

EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



January 2022



January	EAA 324 Gathering, Social Dinner and VMC Club postponed due to Covid
Feb 2	EAA 324 Gathering 7pm, Simsbury Airport Clubhouse Potluck dinner/snacks, storytelling, project updates, EAA updates
Feb 16	VMC Club 7pm, Simsbury Airport Clubhouse
April	Simsbury Airport Fun Day/Spot Landing Contest (tentative)
April 5-10	Sun n' Fun Aerospace Expo Lakeland, FL
May 7-8	Power in the Pines Open House and Airshow McGuire AFB, Wrightstown, NJ
Sept	Simsbury Fly-In, Car Show and Food Truck Festival

Chapter Happenings:

In light of the current Covid surge, our chapter is postponing all events for January and hoping we can re-schedule for February. We'll keep you updated!

Upcoming Events:

Have you ever been to **Sun n' Fun in Florida**? Maybe this is the year! As I write this newsletter, I'm looking out on several inches of snowfall and a gusty wind... making a trip to Florida sound all the better, right?

What: Sun n' Fun Aerospace Expo bills itself as the second largest airshow and has become known as "Aviation's Season Opener" or "Spring Break for Pilots". Begun in 1974 as a fly-in for sport aviation enthusiasts, it has grown into Florida's largest convention of any kind and hosts over 200,000 visitors each year. Aircraft areas included are Vintage, Homebuilt, Aerobatic, Warbird, Jet and Light Sport. There is also a trade show with over 500 exhibitors, plus workshops and dozens of forums to educate both pilots and maintainers about safety. And of course it wouldn't be an aviation event of this size without daily and night airshows from both military and civilian performers.

Where: Lakeland Linder International Airport, 4075 James C. Ray Dr., Lakeland, FL

Website: <https://flsynf.org/aerospace-expo/ticket-information/>

Alton Bay

Long before Sun n' Fun happens, Alton Bay is an ice runway that opens up (weather permitting) when the ice is thick enough. It's a fun destination in New Hampshire, so it's not too far away either. The group that runs the landing "strip" has a Facebook page you can follow to stay up to date on activities there. If you are interested in going, Charlie has been there before and can give you an idea of what to expect.

<https://www.facebook.com/altonbayseaplanebaseandicerunway>

Simsbury Airport Fun Day and Spot Landing Contest

We had a good turnout for our first event at the beginning of December and hope to do it again this Spring (April is the target month). If you missed it, we had about 6 contenders for the Landing Contest, great food from Barnstormers Food Truck and more flying and some games in the afternoon.

Learn to Fly and Young Eagle Days

These are usually held in May or June and national EAA typically provides a lot of information to help us put together a local event. We opted not to have a local event last year because of Covid, but hopefully the pandemic will abate enough to have an event or two this year.

Power in the Pines Open House and Airshow

McGuire AFB hosts this event in Wrightstown, NJ and it looks to be a fun one! Wrightstown is about 3 ½ to 4 hours driving distance from Simsbury and of course a much shorter flight for those of you who have that option. The website is listed below, although there's not much information on it yet about the airshow. I found the listing at: [Milavia Air Show Calendar 2022](#)

Airshow website: <https://www.jbmdl.jb.mil/>

Events, continued

Simsbury Fly-In, Classic Car Show and Food Truck Festival

Always slated for about the 3rd week of September – more info to follow toward the end of Spring.

Project Update:

Eric's RV-7 build is progressing. Fuel tanks are finished. He and Jill riveted the wing top skins and Eric is working on the aileron brackets and aileron and flap fairings. He's just about ready to have Van's ship the fuselage kit.



Treasurer's Report:

Vince Carucci has the most recent statement on file.

News from EAA:

November Chapter Video Magazine

- Charlie Becker from headquarters gives an update of happenings with EAA nationally and opportunities at the local level. You can find that segment here:
<https://eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/resources-from-hq/eaa-chapter-video-magazine>
(Download the January file from that site)

Be sure to check out all of the resources on the eaa.org website – videos, webinars, training, events, ideas for future events, homebuilding resources, history—they've got it all!

