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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -

Program: September 12th, 2021
Host: SAIL PLANES and SOARING, Red Sigle
Where: Keith Houghton
Who: Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Time: Members, Families and Guests, all visitors welcome
2:30PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY, October 16th

1ST SATURDAY When Pigs Fly Fly-in, McPherson KS
2ND SATURDAY PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA & YORK NEBRASKA PANCAKE BREAKFAST
3RD SATURDAY BEAUMONT HOTEL, BEAUMONT KS (Starts again in April)
3RD SATURDAY BENTON AIR PARK
4TH SATURDAY ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST
4TH SATURDAY AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST

Secretary's Report – August 3, 2021

President Dale Weinhold called the meeting to order at approximately 10:55 a.m. following the fly-in. There were 12 members and guests present. Many other members had been present during the morning to help with the fly-in but left prior to the meeting due to other commitments. It was a good morning for the fly-in with approximately 25 to 30 airplanes participating in the event. We even had a couple pilots fly in the night before, tie down, and camp. Great idea! It was thought that a few regulars may have stayed home due to the high winds forecast for the morning which did not develop until later in the day. There was excellent food and a lot of great conversations and camaraderie. Nice job and a big thank you to all who volunteered to help, especially the family members who provided needed assistance! Red Sigle made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Marty Heaton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka reported that we have \$3,803.50 in our checking account. There may still be some expenses associated with the fly-in to pay. We do have some extra sausage for sale, reach out to Jim if you would like any. Dale reported that the battery on one of our garden tractor tugs had died and he replaced it at a cost of \$76.12 and he asked for reimbursement. Marty motioned that we reimburse Dale and approve the treasurer's report. Red seconded. Motion carried.

Young Eagles Report: Our Young Eagles event is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in November (November 6th). It is "tentatively" scheduled as we are trying to verify that the runway will be open. We will adjust our plans if the runway is closed for construction. Larry thought that we would do a mixed registration again this year (on-line and in person with paper). Reminder that you may want to check your certification status with EAA for the Youth Protection Program. Larry provided a printout from EAA explaining the aeroeducate program they have developed.

Tech Counselor's Report: No report this month.

Flight Advisor Report: No report this month.

Old Business: Marty reminded us of the upcoming International Aerobatics Competition that we agreed to help with at Salina. The event will be from September 19th through the 25th and there are 12 shifts where drivers are needed. We need 2 drivers per shift, so 24 drivers are needed. Marty passed out a sign-up sheet and he hopes to have final details available at our September meeting. (To be a driver you probably will need to participate in a mandatory training session so that you can drive on the movement side of the airport. Marty will get us details.) Dale reminded us that the Fly Kansas Air Tour is coming up Thursday, September 23rd through Saturday, September 25th. You can fly legs of the tour or the whole thing, whatever works better for you. Sign-up via the internet. Dale also reminded us that McPherson will be hosting their annual "When Pigs Fly" event on October 16th and need Young Eagle pilots to support that event. Call the McPherson Airport and talk to Cynthia for details.

New Business: Dale informed us with an issue on the fueling system where it appeared somebody had attempted to remove the fuel filter.

He fixed the issue and hopes that it was an isolated occurrence. Election of officers will be held at our October meeting. Dale will contact members to create a nominating committee.

Adjourn: Larry Adamek moved to adjourn the meeting and Darwin Steinle seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 12th, 2:30 pm.

Mike Olson, Acting Secretary

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: Time once again for the Newsletter and very shortly our September meeting. For sure it has been a hot August. Flying has been best in the early morning, evening, or get some altitude. I have made it up a couple of times, but haven't really stayed up long at a time, just trying to keep from getting rusty.

Construction of the new runway has been at a standstill, other than the grass seeding, I understand they are short of help, so if you're looking for a job, sign up. They feel they are about a month behind at this point. We did have a number of fuel visitors this month, pilots from several locations in Kansas, as well as a couple from Texas and one from Fairbanks Alaska stopped in Ellsworth this month for fuel. Price has went up a bit, but still one of the lower around at \$4.45.

I hope you can make the meeting on September 12th. We have a lot of things to discuss. The schedule needs to be finalized for drivers for the IAC in Salina starting September 19th. Additionally, we need to discuss Young Eagles day. It appears the airport closing will not be a factor, but will COVID?? We need to discuss that. Red Sigle will be the program presenter, "Sail Planes and Soaring" is the topic. It is sure to be interesting. Additionally, we need to discuss our winter meetings. Is everyone comfortable with continuing as we are even though COVID is raising its' ugly head again. Last I heard we have 21 cases in Ellsworth County.

Things are also shifting around in the hangars here at our airport. One plane we think is sold, one moving out, and also one vacant. So if you know of anyone looking for hangar space have them contact me or the City of Ellsworth, and will see if we can help them out. Rent here in Ellsworth is less than most other places.

Not much else new on the flying front for me, I haven't made any fly-ins other than ours. However, I have heard there is a fly in air show in conjunction with the Kansas Air Tour in Concordia on September 25, however I don't have any info on that. McPherson "When Pigs Fly" is scheduled for October 16, and Wellington (KEGT) is asking for help for their Eagles, Young Eagles day on September 11 if anyone is interested, they are having a Breakfast for pilots prior to flying Eagles and Young Eagles. If you are interested let me know and I will forward the email. I am looking forward to better Fall flying weather ahead, hopefully I can log some quality time.

Not much more from me this month. I hope to see all of you at the meeting. Until then fly safe and be safe.

I recently read this quote "**We cannot change the wind, but we can adjust the sail**". That may prove timely for us to remember as we face the coming Fall and Winter.

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA#1127

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: WE will finalize plans for the IAC competition to be held in Salina September 19 -24. We still have some driver slots open. If you have not signed up and wish to, please attend the meeting on September 12, or let me know of your wishes. We will be holding a short driver training immediately following our meeting on the 12th. If you cannot attend this training, you will need to attend a training in Salina at another time prior to driving. If you have any questions please call Marty Heaton @ 314-249-5118 or email @ marty.h@aol.com Marty will be at our September meeting if you have additional questions.

AVIATION PHOTO's of THE MONTH;

– Courtesy of Member Dale Weinhold (& others)



