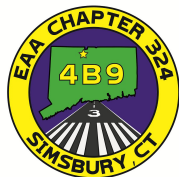


EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



July 2022



July 19	VMC Club Simsbury Airport Clubhouse 7 pm
July 25-31	AirVenture Oshkosh, WI
Aug 3	EAA 324 Gathering 6 pm Flying, food, drink, project updates, topics of interest, videos and general storytelling
Sep 24-25	Simsbury Fly-In events

Chapter Happenings:

What a fun cook-out this month – with the postponing of the airport fun day/landing contest, we had an old-fashioned Brat and Wiener Roast out on the hangar apron in front of Mark’s hangar. It was a beautiful evening, a great turnout and friends and members who stayed late got treated to an unexpected Blackhawk demo while on a training mission.

AirVenture is at hand – you KNOW there will be a great storytelling session at our next gathering on the Wednesday immediately afterward! Six of our members are going this year. P.S. That photo featured above? The 75th anniversary of the US Air Force will be celebrated at Oshkosh this year!

EAA 324 has been, and continues to be, a huge supporter of the annual Simsbury Fly-In, Classic Car Show and Food Truck Festival. This year, we have a food truck event on Saturday, the 24th, (maybe some fly-in visitors and demos?) and then the full-blown event on Sunday, September 25th. If you have hesitated to get involved in the past, now is the time to check it out. More info on this inside the newsletter.

Curious about what kind of flying our members are up to?

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

Simsbury Fly-In, Car Show and Food Truck Festival –September 25th

Every year on the last Sunday of September, the Simsbury Airport Association (formerly called the Simsbury Flying Club) holds it's annual fundraiser to "keep the doors open". While rents are collected on hangars and business space, those fees only cover a portion of the expenses to keep the airport open. Simsbury Airport doesn't receive any government funding, making the annual Fly-In event critical to pay the next year's bills.....things like lease fees for the land, ramp, taxiway and runway maintenance, snow removal, lighting and structural repairs. While most of the labor is provided by board members, the SAA depends on the donations from the public to make up the difference to operate one more year each year. The Fly-In has been around, fulfilling this function, for 40+ years and many of the volunteers have taken part for many of those years.

This year, weather permitting, we expect somewhere around 75 aircraft to fly in (including the LifeStar Helicopter, Kaman KMAX helicopter and demo aircraft from manufacturers), 350+ classic cars for the car show and approximately 20 food trucks. In addition, there is a North American T6 and two Robertson 44 Helicopters selling rides, vendors with displays and sale items, a band and amazing people watching. If you haven't volunteered to help out before, our chapter urges you to sign up this year. There are volunteer spots for all interests, typically for either a morning or an afternoon, giving you the time to check out the rest of the event before or after you help out. Volunteers get a free t-shirt, snacks and lunch from Jersey Mike's all as part of their "volunteer gig", as well as great parking and free entry.

To sign up, go to www.simsburyflyin.com . If you're on our regular mailing list, you'll be getting plenty of reminders to sign up to volunteer as well. Thank you in advance!



'Wonder What Your Fellow Members Are Up To?

When Karl isn't working as a lead at Bombardier, you can find him flying a Cessna Caravan down in the New York City metropolitan area.

Have you ever noticed that when Phil and his wife, Terri, go flying in their Archer, they often have a beautiful, young black Lab with them? "Piper" has been an avid passenger on their day trips since they got her a year ago....the three of them enjoy hiking and exploring at their destinations.

Since Charlie retired, you can find him working on his PPG (Powered ParaGlider) rating, often on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, along with a good-sized group of fellow students. David Nickerson has brought PPG instruction to Simsbury in the past few months and has quite a following now. Charlie has 18 flights under his belt so far. 'Just a bit slower than the beautiful RV-7A that he normally flies!

Several members (Doug, Laura, Karl and Don) are involved in the gliding community, particularly at North Adams in Massachusetts.

Doug hauls jumpers out of Ellington on any given weekend, if he's not already at North Adams.

And these are just a few.....get to know your fellow members and you'll see that their aviation interests are broad and are underscored with both a fascination with flight and a continuing curiosity to learn!

Builder Updates

- Vince has resumed work on his Legal Eagle. He primed it in the past couple of weeks and will be finish painting soon. The last of the features were welded on and it's ready for final build up. Additionally, Vince passed his FAA ground school test on July 1st for his sport pilot license – congrats Vince!
- Work continues on Eric's RV-7 wing kit as it nears completion. The delivery of his fuselage kit is expected in the Fall.

July 6th Gathering and an unexpected visitor

Below are some photos from our last gathering. Charlie graciously gave a little Powered Paraglider intro instruction with his PPG wing. Brad brought his flight simulator again, which was a big hit. Rumor has it there was a lot of flying in the Cessna Caravan with it! Lastly, later in the evening, an Army Blackhawk helicopter came to the field to practice night operations and finished off with a high performance departure down the runway. Mark got a great photo of it (next page). If you haven't been able to come to our summer gatherings, we hope that will change and you can enjoy the good food, conversation, and activity...it's well worth it!

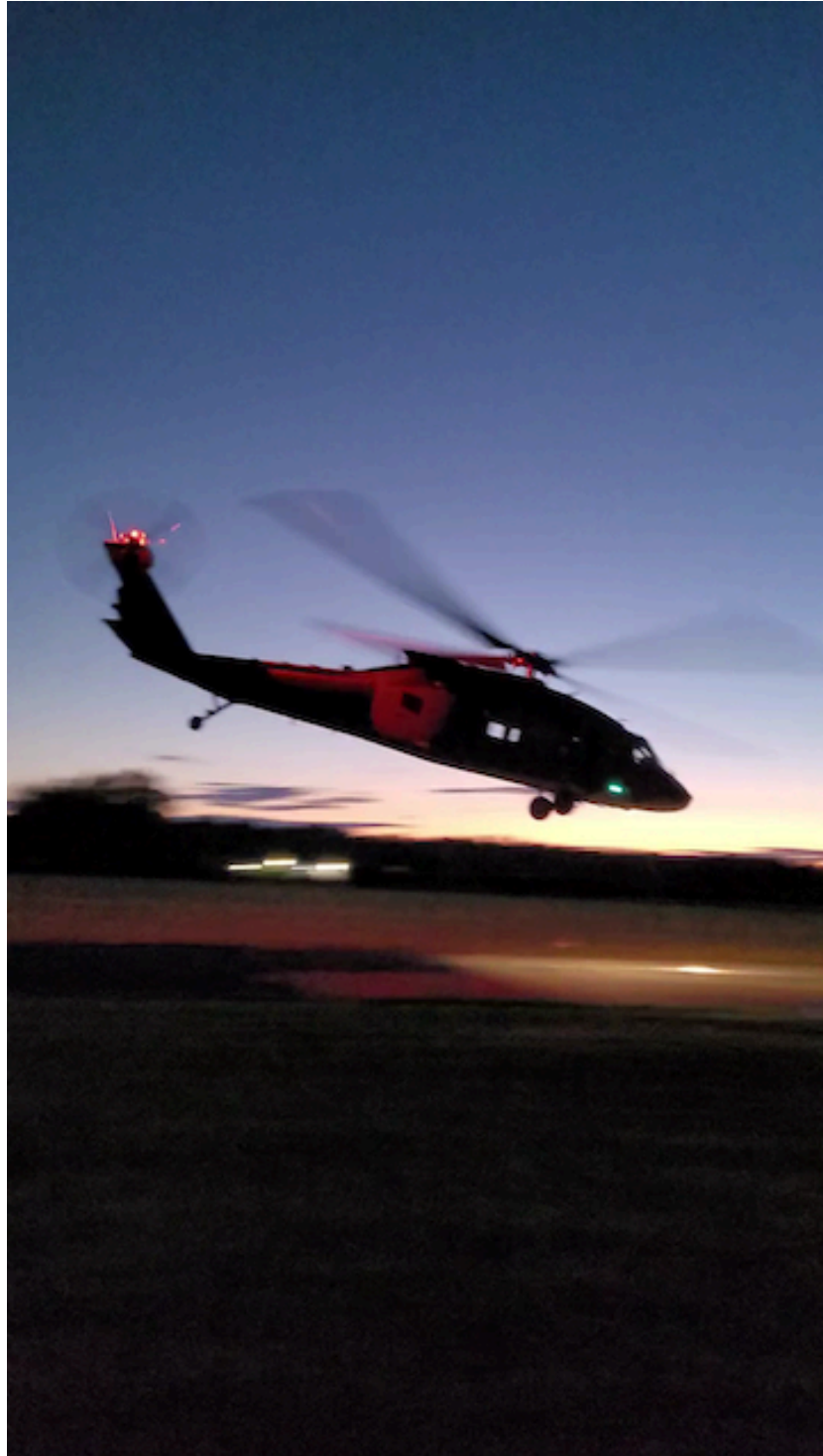


Attendees this month:

Mark Ranstead, Charlie Luke, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Eric and Jill Nulsen, Karl Boehm, Doug Melville, Katherine Oakes, Brad Griswold, Rob Joyce, Jay Ely, Jeff Neumann, Don and Heather Chamberlain, Vinnie Smedick, Xhulia Lumi, Jon LeValley, Thomas Russo, Scott and Chase Selker

Treasurer's Report:

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



News from EAA:

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

In July's Chapter Video Magazine, Jack Pelton covers:

- AirVenture will highlight Young Eagles milestones, the 75th anniversary of the United States Air Force, Van's 50th anniversary, and more
- Fly-In Theater at AirVenture is set to show *Top Gun* and *Top Gun: Maverick*
- Advocacy updates on fuel and MOSAIC

