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Upcoming Events

Aug 15 - [LOEFI Planning Meeting](#), 1pm City Maint Bldg (KAEG)

Aug 18 - [Chapter Gathering](#) (BJs)

Aug 18 - [Runway Safety Meeting – DEII](#) (KAEG, 1100 hrs)

September 16-20 - [National Championship Air Races](#) (KROW)

September 18 - [Pizza & “Safe Skies” WINGS Seminar](#) (KROW)

September 26 - [Land of Enchantment Fly-In](#) (KAEG)

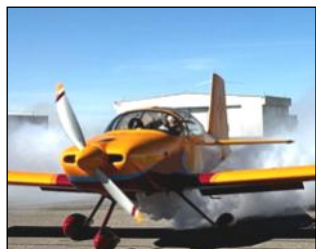
And check [NMPA's web site](#) for other events around New Mexico

August 2026

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CHAPTER ELECTIONS FOR 2027

First up, the nominating committee was formed and will be led by Gil Merriman. Yes, it's only August, but... There will be a couple of board positions open, plus all of the officers are up for election each year. We would love to see you get involved. Talk to Gil. Or me about what's involved.

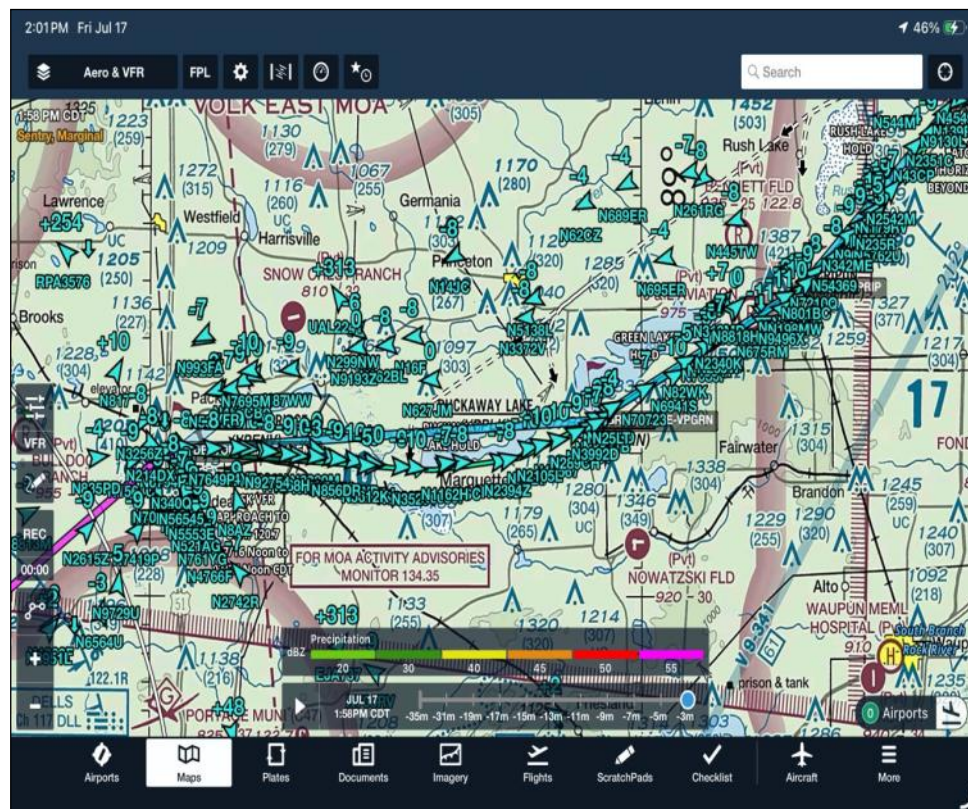
Getting in and out - AirVenture 2026

Smoke & TFR's in Colorado canceled our 4th of July celebration with family. But what the heck are Canadian fires doing smoking out AirVenture?? Friday through Monday, KOSH was closed to visual flight rules traffic until after 1 PM each day. That meant that all those thousands of planes waiting impatiently at airports all around Oshkosh filled the FISK arrival path almost the instant the airport announced, via text message, it was visual. Probably the densest traffic count we've encountered on a Friday.

Leaving on Friday morning at 0700, on start-up we had a very rough running engine with cylinder #2 taking its sweet time to finally "unstick" the exhaust valve so that we could take-off. Another "first" for us at Oshkosh

The two hour flight to Fort Dodge, IA was great – smooth, cool and green earth. A nice airport and great staff. But for the proverbial "getting out of Dodge" see the IMC article about the 2nd leg to Lamar, CO.

And the last leg home, starting at Noon, going down the front range of the Sangre de Cristos, in the heat, humidity and mountain thunderstorms spilling eastward – did anyone think it wouldn't be "shaken, not stirred" ?? NASTY BUMPY!! Even with a snugged up 5-point harness, leaving the seat bottom then slamming back down on it? No fun. Good news was that Double Eagle winds were moderate and down the runway at 2 PM. Another great adventure going to AirVenture.



Arthur Woods
President, EAA Chapter 179
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August Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, August 18, 2026

BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall

5:00 PM – No host dinner social

6:15 PM – Intros, Program

Arrive anytime from 5pm; dinner not required.

Primer: Roswell National Championship Air Races

By Erik Viking



Flight Test Pilot, Pitts owner, and chapter member Erik Viking attended the Pilot Racing School at Roswell last year, helping test out the course, and considering participation in the biplane class.

He will offer an overview of National Championship Air Racing, specifics about race classes, and ways to enjoy this long standing event, now held in Roswell, New Mexico! With all 7 race classes participating PLUS the US Thunderbirds, it will be something! Aircraft displays are expected to include a B-52, B29, B24 and more.

Volunteer with fellow aviators and enthusiasts for Wing Walking, People Movers, Information Booth, and other positions still needed—contact Joyce Woods at 505 456 0832 if you are interested.

Where: BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse at Cottonwood Mall
10000 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque

Directions: Take North or South bound Coors Blvd to Cottonwood Mall. Take the Cottonwood Loop to the south end of the parking lot. BJ's is in a separate building.

Monthly Chapter Gatherings offer time to network, with programs centered on exchanging experiences and ideas about aviation – airplanes, flying, and flying activities – rather than the chapter business addressed in Board meetings.

We hope to see you there!



Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



We are seeking new members.

We always welcome new members no matter the time of year.

Please consider joining the 90 plus individuals who are registered as members for 2024.

The dues payments help fund scholarships, pay our national EAA fees and enable the chapter to offer fantastic programs throughout the year.

Annual dues are \$20 for an individual member and \$30 for a family (spouse and children under 18).

Dues are not prorated for partial year payments. Also note that separate membership and dues payments are required to the National Organization (<https://eaa.org>) of which we are a representative part.

To join

- Simply go online, to <https://eaa179.org/membership/> where you can submit your dues payment by Paypal or credit card.
- Or you may send a check (include your name, address, EAA National Membership number, a contact phone number, and email address) payable to "EAA Chapter 179" and mail it to:

EAA Chapter 179
Double Eagle II Airport
7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179
Albuquerque, NM 87120.

If you pay by credit card or Paypal, also forward your EAA National Membership Number (on your ID card) to membership@EAA179.org.

Those who need to join or renew their National EAA membership should visit: <https://www.eaa.org/join.aspx>

Gwen Walcott
Membership Coordinator
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web: eaa179.org/membership



IFR/IMC

Art Woods

Memory of my first solo (instructor-less) IMC (instrument meteorological conditions) flight from KSAT (San Antonio) to KLBX (Brazoria County). I was scared to death and I could barely repeat the clearance

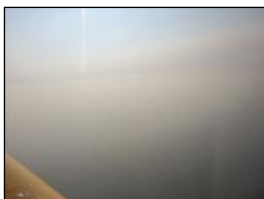
Used the rating to mostly go through (up or down!) a layer. Yes, low puffy clouds in Texas & Michigan. And a few times across the Rockies at MEA 's (minimum enroute altitude) of 16000 feet west bound, and 17000 feet east bound via Victor 244 across Mt. Ouray to travel between Michigan and western Colorado.

Even though we're all smart enough and have it drilled into our heads during training and ever afterward, I had one flight over the mountains near Bozeman, Montana where we picked up ice. We were flying the turbo Skylane RG which helped make it through the 10 minutes of icing at 12000 feet to get to a lower ice-melting altitude near Gallatin Field.

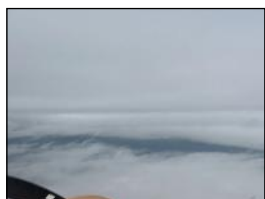
My longest IMC flight involved smoke from forest fires - leaving Missoula, MT in September 2017 to fly home to Albuquerque in our Van's RV6A. We flew into actual about 2-3 minutes after takeoff and then still in the smoke at 13000 feet into Idaho. Maybe 90 minutes... On oxygen. Taking photos of, ummm, smoke!! And the wings. Spokane Approach was kind enough to offer vectors around multiple fire-based TFR's!



Ground view the day before our flight



View at 13000 feet of southwest Montana



Layers merging



In the clouds

Coming home from 2026 AirVenture, we got lucky that the smoke cleared for the first leg to Fort Dodge, IA. But the 200 up to 500-foot ceilings from Fort Dodge to the middle of Kansas headed to Lamar, CO also meant 45 minutes of actual. Just a fun flight at 6000 feet then 8000 feet in a benign 15 deg C cloud layer that topped out at 11000 feet.

It takes some effort to stay current and proficient, but the instrument rating is well worth it. Your Chapter 179 offers a monthly IMC Club either in person at the airport or by Zoom, to review different scenarios and have a group discussion about options to the "problem" presented.



IMC Club Meeting

Barry Harper and John DeWitt, IMC Club Coordinators



Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

The chapter IMC Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Double Eagle II Airport, still a hybrid session (in person or remote). Anyone welcome!

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, August 15, 2026 9:30—11:00 AM

IMC Club sessions provide an open discussion based on instrument flying scenarios. Discussions provide a good review of essentials for IMC flight plus a fun way to meet and learn from other instrument pilots.

Participate in-person at Double Eagle II Airport in the City of Albuquerque Maintenance Building Conference Room

Directions: Enter the gate straight ahead from the last stop sign before turning left towards main airport parking lot. City building is the first building on your left. **Security will hold this gate open from 9:15—9:45.**

OR Join Remotely via ZOOM: Register in advance for Zoom access info here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/fyxTa2T4TcqCWfv7MZ20bA>

You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting Zoom link.

If you'd like FAA Safety WINGS credit, please ALSO register through the WINGS announcement as follows, or sign in-person at the meeting.

- Visit the FAAST [Seminars & Webinars page for Events at KAEG](#).
- Scroll to the bottom and select the IMC Club Meeting.
- Follow Registration instructions

See you there!

Barry Harper & John DeWitt
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Chapter Board Meeting Recap – August 4, 2026

Diana Volker, Secretary

The EAA Chapter 179 Board met on August 4, 2026. The following is a summary of the topics discussed, and the decisions made.

- A Flying Start seminar with flights, for the participants, is being planned for October. Mia Alderete is leading the planning. More information will be available for those interested at LOEFI.
- Our Chapter 179 Ray Scholar, Ethan Lee, is well on his way to his Private Pilots License. Go Ethan! We have a second potential Ray Scholar who is working towards meeting the requirements set by EAA national. Our chapter sent Levi Brenden and Harlow Hovey to EAA Aviation Academy in Oshkosh last month.
- The September Young Eagles Event will be held on September 12th. We need a volunteer to work with coordinating the Young Eagles events. Some minor computer skills are required.
- The 2026 Runway Run was cancelled by the city.
- LOEFI planning is underway. This year's event could be especially exciting with two jets, and a Pitts Bi-Plane potentially being on display. All three of these aircraft and their pilots are working towards qualifying to compete in the Roswell Air Races which take place September 16-20, 2026.
- LOEFI volunteers are always needed so if you want to participate in this year's event you can go to EAA179.org, Events, Land of Enchantment Fly In, scroll down to Want to Volunteer to get to the volunteer sign up area to see where YOU might want to serve. Have a fun filled day and help our chapter show Albuquerque the thrill of aviation.
- Next LOEFI planning session will be Saturday August 15, 2026, at 1:00 in the city building.
- A nominating committee, lead by Gilbert Merriman, is being formed to seek out potential candidates for officer positions for 2027. Interested in being a chapter leader? Contact Gilbert: Email: gcmerr7@gmail.com
- IMC Club meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. You can join in person at 9:30 in the city conference room or join online. Join to sharpen your instrument skills and help sharpen the skills of other pilots. Wings credit is available on FAASafety.gov.

Diana Volker
Secretary, EAA Chapter 179
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Young Eagles

Jim Kessler & Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinators



First things first. We must thank all the volunteers who made this rally happen:

Ground crew: Alex Carrothers, Chris McIntyre, Gilbert Merriman, George Young, Diana Volker and our fearless leader Art Woods.

Pilots: Tanda Headrick, Chris Grobeck, Kyle Reinhart, Mark Sturm, Mike Wirstrom, Carol Sugars, Kurt Winker, Gary Williams, Emilio Verestegui, and Jim Kessler.

I don't want to forget the tower controllers who did such a great job managing the traffic flow.

Thirty-eight (38) Young Eagles got airborne on Saturday, August 8th. The good news was that we had 10 pilots and only a few of the pilots flew 3 times. The weather was warm but not hot and the wind was perfect for runway 4. It never got rough so the Young Eagles had a great day of flying.

Next month's rally is on September 12th.

We are going to work on our EAA ground crew eMail list. There seems to be a problem where some of our ground crew is not getting the invitation to the rally and therefore we have no way of knowing who will be there to help. This could be a EAA headquarter software problem. We'll see if we can get it fixed.

Thanks for your terrific support.

For more, visit our
[Young Eagles web page](#).

EAA Young Eagles		
Top 20 Young Eagles Chapters in 2025		
EAA CHAPTER	LOCATION	YOUNG EAGLES FLOWN
EAA Chapter 62	San Jose, CA	837
EAA Chapter 252	Oshkosh, WI	755
EAA Chapter 13	Ray, MI	606
EAA Chapter 9	Columbus, OH	538
EAA Chapter 40	Los Angeles, CA	537
EAA Chapter 1174	Fergus Falls, MN	513
EAA Chapter 227	Waterloo, IA	498
EAA Chapter 2	Fort Wayne, IN	492
EAA Chapter 1632	Umatilla, FL	489
EAA Chapter 14	San Diego, CA	449
EAA Chapter 71	Bakersfield, CA	427
EAA Chapter 91	Lee's Summit, MO	417
EAA Chapter 723	Camarillo, CA	390
EAA Chapter 731	Hickory, NC	376
EAA Chapter 579	Aurora, IL	351
EAA Chapter 18	Milwaukee, WI	340
EAA Chapter 631	Rice Lake, WI	335
EAA Chapter 724	Merritt Island, FL	334
EAA Chapter 376	Fresno, CA	333
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Can yours crack the list in 2026?

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LOEFI 2026 Planning In Full Swing

Art Woods



The next planning meeting will be held on August 15th at 1 PM in the city maintenance building at Double Eagle. Caesar Archangel has stepped forward to be co-chair with me.

Areas of discussion include:

- Site layout: refining how we set up aircraft parking, vendor areas, food service, and attendee flow.
- Fundraising and sponsorships: identifying opportunities to support the event financially and growing our partner base.
- Pilot participation: expanding outreach and making sure we have a strong showing of aircraft and pilots for the fly-in.
- Publicity: before and during the event with local television station and the ABQ Journal.

Click on the Poster to visit
[LOEFI 2026](https://loefi.org)
on the Web
<https://loefi.org>



A business card is a great way to publicize LOEFI. A supply is on the desk in the RAF – pick some up, share with family, friends, and businesses!

LOEFI has always been a reflection of the strength of our chapter and our aviation community.

- For questions, volunteer opportunities, or to join one of the planning committees, please contact the LOEFI co-ordination team at loefi@eaa179.org.

- [OR GO TO THIS LINK TO SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER.](#)

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LOEFI 2026 – Planning the “Pilot Experience”

Doreen Branch



At our planning meeting on July 25, the Pilot Experience Committee decided to reorganize the youth corner a little and make it more instructive and challenging.

We will still be doing the builder area and the pre-school and kindergarten area as we have in previous years. The change is to the older youth events.

We decided to have a ticket/checklist of events that needed to be completed before going to a simulator flight. This is a series of learning steps before the youth reaches the simulator to prepare them for a meaningful session in the simulator.

The proposed series of events	Age 8 – 12	13 ->
1. A Preflight overview (2)	nomenclature	advanced nomenclature
2. A look at an instrument panel	6 pack	6 pack & flat panel display
3. Radio practice	Press to talk	Make the radio call
4. Traffic Pattern description	Name the pattern leg	Explain each pattern leg
5. Weight & Balance	What is weight	How does moment work
6. Simulator practice (3)	Turns & climb	Traffic pattern

There will be two different checklists. One for the 8 – 12 age group and one for the older youth.

To do this we will need some additional help in the various stations. And we will need an airplane on which we can practice preflight under the direction of qualified individuals.

With those five stations we will need 16 people. Each person will cover half a day on one of the stations.

The checklist will show what the student is supposed to know when they complete an event, and then the event instructor will sign the individual off on the checklist.

An example might be for preflight:

On the 8-12 card: Know the Aileron, Rudder, elevator, propeller, wing, fuselage.

On the 13-> card: Know the Aileron, Rudder, elevator, propeller, wing, fuselage and what they do.

If you are interested in helping please contact us with LOEFI in the subject line:

Doreen Branch - doreenbranch2626@gmail.com, and/or Jim Kessler – [jkh-four@gmail.com](mailto:jhk-four@gmail.com)

State your preference of station and time (morning (7:00 – 11:00 or afternoon 11:00 to 3:00)

This is a tremendous opportunity to begin to prepare the next generation of pilots for their future. Thank you

Doreen Branch
Youth Corner Coordinator
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OSHKOSH
2026
RECORDS SET
AT WORLD'S GREATEST AVIATION CELEBRATION

734,000
ATTENDEES
HIGHEST TOTAL ON RECORD! (PREVIOUS: 704,000 - 2025)

10,000+
AIRCRAFT
More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin.

98
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
Visitors from 98 countries registered at the International Visitors Tent, setting another international participation record.

6,000
VOLUNTEERS
Nearly 6,000 volunteers helped make the event possible, contributing thousands of hours of service.

13,600+
CAMPSITES
More than 13,600 sites in aircraft and drive-in camping accounted for more than 40,000 visitors.

Source: EAA Communications Team, as of July 27, 2026.

Mooney Caravan to Osh

Good afternoon George! Just a short snippet of my experience flying to Oshkosh in formation.

Departed the 16th before the sun came up, made it all the way to my last leg to get to our staging location the field at Madison was still IFR due to the thick Canadian smoke. I filed IFR and shot the approach in to Madison down to just about minimums. It was pretty crazy to not see anything out in front of me however I could see directly down. This was my first time legitimately using my IFR cert since I got it back in 2019. I received an IPC the weekend prior to my departure.



The good thing about always flying cross-country and using flight following is that it's kinda similar in a sense with read backs, information passed, etc.

Overall it was a fantastic Oshkosh experience landing 62 Mooneys in less than 7 mins.



Kyle Reinhardt
Mooney M-20C Mark 21



Route 66 Centennial Celebration

Joyce Woods



Santa Rosa Rt 66 Committee hosted a wonderful Planes, Trains, and Automobiles weekend. Eight aircraft graced the ramp including two from El Paso, one from Edgewood, one from Las Vegas, and three from Double Eagle II. We neglected to get all the pilots together in one pic but here are a few. We each received a commemorative tile and cool Rt 66 Centennial stickers. Burritos, lattes and soda drinks were complimentary. Wonderful hospitality!

One 1925 Model T and various Model As demonstrated the evolution of auto technology. Did you know that the Model T had 3 floor pedals but not one was a gas pedal? Beautiful cars on display. Are we sure we don't want a Model A engine for our Pietenpol?

David "Stogie" Otero was circling overhead as I approached. On checking whether he was landing or if I could proceed, he explained he was making a smiley face ("smoke on!"). Needless to say, Stogie entertained. With three of us landing on runway 26 to kick off the event, we got to do a "roll to the end" and back taxi parade on part of the old Route 66. The old highway is evident extending out from the end of Runway 26 on landing.



Clockwise from upper right:
Fly-in Pilots at KSXU
Stogie at KSXU
ABQ Model A Club
Larry Shapnek at KSXU
On final at KSXU



National Championship Air Races
Volunteers Needed - Sign up with Fellow Aviators!



Volunteers Needed
Roswell Air Races
September 16 - 20, 2026



ALL seven race classes are coming to Roswell 2026, plus the USAF Thunderbirds. Larger crowds are expected, driving increased volunteer numbers, starting Monday Sept 14 through Sunday Sept 20.

See NCAR's announcement: <https://airrace.org/its-a-full-house-all-seven-classes-return-for-roswell-2026/>

SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer (NCAR site)

The New Mexico Pilots Association is helping recruit volunteers, partnering with area EAA Chapters for several race week positions focusing on:

1. **Race Aircraft Wing Walkers for the pit area**
2. **Tram Drivers/Conductors or Handicapped Shuttle Drivers**

Several other roles are available—check anything of interest. Scroll to the bottom of the page for descriptions.

WE NEED YOU! And it will be FUN!

To volunteer with fellow aviators, select “recommended by somebody” and identify Chet or Joyce as who referred you - as follows:

- For **Wing Walking**, enter “Chet Leach”.
- For **Tram Drivers/Conductors** or **Handicap Shuttle Drivers** enter “Joyce Woods”

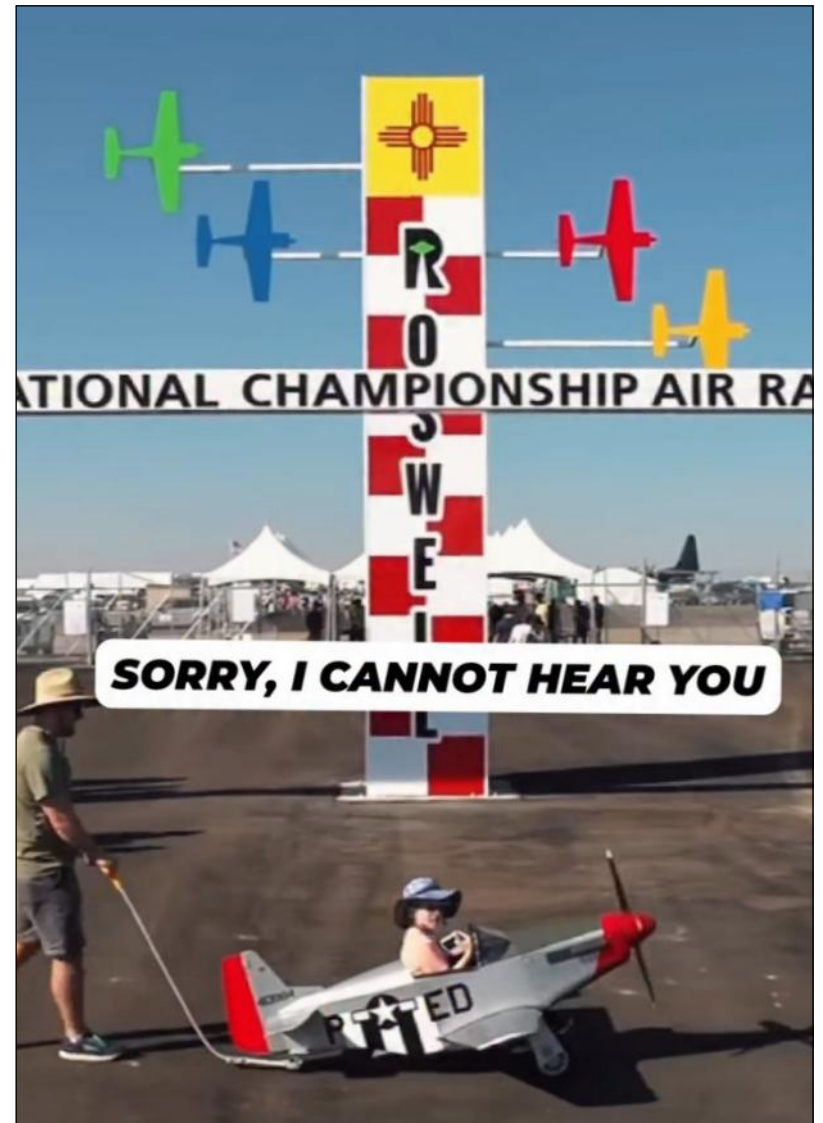
Once submitted, please EMAIL Chet or Joyce so they can help coordinate your volunteer assignment with NCAR.

BENEFITS: Assigned volunteers get FREE race admission for the days they work at least a half day plus free volunteer parking. The NCAR folks hope most volunteers can help at least 4 days, even if for a half day. We recommend securing your own [accommodations](#) in Roswell or Artesia asap, as they are limited. Free Tent camping available. Dry camping RV spaces are available from the ticket purchase page. Inquire with Joyce per comp spaces for volunteering the full week.

Questions? More info? Contacts: Chet Leach (chetleach@msn.com) or Joyce Woods (niner3echo@flylonecone.com) or Larry Shapnek (larry@larryshapnek.com)

VISIT THE NCAR WEB SITE

Below, a screenshot from their posts on Facebook
Our member Mike Paxson and his P-51 Pedalplane,
first shown at LOEFI 2023 ([photo here](#))



NM Aviation Division Launches “Safe Skies” Quarterly Safety Seminars - Around the State

Safe Skies New Mexico is a 2026 aviation safety seminar series designed to bring practical, real-world safety education directly to pilots, aircraft owners, maintainers, airport sponsors, and aviation enthusiasts across the state.

Each session *qualifies for FAA WINGS credit* and focuses on topics that general aviation pilots regularly encounter in New Mexico’s operating environment.

These seminars are offered at no cost and are intended to be practical, discussion-driven learning opportunities rather than formal lectures. Our goal is to support the GA community and strengthen safety culture statewide.

Jessi Litz-Rowden
Director of Aviation
NMDOT Aviation Division



Director Jessi Litz-Rowden

*Join fellow aviators at Roswell
during the National Championship Air Races!*

3rd Quarter Seminar

Fly New Mexico and the Wilds

History, Geology, and High-Altitude/Back-Country Ops

by John Lorenz, NMPA Safety & Education Chair

Friday, Sept 18, 2026

5:30pm Pizza Meet ‘n Greet

6:15pm Program

WHERE: ITC Bldg; ENMU Campus

1 block from NCAR Main Gate at Roswell Airport

23 West Mathis; Roswell, NM 88203

For full WINGS announcement and to register for FAA WINGS credit:
Watch for FAA WINGS posting—[coming HERE soon.](#)

A large, colorful poster for the "Safe Skies New Mexico 2026 Aviation Safety Seminar Series". The background features a desert landscape with mountains and a sunset sky. At the top, the "SAFE SKIES NEW MEXICO" logo is prominently displayed, featuring a stylized red and yellow sun with a blue airplane flying through it. Below the logo, the text "2026 AVIATION SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES" and "Aviation Safety Education for Pilots, Owners & Maintainers" are visible. A banner indicates "FAA WINGS CREDIT AVAILABLE". The "2026 SEMINAR SCHEDULE" is listed in three boxes: 1. MARCH 28, 2026 | 0930-1200 | Double Eagle (AEG) | OWNER & OPERATOR MAINTENANCE | Tips for owner-performed maintenance & compliance. 2. JUNE 20, 2026 | 0930-1200 | Farmington (FMN) | MOSAIC PROGRAM FOR PILOTS & MAINTENANCE | Understanding the FAA's MOSAIC framework. 3. SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 | TIME TBD | Roswell (ROW) | FLY NEW MEXICO AND THE WILDS | Density altitude operations & remote area flying. A fourth box at the bottom lists: NOVEMBER 14, 2026 | 0930-1200 | Deming (DMN) | TECHNOLOGY RELIANCE | Automation & avionics in the modern cockpit. To the right, a section titled "WHO SHOULD ATTEND:" lists: ✓ Pilots & Aircraft Owners, ✓ A&P & IA Technicians, ✓ Aviation Enthusiasts, ✓ Airport Sponsors, and ✓ FBO Operations. At the bottom, logos for the "aviation division New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" and the "FAASafety Team NEW MEXICO" are shown. A final banner at the very bottom reads "FAA WINGS CREDIT • NO-COST STATEWIDE SAFETY EDUCATION".



In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

OK, This article has become bigger than fits on one page. So there is now an overflow page. And I invite you, friend readers, to send me links to resources of interest to you and others.

KABQ Safety Council

- From Wendy Smith, KABQ tower:: The Local Safety Council at the ABQ tower has opened an e-mail address just for pilot feedback/suggestions/questions: KABQ.safety@gmail.com

General Aviation News (repeat)

- New Edition of [Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge](#)

National Weather Service (from Frank Beckwith—Thanks!)

- [Aviation Decision Support Services Page for Northern and Central New Mexico](#)



FAA FAASTeam

- **** [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine](#) >> [Check It Out](#)
 - This month's feature: *Weather Tech and Automation*
- FAAST Webinars: A list of many great topics; most qualify the attendee for WINGS credits.
Go to [Seminars & Webinars](#), select Show only Webinars, then [Search]
 - NTSB Safety Alert: [See and Be Seen: Your Life Depends on It](#)
 - Reference Data: [FAA Fact Book](#), and [Airport Data & Information Portal](#)
 - Flight Service Radio Frequency Reductions



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- Welcome [to The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (PDFs & videos) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
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 - [How ATC Really Works](#)
 - [Pilot Exercise Program](#)
- ["Secrets from a tailwheel pilot" - Tailwheel Checkout Course with Patty Wagstaff](#)
- [Basic Aerobatics with Patty Wagstaff](#) (video)
- And many manuals, such as [Checkride Insights: Private Pilot](#)
- A couple of interesting Workshops:
 - [VFR Mastery](#)
 - [IFR Mastery](#)



Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Chapter 179 and CAP NM-083 have joined frequently in supporting each other's events. This includes Chapter members being also members of the CAP *Albuquerque Heights Composite Squadron*. They have asked if we might lend our support in raising funds for the Squadron.

They have arranged with Smiths Food and Drug to receive donations from purchases on the store's Shopper's Card.



Support Civil Air Patrol NM-083 every time you shop at Smith's. Signing up is free and easy

To get a Smith/Kroger "Shopper's Card", and register your digital account to CAP NM-083,

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In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

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EAA

- *** Are you affected by MOSAIC? EAA's news: [MOSAIC Implementations—FAA Releases Updated Advisory Circulars](#)
- [Webinars](#) – EAA & Aircraft Spruce present a constant flow of Webinars that cover virtually all topics aviation, from building to flying to flight rules. And many qualify you for WINGS Credits. Check out the schedule; perhaps you will find one or more of interest to you.
- EAA's [eHotline](#), Announcements for Air Venture/Oshkosh and more



NMPA

- [August 2026 NMPA Newsletter](#)
- Visit the [NMPA web site](#) (nmpilots.org) for the latest about their activities



Facebook

- [Student Pilots Group](#), with many instructional articles
- A Facebook group for local flying: [Fly New Mexico](#), Dave Otero, Administrator.
- Great Facebook spaces: [Commemorative Air Force](#) & [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#), [Pima Air and Space Museum](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- **NEW FINDS:** Some great resources to keep your “aviation knowledge” up to date:
 - [Aviation Knowledge](#), a Facebook thread presenting a variety of topics, to for budding pilots or refresh knowledge: (examples below, click to see original on Facebook)
 - [Aviation Update](#), another publisher of info for pilots, some basic, some more advanced
 - [Boldmethod](#). A variety of posts for new and experienced pilots, small and large aircraft
 - [The Sky's The Limit](#), another Facebook thread presenting many interesting facts and perspectives – weather, airplanes, aviation, and more.
- **NEW:** From [Pilot Institute](#):
 - [Instrument Cross-Check](#)
- **NEW:** From [Flying Knuckleheads](#)
 - [Engine Simulation](#)



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Sponsorship info at:
<https://eaa179.org/sponsor>.

Call for Chapter 179 - Scholarship Donors

We're proud of our recipients and enjoy sharing in their successes!

As our 2025 Scholarship program is well underway, it's a good time to consider contributing. Chapter 179 scholarships are funded by a combination of donations and from funds from activities throughout the year.

We appreciate donations of any amount to our Chapter 179 Scholarship fund, to extend EAA's Ray Scholar Fund, or in past member Memorial funds. Your specific wishes may be designated in the optional notes at the top.

You can donate online via Paypal or Credit Card:



Or send a check to:



EAA 179 Scholarships
 Double Eagle II Airport
 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179
 Albuquerque, NM 87120-6601.

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Recurring Events for Chapter 179

Check the [Newsletter](#) and [Web](#) for details)

Chapter Gatherings

3rd Tuesday evenings, usually at a restaurant in Albuquerque.
March – Scholarships, November – Annual Meeting, December – Holiday Gathering

Chapter Board Meetings

Typically the First Tuesday of Odd Months via ZOOM—check newsletter

IMC Club

Third Saturdays at Double Eagle II (KAEG) and via ZOOM

Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI)

A weekend in late September

Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

First full week in June

Young Eagles Flights

Monthly each spring & fall

Quick Links to Chapter 179 Website & Facebook

Web Site:	www.eaa179.org
Young Eagles:	www.eaa179.org/young eagles
IMC Club:	www.eaa179.org/imc-club
DEAA:	www.eaa179.org/deaa
LOEFI:	www.loefi.org
Scholarships:	www.eaa179.org/scholarships
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Membership:	www.eaa179.org/membership
Contacts:	www.eaa179.org/contacts
Public Facebook:	www.facebook.com/EAA179
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Upcoming Aviation Events (hosted by others) & New Mexico EAA Chapter Activities

A listing of aviation events of interest around New Mexico.
If you know of others, send information to newsletter@eaa179.org.

Events

Weekly–Lobo Wing of the CAF Lunch, Saturdays 1200 (0E0)
(hangar at east end of Moriarty Airport, \$7 donation)

Monthly– [Chapter 555 Pancake Breakfast](#), 3rd Sundays ([KLRU](#))

Newsletters – [EAA 555, July 2026 Newsletter](#)
[EAA 691 May 2026 Newsletter](#)
[EAA 691 June 2026 Newsletter](#)
[NMPA May 2026 Newsletter](#)
[NMPA June 2026 Newsletter](#)
[NMPA July 2026 Newsletter](#)

Also Check NMPA's [Upcoming Events](#)

Websites

[EAA 691](#) – Los Alamos, “Green Chile Chapter”
[EAA 1306](#) – Edgewood
[EAA 530](#) – Los Lunas
[EAA 555](#) – Las Cruces, “Triple Nickel “
[EAA 1570](#) – Dona Ana
[EAA 251](#) – Alamogordo
[NMPA](#) – New Mexico Pilots Association

SPECIAL NOTE: Chapter 179 on Facebook

Lance Hunter, Chapter Publicity

For those of you who follow things on Facebook, we have two spaces, one, a Facebook PAGE, directed to the public and the other a Facebook GROUP for Members and others closely associated with the Chapter.

[Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 179](#), is our outlet to the public. Anyone can go to this page and see information about the Chapter and its activities.

[EAA Chapter 179 New Mexico](#) is a Private GROUP. Only users who have joined have access to it. It will have up-to-date information and Members can participate with their own posts and in dialogs via Likes, comments, and replies.

Lance Hunter and Kyle Reinhardt are our lead FaceBookMasters, who manage both and keep Chapter information up to date. Contact them with questions or ideas.



Proud to be a Member? Want a Chapter 179 shirt?

NEW! Chapter T Shirts!

These high quality t-shirts with our dated chapter logo are in stock (most sizes) and will be brought to February gathering. Ladies scoop neck shirts in limited sizes are also available. Contact Diana or Doug Volker or contact us at chapter@eaa179.org

\$20.00 for Chapter Members and
\$25.00 for Non-Members



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our

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DEAA T Shirts and Chapter Polo Shirts

These designs available by special order.
Additional colors are available for Polos - inquire with your order.
Contact us at chapter@eaa179.org with your SIZE.

DEAA T-Shirts

Design on shirt front
\$15 each

(men's or women's
sizes available, no
pockets)



Chapter 179 Polo Shirts

Gray with embroidered
logo on left breast.
\$30 each.
Add Pocket (\$2)



For Sale: 1991 Kitfox Model 2 N138H s/n 138



Built, owned, flown and maintained by the original builder.
Located in Edgewood New Mexico, always stored indoors.

Registered 10/15/1990 - first flight June 1991

This AC has served me well.

Now it's time for Mosquito Build & Rotor Time !

TTAF 660

Rotax 582 TTE 378, Last Condition Inspection May 2025,
Time Since Engine tear-down/inspection 43 hours,

Propeller GCS 3 blade fixed pitch..

Empty weight 525 lbs, gross 950 lbs.,
9 gal. main header tank, 6 gal. wing tank



Nav/Com #1 ICOM IC-A24 Nav 2
Garmin GPSmap 765, Flightcom
IISx Intercom, EBC 102A ELT,
2 sets of tires - currently on Duro
18x8.5-8 shaved tread tires, Nanco
N800 "big" tires included, but not
mounted.

BRS parachute (expired / not eligi-
ble for repack).

Typical time from the ramp, to wing fold, to trailer is < 12 minutes.

\$20,000 includes trailer (Fly or Trailer it Home !)
Bruce Hansche 505-270-9839 earthstarbc@gmail.com



NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

The Editor

There are many organizations serving aviation interests in New Mexico. These include EAA Chapters and other such organizations, but also government agencies and commercial enterprises. In future months I plan to present a synopsis of the significance of some of these resources, what is interesting about them or what they offer in the way of enhancing our flying experiences.

This is a starter list of organizations that I have tracked down. If you know of others or have corrections or updates, please send me eMail at newsletter@eaa179.org. And if you use any of these regularly, please consider providing a synopsis and review. Thanks.

NM EAA Chapters

- [1306 Edgewood, 1N1](#)
- [530, Los Lunas, E98](#)
- [691, Los Alamos, KLAM & KSAF \(Green Chile Chapter\)](#)
- [251, Alamogordo, KALM](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [555, Las Cruces, KLRU \(Triple Nickel Chapter\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [1570 Santa Teresa, KDNA](#)

New Mexico Organizations

- [New Mexico Pilots Association \(NMPA\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Fly New Mexico! Facebook Group](#) - started by David Otero. Ask to Join!
- [New Mexico Airstrip Network \(NMAN\)](#)
- [NMDOT Aviation Division](#)
- [New Mexico Airport Managers Association](#)
- [Lobo Wing of the CAF](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Rio Grande Norte 99s Facebook Group](#) (Ask to Join!)
- [Tuskegee Airmen \(local chapter\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Albuquerque Soaring Club](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Women in Aviation Intl - Land of Enchantment Chapter](#) (& [Facebook](#))

National and Other State Organizations of Interest

- [Experimental Aircraft Association \(EAA\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association \(AOPA\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Recreational Aviation Foundation \(RAF\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Ninety-Nines](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Angel Flight](#)
- [Air Care Alliance](#)
- [Emergency Volunteer Air Corps](#)
- [LightHawk](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Arizona Pilot's Association](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Colorado Pilots Association](#) (& [Facebook](#))

Online Resources

- [FAASafety.gov](#)
- [Kitplanes \(eMail subscription\)](#)
- [Pilots Workshop \(& eMail subscription\)](#)
- [Social Flight & eMail subscription](#)
- [AVweb – AVWeb Flash](#)
- [AOPA News & Media – AOPA Newsletters](#)
- [Barnstormers – Barnstormers eFlyer](#)
- [GA News Digital Edition](#)
- [On Facebook](#)
 - [Fly New Mexico](#)
 - [The Aviator's Lounge](#)

EAA Resources

- [Hints for Homebuilders](#)
- [Learn to Fly!](#)
- [Pilot Proficiency](#)
- [Become a Young Eagle Volunteer!](#)
- [AirVenture—Oshkosh](#)

eMail Resources (Subscriptions)

- [FAA Safety Team](#) – Safer Skies Through Education
Log in to your account, then go to Account Preferences.
- [AOPA ePilot](#) and [AOPA Aviation eBrief](#)
- [AVwebflash](#)

Cultural Web Sites

- [National Museum of the United States Air Force](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [National Museum of Nuclear Science & History](#)
- [US Southwest Soaring Museum](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Spaceport America](#)
- [National Aviation Hall of Fame \(nee Air Force Museum\)](#)
- [National Air and Space Museum](#)
- [The Wheels Museum.](#)
- [War Eagles Museum, Santa Teresa \(KDNA\)](#)

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Business Cards are a great way to publicize the Chapter and its activities. And the LOEFI Poster too. Stop by the RAF and get a supply to “spread our stories”. And they will be on hand at our Gatherings.



Experimental Aircraft Association

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Albuquerque, NM

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EAA 179 Chapter Activities

- **Monthly Gatherings**
3rd Tuesday evening, location varies
- **Land of Enchantment Fly-In**
A Saturday in September - www.LOEFI.org
- **Double Eagle Aviation Academy**
A week in June (Youth age 14-17)
- **Young Eagles**
Monthly in Spring & Fall (Youth age 8-17)
- **Scholarships**
February 15 application deadline

See website for dates & info: <https://eaa179.org>



Land of Enchantment Fly-In
September 26, 2026 7am-2pm
Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) - Albuquerque, NM



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EAA Chapter 179
Young Eagles Flights

Youth, Ages 8-17 Fly with a volunteer
EAA pilot at Double Eagle II Airport

2026 Dates
Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10

Details at eaa179.org/YoungEagles



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