

# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



## May 2022



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| May 17    | VMC Club<br>Simsbury Airport<br>Clubhouse<br>7pm  |
| May 21    | Int'l Learn to Fly Day/<br>Flying Start   |
| June 1    | EAA 324 Gathering<br>6 pm<br>Flying, food, drink, project<br>updates, topics of interest,<br>videos and general<br>storytelling |
| June 11   | Int'l Young Eagles Day  |
| June 21   | VMC Club<br>Simsbury Airport<br>Clubhouse<br>7 pm   |
| Sep 24-25 | Simsbury Fly-In events  |

### Chapter Happenings:

How about that **AirVenture signpost** pictured above?? We'll keep you "posted" on the paint scheme. Thank you, Vince!

The **Weed Hopper workday** was a success – a great turnout and "fact-finding mission". The decision was made to list it on "Barnstormers" for sale. There are just too many missing parts, but hopefully we'll find another builder who can use pieces of this project to complete his own.

Our **Flying Start event** is just around the corner on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:30 am. We quickly reached our capacity of 20 participants and re-opened 10 more spots that were also quickly filled! If you can help out that morning, contact Charlie or Jill. **We especially could use more pilots to provide intro flights.**

Our **Young Eagles event** is scheduled on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am. If you can help that day, please double-check the EAA website to verify that you are current with the Youth Protection and Background Check.

The next **Simsbury Airport Fun Day** is on hold at the moment as we have our two learn to fly events in May and mid-June (prospectively, a Sunday would mean that the Barnstormers Food Truck could be there!).

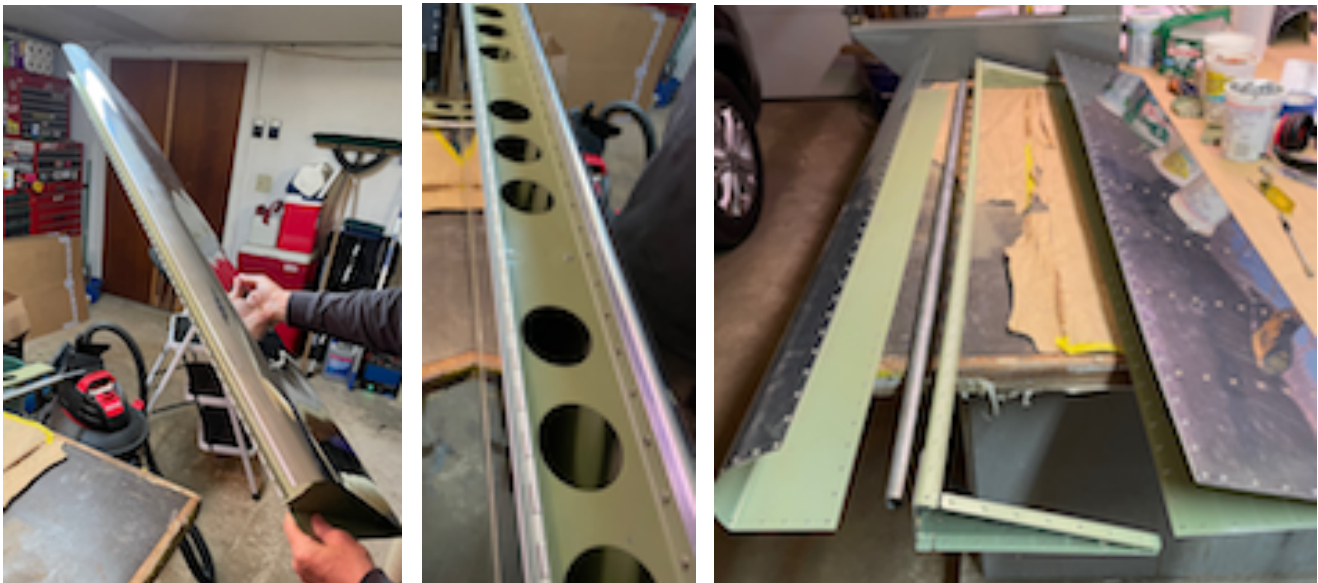
Read more about this month's happenings on the following pages!

## Flying Start:

- Many thanks to Karl Boehm for providing his hangar for the classroom portion of Flying Start. With the added participants, we outgrew the clubhouse space! If you are helping out that day, Karl's hangar is #5, next to Doug's hangar in the first row facing the clubhouse. This will provide easy access to bathrooms, the ramp and fuel for the event.
- Many thanks also to Interstate Aviation for providing instructor Howard Fields (CFII) to speak at our event during the powerpoint presentation. While Charlie will lead the presentation time, Howard will provide specific information about costs, availability and process of learning to fly, as well as answer questions that participants may have after the presentation.
- If you are not able to volunteer that day but have plans to be working on or around the airport or moving aircraft around, please watch for 30 adults that want to learn to fly but may not be savvy around aircraft!

## Project Updates/Accomplishments:

- Eric Nulsen brought his finished flap and his aileron that he's working on for his RV-7 build. It was interesting to see how it is coming together. Pictured below, left to right, flap, hinge of flap, and pieces of aileron prepped for build.



- Congratulations to Laura who was awarded an \$8,000 scholarship from the 99's for her commercial pilot's license – now you can get out and do even more flying, Laura!!



## Upcoming Events:

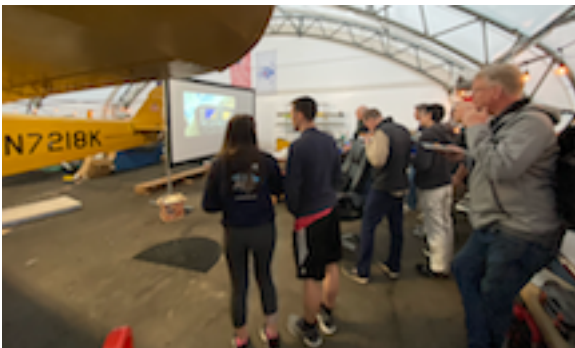
- Laura has information on the New Jersey 99's Poker Run coming up soon. She said that the Connecticut 99's will also be having a Poker Run this year....stay tuned for more info.
- Oxford County Regional Airport (81B) is hosting their "First Ever Airplane Fly-In and Car Show" on July 2<sup>nd</sup> (rain date is July 9<sup>th</sup>). The event runs 8 am til Noon, admission is free, although this is a fundraiser for them (donations welcome). They will have a cookout and a 50/50 raffle that will be drawn at noon. Check out this Maine event!  
For more information, call either (207) 743-5077 or the airport at (207) 539-6056.



*Oxford County Airport (81B)*

## More Fun Happenings this month:

Brad brought his Xbox/Microsoft simulator to our gathering for all of us to try, instigating an impromptu landing contest for a \$20 Dunkin Donuts card. Lots of fun, challenge, goading, teasing, and encouraging and Vince narrowly beat out Karl's score to win. I think we all hope to get another shot at it! Thank you, Brad!!



## Attendees:

Mark Ranstead, Charlie Luke, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Jill Nulsen, Dan McKeeman, Karl Boehm, Doug Melville, Eric Nulsen, Thomas Russo, Walter Adams, Jay Ely, Scott Selker, Chance Selker, Peter Dachnowicz, Jon LaValley, Brad Griswold, Phil Vonrichthofen, Dave Buyak, Eric Wismar  
Guests: The Wismar Family (Maharu, Kai, Luke, Mia) and Dean Anneser

*~Thank you, Mark, for hosting us in your hangar this month – it's great to be outside again~*

## Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer, Vince Carucci, has the most recent statement on file.

## News from EAA:

In May's Chapter Video Magazine, Charlie Becker shares an exciting EAA Aviation Museum update, reintroduces the Young Eagles Workshops, and updates everyone on AirVenture events for chapters.

The May Chapter Video Magazine is available here: <https://www.eaa.org/videos/chapters>

