

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER – MARCH 2025

CHAPTER OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	DALE WEINHOLD	785-472-4309	dpweinhold@sbcglobal.net
VICE - PRESIDENT	MARK FORD	785-577-1444	markfordksu@yahoo.com
SECRETARY	ANTHONY HENKE	785-346-6171	anthonyhenke22@gmail.com
TREASURER	JIM HOMOLKA	785-472-4995	jmhommelka@att.net
TECHNICAL COUNSELOR	JIM HOMOLKA/VIRGIL LAWSON	620-241-0987/785-820-6669	
FLIGHT ADVISOR	JIM PRICE	785-263-7075	tripacer7075@sbcglobal.net
FLIGHT ADVISOR	KEITH HOUGHTON/LARRY GOURLEY	785-373-4835	jetwoman1954@gmail.com
YOUNG EAGLE Coordinator	PATTI KUBICK	785-531-1349	pekubick@gmail.com
PROPERTY OFFICER	LARRY ADAMEK	785-472-3665	lsadamek@sbcglobal.net
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	ANNE PIPER	785-420-0149	propcat@live.com
WEB EDITOR	DALE WEINHOLD	785-472-4309	dpweinhold@sbcglobal.net

NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING:

Program:	SUNDAY – March 9, 2025
Host:	Salina Tower Representative
Where:	Darwin & Pam Steinle
Who:	Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Time:	Members, Families and Guests
	1430 hours / 2:30 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



This is your LAST newsletter if you haven't paid your annual dues!!

Secretary's Report- February 9th, 2025

EAA Chapter 1127 met on February 9th, 2025. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 12 members present.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- \$656 check to Homolka Grain
- \$113 check to Patti Kubick
- \$1754.24 in checking account
- \$8,470.78 in a Savings CD
- Larry G. Motioned and Red seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried

Young Eagles Report: Patti Kubick

● Patti Kubick discussed the idea of doing two young Eagles events this year. One away from Ellsworth and one at Ellsworth

○ The group decided to try one in the Spring at Rooks Country and then keep the November one at Ellsworth.

Tech Counselor: N/A

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

● Keith discussed the importance of using your primer and not pumping your throttle to help get your engine started.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

● Dale discuss the possibility of EAA High School Career day at Ellsworth High School and he said he'd talk to the school counselor about it.

- Dale mentioned we received two Thank You Letters addressed to the Chapter.
- Midland Hotel
- Patti Kubick

New Business: Dale Weinhold

● We discussed a Chapter flyout down to Hutchinson airport to go to the Cosmosphere museum. Keith Houghton was going to look into this and get back to the group.

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

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary
Anthony Henke

2025 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

**BRING YOUR \$20 DONATION TO THE
MEETING OR SEND IT TO:**

JIM HOMOLKA

1035 16TH RD, ELLSWORTH, KS 67439

**- DON'T MISS BEING A PART OF THIS
GREAT AVIATION ORGANIZATION -**

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, I hope everyone survived the cold weather. Negative 15 a couple of days one week and 70 deg the next week. Welcome to Kansas. Definitely some bad winter weather. Some were flying in the very cold weather, but I wasn't. Mark, our VP, flew into Ellsworth and said the airplane loved the weather, flying was great. But I didn't make it up. However, the weather should continue to improve as we move into Spring. However, always keep in mind this is Kansas and we have had March snow as well as March winds. As you plan your flights keep a close watch on the weather.

We talked about a lot of things at the last meeting, and we will follow up on some of those at this meeting. We decided to just move forward with our regular Young Eagles event in November. We are still considering hosting an event at another airport. However, with the weather and all I have not been able to check out the facilities at the other airports, maybe someone else has. I received an email from IAC and they said that they received so many great responses from members on the Breakfast that they would like us to consider doing that again. I assume they would also like us, as in the past, to be van drivers, so that will be up for discussion at the March meeting. I hope to have some information on a Career Day by meeting day, but don't have any information yet. So we will again be planning our 2025, I hope you all can make it to discuss different ideas for the upcoming year. Another reason to come out for the March 9 meeting is the program. Our program chairman Mark has arranged for the Salina Tower to present the program on tower operations in Salina and probably anywhere there is a Tower. You sure won't want to miss that one.

I have to say most of my airport time in February was not flying. With the weather and assisting with some new hangar pilots, I stayed busy. However, I did finally get in the air one of the nice days in 2025, but nothing more than some touch and goes, but at least I did get off the ground. I need to get up again now that it has warmed back up. Maybe I can get that taken care of soon. I sure hope so.

At our host airport we have been busy with the final walk through on the SRE building. We are also looking ahead at replacing the taxiways between the rows of hangars on the east. Hopefully the city will agree to go ahead with that project as the grant from FAA has been approved. We have also talked about a new hangar down the road as our hangars remain full. So, we shall see how that idea progresses.

I just noticed that there is a Rusty Pilot workshop to be held at Wichita Airport on March 29 starting at 0900 and goes until 1230. This workshop is sponsored by AOPA and if you are a current AOPA member there is no charge (\$89 if not). Sounds like a good deal for us that probably could use some refresher on things. Maybe if there is enough interest, we could make this a group deal. March 29 is a Saturday. Another thing to discuss at the March meeting. This also could be perfect if you have a Bi-annual coming up. I also received an email from the Emporia EAA chapter inviting us to their meeting program, which is a Bush pilot from Alaska, it also is on March 29 at 0900.

I recently saw the following quote that most definitely pertains to us pilots. **“There's a big difference between nearly right and exactly right.” So let's try and do things especially in the air EXACTLY RIGHT!!** Lots of things on the agenda as well as some great time visiting and telling stories. So, try and make it out on March 9 at 1430 to share in all the fun. For those of you that live outside of Ellsworth a great excuse to fly to 9K7 weather permitting. So, hope to see you then.

Dale Weinhold, President, EAA #1127

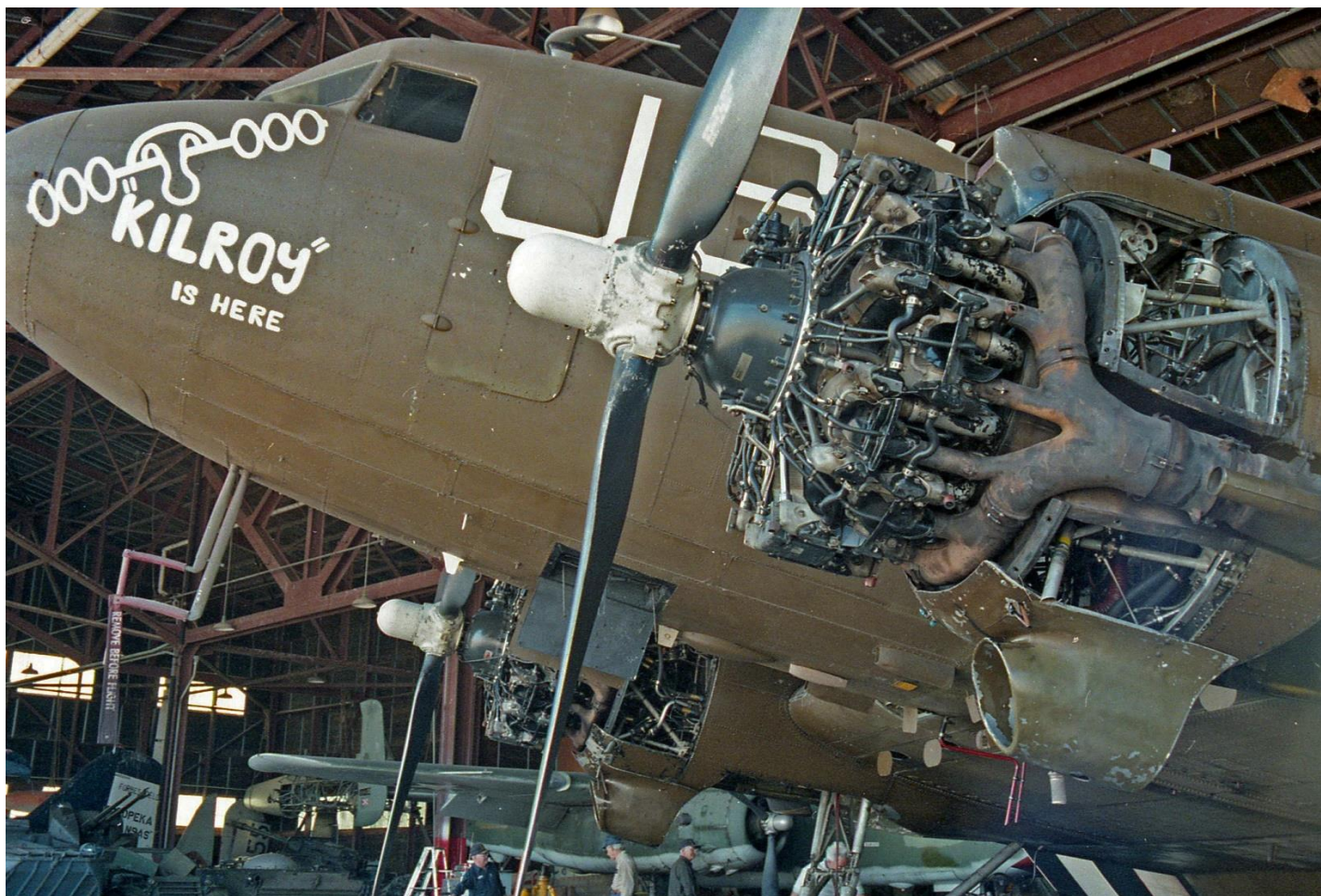


This is your LAST newsletter if you haven't paid your annual dues!!



AVIATION PHOTO of the Month

Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



2025 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

**BRING YOUR \$20 DONATION TO THE
MEETING OR SEND IT TO:**

JIM HOMOLKA

1035 16TH RD, ELLSWORTH, KS 67439

**- DON'T MISS BEING A PART OF THIS
GREAT AVIATION ORGANIZATION -**

9K7

Ellsworth Municipal Airport

PO Box 163 - 1701 State Street - Ellsworth, KS 67439 - Phone: (785) 472-5608