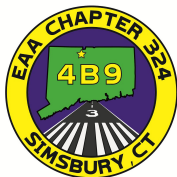


# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



*Pictured above, Sal DiFabio and Mark Cigal*

## November-December 2020

### Chapter Happenings:

Our final gathering for the year was on November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Ranstead hangar with plenty of food and drink on a chilly night. The hangar stayed warm and cozy and everyone was well-fed...thank you to all of the contributors!

We toasted to the life of our friend and fellow EAA member Salvatore "Sal" DiFabio who passed from this world on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. EAA National will publish Sal's name in the next issue of Aviation Sport Magazine in the Gone West section. You can find Sal's obituary here:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hartfordcourant/obituary.aspx?n=salvatore-difabio-sal&pid=197050447>

We all signed a condolence card for Sal's wife, Tina DiFabio, which was mailed the next day.

Our next gathering is planned for April 2021, but there will still be plenty of activity by members in their hangars and all around the airport over the winter... seek them out, learn from them and enjoy our good aviation friendships!

We have one 2021 EAA calendar left! Please let Mark know if you would like it. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

New member Peter Dachnowicz has offered to be our Flight Advisor and has turned in the paperwork for completing the EAA requirements to provide that service to our chapter. Thanks, Peter!

EAA 324 earned 10 credits equaling \$50 for 2019 Young Eagle flights. These credits have been donated to the EAA Air Academy to aid in sponsoring an EAA Air Academy Cadet during AirVenture 2021.

The paper certificates for Chapter Recognition Awards will be framed and displayed on the EAA 324 wall in the Simsbury Airport building (pins will be handed out in April). We'll have the opportunity to work towards a Gold Level status for combined 2020-2021 for our chapter.

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

If you are interested in or have ideas for developing activities or events for 2021, please let Mark or Charlie know and we will get you some help to make it happen.



First member to email Jill at [jilln658@ymail.com](mailto:jilln658@ymail.com) with the correct name of the destination in the photo above (note the palm trees in the background) gets a \$10 Dunkin Donuts card by mail! Last month, Doug Melville correctly guessed Minuteman Airport (6B6) in Stow, MA.

## PROJECT UPDATES and ACTIVITIES

From Brian Thomas:

“I picked up the L3, and she is safe back here in Connecticut. I was able to get a hangar over in Meriden so she is tucked away inside there awaiting the reassembly. The pickup and transport back to Connecticut went uneventful. It was about and loaded in about 4 hours, and back off the truck in an hour.”



## More Projects and Activities:

Brad Griswold:

Work continues, concentrating on the plumbing of the four tank fuel selector for his Zenith CH601.

Dave Buyak:

Putting in a few flight hours on his restored C-172 as he works out the little problems associated with a complete rebuild of the airframe and engine.

Vince Carucci:

The Legal Eagle saga continues! Vince brought his completed uncovered wings to the airport for all to see. The wings will be stored in Dave Buyak's hangar.

Mark Ranstead:

"More Mistakes Were Made" (Mark's quotes!).....and he says they weren't such little ones.

Mark was moving his SuperCub out of his hangar so that Brad could move his project to the back of the hangar. Due to a modification of the hangar doors that Mark forgot about, the right wing contacted a new bracket on the door and put a 1.5 inch hole in the lower fabric of the right wingtip bow. Warmer weather the following week allowed for a completed repair.

Charlie Luke:

"Balancing Act" – Charlie rented a propeller balancer for his RV-7A last weekend and was able to rebalance his propeller. He reported that the propeller is exceptionally smooth now, which allowed him to notice a very slight engine vibration that he pinpointed to the over leaning of the engine during cruise flight.

Phil Vonrichthofen:

"Balancing Act II" – Charlie shared the propeller balance with Phil and helped him balance the propeller on his Cherokee Archer.

Eric Nulsen:

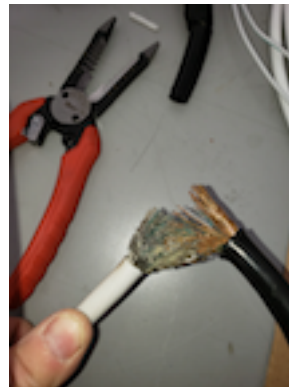
Work continues on the wing kit of his RV-7.



George Bugai lending a hand



Brad in his Zenith



Splicing issues in old installation



Mark reinstalling fuel tanks



Mark's new battery box . . .



and here's a pic of the old one!

## Treasurer's Report: current balance is \$4,797.17. Thanks Vince.

Vince Carucci has the most recent statement on file.

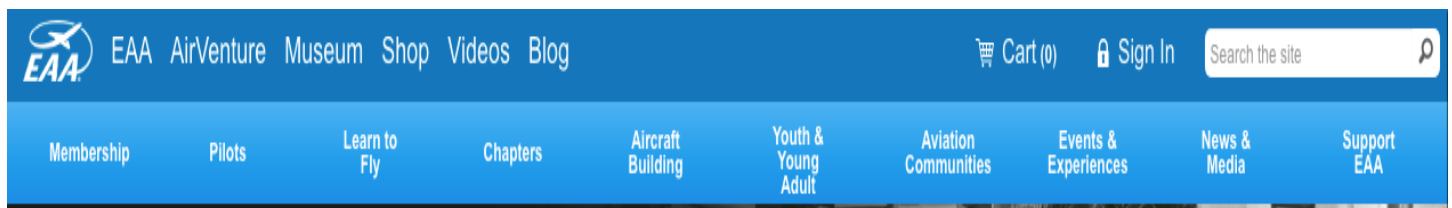
## News from EAA:

Two video segments available from National EAA with the latest EAA member news plus a fun build:

- Charlie Becker from headquarters gives an update of happenings with EAA nationally and opportunities at the local level. You can find that segment here:  
(Download the November file from this site after you sign in. December video is available after 12/1)  
<https://eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/resources-from-hq/eaa-chapter-video-magazine>
- All about EAA's Aircam Build:  
<http://eaa.brightcovegallery.com/chapters/detail/videos/ultralights/video/5755088168001/ea-a-s-aircam-build?autoStart=true>

*Really, truly, EAA has a wonderful website, full of opportunities to learn, destinations to fly to, chapters to visit, advocacy efforts on behalf of GA and of course AirVenture 2021 next July:*

[eaa.org](http://eaa.org)



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

<https://eaabuilderslog.org/>

