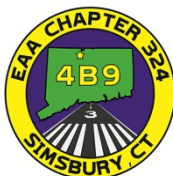


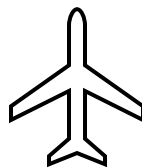
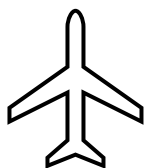
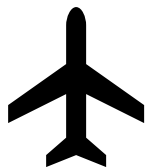
# EAA Chapter 324

## Simsbury Airport

Simsbury, CT



## January/February 2024 Newsletter



## Training Update

Another congratulations to our chapter member Joseph Nadeau on being awarded our chapter's Ray Aviation Scholarship! Through this scholarship opportunity, Joseph will receive up to **\$11,000 in funds** to pursue his private pilot certificate.

Joe has been training at the Robertson Airport (4B8) with Interstate Aviation, and is currently training in Cessna 172s. We were happy to celebrate Joe's first solo together at our holiday dinner event. Joe reports that he didn't even know he would solo that day - but he was doing so well, that his instructor decided to get out and let him do three laps in the pattern!

At the February meeting, Joe reported he recently had his longest flight lesson ever at 2.5 hours on the Hobbs ("Exhausting!"). He will also be going on his first cross country flight soon.

Congratulations Joe!

## Chapter News

On yet another chilly evening, we held our February meeting indoors at the Simsbury Airport clubhouse. Thank you to Mark Ranstead for his nice presentation on the registration and painting of N numbers on airplanes! Thank you, also, to Vincent Carucci for bringing in his newly-made throttle for everyone to take a look at. Joe gave us a brief update on his training at 4B8, and we shared updates on builds. During our meeting, we discussed an incorporation of more youth activities into our monthly gatherings; Vincent suggested between 6PM and 7PM in the warmer months when meetings are held outdoors. Some ideas he brought to the meeting included safety wiring boards and electrical wiring basics. Ideas from chapter members (and volunteers willing to lead activities and complete youth protection training) are welcome. We had a new member join us this month – welcome, Tim Dale!

Laura, Drew, and Vincent attended the EAA Leadership workshop held at the New England Air Museum this month, sponsored by EAA Chapter 166 based at HFD. The workshop was very valuable, with lots of great ideas from EAA Headquarters to bring to the chapter. Drew will be taking over as our website editor to increase our online presence and keep both our chapter and the community engaged – thanks Drew!

Thank you to all who attended our winter dinner in January, held at Seasons Restaurant in Avon! We enjoyed great food, drinks, and company, and heard an update from Joe, our Ray Scholar.

### GUESS THE AIRPORT

Email your guess to Laura at:  
[lurado@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:lurado@sas.upenn.edu)



## AirVenture 2024 - Chapter Camping

Anyone interested in joining our chapter for this year's AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI is encouraged to contact Mark Ranstead at [mbranstead@gmail.com](mailto:mbranstead@gmail.com)



**EAA AirVenture  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for all or part of the event! Our chapter reserves a campsite and we have a great turnout every year. More details on campground policies and shared meals can be discussed with Mark.

# Member Updates

**Doug's** RV-6A is still down for its annual condition check but should be back in the air very soon!

**Vince** shared with us his new throttle for the Legal Eagle.

**Brad's** Zenith 650XL project is for sale. It is a complete kit with avionics and a 100hp Jabiru engine that has had just 40 hours put on it since it was new. See Brad for details – [brad@nsls.tv](mailto:brad@nsls.tv)

**Jeff's** RV-10 kit is still in limbo due to the financial trouble that Van's is experiencing. He is waiting for an updated contract. We are all hoping that Jeff can get more updates soon!

**Dave** has started covering the wings on his J-5A!

**Mark's** PA-18-105 Super Cub is ready after 3 ½ years! Mark is still working on paperwork and write-ups so they can be reviewed for sign-off. Should be airborne soon! Mark is continuing to work on his RV-7 kit as Van's begins their internal assessment – the engine and prop are on order.

**Drew's** C172M cabin heat and recent brake issue are now fixed. He hasn't flown since December, as it's too expensive to keep fixing the plane every time Laura gets in it.

**Charlie** was dealing with an intermittent problem with his RV-7's autopilot, but had no issues on his recent trip to Nashville, TN – 4.5 hours there and 5.5 hours back! He also reported the good news that his propeller is no longer leaking after being serviced.

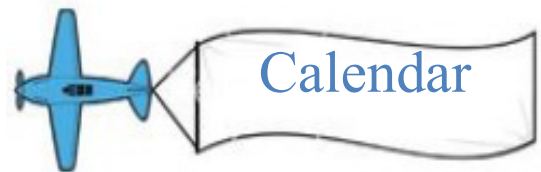
**Ben** has begun his flight training! He is currently working on ground school videos.

**Ellie** has almost 10 hours now and is training right here at 4B9!

**Zachary** recently had his first solo – congratulations!

**Scott** shared that Chance is only a week away from his private pilot checkride!

# Upcoming Activities and Events



**March 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering 7:00PM**

**\*\*February VMC Club CANCELED\*\***

**We'll be back in March!**



## ***Ever wonder what all the projects are in our chapter?***

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

## ***Additionally, this bunch enjoys flying their own aircraft:***

Doug – RV-6A, C172            Charlie – RV-7A                    Peter – Bonanza V-35  
John – RV-4                    Mark – PA-18-105 Super Cub      Karl – J-4 Cub (and C172 with Doug)  
Drew – C172M

## **February Attendees**

Jeff Neumann, Mark Ranstead, Laura Doherty, Jay Ely, Vince Carucci, Joe Nadeau, Ben Ly, Dave Buyak, Drew Mazurek, Scott Selker, Charlie Luke, Tim Dale, Doug Melville, Brad Griswold

## **New Members**

Tim Dale & Ellie Powers

## **Treasurer's Report**

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

