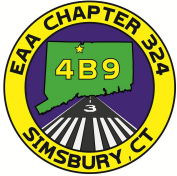


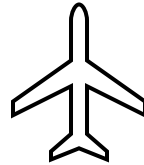
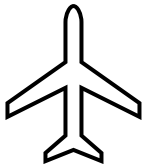
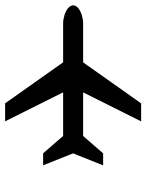
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May 2024 Newsletter



Young Eagles Rally June 8th

Volunteers are needed for the event!



Use the following link to sign up to volunteer:

[Sign-Up Link](#)

Upcoming Activities and Events

- May 22nd VMC Club 7:00PM
(rescheduled from May 15th)
- June 5th Chapter Gathering 6:00PM
- June 8th Young Eagles Rally



Chapter News

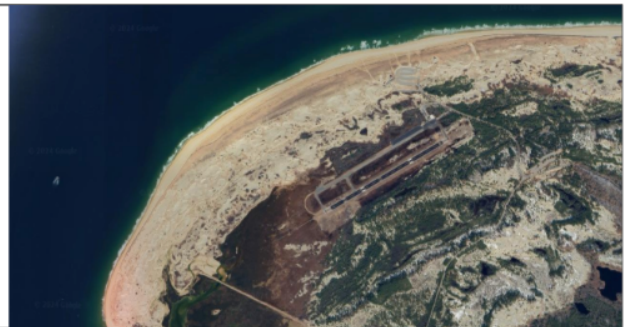
We held our May meeting outdoors! Joe gave us a brief update on his training at 4B8, and we shared updates on builds.

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. We previously 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](#).

GUESS THE AIRPORT

Email your guess to Laura at:
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



**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.

**[Click Here](#) if you're
interested in local fight
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](#)

Member Updates

Doug's RV-6A is back up in the air! He recently flew to Vermont to see the eclipse.

Vince got his prop for his Legal Eagle build!

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 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! He now has a tentative date to receive his kit.

Charlie got the starter replaced on his RV-7A.

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! His RV-7 finish kit is here.

Drew's C172 is in annual!

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 more than 10 hours now and is training right here at 4B9!

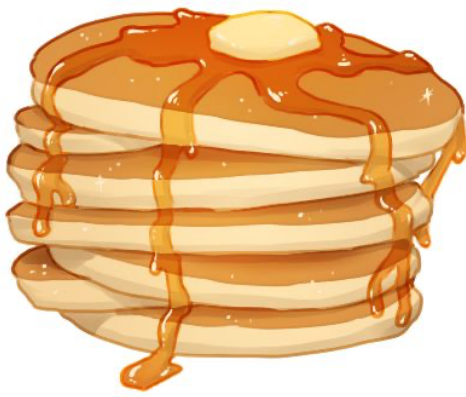
Karl told us a cautionary tale about making sure your paperwork is correct when doing maintenance!



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 May meeting, Joe reported that he will be going on his first SOLO cross country flight this month! He is also preparing to challenge the written exam at the end of the month. Good luck Joe!



Pancake Breakfasts in the Future for 4B9

Thank you to our chapter president, Vince, for sharing this write-up of a recent trip that he and Doug took to Northampton, MA:

On the Saturday the 4th, Doug and I flew up to Northampton Airport [7B2] for the pancake breakfast. We primarily flew up to see what a pancake breakfast looked like as we would like to start having one/some at Simsbury.

The weather was beautiful, the flight up was smooth and comfortable. We overflew Westfield and then headed east to Northampton runway 14. After prepping our plates and sitting down to eat, we saw Charlie Luke and his daughter arrive. It turned into a nice little visit.

After we finished, Doug took off on 14 with a spectacular departure at the end of the runway. We did a touch-n-go at Westfield and then made our way back to Simsbury. Doug gave me some time on the controls where I almost hit a bird, a tree, a mountain, a 747, a cloud, and a traffic light. But it all ended well with Doug bringing us into runway 3 where it was time for both of us to get on with our day.

Thanks to Doug for the flight and we're one step closer to putting on a pancake breakfast at 4B9.



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

May Attendees

Walt Adams, Vince Carucci, Jay Ely, PJ Freedenberg, Brad Griswold, Rob Joyce, Ben Ly, Janine Ly, Dan McKeeman, Jon LaValley, Charlie Luke, Doug Melville, Joe Nadeau, Jeff Neumann, Ellie Powers, Mark Ranstead, and Phil Vonrichthofen.

Treasurer's Report

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

