

EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



May 2023

Chapter Happenings

Young Eagles Rally

Our Young Eagles Rally is coming up in a few short weeks on Saturday, June 10th. We capped our event at 20 youth and we are currently full (at 21!) with 5 volunteer pilots (Karl, Charlie, Doug, Phil and Eric). Thank you, pilots, for your generosity in providing these flights for the kids.

If you are able to help with ground support, please contact either Jill (jilln658@ymail.com) or Vince (ea324simsbury@gmail.com) AND make sure you've done the Youth Protection Policy/Background Check required by EAA for youth events. The link is: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>. **It's important to note that the background check takes about 2 weeks before you're "cleared"**. (Mark, Dave, Jeff, Joe and Bob – I have your names already. Jeff, Joe and Bob, you need to do the training.) For those helping on the ground, it's mostly greeting the youth and their parents, making sure they and their pilot have signed the waiver before going for a flight and issuing their certificates and logbooks after their flights. We hope to have an aircraft on static display so that a volunteer could do a walk-around "pre-flight" with each participant while they wait for their flight. In addition, Don Chamberlain may be able to bring an RC aircraft for display, too. We plan to have some form of BBQ for lunch as well.

If you've never been a part of a Young Eagles event or a flight, here's a wonderful video clip of the two Young Eagle Co-Chairmen for EAA, Sean D. Tucker and Jimmy Graham, giving a flight to a young girl in Oshkosh. [Sean Tucker and Jimmy Graham Young Eagle Flight](#)



Women's Air Race Classic

Just a reminder that Laura will be co-pilot as part of a team racing this year in June. Her aircraft is a C-182 owned and piloted by Maryland pilot Debi Dreyfuss who has raced this aircraft for many years and has had top ten finishes. Laura shared that although the race is scheduled for June 20-23, the preparations, preflight and post-flight activities range over the course of 18 days in June.

The race is 2300-2600 miles long with a crew of 2 or 3 in each aircraft (no experimental aircraft, all single engine aircraft) and all flying is accomplished during daytime hours and VFR conditions. Each aircraft is especially handicapped before the event starts to create a level playing field for all types of aircraft.

While women have been involved in air racing since 1929, this particular event has been conducted since 1977 and has up to 55 aircraft entered each year.

If you would like more information about ARC (Air Race Classic), you can find it here:

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/>

If you would like to help support Laura's fundraising efforts, her GoFundMe page is:

<https://gofund.me/5a903a5e>



Show and Tell

Dave is working on covering his J-4 wings....it's a process.

Karl is re-covering his Cub's gear and wheel pants as he gets ready for flying season.

Vince shared slides of the wing covering process of his Legal Eagle last month(first pic). The second picture is the finished product.



Project Updates, continued...

Eric is constructing each of the bulkheads for his RV-7. Here's a photo of the progress to date (the first three bulkheads, front to back):



AirVenture 2023

To date, it looks like a growing group of members interested in camping out at AirVenture this year, including Mark, Charlie, Vince, Chance, Jeff and Jon, and some of their respective family and friends. If you are seriously thinking about joining the group, please let Vince or Mark know as soon as you can.

Your Official Countdown to AirVenture 2023

July 24 – July 30, 2023

Countdown is sponsored by:





May 13-14	Westfield International Air Show, Barnes Air National Guard Base
May 17	VMC Club, 7pm at the Simsbury Airport Clubhouse, contact Laura for more info
June 3	Airport Painting, all day, lunch included
June 7	June Chapter Gathering, 6pm at Mark's hangar (east side of the airport)
June 10	Young Eagles Rally, 9am-Noon (-ish), Simsbury Airport Clubhouse
June 21	VMC Club, 7pm at the Simsbury Airport Clubhouse, contact Laura for more info
July 12	July Chapter Gathering, 6pm at Mark's hangar, featuring D.A.R. Richard Rozanski

Ever wonder what all the projects are in our chapter?

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

Additionally, this bunch of guys enjoy flying their aircraft:

Doug – RV-6A, C-172 (with Karl) Charlie – RV-7A Peter – Bonanza V-35
Bill – Zenith 650 John – RV-4 Mark – Supercub (under repair)
Karl – J-4 Cub

Attendees this Month:

Vince Carucci, Jeff Neumann, Dave Buyak, Jill Nulsen, Thomas Russo, Mark Ranstead, Phil Vonrichthofen, Brad Griswold, Scott Selker, Chance Selker, Bob Upson, Karl Boehm, Charlie Luke, Eric Nulsen, Joe Nadeau, Jay Ely, Walter Adams and Luke Wismar

Treasurer's Report:

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

EAA National:

If you'd like to reference any of the topics covered in the EAA Chapter Video Magazine, you can find the April edition here:

[May Chapter Video Magazine](#)

EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20. *(continued next page)*

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the check ride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at EAA.org/LTFWeek.

