

EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



December 2021



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| Jan 1 | Happy New Year! |
| Jan 15 | Annual Social Dinner
Location: TBD |
| Jan 19 | VMC Meeting
7pm
Simsbury Airport
Clubhouse |

Chapter Happenings:

December's meeting was the Simsbury Airport Fun Day on Saturday, December 4th. The fun day included a spot-landing contest, lunch provided by Barnstormers Food Truck and more flying and games in the afternoon. (Pictures on the following pages)

Congratulations to Phil Vonrichthofen, the landing contest winner, Billy O'Donnell in 2nd place and tied for 3rd place were Charlie Luke and Eric Nulsen. It was great to have pilots come in from both Skylark and Brainerd Airports to enjoy the day and we had a great representation of EAA members, Simsbury Airport tenants and students as well as families interested in aviation.

We'll definitely plan on doing it again in the Spring!

Thank you to Laura Doherty for offering to head up our EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship participation. Hopefully we'll have prospective pilots that will qualify for this opportunity.

Also, VMC meetings start up again in January, led by Laura Doherty and Charlie Luke. These are great get-togethers for discussing inflight situations that EAA provides, decision-making and possible outcomes. Added benefit is the experience of the pilots who come to these meetings.

Photos from the Simsbury Airport Fun Day:

Landing Zone and flaggers for marking landings



Phil (PA-28) and Doug (C-172)



Charlie (RV-7A)



Below, left to right, Billy O'Donnell (2nd), Charlie Luke (3rd), Phil Vonrichthofen (1st), Eric Nulsen (3rd)



Spotlight: Pilots Sharing the Joy of Flight

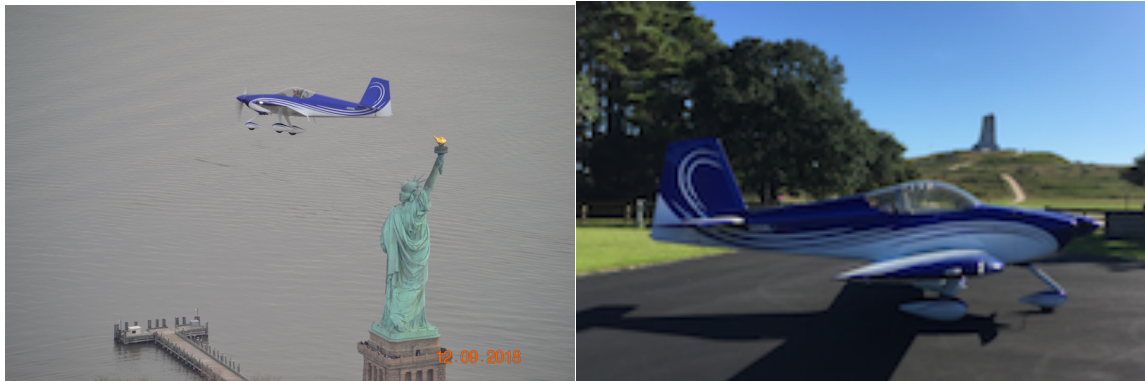
Four of our members have consistently made their aircraft available for rides at both the EAA gatherings and as opportunity presents itself to share the joy of flight with prospective as well as seasoned aviators.

Our President, Mark Ranstead, had regularly shared his SuperCub, giving many Young Eagle flights and members a ride, too, and we miss those days since his aircraft has been down for service for a while.

Our Vice President, Charlie Luke, as well as members Phil Vonrichthofen and Doug Melville continue to offer rides in their aircraft. This month's spotlight is on Charlie Luke.

Charlie Luke, RV-7A

Charlie always had an interest in aviation and with the support of his wife, Suzanne, started flying in the 1990's. Getting his license and then renting aircraft over the next several years, he started seriously looking for a plane when he found out about kit planes. Nearly 6 years and 2500 hours of building yielded his beautiful RV-7A in 2015. He's taken this plane to Oshkosh and Florida and Tulsa, OK, but he says some of his most enjoyable flights are when he's taking passengers for their first plane ride locally or their first RV flight and introducing them to the "RV grin". Charlie has logged somewhere around 50 Young Eagle/Eagle flights and just passed the 1,000 hour mark for total time.



Treasurer's Report:

Vince Carucci has the most recent statement on file.

News from EAA:

December 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 December 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!

