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**PREPARATIONS FOR LOEFI ARE UNDER WAY
CHECK THE INFORMATION ON PAGE 8
Volunteer to join in this, our Signature Chapter Event**

Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Aug 16– [Chapter Gathering \(KAEG\)](#), 6:30pm

Aug 20 – [IMC Club \(KAEG\)](#), 0930-1100 hrs, hybrid format

Sep 10 – [Young Eagles, Chapter 179 \(KAEG\)](#)

Sep 14 – [LOEFI Planning Team Meeting](#), 1830, hybrid format

Sep 23 – [LOEFI Setup \(KAEG\)](#)

Sep 24 – [LOEFI - Land of Enchantment Fly-In \(KAEG\)](#)

And check [NMPA web site](#) for other events around New Mexico

NEWS BULLETIN (Aug 10):

**RV-12 N179Q Passed Inspection by the DAR
Details in September Newsletter**

August 2022

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Notes from our President

Emilio Verastegui, President



Hello everyone and greetings!

AirVenture: Yes, I am writing to you as I complete my yearly trek to the “Greatest Aviation Show on Earth”.

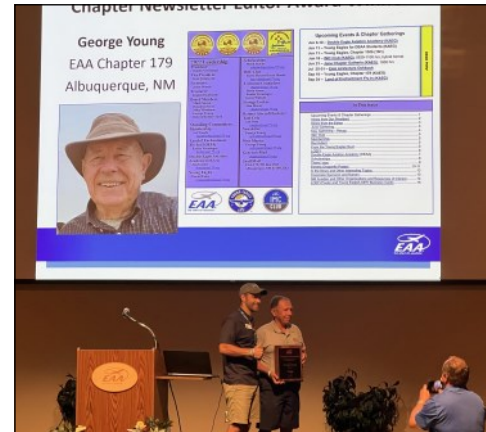
Lots to report and lots of airplanes and aircraft at AirVenture. Even Mother Nature cooperated, for the most part. I am happy to report that I met several members of our Chapter there, along with several members and their families from the Edgewood Chapter. It is always a pleasure to see our Chapter members at AirVenture. Many go to volunteer, others are there because it is their first time in attend-

ance, and some seem to go out of habit, like me. No matter the reason to attend, AirVenture in Oshkosh Wisconsin is the epitome of all things aviation and it is a wonderful experience! See the following pages for highlights of my attendance at AirVenture.

Awards: On a different note, our Chapter is a “Golden” chapter, so designated by EAA National because we have met certain standards they set. I went to the Blue Barn to pick our Plaque, pictured here....



Also, as many of you might recall, our very own George Young was selected by EAA to receive an award for producing and editing an outstanding newsletter, the one you read every month. Since he was unable to attend, I gladly accepted the award on his behalf - Congratulations George!



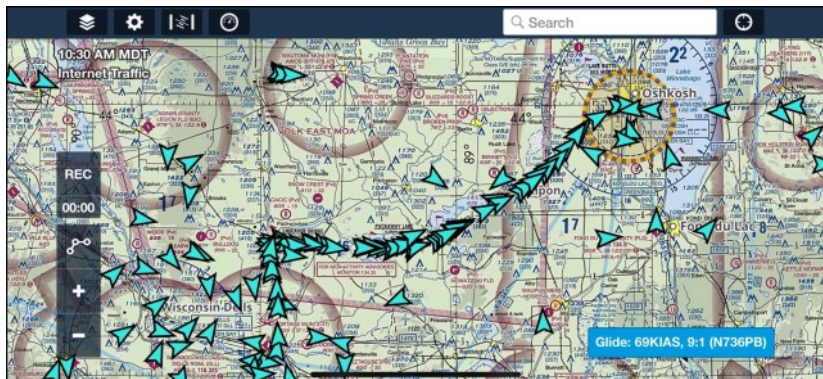
LOEFI: While I am talking airplanes and fly-ins, I want to remind everyone that LOEFI is fast approaching and we will need all hands on deck. Our approach to make LOEFI a success is that we want everyone to participate in some way, manner, or fashion. Ours is a volunteer organization and each of you should want to participate by volunteering your time and energy. By doing so, you can mold and shape this Chapter into something that you want and recognize. What time you give and in what manner you volunteer is all up to you. But, you have to get off the couch and become a volunteer. Please volunteer!

It will be a fast 45 days or less till LOEFI, so please join us in making LOEFI a fun and exciting day for everyone. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Social Gathering, scheduled for August 16. Our next scheduled Directors meeting is scheduled for the 6th of SEPTEMBER. Look for a Young Eagle event on Saturday, the 10th of SEPTEMBER, and our last regularly schedule LOEFI planning meeting will be on the 14th of SEPTEMBER. Our “clean-up and set-up” day is scheduled for Friday, the 23rd of SEPTEMBER.

Come on out. There’s lots to do and the Chapter needs all of you!

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Notes from our President – AirVenture Report
Emilio Verastegui



Traffic enroute to Oshkosh via the Ripon Arrival.



The Blue Barn, looking west.



B-29 Doc, one of the two flying airframes.



Radial business end of
the Snow S-2 ag plane.



The quiet serenity of the EAA Seaplane base.



The Air Academy Lodge for young students.

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Notes from our President – AirVenture Report (continued)
Emilio Verastegui

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The Pennzoil T-28 Demonstration Team.



STOL Competitor.



Night aerobatics are very cool!



Plans are coming together for our biggest event of the year! Besides aircraft for judging, camping on the field, live bands, and food trucks, we have special highlights for you. We celebrate the 50th anniversary of Vans' Aircraft, Inc. and the 30 year Anniversary of EAA's Young Eagles program.

With a fly-in, you never know what surprise aircraft may appear, seeking an award. Expected static displays include multiple Van's RV aircraft, a USAF HH-60, two med-flight KingAirs, warbirds, and of course, show aircraft of all kinds, plus MOPARs.

Polish your plane and plan to bring it out! Register for judging. Plan to attend a seminar. There will be two this year: "Flying the NM Backcountry" and "Better Use of TAFs and NWSWeather Resources Online",

The camping area is GREEN with our summer monsoons in full force. Initiated last year, camping on the field was well received and made for a relaxing evening Friday and Saturday nights for campers and event volunteers, around the old APD hangar—the calm before the "storm".

But one of the most fun ways to enjoy LOEFI is to volunteer with other chapter members. Not only do you get to know them better, but it's so satisfying to share our love of aviation with the public. We need volunteers for everything imaginable — some with public interface, some pilot to pilot, and some behind the scenes. Let us know your interest and we'll help you find a job you can enjoy and know you're contributing!

YOU CAN HELP! Tell your friends! Spread the word!

Pick up a few posters and business cards to promote our Sept 10 Young Eagles as well as LOEFI as Sept 24. They are available at our August Gathering or stop by the chapter hangar (RAF) - they're on the small workbench on the south wall.

- **POSTERS:** Identify locations where our poster can be posted. For examples, coffee shops, some restaurants, pizza parlors, pubs, anyplace that the public frequents.
- **BUSINESS CARDS:** Carry some wherever you go; share w/ friends, colleagues, even people that you meet in a store. Cards advertise LOEFI on one side, and Young Eagles on the other.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER: Email us at: loefi@eaa179.org

At our August and Sept Chapter Gatherings, we'll have a list of activities for which volunteers are needed. You might find something of interest, and sign up. We aim to establish shorter shifts by recruiting more volunteers this year. Let us know if you can help a little or a lot. We definitely need volunteers for:

Friday, Sept 23:

General Setup from 8am—7pm. *Come anytime!* Most volunteers needed from noon—5pm. Some heavy work, some light work. We'll move tables/chairs, set up Exhibit Hall and welcome stations. Setup tents, signage, barricades.

Pick up in-kind donations and bring to the airport.

Friday night cookout—help setup, serve, cleanup, Bring a dessert?

Saturday, Sept 24:

Youth Activities—help engage youth in fun aviation activities.

Builder's Square—engage attendees in riveting, fabric, etc.

Raffle—sell tickets for Pedal Plane, signed Chile Poster, etc.

Public Welcome, EAA Chapter Booth, and Pilot Welcome booths—represent our chapter, put folks at ease, help them find their way to a fun day!

**Join us at our last LOEFI Planning Team Meeting
Sept 14; 6:30pm, via ZOOM**

For ZOOM access, check the [LOEFI page](#) on our website on Sep 14



Notes from the Editor

George Young

I haven't been flying as PIC for quite a file now, not since prior to COVID. Thanks to friends who have invited me to join them, I have at least been able to enjoy flying as an –active– PAX. This week, as I assisted in preparing the RV-12 N179Q for the DAR inspection, as the motor ran for the first time and as Lee conducted it's first taxi tests, I experienced strong feelings of — “.. I know that I can fly”.

Then, coming across the poem below, I can remember clearly my first solo flight, taking off in the T-34 from the dirt/gravel runway, the Pine Valley Airstrip, at USAFA almost 60 years ago. I'm no poet, so Patrick's poem is a great substitute for the experience of many of us have had.

Happy Flying.

George Young
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SOLO by Patrick Phillips, from [Catalina Preservation Society](#)

The earth rolls by beneath my wings,
My mind dwells not on other things,
For as my nose points towards the sky,
I can't believe I'm going to fly.

The years of waiting over now,
My instructor says that I know how,
And as the spinning wheels break free,
I wish that he were here with me.

Higher, higher the ship is lifting,
Racing thoughts my mind is sifting.
What's that he said on rate of climb?
I wish we'd done this one more time.

Five hundred feet. It's time to turn,
There is still so much I have to learn.
Ease the yoke and now the rudder,
The trick is not to make her shudder.

Eight hundred feet, another turn,
This time there's not as much concern,
Throttle back and trim her out,
Seems there's less to care about.

Downwind check now, just in case,
Runway's on the left, some place?
Carb heat on and lots of power,
Oh God I've got to call the Tower.

Victoria Tower! I call my name,
Why no answer? Is this a game?
Radio set, I know it's right,
Settle down, no time for fright.

Crackle, crackle, I hear him talking,
Straight ahead, not time for gawking,
Cleared to land, it's said and done,
Thank the Lord, I'm number one.

The heart inside me seems to race,
As I ease her onto base,
Power back, she starts to sink,
Easy does it, time to think.

Nose up trim, at seventy knots,
Six hundred feet is all I've got.
Turn for final, almost over,
On the blacktop, not the clover.

Hold her level 'til the last,
My! The runway's moving fast.
Hold the nose up, gee I'm clever,
Seems she wants to fly forever.

Thump! I'm down! It feels so good,
Nothing to it, I knew I could.
Take heart my friend and have a try,
For now I know that I can fly.

Jay Schmitt Remembered at OSH Compass Hill

Joyce Woods

Joyce Schmitt shared this 1997 visit from Jay's visit to [Compass Hill](#) at Oshkosh. Jay is pictured with their son, Jonathan, becoming one with the legendary statue [Directions](#). Jay's sense of humor and drama are evident.

Sitting above AirVenture grounds, Compass Hill is a serene place to remember EAA friends who shared our passion for aviation.

As a tribute to past chapter member Jay, a dedicated builder, mechanic, and pilot, Joyce honored her husband this year with an engraved brick at this special place. It's been 10 years since Jay's Gone West and we miss his him.

Emilio sent these photos from visiting Compass Hill this year during his KOSH visit.



July Gathering – Recap

Joyce Woods

Thanks to Mylo Moraga, Airport Manager, we did not have to endure the 100 degree July weather in the maintenance bay! Already different since we brought in pizza as a break from potlucks – we especially appreciated the air conditioning indoors.

Our presenter was Joyce Woods who besides being involved in our chapter, facilitates the [New Mexico Airstrip Network \(NMAN\)](#). Her presentation, **Developing NM Aviation Tourism** reviewed efforts to establish New Mexico as an “aviator’s destination”. Building on the success of the New Mexico Pilots Association in establishing southwestern New Mexico as a superb backcountry flying playground, NMAN’s Tourism subteam’s goal is enhancing aviation access to recreational opportunities statewide.

You may find helpful NMPA resources for planning your next adventure. The NM Pilots Association hosts an information hub at flynewmexico.org, tied to the state’s “New Mexico True” community websites. Look up any airport with www.nmpilots.org/KAEG (the airport identifier).

Introducing discussion about how to make NM airports more appealing, Joyce asked, “How do you select airport stops on a cross country trip?” Fuel price topped the list. Courtesy cars to get a meal or stay overnight. Examples of memorable airports were ones with free snacks for transients headed to Oshkosh, airport managers helping with the fuel pump, and a kid greeting pilots with cold water. Friendly service always brings return customers. And even if you don’t fly in – maybe you’re one that likes to visit small airports during your travels???

Interestingly, from a survey conducted of comments on AirNav.com, ForeFlight and the AOPA Flight Planner, some basic amenities expected by pilots are not obviously available at NM airports. Like unlocked restrooms! Information readily available to pilots for NM airports could be more accurate and definitely more attracting!

We know that New Mexico has so much to offer the recreational aviation visitor. Besides great flying weather, there is a multitude of historical and cultural destinations, dark skies, and beautiful landscapes to explore. Whether you are currently flying or not, you can help. Anyone can be friendly and provide useful information. Share your adventures to entice others. Specifically:

Share your experiences:

- Join the “Fly New Mexico” Facebook group – started by our own David Otero

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August Chapter Gathering

Joyce Woods



August 16, 2022

5:45 PM Potluck

6:30 PM Program

PROGRAM: Jim Kessler presents

DEAA: What's All the Excitement About

This month's Gathering presentation will be about DEAA, the Double Eagle Aviation Academy. This will be a visual presentation about the aviation academy week hosted by Chapter 179 since 2013. Jim Kessler has served as “DEAA Principal” since 2019, bringing the program to a whole new level.

Bring your questions and suggestions.

POTLUCK! Bring something to share, drinks provided.

Each month, these “Chapter Gatherings” offer time to network with programs centered on exchanging experiences and ideas about aviation – airplanes, flying, and flying activities – rather than the chapter business which is addressed in bimonthly Board meetings.

Where: City Maintenance Facility at Double Eagle II Airport

Directions: The City of Albuquerque maintenance facility at Double Eagle II Airport is next to the Control Tower. [At the last stop sign before turning left to the main airport parking lot, DON'T TURN LEFT. Proceed straight through the gate towards the Control Tower. Look for EAA signs.](#) Park in front of the city building.



July Gathering – Recap

Joyce Woods

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- Post on Social Media: aviation events, fun flying adventures, flight training accomplishments
- Submit a Photo of the Day to [General Aviation News](#) and other publications
- Submit informative reviews (or answer others) on Aviation Apps: ForeFlight, AirNav, Google airport listings

Make New Mexico airports a friendlier place:

- Personally support visitors to your airport
- Organize fly-outs; fly-ins to rural airports
- Volunteer at chapter events

Drive Airport Improvements to support the GA visitor

- Provide constructive input, consider your base or any rural airports
- Identify improvements at NM airports – and volunteer to help make them happen!
- Apply for [NMPA grants](#)

Small things can help a lot! Let Joyce know if you have ideas! And SUBMIT good stories for our Chapter 179 newsletter! We love to see where our members are flying, providing ideas and the “how to” for others!

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From the Young Eagles Nest

Daniel Fuka – Young Eagles Coordinator

Free Ground School for new and old members, our second round of this new program, starts September 1! Contact me to get on the list. Basically, to share the pain of this greatest hurdle in learning to fly, our EAA179 family is offering Study Buddy FAA Knowledge Exam get togethers downtown at the community makerspace QueLab. (QueLab is an adult hobbies playground extraordinaire with machine, welding, wood, and sewing shops and more). We have a classroom on 7th and Haines (near the Bow and Arrow Brewery) with shorter driving distances from most of the ABQ Population.

Our first session this spring saw 5 members obtain their Ground School Endorsement to take the FAA Knowledge exam. Chief Eagles' Pilot Art Woods tells me that we continue to find volunteer EAA179 pilots willing to give Eagles Flights to those who tolerated me for 3 weeks, and a second flight after they pass their FAA Knowledge exam.

With the summer break for Young Eagles Events, we are using our time to recruit new members and expand peoples' flying dreams. I am exploring how many 179 members want to participate in Eagles Flights. And I'm gathering information about flying club and partnership opportunities at Double Eagle.

While we are not affiliated with our neighbor, SAMS Academy, many of their students happen to be Chapter 179 Young Eagles, with many of them volunteering at 179 events. We want to raise a glass to several who have moved up the pilot ladder after graduating this spring,

- Ethan “Flash” and Donovan “Medic” who helped teach our Magnetic Compasses section at DEAA, have earned their Private Pilots licenses.
 - Robert “Birdie”, who also helped teach at the DEAA, has his Private Pilot Checkride scheduled Monday, August 8th. *Update: He Passed*
 - Gabriel “Chief” also has his Checkride scheduled for August 8th. *Update: He Passed*
- Lauren Chavez, the Aviation Director at SAMS, is very grateful for our Young Eagles' Program and being a part of our Chapter 179 membership.

For those of you who are looking for affordable flying opportunities, the following KAEG based clubs and partnerships have available slots for membership. We will announce more details in the next meeting, but feel free to eMail me to get more information and contacts:

A new club, Road Runner, has a Skyranger Classic ELSA and 3 available membership slots.

- The RV12 is almost flying and has one membership available.
- SW Aero Training (C172) has two memberships available.
- CrossRoads Flying Club and 20 Awesome, LLC, both C172s, have the first waiting list positions available.
- And Kevin's Piper 140 PA28 has blocks of 10 hours pre-purchasable.

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IMC Club – August 20, 2022

Barry Harper, Bill Weber, John DeWitt, Discussion Leaders



Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

The chapter IMC Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 0930-1100 at Double Eagle II Airport, still a hybrid session (in person or remote). Anyone is welcome to participate!

Participate in-person in the Bode Aviation conference room, 2nd floor, next to the café. Meet up at the café prior for breakfast or after for lunch.

OR Join Remotely: Register in advance via this link, and the zoom link will be emailed to you. <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpdOyupz4uGNLFSOkTzQe5xAjOYu50-1fL>

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

Barry Harper & Joyce Woods
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Reminders

Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI) - September 24th

Early planning and preparations will be getting under way in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to the Newsletter and the Web Site as activities are scheduled. *All hands make light work.* (Emilio Verastegui)

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. We have three Young Eagles Rallies coming up this fall.

1. September 10th, our next Young Eagles Rally
2. October 15th
3. November 5th

Mark your calendars; see you there. (Dan Fuka)

Chapter Gatherings

3rd Tuesdays at Double Eagle II
(except March-Scholarships & December-Holiday Gathering)

IMC Club

Third Saturdays at Double Eagle II and via ZOOM

Chapter Board Meetings

First Tuesday of Odd Months via ZOOM

EAA Chapter 179 Membership

Art Woods, Membership Chair

MEMBERS MAKE OUR CHAPTER!

We always welcome new members no matter the time of year. Please consider joining the 80 plus members who renewed or joined for 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.

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Quick Links to Chapter Website

Web Site:	www.eaa179.org
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IMC Club:	www.eaa179.org/imc-club
DEAA:	www.eaa179.org/deaa
LOEFI:	www.loefi.org
Scholarships:	www.eaa179.org/scholarships
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Scholarships

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends.

Well, AirVenture 2022 is history. If you couldn't attend in person, I hope you were able to follow along on social media, blogs, websites, etc. All indications are it was a wonderful event and the Wisconsin weather cooperated wonderfully.

I don't have much to report specifically on scholarship updates. But, I was able to get a couple "action" shots of our 2020 (Sophie Haag) and 2021 (Luke Vaughn) Scholarship Winners as they get some good training up at the Air Force Academy.

Luke is going through the initiation that all first year cadets must go through. Think of the hot July we just experienced and appreciate all that Luke is doing in order to become an Air Force officer and serve this great country. Keep at it Luke, we're with ya all the way.



Luke (in the center) on his way to Jack's Valley for field training, a week experiencing field conditions including an obstacle course—a tough week.



At the (successful) completion of Basic Cadet Summer, the Doolies are "accepted" into the Cadet Wing. Sophie was there to pin on Luke's shoulder boards, a special event in every cadet's life.

Sophie, on the other hand is starting her second year at the academy and is allowed to do some training that's a bit different than Luke's. She earned her jump wings this past month!

Check out the video of one of her free fall jumps, via the link below .

[Sophie's FreeFall Jump](#)



We could not be more proud of these two outstanding young people who we got to know as Chapter 179 Ray Scholars.

Scholarships (continued)

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator

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Chapter Success: Another New Private Pilot!

Jesus Perez passed his checkride on June 15, 2022. This makes THREE of our scholarship recipients to receive their PPL in June! **Congratulations to PILOT Jesus Perez!**

Jesus received two \$1500 scholarships from our chapter while he was in High School, one supporting his attendance of the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh. Pursuing his dream to be a UPS pilot, he's been working up the ladder since he graduated high school. In June, we received this surprise message and these photos from his checkride.

I'm glad to announce you that I'm officially a PRIVATE PILOT!!!!Thank you so much for everything and for the support.

Jesus



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RV-12 Project – N179Q

Editor

The RV-12 Project was started by the Chapter some 18 months ago and is now proceeding with High Desert Flyers Association (all members of HDF are also members of Chapter 179). Assembly is, shall we say, 99% complete (with only the proverbial 10% yet to be done?). And yesterday (Aug 5th) the engine was started for the first time—and it ran fine. With only a few minor tasks to be completed, the team is ready for DAR inspection that is scheduled for Aug 10.

There have been many members of Chapter 179 who have contributed to the build. These folks took a box full of parts donated by a generous family and constructed the forward section of the fuselage. (The rear section of the fuselage and empennage as well as the wings were included in other donations received by the Chapter). Participants in construction of the fuselage were:

- Lee Otto
A mainstay from the beginning
- Randy & Susie Reimer
May they rest in peace
- Doug Dingman
- Jim Kessler
- Gwen Walcott
- Mark Sturm
- Mike Wirstrum
- Dave Otero
- Scott Harness
- And members of HDF

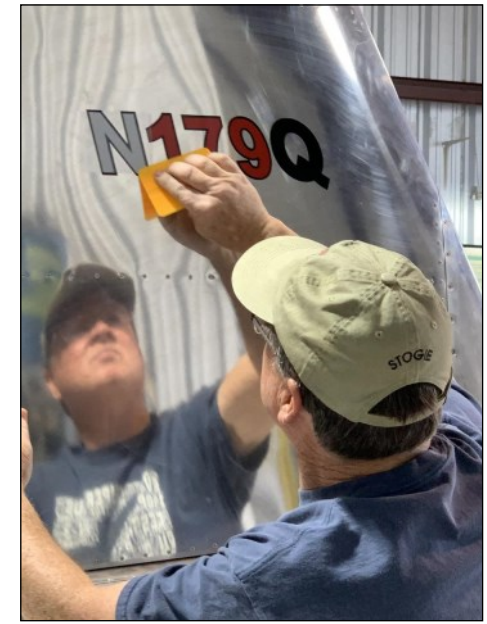
Upon completion of the fuselage by the Chapter, the airplane was purchased by the High Desert Flyers who in turn purchased the engine and avionics and continued the build. Under Lee Otto's stewardship (and bringing his exceptional builder's skills), the group completed the firewall-forward assembly (engine, cowling, and related tasks), installation of avionics, final assembly (wings, fuel tank, interior, and more), and many incidental tasks (leak checks, fluid fills, weight and balance, controls rigging, and ...) to prepare the airplane for the Airworthiness Inspection. Not to be overlooked – the paperwork – FAA registration including obtaining the tail number – N179Q. In coming weeks HDF will welcome the DAR to perform the Airworthiness Inspection, then with the Airworthiness Certificate in hand, they will conduct flight testing. HDF members are:

- Art and Joyce Woods
- Dan Horschel
- Stephen and Meg Fleming
- Mike Rehberg
- Mark Dyslin
- Chris Jackman
- George Young



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FIRST ENGINE START

[Click here for a video of this momentous event.](#)

Aug 10th: The RV-12 N179Q underwent an airworthiness inspection by the FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative today. Lee reported "We passed our airworthiness inspection with flying colors! We got lots of compliments on what we did and on the build!" Preparations will now get under way for flight testing.

From our out-of-state Member, Barry Kromer:



Greetings from 2B1@103'MSL. It's not hard to breathe here, but due to the humidity it is hard to cool off, for sure. I was perusing the local newspaper this morning and noticed two things. There were advisories cautioning swimmers to look out for sharks here on Cape Cod and there was an airship at Cape Cod(2B1) airfield. Normally that would be mutually exclusive but not today.

I took a ride (not a flight) over to 2B1 and there it was: Sharkweek Blimp. The airship is traveling up and down the east coast advertising the upcoming Discover Channel Shark Week. I took a few images and bothered the

mechanic, who was changing the oil on one of the Rotax engines. Aaron Troy who works for Airsign Airship Group was nice enough to let me look inside and around while he was working. Changing oil on this aircraft is interesting, since, as you will notice, it is pivoting around with the prevailing wind while he was changing, so he was walking with the engine while unscrewing the oil filter, as well as making sure the oil collection container is also moving in sync with the airship...otherwise, call the EPA for oil spill....

The airship is IFR capable, but Aaron said they only use it if they encounter clouds or fog while traveling VFR to each location.

"Shark Week blimp is courtesy of the Discovery Channel. The blimp, complete with a great white shark decal and bright white letters spelling out "SHARK WEEK," holds 69,000 cubic feet of helium and is more than 130 feet long, about 34 feet wide and 40 feet tall. The shark decal itself weighs about 250 pounds, said crewman Steve O'Brien, who is one of 13 crew members involved with the maintenance, flying and upkeep of the blimp. The blimp travels around 250 to 300 miles each day and is flown by two pilots, O'Brien said, with two Rotax motors that run at 85 horsepower each. This is the second year the shark blimp has traversed the coast, but the first time it has visited the Cape."¹

As you can see the instruments are the same as us normal pilots use. I believe they need to pay much higher hangar rent than we do though. Aa-

ron said they don't like flying from the west coast to the east coast due to the elevation in New Mexico and Colorado. Funny, that? The blimp will be leaving the Cape on Friday (weather permitting) for Hartford/Bridgeport, CT, Long Island, NY, NJ shore, Maryland, VA, NC, GA and ending in Nashville, TN.

Cape Cod Airfield 2B1 is nestled in the woods between the ocean, lakes, and beaches of Cape Cod. It dates to the 1920's. It has over 80 acres of open daisy-filled field, 3 grass intersecting runways, 2 hangars, and a quaint old windmill. It was once use as a training field for the Army Air Corps and rumor has it that Amelia Earhart landed here. Today it's the home to 21 private planes, including a Waco YMF-5 biplane, Beech 18, Seabee, and several antique taildraggers. Operating from the airfield is a thriving biplane business, aerial billboard, and custom banner advertising.

There are now apparently water sharks, land sharks(Saturday Night Live) and now air sharks. Of course the air sharks do have tail numbers.

Barry N15675 Kromer



¹ Ella Adams Cape Cod Times, July 13, 2022

In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor

I suppose everyone who flies out of Double Eagle tours the Rio Puerco Valley west of the West Mesa. The Rio Puerco has so many sights to see, whether from the air, or as some of us do, on the ground. I recently took such a tour with Joyce (and to get some stick time) and she got some really great photos of highlights.



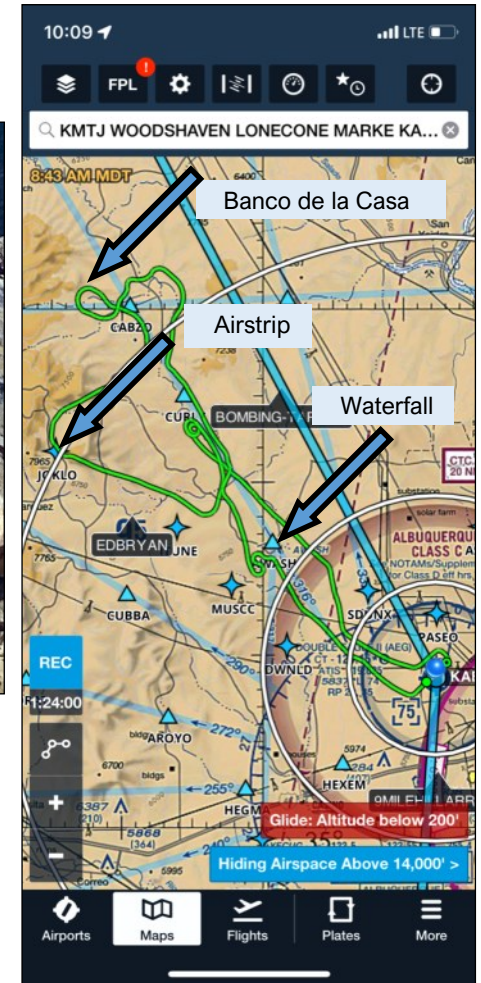
With the heavy rains in the Rio Puerco watershed, we found the –waterfall- (who would have known).



The next feature of interest was Banco de las Casas, a wall across a narrow extension of mesa, a curiosity to everyone.



And then a flyover of the airstrip at the LBar ranch, recently acquired by New Mexico Game & Fish. There are prospects that with some rehabilitation,, it could become another back-country airstrip. NMPA is considering pursuing this as they have done with other back-country airstrips.



In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor

It is very rewarding, and a credit to EAA Chapter 179, to see youth who we have introduced to aviation through DEAA to continue their interest in aviation. A couple of examples below.



DEAA 2022 Alumni, Morgan Arsenault of Gallup solos on his 16th birthday! An attentive DEAA student, Morgan also took the opportunity for flight lessons with Bode instructors before class. He soloed in his grandfather's Cessna 182.

Congrats Morgan!!!

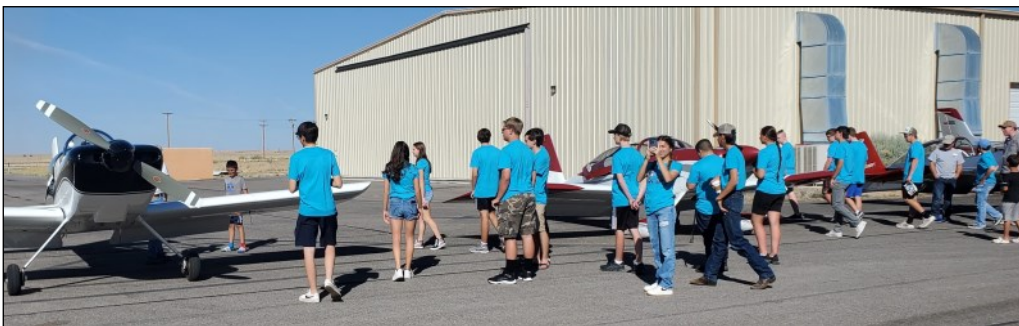
Photo provided by Perry Null



Another DEAA Alumni, Isabella Baldonado, seeking opportunities to stay connected with aviation, came out to help in the RAF. She swept the hangar while the RV-12 was getting its wings back on. Then she and a few other volunteers stayed behind to clear space so the RV-12 would fit in the hangar – now with wings!

Thank you, Isabella and your classmates.

Snap-photos from DEAA 2022.



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NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

The Editor

There are many organizations serving aviation interests in New Mexico. These include 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 or have corrections or updates, please send me eMail at newsletter@eaa179.org. And if you use any of these regularly, please consider providing a synopsis and review. Thanks.

NM EAA Chapters

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

New Mexico Organizat

- [New Mexico Pilots Association](#) (NMPA) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Fly New Mexico! Facebook Group](#) - started by David Otero. Ask to Join!
- [New Mexico Airstrip Network](#) (NMAN)
- [NMDOT Aviation Division](#)
- [New Mexico Airport Managers Association](#)
- [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 and Other State 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](#))
- [Arizona Pilot Association](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Colorado Pilots Association](#) (& [Facebook](#))

Online Resources

- [FAASafety.gov](#)
- [Kitplanes \(eMail subscription\)](#)
- [Pilots Workshop \(& eMail subscription\)](#)
- [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](#)
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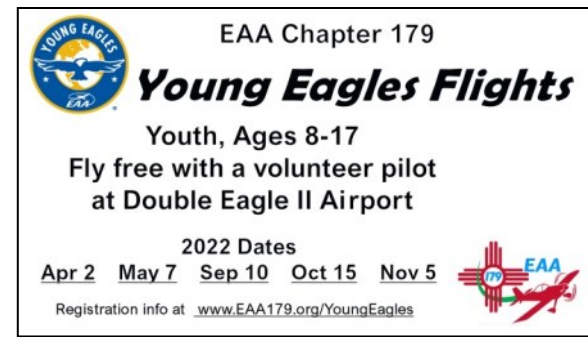
- [National Museum of Nuclear Science & History](#)
- [US Southwest Soaring Museum \(& Facebook\)](#)
- [Spaceport America](#)
- [National Aviation Hall of Fame \(nee Air Force Museum\)](#)
- [National Air and Space Museum](#)
- [The Wheels Museum](#)

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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Back Side

