

# SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



## CHAPTER LETTER - APRIL 2023

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### NEXT MEETING

#### CHAPTER MEETING -

##### Program:

##### Host:

##### Where:

##### Who:

##### Time:

**SUNDAY: April 16th, 2023 (...the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday this month!!)**

**Darrin Liby: Dad's Tuskegee Cub/Followed by looking through Max's books and magazines**

**Larry Gourley**

**Ellsworth Municipal Airport**

**Members, Families and Guests**

**2:30pm**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

#### SATURDAY – JUNE 3rd

##### 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY

##### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY

##### 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY

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##### 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY

#### FLY-IN / JUNCTION CITY, 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 – March 12, 2023**

EAA Chapter 1127 met on March 12, 2023. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 16 members present with one guest, Marilyn Homolka.

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

### **Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka**

- \$60 deposited to the checking account at Citizens State Bank. Total: \$3222.05
- Federated state bank savings account total: \$6060.11
- There was a discussion on interest rates.
  - Larry F. suggested Vanguard: 4% interest
  - Mike O. mentioned an 11-month CD at a local bank with 4% interest.
- Larry F. moved and Mike O. seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **Young Eagles Report: Mike Olsen**

- The chapter has \$310 credit with EAA. We have till the end of 2023 to use it or else it will go back to EAA.
  - The group decided to refund Patty for the bag she uses for young eagles.
- Mike O. will figure out how to get the money from EAA.
- Jim P. inquired about what insurance the airplane is supposed to have to participate in Young Eagles.
  - The group concluded that you as the pilot or the plane your flying owner needs to have at least 100,000 per seat liability with 1 million cap.

### **Tech Counselor: Jim Homolka**

- Virgil Lawson has agreed to be the other Tech Counselor next year.

### **Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley**

- Airplane insurance can be hard to come by as you age.
  - AOPA will help with shopping for it.
  - It is vital to get insurance from a broker ASAP.
- Manhattan Regional Airport KMHK is shutting down in May-October 2023 for resurfacing.

### **Old Business: Dale Weinhold**

- Career day at Ellsworth High School on March 7, 2023
  - Virgil Lawson, Patti Kubrick, Tony Mahoney, Kerry Woods, Anthony Henke, and Keith Houghton were all present.
  - Most kids were on the younger side, but Patti commented that the content the chapter provided was great.
- Young Eagles in Beloit
  - Larry G. suggested it'd be best to put it off for now.

- Jim Price asked about doing one at Abilene K78 or even KSLN in the future.
  - The group thought it was a great idea for both, but they feared they wouldn't be able to provide enough pilots to keep up with demand.

### **New Business: Dale Weinhold**

- Max Liby passed away recently. May he rest in peace.
  - His son, Darren, would like to donate his dad's Aviation books and magazines to the chapter.
  - The group decided to take the collection and sort through what is worth keeping and what to get rid of.
  - Larry F. made a motion to get a plaque of Max to put up in the pilot lounge. Milton seconded. Motion carried.
- EAA wants to do a learn to fly day in May. Dale asked if the group would be interested in doing that.
  - Everyone said they would, but they can't find an instructor.
- Jim Price mentioned there is a fly-in @ Junction City June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary  
Anthony Henke

### **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:**

**NOTICE!!!!!! APRIL MEETING WILL BE HELD THE WEEK FOLLOWING EASTER, 3RD SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH  
SAME TIME SAME PLACE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sorry I never noticed that conflict at the March meeting, special thanks to VP Milton who reminded me. OK so back to what has happened since the last meeting. The weather has been very unusual went up one day, wind 180 at 8, flew about 30 minutes came back into the airport and checked the AWOS and guess what it was, 270 at 7 gusts to 10. Well, what can I say, good practice on a cross wind landing, and a reminder to always check the sock or the AWOS because things change. Like my instructor told me years ago when taking lessons, "It is not good to always pick a nice calm day, or one when the wind is right down the runway, every once in a while, let's practice with a cross wind, how else do you learn". Well one way was to make the student land on 12 or 30 even when the wind was 180 or 360, practice, practice, practice. As many times as I have landed my old Hawk, I still can make a bad one especially when I haven't been up in a while. But like they say, if you walk away from it and the airplane is still good it was a good landing.

I have had a couple of calls this past month from guys wanting to buy airplanes and checking if there are any on the field. One was looking for an Archer, Mooney or Bonanza, and one looking for an Ultra-light, light sport or maybe even a 172. So, if you have one or know someone that does, let me know and I will pass their information on to you.

We had a final assessment at the airport today, the 29<sup>th</sup>. Most everything is done, just a bit of clean-up work. Except for the diagonal which is now 13/31. My guess is it will probably remain closed for at least a year unless it gets wet, and the grass grows really fast. We also have some marking to do on the threshold of 31 as the touchdown area has moved up the runway which has also made the runway a bit shorter somewhere around 1,900 ft. We also seem to have exceptionally bright PAPI's at night, so we are trying to get those a bit dimmer. Also, we have apparently had some homeowners in the vicinity complain about the beacon. Seems the reflection from the hangar rooftops bothers some of them?? Not sure I fully understand that. However, we are looking into it. Aside from that it is really nice and if things go well, we might be able to look at a dedication and Grand Opening during our annual fly in.

Back to the chapter, a special thanks to Jim Price for the great program at the last meeting. It is really great to have the expertise in the chapter that we have. Also, thanks to all that made the Career Day happen. I visited with the counselor at the high school. She asked how we thought it went and I passed on the fact that we had mostly 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She suggested that we consider having a Career Day, entitled, a "Career in Aviation" next year and hold it at the airport. She said she could arrange transportation from the school to the airport in groups of whatever number we wanted. Sounds like a good idea to me, we can talk about it at the April Meeting.

At the April meeting we will hear from Darin Liby. Max owned a Tuskegee Cub. Darin has plans to restore it and name it the "Max Liby Memorial Cub" and fly it to area fly ins. He will share his plans on that and maybe give us some ideas of how the chapter could be involved in the restoration process. Also, we have all of Max's books and we will allow time to go through them check them out so you know what is here, take home and look over those that want to read. We will check them out on the honor system and can return them to the chapter when done. Also, there are a lot of magazines, you can go through them, take the ones you want home, those not taken will be thrown away. So an interesting meeting coming up plan now to attend and as in the past, we will not have a May meeting in respect for "Mother's Day".

Well, that's it for me, hope you are enjoying spring and handling the wind. Blow on down any time to 9K7, fuel has gone down to \$4.75, still high, but better than it was. See you on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dale Weinhold, President

Smoky Hill EAA #1127

*"Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment."*

**IF THE GRASS IS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE, BETTER GO BUY SOME FERTILIZER!!**



# Aviation Auction

Luscombe - Continental - Piper Cub - Cessna 140 - & MORE!

PLUS!



Continental Cases & Cylinders

Citabria Parts  
Champ Fuselage  
Champ Parts  
140 Fuselage  
Piper Cub Parts



Baby Ace Open Cockpit



2 Luscombe Projects



Road Runner Open Cockpit

3 Shears - Bridgeport - Forklift - Skid Loader  
Engine Stands - Fuel Tanks - Welders - Cows

Liby Estate Auction

9:30AM

Bid Online

[MorrisYoderAuctions.com](http://MorrisYoderAuctions.com)

MAY 6 - 6104 N Lorraine, Hutchinson

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## **AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH**

- Photo courtesy of member Darren Liby



One uncanny thing about Max Liby is that he never took a bad picture. We used to fly to the EAA meetings in Ellsworth when the weather was good, and as was his way, he'd fill up my tanks for me on his dime, which is just another example of how he took care of people. I don't think my father died owing anybody anything. I've added a photo of him and myself before take-off which shows his never-failing photogenic side.

