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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Bootheel Bonanza: Fly-In @ NM90 and KLSB – Mar 11-13

See NMPA Events at <https://nmpilots.org>

1st Young Eagles Rally (rescheduled) - March 19

IMC Club – Mar 19, 0930-1100 hrs, hybrid format

See details on page 4

Chapter Gathering – Mar 26, 1300 hrs

Presentation of Scholarships & Reimer Hangar Dedication

2nd Young Eagles Rally – Apr 2, 2022

Spaceport Open House/Las Cruces Space Festival – Apr 10

Double Eagle Aviation Academy – Jun 6 - 10, 2022

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh – July 25 - 31, 2022

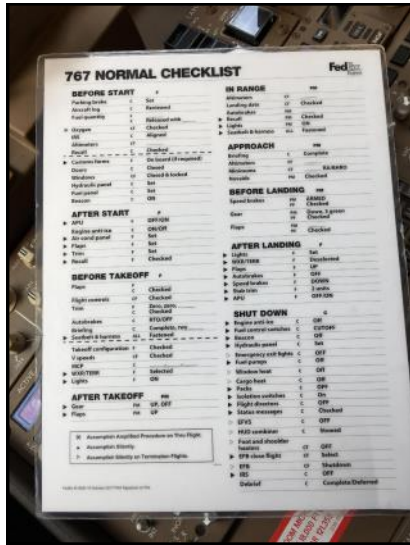
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Notes from our President Emilio Verastegui



Hello fellow EAAers! Welcome to the March 2022 Newsletter.

Change, Change, Change! That's the "four letter" word that pilots and many people do not like. Pilots are creatures of habit and that is a good thing. Pilots have checklists and should refer to them very regularly when flying. Commercial pilots have many checklists and are bound to them to make each flight safe for their passengers and cargo. Private Pilots and other small airplane drivers should refer to them to ensure that they perform each task to the same degree of safety as their big-airplane brothers. So, what's the big deal, you say, and why am

I talking about change? Well, this month the Chapter is changing the day, time, and location of our Social Gathering. Yes, it is a change, but **only** for the month of March.

On Saturday, the 26th of March, at 1:00pm, at what is the Reimer Hangar (soon to be the Chapter Hangar), there will be the Chapter Hangar dedication ceremony and scholarship presentation ceremony for our newest scholarship winners.

Dave Otero is providing the new signage for the Hangar to let one and all know where they are and what they are looking at. The Hangars location occupies a very premier spot on the ramp, easy to see and reach from the Bode Office. The new signage will make it that much easier to locate. Local pilots and transient pilots will look and see that it is an EAA Chapter hangar and EAA Chapter 179 is the proud owner. Each Chapter member should be equally proud to call it "our EAA Hangar"!

Mark Sturm, our Scholarship Chairman, will serve as MC for the scholarship presentation ceremony. He and his team have reviewed the many applications entered, and I am told we have an outstanding group of individuals that will be presented with substantial scholarships, thanks to our generous donors.

I hope that everyone of our members can and will attend. There will be cake and refreshments to help offset the dry New Mexico air and, of course, we hope and pray that Mother Nature will cooperate by not sending strong winds, dust, and other phenomenon to disrupt our good times. If by chance the weather does not cooperate, we will move indoors with alternate plans.

Please attend on Saturday, the 26th of March, at 1:00pm, (at what is the Reimer Hangar, soon to be the Chapter Hangar), the Chapter Hangar dedication ceremony and scholarship presentation ceremony for our newest scholarship winners. I look forward to seeing you all there. Let's make this a great Chapter event!

Sincerely,
Emilio

EAA Chapter 179 Membership Art Woods, Membership Chair

MEMBERS MAKE OUR CHAPTER!

On behalf of the officers and directors of your EAA Chapter 179, we thank the 78 members who renewed or joined us in 2022. The dues payments help fund a scholarship, pay our national EAA fees and enable your chapter to offer fantastic programs throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, at Young Eagles rallies and of course at our premier Land of Enchantment Fly-In in September.

Art Woods
Membership Chair
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Regular Chapter Events

3rd Tuesday – Chapter Gathering
Except March (Scholarships) & December (Holiday Gathering)
3rd Saturday – IMC Club
1st Tuesday of Odd Months – Board Meeting

Chapter Board Meeting

Joyce Woods, Secretary

On March 1, the Board met via videoconference with 9 participants. Here's a summary of discussions.

The March chapter gathering is traditionally focused on scholarship presentations and meeting recipient's families. We decided to host a Saturday reception for these presentations starting this year, in lieu of our normal 3rd Tuesday gathering. The reception will be March 26 at the Reimer Hangar.

We reviewed a proposal in detail and approved our spending budget for the year. Key changes are mainly related to hangar ownership and event operations that have changed over the last couple years. Our main spending continues towards chapter scholarships.

Looking forward to our Land of Enchantment Fly-In, George Young prepared the poster design and got business cards with both LOEFI and Young Eagles info for distribution. They are available for anyone to help spread the word—stop by and pick some up at the Reimer Hangar.

Mike Paxson, who built a Pedal Plane for his son and brought it to LOEFI last year, has offered to build another one for the chapter to use for LOEFI fundraising. The board authorized buying the kit. We can't wait to see it!

Art Woods reported that our membership is now 78. We've gained 8 new members since Sept. He is encouraging past member renewals with individual email reminders.

Mark Sturm reported that the selection committee met and notifications are underway for our 2022 chapter scholarship program. We attracted terrific applicants and are excited to announce those in the coming weeks!

Jim Kessler is accepting DEAA applications and conducted a kickoff meeting in February. He expects to step aside after 2022 so we will need a new DEAA leader for 2023.

We note that although we have attracted more youth to chapter gatherings in the last few years, they don't return. We discussed ideas on how to engage teens on a regular basis, beyond Young Eagles flights. We get excited about ideas but need someone that could lead the charge. Food for thought. Anyone interested to take this on?

Volunteer needs continue. Our dreams extend well beyond our practical ability to implement. It's a super opportunity for demonstrating leadership or doing something worthwhile in your spare time. *Many hands make light work!* Let us know if you have an interest in getting involved in any part of our activities!

We need volunteers to support our standing committees including Membership, Programs (scheduling speakers or day of event setup), Publicity (getting visibility in local media), Fundraising (during LOEFI and year round), and Young Eagles pilots and ground volunteers. A huge need is to replace logistics and food service (both leadership and support roles) left vacant by the Kromers and Reimers. Anyone love to host a burger burn? Or a plane coffee fly-in?

If you have questions about chapter activities or how you might get involved, please contact any board member.

Notes from the Editor

George Young

Pat & I went flying with Bob and Sandy Waters last week, to Grants for breakfast. It was a great experience for me to again be at the controls of a Comanche 250 (and theirs is a beauty.) A PA-24-250 was my first real cross-country airplane – 50+ years since my last flight in one. What a joy to fly one again, and thanks Bob for giving me so much 'stick' time.

I've enjoyed very much rounding up Organizations and Resources ([pages 12-13](#)) and learning more about the many sources of support for our flying activities. I will continue to explore them, learn more about how each contributes to our shared interest in flying, and share my thoughts with you. And .. I solicit your thoughts as well.

A major event is coming up for Chapter 179. On the 26th we have an "open house" and dedication of our new Chapter Hangar. And our 2022 Scholarships will be presented to the recipients. I hope to see you there.

George Young
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March Gathering



Saturday, March 26, 2022

1:00 PM Program

Reception to follow
(cake & refreshments provided)

JOIN US!

NOTE: There is NO 3rd Tuesday Gathering for March.

PROGRAM: Presentation of 2022 Chapter Scholarships Reimer Hangar Dedication

Meet recipients of Chapter 179 scholarship awards! Learn about their aviation goals, and let's see if/what we may do to help them move forward.

Our program supports youth up to age 25 pursuing aviation education. This year, we present two new \$2000 scholarships in honor of "Doc" Weaver* and the Reimers*. We will also present the ongoing Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship. All three of these are offered thanks to generous funding by family and friends.

Although the past few months have presented sadness and various challenges as we miss, Susie and Randy Reimer, we are delighted that our chapter now has a "home" on the airport that will continue to bear their name. This will be our first event hosted at the "Reimer Aircraft Factory". Come out and see the new chapter workshop!

Each month, these "Gatherings" are centered on exchanging experiences and ideas about aviation – airplanes, flying, and flying activities – rather than the chapter business which is addressed in bimonthly Board.

Where: EAA 179's Reimer Hangar at Double Eagle II Airport

Directions: Reimer Hangar is just across from the Bode FBO building, just southwest of the main parking lot. Look for EAA signs.

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).

** See Feb 2022 Newsletter per the Doc Weaver family, and on page ??? For the Reimer scholarship*

February Gathering – Recap George Young



As has been customary these past few months, the monthly Gathering convened in the City Maintenance Facility at Double Eagle. Following a pot luck meal of good food, Dennis Kirby told us his story of building and flying airplanes, in particular his nearly-finished Murphy Rebel. For those who weren't able to attend, his story is retold on the following pages.



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February Gathering – Recap (continued) Dennis Kirby – My Rebel Build Project

Dennis Kirby presented a most entertaining story – “My Rebel Build Project”. Here are highlights.

Dennis began by giving us a history of his building and flying experiences. He built a Kolb, 1997-2002, and enjoyed flying it around New Mexico for 14 years.



He sold the Kolb in 2016 and acquired a Citabria. In 2017 he experienced an unwelcome incident – an off-field landing. Salvaged the motor (to be used later).



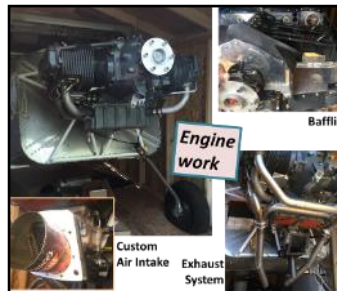
Next project – a Murphy Rebel, wings and fuselage mostly completed.



He needed a place to continue project. An off-the-shelf shed was purchased and modified for the purpose (he noted that the idea was not original).

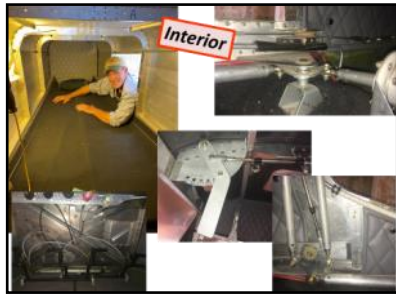


Building commenced with sheet metal work (baffling), piping (exhaust) and some adaptation of off-the-shelf materials – note the Custom Air Intake. Work continued through the winters, snow or shine.



February Gathering – Recap (continued)

Dennis Kirby – My Rebel Build Project



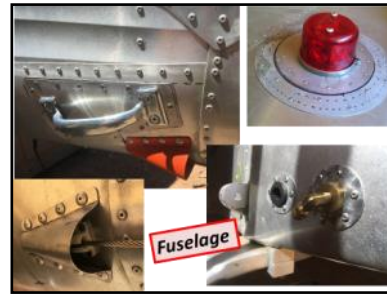
Interior



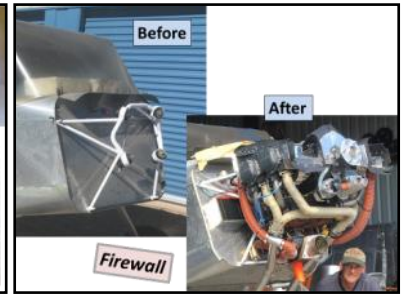
Interior

Left: Work on the interior with upholstery by Dennis' son. As you can see, he became an accomplished seamster.

Right: Details of handwork on the fuselage, and an old-timey rotating beacon (a benefit of building one's own airplane).



Fuselage



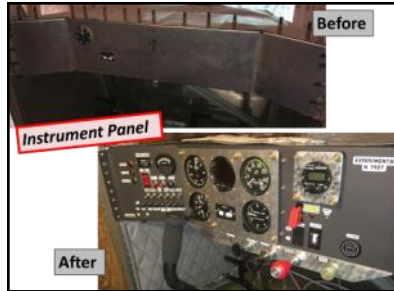
Before

After

Firewall



Instrument Panel



Before

Instrument Panel

After

Left: Designing, producing, and assembling the instrument panel. Notice the finesse of the brushed aluminum.

Right: Putting the finishing touches on the wings.



Wings



Wings



Empennage



Empennage



Out of the shop ...

Installing the wheels



Across the open space



Help from a neighbor

Ready to head to the airport!

Moving outside among the Juniper trees to install the empennage,.

Then it was time to extricate the fuselage, get it on a trailer, and ... off to the airport.



Attaching the wingtips



Fuel Flow Testing

Left: At the airport – it's time to install the wings, wingtips, and check the fuel tank for leaks.

Right: Wahoo, an airplane, with tail number, motor, spinner etc. Almost ready for the inspections.



Final Details

Jan 2022

Testing the Spinner

First time Outside!



SPECIFICATIONS	PERFORMANCE
Empty Wt - 980	65% Cruise - 110 mph
Gross Wt - 1650	7 gph
Fuel capacity - 44 gal	Range - 730 mi (6 hrs)
Wing Area - 152	Stall speed (flaps) - 40 mph
Power Load/g - 10.3 lb/hp	Take off run - 300 ft
Wing Load/g - 11 lb/sq-ft	Landing roll - 400 ft
Useful Load - 670 lb / 406 w/full fuel	Climb rate - 1200 ft/min
Range w/ 2 Persons + 100 lb. baggage: 33 gal / 4.5 hrs / 500 mi.	

Mike & Jan's Rebel

IMC Club – March 19, 2022

Barry Harper & John DeWitt, Discussion Leaders



Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

The chapter IMC Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 0930-1130 at Double Eagle II Airport, still a hybrid session (in person or 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, Zoom access info will be eMailed to you: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwof-2gpzssHNyU0I_3d1dWGV4NaYpvjeqE

IMC Club sessions provide an open discussion based on instrument flying scenarios. Discussions provide a good review of essentials for IMC flight plus a fun way to meet and learn from other instrument pilots.

If you'd like to receive FAA Safety WINGS credit, register for the Seminar also on the FAA site: www.FAAsafety.gov Event #SW01111430

Barry Harper & Joyce Woods
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Quick Links to Chapter Website

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

From the Young Eagles Nest Dan Fuka – Young Eagles Coordinator

The February 5th Rally was cancelled, the rescheduled for March 19th. Families with youngsters that registered for the Feb 5 Rally have been given preference to register for this event. We anticipate a full schedule.

Let's hope for good weather. Thanks to the pilots and volunteers who make these events such a success.

Please mark your calendars – our next Rally falls on the heels of this one, April 2nd.



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Reminders

Monthly Gathering, Hangar Dedication, & Scholarship Presentation

- March 26, at the Chapter Hangar, Double Eagle II

Young Eagles Rallies - Mar 19 & Apr 2nd

Mark your calendar:

- March 19th – The 1st Rally which was cancelled postponed from Feb 5
- April 2nd – the 2nd Young Eagles

Your continuing support, pilots and support crew, is what makes these events among our best. Come on out, even if just to kibitz. (Dan Fuka)

- March 12 – EAA 555 Young Eagles at Lordsburg Fly-In

Five YE Pilots from EAA 179 will be there; can anyone else make it?

Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

- May 13 – Deadline for submission of applications for DEAA

You are invited to participate in planning and presenting this great program for youth. Meanwhile, spread the word. (Jim Kessler)

Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

Jim Kessler

Our 8th Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA) offers another fun and challenging week at the airport! Students ages 14 – 17 will explore a future in aviation. Students will learn about many facets of flying and airplanes:

- learn about career opportunities in aviation from professionals
- learn and practice reading weather reports
- learn to use the lift and drag equations of aerodynamics
- learn the aircraft controls for pitch, roll, and yaw
- learn the importance of balancing weight in the plane
- learn and practice interpreting the instrument “Six Pack”
- learn how aluminum structures are designed to be strong
- learn what is inside the motors of airplanes
- learn the legs of a traffic pattern
- learn and practice communicating at non-towered and towered airports
- learn and practice assembling a simple electrical wiring circuit
- learn and practice riveting and rolling aluminum to make part of an aileron
- learn and practice conducting an aircraft pre-flight inspection
- learn and practice planning a flight
- fly with one of our Chapter members on a special Young Eagles rally on the Saturday following

The doors will open at 8:15 AM with time to meet pilots and spend time talking about and sitting in different airplanes each morning. Class starts at 9:00 AM. There will be morning and afternoon snacks and lunch is provided. Each day will end at 4:15 PM. A student notebook with the contents of all the presentations is provided to each student. If you are interested in aviation, this is an exceptional opportunity to discover the possibilities.

Applications **are due by May 13**. Download the Application here:
https://eaa179.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Application_DEAA-2022-v1.pdf

Questions? Let us know. Contact us at deaa@eaa179.org

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Explore a Future in Aviation

- ✦ Consider aviation careers
- ✦ Learn about aircraft, how they fly, aircraft building, pilot communications
- ✦ Plan a flight, check weather, conduct pre-flight checks
- ✦ Meet pilots, mechanics, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other specialists
- ✦ Invited for a Young Eagles flight Saturday, June 11

Ages 14 – 17

Application deadline May 13, 2022

Selection based on applications. Previous aviation knowledge or experience not required.

Get application at www.eaa179.org

\$150 tuition includes T shirt, Lunch & Snacks, all class / workshop materials.

Tuition due after acceptance. Inquire per need-based scholarships.

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Scholarships

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends.

February was a very busy month for scholarships. Our application closing date was 15 Feb and we now have several outstanding young candidates to look at for 2022. Our evaluation committee has some tough decisions to make. We should have an announcement to make by mid-March. Thanks to all who applied.

As I mentioned here previously, our local EAA Chapter 179 is planning to offer four \$2,000 scholarships in 2022. Also, I just received word from EAA national that our chapter request for a 2022 Ray scholarship

has been granted for a full \$10,000 Scholarship (our 3rd)! So, that's possibly \$18,000 in scholarships for 2022!!

Recipient Update

Our 2021 Ray scholar, Luke Vaughn, has been flying with Bode Aviation at Double Eagle. After some serious cross country flight planning and passing his cross country stage check he's now logging his required solo cross country time and starting to prep for his final check ride. Here he is coming back into the FBO after a fun flight in "Mike Echo." Keep after it Luke!



A Special Chapter 179 Scholarship

Reimer Memorial Scholarship

The Reimer Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a chapter scholarship recipient with aviation aspirations who demonstrate a spirit of volunteerism. It is an EAA Chapter 179 scholarship, to be presented in the memory of Randy and Susie Reimer, two of the most generous, creative, and hardworking chapter volunteers in our history. Randy and Susie embodied EAA's Spirit of Aviation and volunteerism, enriching EAA 179's youth and public activities.



Randy and Susie moved from Wisconsin to the Albuquerque area after retirement where Randy completed his lifelong goal of building his airplane. Susie and their grandchildren participated in the build, with Susie earning the name, "Susie the Riveter". They immediately became active in the aviation community, ultimately taking over our chapter food service for public events including Young Eagles pancake breakfasts, Land of Enchantment Fly-In breakfast and lunch, and EAA Air Tours hosting the B-17 or TriMotor. They shaped much of how the Double Eagle Aviation Academy runs today.

Randy was a career electrician in Wisconsin. Susie was an entrepreneur, owner of Susie's Works of Heart crafts and known for her baking ability and spoiling her grandchildren.

On the airport, Randy was known to drop whatever he was doing to help anyone. He shared his tools, expertise, and time plus his sense of humor even when facing a tough problem. Susie's thoughtfulness and entrepreneurship added class to our events, bringing new ideas that only she could think up. She made things happen, always enlisting Randy's help. Besides sharing their time and skills, they recruited other volunteers including fellow Lions Club members.



This award will honor the Reimers' commitment to inspire the next generation of aviators and their love of the aviation community. The scholarship is made possible by memorial donations from the Reimer family, life-long friends, and chapter friends.

The Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship

Enabling the Next Generation of Aviators

EAA 179 is very fortunate to have benefactors who support the scholarships that we award annually to young people pursuing careers in aviation. This message is from Jay Schmitt's wife, Joyce Schmitt, to recipients. Jay's history of aviation activities is an inspiration to everyone with an interest in aviation.

"The scholarship you have been awarded is in memory of Jay Schmitt. Jay loved all things aviation! He would be particularly happy to see the impressive, young people who are pursuing their own path in aviation.

Jay's own path began when, as a young boy, he won blue ribbons for the rocket models he entered in the New Mexico state fair! He received his private pilot certificate when he was 23 years old. Jay went to optometry school in Fullerton, California and while there he relieved stress by heading to the desert on weekends and flying his powered hang glider.

Upon returning to New Mexico, Jay continued his interest in flying. He continued to study and train, obtaining Instrument and Commercial ratings. He spent a great deal of study time and a week in Texas and obtained A & P Certificate so he could work on his own aircraft.

Jay was always in pursuit of a new adventure and that was manifest in his owning (either alone or with a partner) and learning to fly a variety of planes. Over the years, Jay owned and flew a Cessna 172, Swift, Cessna 310, Bellanca, Smith Miniplane, Cassutt Experimental Racer, Esqual, and Sonex.

Jay had great admiration for the friends he met through EAA, hanging out at airports, and joining pilot lunches. He always marveled at all he learned from having conversations with his aviation friends.

Jay would be nothing but encouraging as you pursue your interest in aviation and wish you the very best as you move ahead on your journey."



Moving into the RAF, now Chapter 179's Hangar!

George Young, editor

Folks have been busy in our hangar. It is easy to see the work continuing on the RV-12 by members of the High Desert Flyers Association. In parallel, though, there has been a lot of time and effort towards sorting tools, material, parts, and "other stuff".

- Lee Otto provides a "scheme" for organizing the things so they are accessible and usable, to have a place for each thing, to put parts and materials where one can find them. And designate places for or tools, where they are easy to retrieve hand tools and where there is working space and easy access to fixed tools.
- Meg Fleming is working hard on sorting "the stuff" into classes: tools (sockets, wrenches, pliers, hammers, etc.) and materials (wires, nuts and bolts, tape, and on and on). She is gradually identifying a designated place for each class of things with hopes 1) that people will be able to locate what they need easily, and 2) that things get returned to their designated place. To help us all, she is putting labels on the respective storage locations.



Presently the hangar is usually open when one of the members involved in building the RV-12 is at work, typically Monday thru Thursday. Other plans for the hangar are in the works. We expect soon to have a sign on the building identifying it as the hangar for EAA 179. This is a work-in-progress; organization of the Hangar will evolve over time as what we have on hand is categorized and as patterns of use evolve.

Space Reserved for Your Story

George Young, Editor



The lines are still open for your story in the Newsletter.

- 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.
- Things you have learned: techniques you use for flight maneuvering; cross country planning; pilotage navigation, even IMC techniques.
- Stories of 'oops' or 'ah ha's'. Getting lost? Dealing with unforeseen weather? Stories to entertain, or to learn from.

We have space in these Newsletters to enjoy our shared passion for aviation and flying, especially for the less experienced pilots. Send me your stories.

George Young
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RV-12 Build Project

High Desert Flyers

As reported last month, the Chapter's RV-12 Build project is now in the hands of the High Desert Flyers Association. Building continues with Stephen Fleming attending to installation of the motor and Mike Rehberg working the avionics. Others are assisting, in particular Lee Otto's expertise and handiwork is being provided in many ways. Others lending a hand include Doug Dingman, Dave Otero, Fred Loehr, me, and ... apologies if I've overlooked someone.

Progress is going apace:

- Motor (Stephen Fleming): After a few weeks of work, the various fittings, accessories, and hoses have been attached to the motor. Then attention turned to the fuselage – installation of the motor and some modifications required to bring the fuselage up to current specifications. The motor was hung in mid-January and work now proceeds to make connections between the motor and the fuselage (fuel lines, engine controls and instruments, etc).



- Avionics (Mike Rehberg): The avionics equipment is in hand. Work now proceeds to get it installed. The fuselage was built for a configuration of avionics that was "modern" in its time, but is no longer available. So modifications are required to the instrument panel and the mounting tray for the displays, controls, and electronic boxes. This work is proceeding apace.

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Last month, I compiled a list of organizations and online resources covering various aspects of our mutual interest—Aviation. I hope that you will find it useful.

Many of those reading this Newsletter are no doubt already familiar with many of the items on the lists. In hopes that there are 'newcomers' to this world of aviation who will also be reading our Newsletter, I plan to synopsise them in coming issues. The comments are solely my own, sometimes more informed than at other times. I welcome comments from anyone such as why one or another appeals (or doesn't appeal) to you, how you use them for your 'education', provide updated information, or otherwise. I will publish updates as you provide more information or insight into them.

New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA)

I recently flew down to Grant County airport (SVC) with Lanny Toning to attend a breakfast board meeting of NMPA. I learned a lot about their activities and projects that support aviation in New Mexico.

- They may be best known for their work to return to service backcountry airstrips around New Mexico. NMPA's members are very active in working with BLM, USFS, land owners, local communities, and the New Mexico Department of Aviation.
 - For example, they host weekend 'work parties' throughout the year to do the sometimes hard work of clearing obstacles, preparing strips to be useable, and performing maintenance to keep them that way. Through their efforts, a number of airstrips are now available for those wanting to 'get away'. (BTW: not all of their activities are backcountry—the Amigos del Cielo Fly-in, which includes activities at Lordsburg, is on an airstrip that I would not consider –backcountry.)
- NMPA is a "Voice of General Aviation in New Mexico". It has a place at the table with NMDOT's Aviation Division to represent General Aviation in Santa Fe. And they often take up issues with the FAA and other governmental agencies. They stay abreast of opportunities to further our interests,
 - For example, they are tracking a current proposal to expand the MOA that covers part of southwest New Mexico and Arizona. They have provided comments to the FAA and will continue to represent the interests of GA to minimize the impacts on our use of the airspace.
- They promote aviation safety via training and education programs, including offering clinics and reference material through which pilots can refine their skills. Check out their monthly Newsletter.

This is just an overview of NMPA's contributions to promote general aviation in New Mexico. Check out their web site, [New Mexico Pilots Association](http://New Mexico Pilots Association (nmpilots.org)) (nmpilots.org). And perhaps you might become a member and help NMPA serve us all.

Fly New Mexico (a Facebook Group)

For those of you who ply Facebook, here's a Group that caters to sharing information more local to New Mexico. Started by Dave Otero, also part of NMPA, it provides a place to share information, stories, announcement, etc. among group members and the Facebook public. For example, a questions was posted inquiring about "...fun place to fly in southern NM or west TX?". It garnered 36 comments, [Fly New Mexico](#) on Facebook.

The Aviators Lounge (a Facebook Group)

This is a great group on Facebook. Posts often present current newsworthy information, flying experiences, glimpses into aviation history, and occasionally humor. [The Aviators Lounge](#).

eMail Subscriptions

I subscribe to a few eMail publications, allowing me to scan through them for topics of interest at the time. If like me, you get an avalanche of messages, I segregate them with a separate eAddresses for certain categories. One could also set up filters to move messages into separate folders, say by topic. Here are a couple subscriptions that may be of interest:

- KitPlanes: Today the topic was "E is For Electric... and Experimental!", plus "Cuitting and Shaping Angle Aluminum".
- Pilot Workshops: Yesterday's topic was "Using a Callsign on CTAF".
- SocialFlight: What's going on in aviation around the country and the world.
- And of course the eMail that is sent by organizations in which I am a member: EAA, AOPA, etc.

Ok, enough for this month. Do you have an online resource that you would like to share? Another web site, Facebook or other social media venue? Or comments about those that I've listed? Or comments about the relevancy of any source to something going on in EAA179 or with its members? Send me the info at newsletter@eaa179.org.

NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

The Editor

There are many organizations serving aviation interests in New Mexico. These include, of course, EAA Chapters and other such organizations, but also government agencies and commercial enterprises. In future months I plan to present a synopsis of the significance of some of these resources, what is interesting about them or what they offer in the way of enhancing our flying experiences.

This is a starter list of organizations that I have tracked down. If you know of others to add to this list, or have corrections or updates, please send me eMail at the eAddress below. And if you use any of these regularly, please consider providing a synopsis and review. Thanks.

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NM EAA Chapters

- [251](#), Alamogordo, KALM (& [Facebook](#))
- [1306](#), Edgewood, 1N1
- [555](#), Las Cruces, KLRU (Triple Nickel Chapter) (& [Facebook](#))
- [691](#), Los Alamos, KLAM & KSAF (Green Chile Chapter)
- 530, Los Lunas, E98
- [1193](#), Roswell, ROW (Aliens Chapter)
- 1570 Santa Teresa, DNA
- 1615, Truth or Consequences, TCS

Other New Mexico Organizations

- [New Mexico Aviation Division](#)
- [New Mexico Pilots Association](#) (NMPA) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Fly New Mexico! Facebook Group](#) - started by David Otero. Ask to Join!
- [New Mexico Airstrip Network](#) (NMAN)
- [Lobo Wing of the CAF](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Rio Grande Norte 99s Facebook Group](#) (ask to join!)
- [Tuskegee Airmen \(local chapter\)](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Albuquerque Soaring Club](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Women in Aviation Intl - Land of Enchantment Chapter](#) (& [Facebook](#))

National Organizations of Interest

- [Experimental Aircraft Association](#) (EAA) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association](#) (AOPA) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Recreational Aviation Foundation](#) (RAF) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Ninety-Nines](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Angel Flight](#)
- [LightHawk](#) (& [Facebook](#) *New*)

Online Resources

- [FAASafety.gov](#)
- [Kitplanes](#) (eMail subscription)
- [Pilots Workshop](#) (& eMail subscription) *New*
- [Social Flight](#) & eMail subscription
- [AVweb](#) – AVWeb Flash
- [AOPA News & Media](#) – [AOPA Newsletters](#)
- [Barnstormers](#) – [Barnstormers eFlyer](#)
- [GA News Digital Edition](#)
- On Facebook
 - [The Aviator's Lounge](#)
 - [Fly New Mexico](#)

EAA Resources

- [Hints for Homebuilders](#)
- [Learn to Fly!](#)
- [Pilot Proficiency](#)
- Become a [Young Eagle Volunteer!](#)
- [AirVenture—Oshkosh](#)

eMail Resources (Subscriptions)

- [FAA Safety Team](#) – Safer Skies Through Education
Log in to your account, then go to Account Preferences.
- [AOPA ePilot](#)
- [AOPA Aviation eBrief](#)
- [AVwebflash](#)

Cultural Web Sites

- [National Museum of Nuclear Science & History](#) *New*
- [US Southwest Soaring Museum](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Spaceport America](#) *New*

In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor

Fly-Ins on the Horizon

NMPA has announced Fly-Ins in coming months that you might be interested in:

- Bootheel Bonanza—a Weekend of Events
 - March 11-13—[Amigos del Cielo Fly-In Weekend \(NM90\)](#)
 - March 12—[Lordsburg Fly-In \(KSLB\)](#)
 - March 12—[STOL Clinic at Amigos de Cielo \(NM90\)](#)

Check out their Event Calendar available on their website <https://www.nmpilots.org>

Visit Spaceport America

On April 10, the final day of the 2022 Las Cruces Space Festival, they will host an open house at Spaceport America. Open from 1000—1400 hrs, it will be a fly-in with static displays and other activities. For details now available, visit [Spaceport Open House w/ las Cruces Space Festival](#). RSVPs in advance are open now at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spaceport-america-open-house-tickets-261240014917>

EAA's *The Green Dot* -- U-2 Pilot Carl Trout

I came across this, a PodCast, an hour-long interview with Lt Col Carl Trout who flew the U-2 for a dozen years. This led me to EAA's "[Hangar Flying](#)", a collection of such PodCasts. Other topics include interviews with aviation luminaries and some How-To casts. (Enjoyable to listen to while drafting this Newsletter.)

Albuquerque Museum—The 1914 Ingram-Foster Biplane

An interesting [article about the biplane](#) on display in the concourse at the Sunport. Quite interesting.

Blue Angels Practice

Here's an [interesting video](#). Watch at least the first minute or two. Notice how #4 maneuvered into the slot. Did you notice—no bank?

Safer Skies (FAA Safety Team)

Almost everyone faces the transition from "steam gauges" to the "glass cockpit". So this online presentation is timely as I anticipate flying the RV-12. I will be checking in on March 8, 2022 @ 1800 hrs MST for the Webinar [ABS – Steam to Glass, Transitioning from Analog to Digital Instruments](#). If you can't view it at the broadcast time, check the info page for information on how to view it at your convenience. And WINGS credits may be earned.

A Reminder for Young Eagles and DEAA Volunteers and Pilots

Each of us have some recurring task. I received a reminder this week that I need to get recurrent in the *EAA Youth Protection Program*. Log in to EAA, then check "My Account", then "Training" to check your status.

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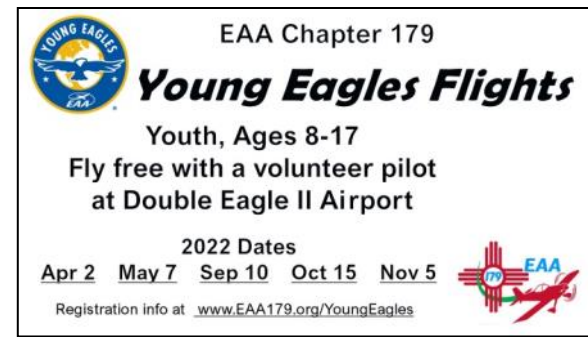
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Here comes 2022.

- Here is this year's poster for LOEFI. We will print tabloid size copies for dissemination this summer. Download your copy by clicking on the image below; it will download in your browser..
- Double-sided business cards, LOEFI and Young Eagles, are available in the desk in the Chapter Hangar. Pick up a few to pass along to prospective YE participants.



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