
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



A Successful EAA 857 Fly-in!

Today, the chapter returned to our tradition of the Summer Breakfast Fly-in with Young Eagles rides provided at KBTP.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

EAA 857 Members,

We will meet for our August chapter meeting in the KBTP conference room on Tuesday 8/17 at 7pm. Please arrive / log in early as we will also conduct this via a Google Meet live stream for those of you who may not wish to attend in person at the airport. I will send you the meeting link to use prior to the meeting. We won't attempt a picnic this month as the weather looks to be questionable on Tuesday.



AirVenture 2021 has closed and by all appearances it was a great return after the hiatus last year. We had multiple members attend the show this year, some flew in and others drove as usual. This month's newsletter features some photos from members who attended and I wish to thank, Chuck Warren, Mike Neuman for and Frank Szczerba for their contributions.

I wish to thank everyone who turned out and made our second event of the summer a great success today. We held our first Fly-in event since 2019 and had a good number of customers at our pancake breakfast. Thanks to Phil and Robin Kriley for getting our grille out and prepared for the event, including shopping for supplies, and to Robin, Marsha Hood, and Margot Lynn who ran our kitchen. The setup process for these events are benefitting from the transport carts Dan Hood made for us to move our chairs, tables and other heavy gear from our store room. Thanks go to all who helped set up and clean up.

This event also featured Young Eagles rides and I believe we flew about 34 rides, 25 had pre-registered for the event and there were a few no-shows. Thanks to Chris McGeary at the registration desk, and to Chuck Warren, Frank Feczko, Mike Neuman, Frankie Szczerba and Dan Hood for marshaling kids and aircraft. Of course, thanks also to Frank Szczerba, Dave von Kaenel, Gary Marsico, Kyle Riedel, and Mark Beighey as our pilots!

We will repeat this event on September 12, so please note that in your calendars

Take care, and once again my thanks to all of you!

Ted Merklin,

President, EAA Chapter 857



Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association—Chapter 857 Minutes, 7:00 P.M., July 20th, 2021 Regular Meeting

Opening: President Ted Merklin called the meeting taking place at KBTP Airport Board Room to order at 6:48 P.M.

Meeting attendees: 14 members plus our guest speaker Ross Edmondson attended this meeting,

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior chapter meeting taking place on June 15th, 2021 were reviewed by all members. Motion to accept minutes was put forth by Chris McGeary. Seconded Frank Szczerba.

Treasurer's Report: The following report of chapter finances was presented. Motion to accept was put forth by Phil Kriley and seconded by Josselyn Slagle.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be distributed and uploaded to the chapter website.

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

Tech report: Purchase graphite powder at Home Depot for brakes. Phil Kriley

Business: The following items were discussed:

- Round the World Journey: We started off the meeting with Ross Edmondson exciting part 2 presentation of his round the world journey.
- Young Eagles: Double credit for young eagle flights taking place in June, July and August. We have 5 people pre-registered for our event taking place next month.
- Air Academy: Reapplication for Zach Jordan needs to be completed.
- Boy Scout Event: Event on October 9th. Boy Scouts have asked for 2-3 chapter pilots and planes to be present for scouts during a weekend camping expedition at the airport.
- Leadership: Upcoming leadership role nominations in October loom on the horizon
- August 17th next meeting: It has been proposed to have a picnic meeting for our next meeting.
- Airport Closure: Check your NOTAM's and beware Zelig airport is closed with runway project effective July 26th, 2021.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Josselyn Slagle and seconded by Phil Kriley.

Respectfully submitted:

Josselyn Slagle, Secretary EAA 857

AirVenture 2021

Our new member, Chuck Warren, offered these images of AirVenture, his first time to attend the convention:



The above appears to be in the homebuilt parking area north of the Forums buildings.



A winning vintage WACO I believe!



An Air Force C-17 Globemaster II on static display.



So many interesting educational presentations given.



A PBY amphibian on the grounds provides a lot of shade!



It was quite nicely appointed inside!

AirVenture 2021

Mike Neuman provided these photos from his time at the show:



Hot air balloons preparing to launch near where Mike's Commanche was parked.



Quite a lot more aircraft parked at the south end of Wittman Regional, Oshkosh, WI than I recall seeing before.



These British World War 2 fighters were seen in the Warbirds area.

In the first row there is the classic Supermarine Spitfire!



And in the second row is the Battle of Britain hero, the Hawker Hurricane!

Meet SCRAPPY,

This Bush airplane is a successor to Mike Patey's DRACO, the one-off turbo powered, bush craft reminiscent of the Polish Wilga.



Mike Neuman says this drew quite a crowd around it at AirVenture. Look at that Garmin panel!



AirVenture 2021

Frank Szczerba, took these shots at this years AirVenture 2021:

It appears Frank enjoys variety of the flight line Sunday arrivals such as these images depict.

Clockwise from top left: Dehaviland DHC-2 Beaver, Pilatus PC-12, Grumman HU-16 Albatross, North American F-86, Cessna 310, the “Coyote Ugly” Bush Plane, a Super Cub I think.





EAA 857 - Chapter Meetings and Events for 2021

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 19 February 16 March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15 July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19 November 16
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IMC Club -

EAA 857 Chili Cook Off -

International Young Eagles Day -

EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -

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3rd Wednesdays, Cancelled until further notice.
Cancelled

Saturday,	June 12
Sunday,	August 15
Saturday,	September 12

2021 National Events

Sun 'n Fun -	April 13-18
Sentimental Journey -	June 22 - 26
AirVenture Oshkosh 2020 -	July 26 - August 1

EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2021

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

President	Ted Merklin
Vice President	Phil Kriley
Treasurer	Frank Szczerba
Secretary	Josselyn Slagle
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	Dan Hood 2021-2022
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