

# EAA 324 Simsbury, CT



## September-October 2023

### Chapter News: September

Welcome to our visitors! Adrian Holzer (age 12) was a Young Eagles participant last Spring and will be joining CAP as he positions himself to learn to fly. Ben Ly (age 14) also wants to fly and also work on aircraft, really hoping to build an aircraft someday. Ellie Powers (age 17) is learning to fly at Future Flyers and is exploring her options for college and a future as a commercial pilot.

### Simsbury Fly-In

Jill noted that we are still looking for volunteers, particularly in the afternoon on September 24. Brad noted that everything is a “go” for the event and we’re hoping for good weather. [As you now know, the weather caused a postponement of the event until October 1.]

### A Good-Bye

After several years as chapter secretary, newsletter editor and web editor, Jill, with her husband, Eric, are moving to Arkansas back to their farm as Eric goes to work for Dassault Falcon Jet as a production test pilot, the same work he has done previously for Hawker jets. As a parting presentation, Jill shared a short “quiz” on little known facts about Arkansas and a few pictures from their farm.

### Reno Air Race Attendees

Jeff and Peter are each headed out to Reno to the Reno Air Races September 13-17. We’ll look forward to hearing all about their trips in October! This is the final year of the Reno Air Races which have taken place annually in September since 1964.



## Chapter News: October

With Vince sick at home for this gathering, we had a time of grilling at the hangar and enjoying catching up after the work of the Fly-In the past Sunday. Thank you to Laura for providing the news of project updates.

Doug's RV-6 is down for its annual conditional check.

Karl is having a piston replaced on his J-4 in an attempt to stem high engine oil consumption.

Vince is awaiting the delivery of a propeller for his Legal Eagle.

Mark performed his initial engine break-in on his SuperCub and identified two items to correct, which are now corrected. The second break-in will be soon.

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](mailto:brad@nsls.tv).

And this wonderful update from Jon LaValley:

“I brought in a wing tip and nose rib, which was delivered in August, for my Zenith 750 Super Duty. I pulled my first rivet in March of 2022 at the Zenith factory in Mexico, MO, where I built the rudder that was shipped with the rest of the empennage kit. Since then, I have completed the horizontal stabilizer, elevator, and wing slats (2 inboard and 2 outboard). I have completed all the prep work on the full length flaperons, and expect to have these completed before the end of the month. I'll start working on the wing kit as soon as all 4 flaperon sections are completed. I plan on finishing the wings by summer of next year, and should take delivery of the final kits (fuselage, controls, and finishing) around that time. So far, the build has been nothing but fun, and I hope to have the aircraft completed and flying about summer of 2025.”

## Upcoming Activities and Events



Oct 18	VMC Club, 7pm, Simsbury Airport Clubhouse
Nov 1	EAA 324 Gathering, Mark's hangar, 6pm, Potluck
Nov 15	VMC Club, 7pm, Simsbury Airport Clubhouse
Nov 23	Thanksgiving



# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

As you've heard over and over, (but it's still true!), the Fly-In's success is predicated on a strong volunteer "Army". With over 100 volunteers each year, the airport is grateful, very grateful, for the support of EAA 324. You are the backbone of the volunteers...you are those that can be counted on to spend the day, fill in wherever needed and encourage the other volunteers around you. Your volunteer coordinator (Jill) initially got involved as a first-time volunteer who was encouraged by Mark and Charlie to check out EAA at the next gathering. That was around 2017 or 2018. Thank you for encouraging me over the years with your continued involvement! ~Jill

## *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	Charlie – RV-7A	Peter – Bonanza V-35
John – RV-4	Mark – Supercub (under repair)	Karl – J-4 Cub (and C-172 with Doug)

## September Attendees:

Vince Carucci, Jeff Neumann, Dave Buyak, Jill Nulsen, Karl Boehm, Brad Griswold, Phil Vonrichthofen, Dan McKeeman, Bob Upson, Laura Doherty, Drew Mazurek, Joe Nadeau, Jay Ely, Scott Selker, Walter Adams, Thomas Russo, Peter Dachnowicz, Rob Joyce  
Guests: Adrian Holzer and dad Paul, Ben Ly and mom Jeanine, and Ellie Powers

## October Attendees:

Jeff Neumann, Mark Ranstead, Drew Mazurek, Laura Doherty, Karl Boehm, Owen Boehm, Jay Ely, Walt Adams, Brad Griswold, Joe Nadeau, Luke Wismar, Doug Melville, Phil VonRichthofen, Charlie Luke, Jon LaValley, Scott Selker, Dan McKeenan, Rob Joyce, Ben Ly, Janine Ly  
Guest: Jim Baryza

## Treasurer's Report:

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

