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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Feb 21 – Monthly Gathering (M'tucci's Moderno - Rio Rancho)

Mar 4 – Young Eagles, Chapter 179 (KAEG)

Mar 18 – IMC Club (KAEG), 0930-1100

Mar 21 – Monthly Gathering (TBA)

... and check the list of Upcoming Fly-in Events on [page 11](#)

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## Notes from our President

Jim Kessler



I just finished the weekend EAA Leadership training in Oshkosh. Yes, it snowed every day, and the high on Sunday was supposed to be 8°F. But these folks up here at EAA central are so enthusiastic, they have tons of programs to help the chap-

ters do a better job of being chapters. I have a spiral binder of knowledge that was way too much to absorb in two days.

The binder has a full page titled Chapter Resource Quick Reference Guide. It highlights everything that chapters have done that have been successful in strengthening the community of aviation enthusiasts.

The very first session on Saturday morning was on how to have a successful chapter. There were six bullet points:

1. Strong Leadership — We'll try to provide that.
2. Monthly Gatherings — We do that.
3. Do something! — We do that!
  - a. Young Eagles
  - b. DEAA
  - c. LOEFI
  - d. Scholarships
4. Have a growth mindset.
  - a. Be welcoming.
  - b. Wear nametags.
  - c. Designate a greeter — We Need this at our gatherings.
  - d. We do this.
5. Communications — We do this.
  - a. Newsletter
  - b. Facebook
  - c. Local media

6. Understand your volunteers.
  - a. Thank the folks that do the work.
  - b. Delegate and Ask for help from volunteers.
    - a. Ask a specific person.
    - b. Specifically define what you are asking the person to do.

We have all these things in place in our chapter except an assigned chapter greeter at our gatherings. You can expect to hear from me on this one. I thought this was one of the best ideas of the weekend. More on this at our next gathering.

There were a bunch of other topics discussed: insurance, fundraising, by-laws.

Looking back over the weekend we have four of the best “do somethings” there are. We can add more, but our scholarship program is one of the best in the country. We have a very nice Fly-in. I would put our aviation academy up against almost anyone else's. We have a vibrant Young Eagles program.

We cannot sit on our laurels. Any and all of these programs have to be nurtured with elbow grease. There is joy in being involved in things that will make a difference. All are directly aligned with our mission. We are sharing our love of aviation in our community.

We have a new event possibility. The Air Force's 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing would like to have an aircraft display day for the local high school students at the end of March at KAEG. We will have to define this more specifically, but we will need a coordinator for this event. This could almost be as big as LOEFI if we get Bernalillo, Rio Rancho and Albuquerque high schools involved.

The opportunities for awesome results are all around our chapter. Let us meet the challenge and be a beacon for aviation in New Mexico.

Jim Kessler, President  
EAA Chapter 179  
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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

Answers to Emilio's Quiz on [page 11](#)

1 - d, 2 - a, 3 - b, 4 - b, 5 - b, 6 - c, 7 - a

## February Chapter Gathering – Feb 21, 2023

Joyce Woods



**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

**5:30 PM** No Host Dinner

**6:15 PM** Intro & Program

**Speaker: Mark Chappell, GIS Analyst / Remote Sensing Program Coordinator NM Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

Mark Chappell (23) first gained his interest in aviation at the first Double Eagle Aviation Adventure in 2014. Mark continued his interest in aviation when he joined the New Mexico Civil Air Patrol as a cadet. Through his CAP career, Mark rose to the rank of Cadet Major while serving as the wing Director of Training for Unmanned Aircraft.

Mark was deployed to Puerto Rico in January 2020 as part of an interdisciplinary team of UAS (unmanned aerial systems - drone) operators with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in response to major earthquakes. Mark graduated with his Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Emergency Management from Eastern New Mexico University.

In March of 2022, he joined the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as an Operations Officer. During the 2022 New Mexico Wildfire Season, the worst in New Mexican history, Mark served as the Director of the State Emergency Operations Center, coordinating the state's response to the wildfires. In June 2022, President Biden visited the New Mexico Emergency Operations Center, where Mark briefed him on the current status of the wildfires and what the state was doing in response to them.

During "blue skies" Mark used geographic information systems (GIS) to maintain statewide situational awareness, creating maps, apps, and dashboards to track what is happening around the state. He also manages the agency's public safety UAS Program and satellite imagery and intelligence program.

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:** **M'tucci's Moderno Restaurant** ([Preview MENU here](#))

**1908 Wellspring Ave SE, Rio Rancho** (Wellspring and Unser)

**Directions:** From I-25, take Paseo del Norte westbound to Unser Blvd.

Turn right (North) on Unser Blvd, then LEFT on Wellspring Ave SE

(Located in shopping center just west of Presbyterian Rust Hospital)

## January Chapter Gathering - RECAP

Joyce Woods

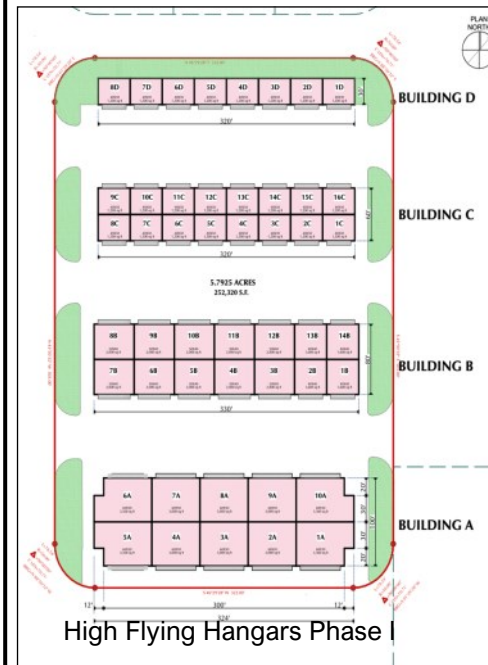
Chapter member, Young Eagles pilot, and real estate developer Kenny Hinkes shared an update on the "Midfield Development Project at AEG". Sharing his aviation background, we learned Kenny was a charter pilot with Cutter and only went into real estate to be able to be home more after his son Jack was born.



Kenny said that Jack never was interested to learn to fly although family trips often were aboard small aircraft. Like many kids growing up falling asleep in the back, he took flying for granted, seemingly no

different than travelling by car.

Then one day, Jack started talking about learning to fly. Kenny didn't believe he was serious for some time. Finally in 2019, Jack convinced him to buy the beautiful red Cessna 172 that they are flying today.



Kenny joined Chapter 179, began flying Young Eagles, and teaching Jack to fly. Since then, Jack got his private pilot license and is working on his instrument and commercial ratings. Kenny expressed what great joy it has been, helping his son on this flying journey.

The Double Eagle II Airport hangar project that he and his son Jack have been working on is called "High Flying Hangars". There are five phases planned with the first row of 50' x 60' box hangars expected to be built in 2023. Subsequent hangars will be smaller, with the second row at 50'x50' and 40' x 50'. Check it out at [www.KAEGhangars.com](http://www.KAEGhangars.com)

Joyce Woods  
Secretary, EAA Chapter 179



## February Board Meeting

Joyce Woods, Secretary

Your chapter Board met 2/13/2023 for a special business meeting. President Jim Kessler presided. Key agenda items were to confirm scholarship funding and decide about whether to move forward with the chapter hangar reservation and fundraising. Here's a summary of discussion and actions. Please feel free to contact any board member if you have questions or input!

- Art Woods reported that membership renewals (59) are just over halfway to where we were at year end 2022 (113 members). (See the [membership note on page 5](#).)
- John Dewitt reported on fund balances for our three accounts: Chapter general fund, Chapter Scholarship account, and the EAA Ray Scholarship account. He reviewed a proposed Chart of Accounts establishing codes to track various financial categories, to be confirmed at March Board meeting. It was decided that in-kind donations should be reported as "income" and balanced in the books as "costs" so we have record of our true costs. Generous members donate not only their time but also often pay for expenses for which they don't request reimbursement. We should track those costs and recognize donors.
- Our next gathering will be at a restaurant, M'Tuccis Moderna in Rio Rancho, rather than at the airport. *Winter warmth assured!* (See [details on page 4](#).)
- Mark Sturm reviewed scholarship data and presented a proposed budget for 2023. In the last 4 years, we've awarded 27 scholarships: Chapter Scholarships, Ray Scholarship, and EAA Air Academy. He reviewed past recipient progress and reported that with 2 days before our 2023 deadline, we have not received as many applications as in past years. Considering the success of the Ray Scholarship program, members suggested ideas to consider for how we might modify our program in the future.
- Hangar options outlined by a subcommittee's Resource Strategy report were considered. The Board decided to withdraw the hangar reservation made on our behalf with the AEG High Flying Hangars development. The main concern is establishing enough justification for owning and managing our own building. Currently, our usage would be for monthly gatherings, IMC Club meetings, and Board or committee meetings and perhaps annual DEAA and/or LOEFI usage. Additional concerns needing resolution are the ease of public access to that area and the significant fund raising required in a short time.
- Dan Fuka reported on the February Young Eagles event. If more pilots would confirm in advance, we could accept more registrations. Next event is March 4.
- Board approved using a free Southwest Airlines ticket for a raffle at LOEFI 2023. The Alderete family gained credit for volunteer time and assigned it for our use as a fundraiser.
- The Board approved signing up with Lightspeed for their program benefiting chapters sponsoring EAA Ray Scholars. Lightspeed will donate 10% for any headset purchased with our chapter code (TBA). Our official chapter address will soon be changing to a Double Eagle II Airport address. Stay tuned, it's been a SLOW process with many USPS visits by Emilio and Jim.

Joyce Woods  
Secretary, EAA Chapter 179

## Notes from the Editor

George Young

I'm pleased to be back at the Editor's desk after our January trip to Oaxaca. Much thanks to Joyce for composing and publishing the January Newsletter.

The Chapter is off to a good start here in 2023 with new officers and board members. Thanks to you all for what you do (and are going to do).

On a personal note: last week I had my first ride in the RV-12. (Many thanks to the Chapter for bringing this project along so that the High Desert Flyers Association could then take it to the finish line.

Through the generosity of Art Woods, I had the chance to fly in Joyce's C-172 and to start rekindling the 'muscle memory' for maneuvering flight and the mental memory for procedures and communications. With that recent experience, I was a bit better prepared to demonstrate some of my (rusty) pilot prowess (under Lee Otto's supervision).

I flew LSA's back in '18 and '19 (Remos GX and Tecnam P2002), so I was somewhat familiar with a plane like the RV-12. Many of it's features felt familiar: light touch on the controls, smooth ride (unless the air is a bit bumpy), easy approach-path control to landing (watch for ground effect beneath those low wings), and simple cockpit management. My learning curve will be adjusting to the comprehensive display of information on the Dynon panel (a challenge after 60 years flying six-packs).

It feels very good to be back in the left seat again.

George Young  
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## 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: February 18 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/joining/register/tZIkceigpzItGN2pahCNcauXjFoNKzuh\\_P17](https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZIkceigpzItGN2pahCNcauXjFoNKzuh_P17)

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  
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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>

## Membership

Art Woods, Membership Chair

Thanks to those who have already renewed your 2023 membership!! Your commitment to our programs to reach youth and the general public is very much appreciated.

We've made it easy to join as a new member, or renew your 2023 membership, with online payment via credit card, debit card or PayPal. Just go to: <https://eaa179.org/membership/>.

Dues are \$20 for an individual member and only \$30 for a family (spouse and children under 18). If you would rather send a check, make it payable to "EAA Chapter 179" and mail to:

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You'll receive an e-mail confirmation, assuming I have your email address!

Don't hesitate to email me if you have questions about your membership status, if any personal information has changed, or if you need help with the website payment process.

If you joined our Chapter late last year, you are already paid up through the end of 2023.

Art Woods  
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### **SPECIAL NOTE: New Group on Facebook—EAA Chapter 179**

Lance Hunter, Chapter Publicity

We have created a [Facebook Group](#) for Albuquerque's EAA chapter 179. This group was created to provide its members with an interactive way to keep up with current events and activities conducted by the EAA179.

- Group members can ask questions and get answers in real time.
- We encourage all EAA179 members to join
- We encourage all Young Eagles and their parents or guardians to join
- Any member of the group can post pictures of their flights or ground activities

Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org> and request to join our new Facebook Group.

## Scholarship Update

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends.

I hope you're all off to a good start for 2023. February will be 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, or attending the Advanced Air Academy. If you do, direct them to our chapter website [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org) for details. Also, <https://forms.gle/2NUCVnL5ruZLdCNA6> will take you directly to our on-line application. *(Don't use the QR Code I've published previously; there is a problem with it.)*

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.

You may recall that I still keep in touch with many of our past scholarship winners, and in January I was excited to hear from:

**Daisy Belmares-Ortega:** Daisy is in the middle of Sporty's ground school and has taken 2-3 flights with Bronson at Bode. She attends many of our monthly chapter meetings and is obviously excited about her pilot training.

**Ashlee Simkins:** Ashley is a student at SAMS Academy and is hoping to get some flight time there before spending her scholarship monies. She's studying for her FAA written exam right now.

**Mia Alderete:** Mia is our second Ray scholar for 2022 and is working hard on her Private Pilot's License. She's also doing Sporty's ground school and trying to fly 2-3 times a week at Bode! She's getting very close to solo and is eager to continue her training.

Remember, to apply for a scholarship, go here:

<https://forms.gle/2NUCVnL5ruZLdCNA6>

Mark Sturm  
EAA 179 Scholarship Coordinator  
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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](#) at EAA.org

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/>



EAA Air Academy Lodge, Oshkosh,

## Scholarship Funding Relies on Generous Donors

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

### 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*.

Donate



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





### Young Eagles!

Pilots needed! March 4th is our next event, and we can keep adding Young Eagles as pilots can commit earlier. Please watch your email for invites with a link to commit, or contact Daniel at [YoungEagles@eaa179.org](mailto:YoungEagles@eaa179.org).

Our February 4th event was a private event for the LOEFI 2022 Volcano Vista Marching Band and makeup for the Young Eagles who didn't get to fly due to the November event cancellation. We were able to open up 54 reservations based on the number of Pilots who pre-committed, and **47 YEs showed up to fly, 23 of whom had never flown in a small GA aircraft before!**

This is a great start to the year and EAA YE 30th Anniversary Challenge which gives double credit to EAA179 through July 31st. All flights given from January 1, 2023, to July 31, 2023 qualify EAA179 double Young Eagles credits (\$10 per Young Eagle)! If you were not aware, the EAA Young Eagles credit program awards a \$5 (\$10 from January 1 - July 31, 2023) to pilots and chapters for each Young Eagle flown in a calendar year. EAA179 uses the credits to send young persons to the EAA Air Academy or to support and enhance their local Young Eagles outreach efforts.

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 event as EAA National is doubling our event credits which have been allowing us to send YEs to EAA's Air Academy events.

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

### Adult Eagles!

The greatest hurdle in learning to fly is claimed to be finishing the ground school, so some of Albuquerque's EAA members are working with other aviation enthusiasts in gathering for Study Buddy FAA Knowledge Exam get-togethers downtown at the community MakerSpace QueLab. (QueLab is an adult hobbies playground extraordinary with machine, welding, wood, sewing shops, and more). We

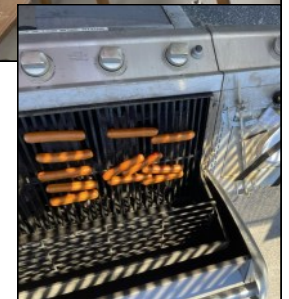
have a classroom on 7th and Haines (near the New Mexico Steam Locomotive 2926) with shorter driving distances from most of the ABQ population.

Last year's ground school Study Buddy group has helped over a dozen obtain their ground school endorsements, and the endorsed from last year are getting together to study to complete the FAA Exam over the next few weeks. Several in the group are **ALREADY** LTA pilots and are working toward their fixed-wing certifications! Our Ground School support group for old and young, EAA member or not, happens every Wednesday at 6pm. Contact Daniel Fuka to get on the list.

This group realized it needed an airplane if they are going to be able to fly more frequently and has been recovering the tail feathers and replacing hardware on a Challenger II E-LSA, N135JG. Here are some pictures from the fun of folks learning how to put fabric onto control surfaces! Yep, and we are having a BBQ every Saturday at 1pm while getting these skins updated, so come join us for the fun!

Daniel Fuka

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## Amigos del Cielo and Lordsburg Fly-Ins

Editor

A really great weekend of flying is coming up at the end of the month. NMPA is hosting the Amigos del Cielo Fly-in Feb 24-26 (NM90). And associated with it is the Lordsburg Fly-in on Saturday Feb 25 (KLSB). I hope to see you there.

### NMPA's

#### Amigos del Cielo (NM90) Fly-In

February 24-26, 2023

A super weekend planned in the New Mexico Boot Heel!

**REGISTER by 9pm February 18**

**Itinerary, registration, all the info at:**

[Amigos del Cielo Fly-in Details 2023](#)

\$38 per person (age 12 and under free)  
includes Saturday night dinner



#### Lordsburg Fly-In (KLSB)

Saturday, February 25, 2023

0900 - 1400

*Show support for this community airport!*

**Lunch provided for Fly-In Pilots!**

Hosted by the City of Lordsburg

RSVPs appreciated

[Details and RSVP HERE](#)



#### EAA Young Eagles Flights Lordsburg (KLSB) Sat, Feb 25

0930 - 1200

#### PILOTS NEEDED

Rose Longmire of EAA 530 is managing the event.

Good to contact her in advance, but not required.

[Email Rose](mailto:rosel@swcp.com) or call 505 249 4530



*Special Note:* There will be Young Eagles flights at Lordsburg on Feb 25, weather permitting. Young Eagles pilots needed. Rose Longmire of EAA 530 is managing the event. Good to contact her in advance (but not required) at: [rosel@swcp.com](mailto:rosel@swcp.com) or (505)249-4530.

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## Amigos del Cielo and Lordsburg Fly-In(s) (continued)

Editor

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I attended the Amigos del Cielo and Lordsburg Fly-ins back in 2020 with Lanny Tinning in his Rallye out of Midvalley. We flew in to NM90 on Friday, spent the night there, then to KLSB for the Fly-in, then home on Saturday.



Beautiful (?) New Mexico scenery enroute from Mid Valley to Amigos del Cielo.



Turning downwind at NM90.



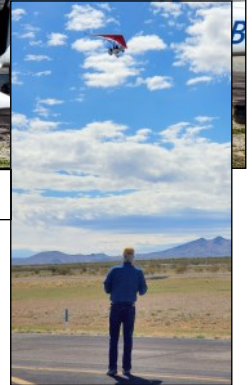
My lodging for the night. Lanny "camped out" in the lodge.



NMPA and Chapter 179 were well represented.



There was a wide variety of airplanes who flew in for the day.



A good crowd of local people interested in aviation – citizens, families, and kids, came out for the Fly-in.

And best of all, the Fly-in showed support for the Lordsburg airport helping insure that it remains open, even getting improvements.



## Gone, But Remembered

Joyce Woods

It is with great sadness that I share news we received recently.

**Todd Blue**, a long time chapter member passed away November 15, 2022. We knew he had health issues, but he took it all in stride, still showing up at the airport to tinker with his planes. Sadly, we were unaware of his passing until now. Todd was a tireless volunteer and served our chapter as Secretary for ten years (2009 - 2019) plus Young Eagles Coordinator for five (2013 - 2018). He took charge of setup logistics for LOEFI, DEAA, and pretty much any event we held. He staffed Young Eagles outreach booths at youth events around the area and during Aviation Day at the Legislature.



A friend to all, Todd's know-how, dry humor, and hard work have already been greatly missed.

### Celebration of Life for Margaret Prina

A Memorial Service was held at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church (8600 Academy Rd NE; Albuquerque) on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

As noted in our January newsletter, Margaret Prina passed away in December. Her obituary was now published, you can [find it here](#) and sign the guestbook.

Margaret and Russ Prina held a long tradition of opening their home to our chapter for our annual Christmas party, creating great memories of camaraderie and great food. Both Margaret and Russ were active in the Albuquerque aviation community, regulars at our chapter meetings and the aviator's lunch at Monroes. Margaret loved to fly with Russ and supported his annual pilgrimage to Oshkosh to volunteer.

Many of you don't know these chapter friends, but trust those of us who did -- they truly lived EAA's Spirit of Aviation!



Joyce Woods  
Secretary, EAA Chapter 179

## Looking for a Chapter Project



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.

Do you know of someone who as an EAB project who just can't find the time to finish? Contact us ...

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## Quick Links to Chapter Website

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Young Eagles:	<a href="http://www.eaa179.org/youngeagles">www.eaa179.org/youngeagles</a>
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### NEW!

Join the Chapter's new Facebook Group. Lance H has created it as a place for Members to share information Join today

[www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org](http://www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org)

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

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

- [Can a VFR Pilot Survive in IMC?](#) (Ed: not much chance of this here in NM, but elsewhere? Yes.)
- [Contacting Ground After Landing](#)
- [Flying Without an Airspeed Indicator](#)
- [Hidden Pockets of Turbulence](#)
- Private Pilot: The Missing Lessons – [Managing Marginal Weather](#) (a 16 min video)

**EAA**

- EAA has a continuing schedule of Webinars. [Check out their schedule.](#)

**General Aviation News**

- [New Mexico's Sacaton airstrip reopens after three decades](#)

**The Aviation Geek Club (—Lots of interesting articles here—)**

- [The weird story of when Kelly Johnson received a bag with \\$30 million in cash to pay for the first six CIA U-2 spy planes](#)

**EAA Timeless Voices:** (EAA login required)

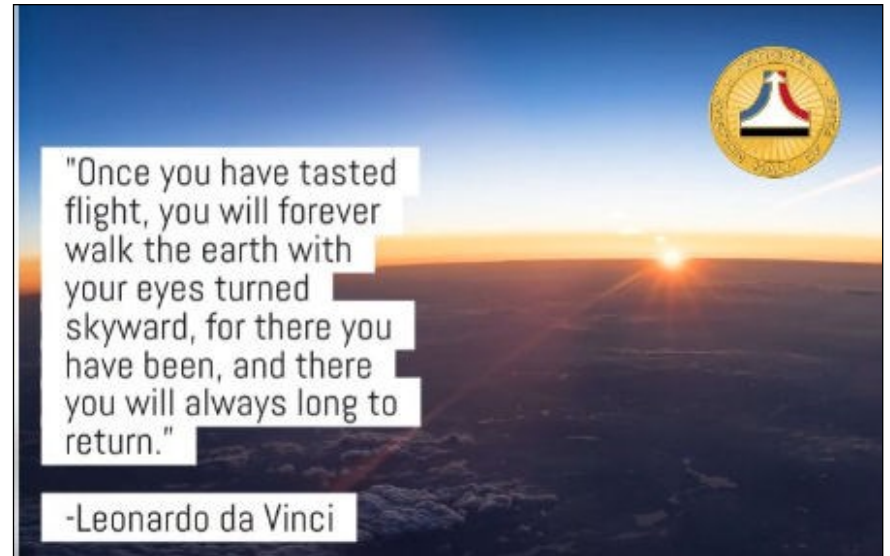
- EAA 179 Member video interviews: [Rose Kern](#) *New!* [Jon Daffer](#) [Bob Hartman](#)

**Facebook Groups of Interest**

I realize there are mixed feelings out there about Facebook. But I've found that there are many interesting "spaces". Here are a few of my favorites:

- [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#) – Updates daily, and some –very– interesting posts about the Museum, their airplanes and their projects
- [I Love WWII Planes](#) – Many interesting posts about military aviation in general, from WWII to present.
- [The Aviator's Lounge](#) – Some interesting discussions in the posts and especially the comments about many topics.
- [SAM's Aviation Academy](#) – Of course, our own Charter School; great updates about their students.
- [EAA – The Spirit of Aviation](#) - Another participatory space of FB (like our [Chapter space](#)).
- [EAA Timeless Voices](#) – Posts by pilots recognized for "meritorious service" to aviation, including our own John Daffer (EAA Membership required)
- [EAA Chapter 179 New Mexico](#) on Facebook – Our New FB space, courtesy Lance Hunter. Join the group and add your posts.

Send me your favorite FB spaces related to aviation and I will pass them along.





## Quiz .. For All Pilots

Emilio Verastegui

Hello folks! Here's another Brain Teaser. Anyone operating an aircraft on the ground should be familiar with all the markings and procedures relevant to the particular airport they are on. So, here are several questions (and answers) to help stimulate your thinking about airports and airport markings. Best of luck!

1 - What is the main difference between a tetrahedron and a windsock, other than shape?

- a - Tetrahedrons are more accurate in high winds.
- b - Windsocks are lit at night, and tetrahedrons are not.
- c - Tetrahedrons are more accurate in light winds.
- d - Tetrahedrons can be manually set to show which runway is in use.

2 - While taxiing at a tower controlled airport, is the tower required to give you runway crossing instructions if you will need to cross any inactive runways to reach the active runway?

- a - Yes.
- b - No.

3 - Which of the following is NOT an appropriate use of UNICOM?

- a - Ordering catering for your passengers.
- b - Closing your VFR flight plan.
- c - Notifying the FBO that you will need fuel.
- d - Asking the FBO which ramp is best to park on.

4 - Touchdown zone markers are spaced in \_\_\_\_\_ foot increments.

- a - 300.
- b - 500.
- c - 700.
- d - 900.
- e - 1000.
- f - 1500.

5 - You're flying at night, and you see a rotating beacon that is alternating white & yellow. What kind of airport is located near the beacon?

- a - Lighted land airport.
- b - Lighted water airport.
- c - Lighted military airport.
- d - Lighted heliport

6 - You are landing on a runway with centerline lighting. At what point do the centerline lights become all red?

- a - Beginning at the last 3,000 feet of runway
- b - Beginning at the last 2,000 feet of runway
- c - Beginning at the last 1,000 feet of runway
- d - Beginning at the last 500 feet of runway

7 - What can you do in a non-movement area?

- a - Taxi without contacting Ground Control.
- b - You must have a taxi clearance from Ground Control before moving.
- c - You can do anything you want because you are the Captain and the Captain is always right!

Answers on [page 3](#)

Til next month!  
Emilio Verastegui, a pilot

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

February 17-19 [AOPA at Buckeye Air Fair](#) (KBXK)  
February 24-26 [Amigos del Cielo Fly-in](#) (NM90)  
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)  
April 22 [Truth or Consequences Fly-in](#) (KTCS)  
Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1615  
June 16-18 [Tucumcari Rawhide Days Fly-in](#) (KECC)

Check NMPA's "[Upcoming Events](#)" for updates

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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](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](#) and [AOPA Aviation eBrief](#)
- [AVwebflash](#)

### Cultural Web Sites

- [National Museum of the United States Air Force](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [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 \(KDNA\)](#)