

# Granite City Flight Lines

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EAA Chapter 551 Minutes 1/18/2010: Meeting called to order by president Tim Mahoney. No secretary report. Treasurer has \$6045 in the bank. Old buss: None. New buss: Tim is sending in a check for the chapter insurance policy. Members present discussed having a chapter fly-in and decided to table it until the June meeting. Discussed the St Cloud air show in June. Bob B. made a motion to rent a tent for a shelter at the air show. Motion carried. Young eagle rally to be held on June 19th at Little Falls airport. Dale F. is the chairman. Feb. chapter meeting to be at the aero club hanger at STC. March meeting will be the banquet on March 27th at coyote moon. Meal will cost \$15 per person with several choices for the main entree. 6pm happy hour and dinner at 7pm. Board members to call all members the week before for a head count.

April meeting TBA ( trying to get a tour of the NG hanger)

May meeting (open)

June meeting plan for STC Air Show

July meeting plan for OSK

Aug. meeting ( trying to get a tour of the war bird restoration facility at Granite Falls airport)

Sept. 12th of Sept. This will be a poker run event with a potluck afterwards.

Motion to adjourn.

Veryl Fenlason Obituary: Chapter 551 Member died on Thursday 1/28/2010. Veryl Wesley Fenlason was born March 8, 1937 in Little Falls to Donald, Sr. & Pearl (Moore) Fenlason. He went to country school and then on to graduate from Technical High School in 1954. He graduated from the University of Minnesota-St. Paul with a degree in Agricultural Science in 1956. Veryl also served the Minnesota National for eight years. Veryl married Kathleen "Kittie" Petersen on 6/28/1968 at the Free Mission Church in Clarissa, MN. Veryl farmed with his brother, Donald until they their spouses built Blackberry Ridge Golf Course in 1999. Veryl was a member of Bridge Community Church.

Veryl had a passion for flight. Since 1970, Veryl held his pilot's license and loved spending time in the air. Many of flights originated from the airstrip hidden between the fields of the family farm North of Sartell. Veryl flew and owned a variety of aircraft including a SNJ5 WW II Navy Trainer. Veryl was a Charter member of EAA Chapter 551 and served as its President many times during the past 30 plus years the last time being 2009. Veryl also held other offices in the Chapter. Veryl especially enjoyed flying Young Eagles and delight in giving children an

opportunity to enjoy their first ride in a airplane. Veryl was an active member of TIGHAR (The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery). He participated in Project Midnight Ghost an expedition that took him to Maine and Veryl also led an expedition to Newfoundland. Veryl participate in several expeditions to the South Pacific search in for answers in the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. Veryl was also a member of Saint Cloud Singing Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen of Sartell; children, Wes (Kim and Tana Larsen) and Jeanne (Corey Bartlett); step mother, Mildred Fenlason of Sartell; sisters, Shirley (Loren) Clepper of New hope and Karolyn (Maynard) Schuldts of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Linda Fenlason of Sartell; step sister and step brother, Judith (Chris) Martenson of Cushing, David (Cheryl) White of Nevada City, CA and Darrell (Claudia) Engdahl of Staples; and many special nieces and nephews. Veryl was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Donald.

The Veryl Fenlason family asked that in lieu of flowers, memorials to the local EAA Chapter 551 be made in his name. The Chapter is in the process of starting the Veryl Fenlason Memorial shelf at the Great River Regional Library. This will include material on pilot training, building airplanes, DVD Ground School programs for pilots; etc.

Veryl will be greatly missed by all members of EAA Chapter 551! Veryl was a very able leader and a moving force in the Chapter. Veryl had many creative ideas and was a promoter pushed for the building of the Chapter Hanger at Leader's Clear Lake Airport (8Y6). Veryl helped with the building of the hanger and was always there for work projects on the hanger. Veryl was known by many to be frugal. Last year we had a poker run for the Chapter members flying to Litchfield, Willmar, Hutchison, Winsted and back to Leaders picking up a playing card at each stop. Following the poker run Veryl wanted someone to collect the playing cards from each player and then fly to each of these airports to pick up the remaining playing cards. I don't know where Veryl but his 100 LL but he must have gotten free! For the price of 100LL I could have purchased at least four decks of new cards! Of course, Veryl did not offer to buy 100LL. Flying around to pick up the unused playing cards.

Many Chapter members attended Veryl's funeral and Dale Field and Rolf Turner were two of the speakers.

#### Minutes EAA Chapter 551 Board 2/1/2010:

Rolf T. presented a idea to have the chapter start a memorial project in memory of Veryl Fenlason. The plan is to create a fund to purchase books, video's etc. for the Great River Regional Library and its branches. The fund will be called the "Veryl Fenlason Aviation Memorial Fund". Dale F. made a motion to start the fund with \$2000 from the chapter treasury and to have some kind of press release about the fund. Motion seconded by Mark P. Motion carried. Board members present thought members should jot down any reference material that they would like included in the fund and bring the list to the February chapter meeting. Feb. meeting at the Aero Cub Hanger at STC. Please bring your own chair to sit on. Guest speaker after the meeting is Jessica Miller.

March meeting is the banquet at Coyote Moon. April meeting? The National Guard does not give tours of the facility except weekdays between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. May meeting at LXL June meeting?

Young eagle rally at LXL on June 19. Mark P. made a motion to have pilots at the rally pay \$1 per gallon of fuel used during the rally. Motion seconded by Dale F. Motion carried.

Mark P. will be ordering in food for all the workers at the rally to be paid for by the Chapter.

**COMING EVENTS:**

**2/13/10** Sweetheart Ski Plane Fly In, Annual Valentine Sweetheart Ski Plane Fly In. Mike's Famous Chili, Hot Dogs, Hot Apple Cider. Silk rose for all ladies who fly in. 11:00 AM - February 14, 2010 03:00 PM. Aitkin Municipal KAIT - Aitkin, MN Mike & Jake Carlson 218-820-5114 [capaeo@yahoo.com](mailto:capaeo@yahoo.com)

**2/15/10 Chapter 551** Monthly meeting St. Cloud Aero Club Hanger – St. Cloud Airport (STC) 7:00 PM Speaker will be Jessica Miller a Student at St. Cloud State University who participated in the Powder Puff Derby last summer. She is the daughter of Tim Miller of Hutchinson who was a former member of our Chapter. Jessica has also flown “Duggy” a DC-3 owned and operated by Bob Odegard of Kindred, ND. Jessica will be assisting to fly “Duggy” at Oshkosh.

**3/20/2010:** Just a reminder of the upcoming Fly-In at 55Y airport in Rushford MN on March 20th, 2010. Mark your calendars! Final details will be posted in the March newsletter so please be watching for it! We usually have a great attendance due to the many varieties of chili served so plan the trip to beautiful Rushford MN in March! And get ready for a nice hot bowl of home-made chili! So polish the planes (or cars!) and we'll see you then! The chili will be HOT DELICIOUS!

**6/26 & 6/27/2010**

Be sure to put June 26th and 27th on your calendar, because these are the dates of the St. Cloud “Great Minnesota Air Show” featuring the Blue Angels! See the website, <http://greatminnesotaairshow.com>, for more information on tickets, show times and volunteer opportunities. This is going to be a GOOD show! (Note: the website has a lot of areas “under construction” yet!).

From the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) website, the performers currently scheduled to appear at St. Cloud are:

Team or Performer Name Aircraft Pilot(s) Name

• US Navy Blue Angels F/A-18 Hornet See website

<http://www.blueangels.navy.mil>

• AeroShell Aerobatic Team AT-6 “Texan” Bryan Regan, Mark Henley,

<http://www.naat.net/> Steve Gustafson, Gene McNeely

• Beast Airshows Pitts Model 12 Bryan Jensen

<http://www.beastairshows.com>

• CC Airshows Extra 300L Christine “CC” Gerner

<http://www.ccairshows.com>

• Team Chaos Extreme Airshows Flash Fire Jet Truck Neal Darnell

<http://www.teamchaosairshows.com> Skybolt 300 Biplane Randy Harris

MX2 Gary Ward

• Michael Wiskus Pitts S-1-11b SS Michael Wiskus

<http://www.michaelwiskusairshows.com>

• Bearfeat Aerobatics Skybolt 300 Randy Harris

• Gary Ward MX2 Gary Ward

<http://www.garywardaerobatics.com>

• Bill Leff T-6 Texan Bill Leff

<http://www.billeffairshows.com>

- E-Team Skydivers  
(website currently unavailable)
- Franklin's Flying Circus Waco "MysteryShip" Kyle Franklin  
<http://www.franklinairshow.com> Amanda Younkin - Franklin
- CAF/Minnesota Wing N/A N/A  
<http://www.wingsoffreedom.org> (this is the website link on the ICAS site)  
<http://www.cafsmw.org> (this is the website when you do a Google search)
- John Mohr PT-17 Stearman John Mohr  
<http://www.mohrbarnstorming.com>
- Danny Clisham, Announcer  
<http://www.dannyclisham.com>

**3/27/10 EAA Chapter 551 Banquet:** The Coyote Moon Grill has been reserved for the annual banquet. We will be able to order from the menu and we will have a choice of chicken, walleye, prime rib or barbecued ribs for \$15.00 plus tax and gratuity. Please e-mail Larry Oswell a [larry.oswell@gmail.com](mailto:larry.oswell@gmail.com) or telephone him at 320-230-3100 with your meal choices. We have let the Coyote Moon Grill know on or before 3/15/10.

**6/19/10 Dam Days** Young Eagles Rides Little Falls

**9/12/10 Poker Run** There will be a poker run event with a potluck afterwards.

**CLASSIFIEDS:**

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