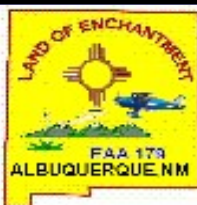




# Albuquerque, NM Chapter 179



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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Young Eagles – Nov 6

Chapter Board Meeting – Nov 9,

Chapter Meeting & Gathering – Nov 16, 1715 hrs

See details on page 5

IMC Club – Nov 20, 0930-1100 hrs, via ZOOM

See details on page 4

Chapter Fly-out to Las Cruces – Nov 21

See details on page 5

Holiday Gathering – Dec 14

See details page 4

November 2021

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Notes from our President  
Emilio Verastegui



Hello and Greetings to Everyone:

As we all know by now, the Chapter suffered a great loss with the passing of Susie and Randy Reimer on 12 October 2021. The sudden loss of these two Chapter members was a shock to all of us because we all know what gentle, caring, and generous

friends they were. Please say a prayer for them and for their family. We, as a Chapter, will miss them greatly!

Our 2021 “Land of Enchantment Fly-In” turned out to be a huge success by almost any standard that one might measure. Congratulate yourselves for a job well done! Many volunteers helped make this year’s LOEFI a Diamond event, and I was very happy to see so many smiling faces. Not only did Chapter 179 have it’s old “stalwarts” out managing different aspects of the event, but I saw many younger faces and some new members pulling their share of the load. That was very gratifying to me because, as we all know, EAA is a shared standard.

Again, Chapter 179 was able to give it’s members, the Aviation Community, and the-Public-at-large, an event that was not only news worthy, but fun to attend, fun to share with family and friends, and good for our community. Mark your calendars, next year’s LOEFI is scheduled for 24 September, 2022!

As of this writing, we have had two Young Eagle events since LOEFI, with the last one scheduled to fall on 6 November. It is my hope that the Chapter can continue to offer YE events regularly throughout each year. It is mostly through the YE program that young people and young adults get the chance of a lifetime - to fly with an experienced pilot and see what the excitement is all about! Outside of the YE program, I personally have taken several kids for their first ride in a small GA airplane. Each and every one of them has returned with a very broad smile on their face, so thankful for the opportunity to fly, and asking when the next one might be scheduled. I know the program works and the Chapter has had many successes. Please do your part, no matter how small or large, to help put that “aviation smile” on the faces of our young successors!

Speaking of the Young eagles Program, our current YE Chairman, Barry Kromer, a local pilot of some fame, (at least to our local control tower) and

his wife Carol, are moving away from the Land of Enchantment State this mid-November to the “Old Baked Bean State”, Massachusetts, home to Harvard and other prestigious centers of higher learning, “where everyone knows your name!” We offer our best wishes to them both and, of course, hope they have a great time when the snow flies, ‘cause you know it will! We will miss you guys....

Dan Fuka has kindly accepted to take the Chair for Barry next year. Please welcome him if you have not already.

November is this Chapter’s Election month, and you should have by now gotten a slate of candidates via email. We will be voting at the Social Gathering/Business Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of November, the 16th. If you did not see the email or did not receive one, I have been told there will be forms available on the 16th for you. Please review the slate and make your choices wisely. While it will be a “pot luck” type of dinner, the official part of the meeting will consist of the election of officers and some other minor business items that will be discussed. The newly-elected officers will take office in January of 2022.

December is traditionally a “Holiday” month for most people in these United States. Our Chapter is no different. As was mentioned in last month’s Newsletter, Clyde Adams and his family have graciously offered to host our party this year. Please look for more information in this newsletter about the location, food selections, and traditional social norms!

Please have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope to see everyone soon at our December party.

Sincerely,

Emilio Verastegui, President  
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## Notes from the Editor

George Young

Life is slowing down a bit now, with LOEFI and Young Eagles behind us for the year. But not slowing to a standstill:

Our Annual Meeting will be held Nov 16, voting for the 2022 board  
Bryan Fryar invites everyone for a Fly-out on Nov 21, to Las Cruces and breakfast with Chapter 555

The RV-12 Build project continues in the Bode Hangar

Our annual Holiday Gathering is coming up on Dec 14

And with continuing great flying weather, I hope there are plenty of holes being bored in New Mexico's great blue skies.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

George Young

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## Upcoming Chapter Fundraisers

Joyce Woods

Early this year, our Board of Directors began to define a strategy to acquire our own facility to establish a center for chapter projects and aviation education. Throughout the year, we've actively explored options and brainstormed what we want, need, and what we could financially manage. As a result, we opted to broaden our fundraising beyond scholarships to include supporting a future chapter facility. You'll note that the DONATE button on our website offers various options, including the Building Fund.

STAY TUNED! We'll launch a couple of online fundraisers before year end to specifically benefit our 179 Building Fund.

- **Facebook fundraiser** on GIVING TUESDAY, November 30
- **Online Auction** – Late November / early December

If you have items to donate for sale on the online auction, please contact Joyce Woods at [niner3echo@flylonecone.com](mailto:niner3echo@flylonecone.com)

## Regular Chapter Events

Mark your calendars!

**3rd Tuesday – Chapter Gathering**

**3rd Saturday – IMC Club**

**2nd Tuesday of Odd Months – Board Meeting**

## EAA Chapter 179 Membership

Art Woods, Membership Chair

### Time for Renewal - Chapter 179 membership, that is . . .

If you haven't already, it is time to submit 2022 chapter dues! We've made it easier than ever to join as a new member or renew your membership with online payment via credit card, debit card or PayPal. Just go to: <https://eaa179.org/membership/>

The conventional methods of payment are still accepted as well, including personal cheque, money order and cash. Fully tax deductible, dues are \$20 for an individual member and only \$30 for a family (spouse and children under 18). If your contact information has changed, please complete the renewal form. Make cheques payable to "EAA 179" and mail to EAA Chapter 179, P.O. Box 3583, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3583. You'll receive an e-mail confirmation.

I know many of you have always paid when we met in person. You'll have two more opportunities – November 16<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting held at the Double Eagle city building and in December at our holiday gathering.

Don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions about your membership status or if you need help with the website payment process.

Kind regards,  
Art Woods

Art Woods

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## QUICK LINKS

**EAA Chapter 179 Web Site:** [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org)

**Young Eagles:** [eaa179.org/YoungEagles](http://eaa179.org/YoungEagles)

**IMC Club:** [eaa179.org/imc-club](http://eaa179.org/imc-club)

**DEAA:** [eaa179.org/deaa](http://eaa179.org/deaa)

**LOEFI:** [LOEFI.org](http://LOEFI.org)

**Scholarships:** [eaa179.org/scholarships](http://eaa179.org/scholarships)

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**Calendar:** [eaa179.org/calendar](http://eaa179.org/calendar)

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## November Chapter 179 Gathering

Joyce Woods



**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

**5:15 PM Pot Luck**

**6:00 PM Annual Meeting (Board Elections)  
Program to follow**

Our speaker is CarolAnn Garratt, a 7000 hr Mooney pilot who has flown around the world 3 times, setting a world speed record in 2009. Besides publishing 4 books, CarolAnn flies Young Eagles, Angel Flight patients, and joined us for our 2021 Double Eagle Aviation Academy.

She earned her private pilot license in 1978 and instrument rating in 1980. In 1996, she completed her commercial license and bought a Mooney in 2000. After her mother suffered and died from ALS, she flew around the world in 2003 to raise awareness and donations for ALS. Not content to just fly, CarolAnn built her first plane between 2004 and 2006 and took up flying gliders in 2014.

The first two world flights (and subsequent books and presentations) raised over \$300,000 for ALS research. But, CarolAnn didn't see much during the second flight. So, in May 2011, she set out again, eastbound this time, to slowly circumnavigate the world and to see many of the countries that she had previously missed. After 11 months, she returned to the US and wrote a third book. To date, donations to ALS research are over \$510,000.

One of the most common remarks about CarolAnn's presentations: "I wish that I'd brought my wife and kids to this presentation. They would have loved it."

**Where: City Maintenance Facility at  
Double Eagle II Airport**

**Directions:** The City of Albuquerque maintenance facility at Double Eagle II Airport is next to the Control Tower. *At the last stop sign before turning left to the main airport parking lot, proceed straight through the gate towards the Control Tower. Look for EAA signs. Park in front of the city building.*

**Driving to Double Eagle II:** Take I-40 or Paseo del Norte west to Atrisco Vista Blvd and follow airport signs. (7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd)



## December 14 – Holiday Gathering

at a member's home

Thanks to **Clyde and Genet Adams**, we continue our tradition of a holiday party! Hope you can come! Plan to bring a guest!

**5:30PM Social time**

**6:15PM Potluck Dinner**

(turkey and ham provided)

Bring a side dish or dessert. Plates, utensils, etc. provided.

If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift costing \$15 or less. Each person who brings shall receive, but it is entirely optional. It's usually a lot of fun!

Their address:

**1009 14th St. SW; Rio Rancho,**  
off Southern Blvd SW



Emilio addressing 2019 Partygoers

## Chapter Fly Out - November 21 Las Cruces (KLRU)

**Sunday Nov 21** - Fly out for EAA Chapter 555's big breakfast.

**Triple Nickel Chapter's Breakfast served from 8 – 10AM** (bring cash). Target arrival by 0900 if possible. Sunrise: 6:48AM.

Taxi to the east end for aircraft parking on the ramp near covered aircraft parking. It's a short walk along the hangar taxiway to the big [EAA Chapter 555](#) hangar.

Everyone is invited to linger after the breakfast to socialize. RSVPs appreciated to Brandon Fryar if you plan to go: [bfryar@live.com](mailto:bfryar@live.com).

## IMC Club – November 20th

Barry Harper & John Dewitt, Discussion Leaders



### **Sharpen your Instrument Skills!**

The chapter IMC Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 0930-1130 at Double Eagle II Airport, still a hybrid session (in person and remote). Anyone is welcome to join!

**Participate in-person** in the Bode Aviation conference room, 2nd floor, next to the café.

**OR Join Remotely:** register in advance and Zoom access info will be emailed to you. [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lceGgrDoqE9ONunb8P125Wycdjun\\_O3Ve](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lceGgrDoqE9ONunb8P125Wycdjun_O3Ve)

IMC Club sessions provide an open discussion about actual instrument flying scenarios provided by EAA. Typically, it's a good review of essentials for IMC flight plus an opportunity to learn from and network with other instrument pilots. If you'd like to receive FAA Safety WINGS credit, register here: [https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=108600&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx](https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=108600&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx)

Joyce Woods  
IMC Club Coordinator, EAA 179  
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## October Chapter Gathering—Recap Joyce Woods



Eagle II Airport.

Our speaker in October was Steve Petty, Deputy Director of Aviation – Airside for the Sunport. Mylo Moraga, now Double Eagle II Airport Manager, reports up through him. Steve provided updates on security projects, development plans, and other information on happenings at Double



Steve attended our Land of Enchantment Fly In 2021 and was impressed. It is apparent that he appreciates the work of EAA Chapters from his extensive airport background, most recently at Louisville Airport and previously Cincinnati / N. Kentucky Intl Airport.

He mentioned Bode Aviation's proposed projects at Double Eagle II, including a new fuel farm and corporate hangar. He noted that he is familiar with poor ramp conditions around the T hangars and hopes to incorporate repairs with other projects currently under consideration.

He discussed a \$17 million security project that has stretched over several years. Recent gate changes were initiated years ago and only now being implemented which makes revisions difficult.

Steve indicated that Amazon would not be utilizing Double Eagle II but explained the news just announced about breaking ground on a new ramp at Sunport for four Boeing 767s. They expect several flights per day.

In general, Steve answered a lot of good questions and invited us to contact him for any follow up as needed.

## Introducing New Members

Please join me in extending a Welcome to Kenny Hinkes who has joined the Chapter recently. Here's information about him:

"I'm a real estate developer. My most recent community is the Carlisle Condominiums at the corner of Carlisle and Central Avenues. My focus over the last thirty years is urban revitalization. We developed the 110 Richmond Condominiums and the Juan Tabo Executive Offices, as well as the Glenwood Lofts. All of our properties are under our Center Street Realty LLC. We also have an active brokager of helping both buyers and sellers and investors with their real estate needs.

I began my aviation career in 1970 at Friendship Field in Baltimore Maryland where I earned my Private license. Then pursued a professional aviation career in Miami at Burnside-Ott Aviation Flight School where I earned my Instrument, Commercial, Multi, CFI and CFII. I moved to Albuquerque in 1978 and joined Cutter Flying Service as a 135 Pilot. There I met and flew with many of Albuquerque's politicians, among them Senator Dominici, and business owners George Brunicini and Ben Abruzzo, and many others.

In 1981 I decided to keep flying as a hobby and began my real estate career. Over the years I've owned many single and twin Beechcraft, single and twin Cessnas, as well as Super Cubs and Decathlons. I'm proud and very fortunate to have been an active aviator for over 52 years. I'm married with five children and two grandchildren. My son Jack, is leaning to fly in our Cessna 172, N3076E.



I'm a big EAA supporter and have attended Air Venture over a dozen times. Flying the Young Eagles is very special and I think I enjoy it even more than the Kids!"

Kenny Hinkes

## News Items

George Young

### Gila Backcountry Fly-In

Came across these recently in Barnstormers from the NMPA fly-in:



<https://eflyer.barnstormers.com/2021/709/featured-article/709-eFLYER-FA01.html>

<https://eflyer.barnstormers.com/2021/710/featured-article/710-eFLYER-FA02.html>

### CNM A&P Program Starts January 2022

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming an aircraft mechanic then send them our way! We are beginning a new cohort in January 2022. Have them contact me or David Ortiz [dortiz115@cnm.edu](mailto:dortiz115@cnm.edu) if they'd like a tour of our facility at 4700 Alameda Blvd. Contact me for a 'welcome to the AVMT program' summary which provides a program overview and what students can expect on their first day.

Here are a couple of videos about our program, please pass along:

Zachary Flores from 10 Tanker:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rYNP0auLb4>

Stephanie on KOB news:

<https://www.kob.com/new-mexico-jobs/skilled-4-work-aviation-jobs-are-in-high-demand-in-new-mexico/6195048/>

Hope you all are well, it was good seeing some of you at the Double Eagle Fly-In.

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From the Young Eagles Nest  
Barry Kromer, Young Eagles Coordinator



As Fred Sanford used to say: “Edith, this could be the big one!”. Well, maybe not the big one, but the last one.....the last Young Eagles Nest for me. Dan Fuka is taking over after November 2021 when Carol & I leave.

We had 2 Young Eagles events in October, with 29 and 28 kids flow respectively, and the last one of the year was November 6. Our November 6<sup>th</sup> event was the largest turnout for the year, at 39 kids. We had 37% first timers, 33% were 2 time fliers and 37% have flown with us 3, 4, 5 or more times. 52% were male, 48% female. 60% were referred by a friend, and 22 found out about the flights from the chapter website, so word of mouth really works. The day and weather were great for flying and all the kids and parents certainly enjoyed the day. I did see a lot of smiling pilots and volunteers as well.

I am hoping that all the new and old pilot and ground volunteers give Dan all the cooperation and help you can, to keep Chapter 179’s Young Eagle program flying along. Thank you all for the help you have given me for the past couple of years.

Barry Kromer  
Young Eagles Coordinator  
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Volunteers Luke, Dan, & Chris taking care of registration procedures and connecting Young Eagles with their pilots (Barry).



Phil & Manuela providing information about EAA and about activities of Chapter 179.



Photos from October Events



Pilots introducing Young Eagles (and their parents) to the airplane and to the flight which the Young Eagle is about to take.



Then its time to introduce the Young Eagle to the cockpit and to get them settled, ready to go flying.



Photos from Larry Bell



Photos from October Events



And after the flight ... Big Smiles.



Each Young Eagle receives a Certificate and an entry in their Young Eagles Logbook.

## Scholarships

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends. Wasn't October just a great month weather-wise for flying? I hope you were able to get out and enjoy some of the beautiful scenery we have out here in the desert southwest. My wife and I took a 4-day flight trip out to Utah "Color Country" and saw Snow Canyon State Park, Zion and Bryce National Park, Monument Valley, Lake Powell, Grand Staircase-Escalante and Canyon de Chelly National Monuments. Wow, all such wonderful places, and all within a day's flight ... even for our LSA members.

Oh yeah, this is supposed to be a column on scholarships isn't it. Well, we're preparing for our December application process for 2022 local and national scholarships. If you know of any young people eager to get their Private Pilot's License (PPL), direct them to our chapter website next month.

Our 2021 Ray scholarship nominee, Luke Vaughn, has officially been selected and approved by EAA national as Chapter

179's 2021 Ray scholar. Congratulations Luke! Since he has already soloed and has completed his FAA written exam, he will have up to \$6,000 of scholarship funds to complete his PPL. Piece of cake for this committed student pilot. Luke has embraced this wonderful opportunity and has already come out and volunteered to help with two separate Young Eagle events in October. Here he is (right) along with Jade Chavez, after a Young Eagles flight in my plane. We'll check in with him next month to see how he's progressing with his training.



Mark Sturm  
Scholarship Coordinator  
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## RV-12 Build Project

Lee Otto and the Build Team



Mark Dyslin riveting the fiberglass caps on the rudder, vertical stabilizer and horizontal stabilator.



Work continues apace on our RV-12. There is much detail work to be completed while we wait for arrival of the motor mount (we have the prop and motor itself on hand now).



Our RV-12 on display and LOEFI.



Lee Otto fitting, sanding, and filling the fiberglass windscreen fairing.



Have you visited the Build Team lately? They very much welcome visitors, whether to see the progress or even kibitz (welcome suggestions preferred). From each visit I learn something about building and about the airplane. Someone is there most weekday afternoons. (the Editor)

## Grants (KGNT) Fly-out

Nov 7, 2021



Smooth air and good ol' EAA camaraderie made for a fun Sunday fly-out!! Thanks go to Brandon and Purvi Fryar for organizing this fun morning!!

On arrival at KGNT, we were advised to go to the Kiva for breakfast. After finding the WOW Diner to be closed, we headed to the Kiva which was terrific!

Not only do they have plenty of big tables, Barry Kromer got his FAV chicken fried steak and eggs! Others enjoyed breakfast burritos, enchiladas, chorizo and eggs, and classic huevos! Great service and great food—highly recommended!



Proof that aviators share a special bond— Kyle and Emilio show off matching shoes!



Barry, Art and Joyce, Emilio, Kyle and Jessica from Double Eagle II. Jim and Ilene joined from Pagosa Springs. Not pictured: Purvi who took the photo, and Brandon off securing ground transport.



Brandon and Purvi in their RV-12.

## LOEFI 2021 Grand Prize Raffle Winner Update

Manuela Thompson



The Cordova Family: Mom Rosa, Dad Eloy, Abigail, Conner & Tanner

The grand prize for EAA 179's raffle at LOEFI this year, was a flight in the Vietnam War era Bird Dog aircraft, so generously donated by owner & pilot John Lorenz of Chapter 1306. The flight took place Saturday October 16, 2021, at Sandia Air Park in Edgewood, and its safe to say, it will be a day always remembered by the Cordova family of Rio Rancho. John was quite amazed when the entourage arrived...3 cars and 11 family members. But he soon understood why when it was revealed that this was a special birthday present for Tanner Cordova, who was turning 8 that very day. After introductions and mingling, John then opened his hanger doors to reveal the L-19E Bird Dog plane... Tanner's jaw just dropped and his expression was well.....priceless!

Tanner had the ride of his life! What was also so special, is that John found out that Tanner's grandfather had served in the Vietnam War, and was all too familiar with Bird Dogs flying overhead back then. So John gave Grandpa Gus a ride as well. John Lorenz, you are the best!

The Cordova family sure was glad their Air Force friend told them about coming to LOEFI this year (that Air Force friend was none other than our own Kyle Reinhardt!). They loved all the activities, airplanes on display, info booths and learned about SAMS Academy. They especially loved watching the Civil Air Patrol marshal all the planes in. The family has 3 kids, so decided to purchase 5 raffle tickets each, so 15 tickets. They agonized whether to spread them between the various prize buckets, but ultimately chose to put them all in the Bird Dog bucket...wow did that pay off! Chapter 179 is happy we were able to make this experience for the Cordova family possible...mission accomplished!

MORE PHOTOS ON THE NEXT PAGE

## Sponsorships

Thank you for your support.

### Gold Sponsor

Ron and Debbie Harmon

### Silver Corporate Sponsor



### Bronze Corporate Sponsor



For information on Sponsoring EAA Chapter 179 activities and events, visit [eaa179.org/sponsor](http://eaa179.org/sponsor).

### Other NM Aviation Organizations

EAA 691, the Green Chile Chapter:

<http://www.eaa691.org>

EAA 1306, Edgewood:

<http://www.eaa1306.org>

EAA 251, Alamogordo:

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea251>

EAA 1570, Santa Teresa:

<https://www.facebook.com/EASantaTeresa>

EAA 555, Las Cruces:

<https://www.facebook.com/EAA.Chapter.555>

New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA):

<https://www.nmpilots.org>

LOEFI 2021 Grand Prize Raffle Winner Update (continued)  
Manuela Thompson



Everyone getting to know each other...  
smiles all around!



Tanner kickin' the tires



"The Entourage" : Grandpa Gus (Vietnam Vet), Grandpa Vincent, Uncle Clarence, Aunt Irene, Grandma Fanny, Dad Eloy, Cousin Jessica, Mom Rosa, Connor, and Abigail. Tanner in the plane with John Lorenz.



Take off!



John, you comin'?



Copy that!

## Remembering Susie and Randy Reimer

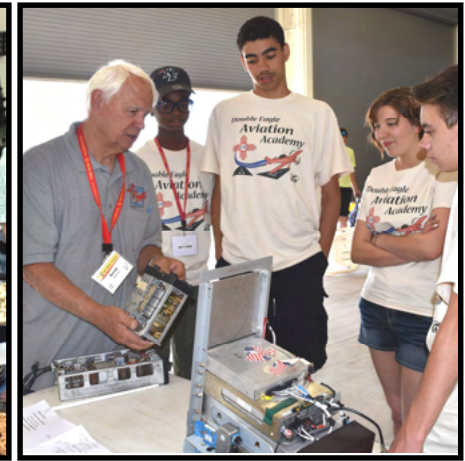
The outpouring of shared memories amongst Randy and Susie's aviation friends is a wonderful tribute to the friendly, generous, dedicated, capable, and hardworking people they were.

At our October gathering, the repeated theme of Randy's willingness to drop whatever he was doing to help anyone - sharing his tools, expertise, and time. We could have gone on for hours with how a simple question or borrowing a tool led to Randy's help on a project, usually at the airport but also at member's homes. And even a roofing project!

Susie's thoughtfulness and entrepreneurial spirit added class to our events with her crafty donations for fundraising, special cakes and other treats and other ideas that only she would think up. After the first DEAA, she decided we needed a culinary lead, saying she'd "take care of what goes in their mouth so we could focus on what goes in their head!" She made things happen (often enlisting Randy's help).

No matter how much work was to be done, Randy was there with his big smile, taking a moment to connect with other volunteers. Susie was great at engaging new volunteers and welcoming pilot's spouses.

We cherish Randy and Susie's friendships and so many fun memories, as well as the huge impact on who we are today as a chapter.



## Susie and Randy Reimer Memorial Gifts

No surprise, we've received incredible support from family and friends in honor of Randy and Susie Reimer.

We greatly appreciate that their kids recognize how integral they both were to our EAA Chapter and thus directed friends to donate to EAA Chapter 179 "in lieu of flowers".

These gifts will enable us to continue what they inspired, sharing their passion for aviation with youth and the public.

### Thank you Donors!!!

Albuquerque Rio Grand Lions Club  
Juliette of Enchanted Sugar  
Cecilia Allison  
Lynn Baker  
Lisa Casey  
Jennifer Daugherty  
Dave Ebsen  
Larry & Joann Eckstrom  
Lace Etzel  
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