

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



## CHAPTER LETTER – JULY 2024

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## NEXT MEETING

### CHAPTER MEETING - SUNDAY: July 14, 2024

Program:	Randy Schlitter, RANS AIRCRAFT
Host:	Tony Mahoney
Where:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who:	Members, Families and Guests
Time:	2:30pm



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

August 3rd, Saturday	<i>CowTown Fly-in – 9K7 – Ellsworth KS</i>
October 12th, Saturday	<i>Heyland Fly-in – Dorrance KS</i>



## Secretary's Report- June 9th, 2024

President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 16 members present.

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

### Young Eagles Report: Patty Kubick

- There will be a new process for pilot signing of Young Eagle flights this year. Now it will be done on the iPad and pilots will only have to sign once.

### Tech Counselor: Jim Homolka

- Don't try to save a few bucks by putting bolts you get from the hardware store on your airplane. You are just going to cause more headaches down the road.
- Jim has a surplus of aviation bolts in his hangar if anyone needs one.

### Flight Advisor Reports: Larry Gourley

- It's Springtime which means its spraying season. Make sure to watch out for crop dusters. They are in a hurry to get things done and may run you over if you don't look out.

### Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- Bombing Range Tour:
  - Was a very good experience for everyone and the group suggested we put together a thank you card for the Major who oversaw the tour.
- Kansas Aviation Tour:
  - 9K7 is a scheduled stop on 9/20/2024 for the tour from 12:30-4:00PM
  - The Career Day for Ellsworth high school scheduled for this day will be CANCELED as a result of the Kansas Aviation Tour event at the airport that day.
- Fly-in @9K7 08/03/2024
  - Need volunteers. So far, we have:
    - Larry A. = Cooking Chairman
    - Kerry W. = Help w/ Parking Airplanes
    - Jim H. = Buying the Groceries
- US National Aerobatic Competition
  - We are still planning on doing a Breakfast for the pilots on 09/22/2024
- Hayland:
  - Still scheduled for 10/12/2024
  - Dale checked with EAA for Young Eagles Insurance Coverage on grass strips and EAA didn't have an issue with it. So EAA Chapter 1127 will plan on doing Young Eagle Rides at the event.
  - There won't be any fuel at the field but 38K or KRSL is close by to stop by for a fuel stop
- EAA Workshops
  - Scheduled for 12/07/2024
  - Needing Volunteers. So far, we have
    - Virgil Lawson: Flight Instruments
    - Compass Headings: Tom Mahoney

With no further business Larry G. Motioned and Kerry W. Seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary Anthony Henke

## **FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:**

I need to start out this month's report by remembering our members that are no longer with us. We were all shocked by the passing of our Vice President Milton. Milton was a strong chapter member having served as Vice President for several years, nominating committee member and a strong helper in a number of events, as well as a great friend to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his wife and family members. He will certainly be missed. We also learned this month that member Ed Jones, who was Technical Advisor for many years and had tremendous hours of experience in building, flying and restoring all types of aircraft, recently passed away. Ed lived a long and great life, but he certainly will be missed, and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family as well. I didn't know about Ed until it was too late to attend his memorial service, I felt bad about that. We will visit at this meeting about remembering these great members with a memorial.

Back to business at hand, our fly in is coming up fast. I have sent out fliers to all airports in Kansas, and emailed fliers to all EAA Chapters in Kansas as well as some individuals that I had on an email list. We started last year only mailing to the Kansas airports as the price of mailing is getting very high and is set to go up this month. So, we will continue to gather individual emails which works well and can always get the Kansas EAA presidents emails. So that is done, we need to confirm who can help and set up our committees, get food and line up the cooks. We will clean up the Wednesday evening prior which is July 31. Clean the hangar, move tables and maybe mow and trim up. Usually look at around a 6 pm start. The only other thing is hope for good weather. As in the past we probably will hold our meeting following the fly in so August 3 will be the August meeting.

Also coming up very fast is the National Aerobatic Competition in Salina. We will be providing drivers again and also having a pilot breakfast on Sunday, September 22. I think the start time is 0700. We will need help for sure, so put that on your agenda as well. I think it will be fun to do and we'll have the opportunity to mingle with a lot of Aerobatic pilots, a great bunch, I always enjoy being a driver. It will be a little different than the fly in pancakes in that I expect probably all pilots will be there ready to eat at 0700, so we need to talk about our procedure for that. We have our gas grill, and we may want to add a second one. Lots of planning. Also, Fly Kansas will be coming to Ellsworth 9K7 on Friday, September 20 from 1230 hrs until 1600 hours. We also need representation for that, the school kids will be here and we need to talk about how and what we want to do. This will be followed by our upcoming Young Eagles Day on November 2nd, followed by our workshop in December. A lot is going on so come out and be a part of the planning and fun in the upcoming months.

As far as flying, the weather has not been the best as you all know. As for me it has been a busy time, so not much flying, and now the old Hawk is in for Annual. I always kind of hold my breath waiting to see how that comes out. I haven't noticed any issues, but we never know, that is why we have professionals check it out yearly.

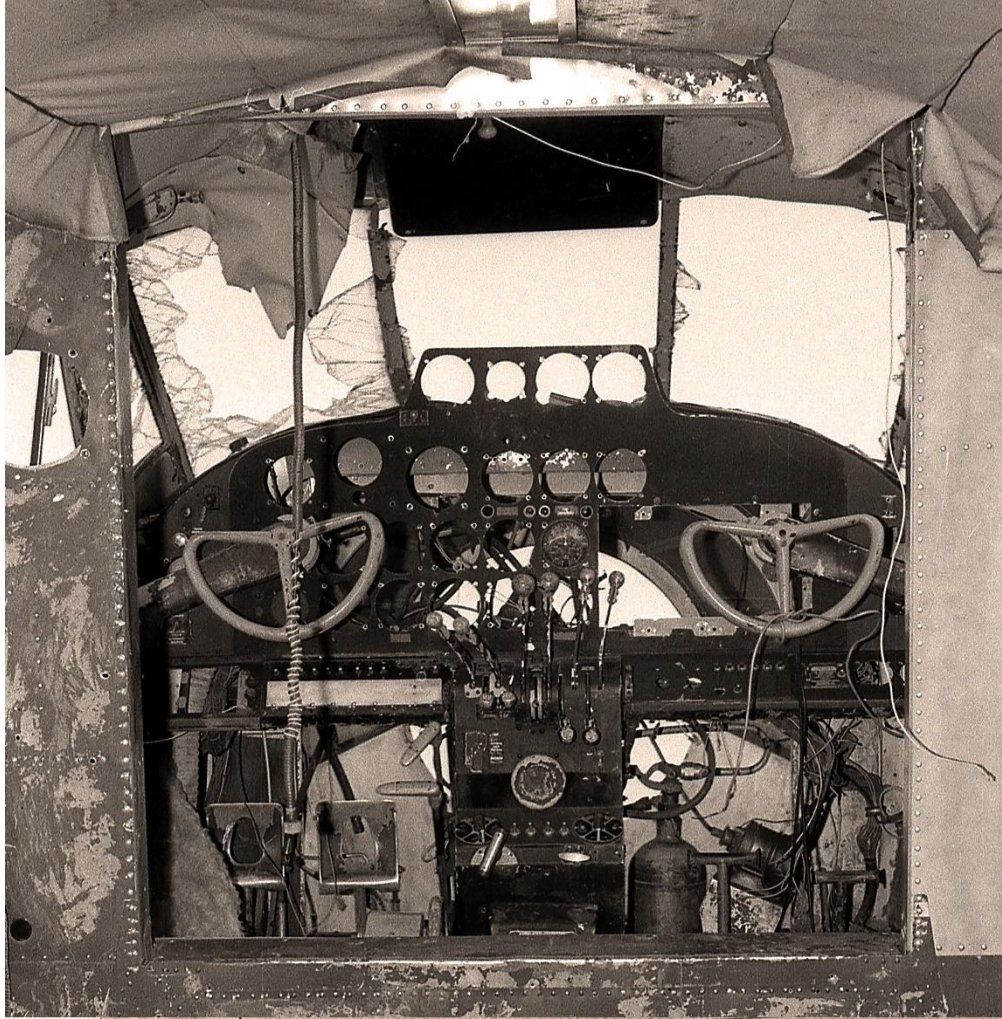
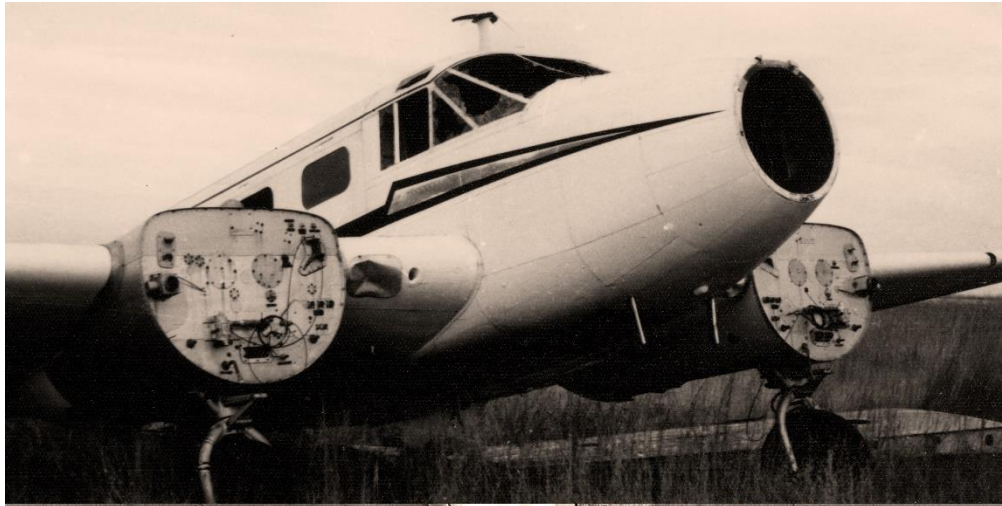
9K7 did have visitors from Texas this weekend. A couple planned a stop in Ellsworth on their way to North Dakota. They took the Courtesy car, Mustang of course, visited Mushroom Rock Park, Wilson Missile Silo and spent the night at the historic Midland Railroad Hotel in Wilson. They called while leaving to show their appreciation for the car as well as the airport accommodations.

Well, nothing else for now, hope you all come out for the meeting, Red Sigle has arranged for Randy Schlitter of Rans Aircraft to do a program for us. That will be great and I appreciate Red stepping up and doing that. A program you won't want to miss.

See you on July 14, 1430 hr EAA meeting room.

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA #1127







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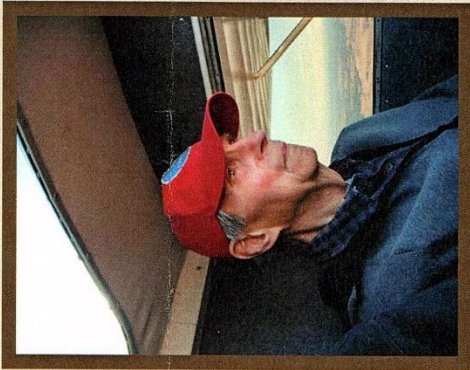
I don't know if you have been contacted or not, but I wanted to reach out and let you know that our father, Edward Jones, in McPherson passed away on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

He loved getting the Smoky Hill EAA letter each month. I took his mail to him and he always opened it and started to read. I soon learned to give it to him as I was leaving so he and I could have a visit!

Please let the other members know of his passing. He was active right up until his passing. He will be missed by many!

Frances Grant





**Appreciation**

The Jones family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

**Funeral Mass**  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
520 E. Northview Avenue, McPherson, KS  
Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 10:00 AM

**Celebrant**  
Father Michael Kerschen

**Lector**  
Pam Klenda

**Readings**  
Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 25  
Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12  
John 14:1-6

**Songs**  
Be Not Afraid  
Morning Has Broken  
I Am the Bread of Life  
On Eagle's Wings

**Pianist/Cantor**  
Kathy Amrein

**Oboist**  
Kay Werth

**Servers**  
Dane Becker ~ Dylan Fetsch ~ Brady Rinker

**Offertory Gift Bearers**  
Toni Bandy ~ Frances Grant ~ Ed Jones

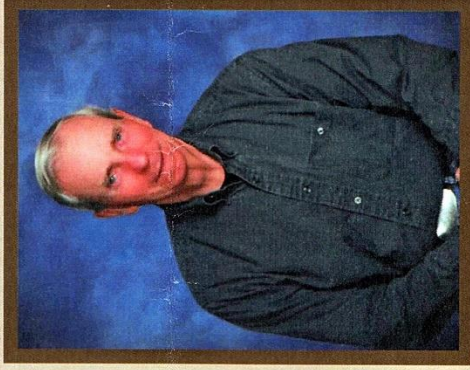
**Casket Bearers**  
Jordan Bandy ~ Brandon Powell ~ Andrew Jones  
Zach Foster ~ Jessica Grant ~ Lindsey Grant

**Honorary Casket Bearers**  
Kevin Grant ~ Ronn Peters  
Terry Bandy ~ Mike Logback

**Ushers**  
Steve Burghart ~ Mike Neiman

**Graveside Service**  
West Cedar Cemetery  
1145-1153 E. Navajo Rd., Agra, KS  
Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 3:30 PM

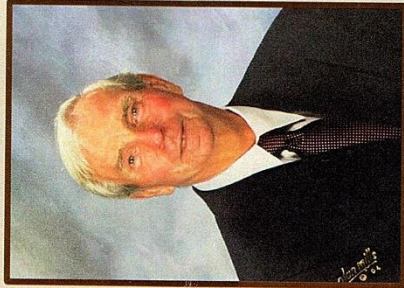
**Celebrant:** Father John Schmelder  
*Military Honors provided by*  
*United States Navy & Agra American Legion Post #357*  
*Stockham Family Funeral Home*



*In Loving Memory*  
**Edward B. Jones**  
March 31, 1927 - June 9, 2024



## *A Celebration of Life* *Edward Bernard Jones*



Edward Bernard Jones, 97, of McPherson passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Ed was born on March 31, 1927 in Cambridge, Nebraska, the son of Edward Lawrence and Augusta Theresa Jones. He graduated from Cambridge High School in 1944 and attended the University of Denver for one year before enlisting in the United States Navy. While in the Navy, he was a member of the SeaBees engineering corps. After his discharge, he began work with Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Company where he was trained as a pipeline welder. He continued to work for the gas company for forty-two years where he gained a reputation as an expert welder and metal fabricator. He was united in marriage to Patsy Jean Underwood in Phillipsburg, Kansas and together they raised three children.

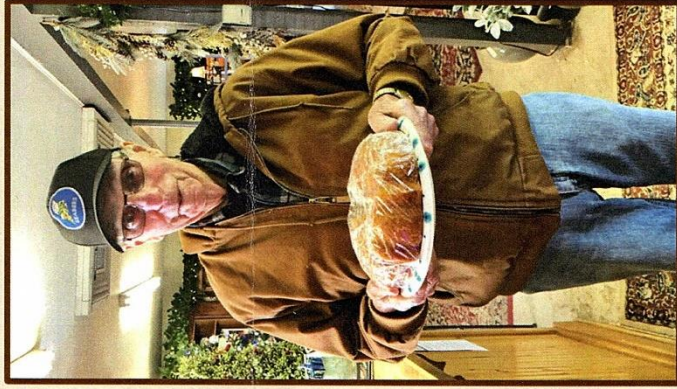
Ed was well known among his friends and family as an avid aviator, aviation mechanic and aircraft

homebuilder. He used his many skills as a wood worker and metal fabricator to build his own projects as well as help others complete theirs. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Antique Aircraft Association, Communications Workers of America, American Legion and the VFW. He was a devoted Catholic and was an active member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of McPherson and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, father, mother and four brothers Paul O'Brien, Charles Jones, Robert Jones and James Jones.

He is survived by three children, Frances Grant (Kevin) of Salina, KS, Toni Bandy (Terry) of McPherson, KS, Edward Jones (Carol) of Arlington, TX, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ed will be remembered as a kind and generous man who loved his family and friends and was always ready to share a story.



### Memorial Donations

Memorial donations can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Experimental Aircraft Assn. (Chapter 1344) Scholarship Fund in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.