

Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

EAA 857 NEWSLETTER



At our May Chapter Meeting, President Joss Slagle and VP Kyle Riedel presented a congratulatory sheet cake in honor of our second Ray Aviation Scholarship awardee, Colin Daniello.

Presidents Message

Hi EAA 857,

Unfortunately, fate will keep me away from another meeting with all of your smiling faces. I am in Bellefontaine, Ohio at Midwest Corporate Air completing my CFII add on. The course has taken longer than expected due to a shortage of DPE's from illness. I intended on finishing last Friday. Now things are looking like Tuesday or Wednesday.

In other news, we had a great start to our Young Eagle's event season for those of you that might have missed it. The event coincided with Jeep Fest but that allowed all of us to keep our heads above water. We had a runway chalk drawing with the intention of using it to teach the kiddos about runway markings. The kids also enjoyed chalk drawing themselves and corn hole. Shoutout to Phil for bringing the corn hole boards!

We flew 37 total kids. Some of our pilots reached the 30 flown marks personally. For those that might not be aware, since August 1, 2022, 93 pilots completed the 30 for 30 challenge to fly 30 youths to celebrate the program's 30th anniversary. Pilots who reach this milestone will be awarded a commemorative polo shirt. The challenge runs through July 31, 2023.



As for recent aviation adventures I attended Westmoreland County Airshow over the weekend. You may be wondering why I left Bellefontaine to come back to PA only to leave again. Well the FAA invited me to attend for free and work within their booth promoting drone and pilot safety programs. You don't stand those guys up from what I have been told. The Thunderbirds, USMC Osprey and A-10 demo were all very exciting to see from front and center.





Speaking of the FAA, for our next meeting in July we will have an FAA provided seminar (meaning I won't be teaching it). The topic is: Surviving the Ramp Check. I am very excited about this. I have never been ramp checked and I have heard various recounts of what the ramp check is to look like over the years. It should be a good time. I hope to see you all there!

Happy belated Father's day to those of you that are!

Joss Slagle

Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association–Chapter 857 Minutes of May 16th, 2023 Regular Meeting

Opening: President Josselyn Slagle called the meeting to order at 07:05 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees: 16 members were present, with 4 guests.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the prior meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Ted Merklin and seconded by Kyle Riedal and Frank Sczerba.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept put forth by Ted Merklin and seconded by Kyle Riedal. Payment address for Air Academy. Request recommendation from Frank Sczerba on how much to move to savings.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be 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.

Tech Advisor: No report

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday June 20th, 2023

IMC meeting: Wednesday May 17th a presentation is being offered by AirQuest at 6:45.

Air Academy: 2 candidates for the air academy; Lindsay Lipp and Thomas Edwards Paperwork and tuition funds are due by June 5th. Both have a \$200 deposit that was paid in the fall. Contact the Air Academy office, to advise them to use the 2022 credits. Must be spent by the end of 2023. Motion to accept put forth by Kyle Riedal, Josselyn Slagle seconded it.

**Young Eagles:** June 10th event; volunteer sign up:

- Insurance is complete for event!
- Flyer's will be shared. Post and let us know where you post them.
- Table for Young Eagles: 07:30 Set up:
- 10:00 flying begins+ breakfast at 09:00
- Pilots: we have 3 pilots (Frank Sczerba,) and 24 kids thus far.
- Food Prep: Phil and Robin
- Food Service: Robin plus 2-3 to help cook /set up (Deb
- Site Prep: Joss Slagle, Chuck Warren, Ted Merklin, Phil Kriley, Robin Kriley
- Escort/Safety: Leah Martin, Kyle Riedel, Nicholas Bergeman. Mike Neuman? Ben What?
- Check in/Registration: Ted Merklin, Chris McGearly
- Cashier: Bob Tedesco
- Marshaller: ??
- Locations we are actively advertising at: New Castle and Butler thus far.
- Points of contention:
- Bathrooms:
- Parking: Thomas (will need a reminder prior to June 10th) Kyle Riedel is putting out feelers for porta potty donation.

Ray Aviation Scholarship: Presentation of the award to EAA 857 2023 recipient, Colin Daniello.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. motion made by Ted Merklin and seconded by Destinyjay Maletta

Respectfully submitted:

Destinyjay Maletta, Secretary EAA 857

EAA 857 2023 Ray Aviation Scholarship Awardee

Colin Daniello



AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO PINE-RICHLAND JUNIOR
BY LOCAL EAA CHAPTER 857.

The Award is part of the annual \$1.8 million Ray Aviation Scholarship program

(Butler, PA) — (16 May 2023) — Colin Daniello of Mars, PA received a unique full-scholarship opportunity for flight training, thanks to EAA Chapter 857 of Butler, PA. This Ray Aviation Scholarship program is administered by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Ray Aviation Scholarship program provides up to \$11,000 scholarships to young people who are seeking to learn to fly. The Ray Foundation has provided \$1.8 million to fund the scholarship program, which seeks to improve the flight training success rate from the current industry standards of 20 percent to 80 percent for program participants. Local EAA chapters are responsible for identifying youth for the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and mentoring them through flight training. The Ray Foundation is furthering the legacy of James C. Ray, an EAA lifetime member who was dedicated to aviation and youth education.

Since its introduction in 2019, the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship program has allowed over 350 youths to complete their flight training and receive their pilot licenses. This is the second Ray Aviation Scholarship received by Chapter 857 thereby bringing thousands of dollars in flight training to our local flight schools. In addition to this scholarship, Chapter 857 has, for over a decade, offered EAA Air Academy Scholarships to Butler-area youth. These scholarships offer an aviation-focused, summer-camp like experience in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There is no better way to exposure youth to Aviation and Aerospace opportunities than by participating in an EAA Air Academy event.



Colin will be training at High Flight Academy based at Pittsburg-Butler Regional Airport. The scholarship is designed to support a flight student through both written and practical segments of flight training that are part of successful FAA pilot certification.

EAA Chapter 857 is gearing up for their three youth-oriented events at the Butler Regional Airport. During these events known as Young Eagle Rallies, kids between the ages of 8 and 17 can register to receive their first flight in a general aviation aircraft by a local pilot. Participants can also meet our scholarship recipients to discuss their future for pursuing aviation as a career. Chapter 857 will also present information to participants about youth scholarships available to everyone in the community.

The Young Eagle Rallies are scheduled for 10 June, 12 August, and 9 September. More information can be found at the EAA Chapter 857 website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea857>.

About EAA

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 250,000 members and 900 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to www.eaa.org. For continual news updates, connect with www.twitter.com/EAA.



International Young Eagles Day

EAA 857 held their first 2023 Young Eagles event on June 10, 2023, as have many chapters around the country celebrating this year the 30th Anniversary of this benefit program inaugurated by the EAA to promote aviation interest in and education for today’s youth and tomorrow’s future pilots and enthusiasts.

It was a successful day with 37 children ages 8-17 registered and flown by 5 pilots. We had Kyle Riedel, Frank Szczerba, Dave Von Kaenel, and Dan Hood from the chapter as well as guest pilot Duane Clawson from EAA 68 helping us out. In addition we had a great turn out of members assisting us in set up and execution of the event during the day. Thanks as always to Phil and Robin Kriley who prepared for and ran the kitchen cooking breakfast and lunches for our guests. Joss Slagle’s mother Debbie helped to serve. Danny Michaels, and Kyle, worked the gate area with help from Leah Martin and others. Ted Merklin worked the registration desk along with Chris McGeary. Many others helped throughout and *all of you* are appreciated for your assistance.

The stats for the event are shown below. We did have issues with the signature software for signing permission waivers. The iPad quit synchronizing the signature data so the info screen in the registration app was not updating to indicate the status of having received the signature. Not to worry, we managed to keep track of it all and the few walk in registrants we processed with paper waivers. The updates synced as soon as I got home and data uploaded to Oshkosh!

Young Eagles Day Registration Website

[Videos](#) [Contact Us](#) [Site Info.](#) [Logout](#) [Main Menu](#)

Home Page - [Event title: Young Eagles Rally in Butler PA - Jun 10, 2023](#)
Theodore Merklin - Profile

Event record locked, no changes can be made.

Pre-Reg. Report
Register Pilots
Ground Volunteers
Flight Tickets
Event Waitlist
Check-In/Print Reg.
Assign Pilots
Pilot Labels
Final Report
Email Functions
Update Event

Final Young Eagles Rally Event Report Page for Young Eagles Rally in Butler PA on Jun 10, 2023 - Registrations Received at EAA HQ: 0
You can click on the pilots name below for list of Young Eagles flown.

Young Eagle Flights: Total: 37 YE's, - 14 Girls, 23 Boys, 5 Pilots, 15 Flights

Event already submitted to EAA Headquarters - LOCKED

Y.E. flown today by age and gender

Age	Female	Male
8	4	2
9	3	4
10	5	3
11	1	2
12	2	1
13	4	1
14	1	1
15	2	1
16	1	1
17	1	1

of previous Young Eagle flights

Flights	Count	Percentage
5 or more flights	2	5%
4 flights	0	0%
3 flights	2	5%
2 flights	10	27%
1 flight	0	0%
First Time	23	62%

Final Young Eagles Pilot Report

Pilot Name	Flights Total	Girls	Boys	First Yes	Flight No	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17
Duane Clawson	2	5	1	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Hood	4	10	3	7	3	7	0	4	1	1	1	2	0	1	0
Kyle Riedel	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Francis Szczerba	2	6	3	3	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
David Von Kaenel	5	14	7	7	10	4	3	1	2	0	0	3	1	2	1

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President Joss Slagle and member volunteers open the gate for the first Young Eagle flights of the day.

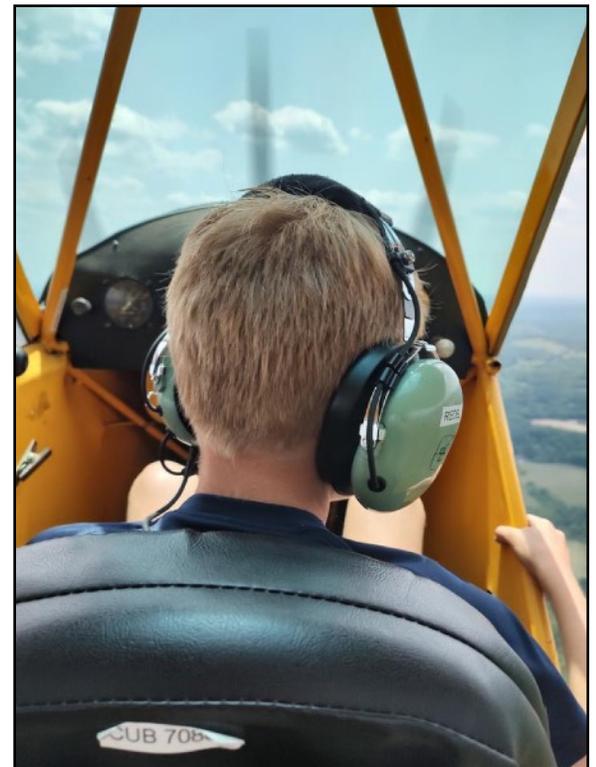
EAA 68's Duane "Dewey" Clawson volunteered to assist us with our pilot shortage and flew YE in his RV-10.





Our Ray Aviation Scholar Colin Daniello (above and left) enjoyed a Young Eagle Flight with VP Kyle Riedel in the J3 Cub!

Another lucky Young Eagle seen at right in the J3.





Dan Hood flew one of our last Young Eagles of the day in his Piper. All told, thanks to all of our volunteer pilots and ground personnel, this was a successful first event for 2023 for EAA Chapter 857!

Remembering Ted Willke

We are sorry to inform you, the members and friends of EAA 857, that a longtime member, Ted Willke has passed away very recently after a long illness according to his wife Sue Willke. Ted has long been a member of EAA 857 and contributed to our chapters technical programs owing to his experiences in modeling, as owner of a Moni Motor Glider, Aeronca L-16 and as a restorer of a Piper J-3 Cub. If you never met Ted, take a look at his website, where he documents his development in aviation: <http://www.tedsaircraftshop.com/index.html>



In 2019 Ted moved his J-3 restoration project from his basement to a hangar at KBTP.

Ted and his Aeronca L-16 on the field at the Zelenople airport. His was one of several Grasshopper Liaison aircraft in the chapter.

I will advise you of Ted's arrangements as soon as I have them from his family.





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.

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

2023 National Events

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

EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2023

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	Dan Hood 2023-2025
	Ted Merklin 2023-2024
	Danny Michaels 2023
Website / Newsletter	Ted Merklin