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WELCOME

Hello EAA Chapter Members,

Welcome to the August edition of our chapter newsletter! As the summer continues to provide us with beautiful flying weather and memorable aviation events, we hope you've all had a chance to enjoy some time in the skies.

July was a fantastic month, highlighted by the excitement of Oshkosh AirVenture. Additionally, we had a wonderful time at the Colorado City Fourth of July Fly-In, which we will cover in more detail later in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, August promises to be just as exciting. We are in the midst of planning our Fall Young Eagles Event, and we encourage everyone to get involved. Whether you can volunteer your time, your aircraft, or simply your enthusiasm, your participation is what makes these events so special and impactful for the young aviators in our

community.

Additionally, don't forget about the upcoming High Sky Wing Commemorative Air Force [AirSho](#) in September. It's an event that brings history to life with stunning aircraft and thrilling performances, and it's a perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow aviation enthusiasts and share our passion for flight.

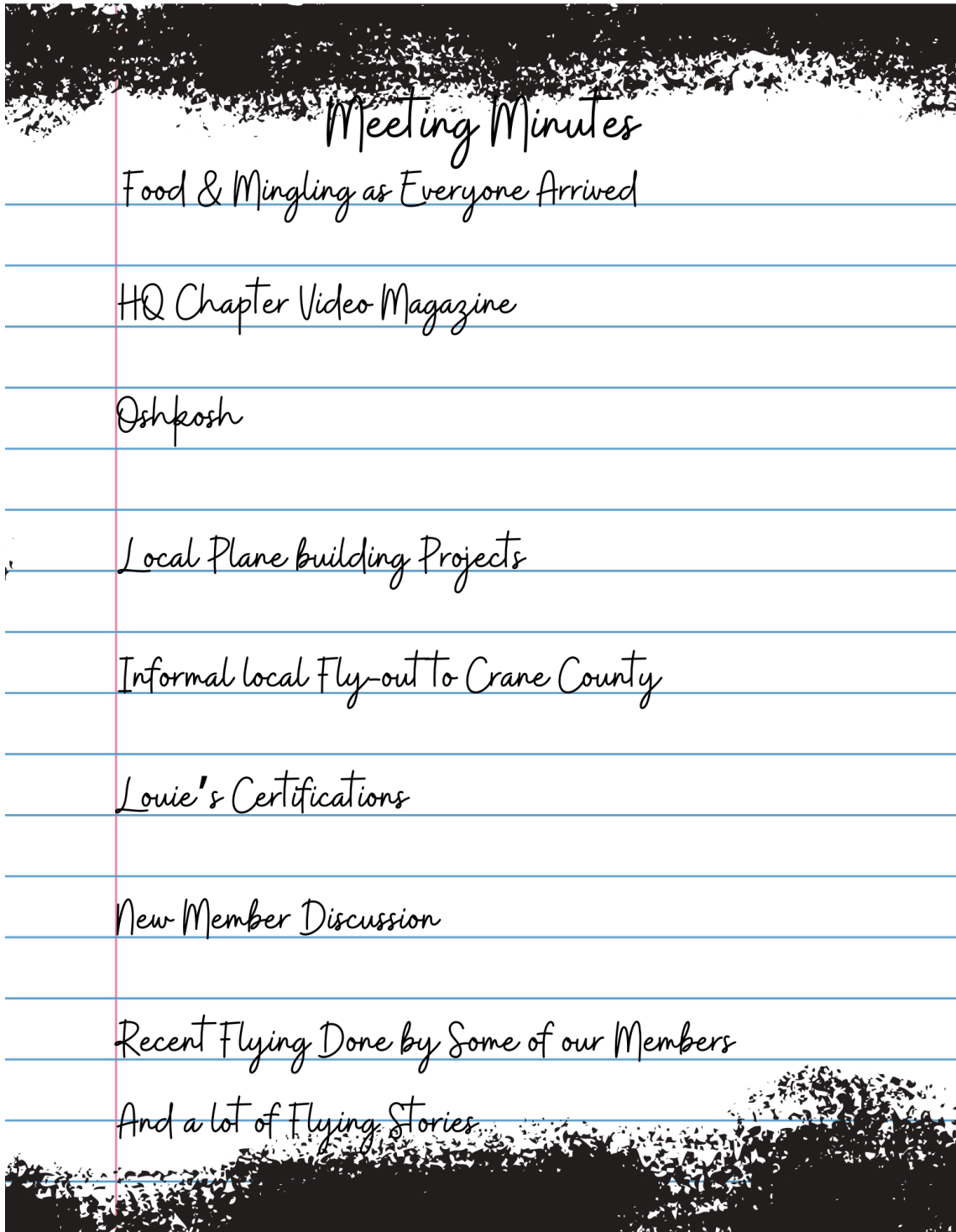
As always, we are grateful for the dedication and camaraderie that defines our chapter. Your support and involvement are what keep our community thriving and our passion for aviation soaring.

Here's to clear skies and smooth flights! ✈️





Chapter Meeting Details





Chapter Highlights: Informal Fly-In to Crane, Texas

July 20th marked the 55th anniversary of the moon landing, and what better way to celebrate than taking to the skies? Some local pilots and friends used this historic day as an excellent excuse to fly and enjoy a good meal together. Five aircraft and nine friends made the short flight to Crane County Airport (E13), where Rudy's Restaurant is just a short walk away.

The gathering kicked off at 09:00, and the flight to Crane was smooth and enjoyable. Upon arrival, everyone headed over to Rudy's for brunch. Some of us indulged in hearty breakfast plates, while others opted for the delicious lunch specials. The conversations were lively, and it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up, share stories, and strengthen our community bonds.

The return flights were uneventful – just the way we like it! Among the aircraft that attended, we had an impressive lineup: a Globe Swift, a Cessna 182, a Piper Tri-Pacer, a Navion, and a Bonanza V-Tail.

Upon returning from the Crane County Fly-Out, we discovered that the CAF Desert Squadron was hosting their 9th Annual Car, Truck, Motorcycle, and Mini Bike Show. A few of us from the fly-out decided to check out the event and were impressed by the exceptional workmanship on display. The event was packed with enthusiasts, and the variety of vehicles was truly impressive. It was a fantastic way to top off an already great day of flying and camaraderie.

This informal fly-out was a fantastic way to celebrate the spirit of aviation and the camaraderie that makes our chapter special. Check out some of the photos from the event below. If you missed this fly-out, don't worry – we have more exciting events on the horizon! ✈️





July 20, 2024



Crane County Airport (E13)

Informal Fly-Out

55th Anniversary of the Moon Landing



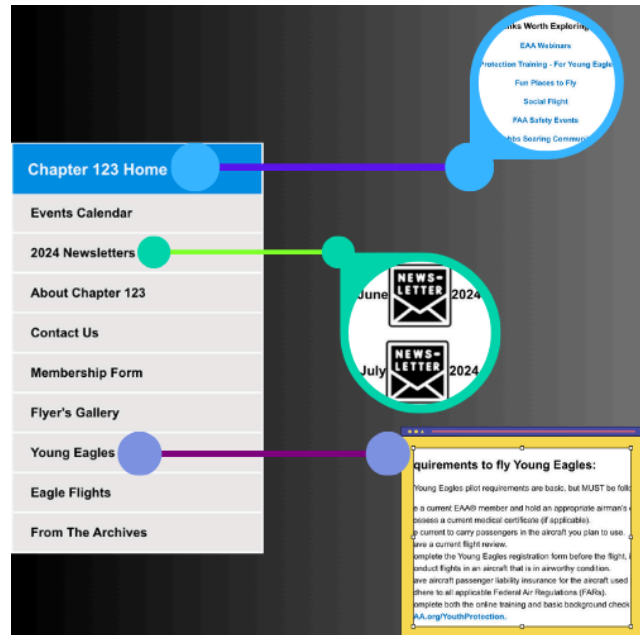


Discover More on Our EAA Chapter Website!

Have you visited our EAA Chapter website recently? It's your one-stop destination for all the latest news, event updates, and valuable resources. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or just starting your aviation journey, our website has something for everyone.

On our site, you'll find:

- **Event Calendar:** Stay up-to-date with upcoming fly-ins, Young Eagles events, and chapter meetings. We do our best to keep our event calendar up to date with all the information we can find.
- **Photo Gallery:** Relive the excitement of past events with our extensive collection of photos.
- **News and Announcements:** Get the latest chapter news and important announcements.
- **Resources:** Access useful links and documents to enhance your aviation knowledge and skills.



We also keep everyone updated through our Facebook group. It's a great place to share information, ask questions, and connect with fellow members. Since we're not always in the know about every event happening, we encourage you to post any events you know of on our Facebook group. We'll make sure to add them to our event calendar so everyone stays informed.

Check out the screenshots below to get a glimpse of what our website offers. Be sure to visit <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea123> and explore all the great content we have available. Don't forget to bookmark the page and check back often for new updates!

Let's keep our community connected and informed. See you online! ✈️



Final Flight Notes

Please consider these safety tips:

1. Runway Safety:

- Runway Incursion Awareness: Always be vigilant for potential runway incursions. Familiarize yourself with airport layout and be clear on taxi instructions.
- Clearances: Never cross a runway hold line without explicit clearance from ATC or announcing your intentions at uncontrolled airports.

2. Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM):

- Situational Awareness: Continuously assess your environment and make informed decisions. Stay aware of your aircraft's position, speed, and altitude relative to terrain and other aircraft.
- Risk Management: Evaluate the risks associated with each flight. Consider factors such as weather, aircraft condition, and your own fitness to fly.

3. Aircraft Performance:

- Weight and Balance: Ensure your aircraft is within weight and balance limits for every flight. Improper weight and balance can severely affect performance and handling.
- Climb and Descent Rates: Be aware of your aircraft's performance capabilities, especially in high-density altitude conditions.

4. Navigational Proficiency:

- Flight Planning: Thoroughly plan your route, including alternates. Ensure your navigation equipment is functioning correctly and updated.
- Charts and Maps: Always carry up-to-date charts and maps. Familiarize yourself with the airspace structure and any potential obstacles along your route.

5. Night Flying:

- Lighting: Check that all aircraft lights are operational. Ensure you have a functioning flashlight with extra batteries.
- Vision: Give your eyes time to adjust to the darkness. Avoid bright lights and use red lighting in the cockpit to maintain night vision.

6. Collision Avoidance:

- See and Avoid: Always keep a vigilant lookout for other aircraft. Use standard scanning techniques and avoid fixating on one point.



- Traffic Advisories: Listen carefully for traffic advisories and communicate your position clearly to ATC and other aircraft in the vicinity.

Spotlight on Technology: Enhancing Flight Safety

Advancements in aviation technology can greatly enhance flight safety. This month, we highlight some key technologies that can help you fly safer:

- Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B): ADS-B provides real-time traffic and weather information. Make sure your aircraft is equipped and that you know how to use it effectively.
- Electronic Flight Bags (EFBs): EFBs can provide up-to-date charts, weather information, and flight planning tools. Keep your EFB software updated and carry a backup in case of device failure.
- Angle of Attack Indicators: These indicators can help prevent stalls by providing real-time information about the aircraft's angle of attack. Consider installing one if your aircraft is not already equipped.

Closing Message:

As we conclude this month's newsletter, let's remember that safety is a continuous journey, not a destination. Embrace new technologies, remain vigilant, and always prioritize safe flying practices. Thank you for being an integral part of our aviation community.

Here's to clear skies and safe landings! ✈️



Community Corner



Call for Contributions: We're always looking for fresh ideas and perspectives to enrich our EAA chapter community! Whether you have a story to share, an event to announce, or an aviation-related topic you're passionate about, we invite you to contribute to our newsletter. Your input helps us create content that resonates with our members and fosters a sense of belonging within our aviation family. Have a suggestion for a future event, workshop, or project? Want to share your aviation journey or highlight a fellow member's accomplishments? We'd love to hear from you! To submit your contributions or ideas, please email kjgayneaux@gmail.com. Let's soar together and make our EAA chapter's future as bright as the skies above!

We look forward to an exciting 2024 and we are wanting to **grow our organization** to share aviation with more great folks in our community. We are currently updating our website, and I encourage you to check it out at chapters.eaa.org/ea123. If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, I also encourage you to join there as well facebook.com/groups/ea123.

Stay updated with any last-minute changes, join the conversation and receive timely updates regarding our meetings and events.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and extending a warm welcome to newcomers at our future meetings! See you there!

Call for a Dedicated Volunteer

We are currently seeking a dedicated volunteer to step into the role of Young Eagles/Eagles Coordinator. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation of aviators and contribute to our chapter's ongoing success. Responsibilities include organizing rallies, coordinating with pilots and young participants, and fostering a love for aviation within our community. Andrew has provided a comprehensive document outlining the tasks associated with this role, which will be included in this newsletter. If you're passionate about aviation and interested in this rewarding position, please reach out to us for more details, mccarthy.ac@gmail.com. [Skip to the Responsibilities Document by CLICKING HERE!](#) ✈️



Young Eagles Coordinator – EAA Chapter 123 - Description of Role

General duties

1. Build and maintain a list of participants for upcoming events in the order that they registered (to avoid line-jumping). This pool of future participants is the basis of the local Young Eagles (YE) program. It allows you to quickly form a YE Rally with 15-20 participating kids.
2. Respond in a timely fashion via email, Facebook, text and phone to discuss YE and Eagles programs and direct participants to the appropriate sign-up location online or add them to the list for upcoming events.
3. Follow all EAA rules and guidelines for the EAA program

Pre-event

Refer to EAA's Rally Planning Checklist: [YE GeneralSupport 2023 Digital YEHandbook](#)

1. Choose a date for the next YE event, in consultation with chapter pilots and volunteers
2. Gather a list of pilots who are available and willing to fly kids on the selected date (be sure the pilots meet requirements to fly YE)
3. Obtain permission from the FBO or location where the Young Eagles rally will be held and confirm with airport that no other major events are planned that might impact the YE rally (we have used Floris Flight Services at KMDD for the last several events – John Carnett typically asks Floris for permission).
4. Create a Young Eagles event on the yeday.org website (when you are working from a pre-registration list, I highly recommend you create a “Private Event” to avoid line-jumping)
5. Apply for free YE event insurance through the EAA website at least 30 days before the event
6. Order supplies: ensure printed materials are available for the event (in case iPad app doesn't work, paper copies of waiver will be required). Extra copies are a good idea because of writing errors made by parents and by EAA volunteers.
 - a. Young Eagles Registration and Waiver Form (Rev 06/21)
 - b. Young Eagles Engagement Guide
 - c. Young Eagles Promotional Brochure
 - d. Young Eagles Logbook
 - e. Young Eagles Certificate
 - f. Parent Ride-along liability form
7. When the event is confirmed (# of pilots committed, weather looks ok), begin to fill the event by calling or texting YE parents and directing them to the yeday.org website to sign up. This is best done 1-2 weeks prior to the event.

Event

1. Arrive ~1 hour before the first scheduled YE flight and set up laptop, printer, and iPad. Log onto Wi-Fi.



2. Arrange paperwork on table
3. Greet arriving parents and YE's
4. Ensure parents sign the waiver(s) needed, either on the iPad app or on paper
5. Match each YE with a pilot
6. Fill out logbooks and YE certificates
7. Greet returning YE's and parents and hand over the logbook and certificate, and explain the benefits available for free (see back of logbook for code)

Post-event

1. If paper forms were used, confirm all info was filled out on the forms (pilot info including EAA #)
2. Mail paper forms to the EAA
3. Provide post-event statistics to chapter leadership

Description of Role by EAA Chapter 123 YE Coordinator Andrew McCarthy, 5/13/2024

The End