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CHAPTER LETTER - FEBRUARY, 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -	SUNDAY: February 12th, 2023
Program:	EAA Webinar – Milton Wehrman and Red Sigle
Host:	Milton Wehrman
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 – January 8th, 2023

EAA Chapter 1127 met on January 8th, 2023 at the Midland Railroad Hotel Restaurant “ The Barn”. There were 11 members present along with their significant others. The Chapter ate a fantastic lunch at 1:00pm. Special thanks to Anne Piper for setting the lunch up! Afterwards, Dale Weinhold called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report:

EAA is all sold out of their calendars. Jim will try to get reimbursed from EAA.

Young Eagles:

N/A

Flight Advisor Reports:

N/A

Tech Counselor:

N/A

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

The Ellsworth FFA is having a career day on March 7th Larry G. will be taking the lead on the event and we will discuss things further at the next meeting.

Awards:

Max Liby: Service Award

Anne Piper: Service Award

Keith Houghton: Service Award

Anthony Henke: Service Award

Jim Homolka: Service Award

Larry Gourley: Most Amount of Young Eagle Flights – CONGRATS!!!

With no further business, Red moved and Larry seconded to adjourn the meeting.

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary

Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Looks like winter is here, the temperature indicates that anyway. Which means we can still fly, Winter days are often very smooth and enjoyable. It also means we need to watch the weather, put a bit of heat on the old engine if it is very cold, and be prepared in the cockpit if something un-expected happens. For me, I just wait for that sometimes nice day above 40 degrees that I can get the old bird out, do the pre-flight, start it up, let it

warm a bit more than usual and enjoy some very nice flying in the area. I did that last week and enjoyed a short trip to Russell to see what was up there, did a few practice landings to help me out some, and enjoyed the day.

Our first regular meeting of 2023 is approaching quickly. February 12, 1430 hours at the local airport meeting room. I hope you can all make it as we will start looking forward to the upcoming year. The first activity we need to discuss is the Career Day at the Ellsworth High School on Tuesday March 7th. I have tentatively reserved us a room for an aviation based program. We will talk about it at the March meeting to see if there is enough interest to proceed. Larry Gourley has agreed to chair the program, but he will need help. I will be out of town, however, I know there are enough of us to put on a great program without me. I also would like to see us convince KSU to put a booth up for the event to encourage students to possibly consider going to KSU Salina and pursue a career in Aviation. Come out and share your thoughts. We also will try and set a date for our Young Eagles day in Beloit in the early Spring. Also on the 2023 calendar is our Fly in in August, I have already been asked about that. I am sure we also will be asked to participate again in the National Aerobatic Competition which is planned again to be in Salina, not sure of the date yet. There also is some interest in a club fly out, a couple of places have been suggested. So come out, share your thoughts, it is going to be a great year.

Larry Adamek and I attended the Safety Seminar in Abilene on the 19th of January. Also attending from our chapter were Jim Price, who also was a presenter, and Mark Ford. As always there were others that have been to our fly in, so we had people to visit with. The FAA portion was on Pre-flighting your aircraft. Very interesting, and gave all of us some pointers. Following that Jim Price did a presentation of flying into and out of UN-controlled airports. Jim did a great job and it was very interesting. One thing I didn't realize was that many years ago, when I learned to fly I was taught that if a pattern altitude is not published use 800 feet AGL. Now students are taught that if unpublished use 1,000 AGL. Probably not a big deal, but that is the way it is, so now I will begin using 1,000 ft at our 9K7 location as well as other non-controlled fields. Many other pointers were given as reminders of how to enter the pattern, fly the pattern, as well as the way we announce our position. Great meeting!! Thanks Jim for your work on that.

9K7 currently does not have any NOTAM'S in place with the exception of runway 13/31 which is closed and probably will remain closed throughout 2023. A lot of that depends on the moisture that Mother Nature gives us and how the grass comes up. I also think there is some more seeding to be done, but it is a great runway and taxiway. Night lighting is also great, although I am not night current. Maybe I should do that, just in case, however I probably will not be planning any night flights in the near future. The new AWOS system is planned to be installed in late April or early May. Also the base has been run for the new beacon which will be put in operation in '23.

Well that about does it for me right now. Hope you can come out on the 12th and join the fun, the program will be great, the conversation interesting and everyone talks airplanes. Also if you have not paid your 2023 dues, it's a good time to do that or send them to Jim Homolka: 1035 16th Rd, Ellsworth KS 67439. Great fun, Be There!!!

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA#1127

A note below from fellow member and Young Eagles Donor, Edith Hodgson:

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January 2023 Social at the Barn

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH;

- Photo courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

Pre-turbine sprayer working near the family farm... several decades ago.

