

Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



Phil Kriley reviewed forces of flight, aircraft 3 axis controls and the fiberglass composite construction used in his Cozy Mark IV.

Dan Hood and some scouts walk around and examine Chris McGeary's RV-9A



EAA 857 Hosts the Boy Scouts at KBTP

An event originally planned for Spring 2020 finally took place this month!

Boy Scouts from the Laurel Highlands Council visited the airport's 2 Flight Schools, the air ambulance service and our chapter to focus on aviation with many working towards their Aviation Merit Badge

Presidents Message

EAA 857 Members,

We will meet for our October chapter meeting in the KBTP conference room on Tuesday 10/19 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.

I would like to thank Phil Kriley, Dan Hood and Chris McGeary for their support and participation with the Boy Scouts from the Laurel Highlands Council who toured the two flight schools, the air ambulance service and our chapter at KBTP last weekend. Chris and Dan had their aircraft out for display on a misty gray morning. We had about 45 Scouts in 4 groups pass by our presentation.

The EAA is nearing release of a new online tool called **AeroEducate** to continue engagement with youth and fostering interest in aviation. They have worked with North Carolina State University to create online, age based, STEM educational content geared from Kindergarten through High School. The Young Eagle Rally Registration software we used this summer will update to encompass registrations for this opportunity as well as YE Workshops, and the Learn, Build, Fly (RC Aircraft) youth offerings. A webinar was presented last night and will be available for you to view at EAA.org (under the News and Media pull down menu) by the time you receive this newsletter. This learning content is in addition to the opportunities provided via Sporty's using the redemption code numbers on the YE Logbooks. Industry partners such as United Airlines are being recruited to promote possible career path preparations kids can follow, creating their own aviation focussed resume.

The Board of Directors continues to consider the opportunity to participate in the Ray Aviation Scholarship program that provides funding (\$10,000) for training to youth to achieve their private, light sport, or glider pilot's certificate. This demands an active, quality chapter for identifying and mentoring of a selected candidate and is a one year program from selection through, solo, written test and pilot check ride. The chapter application and selection process begins early in 2022 and candidate application and selection follows in the March time frame.

Take care, and once again my thanks to all of you for your help at our meetings and events; and this includes Chris and Margot for their latest article in this months newsletter!

At the conclusion of this program year 2021, I will have completed my fourth year as President of our chapter after previously serving as VP for a year. As we approach nominations for 2022 officers, please consider volunteering your contribution to the success of EAA Chapter 857 in a leadership role.

Ted Merklin,

President, EAA Chapter 857





Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association–Chapter 857 Minutes of September 21, 2021 Regular Chapter Meeting

Opening: Vice President Phil Kriley called the meeting to order at 07:04 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 9 members were present. This did not constitute a quorum for the purpose of this meeting. 3 members Josselyn Slagle, Bob Weir, Gary Marsico were viewing from live stream on Google Meet

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior meeting are in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

- Fly in income was \$555.00.
- Net from event \$78.50
- 50/50 produced \$17
- Actual income after expenses \$494.42.

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 Advisor: No report

Air Academy: Candidate Zach Jordan is no longer attending. Leah Martin is a potential candidate for next year as well as a candidate Dan mentioned previously. Further contact is being made with each potential candidate.

Business: The following items were discussed:

- **For Event Young Eagles and Fly In September 12th:**
 - 28 YE's Flown most of which were women
 - Contact between members in the planning stages of events like this need's improvement. Any recommendations for how we can improve to make communicating better are asked.
- **Saturday October 9th Boy Scout event:** Nothing new about this event beyond requesting presence Saturday morning.
- **Chapter Nominations:** fast approaching think about who we want to see in these roles
- **Ray Aviation Scholarship:** Research is taking place to be discussed during the next meeting
- **Next meeting:** October 19th, 2021 at 7 PM taking place in the board room.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 07:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Josselyn Slagle, Secretary EAA 857

The Glen!

by Chris McGeary and Margot Lynn

Several of the folks I hung around with in my teenage years used to talk about racing sports cars up at Watkins Glen, NY. So when Margot talked about going to see the waterfalls at Watkins Glen State Park, I was all in. The closest airport that was likely to have a car (and free overnight tie down space) was Penn Yan (PEO). The car company to work with there is Hertz, as they have an office right in the FBO.



We left early on Friday afternoon so as to arrive in time to pick up the car before the FBO (and the local vineyards) closed. Penn Yan is at the north end of Keuka Lake. The shores of the lake are known for their wineries. New York State wines have come a long way in the past 50 years or so (anyone remember Pink Catawba?, anyone?). We were able to visit a couple of wineries before they closed on Friday evening. They do charge for tastings these days, but it's still worth the time and effort. One winery gave you six tastings of any of their wines for \$10, and another gave you a "wine flight" of five 1/2 glasses for \$18. Both of them had outside patios with wonderful views. A number of the red wines were excellent. We ended up buying both a red and a nice buttery Chardonnay to go with the scallops we were planning to campfire cook for dinner.



We had made reservations at a campground south west of the lake, so we headed there, arriving just at dusk. We had enough light to set up the tent and get a fire started in the fire ring so we could cook dinner. It's amazing what you can do with aluminum foil and a marshmallow stick or two.

It was a clear night and the temperature dropped into the 40s

(chilly for early September), making us glad we had the double mummy bag and an insulated air mattress.

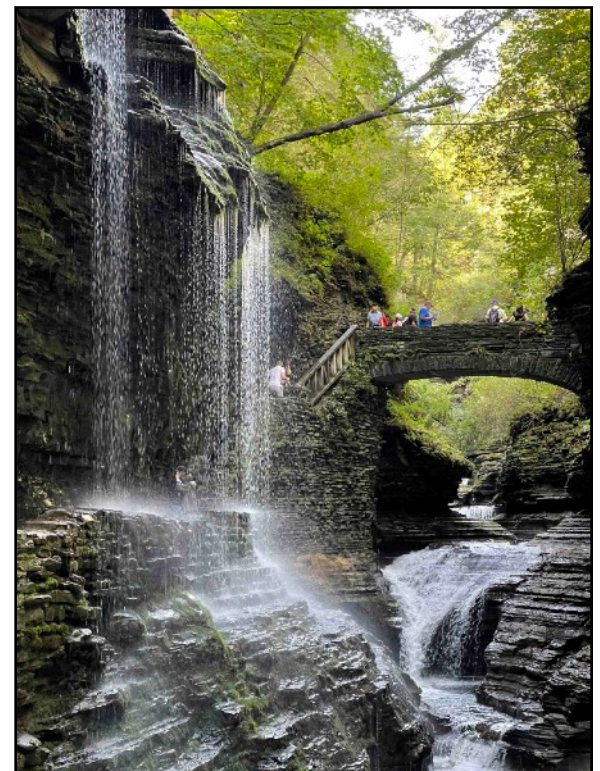
The campground had complementary coffee in the morning to get things started, and the sun quickly dried out the tent fly so we could pack up. From the campground, we headed south around the end of Keuka Lake and east to Watkins Glen at the south end of Seneca lake.



Watkins Glen is an old resort town, with both the glen itself and Seneca Lake as the main attractions. The first Grand Prix there was run in 1948 on the local roads, it was moved to a dedicated race track in 1953.



But we were there for the waterfalls. The mouth of the canyon that forms Watkins Glen State Park is right in the village itself, and there is plenty of parking nearby. There are a number of trails both in the bottom of the gorge and on both rims. A typical round trip for is just under 3 miles total. The gorge trail is simply breathtaking with 19 different waterfalls, including several that cascade over the trail itself. Warning: there are lots of steps on this trail (I think they said 683), but it's definitely worth the trip.



After hiking the trail, we walked around town checking out the architecture, watched the sailboats on the lake, and looked at the plaques on the sidewalks commemorating the various winners of the US Grand Prix over the years.

From the Glen, we drove to Hammondsport, New York at the south end of Keuka Lake. Hammondsport is the birthplace of Glenn Curtis, and we visited a museum dedicated to him, just south of town. Not only are there replicas of his early aircraft, but there are also a selection of vintage bicycles and motorcycles. I was surprised to see so many motorcycles that I had grown up with (all right, now I'm feeling old).



We headed back to Penn Yan in order to drop the car off with the FBO before they closed. Turns out they had closed early, and they had a key drop. Had we known, we may have stayed another night, but we had to get home anyway; something about a Young Eagles event the next morning....

Go to this link to check out more about the Glenn Curtiss Museum:

<https://glennhcurtissmuseum.org/>

IMC Club Meeting October 20, 2021

7 pm at the KBTP Board Meeting Room

Mike Neuman has announced:

“There are many things to consider while planning a cross country flight, but flight conditions might be one of the most important things. At this meeting will discuss some of the tools to use for both preflight and in-flight weather planning and strategies. As usual we will review a few scenarios to help improve our ADM. Click the link below and register TODAY!”

https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=108406





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

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 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	
Board Members	Gary Marsico	2021
	Dan Hood	2021-2022
	Mark Beighey	2021-2023
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