

EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



June 2021

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July 7 EAA 324 Gathering
6 pm
Food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling

Jul 26- AirVenture
Aug 1 Oshkosh, WI

Sept 26 Simsbury Fly-In



Chapter Happenings:

Our chapter continues to grow, with 17 members attending, including several new members, at our gathering on June 2nd. After flying, food and drink, Dr. Dodenhoff, AME, spoke on the medical application process and gave great information on avoiding mis-steps along the way.

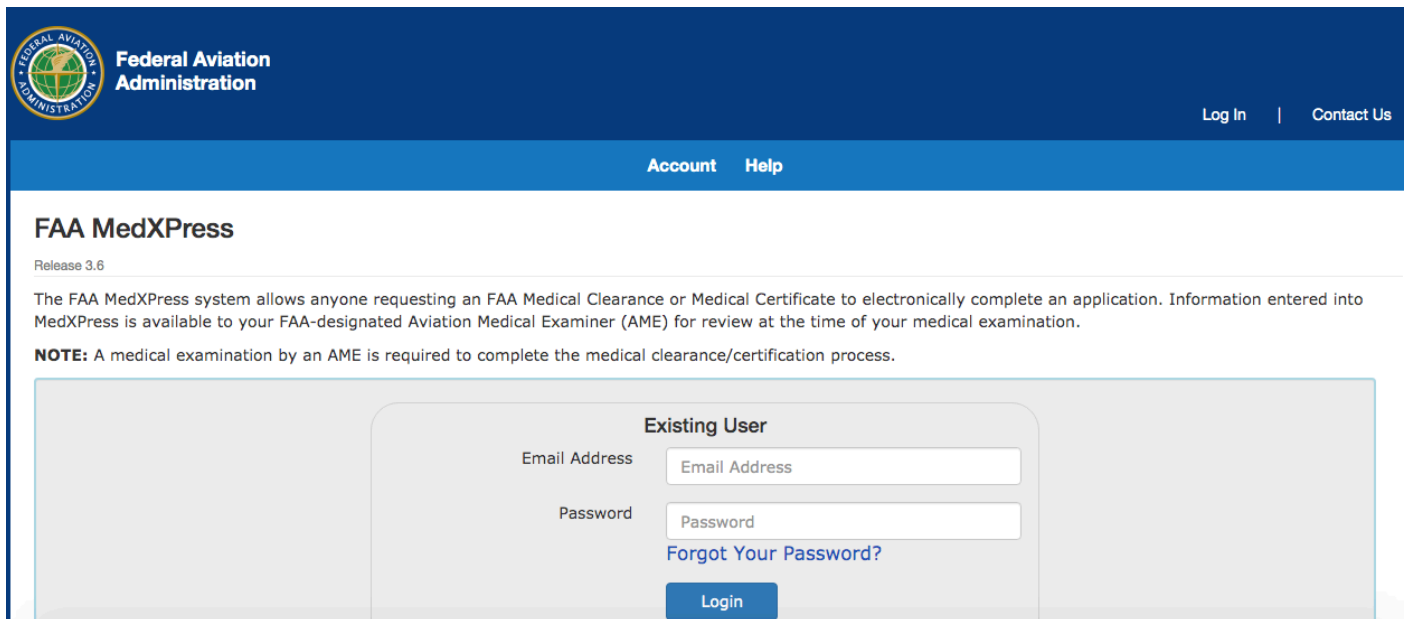
Welcome to Mark Garlasco, Don Chamberlain and Karl Boehm. Mark is building a Zenith 701 and is a student pilot. Don owns a Mooney M20C and is working on a Pitts S-1S. He also is rated to fly gliders. Karl owns a 1940 Piper J4 Coup and proudly showed it off to the group at the gathering. What a wonderful classic aircraft!

Read further to hear from Dr. Dodenhoff on getting a medical as well as chapter information so you can formulate a plan to attend AirVenture in Oshkosh this year!

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.

First member to email Jill at 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: I'm pretty sure no one in the chapter has landed at this airport.

Special Presentation: DR. ROBERT DODENHOFF, AME



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The FAA MedXPress system allows anyone requesting an FAA Medical Clearance or Medical Certificate to electronically complete an application. Information entered into MedXPress is available to your FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) for review at the time of your medical examination.

NOTE: A medical examination by an AME is required to complete the medical clearance/certification process.

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Dr. Dodenhoff spoke on several subjects:

- MedXPress, FAA Form 8500-8 (website: <https://medxpress.faa.gov/MedXpress/>)
- Converting a Medical Certificate to BasicMed.
- Diabetes and your Medical Certificate or BasicMed.

In this age of online applications, even your medical certificate has to be applied for online through MedXPress before you have your appointment with the doctor. Key to this process is helping your AME doctor help you to meet all the qualifications required. While your application through MedXPress, when completed, gives you a confirmation number required for your appointment with the AME, be sure to have a conversation with he or she about any medications or conditions you currently have and are listed on your application **BEFORE** the doctor opens your MedXPress application.

There is a greater opportunity to convert your Medical Certificate to a BasicMed before the form is opened. The form does not legally exist until it is unlocked by the AME. The confirmation number is the KEY. If the MedXPress form is not opened the form will delete after 60 days.

Thank you, Dr. Dodenhoff, for these valuable insights and for taking the time to visit our chapter.

Upcoming Events

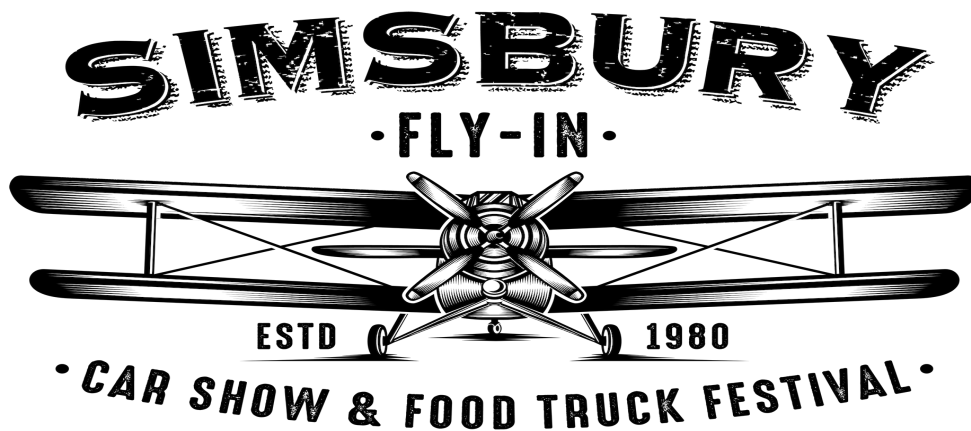
AirVenture 2021: There are still campsites available at our Chapter Camping site at this year's AirVenture (Oshkosh). Presently those planning on going to Wisconsin are Brad Griswold, Vincent and Theresa Carucci, Bryan Ranstead, Mark Ranstead and Dylan & Jennifer Wreggelsworth (Bryan's friend in the 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 26th. There will be a Food Truck event only on September 25th. 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.

Thank you to those who stayed after the gathering to help assemble the vinyl to signage that will be used at this year's Simsbury Airport Association Fly-In, Car Show and Food Truck Festival

Karl Boehm
Laura Doherty
Brad Griswold
Alexandria Lee
Charlie Luke

Doug Melville
Mark Ranstead
Phil von Richthofen
Bob Upson



Projects:

Although not technically a build project, Karl Boehm gave a tour of his beautiful 1940 Piper J4. Below are just a few pictures of this aircraft.



J4 COCKPIT



Treasurer's Report:

Our current balance is \$4,740.76 as we continue to add members. Vince Carucci has the most recent statement on file.

News from EAA:

June 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 June file from that site)

Be sure to check out all of the resources on the eaa.org website – videos, webinars, training, events, ideas for future events, homebuilding resources, history—they’ve got it all!

