

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



## **CHAPTER LETTER – APRIL 2025**

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## **NEXT MEETING**

### **CHAPTER MEETING:**

**Program:**

**Host:**

**Where:**

**Who:**

**Time:**

**SUNDAY – April 13, 2025**

**TBA**

**Larry Farmer**

**Ellsworth Municipal Airport**

**Members, Families and Guests**

**1430 hours / 2:30 pm**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**



## Secretary's Report- March 9th, 2025

EAA Chapter 1127 met on March 09th, 2025. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 18 members present w/two guests: Brandon Wilson (KSLN tower manager) and Deb Houghton (Keith's Wife)

Mike moved and Larry F. seconded that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. Motion Carried

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

- \$60 deposit of dues
- \$1814.24 in the checking account
- \$8,470.78 in Savings CD
- Jim P. moved and Larry F. seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried

### **Young Eagles Report: Patti Kubick**

- Discussed the possibility of doing Young Eagles at another airport
  - Rooks Country: Has Airport Construction going on
  - Hill City: Said they would get back to Patti
  - Phillipsburg: Patti couldn't get ahold of them
- Larry F. suggested Smith Center and the group agreed to look into that further
  - Anthony H. gave Patti a local aviator up there named Ken Stones

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

- Jim Price discussed how the FAA classifies CFI certificate just like a pilot certificate as it will never expire but you can still fall out of currency if you do not do the required retraining every 24 calendar months.

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

- Career Day at Ellsworth
  - Dale talked with the group about a few possible dates that we could do this. April 17th, 26th, and 29th were all mentioned. Dale said he'd get some more specific dates in mind from the High School Counselor.
- Chapter Trip to Hutchinson's Cosmosphere
  - Deb Houghton says she is still looking into this, but the group relayed that they think a Sunday Meeting down at the Cosmosphere would be best
- Salina Aerobatic Competition
  - Larry F. Motioned and Red seconded to host the Pancake feed for the pilots again this year. Motion Carried
  - Patti Kubick said she would be the chairperson

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

- Alaska Master guide and Bush Pilot event at Emporia on March 29th
- Tony Mahoney discussed the possibility of landing seaplanes on Wilson Lake. He mentioned a zoom meeting with Kansas Legislators about approving this that will take place on March 26th.

With no further business, Jim P. motioned, and Larry G. seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary  
Anthony Henke

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, we are into April so maybe our March winds are over, (sure hope the winds know that), and into April showers, and that is starting out right on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April. However, like they say, it is Kansas so keep alert, anything is possible.

Hope you all can make it out for our April meeting, a lot to discuss. I have a date pinned down for our "Careers in Aviation" classes for students in Ellsworth and any other that want to drive to Ellsworth. April 29 is the date that is OK with the school and with K-State Salina. So far, we have about 14 signed up. 11 of those are in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Technology class. That class has a time slot of 11:40 until 12:30. So, it looks like our first class will start at 10:00 and the second at 11:40. We need to discuss the agenda at the April meeting and find out who can help. I do have some ideas on the agenda, but I am looking forward to some input on that as well as helpers for the sessions. So come out and let's get this thing going.

We also have some things to discuss with Young Eagles at another airport. We have a go from Smith Center as far as the location. I need to go up there and check on their facilities. I was planning to go on Monday, all looked good until I checked the weather, clouds moving in. However, it still looked like it would be OK, until I went out to the airport to get things ready. Clouds kept moving in, still flyable, but it would have meant dodging clouds or getting on top with a plan to get back on bottom prior to getting to my destination. I chose to stay on the ground. But if the weather permits, I will go up and check the facilities.

Did anyone make it to the Rusty Pilot workshop in Wichita last Saturday, or the Alaska Bush pilot speaker in Emporia? Mike Olson and I were planning on going to Emporia, but I had a funeral come up that I wanted to attend, and the weather did deteriorate some. Don't know if Mike went or not.

Other things on the agenda are our Cowtown fly in on August 2, not really that far off. NAC in Salina and any other things that the membership wants to tackle this summer.

Our Airport Committee has a lot of clean-up work planned for the airport, just little things, but things that need to be done. The SRE building is complete and looks great. Equipment should be moving into the building soon.

On the flying front, I have been able to find a few not so windy days to practice some take-offs and landings. We all know that it doesn't take long to get out of practice and those landings get a bit bumpier than we would like. So, practice helps and like they say, each one is different. Also, as I was doing some work on the old Hawk one day, Kevin Lundy came by and installed an engine on his ultralight. So maybe we will see that in the sky sometime soon. It appears it is coming along great. Maybe we can get him to talk about that at one of our upcoming meetings.

I hope all can make it out for the April meeting. I am excited about our youth meeting; hope it goes well. One of the best things we can do for the future of aviation is to get young people interested. Our Youth programs and Young Eagles are a great way to do that. Not sure yet on the program, but Mark is working on it and I'm sure it will be great.

That's about it from me this month. It looks like we are going to have an exciting year with a lot going on. I still think it would be nice to have a learn to fly day if we could work it out. Something more to think about. If you have other ideas, be sure to put them out there and we will try and get them done. See you on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Dale Weinhold, President Smoky Hill EAA#1127**

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## **AVIATION PHOTO of the Month**

Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



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