

EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



April 2022



Apr 19	VMC Club Simsbury Airport Clubhouse 7pm
Apr 23	Weed Hopper Build Project Meet at fabric hangars 10 am – 4 pm
May 4	EAA 324 Gathering 7 pm Food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling
May 21	Int'l Learn to Fly Day/ Flying Start
June 11	Int'l Young Eagles Day
Sep 24-25	Simsbury Fly-In events

Chapter Happenings:

Our design for the **AirVenture signpost** is complete, thanks to Vince Carucci! The final design is shown above and will be made of cedar and painted. Thank you, Vince!

The “infamous **Weed Hopper project**” is all set to start on April 23rd – the best date for most people at this month’s gathering. We’ll plan on getting started at 10 am to build this ultralight!

PS. For a 1970’s look at Weed Hopper flight instruction, check out this YouTube video that Karl Boehm shared:

https://youtu.be/jDWg_31V34o

Our **Flying Start event**, in conjunction with International Learn to Fly Day, is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st at the Simsbury Airport Clubhouse. Charlie Luke is the leader for this event and the contact person. Jill is helping with logistics and marketing of the event. If you have friends who’ve expressed an interest in learning to fly, they can register for the event here:

<https://flyingstart.org/>

We discussed a date for the next **Simsbury Airport Fun Day** for late April or early May (a Sunday would mean that the Barnstormers Food Truck could be there!). With Flying Start now scheduled in May, the membership thought it best to postpone the Fun Day until June.

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

More News from our Gathering:

- Happy April birthday to Vince (April 1) and to Laura (April 8).
- Mark asked us to start considering who we would like to nominate for chapter officers for 2023. After 12 years of serving the chapter as President, he is ready to hand over the reins! If you are interested in any particular position or area, please let Mark know.
- Eric has the handed-down book on the Weed Hopper and we established a date of April 23rd to start work on this project together.
- Jill reported on our upcoming Flying Start event, scheduled in conjunction with International Learn to Fly Day on Saturday, May 21st. We'll meet in the clubhouse for refreshments beginning at 9:30 am, followed by an EAA presentation on the basics of what is involved with learning to fly and gaining a pilot's license. Interstate Aviation is providing one or two flight instructors for the event to add a local flight school perspective and the event will conclude with intro flights given by Eagle pilots. If you are interested in providing an intro flight, please check with Charlie who is the coordinator for this event. Charlie can be reached at lukec258@gmail.com.



- Our Simsbury Airport Fun Day has been postponed into May or, more likely, June. With the Easter holiday and the Flying Start event after that, members thought a later date might be better. More to follow.

Project Updates:

- Mark Ranstead and Karl Boehm plan to finish up the work on Mark's SuperCub over the next several Wednesdays. Mark also has his shop at home almost ready to start work on his RV-7 build.
- Karl Boehm has a friend with calibrated scales for weighing aircraft. The scales are mobile and, if you are interested in having your aircraft weighed, reach out to Karl for the contact information: bagwah@aol.com.
- Eric Nulsen brought one of his RV-7 flaps for show and tell. Work is coming along well on this project.
- Jon LaValley took part in a workshop in Missouri recently, building the rudder of his new Zenith 750 project. He came home with tools and plans and ready to move this project forward.

Attendees:

Mark Ranstead, Susan Ranstead, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Jill Nulsen, Dan McKeeman, Karl Boehm, Doug Melville, Eric Nulsen, Thomas Russo, Bob Upson, Rob Joyce, Walter Adams, Jay Ely, Scott Selker, Chance Selker, Xhulia Lumi, Peter Dachnowicz and Jon LaValley

Treasurer's Report:

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

News from EAA:

In April's Chapter Video Magazine, Charlie Becker talks about the upcoming One Week Wonder project at AirVenture 2022, EAA Learn to Fly Day, International Young Eagles Day, and chapter opportunities at AirVenture.

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

Did you know?

Connecticut Aero Tech School for Aviation Maintenance has discounts for students that are veterans or over age 62. They are located at Brainard Airport and their website is: <https://ctaero.cttech.org> .

Also...

EAA has a very useful tool in the Online Builder's Log. Find it and enroll in their program here: <https://eaabuilderslog.org/>

