

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - JUNE, 2022

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -

Program:

Host:

Where:

Who:

Time:

SUNDAY: June 12th, 2022

Atlas Ad Astra Missile Silo Tour

Marty Heaton

Atlas Ad Astra Missile Silo, 354 4th Rd, Wilson KS *(Directions later in NL)*

Members, Families and Guests

Tour begins at 1430 0230pm – Meeting to follow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1ST SATURDAY

PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA & YORK NEBRASKA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

2ND SATURDAY

BEAUMONT HOTEL, BEAUMONT KS (Starts again in April)

3RD SATURDAY

BENTON AIR PARK

3RD SATURDAY

ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST

4TH SATURDAY

AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST

Secretary's Report – April 10, 2022 *(reprint from prior month/motion approved & carried)*

EAA Chapter 1127 met on April 10, 2022. President Dale Weinhold called the meeting to order at 2:30pm with 15 members present. Darren brought his brother Harold as a guest for the meeting.

Red moved and Larry F. Seconded that the previous meetings minutes be approved. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim H. stated the only thing that changed was the \$130 in sales from the calendars. Checking account now balances at \$4,381.69

Young Eagles:

Keith mentioned that he continues to get a lot of thank you from the Young Eagles event at Beloit. Dale brought the idea of doing a Young Eagles event at Beloit next year as well.

Tech Counselor:

Jim H. wanted to let everyone know that Ed Jones turned 95 last Saturday.

Flight Advisor Reports:

Keith briefed everyone that it is spring time on the Great Plains. Which means there is plenty of wind and the weather is always changing. So take that into consideration when flying at this time of year.

Jim Price had a question: "Can I fly without a rotating beacon?" The group came to a consensus that yes you do need a rotating beacon since it is part of the Anti-collision light system. But there were a few certain scenarios where you could fly without it.

Larry G. kept it short with stating that 95% of the serious injuries in plane crashes are a result of not wearing shoulder harnesses.

Old Business:

Dale shared the results of Career Day for Ellsworth High School. Sadly nobody showed up except the Counselor. He did state that the chapter would get on the school calendar for a scheduled career day in 2023.

New Business:

The new runway at 9K7 should be open the first part of May. The lighting system will be out for the first couple weeks of May to establish the new runways lighting system.

It was moved by Larry F. and seconded by Max L. to do our fly-in August 6, 2022. Abilene will not be having their fly-in this year.

The idea of doing a discovery flight event for adult was brought up again with the possibility of an instructor at McPherson. Larry G. said he would get back with the group about the instructor at McPherson.

Tom Mahoney shared that he will be having an event on Sept. 17th called "Hey, Land! Fly-in" It will be on an unmarked pasture grass strip 2 miles southwest of Dorrance. There will be a chuck wagon dinner. The pilots who fly in will eat free, passengers pay half price, and anyone who drives in will pay full price.

There is no meeting for the month of May due to Mother's Day being on the same day. For the June meeting, there is a possibility of having the meeting at the old missile silo. There should be a vote for yes or no with directions in this newsletter.

With no further business Red moved, and Larry seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. We then proceeded to listen to our guest speaker, Terry Landon, on his story with aviation.

Anthony Henke
Chapter 1127 Secretary

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: *DON'T FORGET THIS IS THE MONTH WE MEET AND TOUR THE MISSILE*

SILO!!!!!! This is a great opportunity to tour one of the old Atlas Missile Silos that is being made into a museum east of Wilson. The tours will start promptly at 1430 hrs (230 pm) so don't be late. The number of tours is dependent on the numbers attending. Following the tours we will have a brief meeting and conclude with a light hot dog chili dog lunch prepared by Marty Heaton. Marty will also provide a tent for us to meet under, but bring your lawn chair with you. A special thanks to Marty for all of the coordination for this event. It is definitely one of our **special** meetings. At our meeting we will need to finalize and review our fly in poster, and talk about anything new or different we want to do for the fly in. The new runway at 9K7 is now open, and what a great smooth runway. The only problem now is that temporarily we will need to exit the runway via taxiing to the threshold of 35 take taxiway alpha to 12/30 and exit. This requires crossing approximately 250 ft of dirt. I have been assured that the permanent exit will be in place by fly in day. The scheduled date for a permanent exit is July 3. If it does not get done for some reason we will have an issue.

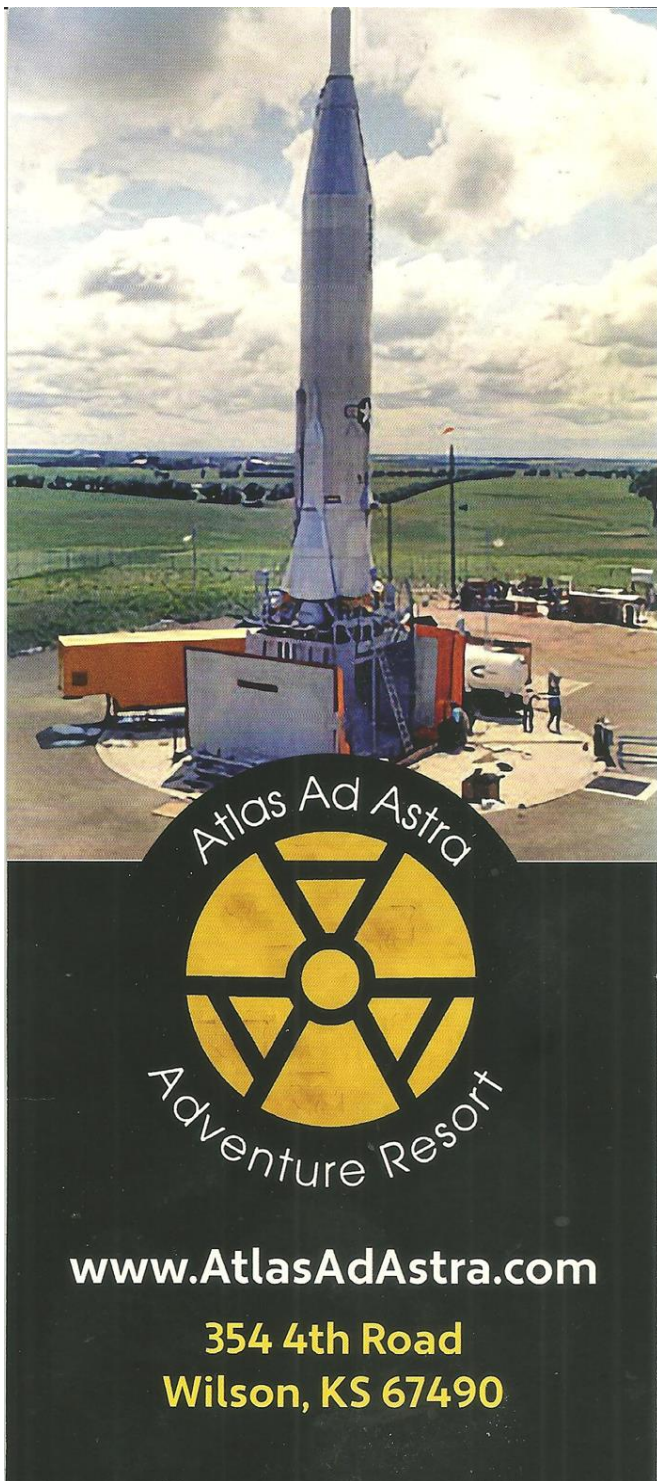
Some fly in's are starting to surface as I write this, I am looking at one at Junction City on June 4. I was thinking about attending, however the weather is so unsettled I don't know if it will be raining, windy, or both. Definitely some bad flying weather this year. I was able to finally get my airplane home from its' annual inspection in Abilene, which took a while. One good day I had a Dr. appointment, (of course it was nice those days), then bad weather and wind, finally made it. Inspection was uneventful which is good. So I am ready to fly if the weather gets straightened out and we have some good flying days. Another problem of course is fuel. We fortunately are still at \$5, but I am sure that it will be much higher after the next bulk purchase. I have seen some airports at \$8. Our supply may last a bit longer as we have a NOTAM "no 100LL available", which is because of our temporary taxiway, some pilots may not wish to taxi over the dirt and we didn't want them to plan on Ellsworth as a fuel stop and then find out they didn't want to taxi over the dirt and not have enough fuel to make it to the next stop. So actually if you taxi over the dirt you can get fuel.

Quite an experience filing NOTAM's for the runway. If you are lucky enough to get an understanding person on the phone it goes great, if not you have a problem. So far I have had 1 bad and 2 good. However they have their rules, I understand that, but one told me "you can't have a new 17/35 as your old one was that. You need to call it something different". My response, "I really can't do that, that is the orientation". I finally hung up and tried later and that worked.

Not much more on the flying front, I hope to get some flying time in soon. I hope everyone can make it out to our June meeting at the missile silo. I think it will be great and again Thanks Marty for all of your work on this. See you there!

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hil EAA#1127

Keep living, dreaming, loving, and risking. More people rust out than wear out.



DIRECTIONS FROM ELLSWORTH TO MISSILE SILO:

FROM ELLSWORTH TAKE K-140 WEST 11 MILES TO 4TH RD. TURN RIGHT (NORTH) ON 4TH RD GO 2 ½ MILES TO ENTRANCE TURN LEFT INTO SITE.

OPTION 2:

TAKE K-14 NORTH TO I-70 TAKE I-70 WEST TO EXIT 209 (SYLVAN GROVE EXIT) TURN SOUTH ON 6TH RD GO APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO AVE D. TURN RIGHT (WEST) ON AVE D GO APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO 4TH RD, TURN RIGHT (NORTH) ON 4TH RD TO SILO ENTRANCE ON YOUR LEFT.

FROM THE WEST:

TAKE I-70 WILSON EXIT 206, GO SOUTH TO AVE D, TAKE AVE D EAST APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES TO 4TH RD TURN LEFT ON 4TH RD GO ½ MILE AND ENTER MISSILE SILO ON YOUR LEFT.

AVIATION PHOTO's of THE MONTH;

– Courtesy of Member Kevin Lundy



It is becoming increasingly rare to see an airliner with four engines so I was pleased to find a ghostly 747 that was responsible for this unusually large contrail. Growing up in Wichita may have given me a Boeing Bias but I was not disappointed to learn that Airbus is ending production of their jumbo behemoth. The 747, despite its size, exudes grace and beauty in its element while, even in flight, the A380 appears bloated and earth-bound.

