

SMOKY HILL E.A.A. CHAPTER #1127



CHAPTER LETTER - MAY 2023

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NEXT MEETING

CHAPTER MEETING - SUNDAY: May 14th, 2023... NO MEETING this month!!

- Clean-up/Organization Day, May 21st

Program: Mother's Day
Host: NA
Where: Ellsworth Municipal Airport
Who: Members, Families and Guests
Time: 2:30pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY – JUNE 3rd

1ST SATURDAY

2ND SATURDAY

3RD SATURDAY

3RD SATURDAY

4TH SATURDAY

FLY-IN / JUNCTION CITY, KS

PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA & YORK NEBRASKA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BEAUMONT HOTEL, BEAUMONT KS (Starts again in April)

BENTON AIR PARK

ALVA OKLA, CRETE NEBRASKA FLY IN BREAKFAST

AUGUSTA KS & ENID OKLAHOMA BREAKFAST

Secretary's Report- April 16th, 2023

EAA Chapter 1127 met on April 16th, 2023. President Dale Weinhold opened the meeting at 2:30 PM. There were 13 members present with one guest, Jerry Graf.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jim Homolka

- Checking account at Citizens State Bank. Total: \$3222.05
- Federated State bank savings account total: \$6060.11
- Red moved and Larry F. seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried

Young Eagles Report: Mike Olsen

- It was decided that the Beloit Young Eagles Day would be deferred for now.
- The \$325 dollars in EAA credits will be used for 200 drawstring bags for kids to take home
 - Total cost of bags was \$560.25
- Things to consider for future EAA Young Eagle Days:
 - What to use the EAA credits for in the future?
 - The group mentioned they'd like to get a couple banners.
 - Tony M. and Keith would get in contact with potential designers
 - Can't use the credits for fuel reimbursement.
 - New Rule from Risk Assessment Training
 - We are only supposed to land and take off from one airport.
 - Can fly whatever route you want though.
- If you need help completing the Youth Protection Training let Mike Olson know.

Tech Counselor: Jim Homolka

- Virgil Lawson has agreed to be the other Tech Counselor for this year

Flight Advisor Reports: Keith Houghton & Larry Gourley

- Talked about Anthony H.'s progress through the program at K-State Salina. He mentioned there have been many obstacles and impediments, but he slowly continues to move forward.

Old Business: Dale Weinhold

- N/A

New Business: Dale Weinhold

- The Ellsworth Airport is pretty well finished. The only thing left to do is plant grass.
 - A reopening dedication will take place sometime in the future.
 - It may be done during the August Fly-in
- August Fly-in
 - Will be the first Saturday in August instead of the second

- Dale will be getting a flyer made up soon
- Welcomed the newest chapter member Jerry Graf
 - He worked at the FBO in McPherson for a lot of years
 - He is wanting to get involved and have kids out to the airport every week to build a kit built airplane together.
- Dale mentioned that he talked with the Ellsworth High School Counselor about another career day.
 - She said that she will set this one up to where kids are bussed out to the airport.

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

EAA Chapter 1127 Secretary
Anthony Henke

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

First of all, we are not having a May meeting. Our regular meeting day is Mother's Day, so it is appropriate that you spend the day honoring your mother, the mother of your kids or just remembering your mother on this special day. **HOWEVER**, the officers have discussed this and decided we will have a workday, clean-up day, or organization day. Whatever you want to call it. It will be held on Sunday, the 21st, of May, one week following our regular meeting day at 1400 hours (2pm). The purpose of the day is to organize all of the books, etc. that were donated to us by the Liby family. We have many things stored in the cabinets that probably need to be trashed or given away. Numerous VHS tapes that probably no one can play and many magazines and other material that we have accumulated over the years. We need to go through it, and if something catches your attention, you may be able to take it with you. The bottom line is we need more than just one or two of us to make the decisions on what to pitch, what to keep and where we will store it. So, if you can I would appreciate as many as possible to come out and help us organize the library.

All went well at last month's meeting; everyone looked at and was amazed by the amount of material that Max had accumulated. There still are many magazines, what isn't taken at this work session, we will probably trash. So come out and grab some if you want to spend some time looking at old aircraft and articles. This is the next step, let's organize a good reference library where we can check out material from and enjoy the books and things that Max has left.

On the flying front, we have a new aircraft coming to the field any day now. Gerry Hamontree has rented a hangar and has bought a very nice Bonanza that should make its way to Ellsworth Airport very soon. I have also invited Gerry to join the chapter and he will when it works out that he can make a meeting. This will be one more Professional Pilot in our chapter. Gerry is currently an active pilot flying out of Denver regularly.

The weather has not been what us fair weather pilots would order. Lots of wind and a lot of strong cross wind. Definitely makes you want to be sure and check the weather even if you are only taking a short flight. It seems to go up and down at will. Being weather wise in the Spring in Kansas is being a smart pilot. There have however been some nice days that one could, and I did enjoy the beautiful dry Kansas landscape

from the air. Not as nice and green as we would like, but still nice.

I will soon be working on the fliers and posters for the fly-in in August. The date is August 5th so mark your calendars now. Airport clean-up will probably be on August 2nd if you want to help out with that as well. I have already had a couple of calls wanting to know if we were having a fly-in this year. It will be fun.

Well, that's it for now, I hope some of you can make it out to help the officers make these important decisions and get a nice library set up.

SEE YOU ON MAY 21st at 1400 HOURS.

Dale Weinhold, President, EAA#1127

“THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY TO DO THE WRONG THING”

Mockup plaque

To be hung on the Ellsworth Airport EAA meeting room wall.



In Memory of

 **MAX LIBY** 

Lover of Aviation,
Piper Cubs EAA#1127
and Anything that Flew.

AVIATION PHOTO of THE MONTH

- Photos courtesy of member Kevin Lundy



My very first Homebuilt was fabricated with help from my Grandpa in Ellsworth. It was designed as a taildragger but became a foot-dragger by the time these pictures were taken. My brother helped me with the paint job, blue undersurfaces and camo above. The tail featured hinged control surfaces and up front was a lazy little DC motor that turned a propeller. It performed best when fueled by a little boy's 100LL imagination.

