

Granite City Flight Lines

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CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS :

6/11/2011 EAA Chapter 551 Bean and Brat Fly In 10:00 am to 2:00 PM Leader's (8Y6) Clear Lake, MN 55319 Contact Mark Priglmeier 320/229-8563 or notam@eaa551.org

EAA CHAPTER 551 WELCOMES YOU
SATURDAY, JUNE 11
LEADERS-CLEAR LAKE 10 AM TO 2 PM
(8Y6) COMM: CTAF: 122.9 APPROX 8 5 MI SE OF STC AIRPORT

FLY-IN LUNCH
& FREE
SPOT LANDING EVENT
JUST FOR FUN
LAND IN THE BOX AND
WIN A FREE LUNCH !

STILL ONLY \$5 FOR ADULTS
still could be free

MENU
6 CHAR BROILED BRATS
6 BEANS 6 CHIPS
6 BEVERAGE AND DESSERT
\$5.00 or 12 AND UNDER \$3.00
5 AND UNDER FREE

SPOT LANDING RULES
FLY A LEFT HAND PATTERN MONITOR 122.9
USE ANY POWER SETTINGS YOU WANT. POWER MAY BE ADDED.
IF THE WHEELS TOUCH IN THE BOX AND NO BOUNCE..
YOU ARE AN ACE! AND YOUR LUNCH IS ON US

NEW THIS YEAR: GO AROUND FOR A SECOND TRY AND YOU CAN STILL WIN.
PLEASE FLY SAFE. EVENT WILL NOT BE HELD IN GUSTY OR HIGH WIND CONDITIONS
REMINDER: Operating control tower just to the north at STC

MEAL INCLUDES 1 BRATWURST WITH CHIPS, BEVERAGE, BEANS AND DESSERT

Adults: \$5.00

12 and under: \$3.00

5 and under: Free

Additional bratwurst: \$1.00

Additional chips: \$.50

Additional beverage: \$.50

6/19/2011 Lake Elmo Annual Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast. St. Croix Squadron - Civil Air Patrol Sunday, June 19, 2011 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Lake Elmo Airport (21D) 3275 Manning Ave. North, Hangar 39E Stillwater, MN 55082 Per plate: Adults \$7.00; Kids 4-12 \$4.00, Kids under 4 eat free! Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice & coffee. Silent auction, Displays, kids fun & more!

6/12/2011 Buffalo Air Show, West Metro Aviation

6/18/2011 Young Eagles Rides at Damn Days at Morrison County (LXL) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

6/19/2011 Canby Air Show, Canby, MN (Wayne Flury, Air Show Announcer)

6/19/2011 Hutchinson Fly-In

Additional Comments: PIC Free! Breakfast in the morning then at 4:30 a Pork chop dinner with baked potato, beans, corn, apple sauce bread and coffee or juice. Contact Phone: 320-587-3802

6/26/2011 CAP Breakfast KSTC Watch for more details in the June Granite City Flight Lines.

6/26/2011 Wells Fly In Breakfast sponsored by Harry Hawks Club. French Toast, Pancakes, Eggs To Order, Sausage, Coffee, Milk, Juice. PIC eat Free . Aviation fuel for less on site. For more information, please call: Wells Aviation Inc - 507-553-3100

6/26/2011 Springfield Lions Club Fly In Breakfast Adults - \$6.00, Kids 6-12 \$3.00, 5 and under Free Pancakes, flavored syrups, sausage, applesauce, coffee, juice & milk. All you can eat!! Contact Name: Tim Contact Phone: 507-732-6343

7/15;16;17/ 2011 EAA's B-17 Aluminum Over Cast will be at (STC) St. Cloud Airport giving rides and on Static Display.

7/16/2011 Wings of the North 09:00 AM - July 17, 20 11 05:00 PM Air Expo 2011 Flying Cloud Airport FCM Eden Prairie, MN.

8/7&8/2011 Annual Milaca Pot Luck and Under wing camping. Breakfast Sunday Morning beginning at 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Full Menu served by American Legion Post 178. 100LL 24hr Credit card POW/MIA Tethered balloon rides. Contact Ken Mueller 320/630-5064

8/20/2011 Daniel DePonti Memorial Airport in Forest Lake, Minnesota (25D) (Home of 24-hour gas and 24-hour grass) will be hosting its 10th Annual Open House and Fly-in on Saturday, August 20, 2011, from 10am to 4pm. The Fly-in will feature corn on the cob and brats sold by the Forest Lake Lions, and ice cream is available for dessert! Young Eagle rides offered, sponsored by EAA chapter 237. The Fly-in will be held at our new location, the south end of the field. The Forest Lake High School Pep Band is scheduled to make an appearance, and the car show added last year will again be invited this year. John Schmidt 651 776 1717

**8/27/2011 Glencoe Sweet Corn and Brat Fly-In, Drive-In. Glencoe MN(GYL) Contact Mike Gavin
320.864.5142 or 320.238.2376**

**9/18/2011 Mora Fall Colors Fly-in/Drive-in Chili Fiesta. Mora Municipal Airport (JMR)
Mora, MN 10AM to 2PM Chili serving begins at 11AM with the Mora Volunteer Firefighters once again
serving up their soon-to-be famous Fire House Chili! (Free-will donations graciously accepted.)
Beautiful 4800 ft. runway (17-35) with full length taxiway (Sorry, no grass runway yet) CTAF 122.8
Planning again to have the AT6 "Texans" arriving in formation. Airplane rides by Hawk Aviation
We've ordered spectacular fall flying weather! Contact Joe Buckley 612-390-5029**

EAA Chapter Board 551 Minutes meeting 6/6/2011

In the absence of the president Tim M. led the meeting.

Discussed the chapter fly-in set for Saturday June 11 2011.

Discussed the chapter young eagle rally at LXL on Saturday June 18th.

**Dale F. made a motion to give Bob Leaders \$250 for use of the chapter hanger. Seconded by Larry O.
Motion carried.**

**Tim M. made a motion to increase rent in the chapter hanger to \$20 per aircraft per month effective July
1, 2011. Seconded by Larry O. Motion carried.**

Reminder there is no chapter meeting for June and July, meetings to resume with the August one.

THE LAST HUEY

**This is the speech given at Ft Rucker when they retired the last Huey: CW4
Lawrence Castagneto, Â 17 May 2011**

**As a Vietnam Veteran Army Aviator, I would like to thank everyone for coming
to this special occasion, on this to be honest...very sad day, the end of a
era. An era that has spanned over 50 years. The retirement of this grand old
lady "OUR MOTHER" ... the Huey.**

**I would like to thank, MG Crutchfield for allowing me to speak at this event
and try to convey in my own inadequate, meager way.. what this aircraft
means to me and so many other Vietnam veterans.**

First a few facts:

**It was 48 yrs ago this month that the first Huey arrived in Vietnam with
units that were to become part of the 145th and the 13th Combat Aviation
Battalions; both units assigned here at Ft Rucker today. While in Vietnam,
the Huey flew approximately 7,457,000 combat assault sorties; 3,952,000
attack or gunship sorties and 3,548,000 cargo supply sorties. That comes to
over 15 million sorties flown over the paddies and jungles of Nam, not to
include the millions of sorties flown all over the world and other combat
zones since thenwhat a amazing journey.... I am honored and humbled to
have been a small part of that journey.**

**To those in the crowd that have had the honor to fly, crew, or ride this
magnificent machine in combat, we are the chosen few, the lucky ones . They
understand what this aircraft means, and how hard it is for me to describe
my feelings about her as a Vietnam combat pilot.... for she is alive... has
a life of her own, and has been a life long friend.**

How do I break down in a few minutes a 42 year love affair, she is as much a part of me, and to so many others,,as the blood that flows through our veins. Try to imagine all those touched over the years ...by the shadow of her blades.

Other aircraft can fly overhead and some will look up and some may not; or even recognize what they see but, when a Huey flies over everyone looks up and everyone knows who she is... young or old all over the world she connects with all.

To those that rode her into combat... the sound of those blades causes our heart beat to rise... and breaths to quicken... in anticipation of seeing that beautiful machine fly overhead and the feeling of comfort she brings. No other aircraft in the history of aviation evokes the emotional response the Huey does... combat veteran's or not... she is recognized all around the world by young and old, she is the ICON of the Vietnam war, U.S. Army Aviation, and the U.S. Army. Over 5 decades of service she carried Army Aviation on her back, from bird dogs and piston powered helicopters with a secondary support mission, to the force multiplier combat arm that Army Aviation is today.

Even the young aviators of today, that are mainly Apache pilot's, Blackhawk pilot's, etc., that have had a chance to fly her will tell you there is no greater feeling, honor, or thrill then to be blessed with the opportunity to ride her thru the sky... they may love there Apaches and Blackhawks, but they will say there is no aircraft like flying the Huey " it is special". There are two kinds of helicopter pilots: those that have flown the Huey and those that wish they could have.

The intense feelings generated for this aircraft are not just from the flight crews but, also from those who rode in back ...into and out of the "devils caldron". As paraphrased here from "Gods own lunatics", Joe Galloway's tribute to the Huey and her flight crews and other Infantry veterans comments:

Is there anyone here today who does not thrill to the sound of those Huey blades?? That familiar whop-whop-whop is the soundtrack of our war...the lullaby of our younger days it is burned in to our brains and our hearts. To those who spent their time in Nam as a grunt, know that noise was always a great comfort... Even today when I hear it, I stop...catch my breath...and search the sky for a glimpse of the mighty eagle.

To the pilots and crews of that wonderful machine ...we loved you, we loved that machine.

No matter how bad things were...if we called ... you came... down through the hail of green tracers and other visible signs of a real bad day off to a bad start. I can still hear the sound of those blades churning the fiery skyTo us you seemed beyond brave and fearless... Down you would come to

us in the middle of battle in those flimsy thin skin -chariots ...into the storm of fire and hell,,

...we feared for you , we were awed by you. We thought of you and that beautiful bird as " God's own lunatics"... and wondered ...who are theses men and this machine and where do they come from Have to be "Gods Angels".

So with that I say to her, that beautiful lady sitting out there, from me and all my lucky brothers, that were given the honor to serve their country, and the privilege of flying this great lady in skies of Vietnam - Thank you for the memories...Thank you for always being there...Thank you for always bringing us home regardless of how beat up and shot up you were..., Thank You!!!!.

You will never be forgotten, we loved you then..... we love you now... and will love you till our last breath ...

**And as the sun sets today, if you listen quietly and closely you will hear that faint wop wop wop of our mother speaking to all her children past and present who rode her into history in a blaze of glory ...she will be saying to them: I am here... I will always be here with you.
I am at peace and so should you be ... and so should you be.**

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