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Mark Priglmeier – Social Coordinator

Young Eagle & Eagle Coordinators:

Paul Schwinghammer

Wade Nelson

Tim Mahoney

Special Events Coordinators:

Larry Oswell

Gary Engler

Bill Kreul

Board Minutes:

-Board meeting 5/9/2014 Aero Club Hanger 6:30 PM.

Discussed planning for the Young Eagles event on 5/17/2014 at STC. Wright Aero has generously allowed the Chapter to use Hanger #2 for this event. The Schimnich family will be selling food and soft beverages to help Joey and Emily Schimnich raise money to the EAA Air Academy. We authorized between \$50 and \$100 to develop and print a youth poster for this and other events.

Discussed the Fly In at Leaders scheduled for 5/31/2014. It was decided to post this on the MNDOT list of events. Greg Bednark was going to organize the Spot Landing Contest and help is needed. Dale Field and Bob Barrett are going to obtain food etc. Help is needed to mow the area at Leaders after 5/26/14. We also need help moving table and chairs from Aero Club to Leaders that week. We will need help cleaning the Hanger prior to the event. Help with cooking and clean-up is needed. We will have a special EAA Chapter 551 Meeting at 2:00 PM to help finalize plans for the Young Eagles Event at Little Falls and the B-17.

Discussed the Young Eagles event at LXL. We are going to check on breakfast for pilots and others that morning. We are also going to check on whether the group who is putting on the breakfast will have lunches available? If not the Chapter may decide to prepare lunches for sale?

Discussed the B-17 event. Gary Engler has done an outstanding job promoting the sale of four billboards advertising the event. Three are already sold and Gary is sure he will sell the fourth one. Gary is also looking for other sponsors of this event. We also discussed the possibility of raffling two rides on the B-17. We need to get clarification of MN Gaming laws before proceeding with a raffle. We are also going to explore the possibility of having food sales during the B-17 event. The new hanger under construction may create necessity some different staging of the B-17 events.

Motion was made and passed to authorize up to \$150 to install a keypad access system for the St. Cloud Aero Club members and EAA Chapter 551 members. Next step on this project is to continue working with the Aero Club who owns the hangar and to gain their support and finalize plans for the keypad project. There is a need for a clock for the Aero Club Hanger and a cutting board. Donations will be accepted.

-Board meeting 6/2/2014 Aero Club Hanger 6:30 PM.

Meeting called to order at 6:51pm by Wade N. Ken O. updated the board on some financial figures. 49 paid members, bank balance of \$3816.66. Bean and brat fly-In took in \$317.

B-17 planning chairman Gary Engler has a volunteer signup sheet for the event. Gary wants someone to ask Hertz or Enterprise about donating a vehicle for the B-17 crew to use. Neil was volunteered to make the call. Discussed advertising for the event. Gary to contact the media. Wade and Gary to check on getting free fuel for the B-17. Wade to contact the CAP and aero club to see if there members can help with the B-17 event. Mark P. to send out an e-mail for volunteer help. Dale F. to contact SCSU film people about filming at the B-17 event.

Wade would like to get more chapter hats to give to volunteers at the B-17 event. Tom and Greg to do this.

Greg would like a sponsor banner to place by the entrance to the flight line so people can see the businesses that helped support the event.

Discussed the upcoming young eagle event at LXL on June 21st. Wade has the insurance in place for it. We need someone to transport tables and chairs to and from LXL. Also we need volunteers for this event.

Talked about the fly-in at Leaders on 5-31-14. Due to weather there were only 4 or 5 planes there but about 75 people showed up for the food. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped.

Discussed the young eagle event held in May at STC. There were 45 young eagles flown at the event. Wade is making up a letter of commendation to present to Mid-West ATC for the excellent service they provided for the young eagle rally.



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Scott Olson lent the chapter his popcorn maker for the chapter to use.

Greg wants to recognize Joey and Emily S. for getting the young eagle rally going at STC.

Gary wants a monthly report on how many hours chapter members are flying the aero club planes.

Wade made a motion to continue to communicate via EAA notams but for non EAA events include a disclaimer with the announcements that this is not a chapter sponsored event and include a contact person for people to contact with their questions. Also try to eliminate announcements that have organizational details in them.

Dale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter hanger work party on June 10 at 5:30pm at the aero club hanger. Work that needs to be done is, dirt pile moved, sprinkler system, septic system repaired.

Tom Hammer voted in as 2nd vice president.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

### Coming Events

**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.



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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!

8/22 & 23/2014 – Mobergs Fly-In. Turf Runway MN13 2114' Water 96M. 122.8 BJI Unicom. Friday 5:30 breakfast Sat. morning

**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:

EAA Chapter 551 held a successful Young Eagles Rally Saturday, May 17, 2014. The weather was perfect and our 11 volunteer pilots and numerous volunteer ground crew did a great job helping inspire and educate 45 young eagles about the joys of recreational aviation. Smiles were plentiful and I noted one Young Eagle jumping up and down happily and repeating "I can fly, I can fly" after her flight. THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and other supporters who helped both during the rally and behind the scenes before and after the event to make this event happen.

I would also like to recognize the great support we received from folks at the St. Cloud Regional airport, notably Wright Aero, St. Cloud Aviation, and our outstanding air traffic controllers. If you haven't flown to KSTC recently I invite you to do so and experience some of the most GA-friendly controllers I have ever had the pleasure to interact with. Based on the success of this event, it is likely that EAA 551 will sponsor additional future Young Eagles events at KSTC. We want these future events to be even better, so please share your feedback and suggestions for improvement with me so that I can add them to the list I have already started compiling. Also, please be sure to join us for these fun and rewarding upcoming Chapter events: Little Falls Young Eagles Rally - Saturday, June 21. B17 Aluminum Overcast - July 4, 5, 6

Thanks! Wade Nelson EAA 551 President and Young Eagles Co-Coordinator

### **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.

Here are the B-17 Details:

The flight booking sequence is typically as follows: 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:15 p.m.

The B-17 is generally available for ground tours from 2-5 p.m. on all full days of operation.

We need to ask for B-17 Volunteers for the following tasks starting at 9am for mornings and 2 pm for afternoons of July 4,5,6:

- \* Walking the B-17 to Parking after each flight (flagman with safety vests) 4 people needed at all times.
- \* Garbage and Toilet detail (one person to make sure garbage cans are emptied, obtain trash liners install them. Same person to check, obtain and resupply the satellite toilet periodically for tp and hand cleaner)
- \* Ladder Security at nose of B-17 by entrance ladder for ground tours. (one person at all times)
- \* Personnel to answer factual questions about B-17 to people taking the ground tours.  
(2 volunteers at all times, one by cockpit and one by the tail exit)
- \* Cockpit and interior security (one volunteer)
- \* Aft hatch Security (one volunteer)
- \* Merchandise and ground tour trailer sales (3 volunteers)
- \* One Person to sign up new members to Chapter 551 and take their email info and \$20 for dues in trailer.
- \* Gofer ( one really good volunteer)
- \* People to cook and serve burgers, brats, hot dogs and pop ( 4 people at all times)

If you volunteer and send me an email at [gary.engler@me.com](mailto:gary.engler@me.com) before the end of the day on JUNE 15, 2014 with your t-shirt size I will get you a 551 B-17 Volunteer STAFF t-shirt to wear while you are working on this event.. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL.. Ooo, Ahh, stylish..

If a passenger or tourist identifies themselves to a Chapter 551 member as a US Military Veteran, B-17 crew, or B-17 builder, then their ground tour ticket is FREE for them and their spouses.. If you personally know someone in one of these categories please reach out to them and inform them of the FREE ground tour.

Fellow Aviation Enthusiasts,

EAA 551 needs pilot and ground crew volunteers Saturday, June 21st to fly Young Eagles from 9 AM - 1 PM. Please contact Wade Nelson ([wadeknelson@gmail.com](mailto:wadeknelson@gmail.com)) 763-464-2566 or reply to this email message if you can help.

All volunteers will be provided with breakfast served by Kinship of Morrison County starting at 7 AM. Pilot and volunteer briefings start at 8 AM. Lunch will also be provided. We are also looking for a volunteer with a pickup truck to help transport tables, chairs, and a grill from St. Cloud to Little Falls and back before and after the event.

Pilot volunteers need to be national EAA members to fly Young Eagles. All are welcome to participate on the ground crew. This is a fun and rewarding event so please invite family and friends to come out and join us.

Thanks!

Wade Nelson

EAA 551 President and Young Eagles Co-coordinator

Open invitation to all pilots!!

Mark German, Tom Hammer and Greg Bednark are extending an open invitation to all Pilots: We are planning to fly to the Johnson Creek (Idaho) fly in. We will depart on Monday June 16, 2014, the fly in is June 19-22 2014. Planning of departing Johnson Creek on June 23. Check it out on youtube if your unfamiliar with it. A lot of good videos. Also Greg Swingle on Vimeo has a good video to watch flying to Johnson Creek. Should be a fun event. More info contact Greg Bednark @

[greg334ct@msn.com](mailto:greg334ct@msn.com) or 320.282.1274

PS: All dates and times subject to change due to weather. I'm told that you do not have to be a bush pilot and all kinds of planes are able to fly in..

\*This is not an EAA 551 sponsored event



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".

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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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