

# EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

## CHAPTER 1098

### SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Shawnee, OK, EAA Chapter 1098 is an official chapter of the EAA, Wittman Airfield, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903. Phone 414-426-4800. Chapter1098 was organized to promote aviation in the community, provide camaraderie, sharing of aeronautical knowledge and skills among those with interest in grassroots aviation and who share the objectives of the EAA. Chapter dues are \$20.00 per year, payable on 01 January. Normally our meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2:30pm at Gordon Cooper Tech Aviation Campus, 2600N Airport Dr, Shawnee, OK 74804, Shawnee Airport (KSNL). Time, date and place are subject to change. Please check newsletter for latest meeting information.

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Welcome to the June issue of EAA Chapter 1098 newsletter. I trust everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and managing to get out and fly. We are half way through the year and have had excellent presentations at recent chapter meetings. I'm looking forward to our upcoming speakers and fly outs that have been arranged.

Our Young Eagles Day event that was originally scheduled for 15Apr23 got rescheduled for 24Jun23 due to bad weather. We need help for this event as it is being run on the same morning at Sundance EAA Young Eagles event. Any pilots that have current background checks would be greatly appreciated. We also need one person to marshall the planes on the apron along with someone to complete all the Young Eagle event paperwork. Happy to give training to those that haven't done this before. If you are able to help, please reach out to Gary Manning or Stuart Yeo so we can get things organized. This Young Eagles event will be at the Gordon Cooper Aviation Technology Center, Shawnee Airport. It's from 09:00 to 12:00. We will then grab lunch and have our regular June chapter meeting at 2:30pm. If you know any children interested in experiencing flight (8-17) please let them know so they can sign up (website below), and enjoy the experience and fun of flying in a general aviation aircraft.

[www.youneaglesday.org](http://www.youneaglesday.org)

Oshkosh 2023 is fast approaching and those attending will be putting finishing touches to their travel plans. We have been approached by a school teacher in Ada, OK to assist with a pupil that is keen to travel to Oshkosh. If you have a spare seat and willing to help, please reach out to Gary Manning and he can put you in touch with the interested parties.

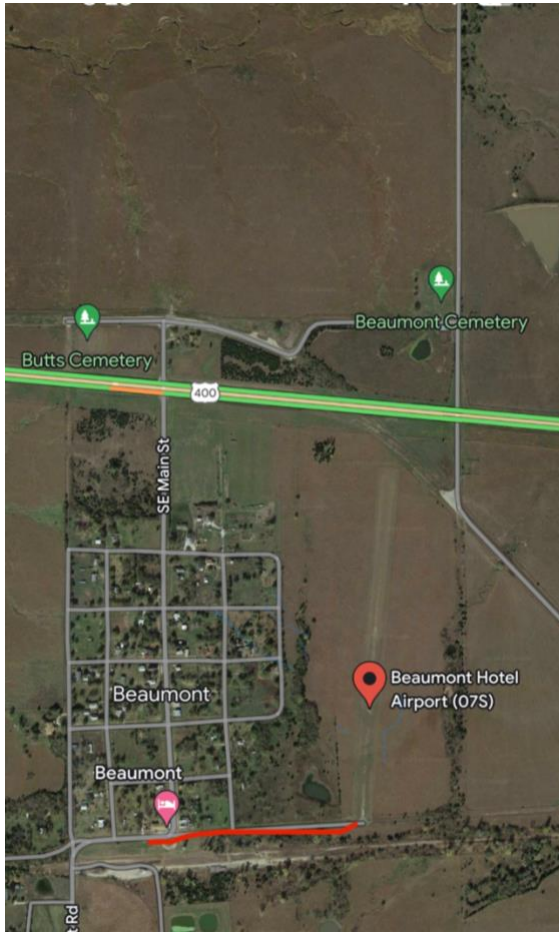
What has the Chapter been up to ?

Don and Gary flight in the Ercoupe over Stroud. Don and Gary decided to take an impromptu trip to see Stroud and the surrounding countryside.



Fly out to Beaumont Hotel. Several members took the opportunity to head down to wonderful Beaumont. The airport is to the east of the town and you get to taxi your plane right up to the Beaumont Hotel. Please make sure you exit the airport from the south and not the north, otherwise you have to taxi down the Main Street. Fun time had by all.





Our Eagle learn to fly event on 20May23 made the local paper. Thanks to Larry Danko for sharing the link. Please check it out on our Chapter 1098 Facebook page.

Chapter fly out to Thomas P Stafford airport at Weatherford. Weatherford schools have started an aviation program and local residents have decided to hold a monthly burger lunch event at Weatherford Stanford airport to raise money for the program. Their first event was 10Jun23. It was a great success despite the early morning rain shower. Tracey and Troy flew out in their LongEze, Greg and Diane took their RV-8a. My grass runway was too wet from the earlier rain to fly out, so I chose to drive. Great people, great food. For those that haven't been, the Air and Space museum there is fantastic and a tribute to Thomas P Stafford. He was a test pilot and astronaut and went on to support the F117 and other stealth programs. We understand at some point in the near future, the museum is due to get an F117 for the museum.





Flight to Alva, OK. If you haven't been, I can thoroughly recommend a trip. Alva is a lovely little airport about an hour North West of Shawnee airport. You need to be careful not fly in any of the active MOAs (Vance Air Force Base). I'm a big fan of taking advantage of flight following to ensure I don't enter any of those areas. There are beautiful winding rivers to see on your journey and Alva is a fun little airport. If you are lucky enough to catch Bob Baker there, ask him to show you around his amazing hangar. He has a couple of Aermacchi fast jet twin seat trainer aircraft along with 2 Harmon Rockets, a King Air and a Carbon Cub. A great collection.



Breakfast at Ponca City. It's quite rare to get a picture in your airplane. If you go to Ponca City Breakfast Booster event, there are several folks taking pictures of all the planes that arrive and leave. Great opportunity for you to get some pictures of you in your plane. If you are very lucky, you may even get a picture of your plane flying. Food is excellent too ! Check out Ponca City Boosters Facebook page to see more pictures.



Breakfast at Enid Woodring. The Barnstormers cafeteria in the main airport lounge hosts a great monthly breakfast event. Enid Woodring airport has it's own tower and a great opportunity to refresh your radio calls to a towered approach and flying in delta controlled airspace. It's also an opportunity to see their B25 bomber on display in front of the control tower. The lounge area has a large selection of model aircraft and a great display that shouldn't be missed.



Virgil Irwin is a recent graduate from the Gordon Cooper Aviation Technology A&P program. He has just finished an amazing build of an Avipro Bearhawk Model 5. The aircraft is powered by a Lycoming IO540 and has Garmin glass cockpit. This is a beautiful build and currently located at Steciak strip, Harrah. The plane will soon be shipped to Niger Africa as part of the MA Global missionary program.



As we can see, there's a lot going on. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to Stuart or Gary and they can share the upcoming events. If you've been on an event that's not included here, please send details so we can include it in a future newsletter.