

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER – JANUARY 2025

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING: SUNDAY – **January 19th, 2025 (**3rd Sunday**)**

Program: *January Annual Social Luncheon*
Host: EAA Chapter 1127
Where: The Barn at The Midland Railroad Hotel
414 26th St, Wilson, KS
☎ (785) 658-2284

Who: Members, Families and Guests
Time: **1400 hours / 2:00 pm**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



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:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! And let's get it kicked off right with a great Social to be held on Sunday January 19th at the Midland Hotel Barn in Wilson, Kansas. We have had our socials there for the past couple of years and it is always great. So, make plans now to come out and enjoy our "Kick Off" to 2025. Anne, our great newsletter Editor, has agreed to make all the plans for the dinner, so watch for info from her. She now has the menu to select your dinner choices for you and your guest. So, watch for info from her. We will begin at 1400/2 pm with a great dinner and follow with some recognition of those that have served as officers and chairman of different events in 2024. We will not conduct any business with the exception of approving the minutes of the December meeting. Unless there is something that demands discussion at this meeting. Look forward to the February meeting to kick off our chapter year, and we do have a lot of things to look forward to in '25. All of our normal activities will be discussed and if you have something that you would like to see us do in 2025 be sure to bring it up at the February meeting. Our social is always a great time to visit and get to know our members and their spouses better. Lots of things to look at while at the barn and a great place to hang out and visit after our social concludes. As is our tradition, you will be responsible for the cost of you and your spouse's dinner, but the Chapter will take care of the tip for all, so just pay your meal charge, the gratuity will be taken care of. You will notice that the 19th is not our regular meeting Sunday, it is the 3rd Sunday of the month. The reason being that the Hotel could not accommodate us on the second Sunday, so the membership voted at the December meeting to move it to the 3rd Sunday which was open for the Hotel. **LET'S FILL THAT PLACE!!** See you on the 19th.

I did do some flying in December which included some practice maneuvers and landings because I knew I was needing a Bi-Annual flight review before the end of the year. Fortunately for me Jim Price was available and gave me the review shortly before Christmas. Great Christmas because I did pass. I always enjoy brushing up on maneuvers with someone that knows if I am doing them right or need to practice more. I actually even came close to the spot on a spot landing. So, it was a great day, and I can keep flying for a while anyway. I also went up after the review just because it was a nice day, and I couldn't pass it up.

December was a busy month for me, so other than preparing and doing the Bi-Annual there wasn't much flying. I watched planes flying over while I was doing other things, but that was about it. Hopefully 2025 will see an improvement in local and area weather, like less wind and when there is wind let's hope it is down the runway. However, it is always good to practice the old crosswind because you never know. Jim and I discussed landings and departures at unattended airports like ours and others around us. We need to keep up on the approved and suggested procedures. Also we talked about older pilots like yours truly, who learned that if pattern altitude is not listed it is 800 feet. We all need to remember that it is now 1,000 feet which does make a difference, and I have slowly gotten comfortable with it. Also remember to use the radio even if you think you are the only one around. I am sure most of you like me have been surprised to find when landing that another pilot was also in the pattern. So, use the radio and keep your eyes open.

Also keep in mind that 2025 dues are now payable still \$20 where else can you get a bargain like that. Pay treasurer Jim Homolka

So much for my words of wisdom this month. Hope to see and visit all of you at the Social on January 19.

"WHAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING TO YOU WILL DEPEND A LOT ON WHAT YOU BRING TO THE NEW YEAR."

Verne McClellan

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA#1127

AVIATION PHOTO of the Month

Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



Beeched Mustang - Forbes Field, 1987

2025 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

**BRING YOUR \$20 DONATION TO THE
MEETING OR SEND IT TO:**

JIM HOMOLKA

1035 16TH RD, ELLSWORTH, KS 67439

**- DON'T MISS BEING A PART OF THIS
GREAT AVIATION ORGANIZATION -**

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Ellsworth Municipal Airport

PO Box 163 - 1701 State Street - Ellsworth, KS 67439 - Phone: (785) 472-5608

Food Options-

Entrées:

all meals served with side salad and dinner rolls

Hand Breaded Chicken Fried Steak (\$21.99)

white gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans

Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf (\$21.99)

brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans

Midland's Lasagna (\$21.99)

Breadstick

Desserts:

Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce (\$7.00)

Crème Brule (\$8.00)

Chocolate Torte (\$7.00)

****PLEASE RSVP BY THIS COMING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th, SO WE CAN GET OUR PRE-ORDERS IN...**

Let me know the following;

- How many guests you'll have attending
- what each person will want for their Entrée
- what each person will want, IF, they want a dessert

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