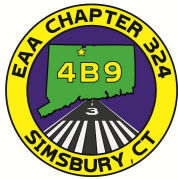


EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



April 2023

Have you been to this Connecticut airport? Goodspeed Airport (42B) has been in the process of revitalization and looks to be a wonderful Spring/Summer destination!

Chapter Happenings

Welcome back, Mark! Mark just finished up his Boeing 777 Captain training in Dallas for the past few months.

A big thank you to Brad for donating \$2000 to the chapter through his employee volunteer program at Disney/ESPN. We know you knock yourself out for the Simsbury Airport and appreciate all of your hard work.

Chapter Presentation: Women's Air Race Classic

Our own Laura Doherty will be co-pilot as part of a team racing this year in June. Her aircraft is a C-182 owned and piloted by Maryland pilot Debi Dreyfuss who has raced this aircraft for many years and has had top ten finishes. Laura shared that although the race is scheduled for June 20-23, the preparations, preflight and post-flight activities range over the course of 18 days in June.

The race is 2300-2600 miles long with a crew of 2 or 3 in each aircraft (no experimental aircraft, all single engine aircraft) and all flying is accomplished during daytime hours and VFR conditions. Each aircraft is especially handicapped before the event starts to create a level playing field for all types of aircraft.

While women have been involved in air racing since 1929, this particular event has been conducted since 1977 and has up to 55 aircraft entered each year.

If you would like more information about ARC (Air Race Classic), you can find it here:

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/>

If you would like to help support Laura's fundraising efforts, her Go Fund Me page is:

<https://gofund.me/5a903a5e>

Many thanks to Laura for all of her preparation for this presentation and best of luck to her in finishing her studies and preparations for the event!! Check the event website for tracking her progress on race days.



	Class	Race#	Team Name	Pilot	Copilot	Teammates	Aircraft Registration	Aircraft Make/Model	School
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16	C	20	Star Wings	Debi Dreyfuss	Laura Doherty		N199CA	Cessna Skylane 182T	

Show and Tell

Dave shared an amazing video of the wing re-building process on his J-5A aircraft from his YouTube channel. That site is <https://www.youtube.com/c/DavidBuyakCessna172GPiperJ5a?app=desktop>
Dave shared Episode 8.

Vince shared slides of the wing covering process of his Legal Eagle....outstanding, Vince!



Jon is moving ahead with his Zenith project and shared information about a vinyl covering he is using on the aircraft. That trim tab your showed us is beautiful.

Doug has been doing test flights with his RV-6 to find his service ceiling. His last flight was to 16,000 feet and he reported no decrease in climb rate!

Young Eagle Rally and Flying Start Events

We are in the process of setting dates for these events and assuring that we have enough pilots to hold the events. If you are a prospective pilot for either or both of these events and haven't yet been contacted, please reach out to Charlie (Flying Start event), Karl Boehm (Young Eagle event) or Vince or Jill for both events. If you need contact information for any of the above, email to jilln658@ymail.com.

AirVenture 2023

To date, it looks like a growing group of members interested in camping out at AirVenture this year, including Mark, Charlie, Vince, the Selkers and Jon, and some of their respective family and friends. If you are seriously thinking about joining the group, please let Vince or Mark know as soon as you can.



April 19	VMC Club, 7pm at the Simsbury Airport Clubhouse, contact Bill or Laura for more info
May 13-14	Westfield International Air Show, Barnes Air National Guard Base
May 3	May Chapter Gathering, 7pm at ???
May 17	VMC Club, 7pm at the Simsbury Airport Clubhouse, contact Bill or Laura for more info

Ever wonder what all the projects are in our chapter?

Vince – Legal Eagle build Jeff – RV-10 quick build Dave – J-5A refurb (following his C-172 refurb)
Eric – RV-7 build Mark – RV-7 build Don – Pitts S1S
Jon – Zenith 750 build Brad – Zenith 650 build Jim Whelan – RV-14

Additionally, this bunch of guys enjoy flying their aircraft:

Doug – RV-6A, C-172 (with Karl) Charlie – RV-7A Peter – Bonanza V-35
Bill – Zenith 650 John – RV-4 Mark – Supercub (under repair)

Attendees this Month:

Vince Carucci, Jeff Neumann, Dave Buyak, Jill Nulsen, Laura Doherty, Thomas Russo, Rob Joyce, Mark Ranstead, Phil Vonrichthofen, Doug Melville, Brad Griswold, Scott Selker, Chance Selker, Bob Upson, Dan McKeeman, Tom Bush, Eric Nulsen, Doug Melville, Joe Nadeau, and Jon LaValley
Prospective Member: Alex Espinoza
Guest: Frank, friend of Thomas

Treasurer’s Report:

Our Treasurer, Dave Buyak, has the most recent statement on file.

EAA National:

If you’d like to reference any of the topics covered in the EAA Chapter Video Magazine, you can find the April edition here:

[April Chapter Video Magazine](#)

From EAA National:

Dear Vincent,

*Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the **BRONZE** level status recognition level for the 2022 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at EAA.org/FindAChapter with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email.*

To review your chapters overall scoring, please see the attached spreadsheet document, and simply find your chapter.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA’s Chapter Advisory Council and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. An additional 11th criteria point was included to enable chapters to bring forward a chapter event or program which enhances their chapter by bringing more people to engage with their chapter. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

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Below are the qualifying Chapter Recognition criteria, along with your chapter's points. A one (1) indicates that your chapter earned credit for the associated criteria.

1. *Attends a chapter leadership training session: 1*
2. *Growing or steady membership: 1*
3. *Offers IMC or VMC Club programs: 1*
4. *Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs: 1*
5. *Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor: 1*
6. *Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey: 1*
7. *Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy: 0*
8. *Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email: 0*
9. *Hosts at least two public events each year: 1*
10. *Owns/leases a facility: 0*
11. *Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.: 0*

EAA Chapter 324, Inc.'s 2022 Chapter Recognition total is 7 out of 11.

(Note: Vince is looking into why we didn't get credit for Luke Wismar's Ray Aviation Scholarship)

Also from National:

EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at [EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://www.eaa.org/LTFWeek).

