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CHAPTER LETTER - JANUARY, 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING -	SUNDAY: January 8th, 2023
Program:	January Annual Social Luncheon
Host:	EAA Chapter 1127
Where:	The Barn at The Midland Railroad Hotel
Who:	Members, Families and Guests
Time:	1:00PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

Secretary's Report- December 11th, 2022

EAA Chapter 1127 met on December 11th, 2022. President Dale Weinhold called the meeting to order at 2:30pm with 16 members present with one guest, Dave Ward, a CFI from McPherson.

Program: We started the meeting off with a program from Dave Ward. He talked about the struggles he has been having with the FAA taking away his medical. It was very informative.

Afterwards, Red moved and Max seconded that the previous meetings' minutes be approved. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim H. wrote 3 checks, \$124.10 to Larry Adamek for the Pizza at Young Eagles, \$189.00 to the city for fuel from Young Eagles, and \$47.00 to Jim Price for fuel from Young Eagles. He said he also received a \$55.00 donation from Jon Walker. This brought the checking account balance to \$3214.61 and our savings account to \$4,381.69.

Young Eagles:

Keith H. said we had 66 kids flown last month with only four airplanes. This couldn't have been done without the ground crew keeping things rolling. Jim H. Said we have a \$350 credit from EAA to reimburse any expenses for Young Eagles. Larry F. said they would try to use it to reimburse pizza and if anyone had receipts for any other expense, we could try to get them reimbursed.

Keith H. also mentioned that we'd try for a Young Eagles day at Beloit in March on a Saturday with a default date if there were to be bad weather.

Mike Olson will start to take the reins with Young Eagles as we move forward.

Flight Advisor Reports:

N/A

Tech Counselor:

Jim H. said Virgil Lawson will take over Tech Counselor next year.

Old Business:

Dale said the airport is pretty well finished. The only thing left is to plant grass on the runway slopes. The parallel taxiway isn't open because they are having trouble getting lights. Once the lights come in and are installed the taxiway will be open. The grass runway will be closed for the winter.

Dale threw out the idea of having an Eagles day and having Bob Pahls' Airplane with an instructor there that day. The group decided to discuss it further at a later date.

Dale also threw out the idea of having a few activities for the kids to do while waiting to fly on Young Eagles Day. Red said he'd give a presentation of what different activities we could do at the upcoming meetings. Dale also said his daughter could come and have a STEM program for the kids.

New Business:

It was decided we would have our January Social at the Barn in Wilson again just like last year. There will be further details disclosed about that at a later date.

With the New Year, it is time to buy new EAA 2023 Calendars. Jim H. said he would buy 12 for the group. So if anyone is interested, be sure to get a hold of Jim.

Dale threw out the idea of having a program on what could be asked on a biannual. Red said you can purchase a \$50 Sporty's online course that works pretty well for that.

With no further business, Red moved and Larry G. seconded to adjourn the meeting.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well this time it is: **HOPE YOU HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!** The first thing for the New Year is, **“Have you paid your 2023 Dues”?** If not, I hope you will consider that. We have a great chapter we have some really good programs and a lot of good air plane comrade-re. Still only \$20, this is one price that has not went up. You can pay it to Jim Homolka at our social on January 8, send it to Jim Homolka at 1035 16th Rd, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439, or pay at the February meeting. If not paid by March 1 we will have to drop you from the mailing list. So don't let that happen contact Jim Soon!! Since I mentioned the Jan 8th social, are you signed up? We are having it at the Midland Hotel Barn with the meal served at 1300 hrs (1 pm). This is a really neat place with good food. We went there last year and all enjoyed. So if you haven't sent your RSVP to Anne, do it as soon as you can and she may be able to get you in. Anne can be reached at proprat@live.com or 785 420 0149 don't miss out on this great event.

We won't have much on the meeting agenda at the social, just brief comments, however one thing that we will talk about in more detail at the February meeting is a Career Fair that the Ellsworth High School FFA is hosting on March 7. We are working at putting together a class in opportunities in the aircraft and airline profession, we also are hoping we can get K-State Salina to have a booth at the event. We should have all of the details ready for you to approve or disapprove at our February meeting. If we proceed, I think it will be a great opportunity for EAA #1127 to get their name out there and also get information to our youth. So, be thinking about it. Brief reminder at the social and more details and a go or no go at the February meeting. We will need help, so be thinking about it. Also, after dinner we will recognize those that have helped make 2022 a great year for our chapter and thank those that are stepping down. Max Liby our VP, Keith Houghton as Young Eagles coordinator. Larry Farmer who will continue to serve on our Young Eagle team, but will turn chairman duties over to Mike Olson. Your new VP for 2023 is Milton Wehrman. Milton has the experience as he served several years as VP in prior years. So thanks to those that have chosen to step down and a big welcome to the new faces on the organizational team.

As you know the weather continues to be crazy. I had to issue a NOTAM on the runway at 9K7 on December 26 after Larry Adamek called me and said he drove on the runway and stopping was impossible due to ice the entire distance. Also, sudden cold and wind. Kansas is not alone I've seen on the news that the temperature dropped from 30° to 0° in 10 minutes. I didn't even think that was possible.

So the bottom line there is, I haven't flown much, and there has been no traffic, or very little into our airport during December. So here is hoping some good days may materialize in January to start off 2023. Time goes so fast anymore it won't be long until we are complaining about the heat. Such is Kansas and if you are a pilot you are probably more aware of the weather than the average person.

The runway here and taxiway (when there isn't ice) is complete. What remains here at 9K7 is seeding and getting some grass to grow so we can again open the grass runway which now is 13/31. So if we get some moisture in the spring maybe it will move along quickly.

Well that's about it for me, I hope that if you have not joined the chapter you will consider doing that. We really have a great chapter with a lot of information and good times. Also consider coming out and visiting with other members at the Social on January 8 at 1300 hours at the Midland Hotel Barn in Wilson, Kansas. The food is great and venue fits us well. Hope to see you there.

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill EAA #1127

“Enter this new year with a gratitude for this new chance to create your dreams.”

“Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas.”

“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

“Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it”.

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH;

- Photo courtesy of member Kevin Lundy

I spotted this retired Stearman sprayer near Plains Kansas during a family trip in 1972. My exceptionally tall older brother lifted me into the seat so I wouldn't need to climb on any of the structure. He also snapped the picture while the younger brothers held the tail in case I got the thing started.

