

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



## CHAPTER LETTER – FEBRUARY 2024

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## NEXT MEETING

### CHAPTER MEETING - SUNDAY: March 10, 2024

Program:	TBA
Host:	Red Sigle
Where:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who:	Members, Families and Guests
Time:	2:30pm

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

3 <sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY	BENTON AIR PARK
3 <sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY	ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST
4 <sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY	AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST



## **Secretary's Report- February 11th, 2024**

EAA Chapter 1127 met on February 11th, 2024. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 13 members present with 2 guests named Montgomery Hill and Thad Donley.

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

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

- \$120 gratuity to the Midland Railroad Hotel & Restaurant
- \$2,400.43 in the checking account
- Put around \$8,000 from the savings account into a savings bond.
- It is the time of the year for Dues. They are payable to Jim.
- Jim P. moved and Larry F. seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **Young Eagles Report: Mike Olson**

- Has the insurance lined up for Young Eagles Day
- Young Eagles Day will be Nov. 4th
  - Nov. 18th will be a makeup date
- We will need pilots, please be on the lookout!
  - Currently we have 4 lined up
  - Potential pilots only need to be an EAA member
- Reminder: Please make sure your EAA Youth Protection Training is up to date.
  - <https://www.eaa.org/en/eaatrain/youth-protection-training>
- As for fuel reimbursement for the Young Eagles pilots, the chapter agreed to pay \$2.50/gal this year
- Larry motioned and Milton 2nd to approve the Young Eagles Report. Motion carried.

### **Tech Counselor: N/A**

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

- Jim Price: Mentioned a seminar done by Mike Patty about the 3 Strike rule when trying to decide if you should fly or not? Is it against your personal minimums? Is it IFR or Night conditions? Is it really necessary? If the flight hits all three, then you need to revert to your plan B. Always have a plan B, whether it be driving etc.

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

- Career Day at Ellsworth Airport
  - Dale has been in contact with the Ellsworth high school counselor about doing a career day where kids are bussed out to the airport.

- He said he would shoot for a day in April from 10:30-12:00pm
- Keith, Larry, and Tony mentioned they would be interested in
- Larry Motioned and Red 2nded for Dale to proceed with scheduling a Career Day. Motion carried.
- National Aerobatic Competition Pancake Feed Next October?
  - Dale threw out the idea, but he said he would bring it up at another time as we got closer to the event.

## **New Business: Dale Weinhold**

- Dale asked the group about events for the upcoming year and the following is what the group came up with.
  - August Fly-in
    - With the new runway finally in place and fully open. The city would like to do an open house for the airport.
  - EAA Young Eagles
    - Plan on doing it the same as last year including having the EAA workshops a couple of weeks after EAA Young Eagles.
    - Kids would still sign up for the workshops at Young Eagles Day but this year there will be a minimum age of 10 years old
  - Tony Mahoney mentioned going to the Gunnery Range
  - Jim Price mentioned a trip to the Amelia Earhart Museum in Atchinson

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:**

Another meeting day is coming up fast. Actually, I am a bit late in writing these remarks. We were on vacation, and didn't get back until last evening, looked at the calendar and said, "oh my I need to get my remarks to Anne". Well, that might not have been my exact words, but that's what it meant. To start off, and again I apologize for not getting the word out to you. But last week on Monday, our Treasurer Jim Homolka's wife passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, so please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers. The funeral was today, and several members were able to attend. We were out of the country, so I did not hear about it until later in the week but was able to get home the day before the funeral.

Hope you can all make it to the meeting, we have a few things to discuss. The Career Day we planned for in April I am still working on. I have not been able to make contact with the counselor to find out which day in April will work best. I hope to get an answer regarding that next week and have that info at the meeting. Then we need to plan an agenda and make sure our speakers can participate. So hopefully I will have more on that at the meeting. Also, I have been contacted by the NAC in reference to us providing the Pancake Breakfast. They told me don't worry about the cost they will reimburse us. But there are some issues we need to work out. Will our electric griddles work, or do we take the gas grill? What will the menu be, who can help? Also, they are planning on us driving for them again. I did have contact with the individual that will be working with us on the breakfast, and she gave me a name in Salina we can contact on facilities, but can't find it, however I will get it. And also coming up is learn to fly day if we are interested in trying that again and it won't be long until fly in and Young Eagles and maybe another youth day, so a lot going on and more if you want in 24, a possible fly out was brought up too. So come out and join in the discussion. If you have other ideas, bring them up.

I have gotten back in the air some this past month. Did a number of landings, some good some just OK, but practice, practice, right. I plan to get back out this week if possible. Tech counselor Virgil helped me get the brakes going, but he recommended a seal replacement, so I think he will probably do that this week. So I am looking forward to getting back in the air. Also, our Young Eagle that is now employed by Delta was in town a few days. Things are going good for him, and currently is doing check rides and FAA paper work for Delta. So, I would say Young Eagles inspired him and he loves it.

I had several calls on our local AWOS. Yes, it was and still is out of service. A completely new unit is being installed and should be FAA certified next week. So, if you fly into the meeting it should be working. Another improvement for our airport. Our board plans on starting some work on 13/31 this month. Smoothing the surface and installing cones to mark the runway. Hopefully we can get that open by the first of May.

Well, that's my words of wisdom for this month. I hope to see all of you at our March meeting. Remember if you have not paid your dues, you will be dropped from the newsletter list as of our March meeting. So, if you haven't paid, still \$20, bring it to the meeting or send to Jim Homolka 1035 16<sup>th</sup> Rd Ellsworth, Kansas 67439. We have a great group, be a part of it!

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

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newsletter if you  
haven't paid your  
annual dues.**

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## **AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH**

- Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

