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Fellow Aviators,

Please join me in thanking Don Lee for giving a very informative and entertaining presentation Monday night in the Aero Club hangar at St. Cloud Regional airport. Don is a native Minnesotan who was gracious enough to volunteer his time to share his flying experiences and tales of the Alaskan wilderness with all of us last night. If you were unable to attend, you can get a sense of what Don is about by visiting his web site at:

[www.alaskafloats.com](http://www.alaskafloats.com)

I also want to thank all of the EAA 551 members who helped clean the hangar, setup a new sound system with wireless microphone, and make all the other logistics for this event happen. Please join me in giving a very special thank-you to EAA 551 vice-president Greg Bednark who conceived of the idea of inviting Don to speak and then proceeded to reach out to Don and make it happen. EAA 551 presented Don with a special plaque commemorating this event which was very well received - another great idea by Greg.



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We had over 90 participants come out last night for this event and we drew folks from the entire region. This was truly a night to remember and I know that a great time was had by all. When I left a little after 11 PM Don was still answering questions and interacting with folks. What a great guy and a great event.

Thanks!

Wade Nelson

EAA 551 President and Young Eagle co-coordinator



**Board Minutes:**

-Board meeting 5/9/2014 Aero Club Hanger 6:30 PM. Details available in June's newsletter

## Coming Events

**5/17/2014** – Young Eagles Event at STC. Young Eagle rides 9:00 AM – 1:00. Pilot and ground crew briefing at 8:00 AM @ Wright Aero. We need pilots and ground crew volunteers. Contact Wade N. or the other Young Eagle coordinators. Breakfast and lunch provided for volunteers.

**5/19/2014** – No EAA 551 program scheduled

**5/31/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Bean & Brat Fly in Leaders Airport 10 am – 2 pm

**6/2/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Board meeting. 6:30 Aero Club hanger. A light meal will be available for a nominal donation.

**6/21/2014** – Little Falls Dam Days Young Eagle Event. LXL. Young Eagle rides 9 AM – 1 PM. Volunteer briefing at 8:00 AM ground crew and pilots needed. Contact YE coordinators

**7/3 – 7/7/2014** – EAA B-17 “Aluminum Overcast” will be at STC. This is a great opportunity for us to gain more exposure in the community. Volunteers needed, contact our special events coordinators.

**7/7/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Board meeting. 6:30 Aero Club hanger. A light meal will be available for a nominal donation.

**8/4/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Board meeting. 6:30 Aero Club hanger. A light meal will be available for a nominal donation.

**8/18/2014** – EAA 551 Member gathering and program.

**9/8/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Board meeting. 6:30 Aero Club hanger. A light meal will be available for a nominal donation.

**10/6/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Board meeting. 6:30 Aero Club hanger. A light meal will be available for a nominal donation.

**11/3/2014**- EAA Chapter 551 Board meeting. 6:30 Aero Club hanger. A light meal will be available for a nominal donation.

## Non EAA 551 Events

**6/21/2014** – STC Airport users meet and greet. STC Airport. Volunteers needed to supply some of the following: Horseshoe set, Bean bag game, Straw bales, Supply Cans of Mosquito Spray, Supply 3 Cases of each: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Coke, Diet Coke, 7 up, Diet 7 up. Please let Susan Hoekstra know which kind of pop and how many you will provide.

Volunteers:

1. Help Set up tables on Thursday or Friday
2. Help Clean up Sunday

It's BYOB and bring an item to share. Raffle tickets go on sale June 2nd at St. Cloud Aviation front desk.

Thank you!



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**Watch your e-mail for upcoming fly-ins, Mark will try to get info out by the Thursday before the event**

On Line Social Event Fly Ins Web Site: It was requested that I send out the link to a fairly new Aviation Events calendar. It is called Social Flight. If you have not heard of it, check it out. Social Flight is becoming the premiere flying calendar/reminder spot. Works great on iPhone and iPad. Click on:

[www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com)

Mark Priglmeier

### St Cloud Aero Club Meetings:

More info coming soon

### News and Notes:

Wade Nelson has taken over the duties of President of Chapter 551. John B wanted to notify everyone with a sincere note:

Folks,

As some of you may already know, in April I contacted our VPs to inform them of my intent to resign. Vice President Wade Nelson agreed to step in to fulfill the President position I was vacating. I am certain the chapter will be under much better guidance with Wade in this crucial role.

If you find any loose ends I have forgotten to take care of, or information I forgot to pass along, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

John Basol

### **B17 Volunteers Needed**

We will need to provide a minimum of 8 volunteer positions from 8am to 8pm, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (July 4th, 5th, 6th). We'd like to break up the approximately 12 hour days into 3 hour shifts (8-11am, 11am-2pm, 2-5pm, 5-8pm), which would mean there are a total of 96 time/position slots to fill on those three days alone. Interested volunteers are asked to send in the times they are able to help on those days to [notam@eaa551.org](mailto:notam@eaa551.org), so we can begin working out schedules.

An invite from Paul S:

Paul Schwinghammer and I with our wives are planning to do a Fly-out to the Black Hills area over a long Memorial Day Weekend. The Dates are May 22-26 (out on a Thursday and back on a Monday) and have decided on going into the Blackhills/Spearfish Airport(KSPF). We have set aside a block of 10 rooms at the Quality Inn at a discounted rate of \$63 (plus taxes) per night. It is looking like to date we have 4 planes and would love to have others join us if anybody else is interested. Local Site Seeing and Fly-outs are on our agenda. This trip flight plans at approximately 3hrs 30 minutes (400 miles) in a C-172 from the St. Cloud/Little Falls area and we plan on one fuel & rest stop on the way out. This should be a good time of year to go to this area as the temps should be quite comfortable.

Any one that would like to join us could contact me on my cell 218-639-0335 or preferably by email at knordell@brainerd.net and we can get a room saved and make sure any additional information get passed on to all interested parties.

This is the welcoming response I received when I emailed the EAA Chapter at Spearfish:

"The EAA chapter would be glad to host your fly-out. Spearfish is a great area for all kinds of activities. Plenty of tie downs, parking spaces, limited hanger space, camping on the airport, restrooms, showers, cars, golf, fishing, near by motels (we can get block rates). The chapter has a lot of good cooks, burgers, steaks, pork chop on a stick, breakfasts or whatever you would like. Lots of site seeing, Mt Rushmore, 60 miles, Crazy Horse monument 60 miles, Devils Tower 50 miles, Sanford underground lab, study of dark matter, natreinos?. Deadwood historical town with gambling, good food and entertainment. Contact [www.vistspearfish.com](http://www.vistspearfish.com)

<<http://www.vistspearfish.com>> to get you started. Keep in touch, you will

have a great stay."

Thanks Ted Miller

From the office of the President:

Subject: Saturday, May 17 Young Eagles Rally

I am excited to announce that EAA 551 is holding a Young Eagles Rally Saturday, May 17 at St. Cloud Regional Airport from 9 AM - noon. We are seeking pilot and ground crew volunteers for this fun and rewarding event.

It has been a few years since EAA 551 has held a Young Eagles event at St. Cloud Regional Airport and we have decided to hold this Young Eagles Rally with some limited, targeted advertising as a way to get our feet wet on a smaller scale and tune our procedures before deciding if and how we might like to continue with similar events at KSTC in the future. Feel free to share the attached flier with potential Young Eagles. Wright Aero has generously volunteered our use of Hanger 2 for this event.

Volunteer and Pilot briefings start at 8 AM at Wright Aero. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for all pilot and ground crew volunteers. Discounted fuel will again be available for Young Eagles flights. Pilots must be national EAA members. Weather permitting. Please contact Wade Nelson to indicate your willingness to volunteer.

I am excited that our chapter has decided to hold a Young Eagles Rally at St. Cloud Regional Airport this year and am looking forward to a fun event. Please let me know if you have questions, ideas, or if you can participate.

Thanks!

Wade Nelson

President EAA 551, Young Eagle co-coordinator

The chapter tool crib has been moved to the Aero Club hanger. Any member wanting to use a tool should email Mark at [notam@eaa551.org](mailto:notam@eaa551.org) and he will arrange a time or people to meet you.

#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

A new year is upon us so please don't forget dues for the calendar year 2014

EAA Chapter 551 membership dues are \$20.00 for email and \$25.00 for postal mail. Dues can be submitted/mailed to EAA 551's Treasurer:

Kenneth HT Olson CPA LTD. 2330 Troop Dr. #101 Sartell, Mn. 56377

Just a reminder- take a look at your EAA membership and note when you need to renew for your national membership. Your Chapter 551 dues are separate from the national dues and each one benefits you differently. Chapter membership gives you access to all events, tool crib, library and access to unlimited information and more. EAA national membership gets you discounts at certain events, subscription to Sport Aviation, and covers insurance for Young Eagle flights and much more.

Please submit membership inquiries enrollments and profile updates to Mark Priglmeier: [notam@eaa551.org](mailto:notam@eaa551.org). If you do not wish to receive emails from EAA Chapter 551, email: [notam@eaa551.org](mailto:notam@eaa551.org) with a subject line "Please unsubscribe from EAA Chapter 551email".



Members are very interested in what other members are flying and building. Please send pictures of your project, airplane and trips you have taken with a short write up so we can post them in Granite City Flight Lines.

In an effort to attract more interest in our chapter and aviation in our community, we have made some improvements to the newsletter and website. Rob Jahnke is heading up website improvements. More changes are coming so check out the website, we know you will like the new content. We also have a presence on some social networking sites like, Facebook and Twitter. One of the down sides of these outlets is the need to protect personal information of our members. An effort is being made to not post personal info on any document that may be accessible to outside individuals. In the past contact info was available here; if you need contact information contact an officer or info would be available by sending an email request to: [notam@eaa551.org](mailto:notam@eaa551.org)

Wizards cleaning products now available to members at discount prices. The Chapter has agreed to purchase some cases of Wizards products. The boxes will be at the Aero Club Hanger with prices noted on box. Please leave Payment in envelope with the box.



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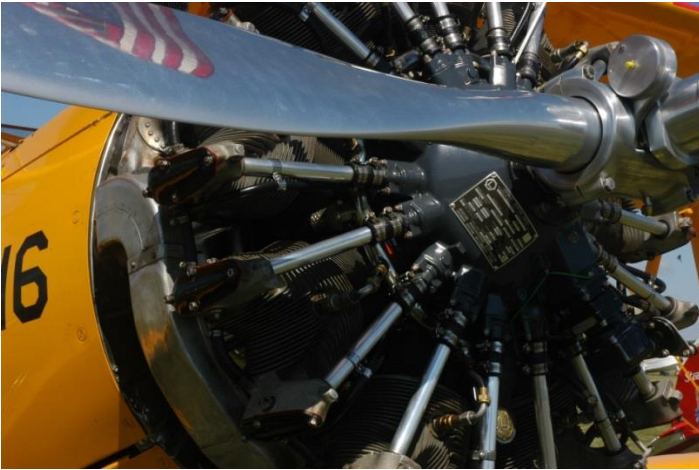
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