

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



## CHAPTER LETTER - FEBRUARY, 2022

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### NEXT MEETING

<b>CHAPTER MEETING -</b>	<b>SUNDAY: February 13th, 2022</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>The story of a Cessna Glider (Slide Presentation): - Max Liby</b>
<b>Host:</b>	<b>Mike Olson</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Ellsworth Municipal Airport</b>
<b>Who:</b>	<b>Members, Families and Guests</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY</b>	<b>PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA &amp; YORK NEBRASKA PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY</b>	<b>BEAUMONT HOTEL, BEAUMONT KS (Starts again in April)</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY</b>	<b>BENTON AIR PARK</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY</b>	<b>ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUSTA KS &amp; ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST</b>

## Secretary's Report – January 19, 2022

EAA Chapter 1127 met January 16, 2022 at the Barn at The Midland Hotel in Wilson, Kansas. Dinner was served at 1:00 PM and a short business meeting was convened after dinner.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

President Dale Weinhold thanked the staff of the Midland for their fine service. Dale also thanked Anne for coordinating the arrangement for the dinner.

Dale recognized last year officers and also recognized those who will be new officers for 2022.

Dale related the personnel from the Augusta airport had contacted the chapter for possible help with an upcoming career day. This topic will be discussed further at the February meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rod Broberg  
Chapter 1127 Acting Secretary.

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** Another month in the books and time for the February meeting. I want to start by thanking our great Newsletter Editor Anne for coordinating our special event. It was a great afternoon, great atmosphere with great food and conversation. If you missed it you missed one of the best. Which brings us to February. Hope you all can attend. We had a bit of a problem with the program because of the Super Bowl, so, our VP Max has put together a slide presentation of an earlier program presented by a former member Bob Park that is now deceased when he convinced the FAA that he could make a glider out of I think a Cessna 175 that needed a new engine and glide it to Hesston KS for repair, a very interesting story. I am sure everyone will enjoy it, even if you saw the original presentation. I am already receiving emails for activities planned for the summer. We have been invited to help with a career day in Augusta, I know it isn't what you would call close, but via airplane it isn't so bad, and it should be interesting. We will talk about that. Also received an email from the FBO in Lakin, KS, and they are planning a fly in with a pot luck dinner and other activities in June. Abilene is already talking about their May fly in, so lots to look forward to. We need to start thinking about our own August Fly in. We also need to talk more about an Eagles day where we would introduce older future pilots to flying. Similar to Young Eagles, but try to only include those interested in getting a private not just an airplane ride. Also if you have other ideas, bring them up & I'm sure we can get it done. Maybe another fly out??

I did find a couple of nice days to get in some landing practice, one reminded me that the shimmy damper needed some attention. All Cessna drivers know about that. So I spent some time working that over, (owner maintenance) test flight revealed that it is fixed, for now anyway. Not something unusual, it's an ongoing issue, it has been anyway with my old 172, but usually some grease to the grease fittings, fill the shimmy damper with oil and check all fittings usually fixes it. Sometime it is more detailed, and that is when it is a mechanic issue.

We do have a new airplane on the field. A student from K-State Salina has rented a hangar and has a very nice Cessna 150 Tail dragger with a 160HP conversion. Very nice airplane. He has been invited to attend the meeting, I hope he makes it. So still hoping to get some more flying time and landing practice in this month. I

have some shoulder surgery scheduled for March, so flying will be halted for a while, not sure how long right now but two months at a minimum maybe more. Not looking forward to that, but it will be better in the long run.

Although no runway activity this month, we are in the process of submitting an application for installing a new rotating beacon. The old has been there a number of years and is getting a bit UN-reliable. The proposed new one would be a 50ft fold down unit and will go to the west of the pilots lounge.

That's about it. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on February 13, and kicking off another great year for our chapter. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

My Son told me a number of years ago, he's now 44, following a wrestling match, "The guy that said it doesn't matter if you win or lose must have never won". So I guess we need to keep winning.

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

## **AVIATION PHOTO's of THE MONTH;**

– Courtesy of Member Anne Piper











It was great to be able to get together again – what a fun day and wonderful food?

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