

Make music with us The word wars begin

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Pep Band

Not quite ready to give up that instrument you learned in high school? Want to support Embry-Riddle in the coolest way possible?

Then join one of only a handful of musically inclined clubs on campus: the Pep Band and Drum Corp here at ERAU! We perform for the Girl's Volleyball team, Men's Basketball team, Ice Hockey Club, a local high school's football team and anything else that requires our unique brand of "rent-a-mob with instruments".

As a member of the pep band you would attend practices twice

a week (as long you don't have a prior academic commitment) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., regularly perform at games and have the opportunity to enjoy some non-instrument time with your band mates (such as midnight trips to Denny's and Steak and Shake after games, home-cooked dinner nights, etc.)

Transportation to and from games, and even to and from out-of-band activities will be provided by members of the band with a vehicle, so do not worry if you think you cannot get off campus.

Please feel welcome to join us for our first practice on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:45 p.m.; if you do not have your instrument with you at the time you can still sit in and watch how we run things.

As one of the louder groups on campus, we have our very own special building on campus.

It is located across Clyde Morris Blvd. in the second modular (aka mobile unit/trailer) behind the ROTC building, if you think the directions are too confusing you can meet up with one of our members in front of the Student Village entrance around 6:30 p.m.

They will be wearing a blue jersey with Pep Band @ ERAU in yellow on the front. Please bring your instrument with you if you have it.

If you cannot make it to the first practice you can come any Tuesday or Thursday at 6:45 p.m. and just ask around for someone important or find our table at the activities fair.

Simeon Kushan

Scrabble Club

Get ready to test your word skills against players who love the fun, addictive and challenging game of Scrabble as much as you do.

Play the game which combines the ingredients of strategy, memory and luck that rewards those who can spot opportunities, play consistently, and even come from behind by conjuring up a bonus at the right moment.

The Scrabble Club welcomes players of all levels, from those who have played a few games on their gadgets or with family and friends, to the experienced players who have previously participated in a club or a tournament.

Be part of a Scrabble community where everyone learns from each other and enjoys playing Scrabble in a friendly yet competitive atmosphere.

The club will host weekly rounds of scrabble at a time convenient to the majority of people who are interested.

Equipment will be provided, however those who have their own boards and chess clocks (or a chess clock app) are welcome to bring them along.

Newcomers to the game will be given a thorough training of

basic rules, rack management and board strategy, as well as vocabulary resources to master in their spare time.

They can also play consultation games with an experienced player who will offer guidance and invaluable tips on how to improve quickly.

To make life easier, beginners will be allowed some liberties including access to 2 and 3 letter word lists while playing, extra time on the clock and no penalty for challenges.

More accomplished players will relish the challenge of playing with a competition level player and gaining some valuable playing time. As a fun option, players can also test their aviation knowledge in a unique thematic variant of the game called 'Aviation Scrabble'.

After the club has sufficient members, monthly tournaments will be held with competition rules including time restrictions, a specific order of play for each turn and penalties for unsuccessful challenges to name a few.

Players will be paired in the early rounds according to their playing ability using a rating system, with the later rounds being randomly drawn and played in a knockout format.

Being placed in the top three will earn prizes and valuable

rating points. Prizes will also be offered to exceptional plays, highest number of bonuses, high scoring games and words, as well as the word of the tournament and last but not the least, to the player of the semester.

The club is actively looking for players and members for the executive board, so anybody interested can contact the president.

The club is also looking for sponsors for the tournament prizes as an alternative to having a small membership fee to cover the costs, so any offers are welcome.

The meeting day will be fixed by majority vote, and will be announced by email to those who contact the president as well as being listed on the university events calendar.

Those interested in meeting a club representative and learning more about the club can stop by at the Activities Fair later this fall semester.

We will also be a part of the National Gaming Day event in the Hunt Library on November 12. The president and the club look forward to welcoming you as a member of this new club and being a part of the Scrabble community.

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Speaking without a sound

Lanie Wagenblast

Sign Up!

Sign-Up! is a sign language and Deaf culture club that is made up of unique and motivated individuals who strive to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between the Deaf and the hearing oriented world in which we all live.

The rapidly growing club currently meets in the Doolittle Annex at 5:15 p.m. on Thursdays to discuss silenced issues and to expand knowledge on the use of body language and vocabulary in American Sign Language (ASL).

Last fall, the club exposed itself for the first time to the Deaf community virtually via YouTube!

At a tournament held by Gallaudet University, the most prestigious Deaf university in the world, Embry-Riddle's basketball team presented a 'hello message' to the host team which was created by a few of the Sign-Up! members.

Though inexperienced and new to ASL, students jumped at the opportunity to work together to create the video. Members introduced the goals of the Sign-Up! club, showed appreciation for ERAU's invitation to the tour-

namment, and wittily wished the Gallaudet team luck on the court!

The learning experience was exciting for the students and was moving for Mr. Richard Stickney, Sign-Up!'s advisor, who is a Deaf Studies graduate. Mr. Stickney understood how big an impact this small gesture had on not only the relationship between Sign-Up! and Gallaudet, but on ERAU and the Deaf community as a whole.

With the help of Mr. Stickney, coaches, ERAU administrators, club members, and ASL dictionaries, Sign-Up! members were able to communicate their strong interest in learning America's second language and express their respect for the Deaf community without saying a single word!

Stepping out from behind the camera and into the eyes of ERAU, Sign-Up! had the chance to perform the song Firework by Katy Perry, live, at last spring's Acafellas annual concert.

The group of talented, male vocalists invited Sign-Up! to interpret the song in ASL while they sang along. It was exciting for both groups to be able to collaborate and perform an experience that, for hearing people, is usually taken for granted.

The gentlemen who sang then further surprised the audience and took the time to learn the chorus of Firework in ASL themselves! This event was an eye opener for many and a memorable concert to end Sign-Up!'s productive year on.

As this next school year approaches, returning Sign-Up! members look forward to expanding their abilities by starting ASL classes with a local Deaf instructor.

Also, currently planned for this fall semester is a visit from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's (FSDB) dance troupe on October 11. This campus wide event will take place as part of the Tuesday's Treasure program.

As a sign of gratitude for the club's great enthusiasm and interest in their appearance, FSDB honored ERAU's visit with priority in the troupe's busy performance schedule for the year, and Sign-Up! is anxiously awaiting their arrival!

If anyone is interested in joining Sign-Up! or wants to know more on how to get involved with our local Deaf community, please contact Lanie Wagenblast, president, wagenbla@my.erau.edu.



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Come fly with the Sport Aviation Club

Nick Candrella

Sport Aviation

The name Embry-Riddle is known worldwide in conjunction with aviation; it just goes together like weight and balance go together.

Nowhere is this fact reflected better than in our student body. We love to fly, period. If flying was a crime most of us would be on death row. Fortunately for us, it is not.

In flying, as with everything, we are faced with the oxymoronic truth that too much of a good thing is in fact not a good thing.

The flight class that you looked forward to will begin to feel like a chore; the tedious procedures and the unending paperwork, it will be enough to make you want to put local cross country right under laundry on your to do list.

That is the way Embry-Riddle produces the top-notch, professional pilots in

the industry that it is known for. It is precisely those two words, profession and industry, that make that type of flying so arduous.

At the Sport Aviation Club (SAC), flying is not a profession, but a recreation and it is not an industry, but a sport. The relaxed and laid back attitude of the organization is a welcome contrast to rigors of flight training.

Through our close association with the Eagle Sport Aviation club (ESA) we have opportunities to fly several aircraft.

These aircraft include a Pitts S-2B N260AB, an acrobatic biplane with more history than I can go into here. A 1946 Piper J-3 Cub, a true stick and rudder legend.

A Schleicher ASK-21 two seat acrobatic sailplane and a Schweizer SGS 2-33 sailplane affectionately dubbed the blue burrito round out the hangar.

Participating in SAC events allows you the chance to fly in

ESA's aircraft. Our once per semester Intro Ride Weekend allows you to take flight in each aircraft one time without paying ESA membership dues.

We participate, with ESA, in International Aerobatic Club (IAC a division of the EAA) events like the Phil Schacht Aerobatic Contest and the Sebring Aerobatic Contest.

The J-3 Cub has been used for our yearly Drop What You Brought competition. We have also had the opportunity to tour Stallion 51, an FBO specializing in warbirds specifically P-51 Mustangs.

We host instructor taught ground school sessions for Aerobatic, Tail Wheel and Soaring. This year the dates for the ground schools are:

- Aerobatics September 21 & 22
 - Tail Wheel October 5 & 6
 - Soaring October 12 & 13
- All these meetings will take place from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. We have conducted Meet and

Greet forums with air show performers such as Embry-Riddle's own Matt Chapman and Rob Holland.

We have a semesterly retreat campout has been held at such airports as Thunderbird Airpark and Hilliard Airpark, and this year's retreat will be at Pierson from November 11-13.

The SAC is an active member of the ERAU community participating in several events including Homecoming, ODK Charity House and AOA's Pull-a-Plane.

If any of these activities appeal to your interest in aviation, be sure to stop by our booth at the Student Activities Fair on Tuesday September 13.

We will be the one with the planes. Be sure to join us that evening for our hangar party. Look us up on our Facebook group for more information and pictures by searching Sport Aviation Club at ERAU.



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THE SPORT AVIATION CLUB gives pilots a break from stressful school-related flying, with opportunities to enjoy flights in such aircraft as the Pitts S-2B Biplane (Pictured) as well as the fully aerobatic glider the ASK-21 and the a beautifully restored 1946 J-3 Piper Cub.