/21

Attendees: Tyler G., Isaac S., Dave T., Chip S., Ken O., Dale F., Steve R., Angie O., Carol S.

Called to order: 18:30

Treasurers Report: Ken Olson

- o Scholarship Fund: \$1,655.62 (this includes \$600.00 for Cade Stommes flight training)
- o Ray Aviation Fund: \$0
- o General Fund: \$7,109.81
- o 39 paid members
- o Members with airport badges must pay 2 year of dues.
 - That is the duration of the badge.

Scholarship Committee: Carol S., Greg B., Ken O., Angie O.

- o Discussion regarding possible fundraising events:
 - o Hangar dance
 - o Movie night at the airport

Web Master:

Rob J. – no report

1, 3, 5-year plan:

Wade – No Report

Young Eagles:

- o Young Eagle Flights: 2021 Dates
 - May 15 – STC
 - June 19 – LXL
 - Sept. 18 - STC
- o Volunteers needed for the following positions (approximately 12):
 - Set-up (Friday evening)
 - Greeter
 - Registration
 - Pre-Flight
 - Pilot Assignments
 - Certificates/Logbooks
 - Safety/Flight line
 - Food (for volunteers)
 - Tear down
- o EAA has a webinar for YE events

New Ratings and Accomplishment Recognition:

- o None reported

Motion: Provide a celebration cake for new Private Pilots

Motion – Steve R. – Seconded Ken O., M/S/P

Meal Assignments

- o Mar. program
 - o Greg B.
- o April board mtg.
 - o Mark P.
- o April Program
 - o Sauk Rapids/Rice Culinary Program

Motion EAA 551 partner with Sauk Rapids/Rice Culinary Program to cater the Program meal in April with a budget of \$8 - \$10 per person (planning for approximately 40 people).

Motion Angie O. – Seconded Ken O., M/S/P

2021 Program Ideas:

- o March Program
 - o Mx hangar tour from Chad Morley
- o Ice Port March 06
- o Dr. Erickson contacted for future program on Basic Med and Aeromedical Factors
- o AED/CPR class

Old Business:

- o **Submit projects you are working on and/or project updates to Steve R. (srreisdorf@charter.net) for publication in the newsletter**

- o Internet options are being explored by Mark P.

New Business:

- o Discussion regarding a Verizon Hot Spot
- o Heidi S. will be chapter videographer/photographer
- o Heidi S. setting up and monitoring Instagram
- o Web site
 - Carol gave an overview of new web site
- o Discussion regarding ways to increase our score for Chapter Recognition with National EAA

Motion: Inquire at next program meeting regarding pilots and volunteers for a Flying Start program

Steve R. Moved - Dale F. Seconded M/S/P

Motion to adjourn: Dale F. – seconded – Chip S., M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned: 19:45



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