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EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



Post Super Bowl Chili Bowl at KBTP



Presidents Message

EAA 857 continued the new year at Pittsburgh - Butler Regional Airport this month with our annual Post Super Bowl Chili Bowl gathering in the Pilots Lounge. We had a very good turnout of current and former chapter members and plenty of great chili recipes to eat. It was good to see Bill Kernan and Bob Severns there! Thanks to all for your attendance and help setting up and cleaning up!

Please note that Chapter Member 2019 Dues are due and payable as of January 1, 2019. We have important votes coming early in the year as we seek to reorganize and establish a 501C3 status for our chapter. To participate in such voting on these matters, your 2019 Dues must be paid in full. At this point, 85% of the chapter members have paid their dues.

Both the proposed EAA 857 Bylaws and Pennsylvania Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to the membership in a recent email. Please review these prior to our Chapter Meeting on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 7pm in the KBTP Board Conference Room when we plan to vote for acceptance of these documents. If you can not attend the meeting, please register your intended vote with the President by email to contact@eaa857.org which should be delivered no later than 7pm on February 18, (24 hours prior to the meeting).

Ted Merklin,
President EAA 857



Minutes of January 15, 2019 Meeting

Opening: President Ted Merklin called the meeting to order at 19:00 and led the members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Twenty-one members and one guest were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was asked to be sure that they had signed the sign-in sheet. A motion to accept the Secretary's report of the September Minutes was made by Phil Kriley and seconded by Chris McGear.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bob Tedesco and seconded by Phil Kriley. Note that Dues are due!

Newsletter Report: More articles are always welcome from anyone. Notify Ted Merklin if you are not receiving the newsletter. The newsletter is also published to the chapter web site at: <http://www.857.eaachapter.org/home.htm>, which has been updated for 2019.

Young Eagles Report: One Air Academy camper is on the waiting list for 17 year olds. YPP will need to be renewed for the 2016 class of volunteers who were trained and background checked then.

Technical Advisors: Chuck Potts and Bob Santolla

Report: None.

Old Business:

- The board has agreed to move forward on 501c3. Articles of Incorporation were sent to the members for review and comments. New Chapter By-laws will be sent for member review. Notice: If you have not paid your dues at the time of a vote to accept these documents, you will be ineligible to vote.
- We have moved our equipment to the CAP side of the hanger in a renovated space .
- Hats and shirts, see Chuck Potts in February. There will be an order sheet. Money needed at that time.

New Business:

- 2019 Dues are due and payable as of 1/1/2019.
- The First Flight party was well attended, the next event is the Chili Bowl cook-off February 10 at 1:00 PM.
- We need volunteers for this years post meeting programs.
- Event dates are set:

Young Eagle day:	Saturday, June 8
Fly-ins:	Sunday, August 11, and September 8
Sun & Fun	April 2-7
Sentimental Journey	June 18-22

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 19:45 was made by Chuck Potts, and seconded by Larry Schaefer.

Program: Ted Merklin Presented his photography from AirVenture 2018 and his trip to Iceland.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Schubert



Aircraft Maintenance Records Requirements

By Charles Potts

There are many misconceptions about aircraft maintenance records requirements. The intent of this article is to help the owner/operator to stay legal with the FAA and the insurance companies.

Proper management of aircraft operations begins with a good system of maintenance records. A properly completed maintenance record provides the information needed by the owner/operator and maintenance personnel to determine when scheduled inspections and maintenance are to be performed.

Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 91.403 places primary responsibility on the owner/operator for maintaining an aircraft in an airworthy condition. Certain inspections must be performed on your aircraft, and you must maintain the airworthiness of the aircraft between inspections by having any defects corrected. In accordance with FAR 91.407 that states, “No person may operate any aircraft that has undergone maintenance, preventive maintenance, rebuilding, or alteration unless, it has been approve for return to service by a person authorized under FAR 43.7”.

This authorized person may be a certificated A&P mechanic, repair station, or a person holding at least a private pilot certificate that may approve for return to service after performing preventive maintenance. **For Preventive Maintenance see CFR 43 Appendix A (c).**

In addition, FAR 43.9 states, each person who maintains, performs preventive maintenance, rebuilds or alters and aircraft, airframe, aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, or component part **shall make an entry in the maintenance record** of that equipment containing the following information:

1. A description of work performed.
2. The date of completion of the work performed and for inspection under FAR 43.11, the total time in service.
3. The name of the person performing the work, with certificate number and kind of certificate (note: **This also apply to pilots performing preventive maintenance**).

The bottom line is, to stay legal; **The paper work must be completed before you fly.**

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at:

E:Mail charlespotts@zoominternet.net

Telephone: Cell 724-601-3815

Chapter Shirt and Cap Orders

to be taken at the February Meeting! See Chuck Potts.



HATS \$15

First color is hat color, second color is color in bill

Black/ Khaki	Black/ Red	Black/ White	Khaki/ Black	Khaki/ Navy	Navy/ Khaki	Navy/ Red
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- 65/35 polyester/cotton twill
- Structured, six-panel, mid-profile
- Pre-curved sandwich visor with matching undervisor
- Sewn eyelets
- Hook-and-loop closure
- top button can be removed

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- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims
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EAA 857 - Calendar for 2019

Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the Pittsburgh-Butler Regional Airport.

January 15

February 19

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

Chapter Events

EAA 857 First Flight - Tuesday, January 1

EAA 857 Chili Cook Off - Sunday, February 10

International Young Eagles Day - Saturday, June 8

EAA 857 Fly-In and YE - Sunday, August 11

EAA 857 Fly-In and YE - Sunday, September 8

2019 National Events

Sun 'n Fun - April 2-7

Sentimental Journey - June 18-22

AirVenture Oshkosh 2019 - July 22-28

Use contact@eaa857.org to email the Chapter President.

Your request will be forwarded to the appropriate individual.



Chapter 857 Members

See your chapter's Website at:

<http://eaa857.org>

Take a look today!

Newly Updated with **This Newsletter!**

Prior Issues for 2019 will appear in our newsletter archive.

Please submit your project updates, photos, articles, thoughts, technical tips
to contact@eaa857.org

ALSO, Monitor our Facebook Group Page:

Search for "EAA Chapter 857"

or Friend "Theodore Merklin" and I will add you.

Here are a selection of other websites for you to Visit

<http://www.butlercountyairport.org>

<http://www.eaa.org/>

<http://www.airventure.org/>

<http://www.aopa.org/>

<http://www.faa.gov/>

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