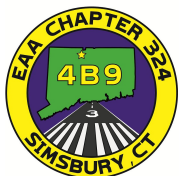


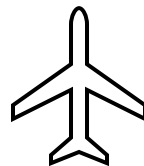
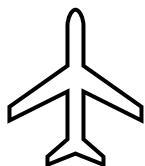
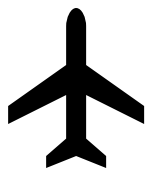
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April 2024 Newsletter



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. At the April meeting, Joe reported that he completed his first cross country flight to Stewart International Airport in New York State.

Chapter News

Because it always rains on the first Wednesday of the month, we held our April meeting indoors at the Simsbury Airport clubhouse. Joe gave us a brief update on his training at 4B8, and we shared updates on builds. We had a visitor, Craig Ogren, who was a past member of EAA 324 many years ago! He learned to fly here at the Simsbury Airport and he is currently working on maintenance for his Long-EZ.

We are still interested in the incorporation of more youth activities into our monthly gatherings, possibly between 6PM and 7PM in the warmer months when meetings are held outdoors. At our last meeting, we discussed the idea of members signing up for a particular date to lead an activity based on their talent and interest including things such as: oil filter inspections, airplane covering, safety wiring, etc. Members who are interested in signing up with an idea can use the following [link](#).

Our Young Eagles Rally will be held on June 8th! Please sign up to volunteer with this [link](#).

Young Eagles Rally June 8th

Volunteers are needed for the event!



Use the following link to sign up to volunteer at the event:

[Sign-Up Link](#)

GUESS THE AIRPORT

Email your guess to Laura at:
laurado@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



EAA AirVenture
July 22nd - 28th

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 was recently back up in the air! He shared with us a service bulletin for the installation of the nose stop flange, which he discovered was installed incorrectly on his aircraft. His wheel pants are ready to paint. He is planning to fly to Vermont on Monday to see the eclipse.

Vince shared that the prop for his Legal Eagle build will be arriving soon!

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

Jeff's has signed his new contract for the RV-10 kit. We were happy to hear that he'll be able to move forward with his project!

Dave is continuing to cover the wings on his J-5A! One wing is 90% covered, and both ailerons are covered.

Mark's PA-18 SuperCub 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's RV-7 finish kit is here – Doug and Brad helped him move it into his garage!

Drew and **Laura** are planning to fly this weekend to see the eclipse, but they aren't sure where yet.

Ben is still working on his flight training! He is currently working on ground school videos. He also shared that he is working with a mountain biking organization.

Ellie has almost 10 hours now and is training right here at 4B9! She is participating in her school's upcoming event for diversity and inclusion, where she is organizing a presentation on women in aviation.

Karl told us a cautionary tale about making sure your paperwork is correct when doing maintenance!

Upcoming Activities and Events

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| April 17th | VMC Club 7:00PM |
| May 1st | Chapter Gathering 6:00PM |
| June 5th | Chapter Gathering 6:00PM |
| June 8th | Young Eagles Rally |



[Click Here](#) if you're interested in local flight training - but don't know where to start!

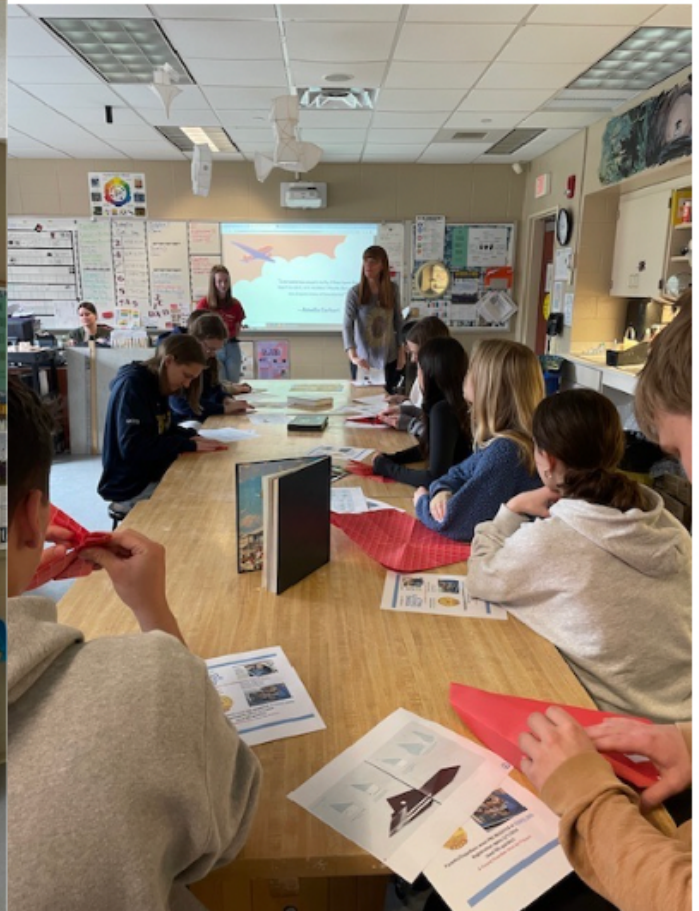
Help us grow our Youth Programming!

Fill out the form at the following link:
[Youth Activity Interest Form](#)

Women in Aviation Presentation by Chapter Member Ellie Powers



On April 4th, EAA 324 chapter member Ellie Powers accompanied by Ninety-Nines member Donna Shea presented on Women In Aviation to a group of Simsbury High School students for Equity Week. In the presentation Ellie discussed her current training as a student pilot, as well as her plans for the future as an Airline Pilot. The Presentation aimed to discuss the disparity's women face in the field of aviation, as well as the history of Women in Aviation. Way to go Ellie!



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 – SuperCub Karl – J-4 Cub (and C172 with Doug)
Drew – C172 Phil – Piper Archer II

April Attendees

Walt Adams, Jim Baryza, Karl Boehm, Dave Buyak, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Jay Ely, Ben Ly, Doug Melville, Joe Nadeau, Jeff Neumann, Craig Ogren, Ellie Powers, Bob Upson, and Phil Vonrichthofen.

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Dave Buyak, gave us a report and has the most recent statement on file.

