

# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



## July 2020

*Name the airport above and win a \$10 DD card- first email responder!*



July 15	VMC Club 7 pm at the Airport Clubhouse
July 25	EAA 324 Annual Movie Night and BBQ
August 5	EAA 324 Gathering 6pm Grill starts up 7pm Food and Drink 8pm Meeting
Sept 27	Simsbury Fly-In

### Chapter Happenings:

July 1<sup>st</sup> saw us at the hangar, watching the thundershowers pass, telling stories around the grill and sharing news about upcoming events, general airport happenings and an update from EAA.

We hope you can make it next month, again at the Luke hangar (with the EAA banner across the front).

Seventeen-year-old Ivan Pantoja had his check ride postponed due to airplane availability issues at his home airport. Pending check out in a C-172 this month and a few cross-country hours, Ivan should be all set for his re-scheduled check ride. Good luck, Ivan!

Thank you to Brad Griswold for his volunteer hours-turned-into-dollars through his employer, ESPN/Disney, who granted us \$1000 at Brad's request.

Mark noted EAA 324's extensive contributions to the life of the Simsbury Airport. With the Airport Board almost entirely comprised of EAA'ers, our chapter is at the heart of keeping the Simsbury Airport alive and functioning. Thank you for all of your contributions through the board, keeping the grounds mowed, donating equipment and the long hours you put in to help the airport thrive.

*First member to email me at [jilln658@ymail.com](mailto:jilln658@ymail.com) with the correct name of the popular destination in the photo gets a \$10 Dunkin Donuts card at the next gathering! Last month's winner was Vince who correctly guessed KMVY (Martha's Vineyard).*

## **EAA Spirit of Aviation Week ~ July 21-25**

EAA will be celebrating the entire aviation community by showcasing the spectrum of flight in a virtual way during EAA Spirit of Aviation Week on July 21-25! <https://www.eaatogether.org/>

**EAA 324 is going to celebrate with our annual Movie Night in the Hangar!!**

**Be sure to mark July 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for a fun night of food and a movie in the hangar!**

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

Dave's C-172 is at the airport and wings are coming to be installed in the next week.

Doug is fine-tuning the brakes and throttle settings on his RV-6. Doug also shared a tool he found at Home Depot for hard to reach places on your aircraft – Husky right angle drive, available for about \$10!

Vince's wing is fully varnished.

## **MORE NEWS:**

Simsbury Fly-In 2020

With all of the Covid response across the country and in Connecticut, there is still a question of what our fly-in will look like this September. The meeting to have a gathering permit granted by the town of Simsbury is coming up next week. There are three scenarios being considered at this point:

- Food Truck drive-thru with aerial attractions
- 1 day for cars/1 day for aircraft
- 1 day combined with a reduced capacity

The Airport Board posted a poll on Facebook to gauge the opinions of interested attendants and is getting good response so far.

There may be an (additional) food truck event in mid-August as a fundraiser.

Mark shared information about the Pakistan Airlines Airbus accident – interesting discussion.

Doug shared video footage of he and Charlie doing a fly by for the high school graduation – great job!

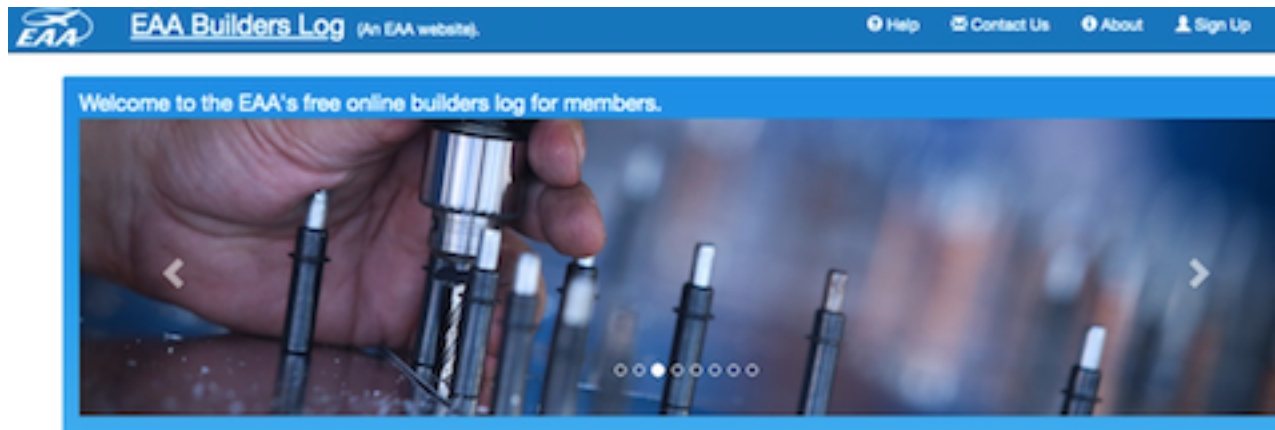
Bill Thomas got his Zenith flight tested and sold – congratulations!

## News from EAA:

Three video segments were shared from National EAA including,

- Jack Pelton's (head of EAA) discussion of Spirit of Aviation week and the effect of not having Airventure this year, particularly on finances. He said that EAA has had a fund for potential setbacks that might happen and that has proved helpful in continuing to be able to provide all of the services to EAA members that it has always provided.
- From the archives, Checkerboard Tribute, the story of a restored P-51. You can find it here: <https://eaa.org/Videos/Warbirds-Aircraft/6147826346001>
- From Hints for Homebuilders, Spark Tester. You can find it here: <https://eaa.org/Videos/Hints-for-Homebuilders/Electrical/6158084530001>

**Have you checked out this resource from EAA? A great way to view progress on similar projects to yours and to log your own progress, complete with photos that you can upload.**



## Treasurer's Report:

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