

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



## CHAPTER LETTER - DECEMBER 2023

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## NEXT MEETING

### CHAPTER MEETING - SUNDAY: December 10, 2023

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| Program: | Keith Houghton & Anthony Henke: Flying into and out of an uncontrolled airport |
| Host:    | Keith Houghton   |
| Where:   | Ellsworth Municipal Airport  |
| Who:     | Members, Families and Guests   |
| Time:    | 2:30pm   |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| 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 — November 4, 2023**

President Dale Weinhold called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. following our Young Eagles event. 7 members were present, but many more assisted with the Young Eagles event.

Larry Gourley moved to accept the October meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. Red Sigle seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Homolka reported that our checking account balance is \$3,784.97 with another \$8,000 placed in a CD for 7 months at 5% APR. Tom Mahoney made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Patti Kubick seconded. Motion carried.

**Young Eagles Report:** Preliminary numbers showed that we flew 50 Young Eagles and 9 adults. (Patti will verify.) Made possible by a great ground crew and pilots. The Young Eagles seemed to arrive evenly throughout the morning which helped reduce the wait time. We had a few more airplanes than previous years and that helped reduce the wait time, too. Some areas of improvement were noted for next year.

Red reported that we have 8 youth signed up for the Young Eagle build scheduled for December 2, 2023.

**Tech Counselor's Report:** No report this month.

**Flight Advisor Report:** No report this month.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dale asked that we be thinking of locations for our annual January social. We will discuss locations at the December meeting.

**Adjourn:** Larry Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting and Red seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, December 10, 2:30 pm.**

Mike Olson (for Anthony Henke)  
EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:** I am starting out this month with my report on another fabulous Young Eagles Rally here at our home airport. Held on November 4, we flew 50 Young Eagles, 39 of them first time Eagles and we also flew 9 adults. A great event and definitely one of the highlights of the year. A special thanks to Mark Ford, Mark Klein, Larry Gourley, Jim Price, Mike Olson, Dale Weinhold, Terry Williamson and Ron Grief for volunteering their time and aircraft to make this day a huge success. Also, thanks to Keith Houghton for providing an aircraft for Larry to fly. By the way, Larry Gourley was the winner, as he flew 14 Young Eagles. Also, a special thanks to our two visiting pilots for helping us out. Also, a special thanks to our very well-oiled ground crew. Everything went very smoothly. Great event. Also, a special thanks to our Chairman and Co-Chairman Mike Olson and Larry Farmer. I appreciate all the excellence in organization and leadership. Also, thanks to all who helped. You are appreciated. Another great event. Our special hands-on workshop for youth spear headed by Red Sigle was held on Saturday December 2. Since this was written prior to that, I can only

say, Red has things under control and I'm sure it will be great. As of today, we had 6 kids signed up. Maybe we will pick up a couple more by Saturday. Come out on December 10<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting to get an update on this event.

Just a reminder that this is the last month of 2023, so that means 2024 dues are now payable. Please bring your check or cash to the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>, still \$20, what a bargain, or send it to Treasurer Jim Homolka, @1035 16<sup>th</sup> Rd, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439. We have a great year ahead of us, so for the small amount of \$20, you can be a part of all the fun and also get a wealth of information from our many knowledgeable members.

Well, our first snow of winter has hit, but it hasn't lasted long. I had a call the day after the snow with a question on the runway. I volunteered to go out and check for this pilot. This was 1500 on Sunday. I was surprised to find the runway perfect with no moisture present. Anyway, those are some of the things to be aware of as we fly during Kansas Winters. Always check the weather and runway conditions. A few miles can change conditions.

Not a lot of flying since YE day. Although I did get up a couple of times just to view the Kansas Countryside. I enjoy just cruising around when it is nice and smooth. Lots of fun.

Since our December meeting is the last of the year, we will need to choose a location for our "start of the year" Annual January Member Dinner. We were at the Midland Barn last year which worked out good, but another location can be chosen. Bring your suggestions to the meeting and we will get that set up for the second Sunday in January. Also start thinking of new activities for 2024. If you have an idea, bring it up and we will try our best to make it happen. I am looking forward to another great year. We have the same great officer team in place. Other positions, except for the Young Eagles Chair, are the same. Flight Advisors, Keith Houghton, Jim Price and help from Larry Gourley and Tom and Tony Mahoney and Gerry Hamontree. We are very fortunate to have all this professional pilot knowledge in our club. Makes our meetings very informative. We also have Tech counselors Jim Homolka and Virgil Lawson to continue guiding us on maintenance questions throughout the year. Young Eagles Chairman for 2024 is Patti Kubick, a special thanks to Patti for stepping up. Also, Anne Piper has agreed to continue to put this great newsletter together. A special thanks from me and the club for all this great help that has stepped up for 2024. It makes my job a lot easier.

So come on out on meeting day, December 10<sup>th</sup> and catch up on what's going on and what is coming up. I hope to see everyone there, same time 1430, same place Ellsworth Airport 9K7. See you then.

***DALE WEINHOLD, PRESIDENT, SMOKY HILL EAA#1127***

***"LIMITS EXIST ONLY IN THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO DO NOT DREAM."***

### ***AVIATION PHOTOS of THE MONTH***

- Courtesy of member Dale Weinhold

*Had some cancels, only 4 kids but went really well.*

