

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - AUGUST 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -

Program:

Host:

Where:

Who:

Time:

SATURDAY: August 5th, 2023... following the fly-in

30th Annual Cowtown Fly-in

All Chapter Members

Ellsworth Municipal Airport

Members, Families and Guests

Set up at 0600, start serving at 0700

- **Airport Clean-up - Wednesday, August 2nd at 6pm**

Come out and enjoy our passion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

AUGUST 5th, Saturday

SEPTEMBER 9th, Saturday

1ST SATURDAY

2ND SATURDAY

3RD SATURDAY

3RD SATURDAY

4TH SATURDAY

30th ANNUAL COWTOWN FLY-IN, ELLSWORTH KS

HAYLAND FLY-IN, DORRANCE KS

PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA & YORK NEBRASKA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BEAUMONT HOTEL, BEAUMONT KS (Starts again in April)

BENTON AIR PARK

ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST

AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST

Secretary's Report - July 9th, 2023

EAA Chapter 1127 met on July 9th, 2023. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 18 members present with no guests.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- Account Totals:
 - Citizens State Bank Checking: \$3133.85
 - Federated State Bank Savings: \$6060.11
- Red moved and Milton seconded to approve the Treasurer's report...motion carried.

Young Eagles Report: Larry Farmer

- Mentioned that there is a new doctor doing medicals in Ellsworth and Salina. Whether or not the doctor is an AME or is doing Basic Med examinations was not disclosed.

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

- Larry:
 - Bob Pahls' Archer caught on fire in Hutchinson, KS as a result of a backfire. Lesson learned is to always keep cranking when you hear a pop to smother the flames out.
 - There was a kid named Jonas Bowles who Larry flew on a Young Eagles Flight 3-4 years ago. This past week Larry received a test with a picture of him on his first solo at K-State Salina.
- Keith:
 - There was a recent bill passed to install radar detection systems on wind farms. These radar systems would initiate the blinking red lights on windmills when an aircraft was in proximity.

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- We will be holding our annual Fly in on August 5th
 - Everyone please show up at 06:00 for setup!
 - Jim H. will buy the food.
 - Marty and Larry A. will cook.
 - Kerry Woods will serve as parking chairman with the help of Russell Allen.
 - Will need someone to monitor UNICOM and maybe give directions*
 - Dale sent emails to every EAA chapter in Kansas and postal cards to every airport in Kansas.
 - He asked the group if he should send invitations in the mail like in the past or if the emails would suffice? The group agreed that the emails would work.
- Young Eagles Day is planned for Nov. 4th
- Talked more with the EHS counselor about a career day. She said that she would shoot for bussing kids out to the airport in October sometime.

We moved onto a program about EAA Young Eagle learning kits for a career day scenario. After the video, Anthony H. moved to purchase one of the kits and Milton seconded...motion carried.

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary
Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, not many days until one of the major events of our EAA year will be taking place. Everyone hope for nice weather, no wind and cool calm air, wouldn't that be nice. Things will start with the airport and hangar clean up on Wednesday evening August 2nd at 1800 hours (6 pm). IF you can make it that's great. Again, as I have mentioned in the past, we know all members don't live in Ellsworth, so if you are an away member, we really don't expect you to drive to Ellsworth for this clean up. On Saturday, our plan is to be at the airport at 0600 for the final set up, heat up the grills, get things in place and test the pancakes before our guests arrive. We had some issues with the parking area. It was very rough from the construction process. The Ellsworth County Road Superintendent agreed to send over someone with the packer to run over the area. It really was a help. The area he worked is very usable now. After some mowing is complete, they will come back and pack the area that was mowed. We really appreciate them helping us out, I think now parking is workable. So come on out, we need cooks, several parking helpers, and people to just step up and help with whatever is needed. Also meet and greet, show off our great 1127 hospitality to our guests. That's what makes our fly in great. We will also have the old 1956 golf cart to help out as long as the batteries stay up, and we plan on one ATV to also assist us. If there are any golfers in the club that have a golf cart they would like to use to assist us for the morning that would be great also. I know over the years everything seems to work out, so come on out, I know it will be a great day.

Because of the fly in, our August meeting will not be held on our regular date, but will be held following the fly in. Usually this is around noon. Depending on when the aircraft and people decide to leave. Also, it is at the August meeting that I need to find 3 members to serve on the nominating committee for 2024 officers. The committee will report on members willing to serve at the September meeting and Election will be held at the October meeting, we will also accept nominations from the floor. In addition, October is when we traditionally hold our annual club cook out. Then on to November and it is Young Eagles time. So, a lot of things are going on. I have not yet heard from the National Aerobatics people asking us to help, so that still is somewhat in limbo. So, this fly in event is kind of a kickoff for other activities. Also, the "Fly Kansas" event is coming up, I have never participated, but maybe this year is the year.

From the flying side of things, I have been up a few times on nice mornings. Things in rural Ellsworth County look so much better from the air now that some rain has come. Hope to get in some more air time soon. If anyone makes it to Oshkosh, maybe we can hear a report at the August meeting. I would have liked to have gone, but it just didn't work out this time.

City employees are busy trying to get everything mowed and spruced up prior to the fly in. There is a lot more area to mow with the new runway in place, so they are busy getting that done.

So that's about it, I hope everyone can make it out for the fly in, it will be a great day. Come on out and be the first to sample the pancakes.

Dale Weinhold, President, EAA#1127



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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AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Photos courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



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