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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

- Nov 5 IMC Club (KAEG), 0930-1100, hybrid format
- Nov 15 Annual Meeting & Gathering (KAEG), 1815
- Nov 19 <u>Fly-in Breakfast, Mid Valley (</u>E98), 0900-1200 Hosted by EAA Chapter 530
- Dec 13 Holiday Gathering, 1730-____

And check <u>NMPA web site</u> for other events around New Mexico

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Notes from our President Emilio Verastegui, President



Welcome everyone to November and to the pages of our wonderful and extraordinary EAA Chapter 179 Newsletter! Thanks again George!

The year has flown by and we are almost to the end. We have this month's Gathering scheduled for 15 November, then we are left with the month of December. After making many inquiries and phone calls regarding

where the Chapter might celebrate the end of the year and spread the Christmas and Holiday Cheer, we came up empty. I would then have the sad task of informing the membership that we did not find a place and we would not be scheduling such an event. Yes, that would be sad. However, we are a very lucky group to have member Clyde Adams and his family step forward once again to offer their house as a party venue this year, matching last year's wonderful time we had there.

More details will be forthcoming, if not in this newsletter, then next month's will have a lot more info. But, as a minimum, it has been scheduled for 13 December at the Adams residence. Please bring a side dish or desert if you are attending. The Chapter is buying and supplying the main meat dishes. It will be fun to be sure! If you want to be included in the "secret gift exchange" scenario, then bring a small gift to exchange. It is always fun and everyone gets a good laugh out of it!

As a reminder, the Chapter elections will be made at our Social Gathering this month. You should have received an eMail regarding the slate of candidates for 2023. Please attend the Social Gathering on the 15th of November to cast your vote or make your wishes known to the current officers in some fashion so your selections can be properly tabulated. In your mind, you may be thinking 'my vote is only one and one vote does not matter that much.', but I feel it is imperative that each Chapter member "speak" their mind by voting for next year's Officers and Board members. As President, I feel that as more Chapter members vote their preferences, the better the Chapter becomes.

2023 SLATE: The Nominating Committee recommends these candidates, willing to serve as follows (as of 10/22/22):

President - **Jim Kessler** Vice President - **open** Secretary - **Joyce Woods** Treasurer - **John DeWitt** Directors: (2 year terms) - **George Young** - **Lance Hunter**

In addition, these three continue as Directors: (not up for election)

- Mark Sturm
- Mike Wirstrom
- **Emilio Verastegui** (as Past President, replacing Bob Richter-Sand)

After our elections are complete, we will have a presentation by Mr. Tony Sobol. I don't think you will want to miss this one! He will speak on the topic of "Operation El Dorado Canyon". In 1984 Tony was Operations Officer for the 494 Fighter Squadron (FS) in the Royal Air Force in Lakenheath, England. He will share his story of flying Operation El Dorado Canyon, a controversial but highly successful mission shocking Muammar Qaddafi and reducing Libyan sponsored terrorist activity.

In the continuing search for scholarships, I have been informed by Connie Buenafe, one of our DEAA sim instructors and a most qualified glider pilot & instructor that the I-26 Association does have some scholarships available for those interested and qualified. See the link below. "The 1-26 has scholarships available for under 18 yr olds who want to learn to fly. Details are available at <u>https://www.126association.org/1-26association-scholarship/</u>"

Winter is coming, so plan accordingly. Remember, the most dangerous part of your flight may be the drive home!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th at our Social Gathering (KAEG).

Emilio Verastegui, President EAA Chapter 179

Notes from the Editor George Young

Ok, a bit hubris here. Some months ago Emilio announced that our Chapter Newsletter had been selected as one the 4 best Newsletters in EAA for 2022. At the last Chapter Gathering, he presented the award plaque to the editor (yours truly). I am proud to be so honored. In addition, 'tho, the quality of the Newsletter truly is driven by its content – my thanks to all who contribute each



month. And ... keep the articles, photos, and any newsworthy items coming.

Speaking of "keep the news coming".

- Who among you are presently building airplanes? Or making upgrades or performing major maintenance on your favorite machine? I know you are out there - I invite you to share your project(s) with us. Write an article yourself and/or send photos, or contact me and we will do it together.
- And .. What flying experiences have you had of late (or in the past)? We can learn from each other, things – to do or not to do –, or activities of yours which we can enjoy vicariously. Then maybe we can in your wake (or NOT)..

I would very much like to include a column or an article or two each month about your activities.

On another note – I've been receiving information about activities from other New Mexico organizations, particularly other EAA Chapters. We've enjoyed support from members of those organizations – LOEFI DEAA in particular. I bring their activities into view with the thought .. we can in turn support them and have a good time doing it. Perhaps you could make it to the Fly-In Breakfast being hosted by Chapter 530 at Los Lunas on the 19th, 0900-1200.

George Young Editor & Webmaster <u>newsletter@eaa179.org</u>

Time for Renewal!

Chapter 179 membership, that is . . . If you haven't already, it is time to submit Chapter dues for 2023! We've made it easier than ever to join as a new member or to renew your membership with online payment via credit card, debit card, or PayPal.

Just go to: https://eaa179.org/membership/

The conventional methods of payment are still accepted as well, including personal cheque, money order and cash. Fully tax deductible, dues are \$20 for an individual member and only \$30 for a family (spouse and children under 18).

If your contact information has changed, please complete the renewal form. Make cheques payable to "EAA 179" and mail to EAA Chapter 179, P.O. Box 3583, Albuquerque, NM 87190- 3583. You'll receive an e-mail confirmation. You may also bring dues payment to one of our Gatherings in November and December.

Don't hesitate to email me if you have questions about your membership status or if you need help with the website payment process. If you recently joined our Chapter as a new member, you are already paid up through the end of 2023.

Kind regards, Art

> Art Woods Membership Chair <u>membership@eaa179.org</u>

November Annual Meeting & Chapter Gathering Joyce Woods



November 15, 2022

5:45 PM Potluck—Bring your own drink and a side dish to share.

6:15 PM Membership Meeting & Program

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Voting will be conducted for Officers and Board Members. See <u>Notes from our President</u> for the slate of candidates.

PROGRAM: Operation El Dorado Canyon, presented by Tony Sobol

In 1984 Tony Sobol was Operations Officer for the 494 Fighter Squadron (FS) in the Royal Air Force in Lakenheath, England. He will share his story of flying Operation El Dorado Canyon, a controversial but highly successful mission shocking Muammar Qaddafi and reducing Libyan sponsored terrorist activity.

Tony graduated in 1970 as a distinguished Air Force ROTC Graduate from Univ of Connecticut. After pilot training at Columbus AFB, he was assigned the F-111 at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, NV. In September 1972 the Wing deployed to Takhli, Thailand to fly in Linebacker I and II, the Christmas bombing of Hanoi. Tony flew a total of 77 combat missions over North Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Later, returning to the states, he commanded the 522 FS at Cannon AFB. Upon promotion to Colonel, he was assigned to JUSMAGTHAI, Bangkok, Thailand as Chief of the Air Force Division. The Royal Thai Air Force invited him to be an Honorary Pilot in the Royal Thai Air Force. After AF retirement, his work at Boeing brought him to Albuquerque as Director of Field Marketing.

From 2012 – 2016, Tony built a Van's RV-8A. He flies the RV and his Bellanca Super Viking regularly.

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.



Chapter Holiday Gathering

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

5:30 PM Social Time 6:15 PM Potluck Dinner

LOCATION: Clyde & Genet Adams 1009 14th St. SW Rio Rancho

Thanks to **Clyde and Genet Adams**, we continue our tradition of a holiday party! Hope you can come! Guests welcome!

Please BRING a side dish or dessert. Roast turkey with dressing & gravy plus ham provided. Also, plates, utensils, etc. available.

Optional Gift Exchange: To join the fun of a gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift costing \$15 or less. Each person who brings shall receive. Totally optional.

DIRECTIONS: Allow 25 minutes from Paseo del Norte and Coors Blvd.

- ·Take Paseo del Norte westbound to Unser Blvd
- ·Turn North (right) on Unser
- ·Turn West (left) on Southern Blvd for about 3 miles.
- •Turn left on 14th Street SW and proceed to the second house. Park inside the gate or on the street.

IMPORTANT: The street is 14th SW. (You'll pass similarly numbered SE streets).

If questions, contact:

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Emilio addressing 2019 Partygoers



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!

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. Here is the description from the monthly IMC announcements:

EAA's IMC Club provides organized "hangar flying" focused on building instrument flying knowledge and skills. The club promotes a safety culture through continued education and believes that we develop safety and proficiency through education and real life experience. Monthly meetings offer an opportunity to share in-flight experiences and valuable safety tips.

The next meeting is planned for December 17. Check the <u>Chapter 179</u> web site to confirm the date.

- **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 via ZOOM: Visit the FAAST <u>Site Search page for</u> <u>Events at KAEG</u>. The meeting announcement will be listed when it has been registered with FAA. Select the upcoming *IMC Club Meeting* for *Event Details*; the ZOOM link will be included.

If you'd like to receive FAA WINGS credit, select the [Register] link on the *Event Details and Registration* page (you must be logged in to your FAAST account).

December Meeting, Dec 17th, 0930-1100 TOPIC: ".. Now What Do You Do?"

Meetings typically focus on a scenario "you were flying along and then this happened – what do you do". A scenario for December is in development, but here is an example from the October meeting:

You take off from a non-towered airport, without any controller frequency in range. You have an IFR flight plan on file but not activated. You climb into instrument meteorological conditions (IMC) at a much lower altitude than expected. — NOW what do you do.

After the dealing with the scenario, a quiz is presented that can deal with regulations, the approach charts, the enroute charts, weather, and other facets of flying IFR.

So if you are interested in learning more about IFR flight or simply wish to participate in problem solving, you are invited to attend or tune in via ZOOM to this and future meetings. And to get WINGS credit, register for the Seminar at <u>www.FAAsafety.gov</u>.

November Meeting, Nov 5th, 0930-1100 – Recap TOPIC: Discussion with ZAB Center Controller

Robby Poole, an Albuquerque Center controller, planned a 1.5 hour presentation, but ... questions from virtual and in-person attendees extended the meeting to nearly 3 hours. Robby gave an overview of a history of the reason for and development of the Air Traffic Control System (ATC) in the National Airspace (the NAS). That was followed by a description of what a controller can do and why. With safety as its North Star, ATC will be very conservative on the clearances that it will issue.

Strong points that Robby made were

- Pilots should inform controller when something goes wrong and that pilots respond to every call that the controller makes, even it the pilots response is to respond with "say again".
 - A non-response means lost communication to a controller.
 - Similarly, if the pilot doesn't tell the controller about a problem, the controller can't help because he or she doesn't know that there is a problem.

Robby works as an enroute controller with responsibility for clearances into and out of non-towered airports. He did spend some time discussing the different authorizations that Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) controller's have when compared to the authorizations that Enroute Controller's (Center Controllers, e.g. "ABQ Center") have.

SPECIAL NOTE: A video recording of the meeting was made. Although the video presentation is in a thumbnail windows, the audio is clear. The link to it is <u>https://bit.ly/3zU5S5B</u>; use passcode <u>**8abzZ@*d**</u>

> Barry Harper & John DeWitt IMC Club Coordinators, EAA 179 <u>imcclub@eaa179.org</u>

(Editor's note: Even if I won't be flying IFR, what great information to learn, to better understand what goes on in the airspace around me.)

Reminders The Editor	RV-12 Project – N179Q High Desert Flyers Association
Annual Membership Meeting – October 15 The next Chapter Gathering will include the annual Membership Meeting. The Board will review this year's activities and discuss plans for the coming year. And voting will be conducted for Offic- ers and Board Members. 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	The Chapter's RV-12 Build Project, now in the hands of the High Desert Flyers Association (HDF), is fully operational. The airplane has accumu- lated sufficient time for its 25 hour inspection and receive some minor upgrades. Since being declared "operational ready", Lee Otto and Mark Sturm, HDF's designated CFIs, have become fully acquainted with the airplane and are giving HDF members an introduction to the airplane and BFRs & checkouts. I hear from Scott Harness and Chris Jackman – "What a great airplane to fly." (<i>I've heard this from everyone who has flown an RV-12, from Gwen in her airplane to Lee Otto, and in N179Q: Lee, Mike Rehberg, and Art Woods who conducted the initial flights and flight testing, and Lee and Mark Sturm giving checkout flights to date.)</i>
Chapter Board Meetings Normally the First Tuesday of Odd Months via ZOOM	The rest of us members of HDF are looking forward to our time in N179Q.
Holiday Gathering – December 13 Again this year at the lovely home of Clyde and Genet Adams	George Young Editor & Webmaster <u>newsletter@eaa179.org</u>



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Scholarships Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends.

Hey, it's getting colder on those morning flights, isn't it? That reminds me that I need to get ready for the 2023 scholarship process.

I'm hoping that this next year our chapter will have funding to support four \$2,000 scholarships, and that we will be fortunate enough to be awarded another \$10,000 Ray Scholarship from EAA. We have also made reservations for two (ages 16 - 18) to attend the

Advanced Air Academy at Air Venture in 2023.

These are great opportunities for young future flyers. I'd ask that you readers of this newsletter think if you know any young people who are interested in learning to fly, or becoming an A&P mechanic, or an ATC controller. If you do, direct them to our chapter website (<u>www.eaa179.org</u>) for details. Our application window is 1 January to 15 February 2023). We're looking forward to some quality candidates.



Daisy Balmares-Ortega. Daisy has received her Student Pilot's License, is in the middle of the Sporty's Private Pilot ground school right now, has got her medical, and has her first lesson with Bronson (Bode) scheduled for Saturday 5 November. Let the fun begin



Ashlee Simkins. Ashlee is enrolled in the aviation program at SAMS Academy and is working on completing the PPL ground school. She is also a Junior ROTC student and is applying for a JROTC flight academy scholarship. This is the same scholarship that Luke Vaughn and Veronica Bearup won last year. We're pulling for ya.

> Mark Sturm EAA 179 Scholarship Coordinator <u>scholarships@eaa179.org</u>

From the Young Eagles Nest Daniel Fuka – Young Eagles Coordinator



Pilots Get Ready! Oh, indeed you had already started on August 1st, but believe it or not, the EAA Young Eagles program is now in its 30th year of inspiring the next generation aviators! This is all thanks to our dedicated pilot and ground volunteers.

EAA has announced the Young Eagles 30 Flights for 30 Years campaign! Any Young Eagles pilot that flies 30 Young Eagles from August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023, will be awarded a commemorative Young Eagles 30th anniversary polo shirt.

So far this year we have had 3 of our 5 events breaking previous 5 year records with 46 YEs in March, 64 in September, and we got all the way up to 75 YE Students flown in October! But, we were not able to try for a 4th record as safety is our first priority and we had to cancel the November 5th event. Pilots, please search your email for the poll to determine the best date for a makeup. NM Weather should be kind to us these last weeks of the year, so while it might be chilly on the ground crew, the flying should be ideal!

<u>Adult Eagles! Get your ground school out of the way for Free in 1</u> <u>month!</u> Free Ground School study buddies for new and old, member or not. Our fourth round of this new program, is currently happening every Wednesday at 6pm! Contact me to get on the list. Basically, to share the pain of this greatest hurdle in learning to fly, we are hosting 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 driving distances shorter than KAEG from most of the ABQ population. Our sessions so far this year have seen 15 members obtain their Ground School Endorsements to take the FAA Knowledge exam.

> Daniel Fuka Young Eagles Coordinator youngeagles@eaa179.org

Quiz .. Nope .. Tips for Student Pilots Emilio Verastegui

Hello Folks!

No quiz today, just some tips for Student Pilots!

These actually apply to <u>all</u> pilots, not just student pilots, so don't be offended if you find one or more of these applicable to you and your flying skills. I never take anything for granted and I never pretend that "I am the sharpest knife in the drawer!"

Ok, here we go - -

1) Armchair fly! Bring home a copy of the checklist for the aircraft you will be flying and get more familiar with your cockpit. (*This was always a good thing for me because I soon became very familiar with the flow of each checklist*)

2) Hang out at the airport and get to know experienced pilots. If no one else in your family flies, having those pilot mentors can make a huge difference. (*This made a big difference to me as a student pilot. My parents thought I was just wasting my time at the airport!*)

3) Always come prepared for a lesson. Studying before you get into the cockpit is the #1 way you can save money. *(This is ALWAYS true!)*

4) Visit an air traffic control facility to get a better perspective on the airspace system that, as a pilot, you operate in each and every day. But always remember to call ahead to see if they can take you. (*I have fond memories of climbing the narrow steps to the tower cab as the sun set at my home airport, KTYS, to spend time with the guys there - stale coffe and corny jokes were the order of the day*)

5) Get in the habit of doing a thorough pre-flight check; it's the best way to avoid a problem once you've started the engine. (Always do a thorough preflight - it might save your life one day)

6) Keep your pilot logbook up to date. It's easier to enter every flight when you fly it, than it is to log a bunch of flights at once. *(Truer words never spoken)*

7) Use the thousands of resources and online courses out there to help you learn when you're not with your instructor. (It is so easy to access so much information these days, it's almost a crime!)

8) Don't worry when you're stuck on a tough topic. Whether it's crosswind landings, performance calculations, or radio work, flight training doesn't always come easily. Every pilot had something that challenged them during training...and they all worked through it with practice. (*If you are stuck, give it a few minutes or even hours, then try again later. It will come soon enough*)

9) Don't forget to have fun! You got into flying because it's fun...take time to enjoy it! (*The Wright Brothers were trying to solve a huge problem, you are just learning to fly, so go have fun!*)

Till next month! Emilio Verastegui, a pilot

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In the News and Other Interesting Topics Editor

Handy Pilots Tips that I came across

- Pilot Workshops
 - Steep Turn Secret
 - Best Glide Simplified
 - Flying VFR Through a TFR
- Plane & Pilot
 - Staying Ahead of the Airplane in the Modern Age
- AOPA
 - Some of us are "Rusty Pilots". AOPA offers an online course "<u>Rusty Pilots Online Course</u>". It is free to AOPA members (\$89 for non-members). Duration: 120 minutes. WINGS credit.

Scholarship Opportunity

The <u>1-26 Association</u> has scholarships available for under 18 year olds who want to learn to fly. Details are available at

https://www.126association.org/1-26-association-scholarship/.

General Aviation News

"<u>New deal increases access to five New Mexico backcountry</u> <u>airstrips</u>". Credits to the <u>Recreational Aviation Foundation</u>, and the <u>New Mexico Airstrip Network</u> (recognition to Ron Keller and NMPA).



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 <u>newsletter@eaa179.org</u>. And if you use any of these regularly, please consider providing a synopsis and review. Thanks.

NM EAA Chapters

- <u>1306</u>, 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 Organizaton

- New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA) (& Facebook)
- Fly New Mexico! Facebook Group started by David Otero. Ask to Join!
- New Mexico Airstrip Network (NMAN)
- <u>NMDOT Aviation Division</u>
- <u>New Mexico Airport Managers Association</u>
- Lobo Wing of the CAF (& Facebook)
- Rio Grande Norte 99s Facebook Group (Ask to Join!)
- Tuskegee Airmen (local chapter) (& Facebook)
- <u>Albuquerque Soaring Club</u> (& 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)
- <u>Ninety-Nines (& Facebook)</u>
- Angel Flight
- LightHawk (& Facebook)
- Arizona Pilot Association (& Facebook)
- <u>Colorado Pilots Association</u> (& <u>Facebook</u>)

Online Resources

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

EAA Resources

- Hints for Homebuilders
- Learn to Fly!
- <u>Pilot Proficiency</u>
- Become a Young Eagle Volunteer!
- AirVenture—Oshkosh

eMail Resources (Subscriptions)

- <u>FAA Safety Team</u> Safer Skies Through Education Log in to your account, then go to Account Preferences.
- <u>AOPA ePilot</u>
- AOPA Aviation eBrief
- AVwebflash

Cultural Web Sites

- <u>National Museum of Nuclear Science & History</u>
- US Southwest Soaring Museum (& Facebook)
- Spaceport America
- National Aviation Hall of Fame (nee Air Force Museum)
- National Air and Space Museum
- <u>The Wheels Museum</u>