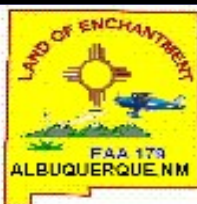




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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Young Eagles – Oct 16, Oct 23, and Nov 6

Please make note, Oct and Nov Events are close together.

See **Special Note** on Page 6

IMC Club – Oct 16, 0930-1100 hrs, via ZOOM

See details on page 4

Chapter Gathering – Oct 19, 1715 hrs **Tuesday at KAEG**

See details on page 4

Holiday Gathering – Dec 14 – Stay Tuned for Details in Future Newsletter

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Notes from our President
Emilio Verastegui



Ladies and Gentlemen of Chapter 179,

Please let me be the first to congratulate you all for an outstanding LOEFI 2021! It finally all came together perfectly, at the last minute, as it always seems to do, and with the weather cooperating, the day proceeded smoothly, with no drama and no hiccups throughout most of the day.

It was a beautiful thing to see! I am grateful that we had the volunteers and the ability to make this a wonderful experience for everyone that came to see it. I had many positive comments from the public and many participants about how smoothly everything seemed to be going. While I was wary and occasionally apprehensive that something might take a “Murphy” turn, I felt more at ease than I expected to feel and was pleasantly surprised. After a year without LOEFI, or without much of anything else because of COVID, I believe everyone was ready to make this LOEFI a grand success - and I believe it was!

While we had sufficient volunteers in some areas and had little to none in other areas, we compensated and improvised. Many Chapter members came on site asking “where can I volunteer, what can I do?” I had many suggestions for them and they proceeded to do what needed to be done.

To those of you who took the bull by the horns, with your respective assignment, I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart, because I firmly believe that our event would not have happened, and would not have been the success it was, if you had not put so much effort into your task and continued to push for excellence. I know some of you may have felt that I might be pushing you too hard at times or asking too much from you, but I knew that an event of this magnitude takes a monumental effort and persistent attention from many people.

I THANK YOU ALL!

I have to say a word about the Civil Air Patrol Cadets that were onsite to help our event go smoothly. While they may not have played a huge part

in getting LOEFI off to a great success, they did become the “oil that made some things operate smoothly”. Their help, along with that of their commander’s attention to detail, played a significant part in making LOEFI work as advertised. I specifically want to say “thank you” to Capt Bryan S. Neal, NM012/CC, and to Capt Daniel L McGregor, CAP NM012/FM. To them and to all the Cadets, I want to say a BIG thank you!

Please remember that we have 3 Young Eagle Events on our calendar for the rest of the year. October 16th, October 23rd, and November 9th. Please spread the word to the young people out there that might be interested in this great program, and to their parents too!

The nominating committee is hard at work, diligently screening possible candidates for next year’s officers and Board Members. There will be a vote in November, so be ready to review the committees slate and make your choices wisely!

And as for the Chapter’s Christmas/Holiday party, Chapter member Clyde Adams has graciously offered his house as a site for said celebration. In the past, as many of you may recall, Russ and Margaret Prina, offered their house as a site for our annual celebration. Later, Chapter member Dan and Janice Horschel offered their house for our annual Winter Celebration. This year, we look forward to a new venue and are grateful for Clyde and Genet’s invitation.

To everyone reading this, please know that Chapter 179 is very grateful to all those, both in the Chapter and those not in the Chapter, that made the Land of Enchantment Fly-In of 2021 such a grand success. I thank you all!

Sincerely,
Emilio Verastegui, President
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Notes from the Editor
George Young

Another LOEFI is in the books. The attendance of flyin aircraft, the interest of exhibitors, and the number of public visitors is evidence that this event is popular. Despite the 1 year hiatus courtesy COVID, LOEFI 2021 should be judged a great success. Kudos, and thanks, to the many members who put in weeks, days, and hours of their time to make it happen. To mention a few:

- Gwen Walcott for planning the arrangement of airplanes on the ramp, and then getting them in place.
- Chris McIntyre and Dan Fuka for manning the Welcome Booth, introducing visitors to the Fly-In, answering questions, and making them feel welcome.
- Kyle Reinhardt who expanded our outreach via our online presence with updates to our web page and introducing the public via Facebook and Instagram. And for attracting 5 food trucks to provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
- Jessica Reinhardt organized and conducted the Youth Aviators Center, given COVID restrictions and with help from Lori Myers and Angie Slingliff of the 99s.
- Chirs Grotbeck for arranging for the musical entertainment, and Chris & Jim Kessler for keeping the event moving from the announcers stand.
- Manuela & Phil Thompson and Susie & Randy Reimer for manning the Chapter booth, informing people about EAA and the Chapter, and offering knick-knacks and other memorabilia representing the Chapter and LOEFI.
- The Thompsons for organizing raffles to raise funds, to compensate for providing breakfast and lunch that have been the mainstays for funds in the past. And this includes Phil's donation of the beautiful print on aluminum of EAA's B-17 from it's visit here a few years ago.
- Susie Reimer for getting so many in-kind donations for the hourly raffles and donating things that she made for sale at the Chapter Booth.
- Joyce Woods whose tireless efforts rounded up the 31 exhibitors and aviation organizations that, along with the aircraft, are the heart of LOEFI. And for collaborating with the local WAI chapter to integrate their Girls in Aviation Day into LOEFI, which we hope will continue. And for the myriad of other facets of organizing this, our Chapter's premier event.
- Emilio Verastegui, who was the 'jack of all trades', taking care of paperwork with the city, arranging for participation by CAP and other organizations, inviting car club and military vehicle organizations, organizing the setup work for the food area, and more.

This list is far from complete – many more people contributed to LOEFI. In my 4 years of being involved, each year I am amazed how all the many pieces that go into such an event get accomplished by people who show up ready to do what's needed. Thanks to everyone.

George Young
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EAA Chapter 179 Membership
Art Woods, Membership Chair

Besides your chapter membership dues funding our ongoing activities, it also comes with voting privileges! Chapter 179 currently has 99 voting members. And with our upcoming elections of officers and directors, your vote is key to making our chapter be the best.

Voting Privileges: Chapter 179 voting is restricted to members that are current and in good standing with EAA, including current on their dues. Voting privileges shall be limited to Regular Chapter Members and Family Members (excluding children under the age of 18).

Regular Chapter Membership: A regular chapter member shall be any person who pays Chapter dues and is a member in good standing of EAA.

Family Chapter Membership: Family membership shall be any family, including parents and children living at home under the age of 18, who pay appropriate chapter dues and are Family Members of EAA.

In November I will be sending renewal notices to current members. And if you're not currently a member, follow the link <https://eaa179.org/membership/>. to join for 2022 or send a check (\$20 regular and \$30 for a family) to:

EAA Chapter 179
P.O. Box 3583
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If your contact information has changed, please send the updated information to me at membership@eaa179.org

Thanks for your support!

Art Woods
Membership Chair
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October Chapter Gathering
Joyce Woods



EAA 179 Monthly Gathering

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

5:15 PM Burger / Fajitas (LOEFI leftovers). Pepsi, plates & utensils also provided. Side dishes welcome!

6:00 PM Program: Steve Petty, Deputy Director of Aviation – Airside; City of Albuquerque

Steve Petty who has responsibilities for both Sunport and Double Eagle II Airport will join us for our October gathering. He'll provide updates and share understanding and his perspective on Double Eagle II Airport. Bring your questions!

Emilio and Joyce met Steve early this year in early preparations for LOEFI and to discuss use of the city facilities for our monthly gatherings. Besides finding a friendly manager willing to work with pilot groups, we learned of his considerable general aviation airport experience from time in Louisville and Cincinnati. Steve started his aviation career from an Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting and Public Safety background. Steve holds a BLA in Business Administration from Xavier University. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) with the American Association of Airport Executives. Join us as we take the opportunity to get better acquainted with an influential leader for KAEG.

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

The City of Albuquerque maintenance facility at Double Eagle II Airport is under the Control Tower. *Before you turn left to the main airport parking lot, proceed straight through the gate towards the Control Tower. Look for a DEAA sign straight ahead from the stop sign.*

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).

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IMC Club – October 16th
Barry Harper & John Dewitt, Discussion Leaders



The chapter IMC Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 0930-1130 at Double Eagle II Airport, now offering a hybrid session (in person and remote). Anyone is welcome to join! Join in person in the Bode Aviation conference room on the 2nd floor, next to the café. Or use this link to [register to join remotely via Zoom \(Oct 16\)](#). Zoom access info

will be emailed to you.

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: [IMC Club Oct 19, 2021 - Register for FAA WINGS Credit](#).

Joyce Woods
IMC Club Coordinator, EAA 179

December 14 Holiday Gathering—NOTE DATE!
Joyce Woods

Thanks to chapter member Clyde Adams, we have a place for our December gathering! We traditionally have a holiday party hosted by a member at their home. Be thinking of a gift to exchange (optional), typically \$15 or less. More details in our next newsletter.

Joyce Woods

Van's Factory Tour & RV12 Flight

Your Chapter's Tuesday potluck was fantastic. And it was topped off by Jim & Pam Kessler who talked about their Van's factory tour (and northwest National Parks odyssey). They took the RV6 chariot to the northwest with a stop at Van's on the way. Well laid plans change!! Pam was kind enough to scramble to accommodate Van's tour schedule change. Whoever shows up on tour day is your group, which in their case was a local high school class. Well, until Jim bailed on the tour for an RV12 flight. Not just in Van's demo but in a customer's brand new SLSA still getting its hours flown off before delivery. And of course who has time to take scenic pictures when you're flying a new airplane?

Anytime you are in the vicinity of an experimental/light sport airplane factory – go visit!! Van's, Ran's, Kitfox and Velocity. And Sonex is in a little Wisconsin town you may have heard of – Oshkosh?? Almost all factories have tours but you may have to be a slick talker to get a demonstration ride! Huh, Jim?



The planned route and schedule was supposed to be

Joining the Chapter in September, Nikita Jaiswal is a third year student at UNM. In her own words:

“I have always been fascinated flying, and enjoy the thrill of being in the air and seeing the beautiful views below (window seats are my favorite). Growing up, I wanted to be an aerospace engineer because I am fascinated that we have been able to achieve amazing feats in flight through marvelous engineering. I do not have any direct previous experience with aviation, and, up until recently, I had not been in a plane outside of commercial flights (Emilio recently generously took me and the experience only further cemented my desire to fly and help build). I am very thankful to have found the EAA 179 Chapter and to have been given such a warm welcome into the group. Everyone I have met have been very amiable and giving. And everyone has absolutely loved planes! I am looking forward to making new friends and experiencing/learning more aviation.”



Another new member in September, Garick Luechung:

“I proved my love for flying when I was about to go to college. My parents promised me a new car or flying lessons if I was awarded a full scholarship. I was not easy considering I was driving a 1986 Honda Prelude with no A/C in Florida, but I did end up choosing the flying lessons. I ended up with a commercial certificate with instrument rating in a couple of years in a Part 141 training program while going to school for aerospace engineering.

I hated engineering but somehow managed to finish the program. The airline industry was still hurting from 9/11 and I thought 10 years of military commitment was going to be too long, so I joined the Marine Corps and became a ground combat arms officer. It was on my last deployment to Afghanistan where I was conducting close air support with a reconnaissance team that I wondered if engineering was truly that bad. I left the Marine Corps after 8 years and went back to graduate school for aerospace engineering. After receiving my degree, I accepted a job with The Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo, CA. I started flying again and completed a Cirrus transition program in the busy Los Angeles airspace.

Recently, I accepted another role with The Aerospace Corporation that brought me and my family to Albuquerque at the end of July. I am still homeless but hoping that I will end soon. I plan on starting an aircraft build as soon as I have a place. I was inspired by all the active members and the youth engagement at the August meeting. I am glad to be a new chapter member and excited to help other members with their builds and community involvement.”

From the Young Eagles Nest
Barry Kromer, Young Eagles Coordinator



Chapter 179 had another successful Young Eagles event on September 11, 2021. We flew 32 kids, and a splendid time was had by all. The weather was not the typical September weather, rather it seemed like early August due to the high temperatures. This density altitude problem caused 3 of the kids to decide to wait until our next event on October 16. We have two more events on that one, October 23 and November 6. That will wrap up the group events for 2021. Individual Young Eagles flights are still encouraged.

As most of you know, Carol and I are moving back east to Cape Cod. We will be moving fairly soon, so we may not be here by Thanksgiving. That said, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Young Eagles program and I am sure all of you will continue to keep the kids flying. I have to really give a shout out to Todd Blue. When I eased into the coordinator's role, I had no idea of

the work that was required to run this program as smoothly as he ran it. Since the youngeaglesday.org online registration program rolled out, it made the organization and logistics quite simple. Todd didn't have that available, and he needs to be commended for manually doing all the work that now is computerized.

I have a Young Eagle experience from John Lorenz for this month's member experience:

"The certificate from EAA HQ says I have flown 100 Young Eagles; seems unlikely at one or sometimes two per hop, but maybe. The kids come with a variety of attitudes from overconfident to relatively timid, some don't want to touch the controls in flight, others can't get enough and would happily put the airplane into an unusual attitude if allowed to. I've had to firmly tell a couple of the latter that only one of us, *me*, can fly during takeoff and landing. But both types depart smiling. They always want their photos taken with the plane, and I try to get them to adopt an aviator's pose, with one foot up on a tire, maybe leaning over with an elbow on the raised knee; it makes a better story when they show the photo around to their friends.

Two remarks from my passengers stand out. One was a youngster who, on seeing the ranchland around his home from the air for the first time, said, in hushed and awed tones: "This is amazing..." Made my day.

The second line requires a bit of a build-up to set the context. I used to give Young Eagle rides in an Interstate Cadet that had no electrical system and that had to be hand propped to start. To keep the youngsters out of harm's way, I would strap them into the rear seat before starting up. I would then have a rated pilot to sit in the front seat to hold the brakes and operate the engine controls while I did the propping. That pilot would then get out and I would strap in for the flight. Once, as the other pilot stepped out, the youth in the back seat asked with trepidation: "Do I have to go by myself?"

Two happy Young Eagles a brother and sister two-fer, after a YE flight at Belen Regional. The Super Cruiser is certified as a three-seat airplane, with a "two-person" bench-style back seat. That seat has only one seat belt for both passengers, and they had better be relatively small. It helps to bring cushions for the shorter kids, otherwise they have to fly by instruments.



SPECIAL NOTE: *The Young Eagles events for the remainder of the year are scheduled on dates that are close together. Preparations for one date will overlap that of another. That is, eMail Invitations and Reminders for one date will interleave with those of another date. Look carefully at the date of each eMessage to insure that you respond for the date(s) you intend.*

Barry Kromer
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From the Young Eagles Nest (continued)
Barry Kromer, Young Eagles Coordinator

Photos from Young Eagles, September 11



A little young yet, but looking forward to flying as a YE soon! (John Lorenz)



Scholarships
Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends. I hope most of you were able to join us at LOEFI a couple weeks ago. It was certainly great to be back at a Fly In after missing our New Mexico show in 2020.

I was able to spend some time at the show talking with our 2021 Ray Scholar nominee, Luke Vaughn. As background, Luke is a Senior at Volcano Vista High School active in their Air Force JROTC program, an Eagle Scout, and very much interested in becoming a pilot.

He applied for one of our chapter scholarships back in January 2021, and while he had excellent qualifications and references, he was not chosen because he was selected for a summer Air Force Junior ROTC scholarship at the University of North Dakota (an excellent program and a major honor to be selected). This was to be a two-month emersion into general aviation and culminate with a Private Pilot's License (PPL)!

Unfortunately, the fires in the west this summer resulted in many IFR days that grounded the PPL program. Additionally, several of their flight instructors were offered flying jobs outside the university, so there was an instructor shortage. Because of these issues Luke returned to Albuquerque having completed his first solo and the written exam, but without his PPL.

Our chapter acknowledged his passion for becoming a pilot and has nominated Luke to be our 2021 Ray Scholar. If all proceeds well, we hope he will be back in the cockpit again very soon. He plans to complete his training with Bode at Double Eagle, so if you see him out preflighting some morning, stop by and say hi. Here he is trying on my Velocity for size at LOEFI. All the best Luke finishing your PPL..



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Next Young Eagles Events

Saturdays, Oct 16, Oct 23, & Nov 6

Youth ages 8-17 are invited to register and join us at Double Eagle II Airport for a flying experience with a volunteer pilot.

Signed parental permission required.

Register at <http://www.young eaglesday.org>

More information at <http://www.eaa179.org/YoungEagles>



Regular Chapter Events

3rd Tuesday – Chapter Gathering

3rd Saturday – IMC Club

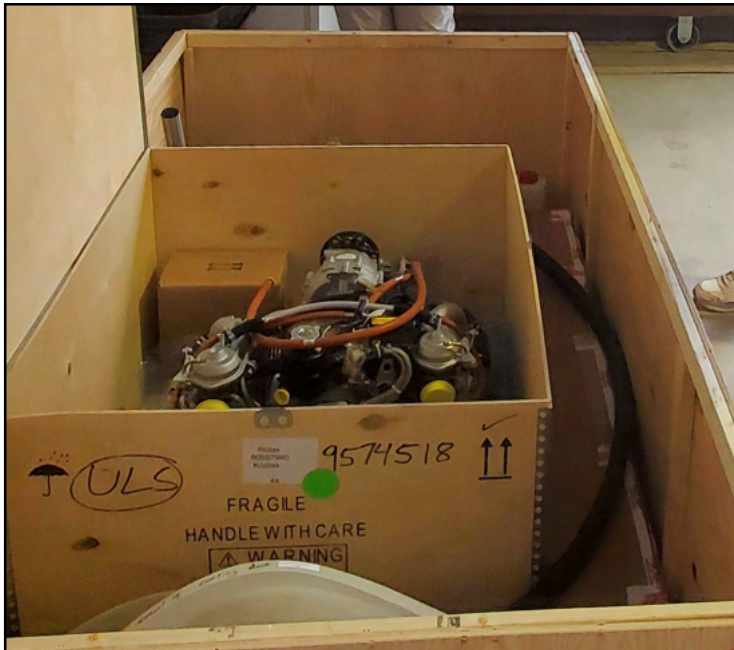
2nd Tuesday of Odd Months – Board Meeting

RV-12 Build Project
Lee Otto, Randy Reimer, and the Build Team

For LOEFI, the Chapter's RV-12 was dressed up to be shown to the public.



Meantime, the next major event has taken place – the Rotax ULS engine and propeller have been delivered.
In coming weeks, the build team will embark on installing it in the airplane.



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 plane will soon be transferred to the Chile Flying Club for installation of the engine, prop, avionics, etc.
If you are interested in joining the Chile Flying Club, please contact Art Woods. eMail: rv7@flylonecone.com



LOEFI 2021 – Introduction

George Young

WE DID IT!

LOEFI was a success!! Airplanes came. Campers came. Exhibitors came. (Food trucks, too). Custom VWs, military vehicles, and even some antique cars showed up unannounced. And ... the Public Came.



Here are some highlights:

- 1000 to 1500 estimated attendees—parking lot full by mid-morning!
- 56 aircraft registered (plus more that didn't register).
- 13 people camped with 5 aircraft and 3 drive in camper outfits, one from Alaska. Most camped both Friday and Saturday nights!
- Raffles were popular: 4 featured prizes plus hourly drawings
- 31 Exhibitors, 30 in-kind donations, plus our Chapter booths.
- Youth activities were busy throughout the day!
- Five food trucks – breakfast, lunch, and snacks, at least 1 sold out!
- Entertainment from 3 musical groups kept folks energized.
- At least 100 volunteers did their part ...

Read on for other articles on LOEFI 2021.



LOEFI 2021 – Chapter & Welcome Booths

Manuela and Phil Thompson

Did you see all the Activity at the Bright Blue Tents?

At this year's LOEFI, both the Welcome Booth and the Chapter Booth sported an upgraded look in an effort to make each a more approachable and valuable asset for providing guests with information about the show and what Chapter 179 is all about. In addition to its new look, the Chapter Booth also hosted a raffle and merchandise for sale.



Welcome Booth volunteers enthusiastically greeted guests with a smile when they entered the show, provided valuable event information and made sure to mention the raffle and merchandise at our Chapter booth. Our great event Emcee, Jim Kessler, did a fantastic job in broadcasting our hourly raffle winners and also making wonderful informational announcements at key times of the day, to call attention to the Chapter booth.

The raffle prizes were a flight in pilot John Lorenz's L-19 Bird Dog; a gorgeous monochrome photo printed on brushed aluminum of EAA's meticulously restored B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" taken by Phil Thompson when she came to Double Eagle II on tour in 2016; a matted and framed Chile Flight wall poster designed by Phil Thompson, printed by Albuquerque Wholesale, and signed by the Chile Flight pilots; a beautiful quilt hand-made by Bev Weeks done in an aviation and Americana theme; plus various items awarded hourly in a "pick your prize" drawing.



Items for sale included LOEFI commemorative leather bookmarks, hand-made by Phil Thompson, using a Pyrography technique (like wood burning but on leather); beaded bracelets with an adorable airplane charm, hand-made by Susie Reimer; eyeglass wipes with our EAA chapter logo printed on an ABQ sectional chart background; colorful little stuffed felt airplanes, handsewn by Susie, very popular with the little kiddos, and to our surprise, also purchased as dog & cat toys!



The raffle was fantastically popular and worked very well to attract people to the Chapter booth. The

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B-17 picture especially seemed to make a connection with people. Phil Thompson had a number of conversations with guests who had a family connection to B-17s or B-29s as either pilot or aircrew. We were so thrilled when the winner turned out to be a past DEAA student from 2017...she could hardly contain her excitement! All the activity seemed to make people unhesitatingly approach the booth, giving our volunteers the opportunity to talk to people about the Chapter and the aviation education and



scholarship programs it offers in a comfortable, conversational way.

After all of the planning effort in the run-up to LOEFI, it was gratifying to see both the Welcome Booth and the Chapter Booth be the hubs of activity that we hoped they would be. Special thanks go to Manuela Thompson for her vision and meticulous planning. A big thank you to those who made and donated the raffle and sale items. And a hearty thank you to ALL the booth volunteers who made it all work! Everyone's efforts helped make the show a huge success!

Phil and Manuela Thompson



The Aviation and Education Foundation (the Foundation) participated in the EAA Chapter 179 Fly-in at Double Eagle Airport in Albuquerque. The event was well attended, which meant a steady stream of interested families visited our booth throughout the day.



The Foundation's booth offered a number of hands-on activities such as: a ping pong ball demonstration of Bernoulli's principle; a wind tunnel disc experiment; an angle of attack lift demonstration; and a radio-controlled flight trainer. The booth also featured two jet engines on display and a rotational cutaway from a B-17 engine (Wright R-1820). The cutaway is an ongoing project meant to demonstrate the incredible engineering of the

era prior to jet engines. Not only is the cutaway a snapshot of history, but it is an incredible opportunity to experience rotational gears inside the engine firsthand.

The Foundation's founder and CEO, Bill Weber, built all of these exhibits with the help of other volunteers. The exhibits are meant to foster an interest in the science behind aviation. Bill feels that educating others is a collaborative experience and welcomes partnerships. The Foundation has many opportunities from novice to professional.

The Foundation provides on-going classes on Flight, Rocketry, Energy and RC Airplane Flying for K-12. We also have opportunities for those interested in projects such as the Wright R-1820 (B-17) cutaway. If you would like to host a class at your school or organization, please contact Bill Weber at antrtic@yahoo.com.

We welcome students, young and old, who are interested in learning about the amazing science behind aviation.

Thanks to EAA Chapter [179](#) for an awesome day at Double Eagle Airport! Visit AandEF.org to find out how you or your students might become involved in the world of flight.

[Non-profit Foundation | Aviation and Education Foundation](#)

Again this year, the Chapter conducted an Aircraft Judging, awarding a plaque and framed photo in each of 6 categories plus 3 special prizes.

Best Classic (prior to 1971) *
Luscombe 8e NC2408K – Ryan Carson



Best Warbird *
L-19 Bird Dog N329TH – Phil Phillips



Most Distant Flyin & Grand Champion *
RV-10 N783V – Randy Vanstory



Best Contemporary (since 1971)
King Air N531AW – CSI, Amanda Ewers



Best Plans Built *
Bearhawk N61XB – John Bickham



People's Choice (a tie) *
Glasair Sportsman N505KS – Ken Summers



Best LSA *
Sling 2 N296SL – Meg Lieberman



Best Kit Built *
Christen Eagle N14BQ – Bill Sommer



Cessna 172 N739HK – SAMS, Nathan Hardin



* Photos by Bill Donald



On Field Camping—A First!



Debut of
Mike Paxson's
custom P-51



Friday Cookout



Capt Vern & Capt Emilio





Girls in Aviation Day

Hosted by the local WAI Chapter

The local "Land of Enchantment Chapter of Women in Aviation International (WAI) hosted 60 girls in conjunction with the international event. The program included CSI's all female med-flight crew and other female aviation role models. Girls were given a passport to guide exploration throughout the grounds.

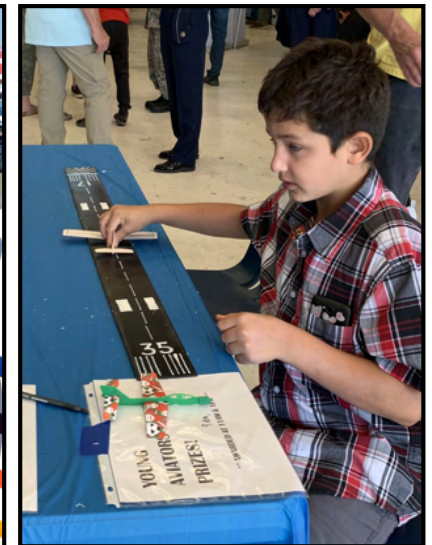


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Family Fun at LOEFI 2021

Photos by Larry Bell







Flying the ABQ Soaring Club's Glider Simulator



Exhibitors - in the Hall and on the Ramp

Photos by Bill Donald



Food Trucks – First Time And Custom Cars & Military Vehicles





LOEFI — Exhibitors, Sponsors & Donors Thank You!



Thanks to the efforts of many, notably Joyce and Susie, EAA 179 enjoyed the support and involvement of many local organizations. All proceeds benefit our chapter scholarship and other charitable purposes.

LOEFI 2021 EXHIBITORS

[Air One Systems – FAA Certified Avionics Shop](#)
[Airway Heritage Museum – Cibola Cty Hist Society](#)
[Albuquerque Soaring Club](#)
[Angel Flight South Central](#)
[Aviation and Education Foundation](#)
[Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office](#)
[Bode Aviation](#)
[Cavalcade of Wings – Albuquerque](#)
[Civil Air Patrol, New Mexico Wing](#)
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[State Farm Insurance – Greg Shamas](#)
[Tuskegee Airmen – Gen Lloyd W. Newton Chapter](#)
[US Southwest Soaring Museum – Moriarty](#)
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We have space in these Newsletters to augment stories exchanged at our Gatherings and to enjoy even more our shared passion for aviation and flying, especially for the less experienced pilots. Send me your stories.

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