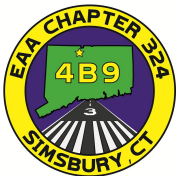


EAA Chapter 324

Simsbury Airport

Simsbury, CT



December 2023 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 started his training at the Robertson Airport (4B8) with Interstate Aviation, and is currently training in Cessna 172s. He has about 10 hours and is already learning how to land!

Chapter News: December 2023

With another chilly evening, we held our December meeting indoors at the Simsbury Airport clubhouse. Thank you to Dave Buyak for his nice video on his project update, and Vince for the pictures of his wings (in the living room!). A reminder that there is a chapter leadership conference in Oshkosh at the end of January, for members of the chapter wanting to attend. Happy birthday to past president Mark Ranstead! Chapter member Laura Doherty was officially voted in as the new secretary and newsletter editor, and no one complained.

Member Updates

Doug's RV-6A was still down for its annual condition check at the last meeting in November.

Karl's C172 recently had a new GNC355 installed. After flying a bit and watching the attitude indicator tumble, they also decided to then rip the panel apart to place a pair of AV-30s. The J-4 cub is out of annual!

Vince shared some beautiful photos from his living room where he placed the fabric on the wings of his Legal Eagle.

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

Jon (at the last meeting in November) brought a beautiful flaperon for show and tell from his Zenith 750 build. He also gave us a preview of his planned vinyl wrap.

Jeff's RV-10 kit is still in limbo due to the financial trouble that Van's is experiencing. We are all hoping that Jeff can get more updates soon!

Dave has (finally) succeeded in building a "rotisserie" for his J-5A and is preparing to cover it.

Mark's PA-18 SuperCub is ready after 3 ½ years! Mark is working on paperwork and write-ups so they can be reviewed for sign-off. Should be airborne soon! Mark is continuing to work on his RV-7 kit as Van's begins their internal assessment – the engine and prop are on order.

Drew's C172M nav light issue is fixed – but now Laura has broken the cabin heat. It is currently at 4B8 waiting to be repaired. Drew also recently passed his commercial written exam!

Charlie did a flight to Sky Manor in New Jersey and a recent trip down the Hudson River Corridor. He also shared some wisdom – don't hit buzzards with your airplane! He is also in the process of building a greenhouse at his new home.

Phil is spending a lot of time killing mice.

Ben has begun his flight training! He is currently working on ground school videos.

Ellie has almost 10 hours now and is training right here at 4B9!

Zachary recently had his first solo – congratulations!

Upcoming Activities and Events

Dec. 20th VMC Club – December

TBD Chapter Holiday Party & Dinner





FOOD DRIVE

To Support the Granby Food Bank

- Toiletries and personal items
- Bath tissue and paper towels
- Soap and detergents
- Canned goods
- Pastas, dry rice, cereal, etc.
- Jams, jellies, peanut butter
- Flour, sugar, starch, etc.

Bring your items to our next VMC meeting on Dec. 20th

GUESS THE AIRPORT



Email your guess to Laura at:
lurado@sas.upenn.edu

Are you a seaplane rated pilot?



You can claim a free, custom medallion commemorating your rating at the link below:

[Wipaire Medallion Claim Form](#)

Chapter Holiday Party & Dinner

In lieu of our January monthly gathering, join us for our chapter holiday party!



RSVP to Follow

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

December Attendees

Jeff Neumann, Mark Ranstead, Laura Doherty, Karl Boehm, Jay Ely, Vince Carucci, Joe Nadeau, Phil Vonrichthofen, Ben Ly, Dave Buyak, Drew Mazurek, Walter Adams, Dan McKeenan, Scott Selker, Charlie Luke

Guests: Jim Baryza, David Nadeau, Benjamin Head, Zachary Le Duc, Ellie Powers, Monika Szenk-Selker

Treasurer's Report

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

