
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



Joss and the Forney Ercoupe she recently had the opportunity to fly.

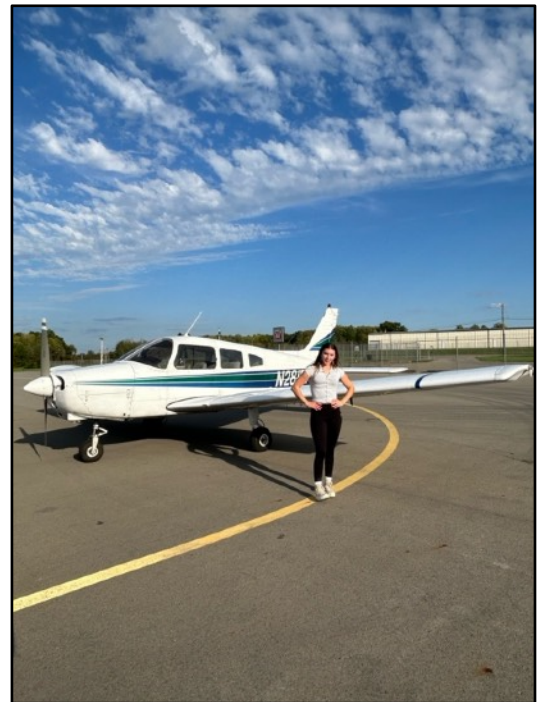
Presidents Message

Hello EAA 857,

October is here! Maybe the leaves will change soon. Just like weather predictions the leaves changing was predicted inaccurately so far. I am looking forward to seeing some color sometime soon. Our chapter has had a good amount of Young Eagles flight requests as of lately. Perhaps all of us going out flying is what turns the kid's eyes to the skies.



Personally, I've been flying a lot. Our Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient has been doing well in her training and keeping me especially busy. She has passed her written exam. She has taken her first solo cross country. She has spent some time under the hood. We will be working towards a long cross country in the coming weeks. I snapped a picture while she was under the hood without her noticing. I like to do this with each student. At the end of the lesson, I ask: Do you think you were as situationally aware when you were under the hood navigating? Typically, I get the answer of "yeah aside from looking for traffic outside. I could still hear radios". Then, we go into a discussion further on this and I show them the picture they didn't know I took. We discuss the role of safety pilots from this point.



I had the experience to fly something unique this month: the Forney Ercoupe. This beautiful airplane was recently purchased by two brothers. They've called it their lifelong dream come true. They named it "summer breeze". I am helping to get them up to speed on the new plane and its intricacies.

Kindly,

Joss Slagle

Chapter President



Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association—Chapter 857 Minutes of September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

Opening: President Josselyn Slagle called to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 11 members were present with 2 guests.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Kyle Riedel and seconded by Dan Hood.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report submitted by email from Frank Szczerba was reviewed. Motion to accept by Marsha Hood and seconded by Kyle Riedel.

Newsletter: The September newsletter was distributed and uploaded to the chapter website. Newsletter contributions are always welcome!

Website: Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857> in your browser to view the site. The site page for Air Academy was updated in keeping with national EAA program changes.

Tech Advisor: We have a hanger!!!

Next Regular Meeting: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 15, 2024

IMC meeting: IMC subject: Temperature conversion.

Young Eagles:

- Ted got a call looking for a YE flight, kids turning 16 looking for an aviation career. Ted explained the options and ask for some volunteers.
- YE Office is still working on the update to online registration application.
- This is being taking over from Don White because he wishes to pursue other aviation endeavors, and EAA wants to expand the application scope.
- It will go live in October.

Air Academy: Significant revisions are being made to the program. Now it is limited to 14-18 in two age groups.

- YE Carter Straub wants to attend an Air Academy event.
- Air academy did not release the application forms until September 3rd.
- Camp sessions begin in June. One program is Explore Aviation at \$1,300 tuition.
- The other camp is called Discover Flight camp (a ground school experience). These sessions are \$1,650
- Kyle motions that we fund 1 scholarship of \$500 to support Carter Straub for camp session 2.
- Motion to accept by Kyle Riedel and seconded by Joss Slagle.

Ray Aviation:

- Samantha's focus is knocking out the knowledge exam.
- Scholarship deadline is from the beginning of June till the end of December.
- We are \$475 short for the 2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship.

Old Business: 36 members, a few who have not paid dues yet.



New Business: N/A

Closing: The meeting was adjourned by Josselyn Slagle and seconded by Destinyjay Maletta at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Destinyjay Maletta,
EAA 857 Secretary

EAA 857 Members please note:

It is now October and time to nominate your choice for the 2025 chapter officers and 1 Board Member. Please advise if you wish to volunteer or nominate someone for any particular position. You must be a current dues paying member to vote for these positions at our November Chapter Meeting to be held 11/19/2024. The officer's terms (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) are for 1 calendar year, the Board Members are for 3 year one of whom rotates off the Board each year. Current officers and Board Members may stand for another term if they so wish.



2025 Ray Scholarship Pledge Update

As of October 1st, we have received \$2,775 in pledges that allow us to secure the \$11,000 scholarship from the Ray Aviation Foundation! Thank you to all the members and non-members that allowed us to reach this goal.

Over the next 30 days, I will be contacting those individuals to turn their pledges into targeted donations for the Ray Aviation Scholarship.

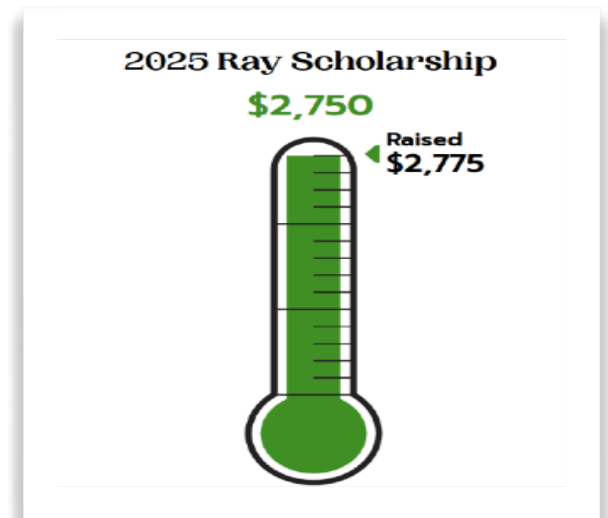
Reaching this goal means that we will automatically receive the \$11,000 scholarship from the Ray Foundation for 2025. This is the fourth year we will participate in the program.

Thanks,

Kyle Riedel

(Ray Scholarship Coordinator)

Pledged:
\$2,775



Call for Applicants: Ray Aviation Scholarship

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Age 16-19
- Possess student pilot certificate
- Possess FAA medical certificate (prior to start of training)
- Start flying within 60 days of scholarship award date

Complete the Following Prior to Application Deadline

- Go To: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857>
- Click on: Ray Aviation Scholarship Tab (Left side of page)
- Download and Complete the Application Form
- Mail in prior to Deadline: **January 1st, 2025**

Scholarship Recipient receives up to \$11,000 in Funded Flight Training*

* Contingent upon receipt of Ray Aviation Scholarship from EAA National

A Thank You

With utmost sincerity, I want to thank the Butler County Airport Authority and EAA Chapter 857 for their advice and assistance after we lost John to cancer. I can't begin to explain to you how monumental a task it is to sell two experimental aircraft and then to empty out two hangars, one of which John occupied for over 25 years.

From the airport authority, I thank Stephanie, Shauna, Chuck and Dale for their help in getting the hangars turned back over to other pilots.

A special thank you to the EAA Chapter 857 members, Kyle Riedel, Mario Dandrea, Keith Schubert, Chuck Warren, and Ben Wahl, mechanic-Curtis Norton, and other hangar renters including Dave Burgi, as well as BJ and George Gregg. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated

I am so happy to donate to the Chapter in John's name. It's been a difficult journey for me, but you have all helped so amazingly in dealing with the aviation portion of our estate.

With a Thankful Heart,
Karen Grabbe-Listisen



A Note from Ally Moraca!

Chapter 857;

Have you ever taxied a plane into a parking garage? Although I haven't either, during Hurricane Helene, it was a sight every student on campus wanted to see. Within a matter of hours, dozens of planes from the Embry Riddle fleet were towed into the school's parking garage to keep out of the storm. Some planes were flown by instructors to Melbourne while others were kept in hangars and the parking garage. Anyways, I hope everyone back at the chapter has been enjoying some nice flying weather and a great start to fall. Although the weather hasn't quite changed to fall yet here in Florida, I have still been keeping very busy with aviation adventures. Many have been asking about what it is like flying here, so I figured I would share my experience with everyone.



Flying here at Embry Riddle has been a big adjustment, however, I have learned a lot through my experience so far. Coming from a part 61 school flying a Piper Warrior to attending one of the largest part 141 schools flying a Cessna 172S has encouraged a lot of growth as a pilot. Everything from memorizing checklists, learning the G1000 system, or calling for a fuel truck for the first time has demanded much of my study time. Flying in Florida is much different than back home, too. Every time I fly, I find Daytona's air traffic controllers telling me to "follow the shoreline". This is a common procedure here used for either inbound or outbound traffic, depending on the runways in use. I guess we can fly over Lake Erie at home, but what's cooler than getting to see people surfing down below you? One of my favorite parts about being here is meeting other pilots from around the world and hearing what it is like to fly wherever they call home. For me, I tell stories of flying through Pittsburgh and seeing the stadiums that we call ours, the inclines that outline the hills of Mount Washington, and the fountain that showcases the point our three rivers make.



Another endeavor I have taken up has been volunteering at local EAA Young Eagles events. My first event I attended was at Chapter 1632 - Umatilla, Florida (X23) on September 21st. At this event, 89 kids were flown, 52 of which were flying for the first time, how amazing! I was very glad I could be a part of this event and help inspire young pilots in the area. I was also just recently invited back to be there for the delivery of a Zenith 750 Cruiser kit.

While I was there, I got to make a Zenith instruction binder using sheet metal and airplane rivets as practice for working on the actual plane. If I can find the time to do so, I hope to help the chapter out as they work on the plane as I feel like it would be a great learning experience and opportunity to meet fellow aviation enthusiasts. I have another Young Eagles event I plan to attend at a different chapter later this month in Merritt Island, Florida (KCOI).



I once again can't thank everyone at chapter 857 enough for hosting my first flight at a Young Eagles event three years ago. The support of EAA 857, as well as my flight instructor and everyone at Indiana (KIDI), is the reason why I am where I am today. I plan on returning to help out at chapter events when I am home from school and look forward to hearing what everyone else has been working on.

Clear skies and tailwinds,

Ally Moraca

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Two Unique Homebuilt Projects



The 33% Scale Bally B-17 Bomber seen at AirVenture 2023




The 66% Scale Volar TTP-38 Lightning seen at AirVenture 2024

The EAA Young Eagles Office has released the new rally event registration application this last week. It has a similar but updated look and feel as that we have used for the last several years. Ultimately, it is intended to be used for a variety of EAA chapter events, such as Young Eagle Rallies, YE Build and Fly, Flying Start, etc. The old application will be retired at the end of 2024.



The EAA has also updated the domain for the chapter roster site. Chapter officers should review the orange banner and verify that they are able to login with their credentials. The login rights to review or edit this site information are limited.

Attention – Domain Change: EAA is changing the website domain for Roster Management to Roster.EAAChapters.org.
In fact, Roster.EAAChapters.org is up and running now with your same login, password and roster data. Please start using this site address for logging into Roster Management.
If you have this website bookmarked, please go to Roster.EAAChapters.org and bookmark it.
The www.EAAChapters.org domain will become the home for our upgraded Young Eagles Registration website in October 2024.



Roster Management

Welcome! Please Sign On:

User Name:

Password:

[Forgot your Password?](#) | [Forgot your User Name?](#)

EAA's Chapter Roster Management is a free application for EAA Chapters to better manage their roster of members and guests.

Goal: Make it easier for you to run your chapter
Benefits of this application:

- One source of "truth"
- Accessible by those who need it, when they need it
- Get to know your members
- Help your new members get to know you
- To let you know who of your members are EAA international members



Since questions have been asked regarding criteria for Chapter Recognition, here is the relevant page on the EAA web page. If you wish to read further detail go to this page and click the blue [Learn About Recognition](#) button.

EAA | Chapters | Resources | Managing Your Chapter | Chapter Recognition

Chapters	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Chapter Recognition</h2> <p>EAA Chapters have always been one of the most vital components in making general aviation fun, affordable and accessible at the local level. To recognize chapters that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to general aviation, EAA rolled out the Chapter Recognition Program. This recognition is based off ten criteria that have shown to correlate with active and engaged chapters. In addition, EAA will provide continued coaching to help chapters reach the recognition threshold.</p> <p>Your chapter will receive one point when meeting each of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attends a chapter leadership training session 2. Growing or steady membership 3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs 4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs 5. Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor 6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey 7. Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, send a youth to the EAA's Air Academy, or fully completes a Ray Scholarship program 8. Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email 9. Hosts at least two public events each year 10. Owns/leases a facility 11. Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship (separate from Ray Scholars), a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> Get Extra Credit </div>
Find a Chapter	
Start a Chapter	
Chapter Resources	
Chapter Leadership Training	
Programs and Activities	
Young Eagles Volunteers	
Eagle Flights Volunteers	
Chapters at AirVenture	

Recognition Details

Each of these criteria that your chapter has met will be worth one point, and every chapter will have the ability to earn up to 10 points. January of each year, chapters scoring at least seven out of ten will be publicly recognized by EAA. There will be three levels of recognition. Bronze (7 out of 10), Silver (8 out of 10), and Gold (at least 9 out of 10).

Chapters scoring within one of these high recognition levels will be recognized via the [EAA Find a Chapter webpage](#), news stories, a personalized icon for your chapter's webpage/newsletter, and a banner for your chapter to proudly display in your meeting location.

To learn more about why these ten criteria are important to your chapter, how they are calculated by EAA, and how you can take advantage of each offering click the button below.

Learn About Recognition Criteria



EAA 857 - Chapter Meetings and Events for 2024

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 16 February 20 March 19 April 16 May 21 June 18 July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15 November 19
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IMC / VMCClub -	TBD
International Young Eagles Day -	Saturday, June 8, (rain date 15)
EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -	Saturday, August 10 (rain date 17)

2025 National Events

Sun 'n Fun -	April 9 - 14
Sentimental Journey -	June 18 - 22
AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 -	July 22 - 28

EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2024

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

President	Josselyn Slagle
Vice President	Kyle Riedel
Treasurer	Frank Szczerba
Secretary	DestinyJay Maletta
Board Members	Danny Michaels 2024-2026
	Dan Hood 2024-2025
	Ted Merklin 2024
Website / Newsletter	Ted Merklin
Young Eagles Coord	Ted Merklin
Ray Aviation Scholarship	Kyle Riedel