
Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



EAA 857 hosted the Liberty Aviation Museum Ford Tri-Motor 5AT-B as it tours this year for the EAA.

Flights were offered to members of the public on 3 of the 4 days the aircraft was present here in Butler County; unfortunately low ceilings forced cancellation on Sunday.

Presidents Message

The Ford Tri-Motor has come and gone! I hope you all got to see it in action, as it was quite impressive. Many thanks to all of you who helped with this endeavor, as it took all of us working together to pull it off. Special thanks to Ted Merklin who was with me all day, every day while the bird was here, and helped keep me on track with all the details. AirQuest, High Flight Academy and the Airport Authority were all very helpful and supportive. We almost had a problem with the hangar, as the opening would not allow us to push the plane straight in. Jim Harjer suggested pulling the plane in at an angle and then spinning it to get it inside. (see page 10) This worked and we got pretty good at maneuvering it in and out each day. Unfortunately, the weather on Sunday did not allow us to fly due to low ceilings that refused to lift. But we did take some customers down to at least see the plane. I don't have a final count of how many passengers we had, but it won't be anywhere near the 506 passengers we had in 2015. Frankly, I don't see how we flew that many people in one weekend. Saturday was our busiest day with 9 flights if my memory is correct. Quite a few people came out to see the plane and take photos and our volunteers always made sure they were escorted. The pilot, Ed Kornfield, praised our chapter for our hard work and professionalism.



Next up is our Drive-in/Fly-in Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles event October 9. We will need pilots and ground crew to make our final event of 2022 a success. Please respond to your invites to participate! It's also time to start thinking about our upcoming election for chapter officers, so please consider stepping forward!

Phil Kriley

EAA Chapter 857 president



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Minutes of August 16, 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting

Opening: President Phil Kriley called the meeting to order at 07:00:34 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 13 members were present. 6 visitors were present.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Mike Neuman and seconded by Gary Marsico.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented. Our most recent event was a profitable venture for us. Motion to accept the report was put forth by Ted Merklin and seconded by Josselyn Slagle.

Newsletter: The newsletter was distributed and uploaded to the chapter website on Monday. Thank you, Chris and Margo McGeary, Leah Martin and Danny Michaels for your contributions to the newsletter

Website: Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857> in your browser to view the site. We need some expansion to the website advertisement for the tri-motor event which will be accomplished in the coming days.

Tech Advisor: No report

IMC Club: If we have time during future events, we will do a 10 minute presentation along with our EAA meetings.

Next Regular Meeting: 20th of September, 2022

Next Young Eagles Event: October 9th, 2022

Business: The following items were discussed:

- Young Eagles

Dr. Jay Apt (former astronaut) flew 2 flights for our event

22 flights flown, 31 brand new fliers, 47 kids flown

Improvements or changes for next time:

- Taking a lunch for pilots and planning this in future events
- Ground school resurrection was brought up. By whom is the question (now accepting volunteers!!)
- Kyle Riedel acting as gate keeper and seat assigner at our last event was especially helpful. Thank you Kyle!
- Chalk is being donated for the next event. Many younger kids were running races, scootering, and roller blading during this last event and perhaps chalking out a few hopscotch patterns may help to manage their energy.

- Air Academy

Lots of learning went on for Leah at this past Oshkosh Air Venture Advanced Academy. She was incredibly thrilled with the experience. Check out what she wrote for us in the last newsletter for more information on this!

- Ray Aviation scholarship was awarded to Naomi Wigley!

We celebrated this huge accomplishment for both chapter and Naomi with cake.



- Tri Motor event:

We have Tri-Motor chapter member guides for those to help please ask for them if interested!

We have Tri Motor signage to start displaying at the local airports

We will need as many people as we can possibly muster to assist with this event.

Please reach out to get involved!

Pursuing local ford antique group to be a part of the event would be advantageous

Like, comment and share our Ford Tri Motor event in our next newsletter, on the website and on Facebook

Potential revenue on this event was discussed among members

The training video is mandatory for those who would like to help with event, and we will tentatively be watching this video as a group at the next planning the Tri-motor event meeting

August 30th will be a meeting specifically dedicated to the Tri Motor event (tentatively)

The airport manager for KBTP has been filled, however his start date has been delayed

Closing: The meeting was adjourn at 08:02 P.M. motion made by Frank Szczerba and seconded by Josselyn Slagle.

Respectfully submitted:

Josselyn Slagle, Secretary EAA 857

Thus far...

By Josselyn Slagle

Greetings from Denver! Things have been crazy to say the least Friday September 2nd I took my multi engine add on rating check ride with Mr. Haski and Saturday morning I began the 20-hour drive to Denver. Former interns advised me I would want my car and they have been very right. It has been handy to explore with a car. Over the last few days, I've made use of my time here and I wanted to share.

United Flight Training Center

The complex is the largest flight training center in the world according to the tour guides. It houses 6 buildings, and they are in the process to build a 7th for more simulators. I got lost more than once.



Nicknamed the princess stairs (above) many photos take place on these stairs each day. Building F aka the first one you come to (confusing right?) is to the right of the princess stairs. United museum inside the complex is below. I could spend hours in here but during orientation we were given minutes but some other features that aren't pictured are all the United logos over the years, merger documents from Continental and books and articles on United.

Stapleton Tower/FlyteCo Brewing

From 1923 until 1931 and 1935 to 1947 Benjamin Stapleton served as mayor of Denver. They liked him so they named an airport after him aka Stapleton Airport which opened in 1929. The airport was situated in what would be a highly populated area so much so that noise complaints eventually got in the way. The airport would close in 1995 and Denver International would be made the focus. The tower alone would sit abandoned for several years until another restaurant attempted to make a go of it. It didn't work out for them, but FlyteCo seems to be using having great success. Aviation is heavily infused, and customers repeatedly ask the owners to see the top. The bar/restaurant currently only uses the two downstairs floors of the tower but plans to



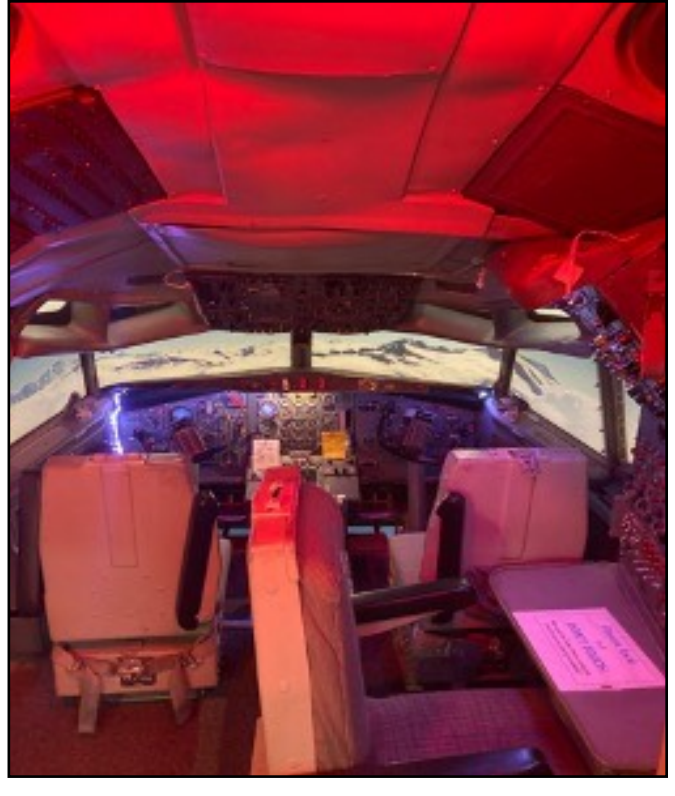
open the top floor after heavy renovation and a few years under their belt. I plan to come back and visit once it is announced when the top floor will open. To write this I did research and discovered FlyteCo donates 10% of its proceeds to Stripes to Bars, a group that gets veterans transitioning out of the military into commercial aviation, the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Aviators program, and more.



Wings Over the Rockies

I spent a good portion of my Saturday enjoying everything at this museum. I still have no words check it out. (next page)

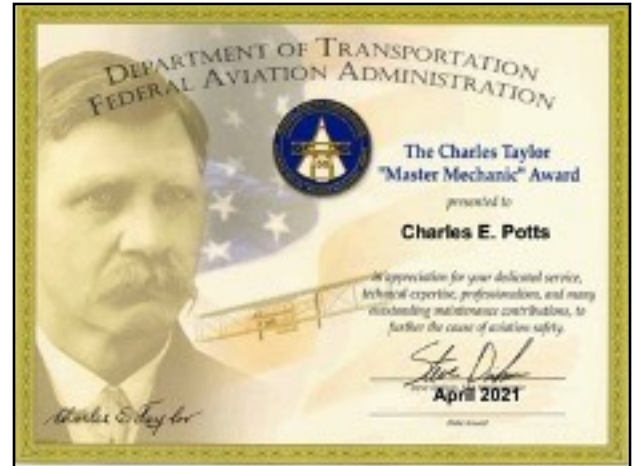
Expect more next month...Colorado Springs here I come!



**Charles Taylor “MASTER MECHANIC AWARD”
awarded to longtime EAA Chapter 857 Tech Advisor**

Charles E. Potts

By Dave Hanna



The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight. The Charles Taylor “Master Mechanic” Award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics. Mr. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft.

The FAA/DOT Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award The Charles Taylor “Master Mechanic Award” is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to persons certificated under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 65. This award, named after Charles Taylor, is to recognize individuals who have exhibited exemplary aviation expertise, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment for at least 50 years or more of aviation maintenance experience.

Our very own Charles [Chuck] Potts was awarded The Charles Taylor “Master Mechanic Award”. This award was presented Chuck by national FAA & DOT Officers. in April 2021.

Our EAA chapter and those familiar with Chuck Potts’ advice and knowledge are quite fortunate we have an individual who contributed to the advance of aviation and continues to

graciously lend advice, and hands on work, and instinctive aviation knowledge to our projects. The local flying community has benefited from Chuck's gracious contributions to "keeping them flying".

Chuck has a long tenure as a FAA Inspector, A/P mechanic, international aviation consultant, Vietnam Veteran, and many other aviation offices. Chuck is an expert on vintage aircraft flying and mechanics. He freely offers assistance to all who inquire.

EAA Chapter 857 would like to recognize Chuck's contribution to local aviation, the chapter's Technical Advisor and as a recipient of *The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award*

EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour to KBTP

September 8-11, 2022





Our first passenger flight loading onto the 1928 Ford Model 5AT-B Tri-Motor manufactured by the Stout Metal Airplane Company, a division of Ford Motor Company.



It was a tight fit, but we got her in Hangar C with some judicious maneuvering!

Basically nose in first near to the right side wall, then swing the tail to the right to the position shown, to get the left wing inside.





Thank You to all our volunteers who served this last weekend to make Ford Tri-Motor tour visit a success!

Mark Beighey
Mike Finke
Phil Kriley
William Kraus
DestinyJay Maletta
Gary Marsico
Chris McGeary
Margot McGeary
Ted Merklin
Danny Michaels
Mike Neuman
Julia Riggle
Lars Rosell

Frank Szczerba
Dave Von Kaenel
Ben Wahl
Chuck Warren
Bob Weir
Naomi Wigley

Pat Polehla, Tour Sales
Ed Kornfield, Tour Pilot



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	