

# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



## October 2020

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



Oct 10	Helicopter Day New England Air Museum
Oct 15	Aerospace Industry Business After Hours Webinar 6pm New England Air Museum
Nov 4	EAA 324 Gathering 6 pm Food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling
December	Annual Christmas Get Together ? (we'll see what Covid has for us by then)

### Chapter Happenings:

We had a great turnout for our gathering this month! We welcome new members:

Ellen Coloccia (student pilot and tail wheel enthusiast)

Laura Doherty (PPL, tail wheel endorsed, working on her instrument rating)

Leon Getchell (student pilot)

We're excited to welcome these three new members and look forward to many fun aviation times together going forward!

VMC Club is on hold due to Covid restrictions because we typically meet in the clubhouse and the close confines there are not conducive to a healthy and relaxed meeting at this point. For more information about VMC Club, contact Charlie Luke at [lukec258@gmail.com](mailto:lukec258@gmail.com).

Be sure to check out all of the resources on the eaa.org website – videos, webinars, training, ideas for events, homebuilding resources; you name it, they have it.

If you are interested in or have ideas for developing activities or events for 2021, please let Mark or Charlie know and we will get you some help to make it happen.

Chapter Recognition Awards are on hold this year, but we'll have the opportunity to work towards a Gold Level status for combined 2020-2021.

*First member to email Jill at [jilln658@ymail.com](mailto:jilln658@ymail.com) with the correct name of the destination with a great diner in the photo above gets a \$10 Dunkin Donuts card at the next gathering! Matt Lyman quickly guessed Ellington Airport last month....lots of members got it, but Matt was first!*

## **PROJECT UPDATES and ACTIVITIES**

Dave Buyak took his first flight in his completely renovated C-172 this past Sunday – CONGRATULATIONS! His plane is beautiful and the attention to detail is well worth seeing.

Mark Ranstead had a bunch of members up to his hangar to show how his work is coming along on his Super Cub and tell the story of Brad's "new" plane and how it will be used to complete his (Brad's) building project in process.

Vince Carucci got varnish work done on the wings of his Legal Eagle and the engine has been ordered.

### **More Chapter News and Chapter Videos:**

- Brian Thomas shared some video work he captured at the Simsbury Food Truck Drive Thrus....our local pilots kept the attendees smiling!
- On a related note, many thanks to John Doran for his instruction on formation flight.
- Doug Melville shared some glider and RV-6 video he had – thanks Doug.
- While we haven't been able to hold any Eagle or Young Eagle events this year due to the pandemic, Doug Melville and Charlie Luke have continued to provide these individual flights when there is interest. Thanks guys!
- New member Peter Dachnowicz has offered to be our Flight Advisor and will be working toward completing the EAA requirements to provide that service to our chapter. Thanks, Peter!

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Our current balance is nearing \$4,850 as we add members.  
Vince Carucci has the most recent statement on file.

## News from EAA:

Two video segments were shared from National EAA including,

- Charlie Becker from headquarters gave 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 October file from that site)*
- From the video cache at EAA, check out Finding the Spirit of Aviation in the Backcountry. If this video doesn't make you want to get out and try some STOL flying, I don't know what will!  
<https://eaa.org/videos/5855457277001>

EAA has a great tool in the Online Builder's Log. Find it and enroll in their program here:

<https://eaabuilderslog.org/>

