

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - JUNE 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -	SUNDAY: June 11th, 2023
Program:	Ezra Olson, FAA Representative... "Continental Engine Problems"
Host:	Dale Weinhold
Where:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who:	Members, Families and Guests
Time:	1400/2:30pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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- April 16th, 2023 *(Reprint from May NL)*

EAA Chapter 1127 met on April 16th, 2023. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 13 members present with one guest, Jerry Graf.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- Checking account at Citizens State Bank. Total: \$3222.05
- Federated State bank savings account total: \$6060.11
- Red moved and Larry F. seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried

Young Eagles Report: Mike Olsen

- It was decided that the Beloit Young Eagles Day would be deferred for now.
- The \$325 dollars in EAA credits will be used for 200 drawstring bags for kids to take home
 - Total cost of bags was \$560.25
- Things to consider for future EAA Young Eagle Days:
 - What to use the EAA credits for in the future?
 - The group mentioned they'd like to get a couple banners.
 - Tony M. and Keith would get in contact with potential designers
 - Can't use the credits for fuel reimbursement.
 - New Rule from Risk Assessment Training
 - We are only supposed to land and take off from one airport.
 - Can fly whatever route you want though.
- If you need help completing the Youth Protection Training let Mike Olson know.

Tech Counselor: Jim Homolka

- Virgil Lawson has agreed to be the other Tech Counselor for this year

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

- Talked about Anthony H.'s progress through the program at K-State Salina. He mentioned there have been many obstacles and impediments, but he slowly continues to move forward.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- N/A

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- The Ellsworth Airport is pretty well finished. The only thing left to do is plant grass.
 - A reopening dedication will take place sometime in the future.
 - It may be done during the August Fly-in
- August Fly-in
 - Will be the first Saturday in August instead of the second
 - Dale will be getting a flyer made up soon
- Welcomed the newest chapter member Jerry Graf
 - He worked at the FBO in McPherson for a lot of years
 - He is wanting to get involved and have kids out to the airport every week to build a kit built airplane together.
- Dale mentioned that he talked with the Ellsworth High School Counselor about another career day.
 - She said that she will set this one up to where kids are bussed out to the airport.

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

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary
Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Meeting time again. After a clean-up day last month, the meeting room is back in order. We went through a mountain of material and things that no one wanted, and a large number of magazines were taken to recycle. However, we do have a very nice library of aviation books in a cabinet that all can look through and choose what you would like to read. Everything from World War I and II books and airplanes to some about more modern planes, a great library. We still have some material that has been there for a while in the cabinet that needs to be gone through and sized down so we have an area we can put EAA material in, and I will get that done. Also, in honor of Max, the one that accumulated all this material over the years and as a thank you to his family we have a beautiful plaque on the wall in the meeting room in his honor.

At this meeting we need to discuss and start to make plans for our annual fly-in in August. I will have a sample flier to send out. We will appoint committees and start plans for this, what I hope will again be an annual affair. This highlights our chapter and allows us to bring in pilots and friends of aviation from other communities to see our facilities and visit with our members. Our open area where all can meet, visit and enjoy our special breakfast in an open hangar is what makes our event special. So, plan now to be a part of this great event. This is the beginning of summer so there will be other things to discuss. I have not heard anything yet from the National Aerobatic group, but they said last year that they would be asking us again, so keep that in mind as well. The fly in season is opening with three on the slate for June 3rd. I hope to make at least one of them, weather permitting. The old Hawk is back from annual, with no major squawks other than a nose tire and some repair on the nose gear. So, it should be ready for another year.

I have flown a bit this month, but not a lot. The Kansas weather continues to be unpredictable as is normal. When you think it's going to rain, nothing but clouds and wind. But you must be aware if you are going cross country, as there are spots around it seems every day that need watching. So be aware.

We have added a couple of new members recently, so hope you can come out and meet and greet them and welcome them to our chapter. Gerry Hamontree recently joined our chapter. Gerry recently rented a hangar space and has a very nice Bonanza at our airport. Gerry is a professional pilot that flies out of Denver. Adding another professional pilot to our membership is great, what an abundance of knowledge and professionalism we have in our chapter. From pilots to mechanics, we really have a great group.

One thing that was a bit unusual as I was taking my Skyhawk to Abilene for Annual, as I tuned in the Salina tower to advise of me approaching their area, I heard nothing, that never happens, as it is usually very busy. I checked and double checked my frequency setting, volume and everything else I could. I suspected my radio was not working. So, I made my call, they answered and reported no traffic. Finally, as I reached the east end of their area, they advised a Caravan at my 2 o'clock and 1600ft North bound. I soon spotted the traffic and advised. I was cleared to the east with frequency change approved. I never heard anyone in the Salina pattern. Unusual!

Well, that's it for me, hope you can all come out on the 11th to kick off our first summer meeting. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Dale Weinhold, President Smoky Hill EAA#1127

IMPROVEMENT BEGINS WITH I

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Photos courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

