

# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



May 2020



## Calendar

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| May 16    | Flying Start<br>Event/International Learn<br>to Fly Day- <b>POSTPONED</b>                                  |
| May 20    | VMC Club – <b>SEE YOU IN<br/>JUNE, WE HOPE</b>   |
| June 3    | EAA 324 Gathering<br>6pm Grill starts up<br>7pm Food and Drink<br>8pm Meeting                              |
| June 13   | Young Eagle<br>Event/International Young<br>Eagle Day- <b>POSSIBLY<br/>POSTPONED, DECISION<br/>PENDING</b> |
| September | Simsbury Fly-In  |

### Chapter Discussion:

In lieu of a “meeting”, a few of us gathered at the hangar for grilling, drinks and catching up on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark had sent out a straw poll to see if there was interest and about 10 brave souls came out, of course social distancing appropriately. It was great to see you!

On that note, we are back to our “summer schedule” of grilling, flying and socializing around all things related to aviation and building at the Luke hangar (with the EAA banner across the front of it).

International Young Eagles Day is June 13<sup>th</sup>. We were planning to have our annual Young Eagle Day on this date as well. With the current pandemic status, our leaders are discussing whether it will be feasible to move ahead with this date or if we should postpone to a later date. We'll keep you posted!

*‘Like the header photos we’ve been displaying lately? ‘Have a great photo of your own to share? Please send your pics to Mark.*

**Bill Thomas shared this great 360 view of the Lockheed Electra cockpit:**

<https://www.airspacemag.com/panoramas/lockheed-electra-10e-180961944/>

## Headlines:

### **AIRVENTURE 2020 is officially cancelled**

<https://eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/05-01-2020-We-Dont-Gamble-We-Need-A-Sure-Thing>

### **FAA Stops Medical Enforcement Until June 30**

<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/faa-stops-medical-enforcement-until-june-30/>

### **AND ... just for fun...**

James Wiebe, EAA 859932, introduces Belite's first two-seat airplane, the Chipper. It promises affordable STOL and cross-country flying from a kit that's fast and easy to build. Here's a great video on this aircraft:

[A Belite Built for Two](#)

Sadly, the Belite hangar burned last June and they didn't have adequate insurance. BUT, if you're looking for a real challenge, their business is for sale, including a demo aircraft. Check it out at: <https://www.beliteaircraft.com/>

## CHAPTER MEMBER UPDATES:

From Bill Thomas:

I'm working on a project to create a "scrapbook" depicting the history of Simsbury Airport, using old news articles and photos from the Hartford Courant....with additions from my own "archives". When finished, I plan to leave it at the airport for members and visitors to view. I already have a very significant number of items collected for this project.

I wonder if any chapter members might have old photos, documents or memorabilia they might want to contribute related either to the airport, SFC, or the Chapter. I plan a short section on Chapter 324, so anything that depicts our activities would be good to have. Young Eagles photos? Photos of homebuilding projects? Chapter participations in the Fly-In? I can copy or take photos of any of this material so the originals can be returned to the donor.

***Now's a great time to be helping Bill out with this project while we are isolated at home!***

## Treasurer's Report:

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