EAA Chapter 324

Simsbury Airport











June 2024 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 been training at the Robertson Airport (4B8) with Interstate Aviation, and is currently training in Cessna 172s. At the June meeting, Joe reported that he recently went on his first solo cross country flight! Joe recently challenged the private pilot written exam, and scored an amazing 95%! To top it off, he is the winner of a FREE Zulu Lightspeed headset after submitting an essay through EAA. Congratulations Joe!

Chapter News

We held our June meeting outdoors at Mark Ranstead's hangar. Joe gave us a brief update on his training at 4B8, and we shared updates on builds. Our Young Eagles Rally was rescheduled due to strong direct crosswinds and turbulence, and will now be held on June 15th! Please sign up to volunteer with this link.

We are still interested in the incorporation of more youth activities into our monthly gatherings. 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. Members who are interested in signing up with an idea can use the following <u>link</u>.

Young Eagles Rally June 15th

Volunteers are needed for the event!



Use the following link to sign up to volunteer at the event:

Sign-Up Link

GUESS THE AIRPORT

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



AirVenture 2024 - Chapter Camping



EAA AirVenture
July 22nd - 28th

We now have a list of confirmed attendees for our chapter campsite! More details on campground policies and meals will be shared by Mark. We're looking forward to a great week at AirVenture!

Member Updates

Doug's RV-6A is back up in the air!

Vince shared that: the prop was installed this weekend; all instruments are wired; the windscreen is back on; the disc brakes are attached to the wheels; the aircraft was weighed and it's Part 103 compliant (barely) so it's definitely a **LEGAL** Eagle; the CG was found to be in range with him in the seat; the seatbelt is installed; and the aircraft finally bears it name... "Flyin' Yankee"

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 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! Jeff's son recently matched to an orthopedic surgery program in Pennsylvania – congratulations!

Dave is continuing to cover the wings on his J-5A!

Mark's PA-18 SuperCub is almost ready! He has sent his logbook entries to the IA in Maine. He has begun to close up the panels and anticipates flying soon!

Drew's C172M recently went through annual inspection, and is now having an avionics upgrade. Ventura Avionics at FRG is adding a Garmin GI 275 engine monitor (with new digital fuel senders!), and is also upgrading his Trio Pro Pilot autopilot with the Garmin GFC 500.

Laura just finished her two-year term as president of the Connecticut 99s.

Ben is still working on his flight training! He is currently working on ground school videos. He also shared that he is working with a mountain biking organization.

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

Upcoming Activities and Events

June 15th Young Eagles Rally (resched.)

June 19th VMC Club 7:00PM

July 3rd Chapter Gathering 6:00PM

July 17th VMC Club 7:00PM



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 Phil – Piper Archer II

June Attendees

Walt Adams, Jim Baryza, Karl Boehm, Owen Boehm, Dave Buyak, Vince Carucci, Laura Doherty, Jay Ely, Rob Joyce, Ben Ly, Drew Mazurek, Dan McKeeman, Doug Melville, Joe Nadeau, and Phil Vonrichthofen.

Treasurer's Report

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









