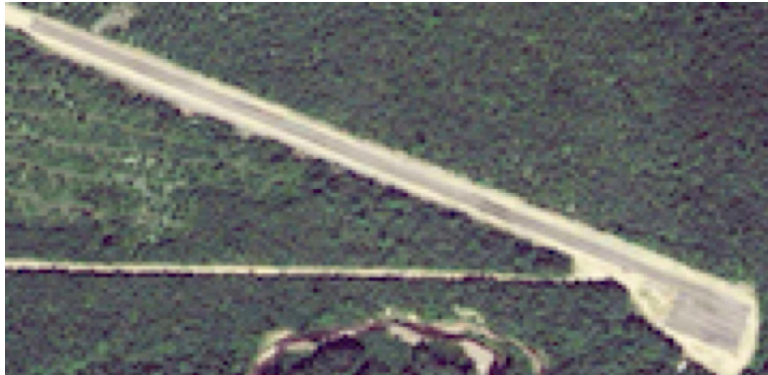
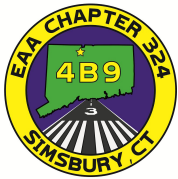


# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



## July 2021

*Name the Maine airport above and win a \$10 DD card—respond by email!*



Jul 26- Aug 1      AirVenture  
Oshkosh, WI

Aug 4      EAA 324 Gathering  
6 pm  
Food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling

Sept 26      Simsbury Fly-In



### Chapter Happenings:

It was a stormy night when we met on July 7<sup>th</sup>, but the weather didn't stop 20 of us from enjoying good food, conversation, project updates and a presentation on a historic airport on Long Island, NY. We welcomed guests Simon Green, Eric Wismar, Maury Gault and Joe Williams and welcome guests and prospective members to join us at any of our gatherings.

AirVenture is just around the corner and we have a group from our chapter going out to Oshkosh in just a few weeks for the week-long aviation event that draws from across our country and across aviation worldwide. If you aren't going this year, put it on your calendar for 2022. The members who are going this year will have plenty of stories and pictures to share when they come back!

Jill Nulsen shared historic photos and stories from her grandfather's days of running an aviation company at Floyd Bennett Field in the 1930's. More about this within this newsletter. Congratulations to Doug Melville who won the DD card for correctly guessing the airport in last month's newsletter....yes, it was Floyd Bennett Field.

VMC Club is looking for a co-leader to work with Charlie, as his work commitments conflict with the club meeting occasionally. For more information about VMC Club or if you're interested in lending a hand, contact Charlie Luke at [lukec258@gmail.com](mailto:lukec258@gmail.com).

*First member to email Jill at [jilln658@ymail.com](mailto:jilln658@ymail.com) with the correct name of the destination in the photo above gets a \$10 Dunkin Donuts card at the next gathering! Hint: Special ops required arriving and departing!*

### **Presentation: Art Bussy and Floyd Bennett Field in the 1930's**

Jill shared a slide show of her grandfather, Arthur Bussy, the operator of United Air Service at Floyd Bennett Field on Long Island during the 1930's. Art encompassed much of what was going on in aviation in the 1930's....charter flights, rescue flights, mercy flights for medical issues, tours over New York City in his Ford trimotor, Miss Albany, and air racing, including a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 1939 Bendix Air Race. Art worked on routes to London , via one stop in New Foundland.

With the coming of WWII, Art transitioned to military work, ferrying PBV's from Honolulu to Manila, Philipines, working as a test pilot for Convair's bomber and later, after the war, continuing work as their test pilot for first flights on the early Convair "airliners". After an injury that brought on debilitating arthritis, Art helped to establish early airline routes in the U.S., with couriers delivering materials to his home for his work.

Many of the members at the gathering asked for a copy of the slide show to further look at the pictures and read some of the newspaper articles. A google link is shared here, if you're interested in checking it out. Note: The file is over 1 GB, so is a long, slow download!





## Upcoming Events

**AirVenture 2021:** There are still campsites available at our Chapter Camping site at this year's AirVenture (Oshkosh). Presently those planning on going to Wisconsin are Vincent and Theresa Carucci, Bryan Ranstead, Mark Ranstead, Jordan Li and Dylan & Jennifer Wreggelsworth (Bryan's friends in the Coast Guard). Charlie Luke will be sleeping at the Experimental Aircraft parking/camping but will be a resident of our Camp. If anyone one is interested in attending AirVenture and camping with us please contact Mark Ranstead.

**2021 Simsbury Fly-In, Car Show and Food Truck Festival** will be **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a Food Truck event only on September 25<sup>th</sup>. As in past years our Chapter will be tasked with the ground handling and parking of visiting aircraft. There are a few new twists to the field layout and Mark will include a briefing at our next EAA gathering. There are a lot of volunteer opportunities with this event and we welcome new volunteers who want to get involved, whether they are part of our chapter or not. There are a myriad of volunteer opportunities, part day and all day, for family and friends to help out as well. Contact either Brad Griswold or Jill Nulsen for more information on these additional volunteer opportunities. It truly is a full fun day of flying and aircraft of all sorts!!

## PROJECTS:

Doug Melville presented two recently failed parts from his co-owned RV-6A. Both parts were dissected to show their failures. Both parts gave subtle indications of failure before they occurred.

Vince Carucci's engine came in for his Legal Eagle project.

Eric Nulsen's wing sections are coming along on his RV-7 with fuel tanks completed and auxiliary tanks in the works.

## July 7<sup>th</sup> Roll Call:

Mark Ranstead, Charlie Luke, Vince Carucci, Brad Griswold, Doug Melville, Phil Vonrichtofen, Dave Buyak, Bob Upson, Dan McKeenan, Peter Dachnowicz, Eric Nulsen, Jill Nulsen, Laura Doherty, Robert Joyce, Thomas Russo, and guests:  
Andrea VenLurini, Simon Green, Eric Wismar, Joe Williams and Maury Gault

## Treasurer's Report:

Our current balance is \$4,765.76 as we continue to add members.  
Vince Carucci has the most recent statement on file.

## News from EAA:

July Chapter Video Magazine

- Charlie Becker from headquarters gives an update of happenings with EAA nationally and opportunities at the local level. You can find that segment here:  
<https://eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/resources-from-hq/eaa-chapter-video-magazine>  
(Download the July file from that site)

***Be sure to check out all of the resources on the [eaa.org](https://eaa.org) website – videos, webinars, training, events, ideas for future events, homebuilding resources, history—they've got it all!***

