

EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



June 2023

Chapter Happenings

Young Eagles Rally

Our June 10th Rally turned out to be a beautiful day with 5 pilots flying 17 youth for one of their first few rides, if not their first ride in a small plane.

A big thank you to our gracious and talented pilots:

Charlie (RV-7A), Karl (J-4 Cub), Phil (Piper Archer), Doug (C-172) and Eric (Peter's V-35)

And the event had to have ground volunteers to support the flights. We had a great turn out of ground volunteers who did a fantastic job:

Mark, Vince, Dave, Dan, Bob, Jeff, Joe, Jay, Laura, Thomas, Eric W and Luke

And in addition to all this, Don Chamberlain brought out a trailer full of RC aircraft and set up a popular display in front of his hangar.... **thank you, Don!**

Thanks to Jill for organizing the event with Karl, our Young Eagles Coordinator, and the help of the EAA website which provides all the tools for hosting an event like this.

We came up with a system that moved the flights along quickly, finishing up the last flight around 11 am, which was a real bonus to the youth and their parents who didn't have to wait very long for their flights. The pilots reported that the kids did great and the kids' report was evident by the big grins on their faces after their flights!

More than half of the participants came from out of state, as far away as Rhode Island (a first-timer), and about 70% were girls this year.

We followed the event with a BBQ at Mark's hangar for the volunteers and invited guests from the Recreational Aviation Foundation that provides support, advocacy and grants to small airports. If you haven't checked out this organization's website yet, reading about their mission and how they got started is a good read. www.theraf.org



Pilot Briefing



Registration Table



Don's RC Aircraft Trailer



Preflight with Bob and Dan on ramp aircraft



Charlie and youth ready to go, Jay on paperwork



Karl and participant getting ready to go with mom watching Mark on paperwork, Dave strutting and Luke and Eric looking on



Doug briefing his passenger as dad looks on



Phil finishing paperwork for his next flight, Thomas on paperwork



Eric and participant ready to go



Group shot after the event



Vince and Bob on the ramp



Parents watching their kids having a great time (half were done by now)



And of course we ended with a BBQ lunch at Mark's hangar!

AirVenture 2023

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

Countdown is sponsored by:



Laura, good luck and keep us posted on your air race activities! And congratulations on passing your commercial check ride!



Luke, GREAT job on your school video project on your passion for flight. Thank you for sharing it with us at the gathering. For those of you who haven't seen it yet, it's available here: [Luke Wismar Documentary](#)





June	No VMC Club this month
July 12	July Chapter Gathering, 6pm at Mark's hangar, featuring D.A.R. Richard Rozanski
July 19	VMC Club, Simsbury Airport Clubhouse, 7pm (Contact Laura for more information)
July 24-30	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
September 24	Simsbury Airport Fly-In, Classic Car Show & Food Truck Festival

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, Scott Selker, Chance Selker, Bob Upson, Karl Boehm, Eric Nulsen, Joe Nadeau, Jay Ely, Walter Adams, Laura Doherty, Tom Bush, Jon LaValley and Luke Wismar
Guests: Matt Bocker, Drew Mazurek and Aaron Kellner and son Grayson

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:

[June Chapter Video Magazine](#)

- EAA member benefit – ASTC Travel Passport Program (400 tech museums for free)
- Recommending scheduling a chapter Young Eagle and/or Flying Start event for the Fall
- AirVenture
 - Gift Shop (“Barnstormers”) has been newly renovated and reopened
 - Flying Start and Young Eagle events will be heavily promoted at Airventure
 - Young Eagle Dinner and Corn Roast events for YE coordinators, pilots and volunteers
 - Blue Barn will feature all sorts of resources for chapters

