

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



## CHAPTER LETTER – MAY 2024

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### NEXT MEETING

## CHAPTER MEETING - SUNDAY: June 9, 2024

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

#### June 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday

**Kansas AirFest**, 1 June at Junction City, 3JC. EAA 1364 will sponsor a movie Friday evening at the airport and then Saturday morning fly-in with a pancake and sausage breakfast. Breakfast is I believe from 7 AM until noon. Hope for a nice crowd and great weather. Jim Price, 1127 Flight Advisory.

#### August 3rd, Saturday

**CowTown Fly-in – 9K7 – Ellsworth KS**

## Secretary's Report- April 14th, 2024

EAA Chapter 1127 met on April 14th, 2024. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 16 members present.

Red moved and Jim P. seconded that the previous meeting's minutes be approved. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- \$2,460.43 in the checking account
- Around \$8,000 from the savings account into a savings bond.
- Jim P. moved and Red seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### Young Eagles Report: Patti Kubick

- EAA gave the club \$325 of Young Eagles credit. Patti is going to look for ways to spend it but is open to suggestions from the group.
- Red motioned and Jim P. Seconded to approve the Young Eagles Report. Motion carried.

### Tech Counselor: Jim Homolka

- Jim would advise not to land on a grass strip with stickers and Dale agreed. This will likely result in flat tires.
  - Under Part 43 a licensed pilot can fix a flat tire under preventative maintenance, but it still requires a logbook entry.
- Larry G. motioned and Mark Ford seconded to approve the Tech Counselor Report. Motion carried.

### Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton

- As it gets hotter, density altitude is something to consider, especially when flying out west. Make sure to look at your performance charts and do your homework.
- Larry G. motioned and Red seconded to approve the Flight Advisor Report. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Career Day at Ellsworth- April 5th, 2024:
  - Was canceled from lack of kids from Ellsworth High Schoolers
    - Red Motioned and Jim P. Seconded to reschedule for the 9/20/2024 @10:10-12:00.  
Motion Carried
  - Red Motioned and Tom Mahoney seconded to allow interested High School kids free membership to the EAA Chapter #1127. Motion carried.
- Salina Aerobatic Competition Pancake Feed- September 22nd, 2024:
  - Dale and Patti will move forward with making plans to host a pancake feed for the Aerobatic pilots.
- Bombing Range Tour- May 8th, 2024
  - If there is anyone who would like to go and hasn't signed up, please contact Dale.
- Ellsworth Fly-in: August 3rd, 2024

- Chapter Fly-out to Liberal- Date TBD
  - The group talked about doing a group tour of the old B-29 base out in Liberal. The rest of the details will be discussed at a later meeting.
- EAA Chapter received the silver award from EAA for 2023.
  - If anyone is interested in helping the chapter earn the gold award for 2024. Please contact Dale Weinhold

### **New Business:**

- Jim P.
  - There is a new KDOT aviation director that came and talked at Abilene. Jim said he was impressed by him and thinks that he will have the best interest of Kansas Aviation at heart.
  - Jim asked if EAA Chapter #1127 would sponsor a Young Eagles Day at Abilene.
    - Abilene wouldn't necessarily need pilots from Ellsworth although would appreciate any extra pilots who would like to help.
    - Abilene would really need the insurance from EAA to cover their Young Eagles Day.
    - Red motioned and Jim P. seconded that we sponsor an Abilene Young Eagles Day. Motion carried.
      - Jim P. will get back to the group with a date for Abilene Young Eagles Day
- Tom Mahoney:
  - Tom is having his Hayland Fly-in on October 12th (Backup date October 26th)
  - Tom asked if EAA Chapter #1127 would do a Young Eagles Day at his Fly-in
    - Mark Ford motioned, and Patti K. seconded to host a Young Eagles day at the Hayland Fly-in. Motioned carried.
- Red:
  - Red wants to do another EAA Workshop on December 7th, 2024.
  - Red motioned and Milton seconded to move forward with plans for EAA Workshops, to allocate \$35 for the purchase of EAA Workshop Kits, and set an age limit of 10–17 year olds for the EAA Workshops. Motioned carried.

With no further business, Larry G. motioned and Milton seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary  
Anthony Henke



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

First, we are not having a May meeting. Our regular meeting day is Mother's Day, so it is appropriate that you spend the day honoring your mother, the mother of your kids or just remembering your mother on this special day. This is a tradition that EAA #1127 has had in place for several years. So, our next regular meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> so you can put that on your calendar. It sounds early, but at the June meeting I will try to have a sample of our fly in advertisement for your approval. That August day will come up sooner than we think. Keep in mind the Junction City fly-in is on June 1st. And also, in June we will get a report from the guys who were lucky enough to go to the gunnery range on May 8<sup>th</sup>, providing it doesn't get changed due to the weather which has been up and down here lately. We haven't had much rain at 9K7, but lots of wind and bad weather warnings but we kind of are in the middle and it splits up and goes North and South. Definitely dry. Runway 13/31 is now open at our host airport, a bit rough on the southeast end, but not too bad. We are in the process of getting it rolled again as well as reseeding some on the 31 threshold, but it is usable.

Another interesting note from here at the airport. We have had a helicopter in the hangar for almost a week. It is out of Texas, and she has a contract to fly biologists around areas of the state to check the Prairie Chicken population. The weather has hampered their efforts some, but they plan to finish up in a couple of days now. Moving a helicopter in and out of the old hangar has been interesting, but all has gone well, however it does not push as easily as the old 172. The weather and a busy month have kept me out of the air most of the month, hopefully we can correct that in May, although May is also a busy month.

As I mentioned earlier, our own Cow Town fly in is our next big project. I will be working on fliers soon. If you have any ideas as far as things to add this year to our fly in let me know, there is still time to get it on the schedule. Learn to fly month is also coming. We really don't have anything planned, but we do have a young girl here in Ellsworth that is interested in getting her private, and Patti and I are helping her find the information she needs to get started. If any of you know of someone wanting to pursue their private be sure to let us know, there are things we can do to help. We also are going to start planning on how we are going to handle the breakfast at the Aerobatic competition on September 22. Patti Kubick and I plan on going down and looking things over sometime soon. If anyone else is interested let me know. And we will need more help, so keep that in mind as well.

Also, I received a letter from the Kansas Dept of Aviation, and Ellsworth is a spot that is being considered for a Fly Kansas week in September. They are wanting the Cities, EAA to work with them to get school kids out to the airport while they are here. I did respond and told them we would help if Ellsworth is selected. Other towns being considered are Hutchinson, McPherson, and Great Bend. They also are encouraging pilots from neighboring towns to come and help. More on that at the June meeting.

Lots of fun things are going on, we will try to keep up on them. And as always if you have an idea for our chapter, let one of the officers know or bring your idea to the meeting. Be a smart pilot and keep your eye on the Kansas Spring weather prior to flight. Fly safe and see you in June.

Dale Weinhold, President, Eaa#1127

*There is no substitute for intelligence.....The only thing that comes close to it is silence.  
(Author unknown)*

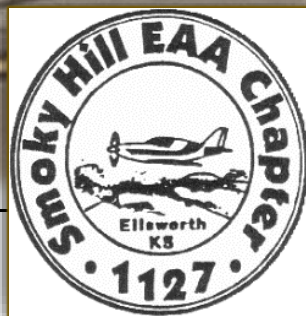
## AVIATION PHOTO(s) of THE MONTH

- Courtesy of member Tony Mahoney





- Courtesy of member Dale Weinhold



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