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Upcoming Events

September 15 - [Chapter Gathering](#) (Red Lobster)

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

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

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

October 10 - [Young Eagles](#) (KAEG)

October 20 - Chapter Gathering

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

September 2026

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Notes from our President

Art Woods



Apologies for the August presentation technology fiasco – we had hoped to hear Eric Viking talk about the Roswell Air Races (link to his presentation:

<https://eaa179.org/download/10078/>.

It was enough to put us over the edge and make the decision to **move to the Red Lobster Restaurant on Montgomery Blvd** for the remain-

der of this year. It has a great side room with space for nearly a hundred people. **See you at RED LOBSTER on September 15th!!**

ELECTIONS FOR 2027 As I mentioned last month, the elections for 2027 are held in November each year. And that means the slate of officers/directors is announced in October. As with any organization, we are always seeking a fresh perspective. Please consider submitting your name to Gil Merriman (chapter@eaa179.org) for an officer role or as a director.

Land Of Enchantment Fly-In Final preparations are coming together for the 2026 Fly-in happening on September 26th. Come on out to enjoy the fly-in, or if you want to help us set up or run the fly-in, see the LOEFI article in this newsletter for the link.

KAEG Runway Safety Meeting – webinar held August 18th. This annual FAA **requirement** to review the past year runway operations. The meeting was led by the Double Eagle II Airport tower manager - Johnathan Estrada. In 2025, there were 49,352 runway operations (taxi an airplane, drive a truck on the runway for a FOD sweep, etc.). There were only a couple of errant vehicles getting to the runway last year. The city facility that offers a safe place to stay for Albuquerque's homeless is just northwest of the airport. A couple of them, like previous years, were able to climb over or cut through the airport perimeter fence and get to a runway. Coyotes, deer and antelope also managed to get onto airport property.

Short list of meeting participants:

Michael Speidel – KAEG airport manager (took on the position this summer; moved here from Florida where he was airport manager in the Tampa area; he's a pilot and was born in Italy)

Craig Patterson - Operations FPM FSDO out of Lubbock (side note – the Flight FPM FSDO is also based at Lubbock FSDO)

Mark Wilson and I were the only “civilians” in the crowd...

Arthur Woods
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View from Above

Joyce Woods



Initial double Rainbow view with propellor reflection from early morning sunrise

Ever wonder what happens if you fly through a rainbow? On Sunday, August 30, after some welcomed rain in the Rio Puerco valley, just north of Albuquerque's Double Eagle II Airport, Art and I were enjoying a rainbow ahead when we realized, “we’re going to fly right through it! Wonder if we’ll see the gold?”

What a treasure received as we flew through it and it encircled our plane. A moving moment, indeed! (pun intended.)



View as we passed through the rainbow - full circle!



September Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, September 15, 2026

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Red Lobster Restaurant, 5555 Montgomery Blvd NE

5:00 PM – No host dinner social

6:15 PM – Intros, Program

Arrive anytime from 5pm; dinner not required.

Program: UFOs

The guest speaker for the Sep 15th Gathering will be Barry Roth, who is the Chief Archivist/Historian for the National UFO Historical Records Center located in Rio Rancho.

David Marler is the Executive Director of the NUFOHRC and there are presently about 175,000 files that have been gathered and donated from all over the world. Some files pre-date the Roswell incident.

The presentation by Barry Roth should be very interesting. Lets have a great turnout!

Check out the web site: [National UFO Historical Records Center](http://NationalUFOHistoricalRecordsCenter.org)



NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Location: Red Lobster Restaurant

5555 Montgomery Blvd NE (at San Pedro Dr NE)

Directions: From I-25, take Montgomery exit, eastbound. Turn left into the parking lot, just before San Pedro Dr NE.

Not just seafood! Check out their broad menu including pastas, chicken, bowls and sandwiches. And great seafood, too! [MENU | Red Lobster Restaurant](#)

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!



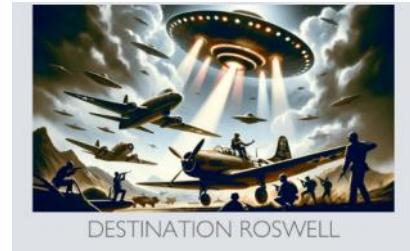
August Chapter Gathering (RECAP)



**Destination Roswell!
An Air Racing Primer**

By Eric Viking

We apologize for the meeting technical problems. You can download Eric's presentation at: <https://eaa179.org/download/10078/>



He provided a primer for those unfamiliar (i.e., never went to Reno) and to entice you to join other locals in Roswell Sept 16-20, 2026 as New Mexico grows this newest aviation event.

All 7 race classes are participating this year. Eric discussed training required to race, including the upcoming Pylon Racing School (PRS). He reviewed preliminary race schedules (8am–5pm), how to get there if you drive, the grounds layout, and the new Jet Mach course, increasing the speed cap from 500 to 600mph!

Eric has been hoping to race his Pitts in the BiPlane class since last year but a lot of stars need to align for his airplane to be ready in time this year. And then there's race preparations. . . Wish him some good luck!

He encouraged us to follow fellow chapter members who've been preparing and have formed a first NM jet racing team, "Team Zia". Pilots Scott Weaver and Carol Sugars, have been preparing to compete with two L-29 Aero Vodochody aircraft. They prepared this [Zia Racing Team Intro Video](#) and hosted a press conference and sendoff gathering at the airport on Aug 28. Additional members are involved with Mike Rehberg serving as Crew Chief and Gary Williams sharing their story with local broadcast media.

Eric also recognized past P-51 racer, the late Pete Ettinger from Albuquerque. Pete was a fixture in the Albuquerque aviation community and you may know his beautiful Comanche which chapter member Bill Donald owned and flew, hangered next door to the Reimer Aircraft Factory until a couple years ago.

Joyce Woods invited attendees to sign up to volunteer at this year's races, if manageable with commitments to our big event, LOEFI which is the following weekend. Members of the New Mexico Pilots Association have taken lead roles with recruiting volunteers for staffing People Movers and handling race aircraft ("Wing Walking"). You can still sign up but let Joyce know ASAP if/when/where you want to volunteer. Email Joyce: niner3echo@flylonecone.com



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 2026.

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 EAA 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>

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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, September 19, 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 holds this gate open from 9:15—9:45.**

OR Join Remotely via ZOOM: Register in advance for Zoom access info: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/G_I27Re9QA0tya77404V1g
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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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 Raffles

Raffles for the F-14 "Topcat" Blue Angels Pedal Plane and Southwest flight certificates

Tickets for the Raffles are \$10 or six for \$50; you can purchase them



Pedal Plane RAFFLE

Blue Angels JET

\$10 each, Six for \$50



Win this Navy Blue Angels favorite

Built by EAA 179 members with unique 3D printed touches – a realistic instrument panel with a switch to activate afterburners! Military style control stick offers directional control. The plane moves forward, driven by pedals. Pilot can typically be up to age 7, depending on weight.



All proceeds support EAA 179 scholarships, youth programs, and other charitable causes.
Chapter 179 is a 501c3 organization

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Enter To Win!

2 Roundtrip Tickets

For domestic travel in the United States and its territories and possessions, including Puerto Rico.

Two Southwest Airline Trips - Raffle Tickets



RAFFLE TICKETS
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or
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LOEFI 2026 Planning In Full Swing

Art Woods



Land of Enchantment Fly-In Final preparations are coming together. It's less than 3 weeks until September 26th. Come on out and enjoy the event, with all that we have lined up for fun and education!! Free admission and free parking. Fly-in opens at 7 AM with the opening ceremony and presentation of the colors at 8 AM.

Pilot Experience – flight sims, build section with riveting and 3D printing, radio communication practice; oriented towards teens and adults.

Kids' Corner – up to 8 years old; make gliders, cutout and paint wings and more!

Exhibitors - Air One Systems is back as is the Commemorative Air Force and the Albuquerque aviation department. And many others such as flight schools, aviation associations and Civil Air Patrol!

FlyMart - your chance to find a special aviation something for you, your airplane or the house!

Pilot Hospitality – Whether you flew in or taxied across the ramp or even drove, register to enjoy special treatment and to be eligible to win great prizes (last year included a Garmin watch and AvFuel). Registered pilots can also enjoy the Pilot Oasis, offering light snacks and cold refreshments. And of course, please consider registering your airplane for judging. We have many categories plus People's Choice. A WINGS seminar will also be held at the Pilot Oasis, given by John Lorenz on [Flying the Gila: Back-Country Operations](#)

Raffles – Set of 2 found trip tickets on Southwest Airlines and a custom F-18 Pedal Plane (with afterburners!!) - exclusive sponsor: University Volkswagen Mazda. Tickets can be purchased online:

[LOEFI 2026 – Raffles | EAA 179 | Albuquerque, New Mexico](#)

WANT TO HELP?

We need help on Friday for set up and on Saturday to help run the event. To see where we still require volunteers and to sign up, follow this link: [Volunteer at Land Of Enchantment Fly-In](#). It takes you to Sign-up Genius, shows the volunteer roles and dates & times (and other volunteers), and enter your name where you would like to help.



Chapter Members
Please bring your aviation treasures on Friday before LOEFI to donate to the FlyMart.

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Vignettes from LOEFI 2025





Your Visit: the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEF 2026)

George Young, Team LOEFI 2026



Chapter 179 hosted the “First New Mexico State Fly-in” 34 years ago, September 1992 at Moriarty. As described then in the Newsletter, it was a “.. great success .. (attracting) .. around 100 airplanes and hundreds of carloads of people ..”. That’s a tough act to follow. But ...

For the past 15 years or so, Chapter 179 has hosted pilots and the public for the “Land of Enchantment Fly-In” - LOEFI 2026. The Chapter has offered a wide range of exhibits and activities, each year attracting 65 or more airplanes and as many as 2,000 visitors to Double Eagle II airport. LOEFI 2026 is set up to be another success. We will present the usual array of activities, plus some new exciting features. So – What is there to do?

FOR PILOT VISITORS, Fly in and Walk in

Your first stop – check in at the Pilot Welcome booth.

- If you’ve flown in or taxied in, register and opt in or out for aircraft judging. Other pilots, please fill in the guest log.
- For all pilots – Get your PILOT name tag, your pass for access to the Pilot Oasis. And fill out a drawing ticket for the LOEFI Pilot Door Prizes.
- Then enjoy touring the aircraft in the Aircraft Showplace and the exhibits and activities in the Exhibit Hall.
- Drop by the EAA 179 Booth to purchase raffle tickets for the F-15 “Topcat” Blue Angels Pedal Plane and Southwest airline certificates. See details on [Page 5](#).
- Visit the Pilot Oasis for coffee and snacks, commiserate with fellow pilots, and attend the Seminars. And in the afternoon, attend the Pilot Door Prize drawings (see details to the right).
- And if you come to camp, our host Chet Leach will greet you. We will be having pizza or a burger fry Friday late afternoon.



Preview of Pilot Door Prizes

A special collection of door prizes for pilots have been contributed by generous donors to make LOEFI a special event

Aircraft Spruce	2 - \$75.00 gift cards
AvFuel	2 - \$100.00 gift certificates for fuel through Bode Aviation
Bladesox	2- or 3- blade Prop cover set
David Clark	H-10 13.4 headset
EAA Chapter 179	4 - new Chapter 179 logo t-shirts
Garmin	Baseball hats and koozies
Havana House Cigar Shop	"Gauge" style humidor & accessory gifts
Isleta Resort and Casino	\$150.00 gift certificate for a one night stay, dining, or golf
Sporty's	I-Pad flight bag
Van's Aircraft	Baseball cap

Help Stock the LOEFI 2026 Fly Mart!

Do you have aviation treasures you no longer need? Flight training aids? Aviation books?

Bring them Friday, Sept 25 between 8am and 5pm to the LOEFI Exhibit Hall OR contact us and we can arrange to get them prior. All proceeds from sale of donated goods go towards EAA Chapter 179’s scholarships or other charitable purposes. We appreciate any donations of artwork, used instruments or other aircraft parts, nearly new T-shirts, and almost anything aviation or workshop related EXCEPT please don’t bring boxes of aviation magazines.



Your Visit: the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEF 2026) (continued)

George Young, Team LOEFI 2026

FOR PUBLIC VISITORS and pilots too

Welcome to the LOEFI 2026. This archway greets the public after parking their cars.



First stop – the Welcome Tent to get an introduction of What is in the Fly-In, and Where to find it. Make note also of the Activity Schedule for the day.

Continuing your visit

- Wander through the Aircraft Showcase where you will find a wide variety of airplanes – small and big, amateur and factory built, fixed wing, ultralights, gyrocopters, and helicopters. Take photos, ask questions of the pilots about the airplane and their experiences.
- Stop by the EAA 179 Chapter Booth for information about EAA and our Chapter. And .. **IMPORTANT** .. Purchase your tickets for the Raffles – the F-14 “Topcat” Blue Angels Pedal Plane and two certificates for domestic round trip trips provided by Southwest Airlines – see QR code for online purchase on page 10.
- Visit the Exhibit Hall to Browse through the many aviation organizations and vendors. Learn about aviation education, related careers, technology, and more. And get acquainted with nonprofit and other organizations that support aviation interests.



- Visit the Chapter’s Activity Centers, where visitors will see demonstrations and may try their hand at various activities that will provide insight into the world of aviation and flying.
- * **Pilot Experience:** A series of activities for participants to become acquainted with various topics related to becoming a pilot. After visiting these activity stations, participants will then be eligible to take a session on a flight simulator.

- * **Building:** Demonstrations and hands-on activities – try riveting, 3D printing, building a wing rib.



- * **Kids Corner** – junior pilots along with an accompanying adult will be able to participate in fun aviation-related activities.



- * Volunteers will be on hand to assist visitors to get the most from these experiences – private pilots, aircraft builders, ex-military pilots, aviation educators, certified flight instructors.

- EAA 179’s Fly Mart: buy used aviation treasures.
- Bands will be playing music from the Stage, interspersed with interviews with pilots and builders, and announcements about ongoing Fly-In activities.
- For food and refreshments, food trucks will be on the ramp throughout the event.



Check out [LOEFI on the Chapter 179 website](#). And in particular, get a sneak peek via [LOEFI 2026 Preview](#) slide show.



A Guided Tour: the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI 2026) (continued)

George Young, Team LOEFI 2026

Here's a "guided tour" of our Fly-In.

- The center of activities will be in the Aircraft Showcase area and the Exhibit Hall.
 - We've had 30+ aircraft in the Showcase for attendees to wander about, take photos, and ask questions about the planes and flying.
 - The Exhibit Hall will be filled with booths from aviation organizations and vendors. Plus a half dozen centers of activities put together by Chapter 179 members.
- The public will be greeted at the Welcome Tent as they enter between the hangars. A separate entrance is provided for handicapped people.
- Pilots, whether flying in or not, will be welcomed at the Pilot Welcome booth and get name tags and tickets for the LOEFI Pilot Door Prizes. Again this year we will host pilots who wish to camp overnight.
- The EAA 179 Booth will provide information about the Chapter, will sell tickets for the Pedal Plane and Airline Ticket Raffles, and will take in votes for the People's Choice airplane.
- AGAIN THIS YEAR—THE "Pilot Oasis Lounge" for pilots to visit and enjoy refreshments, and where the Seminars will be held.
- Fly-in aircraft not in the Showcase will be parked on the north ramp, off-limits to the public. Volunteers from CAP will be marshalling aircraft and monitoring the area.
- From the stage will be music throughout the day and interviews and commentary by our emcee.
- Food trucks will be on hand all day, offering a variety of victuals.



Enclosed are the "thank you" letters from the two outstanding young men we sent to Air Academy during Oshkosh 2026 – Levi Brenden and Harlow Hovey.

They both took the time and effort to track down Joyce and me at the EAA chapter leader oriented Blue Barn!!



Dear: EAA Chpt 179
Thank you for funding my air academy experience. I have had a great time learning. My favorite part was welding and Drives. We learned how wings ribs are structured and how carbon fiber is used.

We also got to go to adventure. Lots of planes.

Thank you



Levi Brenden



Dear, EAA Chapter 179,

Thank you so much for helping fund my trip to Air Academy! I am truly honored to have been chosen out of all the applicants. So far, I have learned to weld, make a wing rib, fabricate my very own clipboard from scratch, and have also explored the EAA museum and learned so much about the organization! I have made so many new friends so far, and it's all because of your help. Again, thank you so much for your help and for sending me out to EAA Air Academy! I have had so much fun so far, and I'm so excited to tell you more about it in-person!

-Harlow Hovey



Harlow Hovey



Building a Pedal Plane

Mark Sturm

Most of the readers of this newsletter are aware that a couple of us guys in the Chapter have been building a kid's tricycle pedal plane annually for the past several years. We donate our time and materials to construct a pedal plane to be raffled off at the Land of Enchantment Fly In every September. It's been a pretty good money maker for the chapter, and this will be our 4th or 5th year of doing this. Every year we build a different plane, and our building/modifying/painting skills seem to improve.

This year's project is definitely our best yet. It's a highly modified Navy F-14 "TOPCAT" (nee Navy "Tomcat") that "we" decided would look even better as a Navy F-18 adorned in the Blue Angels livery.

Actually, "we" is our own Doug Volker. For those who don't know, Doug worked for years at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation where he learned quite a lot about design and marketing. As it turns out, he put both of those skills to great use during the construction of this year's pedal plane.



Doug - Design: He made sketches, scale drawings, and/or 3D mockups of all proposed design changes to show the build team before any final decisions were made. After the CDR (Critical Design Review), the team unanimously agreed to all of Doug's suggestions, which included:

Blue Angel Design: *"It will look cooler, faster, sleeker, better than the original kit."*

Seat Design: *"We've got to have custom upholstery, not just the standard wooden bench seat, and it's got to match the colors/theme of the Blue Angels."*

Vertical Fins: *"Let's cut those off, move them inboard, and angle them outward to better resemble an F-18."*

Horizontal Stabilizers: *"We need to raise these higher on the fuselage and give them a little downward angle."*

Nose Cone: Modified to better match Blue Angels pictures – Doug had a friend turn a custom designed nose cone on a lathe.

Wing Missiles: Smaller, sleeker, more compact.

Footrests: *"The kids need an extra support for their feet while pedaling."*



Doug - Marketing: He initially wrote a letter to the Blue Angels front office requesting permission to use their badging and likeness and asked if they would consider sponsoring a chapter scholarship (they are not allowed to). Knowing that this could grow to become an expensive project, he started looking for donors to help defray costs. Totally on his own he sought out and secured contributions from the following individuals/organizations:

Bob Cockerham – University VW/Mazda –\$1,000

Entire airplane kit donation

NAPA –\$ 157

Custom Blue Angels paint donation

Steve Lowder - Fast Signs -\$ 210

Blue Angels emblems donation

Jake Schesslinger – House of Covers -\$???

Upholstery donation

Mike Paxson -\$???

3D printing enhancements donation:

Instrument panel with functional engine switch

F-18 replica stick grip

Exhaust nozzles with after burner lights

Doug's personal donations -\$???

Glue (Lots of it – we do call him the Glue Man),
primer, paint reducer, multiple colors of rattle cans,
drill bits, water, cinnamon rolls, tape, sandpaper,
hardware, dowl rods, and much, much more

We think we made a pretty cool airplane and expect it to get a lot of attention (and ticket sales) at LOEFI. While Joe Martinez and I did a lot of the building, it was Doug Volker who had the vision, attention to detail, and commitment to make this our best pedal plane ever. His efforts to secure multiple donations will definitely make this a very profitable endeavor for EAA179. Doug, on behalf of the entire chapter, thanks for all you did on this build. I can't wait to see what ideas and designs you have for our 2027 pedal plane!



Mark Sturm

Pedal Plane Lead

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My Journey to Becoming a Pilot

Stephan James

When I joined EAA in 2024, I knew I wanted to become a pilot, but earning my private pilot certificate still felt like a long way off. My journey began through the Double Eagle Aviation Academy at Double Eagle II Airport, where I was introduced to the people and experiences that made aviation feel less like a distant dream and more like something I could pursue.



In 2025 and 2026, I volunteered with the Academy while working toward my own goals as a student pilot. In 2024, directly after the DEAA camp, I soloed a glider with the Civil Air Patrol in Socorro, NM. EAA was there throughout the process, providing equipment that helped with my training and, in 2025, awarding me the Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship. That scholarship played a major role in helping me continue my flight training.



In June 2026, I reached one of the biggest milestones of my training: my first solo. Flying the airplane by myself for the first time was both exciting and humbling, and it made earning my license feel within reach.

After several more weeks of training and preparation, I took my private pilot checkride on August 9, 2026. When I completed the flight and earned my certificate, I was able to look back and see how far I had come since joining EAA two years earlier.

Stephan passed his checkride in Santa Fe with DPE Geoff Veneklasen



EAA has been an important part of that journey—not only through financial and equipment support, but through the people and opportunities that helped me become part of the aviation community. I am grateful to everyone who helped me along the way, and I am excited to see where the next part of my aviation journey takes me.

Joyce Woods, Stephan, Melanie Allen (one of Stephan's instructors), and Art Woods.



Some members of the Chapter gathered at an impromptu gathering with Stephan to celebrate his PPL before leaving on his foreign exchange assignment.

Art Woods, Michael Odell (chapter member and Stephan's CAP coach), Mark Sturm, Emilio Verastegui, Irina James (Stephan's mother), Jim Kessler, Dianna and Doug Volker, the Honoree Stephan James, and Joyce Woods.

Editor's Note: I've asked our Scholarship Winners to share their story: experiences, accomplishments, aspirations Stephan has sent in his story. Thank you, Stephan, on behalf of the Members of EAA 179.

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



Volunteers Needed
Roswell Air Races
September 16 - 20, 2026



ALL seven race classes!
Plus the USAF Thunderbirds on Fri/Sat/Sun!

Follow the Races on Facebook: [NCAR Official Site -Facebook](#)

For updates / announcements: [News | National Championship Air Races](#)

Join fellow EAA members and the New Mexico Pilots Association who is helping coordinate volunteers for these positions:

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

WE NEED YOU! And it will be FUN!

To volunteer with fellow aviators, contact one of us as follows.

- For **Wing Walking**, contact Chet Leach or Larry Shapnek
- For **Tram Drivers/Conductors** or **Handicap Shuttles** contact Joyce Woods

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, but even a half day helps.

Don't have a room? Artesia still had reasonable rooms. Otherwise, there's free Tent camping available with access to ENMU pool/showers. Dry camping RV spaces are available from the ticket purchase page. Inquire with Joyce per comp RV spaces for volunteering the full week.

Questions? More info? Still wanna sign up?

NMPA Contacts:

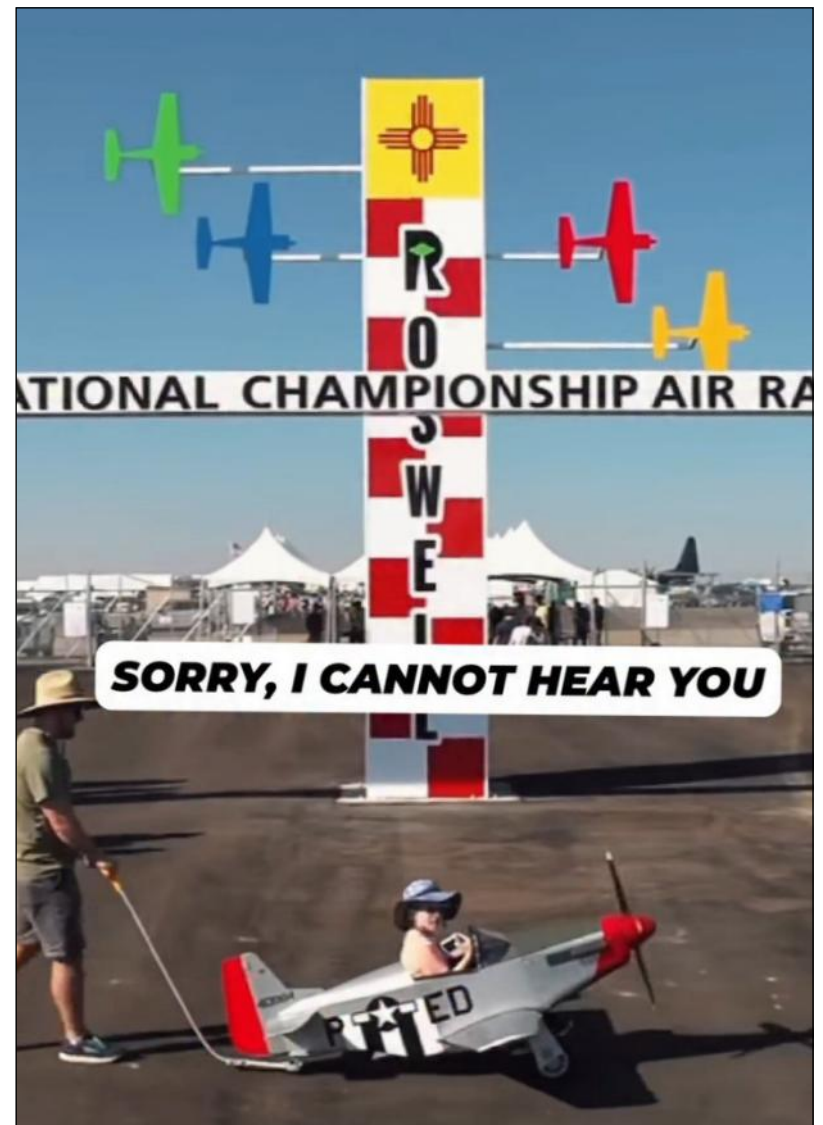
Chet Leach (chetleach@msn.com)

Joyce Woods (niner3echo@flylonecone.com)

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 Pedal Plane,
first shown at LOEFI 2023 ([photo here](#))





New Mexico's Jet Racing "Team Zia" - headed to Roswell

By Joyce Woods

Jet Racing, "The fastest Motorsport on the planet"

Team Zia Air Racing team, New Mexico's first and only Jet racing team is base at Albuquerque's Double Eagle II Airport. The team Led by Lt. Col Scott "Hurler" Weaver and pilot Carol Sugars will be flying two L-29 jets and looking to certify to race in the Roswell Championship Air Races September 16-20.

On August 28, they held an open house and press conference at Double Eagle Airport. Enjoy this intro video which served as an invite for that event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcrnQAvZD8c>

Scott told the story of how both he and Carol were inspired to represent New Mexico after volunteering at the Roswell Air Races in the inaugural year (2025). Both retired professional pilots, they caught the racing bug!

Now partners in L-29 ownership, they've formed a support team which exemplifies the talents in the NM aviation community. Scott announced a partnership with the nonprofit, [Folds of Honor](#), who supports families of fallen soldiers and emergency personnel with scholarships. Team Zia jets now display their logo.



Scott Weaver and Carol Sugars relate the formation of Team Zia

Resulting press coverage include this ABQ Journal article on the Aug 30 Sports cover page: [ABQ Journal+ Team Zia takes NM into Jet Racing](#) which offers insight into their backgrounds which led to this endeavor.

Their two L-29 aircraft were on display, plus another race plane Team Zia has supported since it raced last year (Race #55).

We invite you to follow New Mexico's **Team Zia** as they prepare to compete in the National Championship Air Races in Roswell: Race #6 and #13. The Pylon Racing School precedes race week, qualifying individual racers on the Roswell course. For more info about Jet Racing visit the race page: <https://airrace.org/2026-racers-jet/>

See Team Zia at LOEFI 2026!!!



Scott introduced Mike Rehberg, Team Zia Crew Chief



Gary Williams (left) is charged with sharing Team Zia's story



Pilot Carol Sugars fires up fellow racer's L-29, "Race 55", to the crowd's delight.

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 title "SAFE SKIES NEW MEXICO" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with a small airplane icon above it. Below the title, it says "2026 AVIATION SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES" and "Aviation Safety Education for Pilots, Owners & Maintainers". A banner indicates "FAA WINGS CREDIT AVAILABLE". The "2026 SEMINAR SCHEDULE" is listed in a central column:

- MARCH 28, 2026 | 0930-1200 Double Eagle (AEG)**
OWNER & OPERATOR MAINTENANCE
Tips for owner-performed maintenance & compliance
- JUNE 20, 2026 | 0930-1200 Farmington (FMN)**
MOSAIC PROGRAM FOR PILOTS & MAINTENANCE
Understanding the FAA's MOSAIC framework
- SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 | TIME TBD Roswell (ROW)**
FLY NEW MEXICO AND THE WILDS
Density altitude operations & remote area flying
- NOVEMBER 14, 2026 | 0930-1200 Deming (DMN)**
TECHNOLOGY RELIANCE
Automation & avionics in the modern cockpit

 To the right of the schedule, a box titled "WHO SHOULD ATTEND:" lists:

- ✓ Pilots & Aircraft Owners
- ✓ A&P & IA Technicians
- ✓ Aviation Enthusiasts
- ✓ Airport Sponsors
- ✓ 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



Federal Aviation
Administration

Pilot Workshops—[sign up here](#) to receive these via email

- Welcome to [The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (PDFs & videos) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
 - Recent Pilots Tip of the Week (**New in each issue**)
 - [How to Land in a Tree](#)
 - [Any Traffic Please Advise](#)
 - [The Essential Gear-Down Habit](#)
 - [What is "Squelch" and "VOX"?](#)
- Pilot Friendly Manuals
 - [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,

- Go to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire
- Apply for an account if necessary, then link your Rewards Card by entering the CAP Squadron's number: **TI167**

Then every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, .05% of your total order will go to CAP NM-083



In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

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EAA

- [August ChapterGram Newsletter](#)
- *** 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

- **NEW:** [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](#)



2026 Individual Chapter Donors

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Thank You For Your Support!
 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 2026 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



Thanks to Corporate Sponsors for their generous support!

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Confirmed to date. . .

Aircraft Spruce

Airway Heritage Museum—KGNT

Commemorative Air Force, Lobo Wing

Four Corners Cubs—Cubcrafters

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High Country Air Service

DBCWATERS

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Loaded Lemon - ABQ

Merlin Aviation, Moriarty

New Mexico Pilots Association

Ohana Zia

Pats Toolbox - Snap On Tools

Recreational Aviation Foundation



And more to come!



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/youngeagles
IMC Club:	www.eaa179.org/imc-club
DEAA:	www.eaa179.org/deaa
LOEFI:	www.loefi.org
Scholarships:	www.eaa179.org/scholarships
Newsletters:	www.eaa179.org/newsletters
Calendar:	www.eaa179.org/calendar
Membership:	www.eaa179.org/membership
Contacts:	www.eaa179.org/contacts
Public Facebook:	www.facebook.com/EAA179
Members Facebook:	www.facebook.com/groups/ www.eaa179.org

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, August 2026 Newsletter](#)
[EAA 691 August 2026 Newsletter](#)
[EAA 1570 August Newsletter](#)
[NMPA September 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 chap-ter@eaa179.org

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



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our

T Shirt BACK

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,
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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 \(KDNA\)](#)

BUSINESS CARDS & POSTERS IN THE RAF, “Reimer Aircraft Factory”

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.

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



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

Land of Enchantment Fly-In

September 26, 2026 7am-2pm
Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) - Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by
EAA Chapter 179



LOEFI.org



FREE ADMISSION & PARKING **Aircraft Displays** **Car Clubs**
Youth Activities **Live Music** **Food Trucks** **Aviation Exhibits**