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

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



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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings

**June 16. Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Social Gathering Using ZOOM,** look for an email with the link and time (6 PM) information -coming soon.

Our remaining scheduled **Young Eagles** dates for **2020** are: September 12 and November 7. - **On Hold** pending COVID-19 concerns.

DEAA cancelled this year due to COVID-19 virus.

LOEFI being planned. Stay tuned.

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## From the President, Emilio Verastegui

Hello EAA Chapter 179 Members and Friends, and welcome to another issue of our Newsletter.

Sadly, the State of NM has decided to continue its restrictions regarding social distancing, the wearing of masks in public, and other rules and instructions which make our functioning as a social gathering of like minded enthusiasts very difficult. This month, while restaurants are open, but with limited capacity, groups can only meet in numbers that are far too small for a group our size, many people are still intimidated by the fear of the Covid-19 virus. This has forced us as a Chapter to enjoy another Zoom meeting rather than meet face to face as we have done some many months in the past. With that in mind, please join us for that Zoom meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of June at 1730, with the official start at 1800. Joyce Woods has kindly set up the meeting and will be sending out instructions on how to join. I regret that we are hampered this way, but for the time being, smile and enjoy these unprecedented times as much as possible. It will be a short agenda.

As you may have read or heard, DEAA has been cancelled for this year, as with many other aviation programs and shows. We first moved it to the same week as AirVenture would have been, but later found out that our venue was already spoken for by the NM National Guard. So there you have it!

Here is a subject that has meaning to all us aviation enthusiast and EAA members; did you know that the Experimental Aircraft



Association's Fly-In Convention, now known as EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, has been in existence nearly as long as the association itself. The first gathering was in September 1953 as a small part of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Air Pageant. That original EAA fly-in at Curtiss-Wright (now Timmerman) Field was attended by a handful of airplanes, mostly homebuilt and modified aircraft. Fewer than 150 people registered as visitors. The larger Milwaukee Air Pageant has faded away but the EAA gathering has become the world's premier aviation event. EAA's fly-in grew quickly in its first few years and by the late 1950s it had outgrown the area of the Milwaukee airport it was

allowed to use. In 1959, the event moved to Rockford (Ill.) Municipal Airport, where it would stay for the next decade.

The "Rockford Years" were where the EAA Fly-In Convention established both its prominence as a homebuilders' event and its friendly feeling that is retained to this day. During these years, such diverse aviation interests as Warbirds, antiques and aerobatic performers became part of the EAA event.

Since we can not attend AirVenture this year, EAA has decided to host a virtual AirVenture! As the headline states - "EAA to host virtual aviation week!" The Experimental Aircraft Association will offer a virtual Spirit of Aviation Week from July 21 through 25 2020 in lieu of the annual AirVenture fly-in event that was canceled. A variety of on-demand and streamed content will be available online, including air show performances, educational forums, homebuilt airplane workshops and virtual exhibits. I sug-

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gest you go to the EAA web site to learn more about this option!

And finally, there will be another Seminar sponsored by the FAA Safety Team. I think this topic is relevant for every pilot, not just Student pilots or newly minted Private Pilots, but even seasoned senior pilots, like myself. You are never too old to learn! See below:

**"NAFI - Weather Training In The Cockpit - Spring/Summer Focus"** Topic: Weather Knowledge to Help Reduce the Number of Accidents and Incidents With Summer Weather Elements as a Causal Factor.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 19:00 Central Daylight Time (17:00 PDT, 18:00 MDT, 20:00 EDT, 14:00 HST, 16:00 AKDT, 17:00 Arizona, 00:00 GMT)

That all I have for this edition. Please be safe in all you do, whether it is on the ground or in the air. Safety first!

Sincerely, Emilio Verastegui, President

## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

Greetings! You will notice that I have changed the look of the Newsletter a little. It is now in landscape orientation for easier viewing on a computer and can still be printed on 8.5 x 11 standard paper. If you need to change the size of the page on your computer, adjust the size in your "... settings. I like this format better because I can view the whole page in a readable size.



Check out the Chile Flight heart in this issue, page 5.

Be sure to attend our upcoming Gathering on Zoom. We all look forward to being able to get back to our pre Covid-19 freedoms. Stay safe, HW

## Past Chapter 179 Gathering presentations:

See Wright Brothers **Master Pilot Award** links in this issue... page 10.

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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>

EAA 555, Triple Nickel Chapter: <http://555.eeachapter.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/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-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.



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## DEAA Canceled for this Year

Hello Everyone:

As you are aware, because of the COVID-19 issue and the Governor's orders, we had to postpone DEAA to a later date.

The week we selected turned out to be the original dates for Oshkosh AirVenture, July 20th through the 24th.

Since we had originally talked with the city about using their facilities again, as in past years, we felt that we would be ok using their facilities again on the new dates.

It appears we were wrong in that assumption.

Mylo Moraga, the director of the facility, informed Jim Kessler

that it would not be available to us on the new dates chosen.

The NM National Guard will be using the facilities on the dates we chose as alternate dates!

Therefore, with no other viable option, we are forced to cancel DEAA this year.

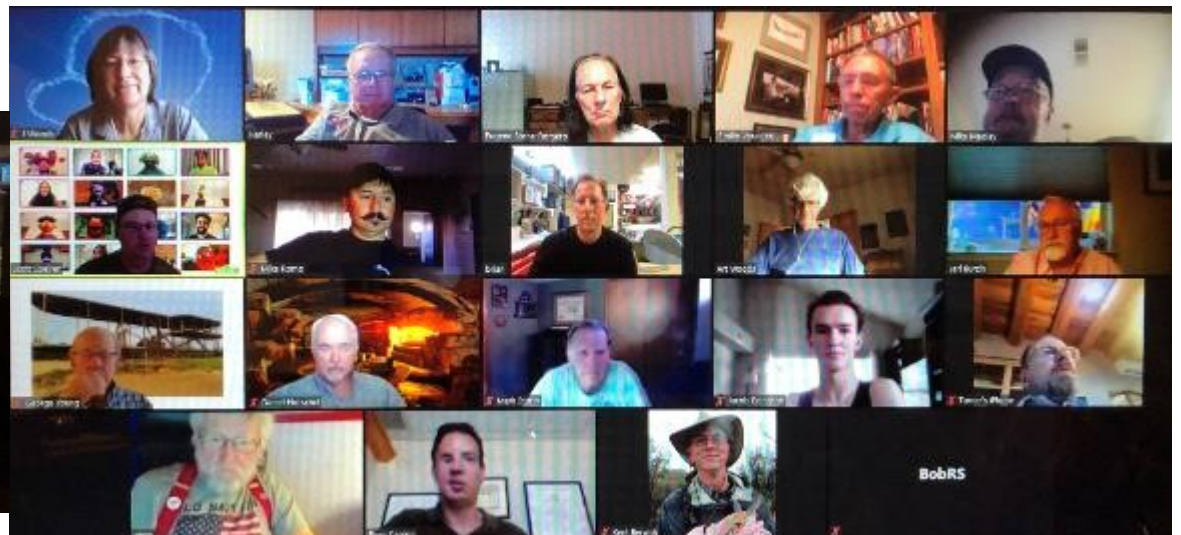
It has been a very unusual year so far because of the viral pandemic, and now, having to cancel DEAA just adds to the weirdness. Let's all hope that LOEFI will not be as severely impacted this year.

"Thank you" to all who worked on DEAA this year.

Sincerely,

Emilio V., President

## May Chapter 179 Meeting on Zoom



## Chile Flight Salutes Essential Workers!

On May 18, the "Chile Flight" honored first responders, healthcare and essential workers with an incredible flyover, starting from Nob Hill to Coors Blvd, along Central Avenue. Then, the 8 ship formation climbed to 10,000' and split to create a huge heart, an inspiration for everyone who's endured the challenges of the past



Albuquerque Heart

several months. A second heart was created over Rio Rancho hospitals on their way back to Double Eagle II.

The Albuquerque Journal gave front page coverage, along with a great video from the Sky7 Helicopter overhead. If you missed the heartwarming sight, check out all the videos and photos posted on our [EAA 179 Facebook](#)



[page](#). Our posts reached 18,000 people, thanks to some 197 shares!



Rio Grande: Chile Salute, captured by Sky 7





To our fellow New Mexican pilots,

Our country is currently living through unprecedented times, with tens of millions of Americans affected by the spread of COVID-19, some of whom we count as our neighbors here in the high desert.

As pilots, we are blessed with the ability to take off, dance with the clouds and see the world from an entirely awe-inspiring perspective. And while we are lucky enough to have the ability to change our worldly vantage point from inside the cockpits of our flying machines, we here at [Santa Fe Aero Services](#) and [Skyland Aircraft](#) believe we can also utilize this privilege to help those within our communities on the ground.

This is why we have partnered with the [The Food Depot](#) to help provide crisis support for families in need. Now through September 30, 2020, Santa Fe Aero Services is offering annual aircraft inspections in which 25% of the labor charges will be donated, in the name of each customer, to this 501(c)(3) charity. The Food Depot will send you, the customer, a receipt for the donation which can be claimed on your annual tax return to the extent allowed by law.

The 25% labor cost from your approximately 27-34 hour inspection, should donate roughly \$680 to The Food Depot, which in turn will contribute over 2,700 meals to those in need. In addition, we will make the same 25% labor charge donation for applicable follow-up work to correct any defects found during the inspection. Santa Fe Aero Services has also coordinated with [Jet Center Santa Fe](#) to offer a discount on up to 50 gallons of fuel for any out-of-towners who fly in to support The Food Depot program.

Let's take advantage of this temporary grounding to not only benefit the safety and maintenance of our aircraft, but use it as an opportunity to provide aid to our New Mexico neighbors.

*Please call [Art Torres](#) or [Amanda Martinez](#) at 505-795-7900 to schedule or for more details. In addition, you can also reach out to Skyland Aircraft's [Steve Bunch](#) at 505-660-3861.*

We hope to see you soon, with blue skies and tailwinds,

Your friends at Santa Fe Aero Services and Skyland Aircraft:

Ron Tarrson, straw-boss; Art Torres, IA; Steve Bunch, IA; Gerardo Ontiveros, IA; Amanda Martinez, Parts Manager; Brandon Maestas A&P and Avionics Tech; and Carlos Garzon, A&P

## On-Going Events - In-person activities canceled For Now, due to COVID-19 pandemic

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