

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - NOVEMBER 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -

Program:

SATURDAY: November 4, 2023 (Hangar cleanup Thursday at 1700 hours)

YOUNG EAGLES DAY – Meeting to follow

- (there will NOT be a meeting on our regular meeting day)

Host:

EAA Chapter 1127

Where:

Ellsworth Municipal Airport

Who:

Members, Families and Guests

Time:

FLYING 0900 - 1300 / **Please be on site at 0800!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

3RD SATURDAY

BENTON AIR PARK

3RD SATURDAY

ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST

4TH SATURDAY

AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST

Secretary's Report — October 8, 2023

EAA Chapter 1127 met on October 8th, 2023. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 19 members present with many guests comprised of family and friends. Red moved and Mike O. seconded that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- \$120 withdrawal from the checking account at Citizens State Bank. Total: \$3,663.89
- Ask the Chapter to reaffirm that they wanted to transfer the savings account at Federated Bank to a Savings Bond
 - The chapter reiterated that they wanted to proceed with transitioning the savings account to a CD.
- Milton moved and Larry seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Young Eagles Report: Mike Olson

- Has the insurance lined up for Young Eagles Day
- Young Eagles Day will be Nov. 4th
 - Nov. 18th will be a makeup date
- We will need pilots, please be on the lookout!
 - Currently we have 4 lined up
 - Potential pilots only need to be an EAA Member
- Reminder: Please make sure your EAA Youth Protection Training is up to date.
 - <https://www.eaa.org/en/eea/training/youth-protection-training>
- As for fuel reimbursement for the Young Eagles pilots, the chapter agreed to pay \$2.50/Gal this year.
- Larry motioned, and Milton seconded to approve the Young Eagles Report. Motion carried.

Tech Counselor: Jim Homolka

- There are rumors about changing the airplane category regulations.
 - Aircraft as big as a C182 may be considered light sport.
 - The main thing the FAA is looking at is stall speed and weight.
- Mike O. motioned and Red seconded to approve the Tech Counselor Report. Motion carried.

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

- Keith: Congratulated Anthony Henke on passing his Commercial Checkride. His next step will be getting his CFI.
- Larry: Had a very educational report on how to properly prime an engine using the primer and not the accelerator pump. He also covered that the carb heat should not be turned off until you are landed, off the runway, and performing the after-landing checklist.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- Acrobatic Competition:
 - Dale thanked everyone for all their help at the acrobatic competition.
 - He also brought up the idea of having a pancake breakfast for the competition next year @ KSLN—Would feed around 140 people.
- Fly Kansas Tour

- Mike Olson and Mark Ford participated. They had nothing but good things to say about it.
- If anyone is interested next year, you don't necessarily have to register in advance, but it helps.
- Regardless, it is a neat experience and very laid back. You can fly the whole tour or just meet up with the group for a day or two.
- EAA Workshop:
 - Tentative Date is Dec. 2nd, 8:00am-12:00pm, @ The Ellsworth Airport
 - Red has Keith, Mark, and Anthony lined up for instructors
 - Mike motioned and Kerry seconded to purchase an advertisement sign to put up for Young Eagles Day

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- Dale received permission to advertise at the Ellsworth schools for Young Eagles Day and has already got that taken care of.
- Dale talked to the EHS School Counselor, and they are looking at February or March for a Career Day @ 9K7
- 2024 Chapter Officers Election Results:
 - President: Dale Weinhold
 - Vice-President: Milton Wehrman
 - Treasurer: Jim Homolka
 - Tech-Counselors: Jim Homolka & Virgil Lawson
 - Flight Advisors: Jim Price, Larry Gourley, and Keith Houghton
 - Young Eagle Coordinator: Mike Olson
 - Property Officer: Larry Adamek
 - Newsletter Editor: Anne Piper
 - Secretary: Anthony Henke

With no further business, Milton motioned, and Larry seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary
Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

YOUNG EAGLES DAY NOVEMBER 4TH. That's right our annual Young Eagles Day is right around the corner. We need help, if you would like to participate as a pilot, or a member of the ground crew, we need you. We will start flying at 9 am, so plan on being at the airport around 8 am, so we can get all set up and ready. If you have completed the Youth Protection Program, check to see if your license is still valid or needs renewing. If you have not completed it, you can do that at eaa.org, or just come out, we have enough that have completed the course that ground workers would not be a problem. Pilots must hold a valid certificate with EAA and have the required insurance on the aircraft. Any questions on that please call Mike Olson @ 785-472-7200. We will fly from 9am until 1 pm. Following the last flight, we will hold our November meeting, which will be short, just to review the day and look forward to any other activities that are coming up. I hope you can be there.

The airport is now complete except for 13/31, which is still closed. With the parallel taxiway it should help with the traffic during take-off and landing. We plan to hold the event in the hangar, just more room. Which also means we will need to have a clean-up day. We will plan on that for Thursday November 2nd, at 1700 hours. We understand that those from other than Ellsworth may not wish to drive over for clean-up, that's ok. For all pilots the club will pay \$2.50 per gallon for fuel used during the event. So, make sure the tanks are full when you leave home and fill them after the event. We will set the price back \$2.50.

Fall days are here which means there are some great flying days, especially the morning and evening. Hopefully our YE day will be one of them, but it is Kansas so you can never be sure. Be sure to come out, we can use your help, this is a great event, and it is anticipated by the community, so if the weather is good we should have a lot of Young Eagles.

I was able to take a cross country trip to Garnett Kansas recently for their fly-in and took Patti Kubick along so she could visit with her daughter. Great trip, only problem we couldn't see the airport. While Patti and I were looking and not seeing it, my wife in the back said, "It's right there". And it sure was. A bit different, for some reason among the trees the runway which had a very light surface blended into the surroundings somewhat. However, we were able to make a somewhat unconventional approach to landing and landed on an uphill runway. Wasn't my best landing, but OK. The pancakes were good, and gas was \$4.50, worth the trip. Landing back at Ellsworth was also interesting, winds 070 at 8 with gusts to 16. Guess when the gust hit, you guessed it, just prior to touch down. But with some quick compensation it wasn't that bad. Not the best, but not that bad.

Thanks to all who brought food and helped with our October cook out. Great food and great conversation. Also, we elected our current officer team for another year. Thanks Milton, Jim, and Anthony for agreeing to another year, we have a great officer team. **Great things ahead for 2024!**

Well, that's about it for me this month. We will want to discuss the Youth Workshop to be held on December 2nd, as that is our next Youth activity. I hope that is on your calendar as well. Be sure and come out, even if you only want to watch. If you want some fliers for your community, let me, Mike Olson, or Larry Farmer know, and we will get them to you. I have already had a few calls interested in fliers. This is one of our major events and one that you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please call Mike Olson, Larry Farmer, or yours truly. **See you on the 4th^h.**

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA Chapter #1127

Why Worry? If you've done the very best you can... worrying won't make it any better... Walt Disney

FOR SALE:

Rotax Ultra-Light Kit – Call: (785) 472-8882

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

