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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 .

**April 16, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Social Gathering**, eat at 5:30 PM, program at 6:00PM, Copper Canyon Café, 5455 Gibson SE. Guests and visitors are welcome.

**May 14, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Business Meeting**, at Dion's on Paseo, just east of Wyoming. The scheduled start time is 1700. All officers and board members are requested to attend and the membership at large will always be welcomed too.

**Young Eagle events** (May 4th, September 7th, and November 2nd)

**DOUBLE EAGLE AVIATION ACADEMY (DEAA)** June 10 - 14, 2019

**The Land of Enchantment Fly In (LOEFI)** Saturday September 21, 2019.

*(Chapter 179 Social Gatherings are on the third Tuesday each month.)*



*Aviation Award Winners, see pages 10-15*

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

Please note some changes to our chapter meetings. These changes are noted on Page 3 in the red box.



Also, Congratulations to Dan Horschel for recently passing his Private Pilot License Flight Test on Tuesday, 3/26/2019 (see page 3).

This issue recognizes our Chapter 179 Scholarship and Academy Winners. They were awarded at our last chapter meeting. This is what we do with most of the money we take in from donations at our events. We have great hopes for these fine young people and wish for them to experience the joys of aviation that we have known and loved. HW

## 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 Chapter 1306**, Edgewood, NM - Not on the web yet, but they have a nice newsletter.

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The [\*\*Lobo Wing of the CAF\*\*](#) The Lobo Wing is located at hangar 80 of the Moriarty, NM Municipal Airport.



<http://www.nmpilots.org/news.asp>

## From The President, Emilio Verastegui

Hello and welcome to the April 2019 edition of our Chapter #179 Newsletter! WOW! I must say I am very happy about the turnout to our March Gathering at Copper Canyon. I was informed that there were as many as 62 attendees, which included chapter members, Scholarship Winners and their respective family members, and other guests.



That is quite a showing and I am very proud that our chapter was able to generate that much enthusiasm and attendance. I certainly hope that our chapter and our monthly gatherings will continue to generate that same level of enthusiasm and participation.

Of course, the biggest reason for having such high attendance numbers at our March Gathering was that we presented financial scholarships to 9 deserving young aviation enthusiasts, two of which will be attending the EAA Aviation Academy in Oshkosh this July. The other seven winners have great plans for the future too, so a helping hand from the chapter in the form of some cash will only encourage their love of aviation and further them along nicely towards their respective goals. All our winners deserve our congratulations and applause.

After personally speaking with all seven scholarship winners in attendance, I was struck by the fact that each one of these young people had very clear goals in their minds. Each one could tell me exactly what their goal was, how they envisioned themselves reaching their goal, and what their future would look like in the years to come. That is very impressive to me. In today's world, it seems that 99.9% of young people haven't a clue as to what might be their life's work. I found that each of our scholarship winners knows exactly where they are and where they are headed in life. That is called passion and that is a great asset to have as they reach for their future. We should all be very happy that we, as a chapter, have in some small way passed on our own enthusiasm, energy and love of aviation to nine very talented young people such as these. Speaking of young people, we have another Young Eagle Event scheduled for May 4th.

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Barry Kromer is the new YE Chairman and he needs pilots, planes and volunteers for this event. I myself plan to fly as many as I can that day, so I am sending out the "all-call" to our local pilots to help make our event a success. Although I have not flown as many sorties as other pilots here, I can say that I have flown at least 100 flights with Young Eagles. So, the challenge is there to other pilots - top that! Let's make May 4th a great Young Eagles day for Chapter #179. As you all know, we have been doing a lot of planning for the DEAA which takes place this coming June. Twenty enthusiastic and aviation minded kids (ages 14 to 17) will participate in a week long, immersion-type of aviation camp. Chairman Jim Kessler has been working hard with schedule timetables, instructor assignments, and subject matter for this camp. Of course, volunteerism is the by-word, so I am asking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Please help us help our aviation kids enjoy their time at DEAA.

Do you hear that low noise, one a bit faint, but there nonetheless? No, it's not the sound of a round motor nor the whine of a turbine engine far off; it comes from all the hard work and planning that is going on in the background, behind the scenes, for LOEFI 2019, the Land Of Enchantment Fly-In. Yes, although LOEFI is scheduled for September 21, 2019, we are doing quite a lot of planning right now, even as I write this. It is our biggest event of the year and requires a considerable amount of planning. As we move forward, I am again asking for volunteers so that our LOEFI runs smoothly and effortlessly. That is the beauty of such an event. Without volunteers, it can't be a success. But, when we all put our minds and hands to the project, it runs as smooth as a Swiss watch.

Please, do your part - help the chapter and help yourself. Make it known that you want to volunteer, that you need to volunteer. Our Chapter and the ABQ community, but mostly you, will benefit when you volunteer! Please help us make LOEFI 2019 a huge success.

I have been informed that there is great news about the Ray Scholarship, sponsored by EAA and the Ray Foundation. Please look elsewhere in this issue for that news. I am positive you will be pleased! Thanks very much for taking the time to read this. We'll see you at our next Gathering, April 16th, 2019, at the Copper Canyon.

Emilio.  
President, Chapter #179

"It has come to my attention that Dan Horschel recently passed his Private Pilot License Flight Test on Tuesday, 3/26/2019.

Congratulations Dan!

You are now a freshly minted Private Pilot.

Everyone in the Chapter should heartily congratulate Dan for his accomplishment.

He has persevered and worked hard, and has met all the requirements for this Certificate.

Yes, even Orville and Wilbur would be proud!

Now, Dan, get back to work on that RV-14A."

Emilio

## Chapter 179 Meeting Changes

Hello Harley:

To try to mitigate any more confusion, could you please place somewhere in the Newsletter that the "Business" meetings will continue to be scheduled for every other month from now on.

The next scheduled Business meeting will be on 14 May, 2019 at Dion's on Paseo, just east of Wyoming. The scheduled start time is 1700. All officers and board members are requested to attend and the membership at large will always be welcomed too.

Our regular monthly Social Gatherings will always be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Copper Canyon, unless otherwise announced. Scheduled start time is 6pm (1800), but most arrive as early as 5pm (1700) to order food before the beginning of the Gathering.

*Yes, I think it will be best for now to call the 3rd Tuesday a Social Gathering and list the "Business" meeting separate.*

*The Business meeting will encompass Financial reports, Membership reports, etc, etc.*

*The Social Gathering will continue to be just that, with some sort of presentation after the meal is completed.*

*Unless the bylaws or some other obstacle prevents it, we will continue in this manner.*

Emilio V.

## Old, Bold Pilots

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A long time ago I heard a saying. “There are Old Pilots and there are Bold Pilots...but there are no Old Bold Pilots.”

Although that is saying commonly used to temper the extravagant tendencies of youngsters learning to fly, I am publicly declaiming it as false. There are Old Bold Pilots all over the country. Of course, I am talking about military pilots.



Many of these seasoned heroes no longer fly and except for the occasional gathering of old comrades they rarely talk about what happened in Korea or Vietnam. After mustering out of the service they came home and got jobs and raised families. Most of them moved through life as normal, average American citizens without demanding any fanfare or continuous recognition.

But now and then, when the right audience presents itself they reach back to memories of soaring high and fast. The eyes sport a distant twinkle and you know they are seeing a sunset on the ocean from six miles above or a circular rainbow on ice clouds below. They relive the intensely focused training, and the determination, both joyful and fearful, that accompanied their combat missions.

I have worked in Air Traffic Control for 34 years, mostly in Flight Service. Unlike other branches of ATC, long term Flight Service specialists interacted face to face with the pilots they served. We got to know them and their aircraft. Sometimes they had a bit of time to kill so they'd come into the facility to get a weather briefing and file a flight plan, and maybe hang around a while and chat.

When you could get them to open up about their past you found that many pilots began their careers with military training and they all had stories to tell.

What will happen to their stories when they are no longer around to tell them? These are tales that enlighten and may entertain, but they also teach us much about humanity. Yes, many of them focus on the joy of flying, but when they are completely honest these men also express how they felt about the ugly parts of the job, the atrocities of war time, the pain of having a friend shot down.

They did what they had to do, and went where they were assigned. Their narratives assert a personal code of honor and a determination to protect and defend the country in general, and most importantly, the people they love.

Next September, an organization I work with, the SouthWest Writers, is partnering with the Military Writers Society of America to present a four day conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both of these groups work to offer their members support in bringing their stories to publication, but MWSA has a broader agenda wherever they hold their annual conferences.

On the first day of the conference, Thursday, September 12, MWSA members will be at the Veteran's Hospital in southeastern Albuquerque to work with all the veterans with stories to tell on how they can successfully bring them to publication. Of course they are not all pilots, but I know a few of the ones who will be teaching, including former, Air Force, Navy, and Army pilots.

Many veterans with PTSD find that expressing themselves on paper releases stresses that have plagued them for years. For some people that is enough, but others want to put it all on paper. Every soldier has a story that tells of friendship, loyalties, laughter and pain. Every perspective is unique. Many have friends whose courage, they know, must not be forgotten.

The Veteran's Workshop will be held at the VA Hospital on September 12<sup>th</sup> and all active and retired military are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for them to learn how to share their experiences through the written word.

For all who are reading this today, military or not, if you have stories to write, but are unfamiliar with the larger world of authorship and publication, know that anyone can attend the rest of the conference on Sept 13 and 14. This year's theme is “From Writer to Author: Moving up the Ladder.”

SouthWest Writers (SWW) is based in Albuquerque and is the largest writing organization in the southwestern states. Covering every genre, its mission is to help both published and unpublished writers improve their craft and market their work. They sponsor dozens of presentations, workshops and classes every year on any topic related to the art and business of writing.

The Military Writer's Society of America does the same nationally for current and former military as well as their families. Although they all have roots in the armed services, their members also write across a wide range of genres.

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Together these groups provide a solid core of experts for anyone who needs help with developing their adventures into interesting tales. So whether you want to regale us with your insights on the most interesting flight you've ever had or write an expose' comparing the flight characteristics of a Mooney versus a Bonanza, check out whichever organization you are drawn to.

Calling all Old Bold Pilots...grab a pen or a keyboard and let's hear all about it!

[www.southwestwriters.com](http://www.southwestwriters.com)

[www.mwsadispatches.com](http://www.mwsadispatches.com)

Rose Marie Kern has written over 530 articles and 2 books on aviation and is the current president of SouthWest Writers. For more information go to [www.rosemariekern.com](http://www.rosemariekern.com).

## Young Eagles News

Young Eagles News, April 2019

Our next Young Eagles event is May 4. EAA National is automating the registration method, so it is VERY important that anyone who is going to fly kids on May 4 GO TO: <https://youngeaglesday.org/> and register your pilot information! Also, if you are volunteering to help with registration or the breakfast, please register on [youngeaglesday.org](http://youngeaglesday.org) as well. The new scheme will fill up a time slot for the number of pilots available, it also considers the number of kids each pilot will take on each flight. The fully operational automatic registration is not available yet so there will still be manual registration activity, but the kids can ask for a time slot. The slots start at 0830 and end at 1100. I have tentatively posted that 60 kids will be able to fly, with a waiting list up to 75 kids. This new system will avoid the need for kids to show up at 0600 to get in line. I have sent requests for YE pilots reminding you of May 4 from the new site. Additionally, make sure to check that you are up to date on your Youth Protection coverage, and if not, renew it please. If you are not up to date on May 4, you will not be flying kids. Sorry. In addition to pilots, I need some volunteers to help with registration, marshalling people, food prep and printing certificates, as I would like to fly kids as well. You can also sign up on the new site to volunteer for cooking, etc. As of April 7 we have 55 of the 60 time slots filed and only 4 pilots with 8 seats total available.

We will also have The Albuquerque Radio Control Club there with a RC simulator and some RC aircraft for the kids to explore.

Also, be advised that Runway 22/4 will be closed until May 15 for taxiway realignment construction. This may affect how and if we fly on May 4!

Thanks for your cooperation! Safe landings.

Barry Kromer

Young Eagles Coordinator

Dear EAA Chapter members and Readers:

It is my distinct pleasure to bring to you this bit of news from EAA National and from Barry Kromer, our Young Eagles Chairman.

It seems that back in May of 2014, Barry was able to complete his test requirements for the Airframe & Powerplant Certificate after sitting in class, studying hard and doing a lot of other hard work at CNM here in Albuquerque. Since then, he has many times worked for Bode Aviation as a fill-in mechanic when they needed an extra hand. Apparently, he is pretty good at what he does because they keep asking him back!

It was during one of our B-17 functions a couple of years ago, when the EAA B-17 was in town to give rides, that Barry spoke to the lead mechanic about working on the B-17 at other stops, not just in ABQ. He was told to submit a resume'. So he did.

Well, it appears that Barry's diligence and hard work paid off! The EAA powers that be have asked Barry to join them as a traveling mechanic. Congratulations Barry!

Barry gets an all expense paid trip to Oshkosh for a class on what is expected and (probably) how to do the paperwork, after all the "wrenching" is done. Barry will be traveling to Oshkosh, to be in class by April 25th. Class ends on the 29th, and then he will return to ABQ, just in time for our YE event scheduled for May 4th.

Barry has explained to me that he will travel around for a week, working on the Ford Tri-Motor, as required, then take time off to let the other mechanics take a turn at the Tri-Motor.

While the Tri-Motor is not the B-17, I am sure that Barry will get his turn at the B-17 eventually.

In any case, we all should give Barry a strong handshake and a gentle slap on the back for attaining one of the items on his bucket list. Way to go Barry!

Sincerely,  
Emilio V.  
President, Chapter #179

# FLYING START

Have you ever dreamed about learning to fly?  
Find out How!



- Meet people who have been there
- Class: May 10 at 7 PM, Moriarty airport pilot's lounge
- Flights morning of May 11 (class is prerequisite to the flight)
- No charge



More about **Flying Start** ...  
We have a celebrity in Sport Aviation Magazine

**Congratulations Ken Summers!**

- Open to any adult who always wanted to be a pilot
- What does it take? What does it cost? How do I start?
- Building your own airplane
- Register by calling John Lorenz 231-6235 or David Tixier 220-5684

***EAST MOUNTAIN EAGLES, EAA CHAPTER 1306, Sandia Airpark, Edgewood, NM has asked for Chapter 179 help with the **Flying Start** event on May 10-11, particularly helping fly Eagle Flights on Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> at Moriarty Airport (OE0).  
(This information was copied from the EAA Chapter 1306 March newsletter)***



## Chapter 179 Events



### THE CLUB JUST FOR INSTRUMENT PILOTS (AND STUDENTS)

#### WHEN

3rd Saturday Each Month  
9:30 - 11:00am

#### WHERE

Bode Aviation,  
Double Eagle II Airport (KAEG)

Sponsored by Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179



- Discuss IFR video scenarios produced by EAA
- Review IFR regulations
- Get tips from CFII's and other pros
- Find a safety pilot to fly with
- Meet local CFII's who can get you current
- Find out about changes in local ATC procedures or approaches
- Practice flying suggested scenarios in the plane or sim

Qualifies for



FAA Wings Credit!

More info at: <http://eaa179.org/imc-club/>

## EAA YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS

May 4 Young Eagles Flights - **NEW!! REGISTER ONLINE**  
Double Eagle Aviation Academy - Applications due May 3



Free flights for youth 8-17 years of age.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

**8:30 - 11:30 May 4, 2019**

Provided by volunteer pilots, weather permitting  
Double Eagle II Airport

We will favor first time fliers. Online registration opens April 1. To fly, print out (and sign and date) your registration and **bring it with you on May 4**. You do NOT have to arrive at 7am.

The number of kids we can fly is limited by both weather and the number of pilots who volunteer. If you have any questions, please email or call: Barry Kromer, Young Eagle Coordinator: [cbkromer@yahoo.com](mailto:cbkromer@yahoo.com) or (860) 377-0986



### Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

June 10 - 14, 2019

#### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

**APPLY BY MAY 3, 2019**

SPACE LIMITED

Questions?

[Download Flyer & Application](#)

Contact us at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)

Youth age 14-17 *Explore a Future in Aviation* through a fun mix of DEAA hands on and classroom activities. Instructors and guest speakers are career and hobby pilots, mechanics, homebuilders, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other aviation specialists, while providing exposure to aviation science, technology, and math applications. A true STEM experience, DEAA students are introduced to pilot fundamentals, maintenance, technology, and designing and building aircraft. \$99 tuition covers lunches, materials, and T-Shirt. Inquire about need-based scholarships. No fee due until student is accepted. Send applications via US mail or email by **May 3, 2019.**

**Sponsored by the Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179.** 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.

The [Land of Enchantment Fly In](#) is September 21, 2019



### **CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT / MEMBERSHIP:**

Consider volunteering for activities or joining our local chapter 179. Chapter 179 membership dues are \$20 for an individual member, \$30 for a family. [Join Now!](#)

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### **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!**

If you haven't already, it is time to submit 2019 chapter dues! We've made it easier than ever to join the chapter or renew your membership dues with online payment via credit card, debit card or PayPal. Just go to <http://www.eaa179.org/join-us>. The conventional methods for dues are still accepted, including personal checks and cash. We depend on chapter membership to fund annual ongoing activities. Fully tax deductible, dues are \$20 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership. If your contact information has changed, please complete the renewal form. Make checks payable to "EAA 179". Mail to: EAA Chapter 179; P.O. Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190 - 3583. You'll receive an email confirmation.

Scott Speirer, Membership Chair, Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179



# EAA Chapter 179 Awards

## 2019 Aviation Scholarships and Air Academy Recipients

### Aviation Scholar Recipients & Air Academy Tuition

#### Aviation Scholarship

- › Taylor A. Jenkins
- › Matthew J. McKelvey
- › Kiera Bethke
- › Samuel Cortes
- › Christian L. Orehek
- › Rowan Michael Phlieger
- › Alec N. Villarreal

#### Air Academy Tuition

- › Joel Inventor
- › Jesus J. Perez



# Taylor A Jenkins-Aviation Scholarship



Thank you for believing in my dream and supporting the next generation of aviators.  
**Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship**

- > I am a Senior at SAMS Academy and currently enrolled in the aviation program.
- > I have attended the 2016 Double Eagle Air Adventure and am an EAA member since 2016
- > Hobbies: model aviation: FPV racing drones, sailplanes, 3D printing and design, and triathlons
- > My goal is to attend Utah State University and to attain my commercial license. I want to eventually fly for a major airline or a cargo carrier. My goal is to someday start a Commercial UAV company.
- > I want to thank all those at EAA 179 that have helped put together these scholarships and for selecting me as a recipient. This scholarship will help me immensely in my goal to become a commercial pilot. Thank you for believing in my dream and supporting the next generation of aviators.

# Matthew J. McKelvey-Aviation Scholarship



**Bob Hartman Memorial Scholarship.**

- > I am 19 years old and a 2018 graduate of SAMS Academy in Albuquerque, NM. I am currently in my second semester at CNM enrolled in the A&P program.
- > I have had an interest in airplanes since a very young age, dropping my father off at the airport when he went TDY with the NM Air National Guard and seeing him at work on the F16 fighter jet. I was fortunate to have attended a Young Eagle event at EAA Chapter 530 when I was 8 years old. From that minute on, I was hooked. I wanted to be a pilot!
- > I attended nearly every Young Eagle event in the Albuquerque metro area since that first flight. I attended the Double Eagle Air Academy as a participant for two years and helped with instruction for one year. In July of 2017, I attended the EAA Air Academy with the help of my home Chapter 530 providing a scholarship to that academy. I had such a great time and was very impressed by the EAA Air Venture which began its 2017 show during my academy that I was a volunteer for the 2018 EAA Air Venture.
- > I have served two years as the EAA Chapter 530 President at Mid Valley Airpark in Los Lunas, NM. I currently work at AMC Theater in Albuquerque and am a member of the Southwest Model Railroad and the Camaro Club of New Mexico. I love planes, trains, and automobiles!
- > It will be a dream come true to obtain a private pilots license and my A&P certification so that I may be able to further my career choice of working on and flying airplanes.

## Kiera Bethke-Aviation Scholarship



Thank you Chapter 179 for giving me this wonderful scholarship.

- › I am Kiera Bethke, I'm 19 years old, and I'm currently attending CNM full time for their Aviation Mechanic program, which I will graduate from in the end of April.
- › I am already a certified Airframe Mechanic and I will be getting my powerplant certification in just a few months.
- › I am employed at 10 Tanker Air Carrier's warehouse.
- › When I'm done with school my dream job is to work at a recip. overhaul shop. I want to learn as much as I can about engines and really get my hands on them. Engine overhaul has been my absolute favorite part of school!
- › Thank you Chapter 179 for giving me this wonderful scholarship. It will help immensely in my studies! When I finish my mechanic classes I have another semester of general classes to complete in order to get my associates degree and this scholarship will help so much for the tuition associated with those classes. Thank you to everybody who was a part of this!

## Samuel Cortes-Aviation Scholarship



I can reassure you that I won't take this opportunity lightly since this has motivated me even more to accomplish my goals.

- › I am 22 years old and I graduated Highschool in Mexico City with a 3.2 GPA. I was born in New Jersey.
- › I've been interested in Aviation ever since I was 12 years old and my dream has always been to become an Airline Transport Pilot. My favorite airline has always been Lufthansa, since I was so in love with the B747-8 that would arrive to MMMX from Frankfurt.
- › Before becoming an Airline Pilot, I'd like to encourage people to become interested in the amazing world of Aviation.
- › I started taking flying lessons since last year and I'm in progress of finishing my PPL. I take flight lessons at Del Sol Aviation with Ken Hachitit - CFII
- › My goal is to obtain my PPL, IFR, MEL, CFII, CPL and finally my ATP.
- › I currently work at Tempur-Sealy as a Chemical Technician.
- › "I am beyond thankful for receiving this scholarship! I jumped and yelled for joy when I read this email, I called every single member of my family and told them the great news. So, once again I thank every single person in the board and every member that made this possible.

# Christian Orehek-Aviation Scholarship



I am immensely thankful to EAA and its chapter 179 members for this wonderful opportunity.

- > I am a senior at SAMS Academy with a lifelong passion for aviation. I have been in pursuit of my Private Pilot's License for about a year and I will attain that rating shortly. After that I intend to begin work on my instrument rating which will further advance me towards a career in aviation while making me a safer pilot.
- > While I am not a current EAA member EAA has been immensely beneficial to my aviation education. Through EAA events (mostly fly-ins) I have been able to educate myself in all corners of aviation while networking with hundreds of likeminded people. Not only have EAA events bettered me as an aviator but they have bettered me as a professional.
- > I greatly enjoy playing soccer. The teamwork and precision involved with the sport has captivated me since a young age and the game has taught me discipline, respect, and hard work. This year I was a captain on the SAMS Academy soccer team. My long-term goal in aviation is to be a long-haul airline pilot at a part 121 carrier. Short term I would like to do some work as a medevac pilot at a part 135 carrier. I feel that this would be a great way to give back to the community while sharpening and refining my pilot skills.
- > EAA Chapter 179 has helped me as an aviator and as a professional by combining flying education with professional aviation networking opportunities. Thanks to the hard work of the EAA and its members this scholarship program will help me to pursue my instrument rating in the near future. I am immensely thankful to EAA and its chapter 179 members for this wonderful opportunity.

# Rowan Michael Phlieger-Aviation Scholarship



So many people in this organization have already positively impacted my life...

- > My name is Rowan Phlieger, and I am a Senior at SAMS (Southwest Aeronautics, Math, and Science) Academy. I have been at SAMS since 7<sup>th</sup> grade and been involved in the aviation program since 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Last year I was the Junior Class Flight Lead.
- > I got introduced to the EAA through SAMS when I volunteered at the LOEFI.
- > I am very involved in my high school other than aviation as well; I was in soccer for a couple years, yearbook, and this year I am the Student Council President, and last year I was the Junior President. When I am not at school or flying, I work at my parent's café, Java Joes, during the week. I have also been a nationally ranked Olympic Archer for the past four years and was a member of the United States Junior Dream Team.
- > In the Fall of 2019, I will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, where I will major in Aeronautical Science. I would also like to minor in Meteorology or Aviation Business Management. I am very much looking forward to pursuing a career as an airline or commercial pilot after I earn my degree.
- > I am so thankful to everyone in the EAA for their hard work in putting on all of their events as well as organizing this scholarship. So many people in this organization have already positively impacted my life and I can only hope to give back to the aviation community the way they have.

# Alec Villarreal-Aviation Scholarship



I am so thankful to ...Chapter 179 for inspiring and helping me get further in learning to fly.

- > I am 17 years and currently attending Menaul School, which i will graduate from soon.
- > I just visited Embry-Riddle's Prescott campus as it is at the top of the list of colleges I want to attend.
- > I started flying fairly recently with the same instructor I plan to fly with again in the future, but have been into aviation for as long as I can remember.
- > I plan on pursuing a career in commercial aviation in the future.
- > I am so thankful to just about everyone, in my life, including Chapter 179, for inspiring and helping me get further in learning to fly.

# Joel Inventor-Air Academy Recipient



I promise to make the EAA Chapter 179 stand out by my actions, attitude and commitment to be a top-notch camper and help at the Air Academy Camp.

- > In addition to being a home schooled junior, and a Cadet Senior Airmen in Civil Air Patrol, he actively volunteers and is involved in his church and local politics. He is a Community Emergency Response Team member with additional certification in advanced CPR.
- > To fund his passion of all things science he has his own yard/home maintenance business that allows him to pursue, investigate, build or experiment STEM interests. He has placed first the last four years in a private school regional competition in science engineering.
- > In addition to studies, Joel plays the piano, competes in archery and photography, and loves target practice and flying.
- > Activities: Civil Air Patrol-Flying, Gliding, UAV Enthusiast, Photography, Archer, Campaign Volunteer, Computer Programming, Transportation Volunteer for Church and Volunteer at Museum of Nuclear Science, Promotes STEM and Civics by teaching and mentoring students of all ages.
- > Finally, to the members of EAA Chapter 179; I would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity, flying opportunities through Young Eagles with Emilio Verastegui and Joyce Woods, mentorship and this awesome opportunity to attend the Advanced Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh. I promise to make the EAA Chapter 179 stand out by my actions, attitude and commitment to be a top-notch camper and help at the Air Academy Camp. God bless and thank you so much!

# Jesus J Perez -Air Academy Recipient



Thank you so much for selecting me to go to the EAA Air Academy to help me be a better pilot.

- › I am a 16 year old junior at Albuquerque High and I love flying new airplanes and learning new things each day I fly.
- › I am a member of Chapter 179 and have flown Young Eagles with Joyce and Art Woods. I also helped as a volunteer to host the Ford Tri-motor and performed EAA maintenance on the Tri-motor.
- › My favorite sport is Soccer and when I have free time I like to go to the airport and watch airplanes land and takeoff.
- › My aviation goals are to get my private license and become a pilot for UPS.
- › I want to thank the members of the Chapter 179 who made this scholarship possible for young people like me that want to become a pilot. Thank you so much for selecting me to go to the EAA Air Academy to help me be a better pilot.

## › 2019 Scholarship Committee

- Mike Paxson
- Bob Richter-Sand
- Emilio Verastegui
- Joyce Woods
- Dan Horschel, Chair



## 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/EI 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!

**Albuquerque Aviation Historic Group (AAHG) —First Thursday of the Month**, Formation begins at 7:00 PM at following:

**North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center**

**7521 Carmel Ave NE (north of Paseo del Norte on Wyoming Blvd).**

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