
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857



International Young Eagles Day at KBTP in 2022

Kyle took Leah for a ride in his Piper J-3

It dawned cloudy but cleared nicely for our YE Rally Day!

Presidents Message



One event down - 2 to go! Our June 11 Young Eagles Drive-in/ Fly-in Pancake Breakfast is in the books. Ted will give you specifics, but top level we flew 53 kids on 35 flights by 7 pilots! Unfortunately, they did not come hungry and we lost money on the pancake breakfast and hamburgers and hot dogs lunch, even though we raised the prices some and had donated eggs (thanks Scott) a donation from Giant Eagle and donated drinks from my wife and me. But the good news is we will not have to spend much at all for our next event.

Thank you to the pilots - some of whom flew Young Eagles the previous week as well! Wow! And thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to fill in for some of our regulars who had to bow out due to illness and injury.

A reporter and photographer from the Butler Eagle came by and interviewed several of us. They published a nice article in the Monday edition. The weather was perfect and I think we made a good impression on quite a few people.

Gary Marsico has collected 4 applications from some excellent nominees for the \$10,000 Ray Aviation Scholarship. The board will review these and submit our selection to EAA headquarters. If approved, we will be able to award the scholarship! We will keep you all posted as we proceed. Thanks again for your help and support with our first event, and I hope to see you at the June meeting.

Phil Kriley

EAA Chapter 857 president



Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association—Chapter 857 Minutes of May 17, 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting

Opening: President Phillip Kriley called the meeting to order at 07:01 PM. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 12 members were present. Bob Weir was viewing from live stream on Google Meet. This constituted a quorum for our purposes.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to accept made by Ted Merklin and seconded by Frank Szczerba.

Treasurer's Report: Account amounts were reported all balances noted. Marsha Hood made a motion to accept the treasurers report and seconded by Ted Merklin. 990N is filed and completed as of this meeting.

Newsletter: The newsletter was distributed and uploaded to the chapter website. As a reminder anything related to aviation can be included in the newsletter, we are always looking for additional content to include.

Website: Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857> in your browser to view the site. Check out some new updates and features added.

Tech Advisor: No report/not present

IMC Club: Wednesday May 18th, 2022, at 7pm is the next IMC club meeting. Balloon soundings and interpreting weather data and model output statistics are the topics for the meeting presented by Miranda Fullerton.

Business: The following items were discussed:

- **Young Eagles:** Volunteers are needed! IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW. The event has been posted in multiple locations. Phillip Kriley plans to check on propane levels and the grill and inventory our previous supplies. Ted Merklin plans to speak with the flight schools and airport authority to coordinate for several event needs.
- **Air Academy:** Leah Martin will attend in late July. She will be our only attendee this year. Leah has paperwork to complete, and the chapter has a sum to pay this will be coordinated in future days. We are excited for Leah to attend.
- **Current Membership:** We have 31 total numbers and 8 unpaid members
- **Ray Aviation Scholarship:** 0 applicants thus far. We are expecting most will wait until the last minute.
- **Chris Farrar project presentation:** His fascinating RV-10 project update gave insight into his progress.
- **Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 07:47 P.M. Frank Szczerba made the motion to adjourn seconded by Dan Hood.

Respectfully submitted:

Josselyn Slagle, Secretary EAA 857

Young Eagles Flights and Parent Messaging

By Kyle Riedel

What an honor to volunteer for EAA and enjoy flying while doing it. EAA's Young Eagles Program has come a long way and now offers a program that provides statistics on the kids that we flew and the volunteer pilots that provided them a flight. Thanks to Ted and Chuck at the registration desk for the quick turn-around on providing that information just hours after the event ended.

This was my second time serving as a Young Eagles Volunteer Pilot and because I was now familiar with how the event is orchestrated, I thought I would try a few changes focused on messaging. Unlike my first time serving as volunteer pilot, I made a greater effort to communicate three key points to the parent of the Young Eagle. First, if a parent was available, I asked if they would like a photo of their child at the controls while in the air. Since I was flying open doors, I encourage Young Eagles not to take photos during the flight at the risk of dropping their phone. Three of the five indicated that they would gladly accept a photo, so I had few business cards with a simple message printed on it (Thank you for flying with us today!) and my phone number. I left it up to them to contact me for the photo. Secondly, I let them know that the entire event was put together by volunteer chapter members which included pilots offering up their own aircraft to provide the child-centric experience. In closing, I reminded them that the Young Eagles event is intended to be a gateway to other aviation opportunities provided by EAA. Those opportunities being Air Academy, GirlVenture and lastly internships and scholarships.

While I only gave five of these "elevator pitches," perhaps an interested parent will remember the key points when they share the photo of their child taking a Young Eagles flight in a J-3 Piper Cub.

Looking forward to our next event. Here are a few photos of the Young Eagles we flew on June 11th. The youngest is 9 years old.



EAA 857 Young Eagle Rally Day June 11, 2022

by Ted Merklin

I would like to thank all the folks who came out last Saturday the 11th to voluntarily give of their time to provide the children in our region with an opportunity to experience the joy of flight! As Kyle attested to above it is an honor to share with them our enthusiasm for aviation. Hopefully it will encourage some among them to pursue the dream!

Certainly thanks go to our pilots for undertaking this expense and time to provide the rides. Also thanks to Phil, and Robin, for shopping, setting up, and running the kitchen providing breakfasts and lunches and also to our Air Academy candidate, Leah Martin for helping Robin.

It was busy at the registration table as we for the first time used the electronic signature process for the parental waivers and the Pilots acknowledgments. Thanks to Chuck Warren and Joss Slagle for helping me with the process. New member Danny Michael helped out marshaling kids and aircraft at the gate. He had hoped to fly for us but his C182 was still waiting completion of its annual.

Once gain heartfelt thanks to all of you who were there to lend a hand! Coming up our August 14th Fly-in!











Pittsburgh Soaring Association Relocated to KWAY

In case you might be interested in another form of aviation fun. I am told by Dave von Kaenel that the Pittsburgh Soaring club has moved their operations this year from the Bandel airport near 84 PA to the Green County Airport, KWAY. You may be interested to know that Dave has been flying as one of their Piper Pawnee tow plane pilots for several years now.

Their address at the general airport is 417 E Roy Furman Hwy, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

Here is a link to their [website](#).



EAA 857 - Chapter Meetings and Events for 2022

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 18 February 15 March 15 April 19 May 17 June 21 July 19 August 16 September 20 October 18 November 15
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IMC Club -	3rd Wednesdays,	May 18
International Young Eagles Day -	Saturday,	June 11
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -	Sunday,	August 14
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2022 National Events

Sun 'n Fun -	April 5 - 10
Sentimental Journey -	June 21 - 25
AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 -	July 25 - 31

EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2022

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

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