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EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



2 Taylorcraft Departing KBTP

**Chuck and Don leaving for Zelie in formation
after our New Year's Day Lunch.**



Presidents Message

EAA 857 began another year at Pittsburgh - Butler Regional Airport on January First with out annual Leftovers Lunch in the Pilots Lounge. We had a very good turnout of current and former chapter members and plenty to eat. Thanks to all for your attendance and help setting up and cleaning up!

At our last meeting on November 20, 2018 the following slate was elected to represent you in Chapter leadership positions for the coming year:

President,	Ted Merklin
Vice President,	Phil Kriley
Treasurer,	Frank Szczerba
Secretary,	Rick Schubert
Board of Directors,	Bob Santolla
	Gary Marsico (continuing on Board)
	Larry Gaichas (continuing on Board)

On December 12 several members joined to lend a hand moving our chapter gear from the Northwest corner of the Community hangar to new space prepared for us by the airport on the Northeast Corner (parking lot side) of the building. When the weather warms we will want to do some organization planning for this space, but for now it is all secure. High Flight Academy as you may know will be renovating the area we moved from for their business expansion for flight training.

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.

Ted Merklin,
President EAA 857



Minutes of November 20, 2018 Meeting

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

Attendance: Seventeen 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 Larry Gaichas and seconded by Dan Pappert.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Larry Gaichas and seconded by Dave VonKaenel. 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>.

Young Eagles Report: Invitation letters to Young Eagles Air Academy camp prospects sent out. No other Report. YPP will need renewed for the first class of volunteers.

Technical Advisors: Chuck Potts and Bob Santolla

Report: None.

Old Business: The board has agreed to move forward on 501c3. The reorganization paperwork is being developed. Articles of Incorporation were sent to the members for review and comments.

Our room at the airport is being taken over by High Flight Academy, they had a Lease Option to use the space. We will be moving our equipment to the CAP side of the hanger in a renovated space there in early December or late November.

Hats and shirts, see Chuck Potts in February.

New Business: 2018 Chapter Service awards were given out
Elections in November, these people were elected:

President	Ted Merklin	Vice President	Phil Kreily
Secretary	Rick Schubert	Treasurer	Frank Szczerba

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 19:45 was made by Larry Gaichas, and seconded by Chris McGeary.

Program: Dan Pappert presented a program on the establishment some years ago of his Central PA hunting camp's airstrip

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Schubert

Flying Italian Style

by Bob Santolla

Back in October Debie and I flew to Milan Italy for 2 weeks to explore the Italian Riviera and a place called Cinque Terra “The Five Lands.”

Milan, a metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region, is a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, it's a financial hub also known for its high-end restaurants and shops. The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent, housing Leonardo da Vinci's mural “The Last Supper,” testify to centuries of art and culture.

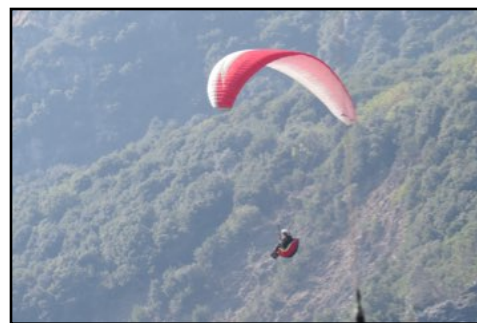


But my mission was to take the train, a one hour ride, to Como Lago or better known as Lake Como and spend time at one of the oldest seaplane bases in the world right at the slopes of the Alps. But a little history lesson will bring this special place to life. So let me explain.

In 1903 when the Wright brothers made their first flight at Kitty Hawk, flight in Como was still via balloons. Just a few years later, in 1909, the first airplane took to the Larian skies. Flying began in the Como region in the earliest years of its existence.



In October of 1913 the epic of water flying over Lake Como began, shortly after Calderara and Guidoni had flown the first Italian seaplane in the Gulf of La Spezia. In fact the most famous European seaplane pilots came together with their aircraft in Como, to compete to win the important “Grand Prix of the Lakes”. Where Debie and I stood on the shores of Lake Como is the site of the first hangar built in 1930 which is still used today to store and repair the seaplanes that fly in and out every day.



The Aero Club as it is called has the distinction as the oldest seaplane operation and seaplane flight school in the world started in 1930, a record certified by Guinness World Records. Their fleet today consists of 4 Cessna 172s, a Cessna 206, a Piper PA-18, along with a Cessna C305 which we call the L-19 Bird Dog, a Republic RC-3 Seabee, and finally to Italian airplanes, the Macchi MB 308 and the Caproni CA 100.

As you can see General Aviation is alive and well in Italy witnessing our trip recently. We even found flying taking place in Monterosso Cinque Terre in the form of para-gliding as we watched from the hills.

I really enjoy the seaplanes because that is how I began my entry into aviation 50 years ago.

So our vacation to Italy or wherever in the world we travel always includes finding airports and people that enjoy aviation! So get out and explore aviation where ever you find it and “keep’m flying

It was a cloudy cool day in on January 1 when....

2 Taylorcraft from Zelie flew into KBTP to join EAA 857 Members for a New Year's Lunch!

Photos by Larry Schaefer



Chapter Shirt and Cap Orders

to be taken at the January and February Meetings! 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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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/>

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