

# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



*Spring is around the corner. Outdoor temperatures are rising and it's time to come out of hibernation and begin our outdoor EAA monthly gatherings. We're planning our April 7<sup>th</sup> gathering. I don't know if we're going to hold it at Charlie Luke's hangar or mine. We'll wait until closer to April 7<sup>th</sup> and check the weather forecast before we settle on a location.*

*-Mark*



## April 2021



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| Apr 7        | EAA 324 Gathering<br>6 pm<br>Food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling |
| July 26-Aug1 | AirVenture 2021<br>Oshkosh, WI   |
| May 5        | EAA 324 Gathering<br>6 pm<br>Food, drink, project updates, topics of interest videos, and general storytelling |

### Chapter Happenings:

We are looking forward to a great turnout for our gathering this month! We welcome new members, so feel free to invite a friend.

VMC Club is postponed until May. For more information about VMC Club, contact Charlie Luke at [lukec258@gmail.com](mailto:lukec258@gmail.com).

Congratulations on the progress you all are making on your projects....from builds to maintenance to upgrades, chapter members put a lot of time and effort forth this winter. For more information and pictures, see page 2!

And of course the hardy continued to fly all winter long, including Phil, Dave, Charlie and Laura....even Eric and Jill managed to get a flight in this winter.

Be sure to check out all of the resources on the [eaa.org](http://eaa.org) website - videos, webinars, training, ideas for events, homebuilding resources; you name it, they have it.



# PROJECT UPDATES and ACTIVITIES

There has been plenty of activity going on within our Chapter and at the Simsbury Airport these last four months.

- With the repairs to Mark's Supercub (after the landing gear bungee failure) complete, he moved on to performing an annual and doing a few upgrades, such as, replacing the navigation lights and strobes with a LED system, new seat cushions, rewiring the electrical system, replacing worn or corroded hardware, re-rigging the wing and empennage, to name a few of the items. Mark found that it's a challenge to add new technology to an older airplane.



- On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mark bought Brad Bowman's Van's RV7A Quick Build kits. David Buyak, Laura Doherty, Charlie Luke, Bob Upson, and Mark's granddaughter, Cayden, helped in relocating the kit from Canton to his home in North Granby. After he encloses one of his garage bays to make a heated shop, he will begin construction this fall. Since Brad had not started on the fuselage of the kit, Mark can easily convert the kit from a RV7A (nose wheel) to a RV7 (tail wheel) with very little effort.



- Brad Bowman, Doug Melville and Bill Thomas spent the winter months performing a conditional check on their RV6A. While the airplane was in sound condition, they spent the time applying some tender loving care (TLC) replacing the rubber intake tubes and rubber oil drain tubes, replacing the ridged right brake line with a flexible line and correcting items that just needed some time to be put right.



- Dave Buyak, Charlie Luke and Phil Von Richthofen all flew through out the winter months. You'll hear them tell their tales when you see them on April 7.
- Vincent Carucci was beginning to cover his Legal Eagle when the first snow of the season started flying. We can expect an update from him in April too.
- Eric Nulsen is well into the wing kit on his RV7 project and has a fuselage kit on order.



## More Chapter News ~ AirVenture 2021:

AirVenture 2021 is July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark has submitted a request for Chapter Camping again this year at the same site as the last few years, 55<sup>th</sup> and Elm. Six campsites were requested. The sites are large so we can fit quite a few tents in this area in addition to a mess tent and car parking. If you are planning to attend AirVenture, this camp site is strategically located within comfortable walking distance to both the East Gate of the convention grounds and Lindbergh Gate access to the flight line, as well as bathrooms, showers, camp store and Chapters Pavilion that serves breakfast every morning. If you plan on attending AirVenture this year and want to reserve a camping site with us, please let Mark know.

## Treasurer's Report:

For current balance information or any other dues related questions, feel free to reach out to Vince. 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 gives a monthly update of happenings with EAA nationally and opportunities at the local level in the chapter video magazine. You can access any of the four winter months at:  
<https://www.eaa.org/videos/chapters>
- Dan and Rachel Weseman of Sport Performance Aviation discuss the Panther, a single-seat, aerobatic, mid-sized, low-wing aerobatic airplane with quick-fold wings. They will also talk about progress on Cougar, an upcoming two-seat version.  
<https://www.eaa.org/videos/aircraft-building#.YFEbgULA7z0.link>

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

<https://eaabuilderslog.org/>

