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CHAPTER LETTER – JANUARY 2024

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING - **SUNDAY: January 21, 2024** ****DATE CHANGE****

Program: WINTER SOCIAL
Host: EAA Chapter 1127
Where: The Barn at the Midland RR Hotel
Who: Members, Families and Guests
Time: 1:00pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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 10, 2023

The regular meeting of Smoky Hill EAA#1127 was held on December 10, 2023 at the EAA meeting room at the Ellsworth Airport. The meeting was called to order by President Weinhold with 6 members in attendance. The minutes of the November meeting were approved upon a motion by Red Sigle and seconded by Larry Gourley. The motion carried.

Treasurer Homolka reported that the Savings had been moved to a different account that paid 5% interest and that the balance of that is \$8,000. He reported a checking account balance of \$2,952.43. Upon a motion by Woods and seconded by Sigel the report was approved.

Young Eagles: Weinhold reported that at the YE day in November the official number was 50 Young Eagles flew with 39 of them being first time Eagles. Also 9 adults were flown. Larry Gourley flew the most having flown 14. Weinhold also reported that Patti Kubick has accepted the roll of Young Eagles chairman for 2024. She will be assisted by Larry Farmer.

Youth Work shop: Red Sigle reported on the recent work shop. There were several cancellations and only 4 youth participated in the workshop. There was discussion on some things that would improve the activity, including maybe changing the age requirement to a closer spread. Sigle will check with EAA to see if that can be done. Several other suggestions were made to improve attendance. The final consensus was we should give it another try and bring it up for discussion when the YE Rally for 2024 is discussed.

Career day is still on the agenda, Weinhold will check with the school counselor again to be sure on the date. March is what we are looking at.

Tech counselor report: Nothing to report

Flight Advisor Report: Nothing to report

Old Business: The T shirts from NAC have arrived if you participated in the event, please get your shirt and scratch your name from the list so we know who received their shirt. The shirts are in the meeting room. Also, Weinhold read a card from the NAC committee chairman thanking us for helping and looking forward to us helping in 24.

The couch in the meeting room was discussed with one member thinking it took up too much room. After discussion it was decided to leave it for now.

New Business: The January Social was discussed, and all present agreed to hold it again in The Barn at the Midland Railroad Hotel in Wilson. The starting time will be 1300 hours. Weinhold will see if Anne Piper can coordinate the event. Also, it was suggested that we plan this event a bit earlier next year, possibly in November or October.

Jim Price notified the club that an FAA safety meeting will be held in Abilene on January 18th at 7pm. Location will be forth coming.

Dues are now payable to Jim Homolka, Treasurer. Weinhold also asked members to verify their EAA# on the sheet that Homolka has as they are needed from time to time in EAA correspondence.

Keith Houghton reported that today's program must be canceled as Anthony Henke is in McPherson and having trouble starting the airplane he was coming over in.

On motion by Red Sigle the meeting was adjourned.

Keith Houghton provided treats.

Minutes taken by President Dale Weinhold

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Well, the New Year is here, and as is the tradition of EAA #1127, we will begin the year with a social. Again, this year it will be held at the Midland Hotel Barn in Wilson, starting at 1:00 pm. Reservations are

required, and the 7th was the deadline. However, if you did not get yours in, you could call Anne Piper and ask if you can get in. Not sure how much room we have in that area, but Anne can tell you either yes or no. The social is the time of the year we recognize those that have served in different capacities during the year and just to get together with our significant other and enjoy the day. The Barn is an excellent venue, and everyone enjoyed it last year and I'm sure it will be just as great this year. We have made a practice of not conducting business at the social other than recognizing those individuals, approve the minutes, and that is it unless something can't wait until the February meeting. Keep in mind all members are responsible for the cost of their and their guest's meal, but as in the past the chapter will take care of the tip for the group, so no need to include that in your payment.

On the calendar for January, in addition to the social is an FAA Safety Seminar in Abilene on Thursday the 18th starting at 7 pm. An email was sent out, but if you have questions, please call Jim Price. These are always good, so if it works into your schedule Great!

Not a lot of flying on my part this month, weather held me back some, then eye surgery which is not back to normal yet, so haven't been in the air much. We have had traffic in and out of our airport, even seen the Highway Patrol there one day.

Special programs for 2024 will be on the agenda in February, so if you have something in mind bring it up at the February meeting or let one of the officers know so we can discuss it. Things that have been discussed are Career Day maybe in March, annual Young Eagles Day in November, another Young Eagles workshop, August Fly in, and a possible fly out. So, keep those in mind and any other ideas you may have for the February meeting. Maybe our August fly in would be a good time to have a runway dedication, if not before that. Things are looking good at our host airport except for the lack of grass, and maybe that will change come Spring. Hopefully we can open 13/31 in April as scheduled.

I think that's about it for me this month. Again, I hope you have your reservation in, if not and you are interested in attending give Anne Piper a call and she will let you know if you can get in. Fly Safe and often in '24 and continue your support of EAA #1127 and General Aviation.

SEE YOU AT THE MIDLAND!!

Dale Weinhold, President, Smoky Hill Eaa#1127

Hope your Christmas was a Great one, and remember, someone once so correctly said, "**The gift of happiness belongs to those who unwrap it**". A great gift that is there for the unwrapping so unwrap and be happy in 24!

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an

aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

 Homebuilders Week Schedule January 22 - 26, 2024					
To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek					
Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizlo	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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Pilot's tip of the week

Flying with Children

Featuring [Jeff Van West](#)

Subscriber question:

"We have two children, aged eight and six. They have flown on short hops, but we'd like to take them on longer trips. Do you have any tips for flying with kids?" — Julie H.

Jeff:

"We've flown with our kids from six months old. Here are some tips for the under-ten set:

Get kid headsets or ear protection. You can put adult headsets on a child's head and they'll look fine, but they don't seal at the bottom by the jaw. This lets in a lot of noise. Kid headsets have smaller earcups, and you can add noise canceling to these with an aftermarket kit if you want. Some in-the-ear headsets offer pediatric size ear tips that are great for kids. For babies, you can even use hearing protection designed for small dogs. *Mutt Muffs* is one company that makes these.



If the kids are on the intercom and you can isolate them, books on tape are much better than showing a video. Watching a screen in a moving plane will make most kids ill. But listening to a story keeps them busy while they look around and outside—the best way to avoid motion sickness.

Simple truth: But if you go up a mile or more, most kids will fall asleep, which makes the time pass faster.

Come down ... slowly. We used to plan 300 feet per minute. This took some negotiation with ATC when IFR, but many controllers are parents, too. We were always able to work something out, even in New York airspace.

Have barf bags and pee jars. This should go without saying, but it's essential to have both. It's good to ensure they've eaten a moderate meal. Not too much or too little.

Let them fly! Even if the autopilot is 'helping.' Kids love to fly. Give them a booster seat for a better view. Also, teach them to make simple radio calls. You get the best service from ATC when your seven-year-old checks in. *Now I want you to do Daddy a favor. Push that button and say we request direct to destination ..."*

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



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