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Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

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# EAA 857 NEWSLETTER

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## **AIR SHOWS RETURN AT SUN N' FUN**

The classic Cessna 170 above was seen at Sun n'Fun in 2019.

Several EAA 857 members returned to see the show in 2021 and there are more airshows coming this year, including, of course, AirVenture 2021 in July. Fly out and Enjoy!

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

EAA 857 Members,

The **April** meeting will be in the KBTP conference room. 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. Please plan to mask and distance if you attend the meeting in person on Tuesday due to Covid-19 mitigations.



*Please also note that **Ross Edmondson** will give us an in-person presentation on his preparations for and the initial Atlantic crossing of his recent round the world trip.*

We are also closer to resumption of our Young Eagle activities which will start with the International Young Eagle Day on Saturday June 12. We will need many volunteers from the chapter ranks to do this and since our last events in 2019 we have had turnover in several areas and will need new participants to step forward and help us run this show. **All** pilots will need to be current on the Youth Protection Program certification as will several lead people on the hangar floor during the event to monitor activities. If you are willing to participate as a Young Eagle Pilot please let Phil Kriley or my self know soon of your intention. We will also need to implement best practices for Covid-19 protection. The Board met on this subject on April 7 to discuss this and we are considering whether to ease into it and limit the food service to prepackaged items for sale to reduce the need for cooking food service.

Thank you go out to Dan Hood for designing and building table and chair carts to enable movement of our gear into the hangar when we hold YE and Fly-in events.

Also, new member Josselyn Slagle has volunteered to serve as Chapter Secretary and Gary Marsico agreed to fill the vacated Board Member seat for the balance of term in 2021. These appointments were approved at the April 7 Board Meeting.

Thank you to the Larry Schaefer for his contribution to this months Newsletter! Member input is always appreciated!

Take care and be safe!

Ted Merklin,

President, EAA Chapter 857



## **MARCH 16 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF EAA CHAPTER 857**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Ted Merklin in the conference room at KBTP.

7 members were in attendance with 2 visitors and a past member, while 6 members and a past member attended online. Total attendance was 17.

**Presentation:** The meeting began with a presentation by Bob Mowry on his RV-12iS project including newly installed and working avionics!

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Frank Szczerba moved and Dave Von Kaenel seconded to approve the minutes from the February 16th meeting; All were in favor.

**Treasurer's report:** Reviewed the accounts and motion called to accept by Dan Hood and seconded by Chris, McGeary; all approved.

### **Business:**

- Y-E nothing new
- Eagles – Dan Hood has two to fly
- Air Academy is cancelled again
- Tech advisor – no report
- Don LaVoie resigned his membership
- Ted sent out an updated roster
- No update on chair and table carts
- Some discussion on the June 12 Y-E but nothing was decided, it will be discussed further at an early April board meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 7:59 by Frank Szczerba, was seconded by DanHood; all approved.

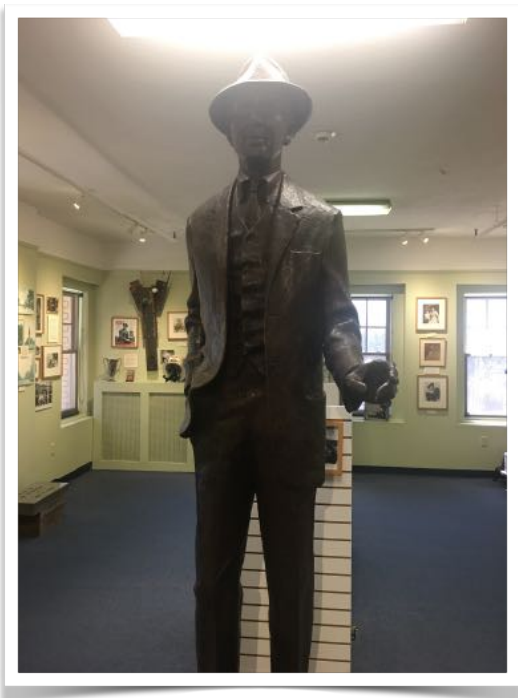
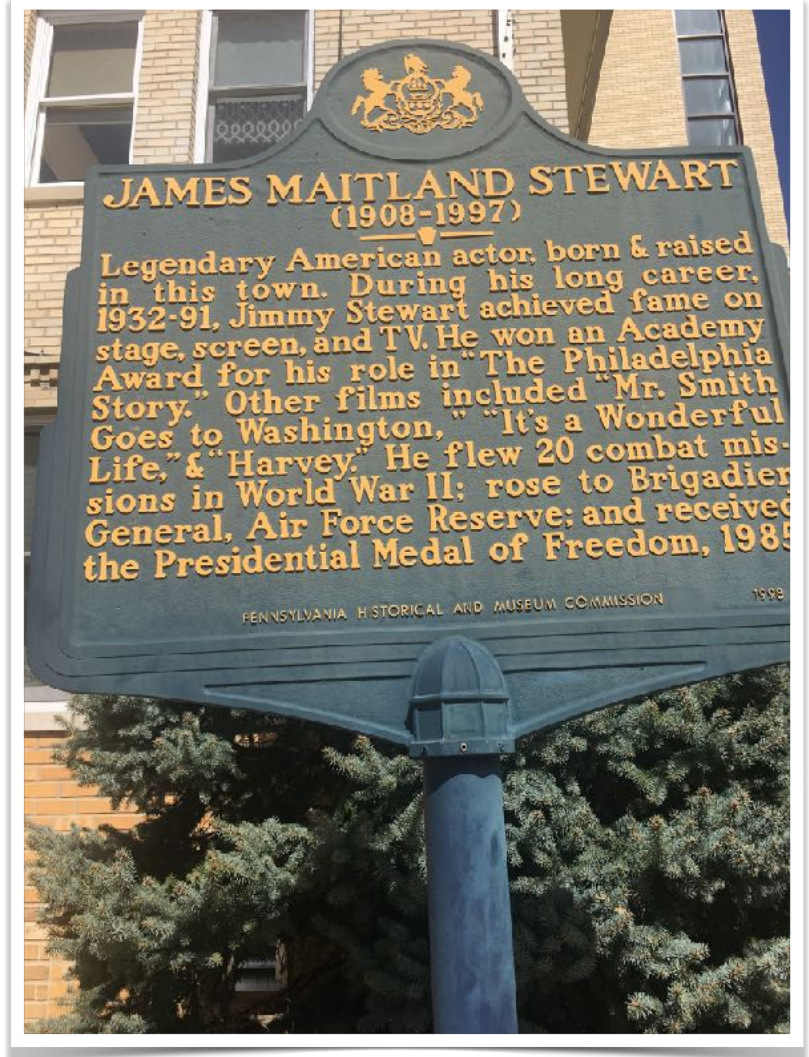
Respectfully submitted, Phil Kriley V.P. and acting secretary

## CHECKING OUT THE JIMMY STEWART MUSEUM

### Indiana County PA, Jimmy Stewart Airport

Gary Marsico and Larry Schaefer headed out one fine spring day to Indiana PA to visit the Jimmy Stewart Museum and likely a \$100 hamburger as well!









**Another photo I took at Sun n' Fun in 2019 of the Blue Angels Lead Solo in the F-18 Hornet.  
They performed again this year at the show, except now transitioned into the F-18 Super Hornet!  
I hope to see them again soon; due to fly at Latrobe in late May!**



## 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.

<b>Chapter Meetings</b>	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.

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

## 2020 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 2020

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>Ted Merklin</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Phil Kriley</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Frank Szczerba</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Josselyn Slagle</b>
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Gary Marsico 2021</b>
	<b>Dan Hood 2021-2022</b>
	<b>Mark Beighey 2021-2023</b>
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