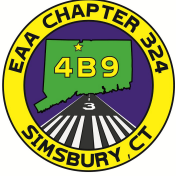


EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



October 2022



Mid-Oct	VMC Club Simsbury Airport Clubhouse 7 pm (Laura will email the date when it is finalized)
Nov 2	EAA 324 Gathering 6 pm Flying, food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling *At the clubhouse
January	Winter Dinner

Chapter Happenings:

Congratulations to Luke Wismar (pictured above with an RV grin after a flight with John Doran on Fly In day) – Luke is our Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient! Luke was one of several applicants reviewed by the scholarship committee and stood out not only for his qualifications but also for his unbounded enthusiasm for aviation. Luke was part of the ground crew with his CAP unit at Oshkosh for AirVenture and then followed that with working all day both Saturday and Sunday at the Simsbury Fly-In, Classic Car Show and Food Truck Festival. From selling t-shirts to filling in as a greeter at the South entrance gate to helping direct parking the day before, Luke was a real asset to the event weekend.

Luke has accumulated 10-15 hours total time between gliders and toward his private pilot SEL license and is near soloing. We look forward to encouraging and mentoring Luke over the next year as he finishes his license – way to go, Luke!!


Speaking of the Fly-In, there were thanks all around for all of the contributions made by EAA members for the event. It was the smoothest and the most profitable Fly-In to date! Thank you all!

As we get deep into Fall and toward Winter and the temperatures cool off, we're back to meeting in the airport clubhouse in November unless there's a heat wave that week.

Read more about this month's happenings on the following pages!


Upcoming Event:

EAA Chapter 27 at Meriden (KMMK) will be hosting an event featuring balloonist Kathy Wadsworth, a Farmington native and member of the local Ninety-Nines women pilots group. Here's the basic information:



Sun. Oct. 16th | KMMK
EAA Chapter 27 & the CT 99s

Kathy Wadsworth - 40 Years of Ballooning



Join us for a combined event between the CT 99s and EAA to hear from local pilot Kathy Wadsworth, a Farmington native who had an incredible career in the ballooning industry

Kathy's Distinctions: Set a number of World Records in small sized category Hot Air Balloons in 1978, Series of flights in remote areas of Venezuela, including over Angels Falls & off the highest peaks of the Venezuelan Andes. the first Hot Air Balloon flights in that country

Laura, who is herself President of the Connecticut 99's, highly recommends this event and said it would be a good time to meet other EAA members and the 99's. The event is being held as part of their regular gathering at 10:00 am at the Meriden Airport Terminal Building, 213 Evansville Ave, Meriden, CT.

Member and Airport Happenings:

- Xhulia has taken up skydiving and already has 20 jumps!
- The infamous WeedHopper that we've been trying to get rid of is now gone to it's new home, purchased for a bottle of whiskey! The new owner was described as a "serial hanglider guy" and we wish him all the best.
- Laura will be taking the lead for the VMC Club as Charlie gets his new home ready to move into and makes the move to Killingworth.
- Kudos to Karl Boehm for providing Young Eagle flights to two high schoolers who aren't sure what direction their lives are going to take after they graduate. What an excellent exposure to aviation they had through Karl, hopefully influencing their future.
- Kudos also to Canton Scout Troop 77, newly formed and being led by 17 year old Ethan Newell. Through his friendship with the Ciuca's (Lori, who oversaw all of the food and drink for volunteers as well as drink and t-shirt sales), he found out about the Fly-In and offered to put together a group from his troop to be our clean up crew for the event. They were outstanding!
- Brad Griswold mentioned that our storage shipping container for Fly-In supplies could use a paint job, possibly even a cool mural. If anyone has ideas for this project and would like to put together a group to do it, it would be a Spring 2023 project.
- Also, under the heading of Spring 2023 airport projects, it's time to paint the name of our airport and the frequency as well as the lines on the runway. Laura mentioned the possibility of the 99's doing it and Luke thought the local CAP chapter might like to take this on.
- There will be a board meeting at the end of October for nominations and 2023 planning.

Project Updates:

Dave Buyak's J-5 project is continuing to move forward. Dave is currently working on cleaning up and repairing the ribs in the wings....a huge project. He recently sandblasted the empennage.

Dave's Cessna 172 goes in for it's annual inspection starting October 7.

Vince Carucci had his Legal Eagle project at the Fly-In on display. He's starting to put the wings on it, which will be covered after they are installed.

Eric Nulsen's RV-7 project is nearing the end of the wing kit. He has the fuselage kit and hopes to get started on it this winter.

Mark Ranstead was able to spend some time on his SuperCub a few weekends ago. It has been a huge project!

Attendees this month:

Mark Ranstead, Charlie Luke, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Jill Nulsen, Karl Boehm, Doug Melville, Brad Griswold, Phil Vonrichthofen, Dan McKeeman, Luke Wismar, Dave Buyak, Scott Selker, Chance Selker, Jeff Neumann, Xhulia Lumi and Jon LaValley

Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer, Vince Carucci, has the most recent statement on file.

News from EAA:

The October Chapter Video Magazine is available here: <https://www.eaa.org/videos/chapters>

In October's Chapter Video Magazine, Charlie Becker discusses:

- Important **Young Eagles program** updates and coordinator training
- EAA Chapter **Tool Crib program**
- **SportAir Workshops** available as online courses
- Guidance on receiving scammer/phishing texts and emails

