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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

### Jan 17 – Chapter Gathering (KAEG)

Pot Luck – 1745, Program – 1815

### Jan 21 – IMC Club, 0930AM - 1100 (KAEG and Zoom)

### Jan 28 – 99s Flying Companion Seminar (KAEG), 0830-1600

### Feb 4 – Young Eagles, Chapter 179 (KAEG)

### Feb 13 – EAA 179 Board Meeting via Zoom, 1830

January 2023

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### Recurring Events

#### Chapter Gatherings

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

#### Chapter Board Meetings

Normally the First Tuesday of Odd Months via ZOOM

#### IMC Club

Third Saturdays at Double Eagle II (KAEG) and via ZOOM

## Notes from our New President

Jim Kessler



### *My Thoughts for the New Year*

I am humbled to be part of this awesome group of aviation enthusiasts. Having worked with many of you in the past, I feel the Chapter is on very sound footing. I have worked with several other non-profit organizations and found EAA Chapter 179 to be one of the most effective organizations. I hope to be able to keep our momentum going in the coming year.

My thanks to Emilio for the tremendous job he did as president. His dedication to our Chapter is apparent in all that we have done in the past 4 years. His wisdom and leadership have kept us on the straight and level.

I want to thank all of you for all that you do for the Chapter, but there are several people who stand out in my mind as having a critical role in the Chapter's success. I'm sure I don't know all of them, but I want to point out some of them.

George Young is our newsletter editor and helps keep our website up to date. What a super job he does.

Dan Fuka is the Young Eagles Coordinator. That is a crucial part of what the EAA does. There are 15 or 20 pilots that I see at Young Eagles events who are dedicated to that program as well.

Mark Sturm leads our Scholarship program and has raised the bar on student pilot mentorship, doing much of it personally.

Lee Otto was the lead on the RV-12 build. His detail-oriented process resulted in a beautiful product. He had lots of people helping, which is an indication of his leadership.

Joyce and Art Woods are everywhere. As far as I can tell, they are involved in all that the Chapter does.

These are just a few who come to mind as I write this note. Their commitment to the Chapter is noteworthy.

There are a couple opportunities for those who want to get involved more deeply.

Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA) is scheduled for June 5 –9 this year. It is a week-long opportunity to introduce the next generation of pilots, engineers and maintainers to the aviation environment. We could use someone to be mentored in the role to become the coordinator.

If you have not been involved in these programs in the past, you are missing out on some very rewarding experiences, and I encourage you to step out in some way to be a part of what the Chapter is doing. To see the excitement on the face of a kid who has just come back from their first Young Eagles flight is really priceless.

We want to do some flyouts this year and maybe go for a \$100 breakfast in Grants or for those with a little more zip on their wing maybe Tucumcari.

There is quite an interest by adults to get involved in aviation. For the most part, they don't know how to get started. We could be the catalyst that ignites that new interest. The EAA Eagle flight program is perfect for this.

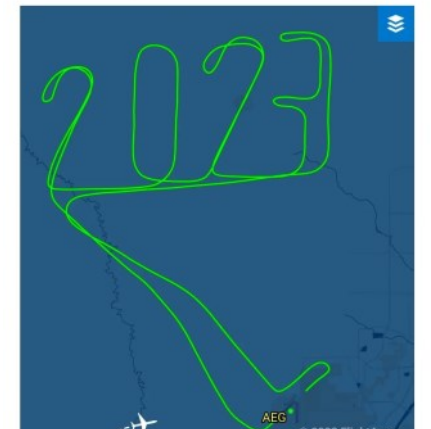
I look forward to your ideas.

From the Webpage it says, "As recreational pilots, aircraft builders, and aviation enthusiasts, we love to share our passion for aviation with the public, promote aviation safety and education, introduce youth to aviation, and serve the general aviation community." This is not quite written as a mission statement, but it should be the guiding principle of our Chapter. Take the time to get involved and see how contagious enthusiasm can be.

Jim Kessler, President  
EAA Chapter 179  
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N2657W flight schedule updated a few seconds ago

[View track log](#)



Kyle Reinhardt rang in the new year, figuring out how to fly this flight track in his Mooney.

## January Gathering



### Chapter Gathering

**Tuesday, January 17, 2022**

**5:30 PM** Doors Open - social time

**5:45 PM Potluck**—Bring your own drink and a side dish to share. Plates & cutlery provided.

**6:15 PM Intro & Program**

### ***Program: Midfield Development Project at AEG***

Chapter member and Young Eagle pilot, Kenny Hinkes has been working with the City of Albuquerque Aviation Dept on a MidField Development project at Double Eagle II Airport. The “MidField” project consists of five Phases to develop city owned airport land southwest of the tower.

Plans are to start construction of Phase I this spring, which on completion will include 48 new hangars. Kenny will review current and future plans for this exciting new airport development: [High Flying Hangars at Double Eagle II](#)

*Editor's note: Our chapter has long hoped to secure our own hangar on the field to serve as a base for our activities. Even after the Reimer Hangar purchase, the Board has continued to explore options. Last year, we reserved the right to purchase a hangar in this project, on behalf of the chapter. Join us to learn about the project to provide input for upcoming Board decisions.*

These monthly 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, next to the Control Tower; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW; Albuquerque

**Directions:** Take I-40 or Paseo del Norte westbound to Atrisco Vista Blvd and follow airport signs.

Once on the Airport road, there is a stop sign before turning left to the main airport parking lot, DON'T TURN LEFT.

Proceed straight through the gate towards the Control Tower. Park in front of the 1st building on the left. *Look for EAA signs.*

### **Upcoming Fly-In Events - hosted by others (Let's go!)**

**February 17-19** [AOPA at Buckeye Air Fair \(KBXK\)](#)

**February 25** [Lordsburg Fly-In \(KLSB\)](#)

**March 3-5** [Cactus Fly In, Casa Grande, AZ \(KCGZ\)](#)

**March 24-26** [Copperstate Fly-In, Falcon Field \(KFFZ\)](#)

## Notes from the Editor

Joyce Woods, backup for George Young

### Vacation Backup

*If one is retired, is there such a thing as vacation?* We have dedicated volunteers who do things every month which we often take for granted. That is, until they take time away. George dedicates considerable time each month to assemble / create this newsletter, often with last minute submissions.

Well, this month, George Young is “on vacation”. And I have come to appreciate the extra effort he puts in beyond the “assembly” of articles by others.

George scours aviation media to create the news links like on [Page 11 of this issue](#). It was fun for me to do once, but I have to say I didn't appreciate the breadth of that news! It's really awesome how he collects the latest news and tips.

So help him out—send a story! And if you run across something interesting, out there, send it to him at [newsletter@eaa179.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa179.org).

### New Energy and Ideas

We always seem to be recruiting / begging for new volunteers. I find it incredibly cool that we have FOUR new Board members:

Jim Kessler, our new President who is hitting the ground running.

John DeWitt, our new Treasurer. . . who we all know as an ex FAA FSDO guy. Little did we know, he has accounting background!

John Brown, our new VP is full of ideas and energy to increase safety/proficiency activities and fly-outs.

Lance Hunter stepped up immediately to take on Publicity for which we have not had a clear leader for several years. *Join our new [Facebook Group!](#)*

I personally look forward to seeing where this year takes us. *Our chapter does great things but there is always so much more opportunity in this fun world of aviation!*

Last year, we enjoyed the extra involvement of Kyle and Jessica Reinhardt. They served as VP and Treasurer, provided leadership and new energy for our social media and led the youth area and secured food trucks which transformed our Land of Enchantment Fly In. Thanks to both!

**2023 marks the 70th anniversary of EAA and our chapter's 60th year!** Historically a active chapter, I distinctly remember times when members lamented that EAA 179 was waning. Hard to imagine today with all that we have going. *We are definitely growing and expanding our impact!*

*Thanks to everyone who pitches in to make EAA 179 a fun and meaningful group to be a part of. Looking forward to see what 2023 brings!*



## IMC Club

Barry Harper, John DeWitt, IMC Club Coordinators



### Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

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

### **NEXT MEETING: January 21 at KAEG, & via ZOOM**

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.

- **Participate in-person** in the Bode Aviation conference room, 2nd floor, next to the café. Optional: meet others at the café prior for breakfast or after for lunch.
- **OR Join Remotely via ZOOM:**

Register in advance for Zoom access info here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpf-2vpzovH9Vfpf-V5nOrSGDIPb57Ribw>

You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting Zoom link.

If you'd like FAA Safety WINGS credit, please register through the WINGS announcement as follows, or sign in-person at the meeting.

- Visit the FAAST [Seminars & Webinars page for Events at KAEG](#).
- Scroll to the bottom and select the *IMC Club Meeting*.
- Follow "Registration Info" instructions

*See you there!*

Barry Harper & John DeWitt  
IMC Club Coordinators, EAA 179  
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### Pilots—fly 30 to celebrate this 30th!

See recognition details at:  
[EAA Young Eagles 30th Anniversary](#)

Number of YEs flown as of today:

<https://www.eaa.org/eaa/youth/free-ye-flights>

## From the Young Eagles Nest

Dan Fuka, YE Coordinator



Mark your calendars! As for old business, we have a private event inviting the LOEFI 2022 Volcano Vista Marching Band as well as those YEs who registered for the canceled November event **February 4th**. Let's hope for a beautiful Albuquerque weather day!

For the new business, YE flight dates in 2023 will be **March 4th, April 2, May 7, Sept 10, Oct 15, and Nov**

**5.** We are going to push for as many pilots and YEs as possible during the spring events as EAA National is doubling our event credits which help us send YEs to EAA's Air Academy.

The EAA Young Eagles 30 Flights for 30 Years campaign is rolling. Any pilots who fly 30 Young Eagles this year till July 31, 2023, will be awarded a commemorative Young Eagles 30th-anniversary polo shirt.

We came so close to breaking 300 in 2022 with our six public and two private DEAA events. Our official tally of 296 YEs flown, even with one of the events having to be postponed into 2023.

Daniel Fuka  
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## Membership

Art Woods, Membership Chair

Our chapter ended 2022 with 113 members!! That's the most in many moons. Thanks to those who joined us last year and thanks to those who have supported the chapter forever; i.e more than a year!

**It is time to submit 2023 chapter dues!** We've made it easier than ever to join as a new member or renew your membership with online payment via credit card, debit card or PayPal. Just go to: <https://eaa179.org/membership/>

Yes, even cash and checks are accepted! Dues are \$20 for an individual member and only \$30 for a family (spouse and children under 18). Make cheques payable to "EAA Chapter 179" and mail to EAA Chapter 179, P.O. Box 3583, Albuquerque, NM 87190- 3583. You'll receive an e-mail confirmation.

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

Art Woods  
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## Scholarship Update

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



**Happy New Year chapter members and friends.** I hope you're all off to a good start for 2023. January is a busy month, scholarship-wise, for the chapter.

Our scholarship application process opened 1 January and closes 15 February. I am hoping that this year our chapter will have funding to support four \$2,000 scholarships, and that we will be fortunate enough to be awarded our 7th \$10,000 Ray Scholarship from EAA.

Additionally, we have 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 consider 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 [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org) for details.

### How to apply:

<https://forms.gle/2NUCVnL5ruZLdCNA6> for our on-line application.

I've seen/met/flown several folks at Young Eagle events in 2022 who would be excellent candidates to earn one of these fantastic scholarships. Get out there and apply to begin your aviation adventure.

I still keep in touch with many of our past scholarship winners, and I was excited to hear from Luke Vaughn, a freshman at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Before he left for school, I had offered to take him flying when he was back in town. Turns out he had completed his finals early and could use a ride back to Albuquerque. I jumped at the chance to go get him, and I had him flying the entire way back to AEG. La Vida Pass had some cap



clouds and occasional turbulence so we climbed to almost 14,000' momentarily to get through the area. We saw 7° F up there and the Velocity struggled to keep us warm on the downhill run back into Double Eagle. It was a great flight; a couple friends from different ends of the flying spectrum enjoying what they love.

Mark Sturm  
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## EAA Advanced Air Academy Scholarships

EAA Chapter 179 offers scholarships to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy held **July 18 – 26, 2023 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.** [Academy Details](#)



EAA Air Academy Lodge, Oshkosh, WI

Our \$1650 scholarship covers full tuition, room and board. Recipients must pay for transportation to and from Oshkosh or apply for a campership through EAA to help cover it. Application deadline is Feb 15. See instructions to apply at: <https://eaa179.org/air-academy/>

## Scholarship Funding Relies on Generous Donors

Chapter scholarships are funded by a combination of donations and from funds from activities throughout the year.

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### Like what you see? Want to Contribute?

We appreciate donations of any amount to our main scholarship fund, the Reimer Scholarship Fund, the *Bob Hartman Memorial Scholarship*, or *Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship*.

Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable organization. Donate online or send us a check.



## Chapter Holiday Gathering – Recap

December 2022



We topped off a super year with a great party turnout. Thanks to Clyde and Genet Adams who opened up their house for us and cooked up a juicy turkey for the feast!

Emilio thanked everyone for a good year and the spirit of volunteerism that makes our chapter activities happen. He thanked outgoing board members, Bob Richter-Sand, Kyle and Jessica

Reinhardt (VP and Treasurer), acknowledging their contributions. He introduced the new officers and board members.

Dan Horschel led off a sendoff for Emilio as President, resurfacing memories of the many requests for gift cards that “Emilio” sent all board members over the 4 years. These scammers appeared realistic as they posed as our President, requesting that we purchase a gift card and send him the code via email. Dan finally gave in to the requests, presenting Emilio with a ribbon of several gift cards for Emilio.



Joyce noted how Emilio was always willing to do anything he would ask anyone else to do. This included flying Young Eagles or adults, helping builders, teaching kids, giving presentations,



writing newsletter articles, loading up his truck, *everything*.

She told how Emilio wanted to continue for this second term after the dismal 2020 of Zoom meetings -- so he could go out on a “high note”. Mission accomplished!

Several members thanked Emilio for his



hard work and leadership, looking back over the 4 years of chapter success. Joyce presented Emilio with a photo collage of memories and chapter accomplishments during his reign.

Always fun, an optional gift exchange followed, complete with gifts being stolen in accordance with the rules. Various tools, gingerbread house kits, custom photo calendar, spiced rum, BBQ fixings, and holiday deco were all well received!





# Recognizing Emilio's Chapter Leadership

Acknowledging chapter highlights



**Thank You Emilio Verastegui!**  
**EAA 179 President 2019 - 2022**

- ✓ Chapter RV-12 build completed, transferred, and flying!
  - ✓ LOEFI growth: 2019, 2021, 2022
- ✓ Celebrated 30 years of Young Eagles, over 4000 flown
  - ✓ DEAA more challenging and attracting older kids
  - ✓ EAA HQ recognized chapter newsletter
  - ✓ Technical Counselors supporting more builders
- ✓ \$41,000 in 179 Scholarships awarded to 26 recipients
  - ✓ 4 Ray Aviation Scholars achieved PPLs
- ✓ Active through 2020 via ZOOM and outdoor meetings
  - ✓ Fly Outs to KGNT and Mid Valley
  - ✓ Acquired the Reimer Aircraft Factory





## Looking for a New Project

Lee Otto



Here is a picture of our latest chapter project: a Vans RV-12. Now that we've finished the 12 and she's flying, we're looking for our next building or restoration project.

Have you got a J-3 Cub or a Citabria, OR any other like airplane project that you just can't find the time to finish? Contact us ...

Lee Otto  
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## Remembering Our Good Friend, Margaret Prina

April 1942—December 2022

Margaret and Russ Prina held a long tradition of opening their home to our chapter for an annual Christmas party, creating many years of great memories of food and camaraderie.

Margaret was an avid quilter and enthusiastic holiday decorator who didn't miss a meeting and loved to host this party. Russ built and flew his BD-4 for many years and served on our Board. Both Margaret and Russ were regulars at the aviators' lunch at Monroes for many years. Their presence is greatly missed.

Margaret's memorial service will be January 28, 2023, in the afternoon at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque.



## EAA179 Board Meeting Summary

Joyce Woods, Secretary



Your new and old officers and board members met for our annual transition meeting on January 3, 2023 via Zoom. For an updated list of chapter leadership, check the [CONTACTS](#) page on the website or cover page of this newsletter.

Here are key meeting highlights:

We confirmed dates for Young Eagles, DEAA, LOEFI, with currently no change for IMC Club meetings and chapter gatherings:

**Young Eagles Dates:** Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 10 (DEAA students only), Sept 9, Oct 14, and Nov 4.

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** Feb 15 (includes Air Academy)

**DEAA:** June 5 – 9

**LOEFI:** Sept 23

**IMC Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays

**Chapter Gatherings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening

There was a productive open discussion, reflecting on 2022 and sharing ideas for 2023. What we do is entirely dependent on our volunteer base and has evolved over time. We discussed increasing our visibility to expand membership, gaining synergy between our activities events and publicity efforts. New Board Member, Lance Hunter volunteered to lead Publicity and has since created an EAA179 Facebook Group to facilitate more fun, interactive communications. [JOIN our new FB GROUP - CLICK HERE!](#)

The Board also discussed changing the location for our monthly 3rd Tuesday Chapter Gathering, starting with our February 21 meeting if possible. We hope to decide after discussion at our January 17 Gathering. We need your feedback and ideas! It would be nice to avoid the westbound I40 evening traffic and eliminate the need for a potluck. Where could we meet that has food available, and can support speaker presentation needs? Bring your ideas on Jan 17 or send to us at: [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)

We re-established a Resource Strategy Committee to evaluate and make a recommendation to the Board for a February 13 Board meeting, regarding the new hangar project at AEG.

Meanwhile, our chapter PO Box will be cancelled as early as February, as we are getting a more convenient mailbox at Double Eagle II Airport. So please watch for that change if you're the snail mail type.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, Feb 13 at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you'd like to join, please contact us at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)



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

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

### **Sessions M-F from 10:30AM to 7:30 p.m. MST**

EAA is hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: ([www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)). It is five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. Live online presentations are open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft.

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

Live sessions allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

**EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.**

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

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

**Aviation Quiz**  
Emilio Verastegui

Hello friends! Happy New Year! Here's another quiz for you to start the new year off to a "flying" start... (pun intended) ....!

You can check your answers below. As always, I strive to educate myself and also help others that may have questions or are just curious. Enjoy & good luck!

**1 - Angle of Attack is :**

- A. The acute angle between the chord line and the direction of the relative wind.
- B. The acute angle between the wing camber line and the direction of the relative wind.
- C. The acute angle between the angle of incidence and the direction of the relative wind.
- D. Same as  $V_{so}$ .

**2 - What speed is the top of the airspeed indicator "green arc"?**

- A.  $V_x$
- B.  $V_a$
- C.  $V_s$
- D.  $V_{so}$
- E. L/D max
- F.  $V_{no}$

**3 - In a spin :**

- A. The inside wing is stalled, and the outside wing is not.
- B. The outside wing is stalled, and the inside wing is not.
- C. Both wings are stalled.
- D. Neither wing is stalled.

**4 - Lowering the flaps increases :**

- A. Camber
- B. Lift
- C. Drag
- D. All of the above

**5 - Maneuvering speed ( $V_a$ ) :**

- A. Increases with increased aircraft weight or
- B. Decreases with increased aircraft weight

**6 - Ground effect is caused by :**

- A. Reduced parasite drag
- B. Reduced induced drag
- C. A cushion of air
- D. Magic!

Answers on [Page 11](#)

**Study Buddy Group**  
Dan Fuka, Program Leader

Last year, a local ground school study buddy group has helped over a dozen obtain their pilot ground school endorsements, and those endorsed last year are getting together to study to complete the FAA Exam over the next few weeks.

Several in the group are LTA (lighter than air) pilots **ALREADY** and working toward their fixed-wing certifications! This Ground School support group for old and young, EAA member or not, happens every Wednesday at 6pm.

The greatest hurdle in learning to fly has been claimed to be finishing the ground school, so are hosting Study Buddy FAA Knowledge Exam get-togethers are downtown at the community makerspace QueLab. We have a classroom on 7th and Haines (near the Bow and Arrow Brewery).

Contact Daniel Fuka at [drfuka@vt.edu](mailto:drfuka@vt.edu) to get on the list.

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## Humbled and Honored

Emilio Verastegui

*Hello everyone!*

*I want to say a few words here to convey how very honored I felt at our last meeting. If you recall, many of us were attending our annual Christmas/Holiday party at the Adams residence and everyone seemed to be having a good time. I certainly was having a great time!*

*As we neared the end of our evening, after all the gift exchanges had been accomplished, and after everyone had eaten their fill of the sumptuous food, I was asked to stand for a presentation, one that I had not prepared for nor even expected.*

*I was surprised and honored that the Chapter members took the time to present me with a beautiful framed collage of pictures that represented many of the events that took place during my tenure as President of Chapter 179. I was at a loss for words then and I still am surprised that I find myself a bit emotional thinking of that sincere act of thanks that the Chapter conferred on me with that presentation.*



*As I sit here thinking about it today, I wonder how I can ever say “Thank You” enough or with sufficient force and emotion to convey what I feel internally. All I can say or write here is “Thank You from the bottom of my heart.” I hope all those involved understand how appreciative I am, how humbled I feel and how honored I am to be part of this great EAA Chapter, the best in New Mexico, and as far as I am concerned, the best in the USA.*

*Thank You!*

*Sincerely and with gratitude,*

Answers for [QUIZ on Page 10](#).

1) A; 2) F; 3) C; 4) D; 5) A; 6) B

## In the News and Other Interesting Topics

Editor

Handy Pilots Tips, Articles, and News Items that you might find interesting:

*Pilot Workshops—[sign up here](#) to receive via email*

- [Fuel Gauge Accuracy](#)
- [When to Tip Line Workers](#)
- [Avoiding “Flap Sink”](#)

*Plane & Pilot*

- [Aviation Legend Joe Kittinger Flies West](#)

*AOPA*

- [FAA LODA Requirement Eliminated—President Biden signs FY23 NDAA](#)
- [FAA Weather Camera Network Extends Across the Country—Where do you need one?](#)
- Always relevant, AOPA offers “[Rusty Pilots Online Course](#)”.free to AOPA members (\$89 for non-members). Duration: 120 minutes. WINGS credit.

*Aviation International News (AIN Online)*

- [Advanced Air Provides Scheduled Service to Las Cruces](#)

*General Aviation News*

- [Flight to Fight](#) Cancer Awareness Fly-in, now Fly-Over at Santa Teresa, NM (KDNA) and the War Eagles Museum. [Follow them on FB](#)
- [What a Ride](#), **Recreational Aviation Foundation** celebrates 20 years preserving back-country airfields for public access nationwide.
- [Questions from the Cockpit: Right vs. Left — William Dubois](#) (pilot based at KSXU)

*FAASteam – Upcoming Webinars (many give FAA WINGS credits)*

- IMC Club Meetings here at KAEG. See announcement in this Newsletter
- And many others, peruse the list at “[Seminars & Webinars](#)”

*AVweb*

- [Young Eagles Program Flies 49,000 Young People In 2022](#)
- [Autopilot Installs: Downtime, Rigging](#)

*Flying Magazine*

- [Advanced Air Mobility: Joby Completes 2nd of Four System Reviews with FAA](#)

[EAA Timeless Voices:](#) (EAA login required)

- EAA 179 Member video interviews: [Rose Kern](#) *New!* [Jon Daffer](#) [Bob Hartman](#)

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# Flying Companion Seminar - Last Call to Register!

Pilots! Do you know someone who you wish was more comfortable to fly with you? Or you wish enjoyed it like you do? The local chapter of the Ninety Nines is hosting a fun seminar to help a passenger increase their knowledge and address fears. Taught by women pilots, participants are immediately put at ease. Feel free to contact Joyce Woods with any questions at 505 974 5305.



## Flying Companion Seminar

Double Eagle II Airport  
Saturday, January 28, 2023  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

### Do you ....

- Have someone in your life who is a pilot?
- Wonder how you could assist or be a better passenger?
- Let your fear of flying keep you from going aloft with them?
- Want to learn more about airplanes and the exciting world of general aviation?

If so, *The Ninety-Nine's Flying Companion Seminar* is for you!

This fun, informative session is designed with the non-pilot in mind. Our goal is to help you become more comfortable in light aircraft and be able to have FUN! We will teach you to be an effective cockpit crew member and help address fears of flying.

This one day ground-school only course covers topics such as:

- How the airplane flies
- How to read an aeronautical chart
- Who to talk to on the radio
- What the instruments can tell you
- What to do in an emergency
- Safety tips, weather, and much more!

...so you can enjoy flying more and be a better Flying Companion



**\$60 per person; includes lunch and all materials**

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## Ninety-Nines Flying Companion Seminar Registration Form

(not required for online registrations)

**WHEN:** January 28, 2023, 8:30 – 4:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Double Eagle II Airport, specifics provided upon registration.

**COST:** \$60 per participant, includes lunch and all materials  
**\$75 per person if received after January 7, 2023, provided openings exist.**

**Register Online OR send this form with check made out to "RGN99s" to:**  
Angie Slingluff; 6430 Vooscane Ave; Cochiti Lake, NM 87083

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of your registration.  
For questions, contact Angie Slingluff at 907 330 4977 or [akwoman86@yahoo.com](mailto:akwoman86@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto: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, KDNA
- [1615](#), Truth or Consequences, KTCS

### New Mexico Organizations

- [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](#)
- [Air Care Alliance](#)
- [Emergency Volunteer Air Corps](#)
- [LightHawk](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- [Arizona Pilot's 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](#)
  - [Fly New Mexico](#)
  - [The Aviator's Lounge](#)

### 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](#)
- [US Southwest Soaring Museum \( & Facebook\)](#)
- [Spaceport America](#)
- [National Aviation Hall of Fame \(nee Air Force Museum\)](#)
- [National Air and Space Museum](#)
- [The Wheels Museum,](#)
- [War Eagles Museum, Santa Teresa \(KDNA\)](#)