

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - JULY 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -	SUNDAY: July 9th, 2023
Program:	TBD
Host:	Darwin & Pam Steinle
Where:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who:	Members, Families and Guests
Time:	1400/2:30pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

AUGUST 5th, Saturday	30th ANNUAL COWTOWN FLY-IN, ELLSWORTH KS
SEPTEMBER 9th, Saturday	HAYLAND FLY-IN, DORRANCE KS
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- June 11, 2023

EAA Chapter 1127 met on June 11, 2023. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 14 members present with two guests, Russ Allen and Chad Donley.

Milton moved and Marty seconded that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- Wrote a check for \$88.20 for Max Liby's Memorial Plaque
- Account Totals:
 - Citizens State Bank Checking: \$3133.85
 - Federated State Bank Savings: \$6060.11
- Virgil moved and Red seconded to approve the Treasure report...motion carried.

Young Eagles Report: Larry Farmer

- NA

Tech Counselor: Virgil Lawson

- Said that all the B17s are currently grounded as a result of a shortage of aluminum.
- Also mentioned that there is a new continental AD out on crankshaft counterweights.

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

- Rumor has it that the FAA will be getting rid of expiration dates on CFI certificates in an attempt to alleviate the instructor shortage. It is currently in the public review stage.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- Back on May 21st there was a group that helped sort through a lot of Max Liby's books and helped store them in the pilot lounge.
- The picture and plaque of Max Liby was made and is now hanging on the back wall of the pilot lounge.
- According to the Ellsworth school superintendent, the chapter cannot advertise Young Eagles day in the school anymore since it is not a school event.

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- We will be holding our annual Fly in on August 5th
 - Jim H. will buy the food.
 - Marty and Larry A. will cook.
 - Kerry Woods will serve as parking chairman.
 - If anyone else is interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet. Contact Dale for more info.
- Plan on doing a career day in the fall for kids at Ellsworth. Dale said the counselor would bus any kids who want to go out to the airport for the career day. There is no date set yet.

With no further business, Red motioned and Virgil seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary
Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

July is almost here, so time to sit down and think about last month and what will happen this month. Kansas weather has again been up and down. Some good days for flying and some not so good. But like most instructors will tell you it doesn't hurt to go up in not the most favorable conditions once in a while, like a nice cross wind, or even a gusty straight wind (within limits). It is good practice, and we never know when we will get caught in a cross wind. So, be safe and be prepared, and watch the Kansas weather.

For those that missed last month, you missed a great program. Mr. Olson had some great information on engines, and how best to take care of them. I am not sure what our VP has in mind for this month, but I know it will be good. Also, this month we will make final preparations for our fly-in to be held August 5, pancakes will be ready by 0700. Let's hope for a nice cool calm day, it doesn't hurt to hope. We will discuss when we do the airport clean up at the meeting, but if we do as in the past it would be Wednesday August 3. We will talk about that and see how it fits everyone's schedule. Also, we don't expect our out of Ellsworth members to drive here just for clean-up although our local members are fewer, our airport board also helps out so we will be alright.

We also need to look a bit further ahead as our annual Young Eagles Day is not that far after the fly in. Looks like this year would be November 4. The election of officers is in October, and I will appoint a nominating committee at our August meeting which will follow the fly-in on August 5. So that will be our August meeting, no meeting on our regular Sunday in August. Also, in October we will have our annual member appreciation day with a Hamburger lunch prior to our meeting. So, lots going on, but also room to add in some other special activities, if you have anything in mind let one of the officers know or bring it up at the meeting.

Still working on our airport, mostly just miscellaneous things, but still things that need done. We will need to put markings on 13/31 prior to opening it. However, that is a way off as the weeds are growing faster than the grass. We are hoping that it will be open by April 2024, which is when the NOTAM expires, but with good luck and rain we may make it before that. Also, our new AWOS system is on the books maybe in September. So, a lot is going on, but it is good. We continue to get comments on our runway and crooked exit, Alpha1. But everyone loves the runway.

I did have to put my mechanic hat on recently and install a new CHT on the old Skyhawk. Not a tough job, but I am slow, so it took a while. But also, a good time to look everything over following the recent annual. I noticed the problem recently on one of my short around the county flights when I looked at the CHT and it was reading 150deg. A bit low, pulled the prop through and all felt good so ordered a new gauge and sensor and that seems to have corrected the problem. At least that is better than a bad cylinder.

Well, that's about it for this month. Hope you are flying; mornings are best, the nice cool air of summer. First thing in the morning is a good way to look things over and see how the countryside is looking. It also keeps us older pilots current, and practice never hurts. So, keep flying, be safe, and see you at the July meeting.

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA#1127

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30th ANNUAL COWTOWN FLY-IN

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023
ELLSWORTH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
ELLSWORTH, KANSAS
9K7**

HOSTED BY SMOKY HILL EAA #1127

**FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR PILOTS AND
PASSENGERS**
Starting at 7 A.M.

SERVING AVIATION QUALITY PANCAKES

ALL THE COWTOWN COFFEE YOU CAN DRINK
100 LL AVAILABLE
BRING YOUR OWN TIE DOWNS

**17/35-4,500' X 75' NEW CONCRETE RUNWAY
PARALLEL TAXIWAY ALPHA OPEN
NOTICE! RUNWAY 13/31 CLOSED**

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Tom Mahoney

June 26 at 1:37 PM · 🌐



Mark your calendar for Sept. 9, 2023. It's the Hayland Fly-In. Alfalfa bales are rolled up and main runway is looking good. This year we are doing a collectible car and tractor show along with the Fly-In. Check out haylandfarms.com or call me for more information.

Tom Mahoney



AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Photos courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



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