
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



EAA 857 Members Chris and Margot McGeary flew into Oshkosh last month for AirVenture 2022.

See inside for more of their photos taken at the show!

Presidents Message

As I write these notes, it is Tuesday evening before our August 14 Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake breakfast and Young Eagles event.

And I have a lot of questions:

Will the weather let me fly to Maine tomorrow to get my CI finished up?

Will the CI go well and will I get back home in time for our Sunday event?

Will we have enough pilots?

Will we have enough volunteers?

Will we have enough or too much food?

Will Astronaut Dr. Jay Apt really come and visit?

As you read this, of course, we have the answers in hand, and the event is behind us.

I hope it went well and I hope the answers to my questions were positive! The advertising was out, the big signs were out, the groceries were in the fridge so we did what we could to prepare for our event.

Next up is the FORD TRI-MOTOR event. If you attended the Fly-in then you saw some of the advertising for the visit. We will be advertising in some local businesses and news media and I am really excited about this event as well! PLEASE help your chapter support this as the income could be substantial. We have plenty of flyers, business cards etc. for you to distribute. I will bring these materials to the meeting.

I hope to see you at the chapter meeting!

Phil Kriley

EAA Chapter 857 president





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Minutes of July 19, 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting

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

Meeting attendees: 12 members were present. 2 members were viewing from live stream on Google Meet.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Ted Merklin and seconded by Chris McGear.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was absent but minutes were read by Ted Merklin. Motion to accept put forth by Mike Neuman and seconded by Dan Hood (didn't catch it).

Newsletter: The newsletter will be distributed and uploaded to the chapter website. We expect to see Oshkosh pictures next month. Stories and technical content are always appreciated.

Website: Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857> in your browser to view the site.

Tech Advisor: No report

IMC Club: Mike plans to check into making our club VMC rather than IMC or both. The meeting for July 20th has been cancelled. More information to come next month.

Next Regular Meeting: 16th of August, 2022

Business: The following items were discussed:

Young Eagles 2 flights were completed recently and offered donations to the chapter. New forms are to be used for Young Eagles one off flights as well as regular events. Registration for the August 14th event has been created.

Air Academy Leah Martin is ready to go!

Ray Aviation scholarship selected candidate Naomi Wigley has put in her application to EAA headquarters.

Tri-Motor event: We have Tri-Motor signage to start displaying. We would like to pursue stickers to add our information to the Tri Motor signage we have. Pursuing local Ford antique group to be a part of the event would be advantageous. We would like to get the Tri-Motor event in our next newsletter, on the website and on Facebook. Potential revenue on this event was discussed among members. The Tri Motor will be stored in a hangar and that is taken care of.

October Young Eagles: event will be on the 9th which is the second Sunday. Moved due to Tri-Motor event.

The airport manager: KBTP board has hired Michael Biggs as airport manager. He begins working on August 15th.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 08:00 P.M. motion made by Marsh Hood and seconded by Dan Hood.

Respectfully submitted:

Josselyn Slagle, Secretary EAA 857

Pure [Lake] Michigan

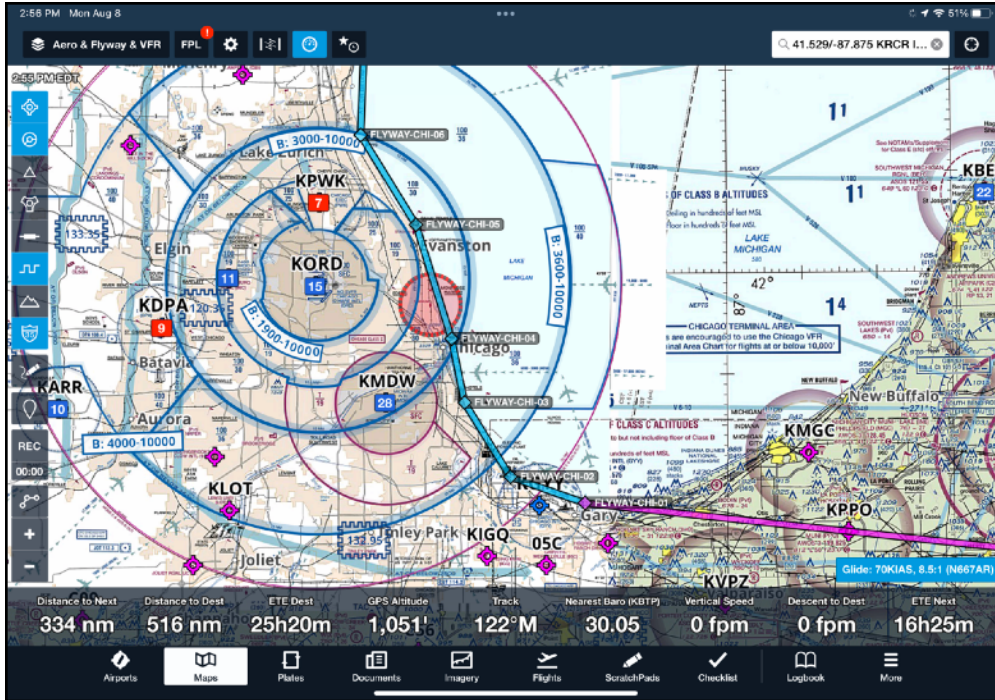
By Danny Michaels

Lake Michigan and its incredible coastline provides the backdrop for my favorite part of going to Oshkosh—i.e., getting there and back. We can fly over land, water, or some combination of both. This year I chose the northern route on the way to AirVenture, flying past Mackinac Island and around the northern coastline of Lake Michigan, and the southern route through Chicago on the way home, flying VFR to see the sights below a low ceiling both ways. The northern route added almost two hours to my trip (the headwind didn't help), but it was worth every second.



Mackinac Island

I flew the famed Chicago VFR Flyway on the way home. Flight following was not available until I was close to Chicago, and I was surprised how willing the controllers were to take me on. In fact, Chicago Bravo wins the award as the friendliest controllers of the entire journey, both ways. I saved custom waypoints in Foreflight, superimposed over the flyway map so that I could instantly populate my GTN and set altitude restrictions to adhere to the flyway. The view was stunning below the peaks of the tallest buildings and out over the water enough to enjoy the cityscape.



Chicago Flyway from the air



I loved just about everything about AirVenture this year, but Lake Michigan stole the show for me. In fact, the trip turned into a reconnaissance mission to find hot spots along the way for future vacations.

A word from our 2022 Air Academy Attendee; Leah Martin



During my time at AirVenture I was lucky enough to see a P-38 waiting for push back outside of Pioneer Airport. I was so grateful to have attended this year's Advanced Air Academy camp at AirVenture Oshkosh. I have made so many friends and have made many connections in the amazing world of Aviation. During My week at Camp I had gained a lot of knowledge and also had a review on a lot of Aviation terms. I was lucky enough to be able to fly a 162 Skycatcher during the week of the camp as well, truly an awesome experience. As this was my second year at Oshkosh I still have not managed to see every single thing on the grounds. Maybe next year I will manage to cover all the grounds, hopefully. I wanted to thank everyone at chapter 857 for this scholarship. I am truly grateful.

More AirVenture Sights Seen by Margot and Chris McGeary









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
IMC Club -		3rd Wednesdays, May 18
International Young Eagles Day -		Saturday, June 11
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -		Sunday, August 14
Food Tri-Motor		Th-Su September 8-11
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -		Sunday , October 9

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.

President	Phil Kriley	
Vice President	Kyle Riedel	
Treasurer	Frank Szczerba	
Secretary	Josselyn Slagle	
Board Members	Ted Merklin	2022-2024
	Mark Beighey	2022-2023
	Dan Hood	2022
Website / Newsletter	Ted Merklin	