

Based at Pittsburgh-Butler Regional Airport, KBTP, Butler County, Pennsylvania

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



There is always something unique to see at EAA AirVenture!
A 1936 Stinson Model A Tri-Motor in American Airlines Colors!



Presidents Message

EAA 857 Members,

This is August 19th as I write this and it is National Aviation day, so I hope as many of you as possible are aviating today!

I apologize for the late publication of this newsletter. It was 4:15 this morning when I arrived home from a weekend photo workshop at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin home in southwestern Wisconsin. Once again I got to enjoy O'Hare in its full glory after the storms that rolled through and disrupted operations for the rest of the day Sunday!

Our event earlier in August on the eleventh I count as a successful fly-in with Young Eagles! We had plenty of Pilots and aircraft available and flew at least 25 Young Eagles under one of the best skies and weather that I can remember for one of our summer events. We also had at least 9 Fly-in pilots and crew show up for breakfast! Financially we covered our cost and added over \$300 to our cash box. A heartfelt Thank You to all the volunteers who helped set up, clean up, and man the tasks necessary to conduct our fly-in. The September event date will be to 9/28 to coincide with the 90th birthday celebration for KBTP. We will not be flying YE that day, but will sell burgers and dogs and promote the chapter as a whole.

I also wish to thank all of you who were able to represent our chapter at the services for Larry Gaichas on Friday. He was a fine man, with a great wit, and very supportive of all we have done as EAA 857 over many years as one of our chapter's charter members. As a Young Eagles Co-ordinator, News and Website editor, and many other efforts, he will be sorely missed!

Our next meeting is tomorrow at the normal time, 7pm, and place in the KBTP conference room. See you there!

Ted Merklin,

President EAA 857



Minutes of July 16, 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: Seventeen members 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 Dan Pappert.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Phil Kriley.

Newsletter Report: Thanks to Bob Santolla for his articles and Mike Neuman for his Commanche restoration photos. 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:

- Nick Peltz, our Air Academy camper for this year is accepted and should be attending at Oshkosh in late July.
- YPP will need to be renewed for the 2016 class of volunteers.
- Bob Santolla has agreed to serve as Young Eagle coordinator for the rest of the year.

Technical Advisors: Chuck Potts and Bob Santolla

Report: ADSB will be required January 1st; There will be no extensions. Pertinent to aircraft with engine driven electrical systems.

Old Business:

- The chapter reorganization is proceeding with paperwork preparation. There will be no impact to our insurance coverage due to the change. We will need to prepare an Ad notice to local Butler County Papers.
- Hats and shirts were distributed; contact Chuck Potts if you have not received yours.

New Business:

- We have our August Fly-in with Young Eagles on Sunday 8/11 9 till 1pm. Setup will begin at 7am. We should have sufficient pilots and planes on hand! Please come and help with coverage for this event.
- We will be moving our September Fly-in Event from 9/8 to 9/28 so it coincides with the KBTP 90th birthday celebration currently being planned by the airport Board of Directors. No Young Eagle Flights this time.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 20:10 was made by Phil Kriley, and seconded by Chuck Potts.

Program: The program was a presentation on airways and charts by Bob Santolla.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Schubert

Ted Willke's Cub Restoration moves to KBTP



“In the spirit of providing items for the EAA 857 monthly newsletter, I am attaching four photos of the Piper Cub J-3 wings beings transported and moved into my hangar at Butler.

Helping with the move were Ike Kelly, Larry Baumgartel, my grandson Jake Koenig age 12, and me. The photos were taken over two days on Wednesday and Thursday, July 24-25.”



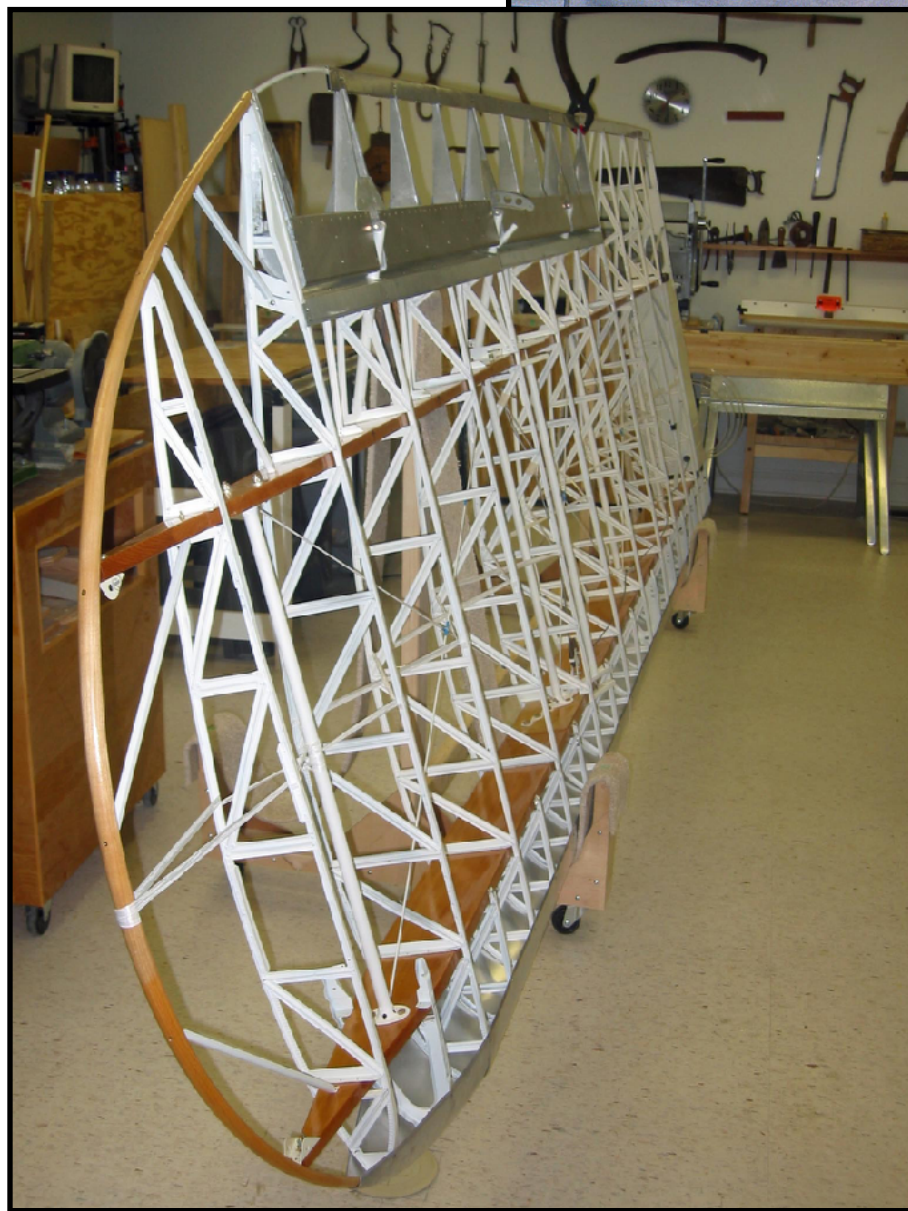
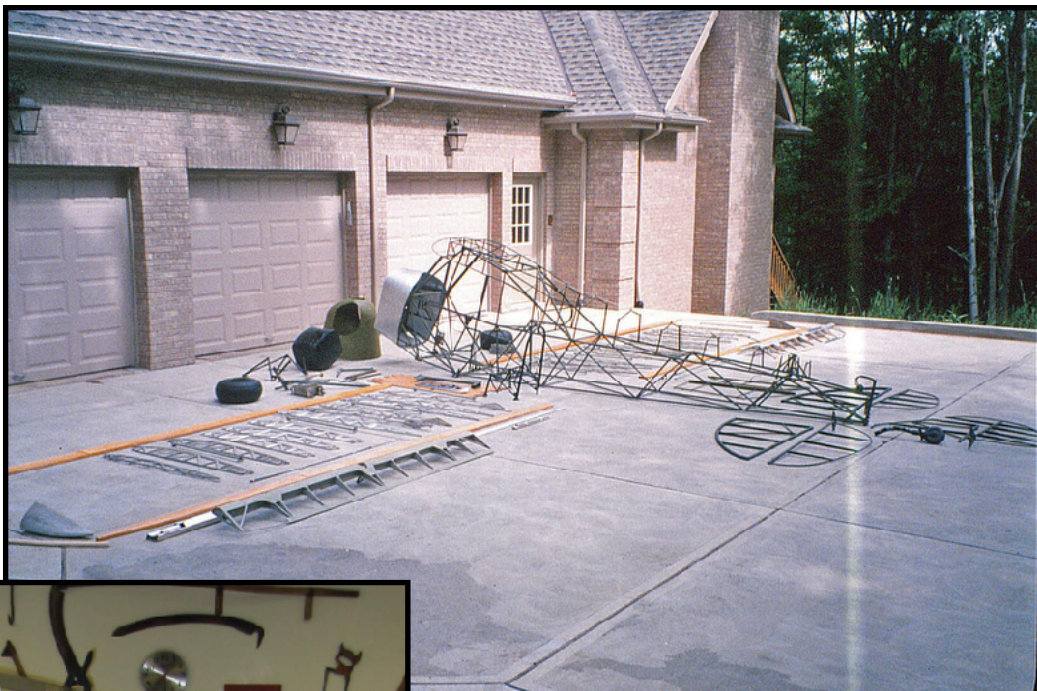
Ted Willke and his grandson Jake with help from Ike Kelly and Larry Baumgartel hauled Ted's restored Piper Cub Wings up to KBTP for storage while Ted prepares to paint his fuse.



“As you can see, many of the smaller parts including the tail feathers and ailerons are also in the hangar. I have begun painting the fuselage and hope to get it finished soon. Many thanks to Ike and the airport staff, including Stacey Daugharty, for their assistance. They are welcoming to EAA 857 and all the pilots. I truly appreciate their help.”

Ted Willke

These images are from our chapter website photos page showing the original state of Ted's Cub Project, and the left wing partially assembled awaiting cover.



In Loving Memory of our member, Larry Edward Gaichas



“May the skies be clear on your flight west, Larry!”

The Van's RV-12 that multiple EAA Chapter 857 members, including Larry Gaichas, had a hand in building. Larry certainly enjoyed flying this bird!





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AND
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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

EAA CHAPTER 1077

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SUNDAY, SEPT-1 7:30-1:30 PM

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(KPHD) New Philadelphia, Ohio**

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Chapter 857 Members

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<http://eaa857.org>

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Prior Issues for 2019 will appear in our newsletter archive.

Please submit your project updates, photos, articles, thoughts, technical tips

to contact@eaa857.org

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Websites of Interest to EAA 857 Members

<http://www.butlercountyairport.org>

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

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

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

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

<http://faasafety.gov>

<http://www.condoraero.com>

www.draggintailpilots.weebly.com



EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2019

President	Ted Merklin
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Technical Advisors	Chuck Potts Bob Santolla
Board Members	Bob Santolla 2019-2021 Gary Marsico 2019-2020

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

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
KBTP 90th Anniversary -	Saturday,	September 28

2019 National Events

Sun 'n Fun -	April 2-7
Sentimental Journey -	June 18-22
AirVenture Oshkosh 2019 -	July 22-28