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The Web Site for the LOEFI is: <http://www.loefi.com>

Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings .

15 January, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Meeting, eat at 5:30 PM,
meeting at 6:00PM, Copper Canyon Café, 5455 Gibson SE.

Upcoming Young Eagles Events for 2013:

February 16 at Double Eagle (KAEG)

May 11 at Moriarty (OEO)

September 14 at Moriarty (OEO)

November 9 at Double Eagle (KAEG)

Chapter 179 meetings are on the third Tuesday each month.



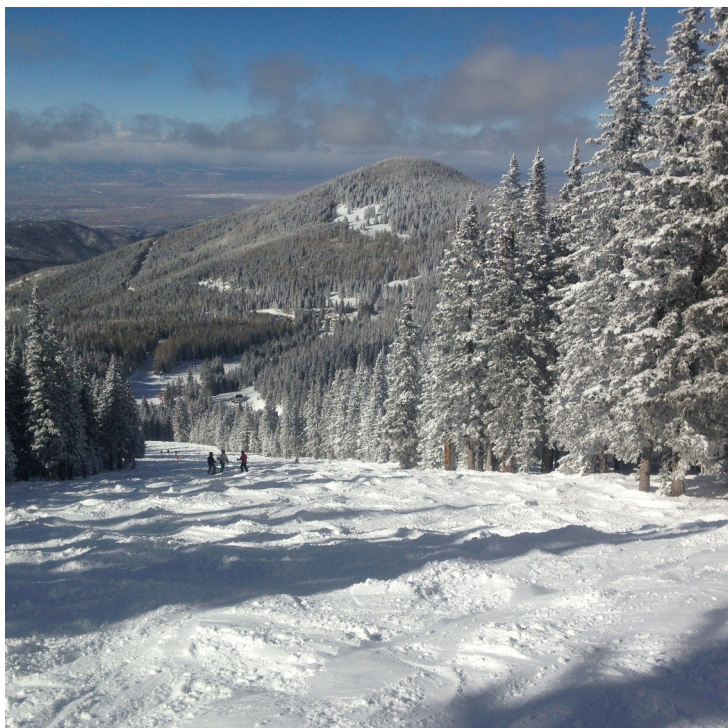
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From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

It is winter! I tow gliders once a month in Moriarty and I play in the surface turbulence between 9000 and 12000 MSL in Santa Fe (see below photo).



There were a lot of great ideas discussed at the Board meeting. I look forward to a great year for our Chapter 179 activities. HW

2013 Chapter Dues DUE!

If you haven't already sent in your 2013 membership dues, please send any contact information updates with your check to:

EAA Chapter 179, P.O. Box 3583, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3583. Our Annual Dues are \$30 for a family; \$20 for individuals. Our application/renewal form was included in the December newsletter (also available online at www.179.eaachapter.org).

Joyce Woods

EAA 179 Membership

From the President, Bob Waters

Happy New Year!

We had a good turnout at our Annual Director Transition Meeting and got a lot of things done, including passing our 2013 budget and increasing the amount of our scholarships. More details will be provided at our monthly meeting.



Will and Edy Taylor led a great discussion on plans for the 2013 Land of Enchantment Fly In. The board agreed with their suggestion to move the event to Double Eagle for 2013, pending any surprise holdups. They've got a lot of ideas to make this a great event this year, including incorporating the theme of our chapter's 50th anniversary. There were lots of good ideas proposed at the meeting. Now's the time for volunteers to step forward and help. Many hands lighten the load!

After several years of service, Curtis Smith informed me that he'd like to give someone else the opportunity to be our membership coordinator. Please thank Curtis the next time you see him for ALL the service he provides to the chapter! Thanks Curtis! Once again, when the door closes the window opens! Joyce Woods has agreed to take over the chapter membership coordinator role, including (along with Harley) the email communications to the members. I'm very excited for us to have Joyce in this role. Please welcome her, pass on your suggestions for membership and offer your help in this most important chapter committee.

At our January meeting, Mike Marker will give us a presentation on his recently completed Van's RV-12. I've heard that Van's made this one particularly quick to assemble. Mike has quite a record of completed homebuilt projects, so he will have a great perspective on Van's light-sport kit plane. Unfortunately for me, I'll be on travel, so Steve Rokicki will run the meeting. I look forward to seeing you soon. Remember, bring a friend and sign up a new member. Happy flying!

Aviation Students!

25 years of age or under

We invite you to apply!

AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179

Application Deadline: February 15

The Albuquerque Chapter 179 of the Experimental Aircraft Association presents annual scholarship awards to candidates pursuing aviation education including flight training, A&P certification, etc. Applicants must be 25 years of age or less.

The amount and number of grants are determined each year and contingent on available funding. Applications must be received by February 15. Recipients are notified and awarded certificates at the March Chapter meeting. Scholarships are paid directly to the school or instructor on behalf of the student recipient.

To download and print the application, visit our website: www.179.eaachapter.org

Send your completed application to:

EAA Chapter 179
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3583
Albuquerque, NM 87190



EAA Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) organization. Any and all scholarship donations are greatly appreciated and are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Send your check payable to "EAA Chapter 179 Scholarship Fund" to:
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Check out the FAA Website, By Rose Marie Kern

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For pilots who like to self brief, or for anyone who is curious about aviation, the FAA website, www.faa.gov, has a plethora of useful information. You can look up TFR's, Airport NO-



TAMs, who an aircraft is registered to, the history of the FAA, and how to get a job in Air Traffic Control.

In the modern world of computer access, many pilots like to self brief. Websites for weather abound these days, but where is the best place to look for NOTAMs and airport delays? The FAA website home page on the top right says AIRPORT DELAYS. The graphic shows only the major airports across the country. Green means no delay, yellow has some delays and a number to indicate how long, and red means ground stop. You may not be going into the larger airports, but if you are going to a smaller one close by, you might want to look hard at the expected weather in the area, or if there are other reasons for the delays. Remember, if the large airports are experiencing major delays, surrounding airports may get busier as aircraft are diverted.

A major concern are Temporary Flight Restrictions, or TFR's. Although TFR's can be issued for anything that constitutes a hazard to flight (forest fires, gas pipe blowouts etc...) most pilots are on the lookout for the VIP TFR. Back to the home page – then halfway down the page on the right under Regulations and Guidelines you will find TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS. A list is provided, but what is most helpful is to click on the bar above where it says TFR MAP. A graphic of the U.S. will appear with red circles, squares or other odd markings. If one seems close to your route, click on it to enlarge the area – keep clicking until it shows up as an overlay on a VFR Sectional Chart to see exactly where it is, then read the text of that TFR to understand altitudes and specific location data.

The VIP TFRs can still be a bit tricky as they have multiple parts and different rules at different times. If you look at it and cannot determine whether your airport will be affected, call Flight Service – they keep lists of which airports are being affected by the TFRs.

Also, do not take the times listed in the TFR as gospel. Those are the target times, but delays have been known to happen. The TFR may state from 1200z to 1900z, but if the aircraft containing the exalted personage the TFR was created for has not left the ground yet, the TFR is still in effect until it has. Flight Service will have the latest information as to whether the TFR is still in effect.

Another part of the FAA website that is useful for each flight under the Regulations and Policies tab is Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) – this is in the left sidebar. Clicking it brings you to the FAA's Pilot Web page. You can look up specific locations, or do a flight path search. The default for the flight path search is 20 NM either side of a direct route between locations. This works pretty well for flights on the eastern third of the country, but out west you might want to increase that buffer a bit. One warning, increasing the buffer means it takes the site longer to bring up your data. Be patient.

You need to specify what you want the computer to bring up – just the NOTAMs at your departure and destination? All the airports and nav aids enroute? How about the FDC and ARTCC Notams? A lot of pilots skip the latter, but what if the ARTCC NOTAM states that GPS could be unreliable or unavailable within a 400NMR of a given point? Knowing one of those NOTAMs was in effect for southern New Mexico, I pulled out a hand held GPS while standing on a point west of Roswell. The GPS showed me to be 30 miles south of the Mexican border!

The FAA website contains other information and statistics of interest to the General Aviation pilot. Under Aviation Forecasts you will not find weather – you will find the FAA's guesses as to the growth patterns of aviation over the next 30 years. You can get insights into the direction the FAA wants to go by clicking on the Plans and Priorities tab, and check out what NextGen is and how it will affect ATC as all the components come online. Say there is a really nice looking Skyhawk sitting next to yours on the ramp. You notice an interesting modification and want to find the owner so you can ask him about it. On the www.faa.gov home page on the left is the category AIRCRAFT. Under the subcategory AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION you can type in the tail number, and it will show you

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who owns the aircraft.

Thinking about going into space? The FAA issues a commercial space transportation license. If you want to put a runway out on the back 40, do you have to have airport certification? What is the difference between an experimental aircraft and a sport aircraft? Why do they have different regulations? It's all there...www.faa.gov.

Rose Marie Kern has been working in ATC since 1983. For questions you can contact her at author@rosemariekern.com



Christmas Party





Our Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179 is 50 Years Old – Bob Waters

chapter number, 179, is pretty low because a group of 30 likeminded aviation enthusiasts here in town resonated with Paul Poberezny's idea of EAA and started our chapter 50 years ago this year; August 29, 1963 to be exact. Time flies when you're having fun and we need to have a big birthday party this year, perhaps in conjunction with the Land of Enchantment Fly In! Charter members and long-time members will be our guests of honor to cut the cake! Listed below are the charter members of our chapter. Are any of our charter members still around town and active? Do you know any of them? If so, will you please get their contact information to me? Thanks, Bob

Original Charter Members Chapter 179

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William D. Boone
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Lowell Undle
David E. Mick
Zachary Ortiz
John C. Reynolds
John A Rich
Donald M Rockwell
Ray R Saxton
John Sewell
Ralph L Schellenbaum
William F Shuldt
Henry Scotchdopole
John A Sons
James A Stark
Alvin V Steed
Richard A Waddell
James A Woods



On-Going Events

Pilots ABQ Lunch - Every Thursday, Formation Begins at 11:15 AM, at **Monroe's Restaurant** at 6501 Osuna Rd. NE (about four blocks East of San Mateo on the North side of Osuna).

Pilots Mid-Valley Lunch - Every Tuesday, Formation begins at 10:00 AM at Bob Henning's Hangar, 3884 Tammy Ct. SE, Los Lunas, NM, (Mid-Valley Airpark) Ph 865-0007, then onto Lunch at T J's New Mexican Restaurant at 235 Highway 314 SW, Los Lunas at 11:45AM.

Las Cruces/El Paso EAA Chapter #555 Breakfast - Every Third Sunday of the Month, a huge \$6.00 breakfast. Look for the large EAA hangar located at the Las Cruces International Airport (LRU). All pilots and interested others are invited. Consider this for a 'fly out' or for other fun events!

Aviation Historical Society—First Thursday of the Month, Formation begins at 7:00 PM at Bear Canyon Community Center. Contact Harry M. Davidson, Ph (505) 256-7212

Artesia Breakfast Fly-In: Free and discount on gas **1st Saturday of every month**. 8:30 till 10:00 a.m. until time change then will be 7:30 til 9:30 a.m. Hope some of you all would like to come down. Info: Lance Goodrich, Airport Manager.

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