

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - MARCH, 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -

Program:	SUNDAY: March 12th, 2023
Host:	Jim Price: Flying into an uncontrolled airport.
Where:	Jim Homolka
Who:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Time:	Members, Families and Guests
	2:30pm **(Don't forget the time change... Spring forward)

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 – February 12, 2023

President Dale Weinhold called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with 15 members and guests present.

Darwin Steinle introduced his guest, Tim Harbaugh, who is a pilot and interested in joining EAA. Patti Kubick introduced her guest, Thad Donley, who is a student interested in flying. Welcome to our guests and sorry if I butchered your name.

Milton Wehrman motioned to accept the January meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Kerry Woods seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dale reported on behalf of Jim Homolka that our checking account balance is \$3,162.05 with additional money in savings accounts. Larry Farmer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Larry Adamek seconded. Motion carried.

Young Eagles Report: Larry Farmer presented certificates and pins to the ground crew that were not present at the January meeting in Wilson. Mike Olson reported that he has completed the mandatory risk management training with EAA for Young Eagles coordinators. There was discussion about the potential for a Young Eagles event at Beloit. Larry Gourley informed us that there was concern that the pilot's lounge may be under construction this spring which would make it difficult to hold the event. It was asked if there was a hangar we could stage out of, like we have done in recent years in Ellsworth. Unless Larry or Keith can locate another option for staging, it looks like there will not be a Young Eagles event in Beloit this spring.

Tech Counselor's Report: No report. It was suggested that Bob Pahls at Schilling Aviation Services might be a good tech advisor. Mark Ford volunteered to ask Bob.

Flight Advisor Report: No report.

Old Business: If you have not already done so, **please pay your \$20 local dues to Jim Homolka.** Best value in aviation!

New Business: Dale reported that member Max Liby had passed away and that several members were able to attend his memorial service held on February 10th. Max and his son, Darren, had compiled an audio book that has numerous aviation stories from Max's life. Darren will provide a link to download the audio book when the book is ready*. Max was an active member of our chapter and will be missed.

Dale reminded us that there is a career day at the Ellsworth High School on Tuesday, March 7th, which runs from 8:00 until 2:15. Dale asked if we wanted to commit to this event to help draw interest in aviation careers. After discussion Mike Olson made a motion and Larry Farmer seconded that our chapter have a table and do the required presentations at the Ellsworth High School. Motion carried. Dale said he was going to be out of town on March 7th and Larry Gourley volunteered to lead the event. Larry has already reached out to Troy Brockway at K-State Salina and will reach out to others for help, if needed.

Dale asked for suggestions for events for the upcoming year. Suggestions included a ribbon cutting at the airport, a Young Eagles class this summer, supporting the aerobatics competition at Salina again, possibly a fly-out to another airport (Hutch?), and several other ideas.

Milton and Dale discussed some pending legislation in Kansas regarding lighting of wind turbine farms. There is legislation being developed that would require windfarm lights to be off except if there was an aircraft within a 3-mile perimeter of the farm at which time the lights would be activated electronically, perhaps using radar. Dale reached out to AOPA to make certain they were aware of the legislation being worked on.

Adjourn: Milton moved to adjourn the meeting and Larry Gourley seconded. Motion carried.

Milton provided delicious treats. Red Sigle provided an excellent video featuring the U-2 spy plane and the preparation that actor Gary Sinise went through to be allowed to fly in the aircraft.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 12, 2:30 pm.

Mike Olson

*Side Note; Darren has been emailing each chapter which Anne has been forwarding to the email list of our chapter members.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Meeting time again, I hope to see all of you at the March 12 meeting. I am going to be out of town, but hope to return on Saturday the 11th, so it all should work out. Keep in mind that Daylight Savings Time starts at 0200 on meeting day, so set those clocks up 1 hour so you won't be late.

Weather has been crazy, nothing new for Kansas pilots, right? I took my grandkids up on a beautiful 60 deg Sunday afternoon, then into the middle of the week wind chill in negative numbers. And oh, the Kansas wind. I do go out and practice sometimes in the wind, even if it is a cross wind, good practice, but I usually don't take passengers when doing that.

We will get a report on our participation in the Ellsworth High Career Fair at the March meeting. I will not be able to attend, but a special thanks to Tony Mahoney, Patti Kubick, Kerry Woods and Anthony Henke for stepping up and presenting to the groups. We were hoping for someone from K State, but it looks like that isn't going to happen.

Don't forget to remain a member of this great group, we will need your \$20 donation by the March meeting. As in the past if you have not paid by the March meeting your name will be dropped from the newsletter list until you have paid. So, bring your \$20 to the meeting or send it to Jim Homolka 1035 16th Rd, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439. You don't want to miss a great 2023.

Speaking of 2023, we are still looking ahead, so far the fly in, which we will talk about at the March meeting will be on the table for August. As of now it looks like things will be normal enough at the airport to host if we choose. I was hoping to combine it with a runway dedication, but not sure the grass will be up good enough, depending on our spring moisture I suppose. If things are good airport-wise we could incorporate that. Other things are Young Eagles event in Beloit, if it can be arranged, and EAA is promoting a "Learn to Fly" day in May if we would like to have an event during that promotion. As always, our officer team is open for any suggestions as far as activities are concerned, so voice your opinion and idea and we will do our best to make it work. Also, our Young Eagles Day in November.

I also appreciate Red stepping up with the program at the last meeting. It was very interesting. EAA has a lot of videos and things we can use for programs if we have an opening. It is especially nice to have a member that knows how to use the video equipment.

Milton has lined up Jim Price to be the program at our March meeting. Jim will speak on flying into and out of Uncontrolled Airports. I saw this presentation at the safety seminar, and it was very interesting, so come on out for that.

Not much more from me this month. Hopefully as Spring approaches we will see some nicer days, although wind is always a concern and issue this time of the year in Kansas. However, it seems in Kansas we just kind of deal with it, most of the time anyway. Some years ago, while in Oklahoma City at a Cessna fly in, while preparing to leave a pilot from Texas asked me "Are you going to leave in this kind of wind?" Yes, the wind was blowing, but not that bad and also straight down the runway. My answer, "I'm from Kansas, if we stayed on the ground in this kind of wind, we wouldn't be able to fly much." So, like they say, practice, practice, practice and know your limits.

Well, take care and I hope to see all of you on March 12th, **remember the time change.**

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA#1127

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

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH;

- Photo courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

Blackbird @ Offutt '87



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