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## Chapter 179



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Newsletters are at: <http://eaa179.org/newsletters/>

The Web Site for the LOEFI is: <http://www.loefi.com>



## Breaking News!

### Rowan Phlieger Commercial Pilot

EAA 179's 2019 Ray Scholar  
At Embry Riddle - Prescott



## Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings

January 19, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Social Gathering Using ZOOM, look for an email with the link and time (6 PM) information - coming soon.

Young Eagles dates for 2021 will be May 8, September 11, October 16, October 23, and November 6. (Pending COVID-19 restrictions)

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

I have retracted my pollical statement from this news-  
letter at the request of our chapter leader.



I am resigning from the newsletter task effective im-  
mediately. I was not asked to resign but feel strongly  
about what I stated. Let history tell the story.

If the next newsletter editor wants my templates, I will gladly provided them. I  
wish everyone well.

I am not angry at anyone about this decision. I like everyone and think we have a  
great group of dedicated people. I will stay in the chapter but probably not be  
active.

Sincerely,

Harley Wadsworth

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(AND STUDENTS)**



**RV-12 Project**

**EAA Chapter 179, RV-12 build project:**

<http://eaa179.org/rv12project/>

### Other NM EAA Chapter Newsletters

EAA 691, the Green Chile Chapter: <http://eaa691.org>

EAA 555, Triple Nickel Chapter: <http://555.eaachapter.org/>

EAA Chapter 1306, Edgewood, NM:

<https://eaa1306.org/newsletter-archive/>

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information) [https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/eaa-  
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The [Lobo Wing of the CAF](#) The Lobo Wing  
is located at hangar 80 of the Moriarty, NM  
Municipal Airport.



[www.nmpilots.org](http://www.nmpilots.org)

## From the President, Emilio Verastegui

Hello and Welcome the January EAA Chapter #179 Newsletter and to the New Year 2021!

As Officers and BOD members, we are highly motivated to see that you, as members of this Chapter, receive the best experience possible as EAA Chapter members. While things have changed as to how we conduct our Gatherings and other activities, we anticipate the COVID situation will moderate throughout the year and soon the Chapter will be back to “normal” activities.

Recently, the outgoing Officers, BOD members, and committee Chairs met with their incoming replacements to discuss and hand over the reigns of the Chapter. Please join with me in thanking all the our outgoing Officers, BOD members, and Chairs who we know have done an outstanding job in keeping our Chapter moving in the right direction. Thank you and Congratulations to them all!

By the same token, the incoming and returning Officers, BOD members, and Chairs are all highly motivated to see that the Chapter flourishes again, so there was a lively discussion as to how to go about making it fun again for all our members, young and old. If you look closely at the banner of the newsletter you will see some name changes and other information about the new Officers, BOD members, and Chairs. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you want to discuss your ideas, or offer solutions to problems that you encounter, or point out corrections that you feel are needed, or if you just want to get to know any of us better. We all benefit from this exchange of ideas and opinions and all the Officers, BOD members, and Chairs welcome your input.

Thanks for participating and being a member of our great Chapter, EAA #179!

Sincerely, Emilio Verastegui, President 505-280-2421

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!

If you haven't already, it is time to submit 2021 chapter dues! We've made it easier than ever this year to join the chapter or renew your membership dues with online payment via credit card, debit card or PayPal. Just go to <http://www.eaa179.org/join-us>. The conventional methods for dues are still accepted, including mailing a personal cheque. We depend on chapter membership to fund annual ongoing activities. Fully tax deductible, dues are \$20 for an individual member, \$30 for a family. If your contact information has changed, please complete the renewal form. Make cheques payable to “EAA 179”. Mail to: EAA Chapter 179; P.O. Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190 - 3583. You'll receive an email confirmation.  
Scott Speirer, Membership Chair, Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179

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## Young Eagles November 2021

A reminder for 2021. If you want to fly any Young Eagles personally, and can do it within the guidelines existing on the date that you want to fly, then feel free to take a Young Eagle for a flight. Of course, you will have to have the parents permission, so they will have to consent to adhering to your safety guidelines as well. If you need any certificates, logbooks or permission slips, see me.

Additionally, please remember to check your Youth Protection Program certification and assure that it is up to date. You are not to fly kids if it is out of date, and I cannot update that for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Kromer

# Hello and Happy New Year!

Dear Friends, on behalf of all the Officers and Board members of EAA Chapter 179, I wish to extend to all of you the very best for the coming year. This past year, 2020, was the worst for all of us, and we look forward to 2021 because we all feel it will be our best yet!

The year 2020 was a very demanding year, both for the Chapter and for each and every one of you, including me.

I encourage you all to think positively, look forward to the coming year and our Chapter activities, and realize that 2021 will only be what we all make of it together. We all bear responsibility to grow our Chapter, invite positive thinkers to our group, and help each other become better Chapter members.

I, as President, look forward to working with each of you to make our shared experience as Chapter members a positive and exciting one for this year. We have a lot of catching up to do and there are many that are willing to help. I would like to see everyone expand their horizons and experience the true feeling of EAA fellowship.

Please feel free to contact me if there is a subject you wish to discuss with me or the other Officers and Board. We are always at your disposal and are happy to discuss any Chapter or aviation subject with you.

I sincerely wish each and everyone of you a Happy New Year!  
In the mean time, keep flying and keep building!

With warmest regards,  
Emilio Verastegui, President, EAA Chapter 179  
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*Breaking News!*

Rowan Phlieger  
Commercial  
Pilot

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**EAA 179's 2019 Ray Scholar  
At Embry Riddle - Prescott**



 Homebuilders Week

**LEARN. BUILD. FLY.**

[EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)



## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26

*An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft*

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft builders: ([www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and run until Saturday, January 30, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 1

p.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

The launch of EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 68th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

Hello Chapter 179 Members and Friends,

*If you or someone you know are serious about a future in aviation and age 25 or under, consider this! Please pass along!*



## Youth and Young Adult Aviation Scholarships - Accepting Applications!

The Albuquerque Chapter 179 of the Experimental Aircraft Association awards multiple scholarships annually to support aviation education. The maximum award per individual is \$1500 and may include flight training, Airplane and Powerplant mechanic certification, or other activities for applicants intent on entering an aviation-related occupation. Applicants must be 25 years of age or less, and residents of New Mexico. The amount and number of grants are determined each year and contingent on available funding.

**Applications accepted online through February 15, 2021.** *We encourage you to access the application site EARLY, to understand requirements and prepare to submit. You may need to set up a Google Account.* Contact me at the email below if any problems with the application process.

[Download 2021 Scholarship Flyer \(.pdf\)](#) for details and to apply online.  
Find more info on our website, [Chapter 179 Scholarships](#).

Looking forward to seeing another pool of candidates shaping the future of aviation!

Mark Sturm  
Scholarship Committee Chair  
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*The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) was founded in 1953 by a group of people interested in building their own airplanes. Today, EAA is a community of recreational pilots and builders dedicated to sharing our love of aviation. Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179 is a 501c3 tax exempt charitable organization.*

For an overview of all our chapter scholarship programs and past recipients see: [EAA179 Scholarship Program](#)

**Like what you see? Want to help?** Unable to host our normal events this year, our scholarship fund depends completely on donations. Thus, we appreciate any support.

**Donate now - online - click here!**



Or to donate by Mail, send a check to: EAA179 - Scholarship; PO Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190-3583



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## Youth and Young Adult Aviation Scholarships

If you are serious about a future in aviation and under the age of 25 please apply for an aviation scholarship by February 15, 2021.

### How to Apply

The application form will open on December 1, 2020. Submit your application at the following site; all entries will be via electronic forms via the QR Code or:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MjFeqmxjYKb4HtRimacyFiuKYkct1ScfB7sHFCI5j7s/edit>

The maximum award per individual for 2021 is \$1500.

If you have any difficulty with this application process

or the form itself, contact:

[scholarshipeaa179@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipeaa179@gmail.com)



### How Can These Scholarships Be Used?

The Albuquerque Chapter 179 of the Experimental Aircraft Association presents annual scholarship awards to candidates pursuing aviation education including flight training, A&P certification, etc. Applicants must be 25 years of age or less and residents of New Mexico. The amount and number of grants are determined each year and contingent on available funding. Applications must be received by February 15, 2021. Recipients are notified and awarded certificates at the March Chapter meeting. Scholarships must be focused on their aviation endeavors and are paid directly to the school or instructor on behalf of the student recipient.

Examples of how these funds can be used are:

- Working toward certification, including CFI fees, and aircraft rental or tuition
- FAA testing fees
- FAA textbooks, review guides, and such

Scholarship funds are not used for general studies and school expenses. In 2017 to 2020, we awarded over \$30,000 to twenty applicants! Good luck; we relish the opportunity to support you in your aviation endeavors!



For more about EAA Chapter 179:

<http://eaa179.org/>



[2021 EAA Chapter 179 Scholarship Application \(google.com\)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MjFeqmxjYKb4HtRimacyFiuKYkct1ScfB7sHFCI5j7s/edit)

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## Double Eagle Aviation Academy for 2021

EAA Chapter 179 is planning a Double Eagle Aviation Academy for 2021. It will be held at the Albuquerque Maintenance Facility at Double Eagle II airport from June 14 – 18<sup>th</sup> with a Young Eagles flight for the participants on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Those who applied for last year's DEAA, that was cancelled, will be first in line for this year, and the age limit will not apply. Other applicants must be between 14 and 17 years of age. We will be accepting about 18 students. If you know anyone interested please have them get their applications in early. Applications are due by May 7<sup>th</sup>. See the EAA Chapter 179 website for more information, the flyer and the application.

Those interested in helping with DEAA should contact Jim Kessler, by email, text or phone.

We need:

- Snack and lunch preparation

- Simulator instructors on Wednesday

- Help with presentations

- Help with registration on Monday

- Help with set up on June 10<sup>th</sup>

- Help with clean up on Friday

- Young Eagles pilots for Saturday

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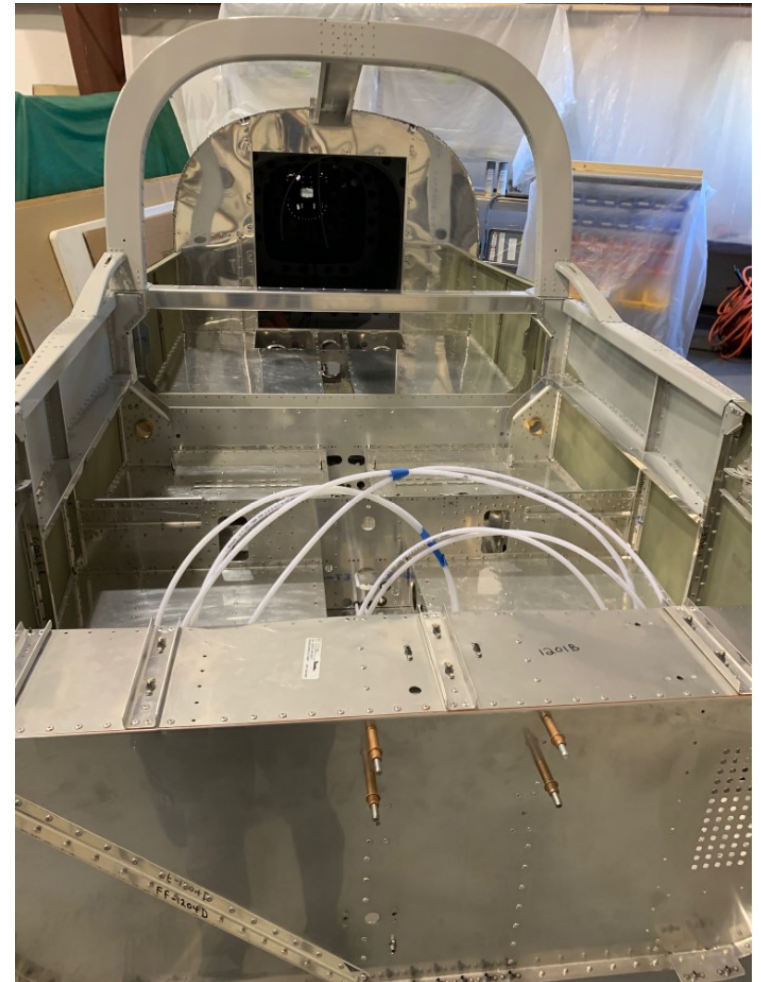
## RV-12 Chapter Project - Progress Update, by Lee Otto, 1/13/2021



We moved the aircraft to Randy Reimer's hangar to paint interior pieces. Moved his airplane to another hangar. Thanks to many volunteers for stepping up!

Mike Wirstrom volunteered to shoot the paint. Craig Kemper built a paint booth in about an hour with 20' high walls, fastened to the rafters in Randy's hangar. Amazing! We shot some primer. Mike did a beautiful job painting the interior parts that will remain exposed after it is finished. It's an example of the fantastic talent within our chapter. A job well done and great past week!

If you didn't see already, we attached the fuselage and empennage in December. Build team members were standing there looking for what else needed to be done, and realized it was time! What a big day it was!



**From:** AEG ATCT <[aeg@rvainc.com](mailto:aeg@rvainc.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 1:51 PM

**Subject:** AEG Air Traffic Control Tower Survey 2021

Hello to All the Pilots that Use Double Eagle II Airport ATCT

Each Year we send out Our Company (RVA Inc.) Survey to obtain feedback about our Services. We strive to provide the Best ATC Service to all who fly in and out of AEG. Please take a moment and fill out the survey and email (or US Mail) it back to me, before Jan 30, 2021. I apologize for any inconvenience because of the short notice. Feel Free and to make comments and if you have any questions call me at 352-5597.

Here's a link: [DOWNLOAD TOWER SURVEY](#)

Thank You!

**David Moore**

*Air Traffic Manager*

Robinson Aviation (RVA), Inc

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