

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER – FEBRUARY 2025

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING:

SUNDAY – February 9, 2024

Program: *Aviation Safety Video...Mark Ford*
Host: EAA Chapter 1127
Where: Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who: Members, Families and Guests
Time: 1430 hours / 2:30 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



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(No January Minutes... Reprint of December meeting minutes)**

Secretary's Report- December 8th, 2024

EAA Chapter 1127 met on December 8th, 2024. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 9 members present. With one guest: Luke Hollerich

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

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- \$2,245.73 in the checking account
- \$8,233.42 in the Savings CD. Jim will renew this CD later in the month.
- Larry F. moved and Tony M. seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried

Tech Counselor: N/A

Young Eagles Report: Dale Wienhold

- Larry F. motioned to return our chapter's EAA credits from the 2023 Young Eagles back to EAA headquarters. Red 2nded. Motion Carried
- Larry F. motioned to make a \$100 donation to John Kubick's memorial. Red 2nded. Motion Carried

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

- Keith discussed uncontrolled airport radio calls and how they are not legally required but are vital to keep uncontrolled airports safe.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- Dale is working on getting a refund from the National Aerobatic Competition for the Sunday breakfast our chapter did. After a discussion with Jim H., we may have already received a refund, but Dale is going to confirm this later.
- EAA Workshop for December has been cancelled because of Young Eagles Day getting cancelled.
- Career Day
 - After much discussion the group asked Dale to look in to doing a school-wide Career Day presentation at Ellsworth High School. Dale said he'd reach out to the school Counselor.

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- January Social
 - The normal Barn restaurant in Wilson may be closed. Dale would confirm this with Anne. If the Barn in Wilson is closed, the group voted to have K-18 in Lucas as a backup location.

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

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary

Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Can you believe it's almost time to buy flowers for your VALENTINE?? I can't, anyway, it is about time for the first official meeting of EAA# 1127 in 2025. It is also time to pay your 2025 dues if you have not already done that. Still \$20, a real bargain and one thing that hasn't gone up. So, if you have not already done so, you can pay for it at the meeting or send it to Treasurer, Jim Homolka: 1035 16th Rd, Ellsworth, KS 67439. It will be the best \$20 you have spent. A lot planned for 2025, and more to come. We will be looking at the year ahead during our February meeting. Young Eagles Flights, Career Day, Learn to Fly Day, our August Fly-in, helping again with the NAC in Salina are just a few of the things we will be looking at in 2025. And, don't forget that our Vice President has a number of great programs in mind for our meetings in '25, so in addition to the great visiting that takes place at our meetings, we also will have some very informative programs. So, get on board and get ready for a great 2025.

Our social in Wilson at the Midland Railroad Hotel was great. The food was great and everyone enjoyed the day. Our attendance was down maybe because we had to delay one week because of the schedule at the Midland. But I think everyone enjoyed the day. A special thanks goes out to our newsletter editor Anne Piper for organizing the event. We also received a Thank You from the Midland for scheduling our event there.

On the flying side of things, the first snow of '25 was challenging to say the least. The runway at 9K7 was cleaned off early although there was a coating of snow and ice there. I drove it a number of times and called the braking at 50%. We had two calls from Life Watch about the runway, although I thought it was OK, they made the decision not to try it. The area around the gas pump took a bit longer but was cleaned off the next day. However, there was a layer of ice that caused some problems getting in and out of the hangars. Fuel sales were down for the month, but there was a limited amount of traffic in. Such is winter flying in Kansas.

As for me, I haven't been up in 2025 yet, but maybe I can take care of that soon as the weather is forecast to improve some in the next several days. However, this time of the year we never know.

Hope the days of winter ahead will be better and we all can enjoy our favorite pastime by getting up in the air a bit more. I also hope we have good weather for our upcoming meeting and that you can all come out and enjoy the day. If you have ideas of an event that you would like to see in 2025, bring it to the meeting or let me know and we will try and make it happen. Our Officer team is here to work with you and for you to make our chapter the best. We also were awarded the Silver award again in 2024, so maybe 2025 will be a gold year. Let's see what we can do.

Your President of EAA #1127, Dale Weinhold.

"HIGH EXPECTATIONS ARE THE KEY TO EVERYTHING."-----Sam Walton



AVIATION PHOTO of the Month

Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



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