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Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 857

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# EAA 857 NEWSLETTER

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**The AirVenture 2007 show featured a number of unique aircraft. This is a replica late 20's era racing Travel Air Type R Mystery Ship built by Jim Younkin and flown here at Oshkosh by his grandson Matt Younkin who usually performs in the twin Beech 18.**

## Presidents Message

Hello EAA 857,

First, I want to clear the air, I have a good reason for missing the meeting/joining virtually. I am currently in Bellefontaine, Ohio completing CFI/CFII training with Midwest Corporate Air. This course was available sooner than the one I had planned to take in the May/June area and is finishing sooner. I should be back a few days after the meeting (weather dependent). Anyone need an instructor? As I write this, I am 5 days into the training, and it still sounds like the instructors are speaking English, so I guess it's going well although slightly overwhelming. They must believe in us because today we were gifted these water bottles.



Time is moving fast, and the time is upon us for planning for International Young Eagles Day! I appreciate the effort from those of you that have filled out the volunteer form. It's posted on the Facebook group and was sent to emails as well. Anyone is welcome to assist with the events including non-members so if you know anyone that is free that Saturday, we will take all the help we can get. Feel free to forward the email to them and have them fill out the form as well.



Kyle will be able to share more about the Ray Aviation Scholarship but there is good news! Speaking of good news: Congratulations Danny Michaels on your instrument rating!!

As always, I appreciate your efforts and suggestions. Please don't be strangers!

Joss Slagle

Chapter President

*ps: 2023 EAA 857 chapter membership dues are now past due please forward your dues payment to our Treasurer, Frank Szczerba. This is \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family group. A portion of these dues pays for our charter renewal for 2023 with the national EAA that we performed in December.*



## **Pittsburgh-Butler Region Experimental Aircraft Association—Chapter 857**

### **Minutes of March 21st, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**Opening:** President Josselyn Slagle called the meeting to order at 07:04 P.M. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting attendees:** 14 members were present. 3 members were present online. There was 1 guest visitor.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the prior meeting are in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes put forth by Kyle Riedel and seconded by Bob Tedesco.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed by Frank Szczerba. Motion to accept put forth by Danny Michaels and seconded by Kyle Riedel.

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

**Website:** Enter <https://chapters.eaa.org/857> in your browser to view the [site](#).

**Tech Advisor:** No report

**Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday April 18th, 2023

**IMC meeting:** Continuation of airport signs and marking after this meeting. April 3rd, 2023 accident review at Geauga County Airport wings credit is available.

**Young Eagles/Air Academy:** June 10th event - International Young Eagles Day volunteer sign up at: [Link](#)

A Late May payment will be due for Air Academy. Apply the YE Credits for 2022 and submit balance due.

**Ray Aviation Scholarship:** Kyle Riedel presentation re candidate application status.

**Board Meeting:** Ray Aviation Scholarship called for after Regular Meeting to discuss candidate applications.

**Old Business:** The following items were discussed: Current Membership: We have 34 total paid members. 4 remaining to pay.

**New Business:** A presentation was received from airport manager on the status of current and future projects.

**Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 07:50 P.M. motion made by Josselyn Slagle and seconded by Kyle Riedel.

**Program:** Kyle Riedel continued his presentation on Airport runway Markings and their meanings.

Respectfully submitted: Destinyjay Maletta, Secretary EAA 857



## Omaka Aviation Heritage Center, New Zealand

by Chris McGearry

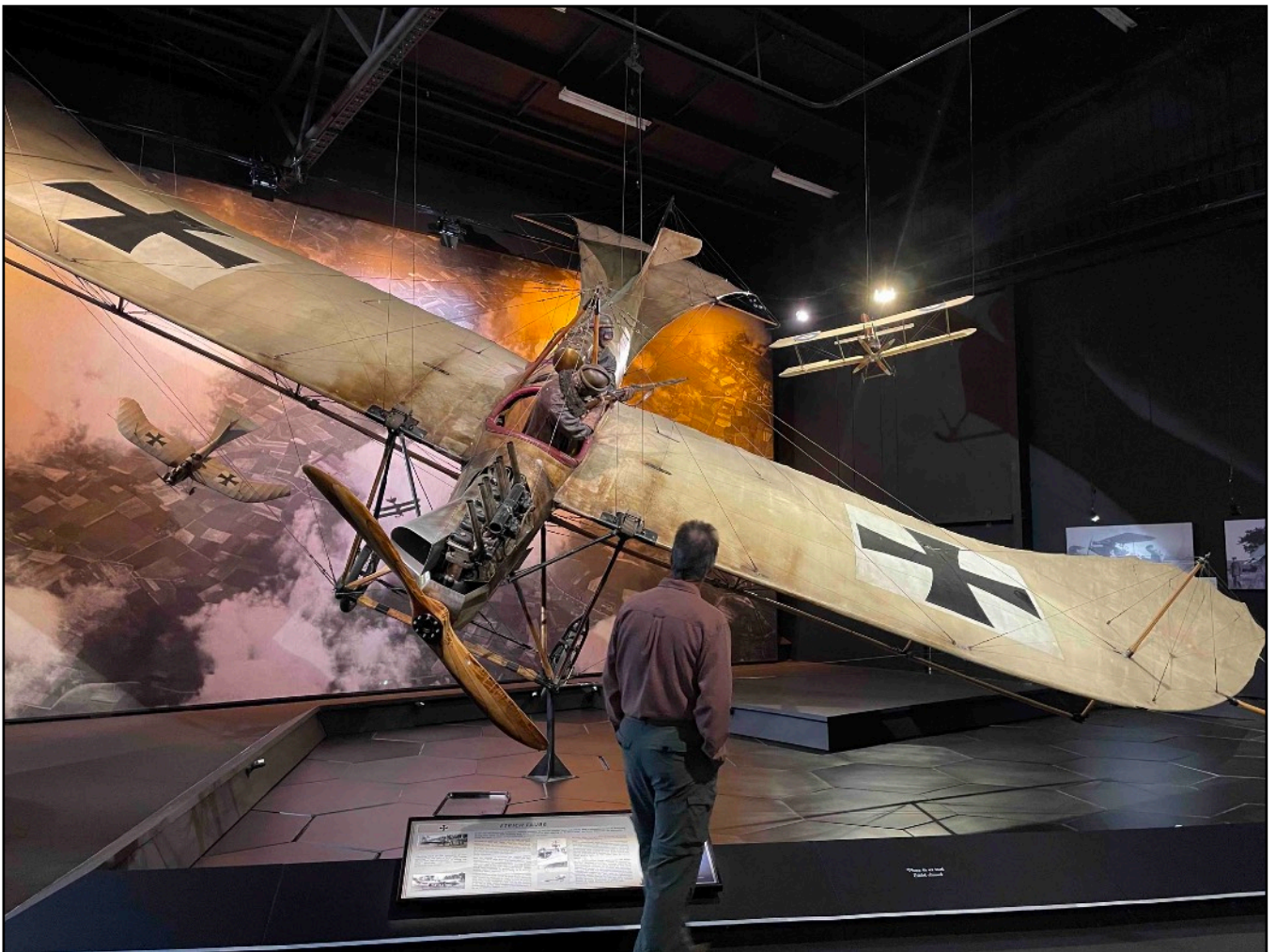
### Omaka Aviation Heritage Center

Peter Jackson (the director of the Lord of the Rings movies) has a passion for old aircraft, and as part of this, he has created a museum on the south island of New Zealand that is a MUST SEE.

He has created life sized flying replicas of many WWI and WWII aircraft, and presents many of them in life sized dioramas depicting historical events in some cases. To say they are impressive is an understatement. The museum also has collections of uniforms, artifacts and documents well worth viewing.

### Dogfight

Dogfight. Early observers used rifles to shoot at each other. The aircraft is an actual full-sized flying replica of an Etrich Taube.



**Evacuating an injured gunner**

This Morane-Saulnier pilot is helping his injured gunner to an ambulance.

**Landed in a tree**

The RAF pilot (in brown leather) is talking to the German pilot who shot him down. The German pilot wants his outfit, as the British cold weather gear was eagerly sought after (the Germans had nothing comparable).





**After the Last flight of the Baron**

Richthofen was shot and crashed behind the British lines, troops stripped the plane and the Baron's body of anything that would make a good souvenir.



**Uniforms artifacts and documents**

These are a few of the uniforms and memorabilia on display.



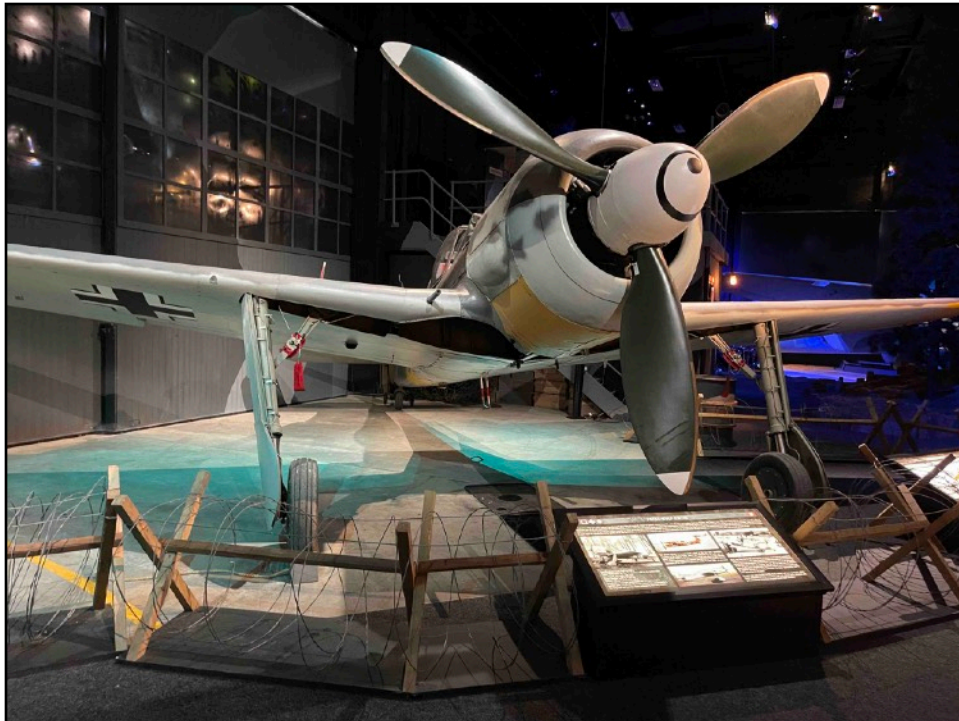
**Diving Stuka**

You can get close and personal with this JU87 on its way to make a delivery.



**Focke-Wulf FW190**

If I remember correctly, nearly all of the complete aircraft in this museum are flyable.





**Lockheed Hudson jungle wreck**

Great diorama of a plane that put down in the Indonesian jungle.





## Bill Eisenman's Project: Zenith 750 STOL

Bill Eisenman here. I am building a Zenith 750 STOL and have added a few pictures. It is 95% complete. Windshield and windows are ready to install and cowl and prop installation is underway. It has a 130 HP Honda Viking engine.

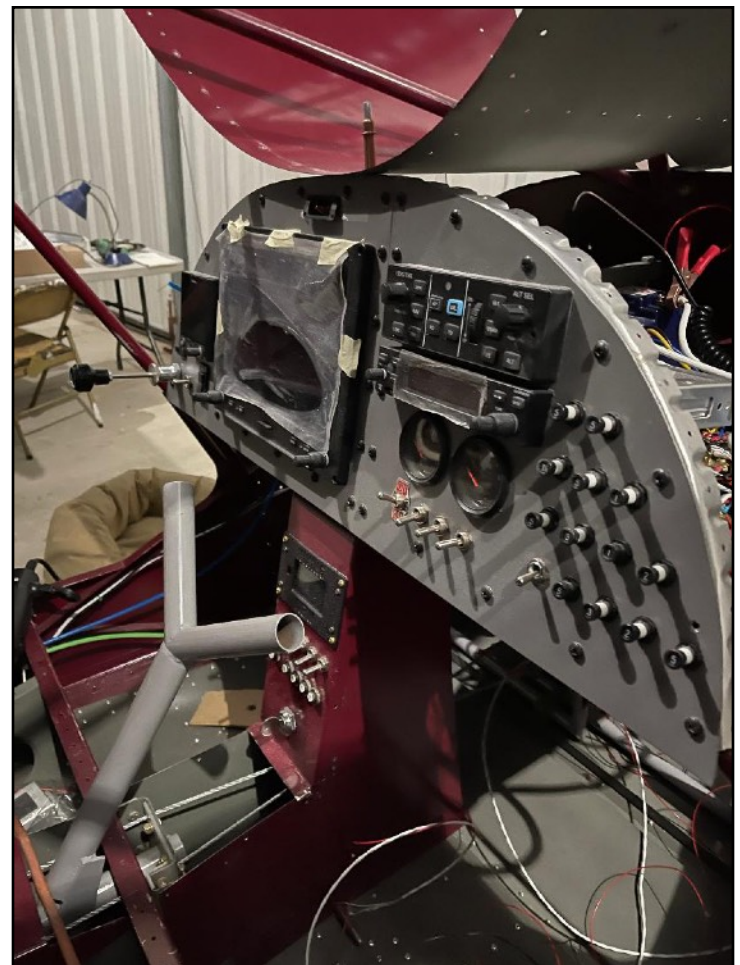




Anyone who wants to see the project can visit my hangar C10 at the New Castle airport.

I would be willing to host the May meeting in the hangar.

Please give me a call at 412-509-6446 so I can make sure I can meet you there to see the plane.







## **Airport Signs and Markings: Final Session**

With the most recent rash of runway incursions, having Airport Signs and Markings as a VMC Club Topic for the last two months was a timely and appropriate subject to review and discuss. I especially appreciated input from the membership about “local airport” markings and signs (and procedures) that hold the potential for unsafe conditions. On 18 April we will hold our final session on Airport Signs and Markings which will primarily be focused on an interactive group quiz. This session will start around 8pm (after our normal monthly meeting). Hope you can join us!

Kyle Riedel

## Take Your Children and Your Grandchildren to Oshkosh!

Bob Tedesco and some of his family enjoy the show in 2022

Judging from the sky color, this looks like it was for the night airshow!





## AirVenture 2023 Bus Trip Planned

Hello,

I just wanted to let the EAA chapters know that a bus trip is once again being planned for AirVenture at Oshkosh. If you could pass along the attached information, it will be greatly appreciated. It's always a great group of people to travel with and it's nice when several members from a chapter go together. This is a convenient way to get to this event and it's fun to travel with people that share a common interest. Thanks for your help.

Kent Shoemaker (Shoe)

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**Oshkosh – AirVenture Bus Trip**  
Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>  
**2023**




It's time to plan the **2023 Oshkosh – AirVenture Bus Trip**. This will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for the trip and I hope you will be a part of it. This will be the first year that we leave on a **Tuesday** (July 25<sup>th</sup>) and return on a **Saturday** (July 29<sup>th</sup>). Departure will be from the Butler Farm Show Airport (3G9) located on Rt.68 just West of Butler. We'll spend three days at AirVenture: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Once again our lodging will be at Ripon College dormitories and we'll travel on an air conditioned coach bus with a restroom.

The cost of the trip increased slightly from last year, mainly due to the increased cost of diesel fuel. However, the trip is still a great bargain because transportation, 4 nights lodging, and breakfast each morning are included, and it's always a great group of people! Participants are responsible for air show entry fees. The cost of the trip is:

**Double Occupancy: \$390.00/per person    Private Room: \$490/per person**

If you're interested in participating in this adventure, then I will need a **deposit check in the amount of \$100.00** made out to **Kent L. Shoemaker**. The balance will be due in May. Please complete the registration form below and send it, along with your deposit to:

**Kent L. Shoemaker    225 Glade Run Road    Renfrew, PA 16053**

In May, a letter requesting the balance due, along with trip details, will be sent to all participants. If you have any questions, please call, text, or email me:

724-766-5847 or [kentLshoemaker@gmail.com](mailto:kentLshoemaker@gmail.com)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your lodging choice:  Double Occupancy     Private Room

Roommate (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Balance due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.

<b>Chapter Meetings</b>	Tuesdays	January 17 February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20 July 18 August 15 September 19 October 17 November 21	
<b>IMC / VMCClub -</b>		TBD	
<b>International Young Eagles Day -</b>		Saturday,	June 10
<b>EAA 857 Fly-In and YE -</b>		Saturday,	August 12
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### 2023 National Events

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

### EAA 857 Chapter Officers for 2023

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>Josselyn Slagle</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Kyle Riedel</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Frank Szczerba</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>DestinyJay Maletta</b>
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Dan Hood      2023-2025</b>
	<b>Ted Merklin    2023-2024</b>
	<b>Danny Michaels 2023</b>
<b>Website / Newsletter</b>	<b>Ted Merklin</b>