
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



A Young Eagles Rally Flight!
Just look at those smiles!

Presidents Message



Hello EAA 857,

Another month gone. This one has been busy for our chapter. We held our first Young Eagles event of the season on International Young Eagles Day. The event was held at the Butler main terminal building as opposed to High Flight's shared hangar. The event ran smoothly. This new location looks very promising for future endeavors. Thank you to all of you that came out to support, educate, volunteer and fly young eagles. The kiddo's had an excellent time. This month's meeting should offer plenty to discuss for our next Young Eagles event. As I ask my students: What went well? What didn't go well? What will we do better next time? I look forward to hearing feedback.

Danica and Kylan are pictured here. Kylan flies with me at New Castle occasionally. His parents want to keep the interest alive for him. While Danica is visiting from California. Kylan loved talking to Danica about flying ventures. Neither were first time fliers, but they were fast friends.

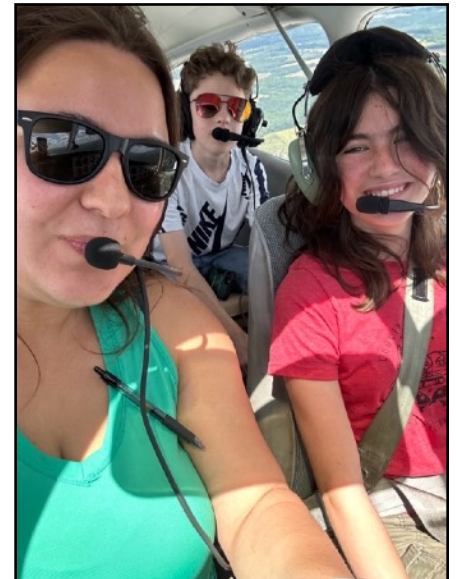
I also wanted to share some personal insight into Airplanes and Automobiles (rendition of Wing's and Wheel's) at New Castle Airport on August 24th. We have been approved for military fly over by both the FAA and FSDO. Things are getting interesting, hope to see you there!

Happy Father's Day!

Kindly,

Joss Slagle

Chapter President



*ps: 2024 chapter dues are now due and payable. Please see Frank Szczerba, 857 Treasurer
\$25 per individual, \$35 per family.*



Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association—Chapter 857 Minutes of May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

Opening: Kyle Riedel called to order at 7:08 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 12 members were present, with 1 visitor.

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

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

Newsletter: The May 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 to do maintenance on the website) It was Revised to update the new location of the young Eagles event to be held at the terminal building.

Tech Advisor: N/A

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

IMC meeting: Kyle Riedel is going to find out if we are registered to have VMC and IMC discussions.

Young Eagles: International YE event is scheduled June 8th.

- First International Young Eagles event is scheduled June 8th.
- Rain Day is scheduled for June 15th.
- We will operate out of the terminal building.
- Set up with 3 sessions between 9-1pm.
- Colin, Danny, Destinyjay, Chuck, will be ground volunteers.
- Not serving extensive food, only snacks.

Air Academy: Ian Geikowsky has filed his paperwork with EAA Air Academy office. Scheduled for the Second YE session in late June. EAA 857 payment due for their tuition has been sent in as well. Credits from 2023 YE to be applied also. Plans to fly into Wisconsin. {ed.: actually is driving to Oshkosh and flying home}

Ray Aviation: Colin's Instructor says 2 to 3 more flights to get signed off for his Check- Ride.

- We are awarding a fully funded scholarship to Samantha Burke.

Old Business: Member count of 40 members. 12 has not paid dues.

New Business: Plan to bring in a guy to talk about light sport aircraft and the VMC course process.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned by Destinyjay Maletta and seconded by Marsha Hood at approximately 7:36 P.M.

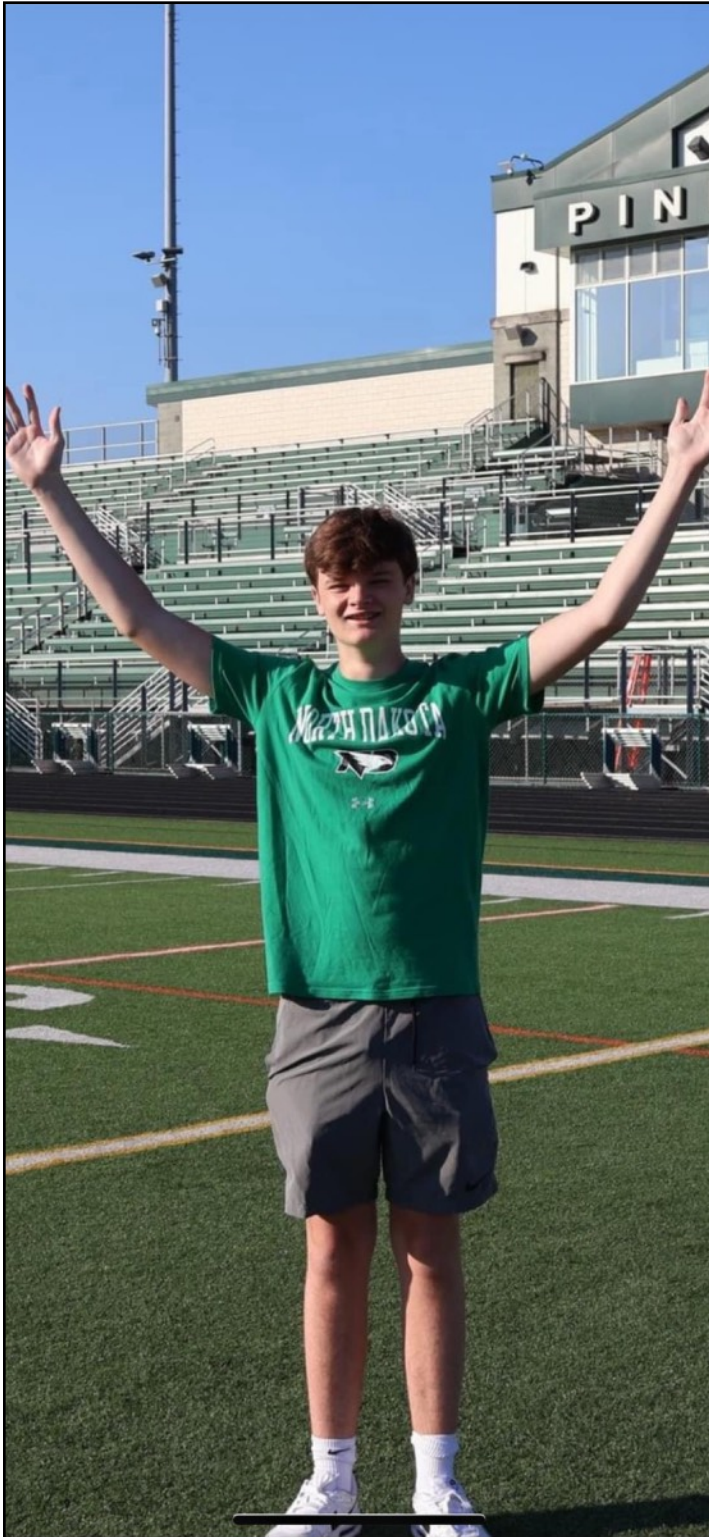
IMC Program: A marginal flight conditions scenario was discussed reviewing potentially poor decision making.

Respectfully submitted:

Destinyjay Maletta,

EAA 857 Secretary

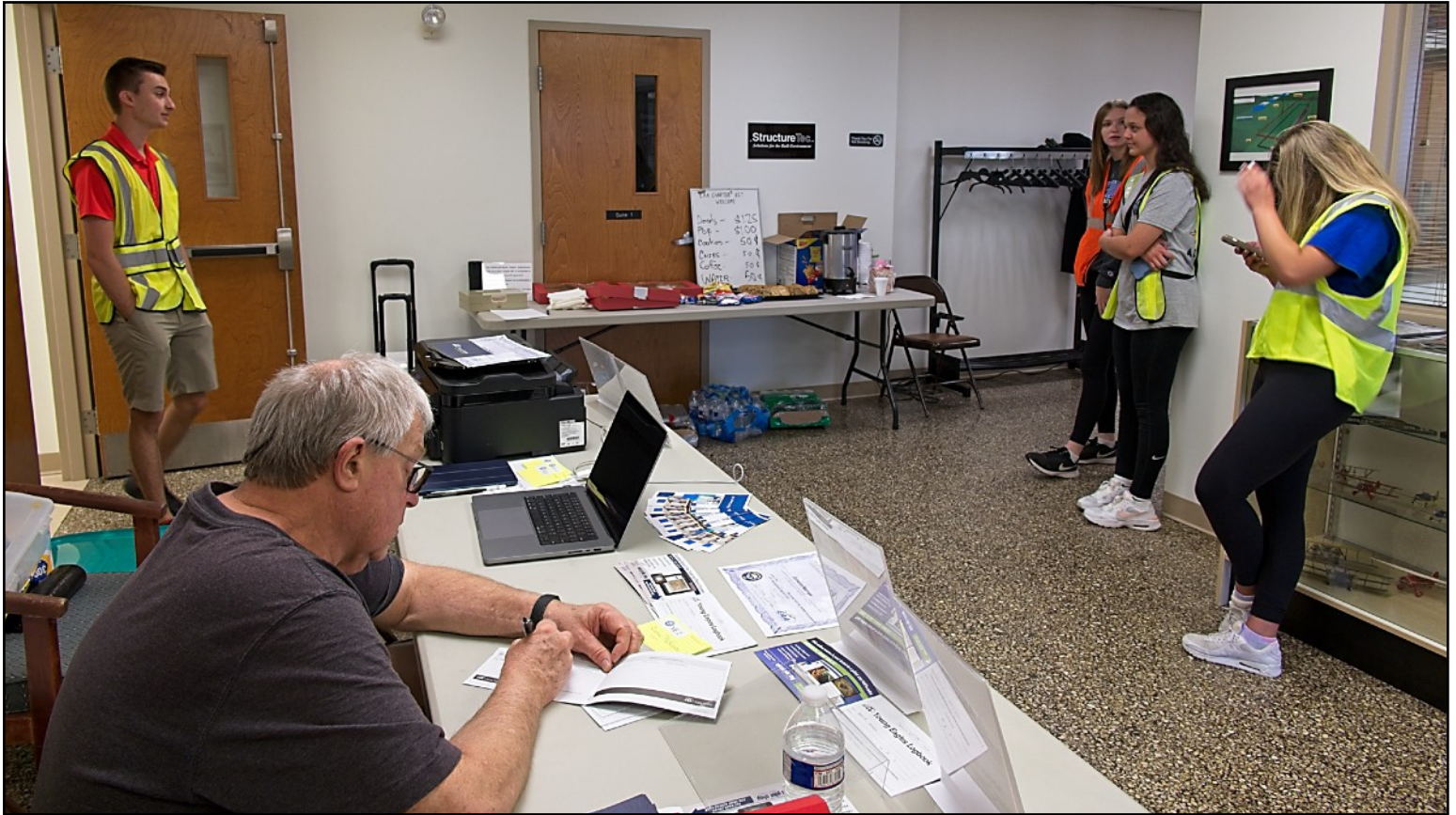
Colin Daniello To Attend University of North Dakota For a Commercial Aviation Degree



I am excited to share that I have officially committed to the University of North Dakota (UND) to pursue a degree in fixed wing commercial aviation. This decision marks a significant milestone in my journey toward becoming a professional pilot, and I couldn't be more excited about what the future holds. Over the past year, I have looked at many aviation programs across the country. Each program had its unique strengths and offerings, making the decision challenging. However, after careful consideration and research, I am confident that UND is the perfect fit for me. What set UND apart from other programs is its state-of-the-art facilities and top-notch aircraft. These factors, combined with UND's renowned reputation in the aviation industry, made it clear that this is where I belong. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported and guided me over the past year. Thank you for believing in me and for your unwavering support. As I embark on this new chapter at UND, I am filled with excitement. The journey to becoming a pilot is challenging, but I am ready to embrace every opportunity and overcome any obstacles that come my way. I look forward to mastering my flying skills, and eventually taking to the skies as a professional pilot. Thank you once again to the EAA community, my family, friends, and mentors for being a part of this incredible journey. Your support has made all the difference, and I am eager to make you proud as I take flight at the University of North Dakota.

International Young Eagles Rally Day, June 8, 2024

EAA Chapter 857 joined other chapters on this day to rally candidate Young Eagles and provide free introductory flights to the world of general aviation. The chapter thanks our volunteer Pilots and Ground Crew for their assistance in conducting this event. All told, 20 Young Eagles were flown.



A registration Desk was set up in the KBTP Lobby. Chuck Warren works at filling out the logbooks. Ben Wahl and Ally Moraca both alumni Young Eagles assisted our event. Ally had two friends accompany her to help, all are near to completing their PPL check rides and will be pursuing further aviation education.

The airport manager had suggested this location change to enhance access to parking, board room and rest room facilities. We did not provide a breakfast / Lunch service at this event after disappointing earnings last year.

EAA 857 plans to hold their next Young Eagles Rally on August 10, 2024.



Similar to what we have done before when located at the High Flight hangar, our boarding gate this time was set up just outside the terminal building for this event. Danny Michaels, Bill Eisenman, and Mike McGowan assisted the Young Eagles and Parents to their aircraft.



Joss Slagle, Bill Eisenman and a number of candidate Young Eagles and their parents await their flights at the gate.



DestinyJay Maletta and Ben Wahl presented a basics of flight ground school to the Young Eagles and their parents using the KBTP conference room facility. It is a great asset to have the video monitor and other props to illustrate the subjects presented.





Frank Szczerba, returns with a flight of Young Eagles from a round trip to Lake Arthur.

Joss Slagle volunteered as our other pilot for this event. She brought along her student, Isabella Buell, to help us on the ground. Isabella is near to taking her check ride and will be attending Kent State in an aviation program this fall.





Danny Michaels and his Cessna 310 were on static display. Perhaps it will fly Young Eagles at a future event!



EAA VMC Club

Question of the Month

This Month EAA Chapter 857 VMC Club will host Scott Reichert from Chapter 68 (Beaver). Scott recently completed the Light Sport Repairman Maintenance (LSRM) Course with Rainbow Aviation Services (Kingsville, MO). Rainbow Aviation – The Light Sport Professionals.



Scott Reichert.
LSA Owner and member of EAA Chapter 68.



Scott's Zenith 650XL being disassembled for relocation to Western Pennsylvania.

Scott is the owner and maintainer of a Zenith 650XL. He'll discuss the merits of holding his aviation credential and how it keeps him flying as an LSA pilot.

VMC Club will start immediately after our membership meeting on Tuesday the 18th.

Chapter members and non-members are all welcome to join us.

Dan Hood has a roll of insulation/ sound deadening foam from Airtex and a metal prop to sell. Dan can give more info to anyone interested. Please Contact Dan Hood at: archer90m@gmail.com

Chuck Warren notes that although a hangar had become available at KBTP, its condition was not appropriate for our use needs. However we're still on the waiting list, but the offerings so far are not suitable for the chapter.

EAA 857 President Joss Slagle adds this event in our planning for August!

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EAA 857 - Chapter Meetings and Events for 2024

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 16 February 20 March 19 April 16 May 21 June 18 July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15 November 19
IMC / VMCClub -		TBD
International Young Eagles Day -		Saturday, June 8, (rain date 15)
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -		Saturday, August 10 (rain date 17)

2024 National Events

Sun 'n Fun -	April 9 - 14
Sentimental Journey -	June 18 - 22
AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 -	July 22 - 28

EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2024

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	Danny Michaels 2024-2026
	Dan Hood 2024-2025
	Ted Merklin 2024
Website / Newsletter	Ted Merklin
Young Eagles Coord	Ted Merklin
Ray Aviation Scholarship	Kyle Riedel