

# Albuquerque, NM Chapter 179 Enchanter



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Newsletters are at: <http://eaa179.org/newsletters/>

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

## Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings

**March 21, 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.

**April 6-9, Fly the Ford Tri-Motor at Double Eagle (KAEG)**

**June 5-9, Double Eagle Aviation Advneture (DEAA), KAEG**

**Young Eagle Dates for 2017 at KAEG.** February 11, May 6, June 10 (DEAA) students, September 9, and November 4.

*Chapter 179 meetings are on the third Tuesday each month, except in December when replaced by our Christmas Party.*



Cactus Fly-In

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

We have the EAA Chapter 179 Scholarship and Air Academy winners in this issue and look forward to seeing many of them at the upcoming meeting.



Our after the meeting speaker will be Judi E See with a **Presentation on the Virgin Galactic accident.** Should very interesting.



*Brandon Stringham, Dean's grandson and Harley's great nephew, made this selfie on his first solo flight December 20, 2016. Very Excited!*

## From the President, Robert Richter Sand (Bob)

One aspect of EAA179 has been the comradery of our membership and deep interest in aviation. This extends from volunteering time and talents to assist our members in their airplane build projects, assuming responsibilities at Young Eagle Events, and donating their valuable time to B-17 repairs and flights. One of the most impressive acts was realized at the February meeting. Volunteers stepped forward and signed up to partner with our Golden Eagle members to share the joys of flying in New Mexico. If you missed the last couple of chapter meetings, the Board of Directors discussed and implemented the Golden Eagle Initiative. This idea pairs pilots with planes and Chapter 179 pilot members who - for any number of circumstances can no longer fly as PIC but want to 'hitch' a ride for a regional flight, a hop to Grants for a hamburger, or if agreed - share the controls with the pilot/owner. A list was distributed at the last meeting and a contact list will be provided during our 21 March meeting. If you are not a Chapter 179 member but reading this newsletter and wish to participate, please come to our meetings and join up. There are more ideas to be implemented over the year, so stay tuned as the Board Members and our consistency act on other engaging activities. It's March and we will be starting to work on Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI) planning. We have an eye catching poster to advertise the event planned for 26 August at Double Eagle (KAEG) and always need volunteers to fill a number of small & large roles. Finally, during the 21 March meeting we will be presenting our scholarship awards to the deserving candidates for aviation related training and the EAA Air Academy. Fly safe and be seeing you - BobRS



## 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.

## Bird Strikes, By Rose Marie Kern

As the last vestiges of winter hurl their icy blasts, I like to find the time to review what is coming up in the spring. Seed catalogues stuffed into my mailbox tempt me to indulge in my ground-based passion, while travel plans for May occupy the part of my mind that is always in the clouds.



Yesterday I saw flights of cranes dancing along the Rio Grande river valley, trying to determine if the day's warmth would presage their northern migration – guess they decided to hunker down in the Bosque a bit longer.

Except for the day that Captain Sully landed in the Hudson, we don't hear a lot about bird strikes or other wildlife related aircraft damage, yet the statistics show there were about 142,000 wildlife bird strikes with civilian aircraft in the US between 1990 and 2013. In 2013 alone there were 11,000 strikes at 650 airports.

Migratory Bird Activity is highest during March through April and August through November, mostly along rivers. Here are some relevant statistics:

- 52% happen from July-October
- 62% during the day, 9% at dawn/dusk, 29% at night
- 60% during landing, 37% takeoff
- 32% damaged engines
- 92% at or below 3,500 AGL

Strikes with commercial aircraft have occurred as high as 20,000 to 31,300 Feet AGL

Most serious accidents involve ingestion into an engine, or windshield strikes, both of which require prompt action by the pilot. Though the blow stops at

the windshield, the action of something hitting a surface only a foot from his or her face can cause the pilot to experience confusion, disorientation, loss of communications and aircraft control problems.

Major damage is caused primarily by larger migratory fowl, but even a one pound bird inflicts major damage when its velocity and the aircraft's velocity combine. Since smaller birds fly in huge flocks closer to the ground, they are more likely to impact takeoff and landing operations.

One day I was working in Albuquerque Tower. It was a rare winter's day for the desert southwest because a thick fog bank lay dormant throughout the airport grounds and visibility from the Tower cab was zero. Only a slight brightening of the gray indicated the sun had risen above Manzano mountain.

Careening out of the murk, a large flock of blackbirds came right at the tower. We only saw them as the group suddenly split in half moments before they would have impacted the glass and streamed around the glass cab, reuniting on the other side and disappearing once again. The incident lasted under ten seconds.

Deer, elk, moose, coyotes...all of these can be problems for landing or takeoff when on a runway. Especially when flying to small backcountry airports, it is good practice to overfly the field and look for potential wildlife conflicts prior to initiating your approach.

Those airports which experience frequent problems with birds or other wildlife will list that information in the FAA's Chart Supplements (what used to be called the AFD). If a pilot observes birds or other animals on or near the runway, airport management should be alerted. Pilots can request that the wildlife be dispersed prior to landing or takeoff.

Air Traffic Control wants to know when and where pilots sight birds and other wildlife. You can call the Center or Approach, and/or you should pass along a pilot report through Flight Service. The information requested includes: Geographic Location, Bird type (geese, ducks, gulls, etc.) Approximate numbers, altitude, and direction of flight.

ATC relays that information to other pilots in the area. The Flight Service people enter the information

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into a national database so other pilots are aware of what is happening before they get there.

In order to minimize interaction with birds, pilots should strive to maintain a minimum altitude of 2,000 feet AGL over national parks, monuments, seashores, lakeshores, recreation areas and scenic river ways, wilderness and primitive areas, wildlife refuges and big game refuges. In other words, stay as high as possible over the places you really would prefer to be sightseeing!

Of course, you also have some areas designated as refuges for endangered species. Federal statutes prohibit or restrict low flight activity over some U.S Parks and Forest Service areas such as Haleakala National Park in Hawaii and Yosemite National Park, California, and of course the Grand Canyon. These restrictions can be found on sectional charts.

If a bird or beast does manage to slap you upside the fuselage, or konk you in the intake, and you make it back to the ground safely, please let the FAA know about it. Pilots are urged to report any bird or other wildlife strike via the report form at <http://wildlife.faa.gov>.

Fly high, fly safe!

Rose Marie Kern has worked in the ATC environment since 1983. Her book “Air to Ground” is a compilation of the articles she’s written for pilots over the past decade and can be found on her website [www.rosemariekern.com](http://www.rosemariekern.com).

References:

[http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_safety/wildlife/faq](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/wildlife/faq)

<http://www.birdstrike.org>



*US Coast Guard Auxiliary Arizona band at Cactus Fly-in*



## Chapter 179 Meeting Minutes

### CHAPTER 179 FEBRUARY 21 2017

**Call to Order:** President Bob Richter-Sand called the meeting to order.

**Introduction of Guests/ New Members:** Bob Richter-Sand called for new member and guests. New members Pat Carrethers, Mike Paxton and Eric Goldman introduced themselves.

**Presidents Report:** Bob spoke to an outreach effort to promote aviation thru scholarships, Young Eagles etc. Del Sol Aviation has scheduled an activity March 6-12 for anyone interested in attending. Bob has initiated contact with the other New Mexico Chapters in an effort to elicit sharing of information about activities and events.

Bob mentioned a book being written on the Experimental Experience available on Amazon.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Gwen has arranged guest speakers for upcoming meetings.

**Secretaries Report:** Todd requested a motion to accept the January Minutes as published in the January Newsletter. Motion made, seconded and accepted as published.

**Young Eagles:** Todd reported that 108 Young Eagles were flown before the wind picked up. Unfortunately, we were unable to fly 28 who had registered. Registration was handled by Eric Goldman, Bob Waters, Sandy Waters, with George Young official greeter. Food was in the capable hands of Randy and Susie Reimer, Carol Kromer, Fred Loehr and Gwen Walcott. A special thanks to Bode and Mo Silva for the continued support of the Young Eagle program. And to the pilots including Joyce Woods, Christian Nichols, Emilio Verastegui, Dan Chris, Susan Larson, Dave Otero, Art Woods, Darren Gallacher, Doug Rhodes, Mike Rehberg, Barry Kromer Lee Otto, Chris Grotbeck and Gary Williams---THANKS!

**Treasurers Report:** Art Woods gave the current summary accounts as well as scholarship including 5 local and 2 to the Air Academy in Oshkosh. Motion to accept report as presented was made, seconded and passed.

**DEAA:** Joyce gave date (June 5-9 with June 10 YE flight for participants. Check website for details.

**Scholarship report:** Applications have been received and will be decided next week meeting.

**New Business:** Bob discussed proposal for the Golden Eagle Initiative, a program to offer senior non-flying pilots rides to keep their involvement

Bob announced that the Ford Tri Motor Plane will be at Double Eagle April 6-9 offering rides.

**LOEFI:** Land of enchantment set for August 26, 2017. Organizational meet set for March. Also reminder of Ford Tri Motor visit.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 followed by a presentation.

Respectfully Submitted: Todd Blue-Secretary

## Quick Notes

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

THE EXPERIMENTAL EXPERIENCE, Building, Flying, and Maintaining an Experimental Airplane, is now available at Amazon.Com and CreateSpace.Com. This book covers building and flying activities from the first time the idea occurs through years of flying and on-going maintenance. Not a "how to do it" book but rather a "here's what to expect" book, helpful to those in the building stage or those thinking about it and looking to learn about: tools, paperwork, builder options, procedures and techniques, FAA requirements, considered do's and don'ts, and a whole lot more.

Successful builders eventually learn by experience much of what's in this book. Those thinking about building are often in the dark on what to expect and how to go about things. The authors have assembled in text and picture format information that falls under the category of "good things to know" for anyone thinking about building or already in the building process.

The attachment provides information on this book and an outline of contents. Additional information and sample content displays can be found at Amazon.Com. Please pass this information along to members in your chapter or other individuals you know who might be interested in learning more about building, flying and maintaining an experimental airplane. Questions should be addressed to Reg.So@Gmail.Com.

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## **Landing Fee Legislation**, as of March 5, 2017

House Bill 495 bill passed in the House yesterday (67 to 0) to authorize landing fees for General Aviation Aircraft with an amendment to exempt aircraft less than 6000#.

This bill is now on the calendar for the Senate Corporations and Transportation committee. They meet late today and the schedule carries over to next week.

If you do not agree with this bill, members of that committee and your Senators need to hear from you (phone or email). [Senate Transportation Committee list and contact info.](#)

NMPA opposes expansion of landing fees to any general aviation aircraft (Part 91). Given the interest to generate new revenue this year, this bill has momentum. We already support airports through fuel taxes and landing fees will hurt aviation in New Mexico. If we must compromise, it should be for the well-established FAA definition of light aircraft of 12,500# for exempting fees, not some arbitrary number.

As always, we encourage you also to reach out to your Senators with your view on this bill (phone or email). [Find your legislator.](#) To monitor calendar updates: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Calendar/Session>

Joyce Woods

VP, NMPA



## **The 2017 US Flight Expo is coming!**

**May 3 - 6, 2017 will be the date for the 2nd largest fly-in trade show in the US! With a first class airport, 4 day trade show, as many as 1000 fly-in aviators, great mountain views and the best flying weather in the US, US Flight Expo 2017 is going to be the place to be in May.**

**[Link to US Flight Expo 2017](#)**





# 59th Cactus Fly-In

March 3 – 4, 2017 | Casa Grande, AZ

<http://www.cactusflyin.org/>

We had really great weather this year and a well attended AAAA event. You will notice some familiar faces around Mike and Jan Marker's RV-4 below. Lots of cool flybys and beautiful planes of all ages. Check out the link above for more pictures and info for what you may have missed. If you get a chance, it is the first Friday-Saturday weekend in March and is a great event to attend to see the antique airplanes and get an early taste of summer.



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# Fly the Ford Tri-Motor

April 6 – 9, 2017 8am – 5pm daily

*Double Eagle II Airport*

**See the event flyer on page 8**

**“Fly the Ford” Tri-Motor April 6 – 9**

*Experience the Golden Age of Aviation*

Book your flight now at [www.flytheford.org](http://www.flytheford.org) Rides cost \$70 (adults advance), \$75 (adult walkup), and \$50 children under 17. Flights are sold by day and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. An airport visit to see the aircraft and experience history is FREE.

Plan to come out and stay a while. Enjoy history displays and presentations, pancakes and burgers!

History Highlights:

**Robert F. Kirk, California author of “The Lindbergh Line, Then and Now”**, will be speaking Friday and Saturday, followed by book signings. Check our website for schedule updates: <http://eaa179.org/fly-the-ford-tri-motor/> Learn to appreciate Transcontinental Air Transport’s (TAT) historic aviation vision and what still remains today –including Albuquerque!

The CCHS **Airway Heritage Museum**, at Grants-Milan Airport will highlight the New Mexico TAT history, remaining beacon stations with historic arrows.

The **Albuquerque Cavalcade of Wings**, responsible for the aircraft model display at the Sunport, will share aviation’s early navigation methods, among other interesting history.

**Want to help?** Volunteers make these events happen.

Get the word out: We have posters to spread around town, will send emails to forward.

On site to support for the single pilot crew with safety briefings, passenger loading, etc. We’ve scheduled half day shifts (0730 – 1230 and 1230 – 1730) from Thursday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Contact Konrad Werner or Joyce Woods at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org). To help with pancakes and burgers, contact Susie and Randy Reimer at [reimerre@gmail.com](mailto:reimerre@gmail.com).



# Fly on the Ford

EXPERIENCE THE GOLDEN AGE OF AVIATION

FORD TRI-MOTOR PROPERTY OF



**Albuquerque, NM  
Double Eagle II Airport  
April 6-9, 2017**

**Advance Online Pricing:** Adult \$70 Child (17 & Under) \$50 **Walk-Up Pricing:** \$75 **Rides:** Thursday-Sunday 8AM-5PM

FOR MORE INFO: **FLYTHEFORD.ORG**



OR CALL: **1-877-952-5395**

# Double Eagle Aviation Adventure 2017 – Accepting Applications

**See the event flyer on page 11**

*Want to get involved? Know someone that could benefit?* Applications are now being accepted for the 5th annual DEAA, June 5 – 9th at Double Eagle II Airport.

Youth 14-17 years explore a future in aviation through a fun mix of hands on and classroom activities. Students are introduced to flight fundamentals, maintenance, and designing and building aircraft. Instructors provide exposure to career and hobby pilots, mechanics, homebuilders, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other aviation specialists from commercial, military and general aviation. Participants are invited for a free Young Eagle flight with a volunteer pilot on Saturday June 10th, following a route they plan.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE is APRIL 29, 2017** Space is limited to provide the best experience. Download flyer and application at: <http://eaa179.org/double-eagle-aviation-adventure/> Tuition (\$99) is not due until accepted. Inquire about scholarships. Questions?

**Volunteers / Sponsors?** It takes over 50 volunteers to put this on each year. If you're interested in helping, please contact Joyce Woods at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org) We depend on sponsors to keep the cost down, so if you can help, please let us know! Checks may be made out to "EAA 179" and sent to: EAA179 – DEAA; P.O. Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190.





# ***Double Eagle Aviation Adventure***

## **June 5-9, 2017**

Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

### *Explore a Future in Aviation*

- ✚ Consider aviation careers
- ✚ Learn about aircraft, how they fly, aircraft building, pilot communications
- ✚ Plan a flight, check weather, conduct pre-flight checks
- ✚ Meet pilots, mechanics, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other specialists
- ✚ Invited for a Young Eagles flight Saturday, June 10

**Ages 14 – 17**

**Application deadline April 29, 2017**

Selection based on applications. Previous aviation knowledge or experience not required.

Get application at [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org)

**\$99 tuition includes T shirt, Lunch & Snacks, all class / workshop materials.** Tuition due after acceptance. Inquire per need-based scholarships.

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# EAA Chapter 179 Awards

2017 Aviation Scholarships and Air Academy  
Recipients

## Aviation Scholar Recipients & Air Academy Tuition

### Aviation Scholarship

› Zachary Andrews

› Nathan Mendoza

› Ryan Moloney

› Nicholas Pashenkov

› Kasia Segieda

### Air Academy Tuition

› Larissa Stickney

› Sam Baczkewicz

Please see their profiles on the following pages

# Zachary Andrews-Aviation Scholarship



Thank you so much!  
Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship

- › Zachary Andrews is a senior at Albuquerque Academy.
- › He has been interested in aviation my entire life. My father was a pilot in the Army and in the Air Force. I grew up on military bases and going to air shows.
- › Last summer he was fortunate enough to win a scholarship to attend the EAA week long aviation camp. It was a wonderful experience and fueled my desire to continue a career in aviation.
- › Currently, he is working on getting his private pilot's license as part of his senior project.
- › He has applied to attend the United States Air Force Academy and serve our country as an Air Force pilot.

# Nathan Mendoza-Aviation Scholarship



I am very honored and thankful to know that EAA Chapter 179 has awarded me as one of their recipients for the Bob Hartman Memorial Scholarship.

- › Nathan Mendoza is a current full-time student pursuing his dreams of being a part of the Aviation community.
- › He became interested when he was young when his cousin joined the United States Army, he always looked up to his cousin that was always deploying overseas and working on CH-47 Chinooks. As Nathan saw picture of his deployed cousin working on aircraft, he became more interested in Aviation.
- › In middle school, Nathan enrolled in Civil Air Patrol where his interest grew. At the age of 19, he wanted to be even more involved with aviation.
- › Nathan joined the New Mexico Air National Guard as an Aerospace Propulsion Mechanic and has received his **Airframe license** and is currently working toward his **Powerplant license** in Aviation Maintenance Technology at Central New Mexico Community College.
- › He will then transfer to Utah State University in the fall to obtain his bachelor's degree in **Aviation Maintenance Management** as well as acquire a private pilot's license.
- › He hopes to commission into the Utah Air National Guard as an Officer.
- › He hopes to come back to New Mexico and commit time to the community in order to spread his knowledge and passion of aviation with those that are interested.

# Ryan Moloney-Aviation Scholarship



Sweet. I am so excited to be selected!

- › His interest in aviation began in the third grade with his first EAA pancake breakfast at the Los Lunas airfield. The plane he flew in was named Shrek, a green and white Cessna. It was amazing and course altering experience. His family and he have based a lot of his future on that one experience: everything from the school they chose -- Southwest Secondary Learning Center for their flight program -- to the extracurricular activities, Civil Air Patrol for their Aeronautics program.
- › As a senior at Southwest Secondary he is pursuing his private pilots certification. The beginning of the school year was spent in the simulator and now he is earning his 40 hours in the school's plane with instructor Mr. Gallagher. He is also studying for his FAA written.
- › His career goal is to earn an **A & P certificate** at CNM. He is a hands-on person who enjoys repairing things. A big thrill was being able to volunteer with repair work on EAA's B-17, *Aluminum Overcast* when she was here in Oct. 2015 and Dec. 2016 for scheduled maintenance. This was an opportunity for him to be a part of what he loves, old historical items and tweaking and repairing things. This was also a way of giving back. EAA has been a big part of my growth in aviation.
- › So, whenever time permits he has volunteered with EAA through helping with repairs on *Aluminum Overcast*: giving tours; helping with LOEFI, set up and break down; and in 2016 Joyce Woods invited Ryan to teach a class on compass heading for the Double Eagle Aviation Adventure. Ryan has experienced many adventures in aviation with the help of EAA and its members. His goal is to continue the adventure after high school.

# Nicholas Pashenkov-Aviation Scholarship



Thank you for the scholarship. I am truly honored.

- › Nick became interested in aviation at seven years old when his father bought Microsoft Flight Simulator X (2007) with a joystick. My interest was further developed when his brother surprised him on his 10th birthday with a flight in a WWII North American T-6 Texan Trainer aircraft.
- › He is currently a student pilot who has completed ground school and is training in a Cessna 172N. He is also dual enrolled with Eastern New Mexico University -- Roswell (ENMU-R) where he is taking Flight Physiology.
- › Nick's career goal in aviation is to be commercially rated, and the ability to travel to any airport in the world.
- › He has signed up to be the Director of Aviation, Mr. Daren Gallacher's student aide for aviation to help him with the sophomore and junior classes. This included some teaching in full-motion Redbird simulators using the knowledge and methods he was taught when he was learning the material.



# Kasia Segieda-Aviation Scholarship



I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to every member and person who contributed to the scholarship and making the decision to award me with it. I cannot begin to express how thankful and excited I am for this opportunity to further my education in the aviation world.

- › "My aviation journey started off when I was a little girl, and you can say I was born with flying in my blood!" exclaims Kasia. Growing up, she was always around aviation. Her father would always take her flying and take her to airshows where she would see thousands of airplanes. Her favorite role models were: Patty Wagstaff, Teresa Stokes and Sean D. Tucker. For the past ten years, she has had the blessing of visiting EAA's Airventure in Oshkosh, WI. It was almost impossible for her not to catch the flying bug with old and new airplanes buzzing overhead. Through Oshkosh, she got to meet some of the biggest names in aerobatics, hold the ribbon poles for Sean D. Tucker's performance, and even hop in a T-6 Texan with Aeroshell!
- › Currently, she is a student at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. In December she will receive her associate's in **Aviation Management**. A year from now, she'll add on another AAS in Pilot Training after she flies a little more and take a few more classes. This August, she will start an accelerated bachelor's degree program through Southern Illinois University Carbondale at her current campus, allowing her to receive my Bachelor's Degree in about 16 months. This semester, Kasia is taking classes in Aviation Management, Airport Planning & Management and also Aircraft Dispatch. In a weeks, She will be taking the written for Dispatch, even though I'm only 21! She is also flying as much as she can and trying to earn her Instrument Rating while building up my hours for Commercial.
- › In her downtime, she enjoys heading to fly-in's, participating in events and volunteering for Women in Aviation, her local Women with Wings Chapter, and of course, EAA! Through these organizations, she was able to meet lots of pilots and aviation enthusiasts who constantly remind her how amazing and diverse this community can be. When the weather gets a little warmer, she is planning on giving a few Young Eagles/Eagles rides to introduce newcomers to a life in the skies.
- › I plan on pursuing a career in Aircraft Dispatching with the airlines once I turn 23, possibly teaching at the airline, and who knows what could happen after that! I'm excited for what opportunities the wonderful world of aviation may present.

# Larissa Stickney-Air Academy Recipient



Thank you so much. I am so excited!

- › Lacey became interested in aviation because both her grandfathers were pilots in World War II. Their stories of the sky made her fall in love with aviation.

She is currently enrolled in a flight school at her high school, SAMS Academy; She is flying a Cessna 172 and a DA-40. She is also taking a flight physiology class from ENMU-R.

Her carrier goal in aviation is to become a pilot for law enforcement.

Lacey has volunteered at the Wounded Warrior Project. At her school she has helped the ground school students in the flight simulators using the same teachings that she was taught when was a student.

# Sam Baczekewicz-Air Academy Recipient



- › "Aviation, is a wonder to me... It's a big goal of mine; A passion." exclaims Sam. He has loved flight since he was little. The feeling of flight is his sort of freedom. He feels relaxed in the sky....
- › Sam is currently flying flight simulators on his own home-built computer. He has a soft spot for the WWII B-17G Flying Fortress, flying it a lot of the time. It is VERY realistic! Anything could fail, all the systems are modeled and everything is accurate.
- › He has taken six real flights so far... Ranging from little Cessna's to Alaskan Bush planes. Sam participated in the local ground school "DEAA adventure camp" last year.
- › Sam is proud to be an EAA member!!! He is also giving back to EAA by helping with the Ford Tri-motor that will be visiting in April. He was even recently interviewed on the news for the EAA 179 chapter!

I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to attend the EAA Oshkosh Air Academy! It is a once in a life time thing. I hope to learn a lot from this! I hope I will make you proud EAA 179!!!

Thanks to Chapter 179 for all the pancake flipping and burger flopping and the generosity of private donors! We were able to award 5 Aviation Scholarships and 2 full tuitions to the Oshkosh Air Academy that were selected from a record number of applicants—20—with five from out of state. The amount awarded shattered previous record—over \$10,400 was awarded!

Joy and Keith Beasley past scholarship champions.

Current Scholarship Committee:

Joyce Woods  
Bob Waters,  
Will Taylor  
Randy Reimer  
Steve Rokicki  
Dan Horschel



## 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, and continues until 11:50. Then onto Lunch at T J's New Mexican Restaurant at 235 Highway 314 SW, Los Lunas.

**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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