



Chapter 324

Simsbury, CT

December 2019 Gathering

Attendance: Mark Ranstead, Charlie Luke, Vincent Carucci, Dave Buyak, Doug Melville, Dan McKeeman, Eric Nulsen and Jill Nulsen

Guests: Scott Selker, Chance Selker and Bill Oakes

Welcome to Scott and Chance!

The Selkers recently purchased a Powered Paraglider (PPG) that was being sold at the Simsbury Fly-In this past Fall. They intend to perform a conditional inspection of the aircraft this winter and learn to fly it in the Spring at the Simsbury Airport. Chance is a Young Eagle, having flown with both Charlie Luke in his RV-7A and Dan McKeeman in his Zenith CH-801 several years ago.



Announcements and Upcoming Dates:

Simsbury Airport Fuel Farm is complete!

December 18 VMC Club, 7pm

January 11 Winter Party with catered dinner at the Ranstead's (more information coming)

Regular January Gathering at the airport is cancelled - we'll see you on January 11th! (RSVP required)

Discussion:

Discussed the pilot factors and decision-making processes likely involved in the 737-Max accidents and the importance of basic pilot skills in flight training.

Charlie shared webinar information from EAA regarding Chapter recordkeeping that our chapter can utilize online. Mark and Jill will likely have access to do this.

Doug shared information on a study he conducted on cowl pins after the experience he had with a cowl pin that backed out of the cowling and the prop strike that occurred. For more info and photos, contact Doug.

Charlie brought a back up battery pack he purchased at AirVenture this year and shared information about it. The battery lasts 2 hours as a back up and can be charged by the running aircraft; weight is 2 lbs.

Eric brought some of his RV-7 project parts in for show and tell and to get feedback on a few questions he had as he assembles the rudder.

Mark turns 60!

With homemade chili and corn bread, pizza, birthday cake and a nice bottle of Scotch (Scotch from the birthday guy), we welcomed Mark to his 6th decade... a good time!

Monthly EAA Video Highlights *(September issue):*

- AirVenture: Review of the event, interviews, aircraft photos, numbers and videos
- Tool Crib Program
- Young Eagle Build and Fly Program (RC Aircraft)
- All Young Eagle flights now get credit back to the chapters from EAA. Formerly, a pilot had to give 10 Young Eagle flights before any credit was given, but that requirement has been removed by EAA.
- Online Builders Log
- Cable and Nicopress Sleeves – technique instruction

All information regarding any of the above is available through the EAA website, eaa.org, or you can doubleclick on this link: <https://eaa.org/Videos/Chapters/6079704339001>

Treasurer's Report:

On file.