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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Young Eagles – Sep 11, Oct 16, Oct 23, and Nov 6

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

See **Special Note** on Page 4

Chapter Board Meeting – Sep 14

IMC Club – Sep 18, 0930-1100 hrs, via ZOOM

See details on page 4

Chapter Gathering – Sep 21, 1715, hrs **Tuesday at KAEG**

See details on page 5

LOEFI Setup – Sep 24, 1200-Done hrs, All Hands

Celebrate with a cookout at the end of the day

Land of Enchantment Fly-In – September 25, 0700-1500 hrs

Volunteers for Setup – Start early, 0600 hrs

See details on page 8 and at www.loefi.org

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Notes from our President
Emilio Verastegui

Hello and Greetings to all of you!

Here we are in September of 2021, and if you are like me, you are wondering where the year went; it has gone by seemingly very fast. The Chapter officers, BOD, and others have been diligently putting our collective minds together, our shoulders to the plow, and doing our part to finalize plans for our upcoming Land of Enchantment Fly-In.

Many details have been finalized but there are still some nagging questions that have to be answered soon for our premier event of the year to a success. With your help (volunteers) LOEFI can be a huge success! I look forward to having as many hands as possible available for the “set-up” on Friday, the 24th, and for the event itself the next day, the 25th of September. I still have not heard from as many members as I think we should have by now, so, once again, I am asking for those members who have not yet volunteered to make their names known, as soon as possible. It helps with our planning if we know how many bodies we can count on that are willing to help.

Please do your part to help the Chapter and volunteer to take a job, no matter how small it is, no matter how impossible it may seem to you, or even if it is for only a short time, or only part of one day. The fact that you are willing to help is a significant step in the right direction!

If you were not aware, please put the following on your calendar for this month - there is a Young Eagles Event scheduled for the 11th. This is a Chapter event, not just an event for the kids and pilots flying these kids! However, I was informed that we have at least eight pilots, including me, that will be flying our YE kids on that Saturday. If you are a pilot and meet all the requirements imposed by EAA to be able to fly YE kids, please inform Barry Kromer, our current YE Chairman, as soon as possible so he can spread the load! Please look in the Newsletter for more events like this and mark your calendar. If you volunteer, even if you are not a flying pilot, you will have fun and the kids will have the time of their lives!

Last month, after our “Pot Luck” Social Gathering on the 17th, Warren Cox graciously opened his hangar so everyone in attendance could take stock of his Breezy aircraft and all the fine workmanship he has done to get it ready to fly. If you did not attend or get the chance to look at it, I urge you to go talk to Warren about his building experience and his

Breezy. I think you will be impressed! September’s Social Gathering is scheduled for the 21st. Please check this Newsletter for details or changes.

There is continued progress on the RV-12 build. The windscreen is in and the aircraft will soon be on all three gear legs! I think it is coming along beautifully and I heard there is a possible end date coming soon. Builders generally do not like to set dates for completions; they would rather set goals for accomplishments. I feel the same way, but this is coming along so nicely and easily, that I would not be surprised if the Chapter starts looking for another project to have in hand soon!

This Chapter prides itself with the many scholarships it gives to deserving young students that are aviation minded. Every normal year the Chapter gives out 4 or more scholarships, along with the Ray Scholarship. We will be soon looking for young adults who are willing to put in the work towards attaining their goals, no matter their aviation goals. If you know of someone that you think might meet our stringent standards, please forward their names to our Scholarship Committee.

As a reminder, we have Chapter Elections due by the end of the year. It is one of my duties to appoint a nominating committee by the 16th of this month. That committee is required by the By-Laws of the Chapter to report their slate to me by no later than 30 days prior to the Social Gathering on the 16th of November, which is the 17th of October, if my public math is correct! Here is your chance to make the Chapter better and let everyone know how much you love this Chapter by volunteering your services to the Chapter. Choose an officer position you wish to make your own and make it yours! Everyone can participate and we welcome all comers.

That is all I have for this month. Please remember to keep LOEFI in mind and help us make it an event to remember!

Sincerely,
Emilio Verastegui, President

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Notes from the Editor
George Young

These days, many of us are fully occupied with Chapter activities – LOEFI and Young Eagles in particular. But I'm thinking about what we're doing to fulfill the reasons we are involved in EAA – Flying, Caring for our airplanes, Building an airplane, or Promoting and supporting aviation

- Flying – 'Tho I don't have an airplane, nor am I even current now, I still get to go flying with a friend. He refers to me as his 'copilot', but I enjoy just being in the air (and sometimes being offered the stick as we fly home). We've been to Mystic Bluffs and to Magdalena for fly-ins, touring New Mexico from the air. I look forward to getting back in the left seat in coming months.
- Caring – I hear reports of Members taking care of their airplanes. 'Tho few will go so far as Bob Waters (overhauling his Comanche engine in his bedroom) there is washing, changing oil, preparing the airplane for an annual, updating avionics – these are manifestations of our feelings towards this passion.
- Building – multiple projects have been completed recently (Gwen's RV-12, Bob RS's Kitfox, Randy's GlaStar), projects that are under way (the Chapter's RV-12, Dan's RV-14, Warren's Breezy), and others that I don't presently know about. Now, these are commitments.
- Promoting and Supporting – The many volunteers: Jim K and 'staff' for DEAA; Barry, pilots, and ground crew for Young Eagles; the many 'hands on deck' for LOEFI; and simply sharing enthusiasm for aviation with family, friends, acquaintances, and ???.

In the Chapter we share stories about flying experiences. We exchange ideas about flying and airplanes. We improve our abilities as pilots and owners. Recently our Chapter Gatherings have convened at the airport – "where the action is". This enhances focus on aviation activities that are important for a successful EAA Chapter. Presentations and "Open Hangars" are means towards these ends. So is this Newsletter. With your help, I would like to include more articles about Flying, Caring, Building, and Promoting. Send me your ideas. Thanks.

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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

We appreciate your local chapter support!

We depend on chapter membership to fund annual ongoing activities.

Even though we're closing in on the end of the year, it is not too late to submit 2021 chapter dues! Just a \$5 payment makes you an active supporting member. For the pro-rated amount, you will have to bring it to a chapter activity, or you can mail a personal cheque payable to "EAA 179" to:

EAA Chapter 179
P.O. Box 3583
Albuquerque, NM 87190 - 3583

You'll receive an email confirmation.

If your contact information has changed, please download, complete, and submit the renewal form found at our website:

<https://eaa179.org/membership/>.

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Next Young Eagles Events

Saturdays, September 11 & October 16

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

QUICK LINKS

EAA Chapter 179 Web Site: www.eaa179.org
Young Eagles: eaa179.org/YoungEagles
IMC Club: eaa179.org/imc-club
DEAA: eaa179.org/deaa
LOEFI: LOEFI.org
Scholarships: eaa179.org/scholarships
Newsletters: eaa179.org/newsletters
Calendar: eaa179.org/calendar
Membership: eaa179.org/membership
Contacts: eaa179.org/contacts
Facebook: facebook.com/EAA179

From the Young Eagles Nest
Barry Kromer, Young Eagles Coordinator



As this is written, our September 11, 2021 Young Eagles event is moving forward. There are 7 pilots signed up to fly and 7 who are not flying kids that day. Currently there are 15 kids signed up and the registration hasn't been open for a 24 hours yet. I expect

more pilots and kids to be on the list before the 11th.

(Ed: As Barry anticipated, more folks signed up. As of 9/6, 8 pilots and 43 young folks have registered.)

We will be located at the main Bode FBO again and at the gazebo outside the office for the registration. The control tower has been notified of the event as well. If any of the logistics change, I'll notify everyone through the Youngeaglesday.org website.

I am attaching a story from Trevor Holloway, who is on the New York Yankees pitching squad. He is highly interested in flying and sent me this story a few months ago. Just to show how open minded I am, I put this in the newsletter, and I am a Boston Red Sox fan. (Ed: See the story later in this newsletter.)

Barry Kromer
Young Eagles Coordinator
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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.*

IMC Club – June 19th
Barry Harper & John Dewitt, IMC Club Coordinators



The chapter IMC Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 0930-1130. Join in the Bode Conference Room or via ZOOM.

The Club continues to be popular with good participation each month. These “workshops” include review of essentials for IMC flight and often include discussion of scenarios provided by EAA.

You can register for FAA Safety WINGS credit via the announcement which is sent out to previous attendees via email prior to the meeting date.

Join us in the Bode Aviation conference room on the 2nd floor, next to the café. For info on potential hybrid sessions (online and in person) please monitor our web site, <https://eaa179.org/imc-club/> or EAA179 on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/eaa179>).

Thanks to Barry Harper of Raton and John DeWitt for keeping our IMC Club afloat after Kent Berwick's departure.

Flying Club Update
Art Woods

The club continues to revise the bylaws to ensure that the members are comfortable with them and to comply with New Mexico non-profit regulations. We appreciate the help of our Chapter 179 treasurer, Ryan Carson, who also happens to be an attorney!!

Currently eight individuals are committed to funding the Club to enable completion of the RV12. Insurance coverage is for student pilots through ATP! We will have 2-3 instructors on the policy for doing check-outs and other training pertinent to LSA aircraft.

The estimated cost for a flying (polished aluminum) RV12 with a glass panel is \$85,000 so initial membership cost is between \$8,500 and \$10,000. Estimated monthly cost is \$100/month per member for hangar, insurance and maintenance. Usage cost is estimated to be \$45—55 per flight hour including fuel.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Art Woods at rv7@flylone.com.

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"Changing of the Guard"
Emilio Verastegui

Hello Everyone!

As you might remember, our Chapter has had a very successful IMC Club for quite a few months, despite the recent pandemic and COVID-19.

The success of the IMC Club was due in large part because of the efforts of Kent Berwick, one of our own members.



Regrettably, for us, he has decided to move away from New Mexico and, therefore, the man at the helm of the IMC Club will be gone soon.

We, as a Chapter, will miss his consistent, reliable, and calm disposition that helped to make the IMC Club such a hit with the many interested members.

Personally, I will miss him, his humor, and his insight regarding all things aviation that we at times discussed.

Being both retired airline pilots, we had a common bond that we both felt and understood. His easy going nature made him a natural for the IMC Club and he did a superb job of leading the Club by all accounts.

Best of luck to you Kent, wherever you next call home base!

There has been some discussion as to who might take over as the new IMC Club Chairman, but nothing has yet coalesced. The IMC Club will not shutter its doors yet because the Chapter feels this is a good thing to have available for its members. Those members who do participate in the IMC Club all want to better understand and broaden their knowledge base, take their flying experiences to newer and higher levels, and in general, just want to be better pilots.

The "Help Wanted" sign is out! I hope we get a IMC Club leader soon!

But in the mean time, let's all wish Kent safe travels as he embarks on this new phase of life.

We all will miss you Kent!

Fly safe, be safe!
Emilio Verastegui, President
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September Chapter Gathering
Joyce Woods



EAA 179 Monthly Gathering

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5:15 PM Potluck Dinner - bring it, we'll eat it!

6:00 PM Presentation: Van's Factory Tour and RV-12 Demo Flight - Jim Kessler

Member and DEAA Director, Jim Kessler, shares the experience he had visiting the VANS Aircraft Factory this past summer, including a flight in an RV-12. Join us for a potluck dinner and fun evening with aviation enthusiasts!

Special Note: *If you want to volunteer at our upcoming Land of Enchantment Fly In, but haven't committed for a specific role, this is a good opportunity to talk to LOEFI planning team members to identify something of interest. See you there!*

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).

Joyce Woods
Vice President, EAA 179



Kudos:

To Bob Waters, who recently completed the requirements and now is the proud holder of an A&P Rating.

Congratulations, Bob.

August Chapter Gathering—Recap

George Young

The Chapter met again at Double Eagle II, opening with a pot-luck meal hosted by Joyce and Art in their hangar. Good food, enjoyed by all.

As members were finishing their meal, Emilio presented the *EAA Chapter Major Achievement Award* to Vern Dudley. Emilio had accepted the award and plaque at Oshkosh on Vern's behalf. This award is in recognition of a Member's "personal commitment and contributions to EAA, chapters, and the recreational aviation community." See last month's Newsletter to read about Vern's many years of contributions to EAA and the aviation community. Congratulations, Vern.



We were also pleased to be joined by 4 new members: Garick Lue-Chung, Mark Dyslin, Nicole Leyba and family, and Nikita Jaiswal.

The meeting then adjourned for "Open Hanger", a visit down the hangar row to Warren Cox's hanger. Warren presented his Breezy and talked about aspects of the aircraft and the. In total, 28 people engaged with the presentation. They heard about the history of the original Breezy, its development and some associ-



ated stories and challenges the developers of the Breezy faced. Warren explained how he first flew a Breezy in Nevada, where a Breezy was the EAA Chapter 163 airplane. Warren also discussed unique challenges he faced with his Breezy build, including customization aspects, wing and strut analysis, the fabric covering system, aspects of weight and balance, and the overhaul of the engine. He also discussed important aspects of documentation for supporting the Special Airworthiness Certificate inspection.



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Greetings chapter members and friends. Can you believe it's September already!? Time for kids to go back to school. As it turns our most recent Ray Scholar, Jacob Edington, is headed off to school in Dallas, TX as a freshman at the university there. Unfortunately, his bicycle accident last December kept him out of the cockpit for several months, and he wasn't able to complete his PPL before leaving for school. We certainly understand how college will fill up your schedule, but hope he still has the "bug" to learn to fly and will pursue it again in the future.

I'm so pleased to pass along an update from Madison Thompson, our 2018 Jay Schmitt Memorial scholar. Madison has been so busy for the past several years. I hope you enjoy her update below and join us all in wishing her all the best in her latest adventures. **Mark**

MADISON THOMPSON: Hello again EAA Chapter179! I hold the exciting news that I have been looking forward to sharing with you all. I am done with school! In my last update, I shared that I would soon be taking my commercial checkride. Since then, I have successfully passed my commercial checkride, passed my multi-engine add-on, and graduated college! If 14-year-old me saw me now, she would be screaming. I cannot even express how excited I am to be finished. Throughout all my training the end always seemed so far away. Although I crossed the schooling finish line, I start a new race. The race to get my 1000 hours to qualify for my Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) Certificate. My training has put me just short of 250 hours, so I've got quite a way to go. Currently, I have chosen not to be an instructor because I don't really enjoy it but that could potentially change. Growing up in New Mexico is something I will forever remember but I have always wanted to live near the beach and living in Kansas for 2 years reinforced that. So, my new goal is to move myself to Florida in hopes of pursuing a banner towing, glider towing, or skydive jump pilot job. These are just a couple options I know I can pursue but if anyone would love to reach out with recommendations, please do! I want to say a huge thank you to all of EAA Chapter 179 because I would not be here without everyone's support! And to those currently pursuing aviation or thinking about it, keep pushing, because it is so worth it! I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Madison Thompson



Mark Sturm
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ing hands-on preparations for this, our major, and signature, event of the year.

One of those tasks has been accomplished: our LOEFI web site (<https://loefi.org>) has been updated with the latest (and current) information. On the site you will find general information for the public, activities and schedule, ramp layout, camping information, and also important: the list of the many sponsors and exhibitors that help make LOEFI a success.

There is still time to get involved.

These final days leading up to the Big Day are a prime time to spread the word, make people aware of our event, get them excited to come out.

- Share the LOEFI/Young Eagles business cards with friends, colleagues, even strangers, to raise awareness and get them to SAVE THE DATE. (You may also be able to leave a small stack in some businesses.)
- Put up a poster in your workplace and local business that you frequent. (More publicity is good publicity.)
- (You can pick up cards and posters at one of our upcoming gatherings, in the hangar where the RV12 project is under way, or contact us at via eMail at loefi@eaa179.org.)
- Plan to show your aircraft and be included in the Aircraft Judging.
- Do you know of a potential sponsor or exhibitor? Invite them to consider participation. For details, send eMail to loefi@eaa179.org.

Opportunities for participation: The Chapter has a history of conducting a really great fly-in. It happens because many members contribute to the effort (and often it includes their family and friends).

This will be the last Newsletter update for LOEFI. It's count-down time.

The final LOEFI Planning Meeting is scheduled via ZOOM at 1730 on September 11th. In the meantime, there are numerous other meetings of task groups doing final planning and ... getting down to the business of making

• **Volunteers needed!**

- The biggest change we've made this year is to bring food trucks for breakfast and lunch; we won't be cooking pancakes or burgers.
- We will need volunteers to staff the Public Welcome booth, Pilot Welcoming, EAA Chapter 179 booth, Youth Activities (STEM activities, aircraft building, youngster crafts), Exhibitor support, etc.
- Please contact Emilio to express whatever interest you have in joining the effort, in any capacity.
- **Fly-Mart:** Begin now collecting items to contribute to the Fly-Mart! Donated items are sold to benefit the Chapter. Plan to bring them Friday, Sept 24 or prior arrangements can be made. This is always a good source of funds for our Scholarships and other projects, ... and it's a good way to clean out one's hangar (or garage).
- **Youth Activities:** We will be calling a preparation meeting soon to finalize plans. We have some volunteers but need to pull a small team together to need a couple people to help organize this. Let us know if you are interested. In the past, we've made candy airplanes. Contact Jessica Reinhardt at jstanford23@gmail.com.

In case you missed these in the August Newsletter, here are some highlights that set this year's LOEFI apart from other years:

- **Camping is On.** As announced earlier, Fly-in pilots (and passengers) are invited to camp on the field Friday and Saturday nights. Check details at <https://eaa179.org/welcome-pilots/#camping>
 - The grassy area is green and growing, thanks to a super monsoon season this year. Located adjacent to the north tie down area, fly-in pilots can camp in the grass with their aircraft or on the ramp.
 - Thanks to Bode Aviation's generosity we will have access to the old APD hangar for a shower and restroom facility, and Mylo's City Crew will mow the grass.
 - Arnold Bronson and Ron Keller (NMPA) will be Camp Hosts.

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- **Friday night Cookout!** Some have said in past years that the best part of the event is the Friday night cookout, reserved for volunteers. This year, the cookout is expanded for fly-in campers as well. Plan to join us after setup Friday afternoon or if you're not based at AEG, plan to fly-in and camp!
- **Celebrating Women!** A new local chapter of Women in Aviation Intl is hosting "Girls in Aviation Day" with special activities for those registered. More information at: Girls in Aviation Day (<https://bit.ly/NM-GAID>) - Registration required. In addition, CSI Aviation is bringing an all female crew to participate.
- **Seminars:** : Great programs shaping up!
 - The New Mexico Pilots Association will present "Flying the New Mexico Backcountry".
 - Will Fox of Los Alamos Chapter 691 will present "Can Electric Aircraft Pull General Aviation Out Of The Nose Dive".
 - Chile Flight plans to share insight into key aspects of "Formation Flying".
- **Food Trucks**
 - New this year – six food trucks will be at LOEFI all day, serving breakfast, lunch, and goodies.
- **New This Year – Raffles**
 - Manuella and Phil Thompson have put together a great set of prizes to be raffled at LOEFI. Check details on our web site, <https://eaa179.org/loefi-2021-raffle/>

On the Day(s) of LOEFI: Come out on September 24th and 25th. Take it from me — LOEFI is great fun and a very rewarding experience.

There is much to do on Friday – work begins in earnest at 1200. And ... early Saturday morning (0600) to set up tents, tables & chairs, etc.

Let Emilio know that you will be available either or both – many hands make light work

Meantime, thanks now and in advance for your support in this great event.

For LOEFI Chairman Emilio Verastegui, George Young
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Everybody is an Emissary

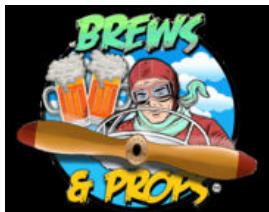
You can help spread the word, with business cards.
Stop by the RV12 Build hangar; you will find some in a desk drawer.
Or contact Emilio, Joyce, or me to get your supply.

Pass them out to friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc.
Even place them on some business counters.



Angel Flight & Girls in Aviation (LOEFI Exhibitors)
Joyce Woods

ANGEL FLIGHT SOUTH CENTRAL — LOEFI 2021 EXHIBITOR



When you think of “Brews and Props”, you think of some of the finest, most unusual art-work ever seen. Working with only the best artists each year, we gather up beautiful propellers and auction them. All proceeds go to Angel Flight SouthCentral.

In the past propellers have been auctioned at a November Brews and Props event. There were 33 props the first year (2018) and 50 the years thereafter. Last year the event was cancelled. In past years, we displayed completed propellers at EAA’s Land of Enchantment Fly-In to generate interest. Since there is no large event this November, we decided to sell propellers at the Fly In. We have around 15 propellers for sale this year, from artists, Sally Bartos, Carol Maestas, Natasha Rascon Sid LaJeunesse, JoAnn Garcia and more.

The Land of Enchantment Fly In is September 25 at Double Eagle II Airport, 7am – 3pm. Propellers are priced with a “buy it now price”, and an option to “make an offer” Anyone making an offer needs to provide a credit card number to charge the propeller in the event they win. Propellers that are not picked up will be delivered the following week. Propellers can be shipped for a fee. For more information call Patti Farley 505-604-9674 **Hope to see you there!**

During the 2021 Land of Enchantment Fly-In, the local chapter of Women in Aviation hosts “**Girls in Aviation Day**”, a fun filled day of aviation activities and education including women role model guest speakers and free stuff! Learn more at www.wainewmexico.com.



Registration is required for this free event from 10am – Noon for girls 8 – 17.

More info at www.wainewmexico.com/events/girls-in-aviation-day or **REGISTER HERE:** <https://bit.ly/GIADRegistration>

Monthly Gatherings — Ideas?
Joyce Woods

Thanks to wonderful volunteers, we have a terrific schedule of programs for the balance of 2021. If you have an idea for next year, we’re still interested!

Plans are set EXCEPT for December. Our December gathering has traditionally been a holiday party hosted by a member at their home. The chapter will pay for turkey/ham and the rest is potluck. Since we’ve started monthly potluck dinners at the airport, I’m wondering if we might consider a restaurant for our holiday party this year.

Thoughts? Any volunteers to organize our December gathering?

Joyce Woods
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Space Reserved for Your Story
Any Member

Everyone has a story or two (or more?) to share from their flying experience. Or you know of another member’s experience that deserves recognition. Such things as:

- Your recent accomplishments or achievement, or by a fellow Member.
- Your experience building your pride-and-joy airplane.
- Favorite or memorable flights that you’ve made: your first solo or cross country flight; or your first flight with a passenger, your first fling in the airplane that you build..
- Experiences from which others could learn: techniques you use for flight maneuvering; planning a cross country trip; navigating via pilotage, VOR, even IMC (us VFR pilots may find that useful as well).
- An experience getting lost or just confused on a cross country flight and finding your way to your destination; an accident avoided, or even an accident from which others could take away a lesson that you learned.



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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RV-12 Build Project

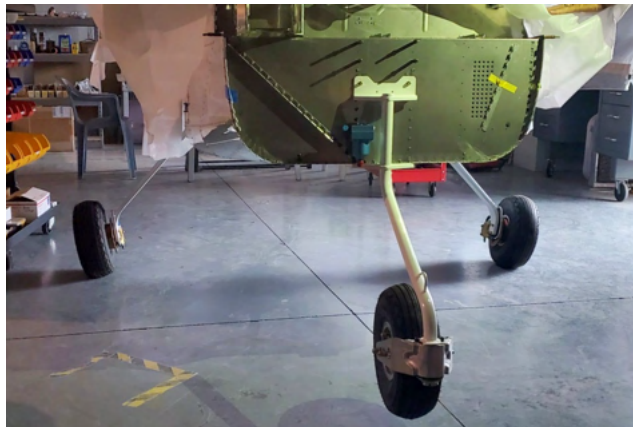
Lee Otto, Randy Reimer, and the Build Team



Have you been out to Double Eagle to visit the RV-12 Workshop? Lee, Randy, and others continue hard at work (most) days, and have made great progress. In the past few weeks, they have installed the canopy, installed the main landing gear, and most recently installed the nose gear (it finally arrived). And presently they are installing the nav/landing kit.

And ... the engine and propeller? They are at the factory, ready to go as soon as they can be transferred to Crating and Shipping.

As for the "...others.." who have joined the team: Mario Leyba (15 yo) and his parents Mario Sr and Nicole, Garick Lue-Chung, and Mark Dyslin – building and learning.



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.

Where One's Project Can Take Them

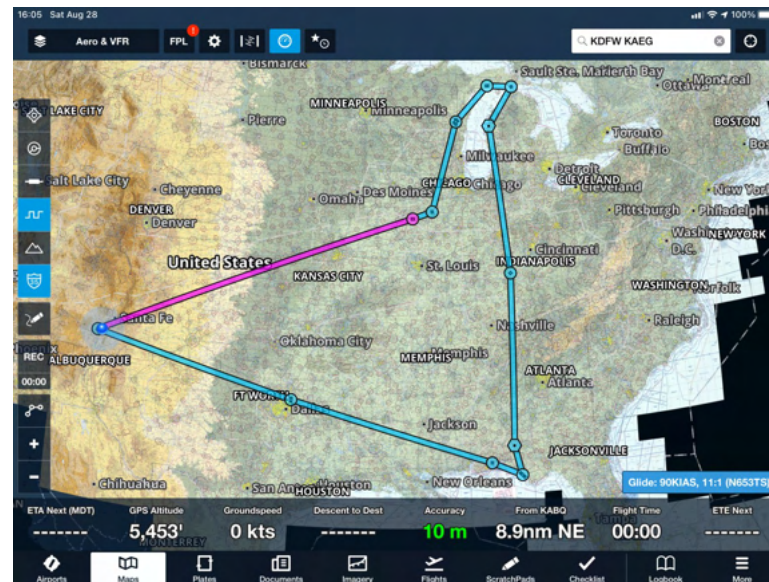
Mark Sturm

Greetings chapter members and friends. I don't have much new to report scholarship-wise this month since I got back late from a four week / 3,100 nm aviation adventure. So, instead I thought I might take some column space and share some of that trip with y'all.

I started planning this trip about 6 months ago. While the initial impetus was to attend my 50-year high school reunion (YIKES!) in central Illinois, my wife Patti and I had several other destinations in mind which included:

1. Visiting my alma mater (Western Illinois University) in Macomb, IL where I got my PPL
2. Visiting several family members in/around Peoria, IL
3. Meeting Patti's sisters (and husbands) in Michigan for a 5-day Lake Michigan boat trip
4. Spending a day in Louisville, KY where we were stationed in the Army back in the '80s
5. Visiting Ft. Rucker, AL, (the home of Army Aviation) where we spent 5 years during 2 assignments
6. Visiting our son and his family (2 grandkids) in Navarre, FL

Well, that's a pretty ambitious agenda, one that would be near impossible using commercial air carriers. But, this was the perfect trip for general aviation, and our Velocity was the perfect ride for this journey ... which looked like this...



The morning of departure we were awakened at 0500 to the sound of thunder & lightning, but it had passed AEG by the time I was done pre-flighting, and we were airborne by 0715 headed east into the rising sun. Since we both have about 3-hour bladders, we stopped in Lyons, KS for a comfort stop, gas, and lunch. Since it was over 100° in KS, we climbed to 9,500' to cool off for the flight into IL. Here's my ForeFlight navigator as we cross over the top to the Kansas City airport.

Visiting my old university for the first time in 45 years was somewhat disappointing. It seemed kinda worn and dumpy, much different than from the eyes of an excited 18-year-old in the '70s. I guess what they say about "you can't go back" is true. The high school reunion was great; but ya know ... there were an awful lot of old people there. Go figure. Lots of family visiting, then a 2.5-hour flight to Manistee, MI for our Lake Michigan boating adventure on my brother-in-law's 70-foot power yacht.

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What a boat! Total weight 100,000 lbs., 3 staterooms with baths, twin 1,000 hp diesels, burning 3 gallons/mile from the 1,650 gallon fuel tanks. Boy, if you think flying an airplane is expensive, this is a whole new level. As a plane builder, I appreciated all the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, avionics, etc. systems. Anyway, 5 days on this luxury yacht was amazing, and we went north, almost to Mackinac Island and then returned to Manistee to get back in the Velocity.

More weather, friends, and familiar places in Louisville and Ft. Rucker. But, the next leg was a flight that has always been on my bucket list; flying the Emerald Coast from Panama City to Pensacola FL. While it's a bit over 100 miles, you must coordinate with 5 separate military bases, 3 Class D airports, multiple restricted areas, all while avoiding military jets, other GA planes, banner towers, and parasails. Oh, but it was worth it; a gorgeous stretch of beaches.



We had planned to only spend 3-4 days with the grandkids, but our son came home from a TDY trip and was diagnosed with COVID. The same day his wife broke her foot and needed surgery. So, Patti & I logged quite a lot of grandparenting time with our 2 and 4-year-old grandkids. After ten days of healthy quarantine for our son and a successful surgery for our daughter-in-law, we were released for the return trip home; just ahead of Tropical Storm Fred.

This was an amazing trip. We flew over/through 17 states and logged almost 30 hours of flight time. This is the type of trip I always dreamed of while endlessly sanding the Velocity during the 19+ year build. I can't help but be grateful for the freedoms and opportunity to take such a journey. These feelings are especially strong right now, as I remember how 20 years ago our National Airspace System was completely shut down after the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. General Aviation was grounded quite a while and some wondered if we might not ever be able to experience the joy of flight again. We are certainly fortunate to live in such a wonderful country and have tremendous freedoms to pursue our passion for flight. I say, get out there and aviate. Take that flying adventure you've always dreamed of, you won't regret it.

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Paying it Forward Barry Kromer

I am submitting a story from Trevor Holloway, who is on the New York Yankees pitching squad. He is very interested in flying and sent me this story a few months ago. Just to show how open minded I am, I contributed this for the newsletter, and even though I am a Boston Red Sox fan.

"Aviation is made up of a bunch of people who understand what it means to give back. Its also made up of people with a little bit of crazy in them but that is what makes it fun. I am proud to be a part of this community and hope to continue to be like my mentors in aviation. The idea of giving back and paying it forward is easily found in pilots all over the country. In my experiences it has truly been about sharing the phenomenal experiences that are in the sky and off of the ground. In each stage of my pilot experience I have gotten to encounter instructors that let me work for my hours, pilots who give free rides, pilots giving me advice, and pilots who create a community that helps other people gain access to these incredible experiences in flight who might not otherwise get those experiences.

My grandpa shared his love for aviation with me for as long as I can remember. We would look at World War Two planes in videos and books for hours and hours. I will still look up in the sky any time I hear a plane just to see what it is and imagine myself in it. One year, I decided to put all of that excitement into my first flight. I used my 12th birthday money to buy my first hour of flight. I was instantly hooked and wanted to be around it as much as I possibly could. A great example of giving back was my instructor paid a 12 year old kid \$10 an hour to work at the airport. I went out there as much as I could. I even rode the bus from school straight to the local airport and cleaned planes and the hangar until my mom could pick me up. I worked for my hours and got to make great memories from it. I got to fly a cross country with a pilot training for his commercial license just because I was at the airport sweeping the hangar. My second instructor that helped me get three ratings once we moved to Florida only charged me for gas. It was the best deal ever... and I got introduced to aerobatics. The mechanics at that same airport allowed me to help them clean and in turn I got to be at the airport soaking in as much information as I could. All of these people have been great to me and helped me obtain the license and ratings that I have now.

My experiences have benefited my life in such an impactful way that I think it is so important to continue to pay it forward and help kids interested in flight to be able to pursue it and gain experiences of a life time. Young Eagles is a phenomenal program that helps bridge the gap to entry level kids. I am excited to be a part of it once I get back to New Mexico! Playing baseball has taken up my time to get into the air but being able to give back just as my mentors have given to me is an equally rewarding feeling.

I am currently a professional baseball player in the New York Yankees organization. I am a right handed pitcher. They don't let me hit anymore unfortunately (Although after seeing professional pitchers I'm not arguing anymore). I played high school baseball at Venice High School in Florida where we were nationally ranked. I have won a baseball state championship in high school and a national championship at Chipola college. I signed with the Yankees in June of 2020 out of UCF. Baseball has taken up a vast majority of my time to fly but I have been able to add three ratings to my private pilot license that includes high performance, complex and tail wheel. I live in Farmington New Mexico but am excited to have flight connections in Albuquerque! In this coming off season I hope to continue to build my aviation connections and friends while helping kids interest into aviation grow. Paying it forward.

Trevor Holloway

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From our local FSDO and FAAST

Good Moring Fellow Aviators and Neighbors.

We hope this mail finds you and your families in good health. It has been a long stretch since we met face and we look forward to doing so again soon. We have not forgotten you and in fact think of you often. As you know aviation safety and a safe flying environment for all aviators flying in our district is utmost on our minds always.

We are forwarding this CALLBACK from NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System and encourage each of you to take advantage of the many sources on aviation safety available to you at the touch of a key stroke in FAA.gov.

Additionally, as you know, We, your safety team are readily available to do specific presentations at any of your scheduled meetings or on demand. As most of you know we also have a group of volunteers, known as FAA Safety Team Representatives from an array of backgrounds, knowledgeable in many safety related subjects. These representatives are always ready to assist in distributing FAA Safety Team safety related materials, help you with general questions and refer you to the proper channels on clarification and specific issues.

Please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

I close with one request – Please always carry and follow your checklist and fly as if your life depends on it, because it does.

Best Regards,

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News Items

B-29 "Doc" is coming to Albuquerque

This month seems to be full of aviation related activities. The restored WW II B-29 "Superfortress" is scheduled to visit Albuquerque on September 17-19. At Cutter Aviation (the Sunport), gates will open for static ground and flight deck tours on the 17th, 1300 to 1700 hours and 18th & 19th, 1230 to 1600 – \$10 per person. And "passenger" flights are offered on the 18th and 19th, 0900 and 1100. Check the web site at <https://www.b29doc.com/event/albuquerque-nm-b-29-doc-history-restored-tour/>. There you will find a great story of the B-29's history, and Doc's history, too.

For Sale (etc)

Breezy RLU-1 for Sale

\$35,500. Just completed. Aircraft has its airworthiness certificate but needs flight test hours flown. Personal situation forces sale. 2 hrs TTSN. Lycoming O-235-C1, 108 hp, 2 hrs SMOH. New prop. Wag-Aero Sport Trainer wood wings (J-3 Cub replica). Oratex 6000 covering of wings and tail. Dual control setup. Nose cone allows longer flying season. Excellent documentation. Located in Albuquerque, NM. Warren Cox (505) 249-4454. Initial contact by email please. wbcoc@comcast.net.



Lost (and found) - Who's is it?

If you left this –very- nice cooler bag at our June or July, please contact us at chapter@eaa179.org to retrieve it.

We've transitioned well to potluck dinners at the airport but this is one casualty. If not claimed by September 24, it will be donated to the FlyMart at the Land of Enchantment Fly In, and available for sale to benefit the chapter.

