## **2024 GREAT MINNESOTA AVIATION GATHERING** ... celebrating aviation in Minnesota for 10 years!

## Friday, May 17, 8:30am to 5pm · Saturday, May 18, 8:30am to 3pm

BUFFALO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KCFE) • 1305 COUNTY ROAD 134 NE · BUFFALO, MN 55313 Admission \$10.00 per person, per day - free to MNPilots members and attendees 18 & under

AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar Saturday morning, May 18 Enjoy many different aviation forums and exhibitors · Meet with pilots from across the Upper Midwest Camp under your wing Thursday and Friday nights! Please see www.mnpilots.org for details



612-367-7708 · www.facebook.com/mnpilots Feel free to contact us to become an exhibitor or sponsor of this premier event! Friday is going to be a really fun and full day for aviators, with "**Hangar Flying**" sessions running from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday's events begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. (frees up our kind exhibitors and attendees to enjoy what we anticipate to be a beautiful spring weekend!).

**AOPA** will be prominent this year at the GMAG, providing the **Rusty Pilot Seminar series** in the morning and President Mark Baker and other leaders from AOPA providing a "Town Hall" meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

We will have the **Minnesota Pilots Association Awards presentations** at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, where we will honor recipients of the FAA's Orville and Wilbur Wright Master Pilots and the Charles Taylor Master Mechanics Awards. We will again be honoring our Aviation Scholarship awardees, and the EAA members and chapters who provided the most Young Eagle flights in 2023! What a super way to end yet another terrific GMAG!

**Hangar Flying Presentations** will include many topics, including: the Impact of Minnesota on the Doolittle Raiders, History of a Doc Who was a Doolittle Raider; Spatial Disorientation; Introduction to Soaring; History and Insights into the Reno Air Races (by a chief judge!); Becoming An Airline Pilot; Mountain Flying; Seaplane Operations; WWII Aviation Dogfighting Techniques; Cold Weather Operations; Altitude Records; Aviation Medicine; to mention a few! We will update the website as the calendar shapes up, so please stay tuned!

Hotels are available in the area, but this year we hope many will choose to fly in on Thursday evening, *pitch a tent under the wing* of your airplane and **camp out Thursday night and Friday night!** More to follow on camping options. The local EAA chapter is planning delicious breakfasts and lunches and we can always order pizza to go from businesses in Buffalo! Many thanks to Sarah Dickerson for her artistry in designing the flyer for the 2024 GMAG! She chose a photo (more about this later) from one of our members (THANKS FOR ALL THE SUBMISSIONS!...YOU MADE THE CHOICE DIFFICULT FOR SARAH!)...to serve as a backdrop for your event!

If you wish to have a pdf of this flyer so that you can download and print to post on your FBO bulletin board, please email Ashlyn Landa, our Executive Director, at <u>director@mnpilots.org</u>, and she will get that sent to you! Your efforts to post these will greatly help in getting out the word!