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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

**February 18. 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.

Our remaining scheduled Young Eagles dates for 2020 are: May 9, September 12 and November 7.



## Young Eagles

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

- We had a perfect February day for our first Young Eagles event.
- Gwen Walcott is now one of our three chapter EAA Technical Counselors
- And, we now have three Wright Bother Master Pilot Award recipients in the chapter.



See the details inside this issue, and more...

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### Past Chapter 179 Gathering presentations:

See Wright Brothers **Master Pilot** Award links in this issue... page 8.

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[Samson Switchblade Flying Car](#)

[Oshkosh 2018 and 19 .pdf](#)

Please send me your presentations so I can post them.

### 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.

Find or Become a **Tech Counselor** and/or **Flight Advisor**: (your EAA login is required to see this information) <https://www.eaa.org/en/eea/eea-chapters/eea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities>

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



[https://nmpa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=86&club\\_id=264824](https://nmpa.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=264824)

## From the President, Emilio Verastegui

Hello and welcome to the February 2020 issue of the EAA Chapter 179 Newsletter!

As President of this Chapter, I am sometimes faced with issues that run from the wildly enthusiastic ones to those that sometimes are just depressing in nature and scope. I have to deal with each issue as it comes along and hope that the outcome is what I intended.

On the enthusiastic side of the coin, I recently received a reply to an email I sent to Rowan Phlieger, that to me expressed exactly what EAA, Young Eagles, and true hard work and scholarship can achieve. I had written to Rowan, our first Ray Scholarship winner, to see how she was doing at ERAU in Prescott Arizona. Her response was just what I hoped for in the sense that she is still very enthusiastic about school, flying and her "Flight Team". She also expressed her gratitude for being part of our Chapter and all the friendships she made here prior to going to Arizona. You can read her actual response elsewhere in this newsletter.

As you might remember, our first Young Eagle event and flights were held on 2 February. It turned out to be a great day and a successful one too! A large group of YE kids signed up (44 in all) and there were sufficient pilots (9 over the course of the morning) to spread the load. Our cook team did a fantastic job again with breakfast, so no one walked or flew away hungry. Kudos to them for their performance. Our pilot volunteers did a remarkable job in performing their duties flying our YE kids and keeping them safe. Barry Kromer, our YE coordinator deserves a handshake and a pat on the back too for keeping it all organized and flowing smoothly. Our admin staff - Eric Goldman and Kent Berwick - superbly handled their assign tasks. Alex Caruthers, with the help of his sons, were very helpful checking in all the kids that showed up, verifying that they had indeed signed up to get their YE flight. The Chapter and I thank you all for a job well done!

I have to say that it was a bit different for me during our YE event this month, since I was grounded due to a/c mechanical issues. However, I did get the opportunity to observe more closely how a typical YE day flows and operates. I was impressed!

The Young Eagles program and all its ramifications is

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a very important part of our Chapter mission - to educate and promote aviation to everyone, especially to our young people. I will tell you that the Young Eagles Program works well in this Chapter and we have had exciting results many times. Rowan Phlieger is a prime example. However, I recently received an email from a mother of a young man, Scott, who recently attended one of our YE events. She said he left with his head in the clouds! He has taken advantage of the Sporty's FREE Ground School that came with his log-book which was presented to him after the flight. He then used the Sporty's certificate to take a Discovery Flight at Del Sol Aviation. He has since gotten his medical certificate and is still hungry for more. He only hindrance at the moment is his age. He is only 14, soon to turn 15, but his enthusiasm is obviously over the top. She also mentioned that they are looking for scholarship money so he can continue with his flying lessons at the appropriate time. His is a great YE success story and I am proud that Chapter 179 had a hand in creating that.

Our next YE event will be May 9th, at this point in time, so I urge everyone to come out and participate in some manner. If you feel you wouldn't know what to do or how to help, we can teach or guide you to success. All it takes is a bit of enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer.

And in the same vein, Eric Goldman, our Eagles Chairman, has told me that the Eagle Flight Program had to reschedule his event originally scheduled for the 8th of February. He has now scheduled it for the 16th of May, one week after our scheduled YE day on the 9th. He says he now has 8 confirmed attendees and 8 pilots to fly each person on the list.

Our program/presentation for this month will be a video presentation by Bob and Kat Richter Sand on their wonderful flying adventure to Idaho and back in their beautiful Experimental KitFox airplane. I have seen some pictures, and they are just wonderful, but I am really looking forward to the full presentation and all the pictures. I know it will be a great presentation, so please come out to the Copper Canyon and join us! I received a letter (and a banner) from EAA headquarters to inform us that our Chapter had achieved a 90% ranking among all EAA Chapters. Folks, that is a GOLD standard, one that we can all be proud of! Our ranking only lacked in one area and that was our failure to have a Chapter House or Hangar. Here is your opportunity to make our Chapter 100% compliant - donate a hangar to our Chapter or donate sufficient funds to build and maintain a hangar or house. Seriously, I am very proud to be part of this Chapter, as we all should. We are a very active Chapter and EAA headquarters knows we are very active. They are

proud of us too!

As you know, recently Mike Paxson had to step away from his duties as LOEFI Chairman and his BOD position due to life issues. We were saddened by his departure but understand why he had to leave. We will miss him greatly. If you happen to see him at one of our functions or events, please let him and his family know that we will miss them and that we hope to have him back in the future.

On a much sadder note, Todd Blue is stepping away from his long-time position as Secretary for the Chapter due to worsening health issues. It is not likely he will return as Secretary so we are very saddened by this. Todd has been a fixture here in Chapter 179 over the years and it will be hard to continue without him because we are so used to seeing his smiling face at our Gatherings and at other events. Although he has a quiet demeanor, his dedication to the Chapter has been inspiring and his willingness to volunteer has been very much appreciated over the years. The Chapter wishes him and his family all the best in these difficult times. Please keep Todd in your prayers.

And just the other day, the 6th, I was informed that Dion Lear is not doing well either. Many of you will remember Dion and Maxine Lear. Both were often seen volunteering in different Chapter activities, sometimes either cooking at one of our events or volunteering in other ways.

Their absence at our monthly Gatherings at the Copper Canyon was noted, so I did try to reach out to them several times, with no luck. It was their daughter, Malinda, who contacted me to give me the news about her dad, Dion. Please keep the Lear family in your prayers.

While it is hard to talk about issues like this, it should come as no surprise that things like this happen. All our Chapter members are getting older, including me, much to my chagrin. But if it were not for our older, long standing members, this Chapter would not be where it is today.

Be proud of your Chapter and let others know how great Chapter 179 is today.

See you at the Copper Canyon restaurant on February 18th. Our program begins at 1800 (6:00PM).

Sincerely,  
Emilio Verastegui, President  
EAA Chapter 179



## Young Eagles News February 2020

The February Young Eagles event was our first event of 2020 and was again very successful. Ten pilots flew 44 kids and every kid I talked with said they really loved their flight. The statistics, for the 44 kids we flew, 71% were first time flyers. 33% heard about our event from friends, around 40% heard about it either on the chapter website or [youngeaglesday.org](http://youngeaglesday.org).

I would like to thank pilots: Joyce & Art Woods, Chris Grotbeck, Gary Williams, Mark Sturm, Michael Wirstrom, Bob Richter Sand, Ryan Carson, Lee Otto, and I flew. And ground volunteers: Susie & Randy Reimer, Fred Loehr, Scott Speirer, Marvin Richardson, Dan Martin, Alexis Adams, Meg & Stephen Fleming, Mike Paxson, Will May, Emilio Verastegui, Kent Berwick, Alex Carothers and Eric Goldman. Also thanks to Bode Aero and Double Eagle ATC tower.

The online registration system from [youngeaglesday.org](http://youngeaglesday.org) seems to be really making the event very smooth to operate.

Next event is May 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Kromer







**The Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179** is accepting applications for aviation scholarships, EAA's Air Academy, and the local Double Eagle Aviation Academy! Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested.

## CHAPTER 179 AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Apply by Feb 15, 2020**

**Pursuing aviation education?** Candidates must be 25 years of age or less, and residents of New Mexico pursuing aviation education including flight training, A&P mechanic, etc. may apply for a grant of up to \$1500. Applicants meeting EAA requirements may be considered for the prestigious Ray Aviation Scholarship, up to \$10,000. [READ MORE and apply online.](#)

## EAA AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

**Apply by Feb 15, 2020**

EAA Chapter 179 offers a full tuition scholarship for youth to attend EAA's Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI, July 14 to 22, 2020. Applicants must meet age and other EAA requirements (16, 17, or 18). Tuition includes accommodations and local ground transportation. Apply online, following [our chapter Air Academy Scholarship Application instructions](#):

To help cover air transportation, we encourage applicants to also apply early for EAA's [additional scholarships](#). Hosted by our parent organization in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the EAA Advanced Air Academy provides an atmosphere for mature students to become totally immersed in the world of flight. It combines "in-the-air" and "on-the-ground" hands-on activities. The week overlaps with EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the *world's premier aviation event!*

## DOUBLE EAGLE AVIATION ACADEMY - apply by May 1, 2020

**June 8 - 12, 2020** A fun and challenging week where students age 14 - 17 explore a future in aviation including aerodynamics, instruments, navigation, communications, maintenance, and aircraft building. Exposure to a breadth of aviation careers! At Albuquerque Double Eagle II Airport. [READ MORE and download application.](#)

**LAND OF ENCHANTMENT FLY-IN:** Hold the date! **September 26, 2020**

**Donations Accepted:** We accept donations of any amount to our *general scholarship fund, the Bob Hartman Memorial Scholarship or Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship funds*. Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable organization. Donate [online](#). Or, send a check, made to "EAA 179 Scholarship" to EAA Chapter 179; P.O. Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190.



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## TIME TO RENEW YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!

If you haven't already, it is time to submit 2020 chapter dues! We've made it easier than ever this year 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 member, \$30 for a family. 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, [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)

## Congratulations Gwen! EAA Technical Counselor

Our Vice President, Gwen Walcott, is now also one of our EAA Technical Counselors. She also recently completed and is flying her RV-12.



January 29, 2020

Dear Gwen,

Welcome to the Safety Programs team! You have met the eligibility requirements and your status is confirmed as an **EAA Technical Counselor**. Thank you for offering your time and expertise to fellow EAA members.

Enclosed in this packet you will find all the materials necessary to perform your duties as a Technical Counselor. Please use the brochures that are included to educate new builders or pilots. As you read the literature, remember to contact us for any clarification on the program.

Your volunteer efforts will be recorded under your EAA membership profile and your Technical Counselor identification will be listed on your EAA membership card. We've placed an order for a new card and you will receive it in the mail very soon.

Please remember to send records of your visit report forms to the Safety Programs office so that our records will be as accurate as possible. When you need more forms, just send us a quick e-mail or give us a call and we'll get them in the mail to you. You may also print out a copy at:  
[www.eaa.org/techcounselors](http://www.eaa.org/techcounselors)

Thank you for promoting aviation safety and for making your experience available to EAA members in your area!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charlie'.

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# Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Awards (WBMPA)



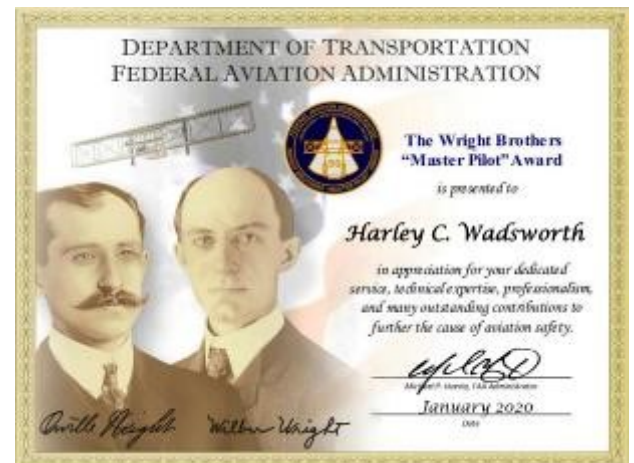
Harley Wadsworth (Left) received a WBMPA at our January 2020 EAA Chapter 179 Gathering. The award was presented by John DeWitt of the FAA Safety Team.

## Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Presentation

Presented to: EAA Chapter 179  
By: John DeWitt  
Date: April 16, 2019

**Produced by AFS-850  
National FAA Safety Team**

Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award



To learn more about the WBMPA please click on the above WBMPA picture. It is a large video file which may take a few minutes to load. It has a great history of the Wright Brothers.

To see the presentations for the three respective Chapter 179 recipients so far, please click on the respective persons certificate to see the ".pdf" file from the presentation. (Ctl-Click to load under a new tab)





## From Rowan's email in January 2020

Hi Emilio!

I have been meaning to reach out too and give you all an update, but it seems like this ride we are on never stops! I love it out here in Prescott and the culture at ERAU. I am more than halfway through my instrument training, I'll be finished up with approaches by this Sunday and then after that it is just cross countries, reviews and stage checks, and then my check ride!

This semester I am also taking Calculus, Physics, Speech, and Commercial Ground. It is mostly Flight Team that takes up all my time! We meet every day except for Sunday, and on Saturdays we spend about 8 hours at the airport doing ground and flying events. It's definitely hard to keep up sometimes but I love it. I hope that everything is going well with the EAA and you! It sounds like you all have some really fun events planned. I miss all of the amazing people I have met through the organization and I still feel so lucky to have been apart of it.

Thanks for reaching out,

Rowan Phlieger



## Civil Air Patrol

Good Morning EAA,

We hope all is well at EAA and look forward to working with you and the many opportunities in the future.

New Mexico Wing Civil Air Patrol and the New Mexico Aviation Division is hosting the 2020 New Mexico Aviation Outlook and Strategic Planning Forum.

We welcome you to join fellow aviation stakeholders to learn and guide the strategic development of aviation in New Mexico. This is an open forum so we can identify the needs of aviation in our state. All are welcome, from pilots, airport managers, FBOs, manufacturers, MROs, air ambulance, freight, Defense Industry and any Part 91, Part 135 and Part 121 operators. We also invite sponsors and policy makers from respective airports throughout the state and community members.

<https://nmaviationoutlook2020.eventbrite.com>

Also please look at the sponsorship opportunities for sponsoring the New Mexico Wing Conference. This is a place where the Aviators, policy makers, industry and the community can come together and see what the world of flight has to offer for New Mexico. Without your continued support, we would not be able to make this happen.



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U.S. Air Force Auxiliary [GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://GoCivilAirPatrol.com)

## For Sale by Owner

### 1994 Vans RV6A N19CD (KAEG Double Eagle II, Albuquerque, NM)



- ELT Narco Model AK-450. Batteries replaced Nov. 2018.
- Last Condition Inspection: November 2018
- Electric Flaps, Electric Trim - Pitch and Aileron
- Lycoming O-320-D1A (Certified), SN: L17290-39A
- 1,207 hours: Total Time Airframe and Engine
- 24 Volt Electrical w/ External Power Port and cable
- Backup Vacuum (manifold)
- NAV/COM – Narco MK 12E/NCS812 with DME
- NAV/COM – Narco Escort II
- Transponder - Narco AT150
- Audio Panel – Narco
- S-TEC 30 Autopilot tracks Heading, GPS, VOR or Localizer
- Electronics International Scanner (CHT, EGT, Oil Temp. & Volt/Amp)



Engine and Airframe Logs – missing but I'm still looking. Replaced prior to last Condition Inspection.

Ground Looped Nov. 2014: Left gear collapse & prop strike. Rebuilt as a tricycle with Prince prop to replace Sensenich.

Fuel – 20 gallons each side

Always Hangared



\$25,000

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## 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!

**Albuquerque Aviation Historic Group (AAHG) —First Thursday of Every Other Month (February, April, June, August, October, and December)**, 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).**

**Albuquerque, NM 87113**

**2nd Floor – Classroom 5; TAKE THE ELEVATOR; (505) 764-6475**

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