
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



Our local museum, Air Heritage, at the Beaver County airport in Chippewa shows their C-123 Provider, the Thunder Pig in the Warbirds display field at AirVenture Oshkosh 2023.



Presidents Message



Greetings Chapter 857,

September already?! This year has gone by in a blur for me. I have greatly enjoyed the chapter meetings, presentations, Young Eagles events and Fly-Ins. Thank you to those of you that come out and support the cause time and time again! This time of year, is my favorite with the changing leaves and cooler temperatures.

Our last Young Eagles event was cancelled due to inopportune weather. We will need to discuss if we want to reschedule this event or wait for next year. This will hinge on our key pilots and their availability.

Back by popular demand, Ross Edmondson will be speaking to us virtually at our meeting on Tuesday September 19th. If you can't make it to the meeting in person, please call in! Ross has now traveled 83,000 miles, to 35 countries, 570 airports, and nearly 700 hours in the air that have all led up to this completion for him.

Happy and Safe Flying,

Joss Slagle

Chapter President



Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association–Chapter 857 Minutes of August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Opening: President Josselyn Slagle called the meeting to order at 07:00 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 16 members and 3 visitors were present. Alex Schaffer joined the chapter.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Kyle Riedel and seconded by Dan Hood, approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report submitted by email from Frank Szczerba was reviewed. Motion to accept put forth by Kyle Riedel and Marsha Hood, approved by all.

Newsletter: The August newsletter was distributed and uploaded to the chapter website. Newsletter contributions are always welcome!

Website: Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857> in your browser to view the site. Plans are to update the Ray Aviation Scholarship Page and other minor corrections.

Tech Advisor: No report

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday September 19, 2023 Ross Edmondson will present regarding his around the world conclusion!

IMC meeting: N/A

Air Academy: N/A

Young Eagles: The next Young Eagle events are scheduled for 8/19 and 9/9.

Ray Aviation Scholarship: Colin soloed and plans on taking his written exam mid-August.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Talk about 5G issue.

August Event: Young Eagle Registration is closed now.

Volunteers

Ramp Control: Destinyjay Maletta, Colin Daniello, Nicholas Beggeman

Food: Kyle Riedel, Dave VonKaenel

Gate Entry: Mark Beighey

Computer/Check-in: Ted Merklin, Chris McGeary

Pilots: Dan Hood, Bill Banks, Kyle Riedel, Frank Szczerba

49/48 kids are registered for 8/19. Registration for September's event, opens Saturday 8/19.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M. by a motion made by Kyle Riedel and seconded by Joss Slagle.

Respectfully submitted: Destinyjay Maletta, EAA 857 Secretary

Flight Accomplishments

by Kyle Riedel

The Chapter congratulates two EAA members and exceptional volunteers for receiving their flight instructor certificates. Both Ben Wahl (Chapter 857) and Jackson Donovan (Chapter 988) are part of the new generation of EAA members helping the organization meet its charter. Most recently, Ben assisted with the Boy Scout Aviation Badge event at KBTP and Jackson was instrumental in putting together Chapter 988’s participation during “Wings and Wheels” at KFKL. They both are paving their own way toward a pro-pilot career and will soon be flying jets. Best wishes as you both start the “Instructor” phase of your flying careers.



Ben Wahl on the left.

Jackson Donovan at right and below with Frank Szczerba



The Chapter also congratulates Grant Coffield, below, for achieving his Private Pilot certificate in his 1974 C150.

Grant Coffield receives his Private Pilot’s license from Chuck Sargent (DPE).

He completed his PPL training with Cranberry Aviation.

Red Stewart Airfield Labor Day Air Show

by Danny Michaels

Circle W Restorations, the folks that painted my aircraft, invited me to join them and their historical Beach Model 18, at an airshow this past Labor Day weekend. Located near Dayton, OH, it was an easy flight in my C182, and well worth the trip. I got there early to perch in the front row, sit under my wing, and picnic while watching all of the birds arrive. The air show included national acrobatics champions, a fleet of Beach Model 18's, parachute jumpers, and lots of interesting fly-in aircraft. The show was free and included music and food trucks. It was encouraging to see so many families bonding over aviation. The grounds are flat, so the views were amazing and up close, and several rows on the ramp were reserved for overnight campers, including an early breakfast by EAA Chapter 284 the following morning.



Red Stewart show crowd



Parachute Jumper delivers the flag

The Red Stewart Airfield in Waynesville, Ohio is a family owned and operated grass field. The airport and the Stewart family are dedicated to the preservation of grass roots aviation. The field was established by Emerson "Red" Stewart in 1946, and the airport is now owned by Red's oldest son, Emerson Jr. (Cub), and his wife Cathy, who sat not far from my aircraft during the airshow.

Legend has it that Red Stewart would disconnect the control stick, throw it out of the door, and land his Piper Cub with power, trim, and rudder alone. While in flight he would sit on the wing strut outside of the airplane, flying the aircraft from there. When doing loops, he would touch his landing gear on the ground at the bottom of the loop. While working for Frigidaire in the mid 40's, Red would fly to work and land in the parking lot alongside all of the

automobiles. There is actual news footage of some of these "maneuvers". His famous statement was "Don't ever do this,... but if you do, here's how".

Late in 1945 Red fronted some money to his father for the purchase of a 108 acre farm 2 miles south of Waynesville, Ohio. Red bought in with the understanding that 40 acres of the wooded, unfarmable portion would be deeded to him separately. If Red was going to do what he loved doing, he was going to need an airport. When the plant manager at Frigidaire told Red to stop landing in the parking lot with his airplane, Red quit the plant, got a box of dynamite and a bulldozer, and started clearing that 40 acres. With the help of his wife Irene and some friends, the airport was completed at the end of 1946.

Red bought a brand new Piper Cub from the Lock Haven factory at a discount, becoming a certified Piper dealer. The airport, his business, and his prowess with the yellow Piper grew, as did his sons Emerson Jr (Nicknamed "Cub", of course), Steve, and David. All of Red's sons began flying in their early teens. Red flew an amazing 18,000 hours teaching, cajoling, and breathing flight. Even some airline pilots flying across oceans for years don't have this much flight time.

Cub Stewart is an accomplished pilot and flight instructor. He has done a lot of aerobatics, vintage aircraft, and war bird flying. He is also an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic (now called Aviation Maintenance Technician) and Airworthiness Inspector, with a specialization in older style fabric covered airplanes. He was voted Aviation Maintenance Technician of the year for the whole country in 1991. The restored L-4 and L-6 Observation planes from WWII that are hanging in the US Air Force Museum were restored by Cub and his wife Cathy. Cathy is also a certificated AMT and a wizard on fabric covered aircraft.

Emerson III, Cub and Cathy's son, is a flight instructor and AMT. Flying since he was 13, Emerson has over 10,000 hours, mostly in tailwheel aircraft. He has been performing in airshows since 1998. Emerson resides on the field with his wife Kim and two children, Audrey and Emerson IV (Ace). Their daughter Sara also works at the family business and is an accomplished pilot. She resides on the field with her husband Chris and sons Ryan and Jonah.

As you can see, Red's kids and grandkids are continuing the dream he began over 60 years ago, flying Cubs out of what is now Red Stewart Airfield. He was a Barnstormer in the truest sense of the word. I recommend stopping in to visit this legendary airfield. I plan to be there next Labor Day weekend.

[history adapted from the Red Stewart Airfield website at <https://www.stewartaircraft.net/history.html>]

View over Columbus coming home

Ed. On the following pages are several images Danny Michaels shared from his day at the Red Stewart Show!



Stolp Starduster Too SA300



Hatz CB-1



Cessna 195



Piper Pacer



Citabria



Extra EA300

Project Update

Bill Eisenman received his airworthiness certificate from the FAA for his Zenith 750 STOL, seen below.



Congratulations Bill!



EAA 857's first Ray Scholar's Training Update

by Naomi Wigley

I've had a busy schedule here at Baylor, but I am still managing to fly three times a week! I am flying the Tecnam P2010 with G1000, and it has definitely been an adjustment...along with flying in 108 degree weather!



I want to thank the chapter, once again, for granting me the Ray Aviation Scholarship. It is such a blessing to have the basic foundation of flying before coming here; I couldn't have done it without you all :)

Naomi's panel view in the Tecnam P2010!

my instructor had the controls as I took these photos





EAA 857 - Chapter Meetings and Events for 2023

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

Chapter Meetings	Tuesdays	January 17 February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20 July 18 August 15 September 19 October 17 November 21	
IMC / VMCClub -		TBD	
International Young Eagles Day -		Saturday,	June 10
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -		Saturday,	August 19
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -		Saturday,	September 9

2023 National Events

Sun 'n Fun -	March 28 - April 2
Sentimental Journey -	June 20 - 24
AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 -	July 24 - 30

EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2023

Use contact@eaa857.org to email the Chapter President.
Your request will be forwarded to the appropriate individual.

President	Josselyn Slagle
Vice President	Kyle Riedel
Treasurer	Frank Szczerba
Secretary	DestinyJay Maletta
Board Members	Dan Hood 2023-2025
	Ted Merklin 2023-2024
	Danny Michaels 2023
Website / Newsletter	Ted Merklin