

EAA Chapter 324

Simsbury Airport

Simsbury, CT



March 2024 Newsletter

Congratulations Chance!

Chance recently earned his private pilot certificate! He is now more than halfway through his instrument training. Congratulations!!!



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 been training at the Robertson Airport (4B8) with Interstate Aviation, and is currently training in Cessna 172s. At the March meeting, Joe reported that he is in the cross country phase of flight training and he is having a blast!

Chapter News

Thanks to the heavy rains, we held our March meeting indoors at the Simsbury Airport clubhouse. Thank you to Dave Buyak for his video presentation on the updates of his Cub project, and Vince for his pictures of the leather seats he made for the Legal Eagle! Joe gave us a brief update on his training at 4B8, and we shared updates on builds. Mark and Brad shared pictures of their recent adventures to Antarctica and the Andes, respectively.

During our meeting, we continued our conversation on the incorporation of more youth activities into our monthly gatherings, possibly between 6PM and 7PM in the warmer months when meetings are held outdoors. We discussed the idea of members signing up for a particular date to lead an activity based on their talent and interest including things such as: oil filter inspections, airplane covering, safety wiring, etc. Any members who are interested in signing up with an idea can use the following [link](#).

We reviewed the anonymous results of our recent chapter survey, with highlights including: many members having an interest in a group project or build; interest in organization of a group tool crib with more information about it available to our members; having more information about local flight training available to members; and getting more youth involved. Vince gave us some information on a project that may be for sale (Pietenpol Air Camper).

GUESS THE AIRPORT

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



AirVenture 2024 - Chapter Camping

Anyone interested in joining our chapter for this year's AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI is encouraged to contact Mark Ranstead at mbranstead@gmail.com



EAA AirVenture
July 22nd - 28th

Join us for all or part of the event! Our chapter reserves a campsite and we have a great turnout every year. More details on campground policies and shared meals can be discussed with Mark.

Member Updates

Doug's RV-6A was recently back up in the air! He shared with us a service bulletin for the installation of the nose stop flange, which he discovered was installed incorrectly on his aircraft. He is working to fix it!

Vince showed us some pictures of his Legal Eagle build, including the new leather seats he made.

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

Jeff's has signed his new contract for the RV-10 kit. We were happy to hear that he'll be able to move forward with his project!

Dave is continuing to cover the wings on his J-5A! He shared a nice video with the group.

Mark's PA-18 SuperCub is ready after 3 ½ years! Mark is still working on paperwork and write-ups so they can be reviewed for sign-off. Should be airborne soon! Mark's RV-7 finish kit is here – Doug and Brad helped him move it into his garage!

Drew and **Laura** recently flew the C172M to Allentown, PA for a weekend trip – the curse may be broken, as the plane had no mechanical issues the entire time.

Charlie's RV-7A had an issue with the starter the other day, and it is currently getting looked at by a mechanic in Chester. His greenhouse, however, is doing great!

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

Ellie has almost 10 hours now and is training right here at 4B9! She is participating in her school's upcoming event for diversity and inclusion, where she is organizing a presentation on women in aviation.

Scott shared that **Chance** is now officially a private pilot!

Upcoming Activities and Events

March 20th VMC Club 7:00PM

April 3rd Chapter Gathering 6:00PM



[Click Here](#) if you're interested in local fight training - but don't know where to start!

Help us grow our Youth Programming!

Fill out the form at the following link:
[Youth Activity Interest Form](#)

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

February Attendees

Walt Adams, Dave Buyak, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Jay Ely, Brad Griswold, Benjamin Head, Charlie Luke, Ben Ly, Drew Mazurek, Dan McKeenan, Doug Melville, Joe Nadeau, Dylan Neumann, Jeff Neumann, Ellie Powers, Mark Ranstead, Scott Selker, and Phil Vonrichthofen.

New Members

Benjamin Head, Ellie Powers

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Dave Buyak, gave us a report and has the most recent statement on file.

