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Fly In! Drive in!

Land of Enchantment Fly-In

Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

When: Saturday, August 25, 2018; 7AM – 3PM

Cost: FREE admission and parking

Directions: From Albuquerque, take Interstate 40 or Paseo del Norte west to Atrisco Vista Blvd and follow airport signs to Double Eagle II Airport

Schedule and more details coming soon to: www.loefi.org

Aviation fun for the whole family! Are your eyes drawn to the sky by passing aircraft? Bring the family to experience this gathering of aircraft and aviation enthusiasts at Double Eagle II Airport on Albuquerque’s west side.

Like a car show, aircraft will fly in to be judged, while spectators stroll the flight line to view antique to modern airplanes, gliders, and helicopters -- up close! Stroll the flight line and consider... Open to the public from 7am – 3pm, admission, breakfast and lunch, and parking are FREE. Come early to see arriving aircraft and catch the 8am Opening Ceremony!



Expected highlights include an appearance of the “Chile Flight”, a local formation flying team of amateur-built Vans RV aircraft, award-winning aircraft recognized at EAA’s AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI, and a chance to win a flight in the amateur-built Velocity, highlighted on the 2018 poster! For those who are car fans, you can expect to see a fine group of Show Cars put on by a local Albuquerque Car Club as well.

Opportunities to be immersed in aviation abound in the Exhibit Hall and on the ramp. Attendees can interact with career and recreational pilots, aviation mechanics, weather forecasters, air traffic controllers, engineers, and amateur aircraft builders. One can explore aviation history, career and education options, recreational flying, and avionics technology.

Youth of all ages enjoy hands on activities at the Youth Aviators Center, plus riveting with help from aircraft builders at Builder’s Corner.

Military and antique aircraft are expected including the 1942 Fairchild PT-26 from the Lobo Wing of the Commemorative Air Force from Moriarty.

With over 25 exhibitors participating, there’s an opportunity to talk to **aviation manufacturers:** Aspen Avionics, BendixKing by Honeywell; **aviation educators:** Transform Flight (remote pilot training), SAMS Academy (APS charter school), Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and, Bode Aviation Flight School; **aviation**



Young Aviator Learning Weight & Balance

supporters: Budget Transmissions Masters and State Farm Insurance; and nonprofit and governmental aviation organizations.

The public is invited to attend seminars including the popular trike pilot, Jeff Gilkey with a video presentation on “Exploring New Mexico in an Ultralight Trike”; the New Mexico Pilots Association on recreational flying; local flying clubs on how they make flying affordable, and a panel discussion on aviation careers, including Kyle Uziak, a graduate of the Bosque School and current Student at Embry Riddle in Florida who is studying to be both a pilot and Air Traffic Controller(Kyle was a past recipient of an EAA 179 scholarship).



According to Chapter 179 President, Bob Richter Sand, “what makes this event possible is that our members share their time and talent to promote general aviation. They truly demonstrate EAA’s *spirit of aviation!*” Any proceeds go towards aviation scholarships, a teen aviation academy, or other programs supporting EAA179’s mission. Over the past 3 years, EAA 179 granted over \$20,000 in aviation scholarships.

See Aircraft Up Close!



The event is sponsored by the Albuquerque Chapter 179 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), 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 their love of aviation.

EAA 179’s volunteer pilots introduce youth ages 8 -17 to aviation with a free airplane ride under the EAA Young Eagles program, now celebrating its 25th year with over 2 million flights. 100 area teens have attended the Double Eagle Aviation Academy, conducted by EAA179 volunteers over the past 5 years.

FREE Breakfast and Lunch!

References:

Experimental Aircraft Association: www.eaa.org

Car Club: <https://www.facebook.com/Drifters-Car-Club-Albuquerque-1527829620856769/>

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