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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings .

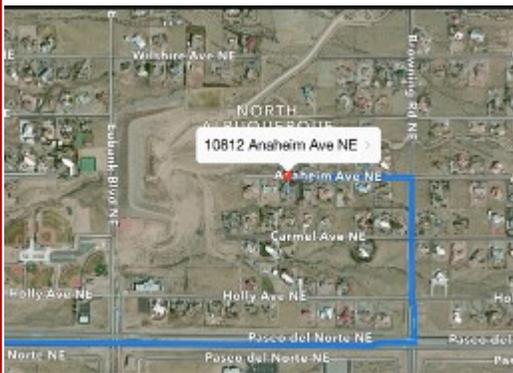
**15, November, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Meeting,** eat at 5:30 PM, meeting at 6:00PM, Copper Canyon Café, 5455 Gibson SE. Guests and visitors are welcome.

**Young Eagles Flights, EAA Chapter 179, Albuquerque KAEG, 2016**

**RESCHEDULED for Saturday, November 12, 2016** (see page 3)

*The Chapter 179 meeting for December will be replaced by the Christmas Party and will be on the 2nd Tuesday, (Dec. 13). See the following information:*

### 13 December, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Christmas Party,



6:00 PM at the home of Russ and Margaret Prina, 10812 Anaheim Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM. Phone: 505 856 6246. This will be a Pot-Luck event, so please bring a dish to pass. Roasted turkey and non- alcoholic beverages will be supplied. Just bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Optional grab bag gifts (\$15 or less) for those wishing to participate in the exchange. Visitors welcome. The Christmas party will replace our chapter meeting for December, as usual.

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

The The 44th Annual COPPERSTATE Fly-In Aviation & Education Expo, OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2016, was at Falcon Field in Mesa, AZ. I drove down in my motor home. The camping area provided plenty of space and a nice shower trailer was available.



The event was well attended and offered many exhibits, aircraft, and forums. The food court offered good food with dining chairs and tables inside the exhibit building. Several of our New Mexico friends were in attendance and several of our New Mexico planes flew in. See the Copperstate Fly-In web site:

[www.copperstae.org](http://www.copperstae.org)

See more Copperstate pictures on page 5.



*A few of the New Mexico faces at Copperstate*

## From the President, Will Taylor

I just returned from a week long vacation enjoying one of my other passions, cars. I spent all last week at the SEMA show (Specialty Equipment Market Association) in Las Vegas. If your not familiar with SEMA, it's basically "AirVenture" for cars. They have car building, specialty cars, hot rods, car racing demos and well, if it has to do with cars, its there! This event is so big I spent a week out there and still didn't get to see everything. I have been trying to free myself up to make it to SEMA for the past several years and was finally make it out, now I'm hoping I can do the same for AirVenture next year!



It's hard to believe we're wrapping up 2016, as this month brings our last official meeting of the year as the annual Chapter Christmas party will take the place of December's meeting. Additionally, our last Young Eagles for the year will take place Saturday the 12th since Mother Nature had it rescheduled, so come out if you can!

As always I hope to see you all at this month's meeting! -WT



*Chuck Swanberg with his pride and joy Navion*

## Other NM EAA Chapter Newsletters

EAA 691, the Green Chile Chapter: <http://eaa691.org> <http://www.facebook.com/eaa691>

EAA 555, Triple Nickel Chapter: <http://555.eaachapter.org/>

EAA 251, White Sands Chapter doesn't have a new newsletter.

Young Eagles Flights **CANCELLED** for Saturday, Nov 5, 2016  
**RESCHEDULED** for Saturday, November 12, 2016



**COME FLY WITH US!**

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**NOTE: DATE WAS RESCHEDULED due to weather**

**8:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Double Eagle II Airport**

**SPREAD THE WORD!** We've **RESCHEDULED** due to weather. We love the rain, but . . . let's hope for better weather and enough volunteer pilots next weekend. We usually have been luckier at choosing fly dates!

EAA Chapter 179 offers [Young Eagles Flights](#) for youth **8 - 17 years old**, with on site written parental permission, subject to availability of volunteer pilots and weather permitting. Flights provided on a first come, first served basis. Check [www.facebook.com/EAA179](http://www.facebook.com/EAA179) for last minute weather updates. [Read more about this nationwide program which has provided 2 million flights.](#)

*For anyone who's been trying to fly with us multiple times and are unable to join us next weekend, please contact us by email at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org) and we'll try to make flight*

**Directions to Double Eagle II Airport:** Take either I-40 or Paseo del Norte west to Atrisco Vista Blvd, follow airport signs to the main parking lot. Registration is in the Bode Aviation lobby.

*The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) was founded in 1953 by a group of people interested in building their own airplanes. Today, EAA is a community of recreational pilots and builders dedicated to sharing our love of aviation. The Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179 is a 501c3 tax exempt charitable organization.*

# Quick Notes

**Save the date!** The Land of Enchantment Fly-In will be August 25, 2017 View 2016 [photo shows!](#)

## Please...Slow Down!, By Rose Marie Kern

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Everyone today is in a hurry, a cultural phenomenon enabled by the technology we use. Example, watch the TV series Star Trek from the 60s, or even the first Star Trek Movie from 1979...then watch the latest version of Star Trek Beyond. The



pace is faster, the pictures, scenes and plot lines leap from place to place.

The problem arises when the faster momentum carries a pilot too quickly through his preflight briefings or checklists. Skimming over the highlights can lead to missing essential details that don't jump out at you.

Flight Service specialists I've spoken to recently have expressed frustration because they are trying to give a pilot essential information only to have the pilot hang up quickly or say they don't need it. By essential information I am talking about things like TFR's and Thunderstorms. If a pilot only wants to file a flight plan with flight service, the specialist is required to ask if the pilot has/needs to know about Adverse Conditions along his route.

Listening to audio tapes of preflight briefings, where the flight service specialist was giving a standard weather briefing at a reasonable rate of speed, I can tell that sometimes it is obvious no one is really listening. There is talking going on in the background on the pilot's end, or you hear the specialist finish the briefing only to have the pilot ask him questions about information that was clearly already relayed.

I've read the accident reports in magazines and on the NTSB website, and one thing that is interesting is the high percentage of pilots who don't bother to get a briefing by Flight Service, or through one of the Aviation weather websites before they fly.

The winds are light and variable and the sky has just a few fluffy clouds on a sunny summer morning so a pilot figures it is a good day to get his currency. He jumps in the aircraft and takes to the sky for a couple hours, but when he lands the winds have started blowing so hard he flips on landing. If he had bothered to look at the weather forecasts he might have seen that there was a front coming in or that the NWS was predicting thunderstorms with strong downdrafts in the early afternoon.

There are many aviation weather and flight plan filing options out there these days. Pilots learn about weather in general way back in flight school, but when it comes to self briefing many of them only look at adverse conditions, current conditions, and winds. I personally guess that maybe one in five actually checks the synopsis to see how systems are moving – or if they do, understand what that movement means to the atmosphere.

NOTAMs are an area that most pilots really skim over. They will look at ones related to their destination airport and maybe (hopefully) check for TFRs. Many do not look for NAVAID or Communication outages en-route, or for Airspace incursions like parachutes, drones and rockets. There are thousands of NOTAMs in the system and it is tedious to sort through them all, which is what Flight Service is trained to do as quickly as is humanly possible.

I've been briefing pilots for 25 years. As a flight service specialist I understand the weather patterns in my home region intimately. I know that a low pressure east of a mountain pass will squirt winds out through that pass that can catch a low flying aircraft in odd ways. I know that widespread low ceilings in eastern New Mexico or West Texas during the monsoon days of summer are very thin, and likely will burn off by 9am. I also know that widespread low ceilings pushed onto western shores are much more likely to last for days, and if a really strong High Pressure is centered in Nevada, southern California will get some nasty high winds at low levels that don't affect the surface.

That's what you get when you call for a standard briefing at flight service, a professional who looks at the weather for hours every single day for years and **knows** how it will affect flight.

To be the best pilot you can be, Get a Briefing. Whether you brief yourself on a website, or call flight service, take your time and make sure you understand what environment you are about to launch yourself and others into. Once your wheels or floats leave the surface of the earth you become a part of the atmosphere – make sure you know what it's up to.

*Rose Marie Kern has worked in ATC since 1983. If you'd like to ask Rose a question send her an email at [author@rosemariekern.com](mailto:author@rosemariekern.com)*

## Copperstate Fly-In



The 44th Annual COPPERSTATE Fly-In Aviation & Education Expo OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2016 Falcon Field Airport - Mesa, AZ, website:

[www.copperstae.org](http://www.copperstae.org)

## Chapter 179 Meeting Minutes

### CHAPTER 179 MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2016

**Call to Order:** In Absence of President Will Taylor, meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bob Richter-Sand.

**Introduction of Guests/ New Members:** Bob Richter-Sand called for guests. Tom Weeks, Stan Johnson (new member), and Jim Kessler were introduced.

**Presidents Report:** Absent (Work Conflict)

**Vice Presidents Report:** Bob Introduced speaker for the evening, Doug Rhodes.

**Secretaries Report:** Todd Blue requested motion to accept September minute as published in the Newsletter. Motion made, seconded and accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** Art Woods related account balances and all expenses paid.

**Membership, Promotion & Publicity:** Joyce Woods indicated Paul Cross is newest new Member.

Bob Richter-Sand indicated that during the coming months he would try to set up and outreach and membership recruiting in order to bring in new members.

**Young Eagles:** Todd- As noted in the September minutes, even with no flights due to wind, many young persons and parents were given a site seeing trip including the Apache Helicopter and presentation by Bode Flight line personnel. Would like to continue this type activity in the future if non-flying weather.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nominations for 2017 Chapter 179 Officers and Directors were presented by Joyce Woods as a member of the Nomination Committee.

President: Bob Richter-Sand  
Vice President: Gwen Walcott  
Secretary: Todd Blue  
Treasurer: Art Woods  
Board of Directors: Randy Reimer  
and Scott Speirer

Motion was made to accept all nominees and an Aye vote to accept nominees as listed was unanimous.

Will Taylor will, as specified in our By-Laws, now be a Board Member because he was our past President. Also, Joyce Woods, and Tandra Hicks have one more year on their two year terms as Board Members.

by Todd Blue, Secretary

## 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

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