

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER – APRIL 2024

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING - SUNDAY: April 14, 2024

Program:	Red Sigle, Video
Host:	Jim Price
Where:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who:	Members, Families and Guests
Time:	2:30pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

3 RD SATURDAY	BENTON AIR PARK
3 RD SATURDAY	ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST
4 TH SATURDAY	AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST

Secretary's Report, March 10th, 2024:

President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 18 members present with 3 guests named Matthew Lawson, Melissa Mahoney, and Marty Fletchall.

Red moved and Larry G. 2nd that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. Motion Carried

Young Eagles Report: Patty Kubick & Dale Weinhold

- Patty is planning on attending neighboring EAA Chapter Young Eagle events. She wants to get ideas on how other Young Eagle Days are run. Her first stop will be the Junction City Chapter.
- Dale shared a Young Eagle success story about Josh Choitz. He flies for Endeavor now and is becoming a Check Airman.

Tech Counselor: Virgil Lawson

- With Springtime here and the temperature getting hotter, it is a good idea to sump your tanks well before you start flying.

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton, Larry Gourley, and Jim Price

- Keith Houghton: Be advised to not get on top of a cloud layer this time of year. With springtime, clouds and showers can pop up almost anywhere.
- Jim Price: If you have wings, you need to exercise them. Been doing a lot of BFR's for guys recently and some of them have not turned out the best. If you don't use it, you lose it.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- Career Day at Ellsworth Airport
 - Larry G. motioned to schedule the Career Day on April 5th from 10:30-12:00. Red seconded that motion. Motion Carried.
- National Aerobatic Competition Pancake Feed
 - Dale said that the national aerobatic club would like the chapter to do a pancake feed at 7:00 AM Sunday, September 22nd, 2024. The National Aerobatic Club would pay for all the expenses.
 - It was decided to move forward with planning and preparation for the Pancake Breakfast.
 - Patty Kubick volunteered to be chairman for the event.
- Bombing Range Visit
 - Tony Mahoney contacted the commander of the bombing range. The commander said Wednesdays work best for tours.
 - The group thought about May 8th or 22nd.
 - Tony would reach back out to the commander with those dates and get back to the chapter.
- Fly-out to K59: Amelia Earhart Museum
 - The chapter decided to shoot for April 13th.
 - Mark Ford volunteered to reach out to the museum and make arrangements.
- Dale left off with a reminder for everyone to please PAY YOUR DUES

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- There is a new AWOS at 9K7

With no further business, Red motioned and Milton 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary

Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Spring is here and time for a Spring newsletter. I had hoped to report in this newsletter on our career day. However, it had to be canceled due to some school conflicts and we only had 4 students registered. So, the decision was made to cancel for now. We have been asked to try again, and we will discuss that at the meeting.

Another activity on our calendar is the trip to the gunnery range. Tony Mahony has talked with the range and the date is May 8. The following members have said they will attend: Kevin Lundy, Anne Piper, Larry Gourley, Patti Kubick, Red Sigle, Mark Ford, James Price, Kerry Woods, Evelyn Woods, Darwin Steinle and Jim Homolka. If I missed anyone, please let me know. You can also sign up at the April meeting. This is a great opportunity and I'm sure it will be enjoyable, so sign up and be a part of this great event. A special thanks to Tony for organizing it.

The fly out we were planning hit a snag, however Mark Ford is looking at some options. So be sure and attend the April meeting to see what might be possible.

A lot is going on for this early in the year, however, that is what makes this chapter so great. And because of that I have also been notified that we have received the Silver Chapter Award for 2023. So, let's keep up the good work, maybe we can get a gold. We have more things to talk about. Our fly-in is as always, the first Saturday in August, which is August 3rd, which isn't far off and Young Eagles Day in November. We are also planning another youth workshop. Also, don't forget, we are not only driving for the IAC in Salina this year, but we have committed to hosting a pancake breakfast for the Pilots. So, keep that in mind. Patti Kubick has agreed to chair the breakfast and we have been in contact with the event officials. However, we are going to need help so put that on your calendar. The IAC has said they will reimburse us for supplies, so we only need help. So, a lot is going on and in the works. If you have other ideas let me or one of the officer team know and we will see if we can make it happen.

As you know the spring weather has been all over the place. Hot, cold, and all in between as well as our share of windy days. I was able to fly a bit, but I can't say it was a perfectly smooth flight, lots of bouncing, but still fun.

Our new AWOS at the airport is now working. That has been a bit challenging, but I think it is OK now, except for an occasional cell phone problem that we continue to work on. If you are flying in and want to check the weather, you can get it on the internet at K9K7.awosnet.com or call 785-472-9746. Let's hope for no wind on meeting day.

Well, that is about it for me. Again, hope you all can make it out for the April meeting and to the upcoming events. Hope to see you then!

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA#1127

Life is like riding a bike, you don't fall off unless you stop pedaling.!!!

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

