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Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

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# EAA 857 NEWSLETTER

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## **The Liberty Aviation Museum Ford Model 5-AT-B**

**This is a composite treatment of the original photo that added a more dramatic cloudscape. sun flare, monochrome tone, and a border.**

## Presidents Message

Well folks, this is my final message as your chapter president!

The past year has been very busy and successful for our chapter. We did 3 Pancake Breakfasts and flew a bunch of Young Eagles, we sent Leah Martin to the Air Academy in Oshkosh, we hosted the Ford Tri-motor and we awarded a \$6000 Ray Aviation Scholarship to Naomi Wigley! Our bank account is strong and we have a full slate of candidates for the elections. Our membership has remained steady, losing a few but also, more importantly, gaining NEW members from a NEW generation of aviators. I frequently get compliments about how well run our events are from visitors and members of other EAA chapters, and it's all because of the dedicated helpers we always have at our events and to the officers and committee chairs who make it all happen. I'm pretty certain we will be awarded the Gold chapter award again this year.



As I close out my term, I want to thank all of you for your generous support over the past year, and encourage you to remain active going forward. I have put my plane up for sale but I still have one to build, so I will continue to be a presence in the chapter.

Thanks all,

Phil Kriley

EAA Chapter 857 president

*ps: We will be electing our 2023 Chapter officers at our next meeting on 11/15. Please come to register your vote or let me know your election choice for the slate previously communicated to you.*

*pps: 2023 Chapter Dues are due for payment on January 1, 2023. This is \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family group. A portion of these dues pays for our upcoming charter renewal for 2023 with the national EAA.*



## Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association—Chapter 857

### Minutes of October 18, 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. One visitor attended, Bill Eisenman, who joined the chapter. Bill is currently building a Zenith 750 STOL.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Kyle Reidel and seconded by Mike Neuman; all members present indicated approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** The status of our accounts was reviewed, including a small 1\$ error in the September reporting. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Mike Neuman and seconded by Kyle Reidel; all members present indicated approval.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter was distributed and uploaded to the chapter website on Sunday. Thank you, Kyle Riedel for the article interviewing one of our former Young Eagles, Max Kasowski, now a first officer on a Beechjet 400A.

**Website:** Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857> in your browser to view the site. Updates have been made to the site adding a photo gallery for the recent Ford Tri-Motor tour and a reference page for VMC Club.

**Tech Advisor:** No report

**IMC / VMC Club:** Mike Neuman plans to do a presentation as part of our November chapter meetings.

**Next Regular Meeting:** November 15, 2022

**Young Eagles:** Results from the October 9 event were reviewed.

**Business:** The following items were discussed:

- **Tri Motor event:** Plan to document lessons learned, in part to mitigate poor documentation of the process from National EAA. Financial yield was low with respect to the effort required by volunteers. EAA national agreed to reimburse half of the advertising expense due to confusion regarding tour responsibility. Our customer traffic and net income was much less than in the July 2015 visit.
- **Ray Aviation scholarship:** Naomi has finished solo cross country work.
- **Air Academy:** Check with Robert Brueggemann to gauge his interest. One session of the Advanced camp has a waitlist.
- **Nomination of Officers for 2023:** Need to identify a candidate for President and 3 year Board member. Dan Hood indicated he would re-up for the Board Member position.
- **Board meeting:** Called for next Tuesday, 10/25.
- **Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 08:00 P.M. motion made by Ted Merklin and seconded by Bob Tedesco and approved by all.
- **Program:** A video was presented in tribute to the late Tom Poberezny.

Respectfully submitted:

Ted Merklin, Board Member, EAA 857

## Top 5 Coolest Moments So Far

by Joss Slagle

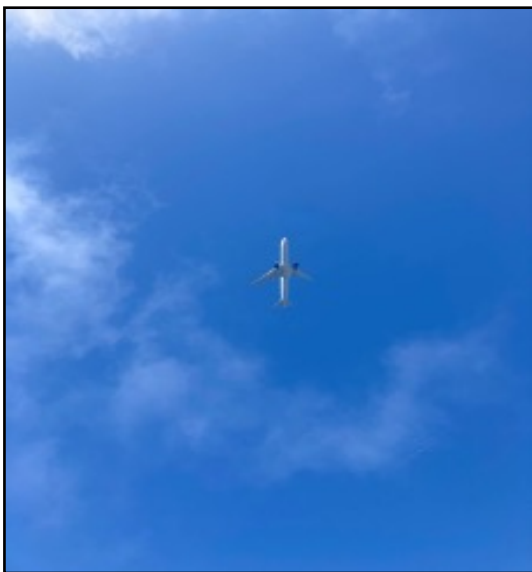
As most of you know I am in Denver for an internship with United Airlines. The experience has been incredible. For once, I must choose my top 5 things to write about for an article rather than struggling just to come up with one thing to write about. In no particular order here they are.

### 1) San Francisco

Admittedly, being 1,400 miles away from home has been lonely at times. Luckily, I have the coolest mom in the world who loves to travel like I do. She has never flown standby before, but I booked her on a flight and off she went. She met me in San Francisco for the weekend. It was on her bucket list to walk the Golden Gate Bridge and she did. I drank coffee and had breakfast on the other side while she walked. She curled her hair that morning, but the curls fell out in about 5 minutes with the humidity.



Ghirardelli Square was the next stop on our adventure where United's Fleet Week was taking place. I had never heard of Fleet Week until it was mentioned in the breakroom the week before the event, but I am glad I got to attend mostly because the Blue Angels are always awesome to see. The fog was so bad that the captain of the team had to keep flying over and doing checks to see if it lifted enough to put on the show. This made the experience even better to tell you the truth.



2) Cameron McIntosh

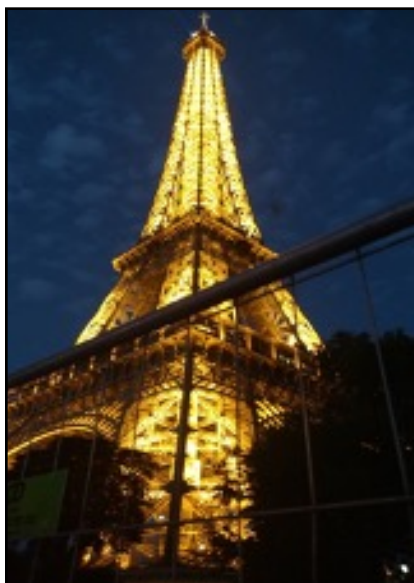
Cameron is a friend of mine who works as a ramper for United at PIT. He flew down to Denver and I got to bring him into the pilot realm. Not every employee that works at United has access to the flight training center in Denver. In fact, only pilots and flight attendants have access to this sprawling facility. Cameron wanted to shop at the mainliner company store and asked if I could get him in. I did get him in to the store, but I added a few other experiences while he was visiting. We ventured across the complex and he got the full tour with fun facts along the way. I took him to the museum to see 100 years of United history. Finally, Scott Kirby, the CEO of United, happened to be speaking that day so naturally I took my friend to meet him.



3) Hawaii,... no wait,... Vegas

The plan was to go to Hawaii for the weekend but apparently everyone wanted to go to Hawaii. The flight filled up, so I rerouted to Las Vegas. When this happens, I start to panic. I like to have some idea of what I will do once I get to a destination. This was unplanned chaos, but I managed to make the best of it. I have pictures with both Eiffel Tower's now and I got to see the Hoover Dam.

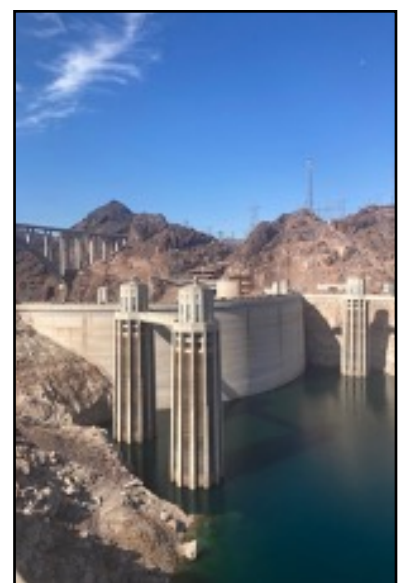
Eiffel Tower, Paris 2016



EiffelTowerLas Vegas 2022



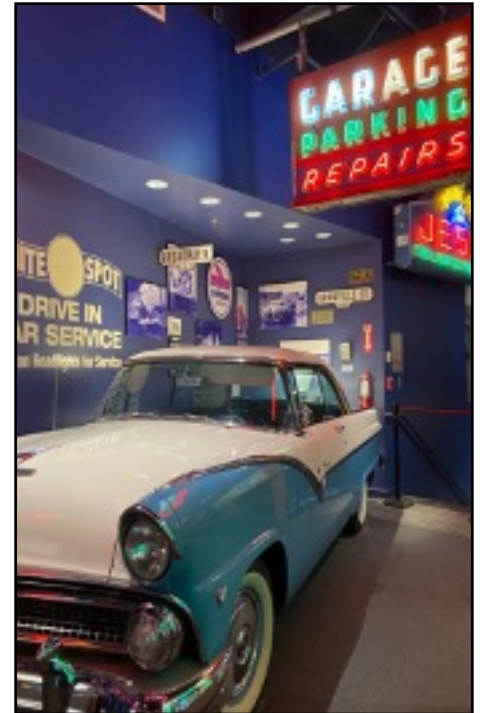
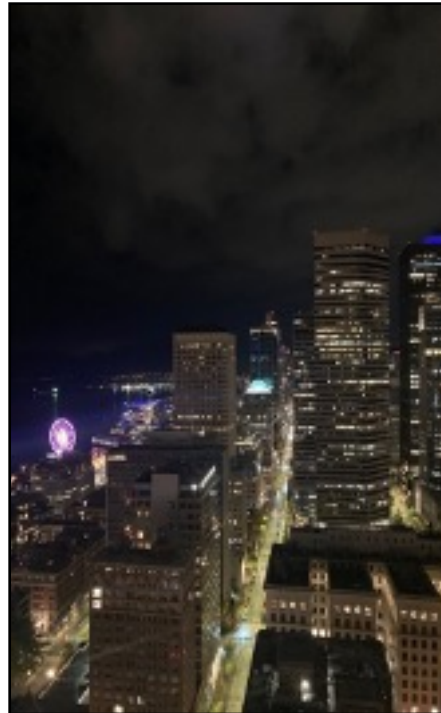
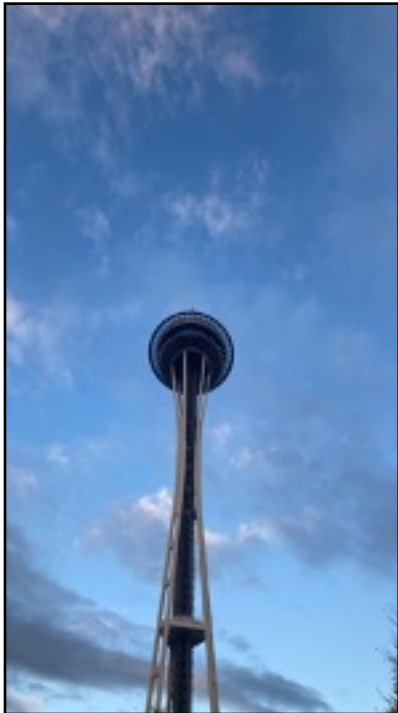
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4) Seattle, Washington and Vancouver, Canada

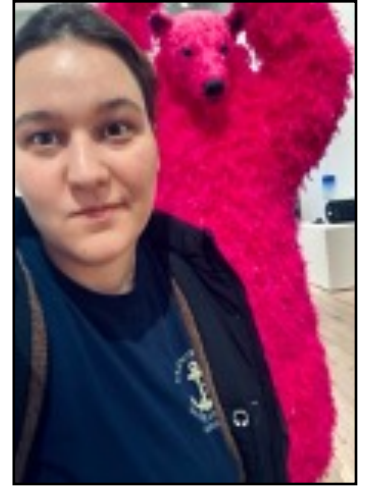
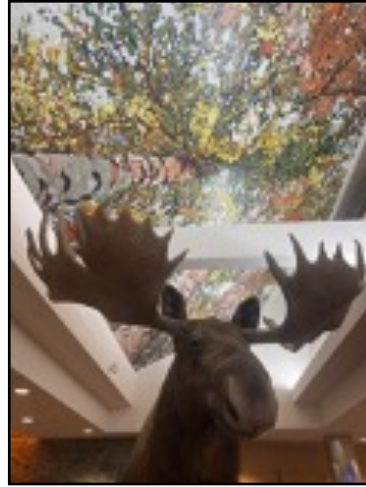
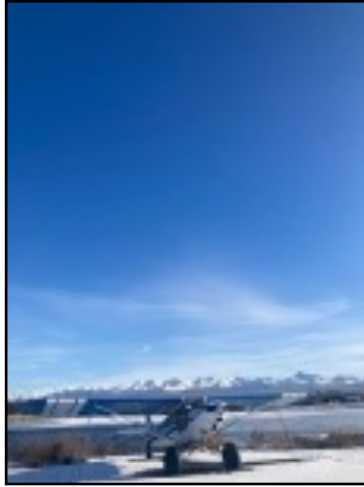
As part of the internship the interns all go to Seattle and tour the Boeing facilities. It was massive and we were given an hour to explore which was certainly not enough time. I spent the entire weekend in the Seattle and Vancouver. I drove up to Vancouver first, which was beautiful and went to the Vancouver Museum and the Stanley Park.

In Seattle I visited the Space Needle, Kerry Park, and Smith Tower. Smith Tower was my favorite because it put you in the shoes of someone who worked in Smith Tower back in all its glory.



5) Anchorage, Alaska

For years Alaska has been on my list. Directly next to Ted Stevens International Airport is the world's largest sea plane base (Lake Hood). Lake Hood also is the home for the Alaska Aviation Museum. I spotted a moose for the first time and got to hang out with pink and yellow polar bears at the Alaska Museum. It is on my bucket list to return to Alaska for sea plane training someday and if the right piloting job came along I wouldn't say no...



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**Mike Neuman sent this message for EAA 857 members:**

I am planning a 15 minute presentation at the November meeting.

This month's topic will be the "A, B, C's of airspace and the logic behind the regulations."



**Bob Tedesco shared these images from AirVenture.**



**Homebuilt Aircraft display on the Homebuilt Pavilion**

**The Aeroshell aerobatics demonstration team flying their North American AT-6 Texans**







**The Boeing B-29 Superfortress “Doc” on Boeing Plaza**

**Yesterday, November 12, 2022 a tragedy occurred at the Veterans Day commemorative airshow in Dallas Texas.**

**This Bell P-63 King Cobra from the Commemorative Air Force, shown on display at Oshkosh, was involved in a mid-air collision with the organizations B-17 “Texas Raiders”. This resulted in the loss of the pilots and crew members and both historic and rare aircraft. Please keep these aviators and their memory in your hearts and minds. May they Rest in Peace!**





## EAA 857 - Chapter Meetings and Events *for 2023*

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM  
in the Conference Room at the Pittsburgh-Butler Regional Airport.

<b>Chapter Meetings</b>	Tuesdays	January 17 February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20 July 18 August 15 September 19 October 17 November 21	
<b>IMC / VMCClub -</b>		TBD	
<b>International Young Eagles Day -</b>		Saturday,	June 10
<b>EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -</b>		Saturday,	August 12
<b>EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -</b>		Saturday,	September 9

### 2023 National Events

<b>Sun 'n Fun -</b>	<b>March 28 - April 2</b>
<b>Sentimental Journey -</b>	<b>June 20 - 24</b>
<b>AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 -</b>	<b>July 24 - 30</b>

### EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2022

Use [contact@eaa857.org](mailto:contact@eaa857.org) to email the Chapter President.  
Your request will be forwarded to the appropriate individual.

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