

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER – DECEMBER 2024

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NEXT MEETING

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| CHAPTER MEETING: | SUNDAY - December 8, 2024 |
| Program: | Ray Scholarship video – Red Sigle |
| Host: | Mike Olson |
| Where: | Ellsworth Municipal Airport |
| Who: | Members, Families and Guests |
| Time: | 2:30 pm |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



SECRETARY REPORT - November 2nd, 2024

President Weinhold called the November meeting of EAA Chapter 1127 to order at 10:30 am following another canceled Young Eagles flight due to weather. Members enjoyed an early pancake lunch following the cancelation. Seven (7) members and (1) guest was in attendance.

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report presented by Jim Homolka was approved.

Tech Counselor Jim Homolka agreed to serve in his position for 2025, but he had nothing additional to report.

Patti Kubick, Young Eagles chairperson, agreed to serve another year.

Flight Advisors were not in attendance. Discussion followed on the cancellation of our regular Young Eagles Day and our scheduled rain day was also canceled both due to weather. Discussion followed on if we want to schedule another Young Eagle Day for 2024. It was decided to table it until the December meeting.

Flight Advisor: No report

Old Business: Red reported that he had 3 signed up for the workshop in December. After some discussion it was decided, all members should talk to students that may have an interest, and if they commit to attend call Red at (951) 551-9396 with the individual contact number and he would get them signed up. If we don't have at least 10 we will cancel. Students must be signed up by November 30.

Possibly hosting a YE Event at Phillipsburg or Rooks County was discussed but also tabled until a later meeting.

The only comment on the Family cook out was that next year, let's not set up so many tables, members thought it was too crowded.

New Business: Next meeting will be December 8, Weinhold asked all to think about the January Social, if and where to have it for 2025.

Weinhold reported that Anne Piper has agreed to be Newsletter Editor for 2025, so our great newsletters will continue.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by President Weinhold



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, our rainy windy low cloud November is about to come to an end, and we are ready to start our end of the year month with a meeting on December 8. Our Young Eagles workshop scheduled for December 7 was also canceled because of a lack of participants. The reason for our lack of participation was the cancellation of our Young Eagles Day. Last year, we signed up interested Young Eagles for the Workshop. With no kids at the airport, we had a problem getting the word out to those interested Young Eagles. Thanks to Red for all the planning and preparation. Also, a special thanks to our Young Eagles Chairperson, Patti Kubick, and Co-Chairman, Larry Farmer, for all of their preparation twice, only to have bad weather twice. A very special thanks to both of you! Maybe we can still have an event in early 2025. That will be a topic at our meeting, "do we want to have an early Young Eagles event and another on our regular day in November? Both topics of discussion at the December meeting. Another thing to think about is, do we want to extend our Young Eagles rides out to neighboring airports. The State has asked that we consider Rooks County or Phillipsburg. Also, while we are on topics for the December meeting, we also need to discuss our January social, a tradition with our chapter. So, if we want to have one, where do we want it? We have had it in Wilson at the Barn at the Midland, the last two years and it was very nice, but there are also other places, so be thinking about that as well.

This will be the last meeting for our 2024 officers, and we want to thank all of those that served in 2024. January will kick off with the 2025 team on our new Vice President Mark Ford. A special thanks to Mark for stepping up. A special thanks as well to those 2024 officers and club advisors that agreed to serve your club for another year. Thanks to all, we have a great Chapter and it will only be better in 25. If you have ideas of activities you would like to have in 25 let one of your team members know or bring it up at the meeting. I recently received a thank you letter from the NAC thanking us for our contribution to their event and I am fairly certain we will be asked again in 25. That is always an enjoyable week and an opportunity to watch some great pilots and a different phase of aviation.

I did spend some time getting in some flying and practice landings preparing for the Young Eagles flights although they were always on days with a cross wind. However, that is not all bad as cross wind landings, especially lately have been part of normal flying in Kansas, so it is good to practice regularly. However, that is about all of the flying I got in this month.

Activity is still going on at our host airport as contractors have started working on the Snow Removal Equipment building. This phase of our construction projects will allow us to store our snow removal tractor at the airport which it was purchased for and make cleaning the airport its first job following a snow. This also is an FAA project.

Also don't forget a new year is coming, 2025 dues are now payable, still a bargain at the same \$20. Bring your \$20 to the meeting or send it to Jim Homolka; 1035 16th Rd, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439, and continue to enjoy your passion for flying and our great EAA Chapter. Also, we still have some EAA 2025 calendars left at \$10. So, bring your money to the meeting.

As I wind this report down, I would like everyone to keep our Young Eagles Chairperson, Patti Kubick, in your thoughts and prayers. Patti recently and very unexpectedly lost her son. She is doing well, but your prayers would be appreciated.

So, I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving, and hope to see you all at the meeting on December 8, at 1430 hours.

DALE WEINHOLD, PRESIDENT
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AVIATION PHOTO of the Month

Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



First flight, June 1973, Ellsworth Airport

Some may recognize the Cessna if not the Pilots legs behind it...

(I recognize Kevin's chicken legs in front of it)



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