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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Oct 13-15 The B-25 Visit, **CANCELED by EAA**

Oct 17 Chapter Gathering (KAEG)

Oct 21 IMC Club (KAEG)

Oct 28 Young Eagles at Deming (KDMN) - EAA 530

Nov 4 Young Eagles (KAEG)

Nov 11 Chapter Gathering and Annual Meeting (KAEG)

Note: this is on a Saturday in the Chapter hangar (RAF)

... and check the list of Upcoming Fly-in Events on [page 16](#)

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## Notes from our President

Jim Kessler



Jim getting fitted to the cockpit.

Happy Fall. This is the best flying weather, so enjoy. Get out there and put some time on those wings. I did in the Breezy.

**The Breezy:** The story behind the Breezy goes like this:

Warren Cox built it. The chapter had a meeting at his hangar to see what he had built about two years ago. Warren has been a member of our chapter for years.

As Warren completed the Breezy, he lost his medical and was unable to fly his creation.

He has tried to sell it for the last couple of years, but the Breezy market is small and the unflown Breezy market is considerably smaller.

Warren offered to sell the Breezy to the chapter at an exceptionally reduced price, but the problem is the chapter can't own an aircraft that is actively flying. So we made a deal. A member of the chapter (me for now) will fly the Breezy for Warren while he remains the owner, and he will then sell it to us at the reduced price once we have flown out the 40 hours. We can then find a home for it at the normal price. It is a definite win-win.

We inspected the Breezy and found the workmanship to be exceptional. (Warren wanted me to be sure I credited Jason Manzanares for his considerable support during the build process.) The board decided to enter into the deal with Warren. We have now started flying the Breezy and will continue to fly off the 40 hours.

So, that is the story of how we became involved in flying a Breezy. Check the story of its first flight on [page 14](#).

**LOEFI:** I will let others comment on LOEFI, but I will say it was an awesome event. I am so impressed with the chapter members' commitment to the fly-in. There were so many heroic efforts, I would be remiss trying to recount them all. I have never been in an organization with such committed volunteers. Thank you all for being so incredibly devoted to our mission.

The consensus of the board is to have the next Gathering at BJ's due to the flies at the maintenance facility. Thus our next Gathering will be at BJ's on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. LOEFI has been our focus, and we do have hundreds of LOEFI photos we could display on the 3 video screens.

Still looking for volunteers to be on the Chapter board of directors. If you would like to serve, please contact Lance Hunter or Joyce Woods or me.

Keep the canopy side up.

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## Notes from the Editor

George Young

As our president observed in his [Notes](#), this is the best weather of the year, the time of year to "Just Go Flying". Last week I took advantage of that idea like I haven't in years past.

Airplanes were always in my field of interest. This despite growing up far away from any flying activity or having contact with anyone who was flying airplanes, full size or model. Although my stepfather and an uncle had flown in WWII, they Never Talked about their experiences. But when I got the opportunity to learn to fly, I took it.

Aside from the intellectual and physical challenges of flying and the feelings of accomplishment, I discovered on my first 'free' solo cross country that I could go places ... I flew home for breakfast one Sunday morning from Colorado Springs to my home town in western Kansas (town of Hoxie, closer to the Hill City VOR than Hill City; maybe you've been there?). I was back at USAFA by mid-afternoon. Wow, that opened up a whole new world.

So that became my Reason to Fly – to Go Places. (It helped that I learned to fly in a T-34, so I had the 'complex airplane' endorsement from the start and could fly the the faster airplanes like a Comanche 250, Mooney, C-182, each a Go Places airplane). Thus, other than checkouts and proficiency flying, cross countries became my main flying activity, such as –

- From Wright Field, OH to Kansas for a weekend with my girlfriend or to Muscle Shoals, AL for a friend's Mother's Day lunch (T-34).
- From Isla Grande airport in San Juan, PR to Saint Thomas, VI because I could (C-172).
- From Edwards AFB to Eglin AFB (by way of Hoxie) with 8 and 10 year old kids (Mooney).
- From Manhattan, KS to Hoxie in an .. *Aeronca Champ* (watching the semi-trailer trucks on I-70 pass us).
- Ultimately, with Pat, our A-Cross the Country, from Newport News, VA to Oakland, CA and return (C-172, had scheduled in an Arrow but the wing spar AD quashed that).

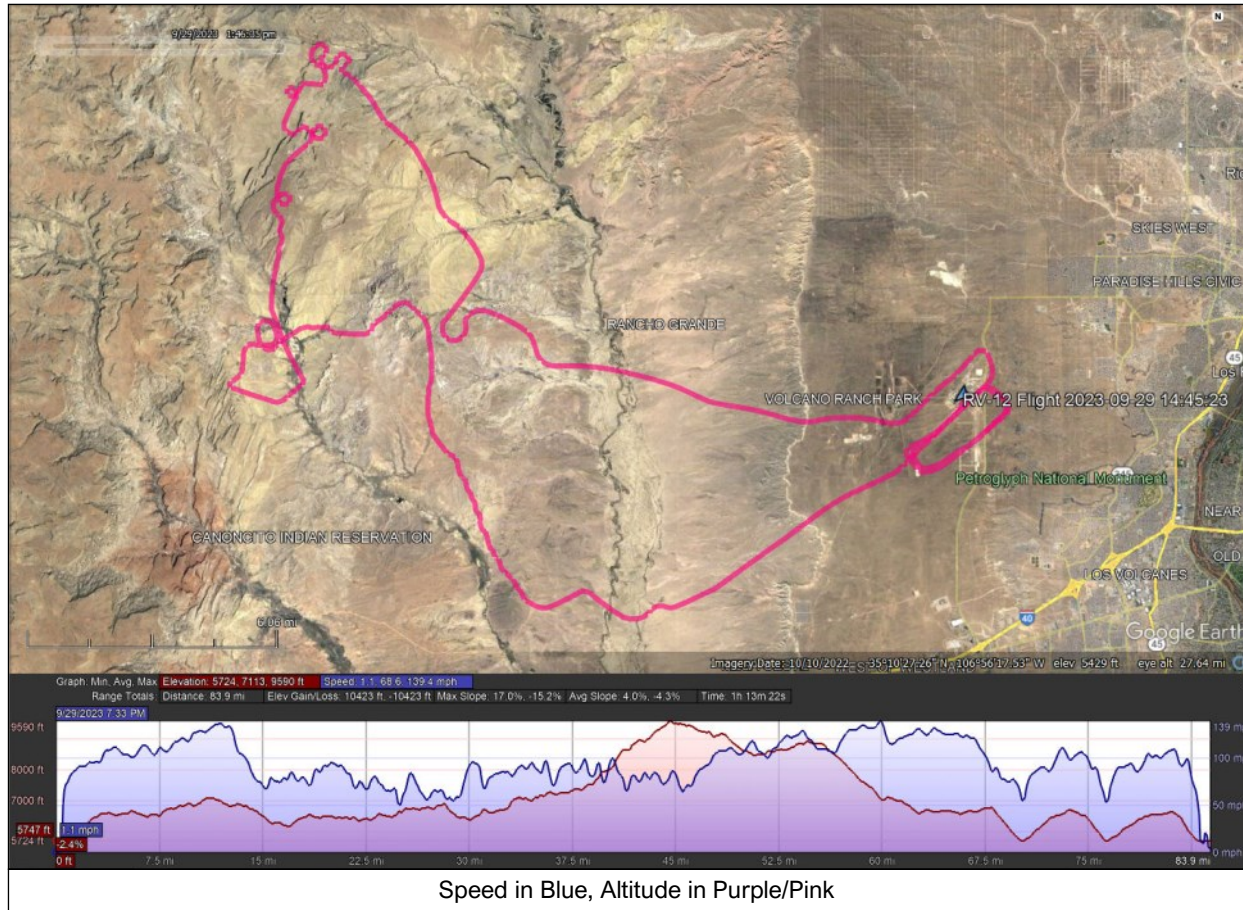
You ask, how does all that relate to "Just Go Flying"? All of that previous flying was with rented airplanes requiring advanced scheduling, sometimes limited availability, and it was a bit costly. Now, sharing ownership with others in the High Desert Flyers Association, I have easy access to our RV-12. I can go to the airport, open the hangar, do a preflight, fire it up and taxi to the runway, and ... Go Flying, and much easier on the budget. So last week, I did just that and had a ball. I wasn't going anywhere nor was I practicing maneuvers. No, I was – Just Flying –, getting to know the airplane and the airplane getting to know me.

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## Notes from the Editor George Young

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- For half an hour I just flew slow, in the 50 knot range, turning left then right, going in circles, steep and shallow, maintaining altitude (mostly).
- While “becoming one with the plane”, I was looking at ground features of the Rio Puerco valley, marking a waypoint over some interesting formations to explore some day, or tracking a road up out of the valley convinced that Pat & I had explored that road until we could go no further.
- Heading back to KAEG, I noticed a 1200 fpm rate of climb; I hadn’t touched the throttle and the plane’s attitude hadn’t changed. Ah ha, a thermal, let’s check this out. Circling right (I had felt the right wing ‘bounce’) I tried to stay in it. Nope, try left, ah ha back in it, out of it again, circling we were back in it. And we worked our way up from 6500 to 9500.

- Ok, time to head back to ‘home plate’. Back in the pattern, do a couple of short/soft field landings (not much difference between them in the RV-12), and taxi back to the hangar. Wahoo! (And what a way to finish unwinding from LOEFI!)

Many of you have already gone flying like this and are familiar with such joys of flight. If you haven’t “gone playing” like I did, perhaps this will embolden you or attract you; it seems that I just had to stumble upon it. And for those working towards –your– days of enjoying the freedom of flight, to “Just Go Flying”, put this on your Bucket List.

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If you would like to see more detail, go to [Just Go Flying \(George Young\)](#) on our web site. There you will find a larger image, and one that is expandable.

You may also download the GPS Track File (KML) which you can load into GoogleEarth to play with it, and even “fly it” on GoogleEarth.

## October Chapter 179 Gathering

Joyce Woods



Tuesday, October 17, 2023

5:15 PM – Dinner at [BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse](#)

6:15 PM – Intro & Program

**Program: Lee Otto & Jim Kessler “A Breezy Flight”**

On September 25, Jim Kessler with help from Lee Otto and Mark Sturm successfully executed the FIRST FLIGHT of Warren Cox's Breezy. Come hear first hand about the planning and coordination and learnings about EAA's Flight Advisor program that led to this momentous day.



Jim & Warren after 1st flight

As a bonus, we'll enjoy a slideshow from LOEFI 2023 during dinner.

**Where:** [BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse](#) at Cottonwood Mall  
10000 Coors Blvd, Albuquerque

**Directions:** — North or South bound on Coors Blvd to Cottonwood Mall, 10000 Coors Blvd NW. Take the Cottonwood Loop around to the south end of the parking lot. BJ's is in a building of its own.

*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. **We hope to see you there!***

## September Chapter Gathering - RECAP

Joyce Woods

### “The Windmill Plane”

Mark Wilson and his current favorite aircraft, “Miss Blue” set a new standard for indoor chapter presentations.



To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first successful flight of the Gyrocopter, Mark brought a (blue) Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake to share.

Mark reviewed gyro aircraft terminology, safety aspects, stall characteristics (or not), personal experiences, and history, including how it contributed to the development of the helicopter.

It was a terrific gathering and potluck dinner at the City of Albuquerque Maintenance Facility, EXCEPT for the flies which were horrendous!

Fun that several newcomers participated. To mention a few... Bill Howden learned about EAA and local chapters after picking up a Sport Aviation magazine at the library. He



took the initiative to look us up and join us! James Alwin and Andrew Scannell, first time attendees but EAA familiar, immediately signed up to volunteer with LOEFI and were great help!

Hope to see you all again at the October Gathering!

Moving Miss Blu out, after the show.  
*Another Gyrocopter advantage!*



## IMC Club Meeting

Barry Harper and John DeWitt, IMC Club Coordinators



### **Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday, October 21; 9:30—11:00 AM**

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 at Double Eagle II Airport** 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/meeting/register/tZYkf-6grjOrGtWpwSl6-fkBXJ3zIrfb30O5>

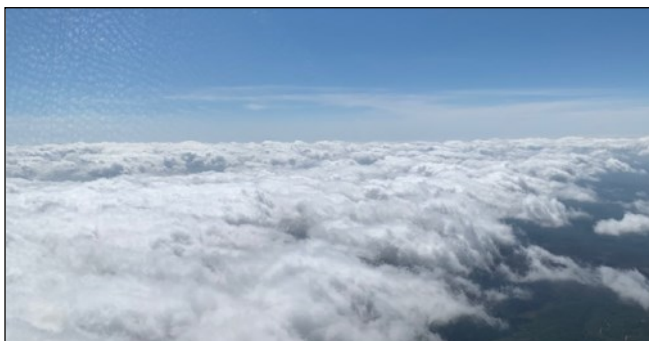
You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting Zoom link.

If you'd like FAA Safety WINGS credit, please also 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!*

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## Membership

Art Woods, Membership Chair



We always welcome new members no matter the time of year. Please consider joining over 100 members who renewed or joined us for 2023. The dues payments help fund a scholarship, pay our national EAA fees and enable your chapter to offer fantastic programs throughout the year. Online payment through our website is quick and easy. And we now offer the option of multi-year renewals for both

individual and family memberships.

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.

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

**From the Young Eagles Nest**  
Mike Tolle, Young Eagles Coordinator



Our next Young Eagles rally is scheduled for November 4. Be on the lookout for an Email invite to ground and pilot volunteers sometime around October 10.

Why not blow-off Balloon Fiesta this year and use the spare time to checkout EAA's World's Largest Logbook? Just point your browser to:

<https://www.eaa.org/eea/youth/free-ye-flights/eea-young-eagles-logbook>

You can search by Young Eagle, pilot, or chapter. As a relative newcomer to Chapter 179, I decided to search by chapter. It's fascinating and humbling to see right there on your computer screen all of the selfless contributions to sharing the Dream of Flight by this chapter since July of 1992. A quick AutoSum formula entry on the exported spreadsheet yields this astonishing figure: 4981

That's right, this chapter will have flown over 5000 Young Eagles by the end of November. Whether it's Young Eagles, LOEFI, DEAA, scholarships, or a visit from the Kirtland SOPS, the public outreach by this chapter can never be truly appreciated.

I know pilots like to end their writings with "Blue Skies" or "Tailwinds" but my mantra will never change.

Where was all of this when I was growing up?

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**LOEFI 2023**

Mike Paxson, LOEFI Coordinator



Greetings fellow Chapter 179 Members,

I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying this wonderful fall weather!

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who helped with LOEFI this year. We pulled off another successful event this year and it could not have happened without all of you. This is truly a wonderful group of volunteers who go above and beyond when it comes to LOEFI. So again, thank you for all the long days, hot sun, numerous meetings, and great turnout!

LOEFI was great this year. If I remember correctly, we had approximately 2,000-2,500 people attend, lots of fun aircraft on display, good food, fun music, awesome raffle prizes, a filled exhibit hall, oh, and lots of flies! I spent much of the day wandering around the event, checking in on everyone and I was pleased with everything that I saw. According to my watch, I walked 12 miles that day! Personally, I had the most fun letting kids try out my son's pedal plane by the EAA booth. The smiles I saw on those kids' faces told me they were going to get hooked on air-planes! I better get working on some pedal planes for next year.

Financially, LOEFI was very successful. We sold 136 pedal plane tickets and 173 Southwest Airlines tickets. Additionally, we received increased support from some of our exhibitors and sponsors. Overall, we did very well this year. Our success is a testament to our wonderful Chapter and its amazing and dedicated volunteers who share the love of aviation with New Mexico.

Now that LOEFI is over, we can take a well-deserved rest, until next year! I have been receiving lots of valuable feedback from that day so that we can improve for next year. If anyone has any feedback from LOEFI, good or bad, please do not hesitate to send me an email. Over the coming weeks, I plan on updating the handbook and consolidating a list for improvements next year.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as the LOEFI Committee Chair this year and work with all of you. Again, thank you to everyone who helped with LOEFI this year. You are all incredible. I look forward to seeing you next time I can make it down to Albuquerque. I wish you all a pleasant October.

Sincerely,  
Mike Paxson

Mike Paxson  
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Special section of photos from LOEFI 2023  
on the following pages.



LOEFI Patches over the years



# Highlights from LOEFI 2023

## Welcoming the Public

### Welcoming the Public



EAA Chapter 179 welcomed the public and fly in pilots to LOEFI 2023 at Double Eagle II airport (KAEG).

From the top left:

- The Welcome Arch, entrance to the Fly-In
- The entryway onto the ramp and to the ...
- The Welcome Team
- Our Chapter Booth, information for guests & selling Raffle Tickets
- The Chile Flight flyover at the formal start of LOEFI
- Welcome booth for pilots – registration for judging and a small gift bag
- A map of the ramp & the day's Event Schedule



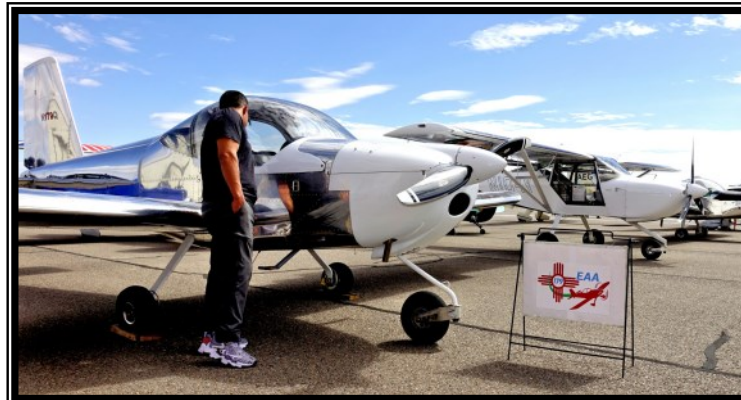
Highlight Photos by  
Larry Bell  
Raymond Alderete



## Highlights from LOEFI 2023 (continued)

A Fly-In is for Airplanes

### A Fly-In is for Airplanes



More than 65 airplanes were on display at LOEFI this year.

- An L-19 greets the day, and the Chile Flight concludes their morning Fly By.
- One of 2 EAA 179 members' Velocities, the RV-12 built by members, and the Poster Planes for recent LOEFI posters
- A Magister jet trainer, an Autogyro, and Balloons .. all are welcome





Highlights from LOEFI 2023 (continued)  
A Fly-In is for People

*A Fly-In is for People (Adults and Kids) and Airplanes*



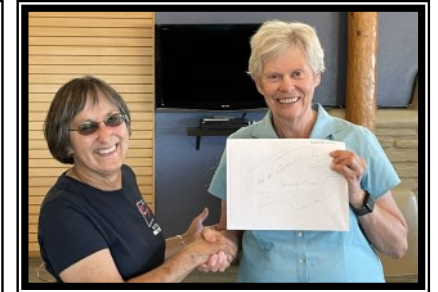
- Families, looking at airplanes up close
- Kids getting the feel of taxiing (in a PedalPlane), how an airplane flies (with a balsa glider), how to fly (in a simulator), and riding in a helicopter.
- Kids getting the feel sitting in a cockpit (Pipistrel LSA), learning about parts of an airplane (LEGO block jet), and getting acquainted with a balloon.





## Highlights from LOEFI 2023 (continued) Chapter's Activities

### Chapter's Activities



- The Breezy attracted much attention, as did the Fly Mart
- Kid's Corner was a busy place all day, and Winners of this year's Raffles:  
     Jill Hunter – P-51 Pedal Plane  
     Virginia Clark – Southwest Airline Tickets
- Ryan Carson presenting the judges' top awards to a beautiful airplane from AZ, and John DeWitt and Suzanne McVinnie promoting 179 at the Chapter Booth



**Highlights from LOEFI 2023 (continued)**  
Awards



*Best Classic Airplane*  
Larry Shepken, Piper PA-12 Super Cruiser



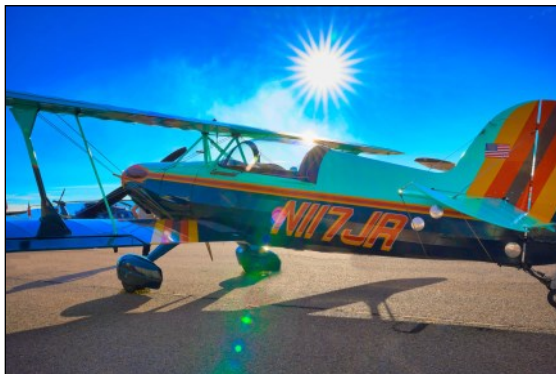
*Best Contemporary Airplane*  
Michael McCann, Cessna 206 Stationair



*Best Light Sport*  
Janet Crosby, Zlin Savage iCub - LSA



*Best Warbird*  
Phil Phillips, Cessna L-19 Bird Dog



*Best Plans Built*  
Martin DiStefano, Steen Skybolt



*Best Kit Built*  
Tom Dollmeyer, Glassair Super II FT

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*Most Distant Flyin*  
William F Wright, Cessna C-172 Skyhawk



*Honorable  
Mention*  
Mike Paxson  
P-51 Pedal  
Plane

*Award Photos by Raymond Alderete*



*Peoples Choice*  
Rodney Jarrell, Vans RV-10

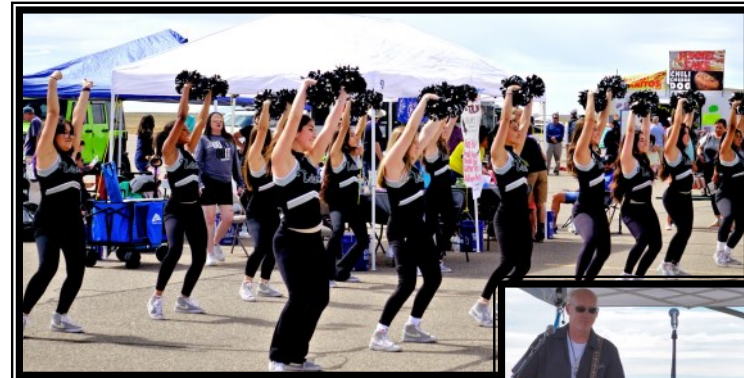


*Grand Champion*  
Rodney Jarrell, Vans RV-10



Highlights from LOEFI 2023 (continued)  
Many Contributors to LOEFI's Success

Many People and Organizations Contribute to LOEFI



See [page 20](#) for a complete list of Sponsors and Exhibitors



A Sampling of Contributors

- The CAP Honor Guard for the Opening Ceremony
- Master of Ceremonies Mike Wirstrom orchestrating the day's events
- The VVHS Dance Team & the Fretnaughts band
- The Exhibit Hall filled with people and exhibitors
- NMPA, one of the organizations exhibiting at LOEFI
- One of the half dozen food trucks
- Participants in WAI's "Girls in Aviation Day"

And special thanks to these *In-Kind Donors*:

- Abq Wholesale Envelope & Paper
- Bode Aviation
- Culligan Water
- Highway Supply – Abq



## Scholarship Update

Mark Sturm – Scholarship Coordinator



Greetings chapter members and friends.

Alright, another successful LOEFI in the rearview mirror. Great to see so many chapter friends there. October is a great month for flying in the Land of Enchantment. I hope you can get out and enjoy it. The weather is finally looking like fall and those morning flights are calm and cool.

On the scholarship front we have some major exciting news. For those that have been associated with the chapter for the past five years, you may recall that our very first EAA Ray Scholar back in 2019 was Rowan Phlieger. Rowan completed her Private Pilot's Certificate back then with our own Jon Daffer. Since then, she has been steadily getting more training and experience, completing required certificates, and working her way up the FAA ladder as a professional aviator. Here's a recent picture of Rowan.

In case you cannot read what she's holding, it's her temporary Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate!!! It looks like she will be continuing her aviation journey by taking a position and flying with NetJets, based in Albuquerque. What a great story; we met her as a teenage student pilot, and she now has her ATP. Truly an inspiration for all our young people seeking to pursue a career in aviation, and a great ambassador for EAA and our chapter.

I reached out to Rowan and she wanted me to pass along the following:

***"I would just like to say how thankful I am to Chapter 179. I would have not made it this far without all the support. A special thank you to those who had faith in me and selected me as the Ray Scholar back in 2019. I would not be an ATP today without that program and my friends in this Chapter! I am so excited to start this next phase of my career."***

Congratulations Rowan!



Our other BIG news is that on 6 October Mia Alderete, our 2022 Ray Scholar, passed her private pilot check ride! You've probably seen her flying with Bronson or Daniel at Bode this summer.

Her timing is perfect, as she has been selected into the Southwest Airlines [Destination 225° Cadet Pathway](#). This is a program that trains new private pilots with the skills needed to become a Southwest Airlines First Officer in as little as four years.



Her initial training begins in Pensacola, Florida next month. We're sure going to miss her around the airport and at almost every Young Eagles event. Congratulations Mia on your recent check ride, and we're all so excited to follow you on your journey to becoming an airline pilot with Southwest. Stay tuned for more from Mia.

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## Flying the Breezy

Jim Kessler

### First Flight

We finally got the Breezy in the air on September 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a perfect morning. The wind was very light and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. It was a great morning for a test flight.

Lee Otto and I were there first, but Mark Sturm and Warren Cox, the builder, arrived shortly thereafter. Joyce and Art were there in time to help with the preflight. We had to replace the battery and fill the fuel tank, but other than a pre-flight it was ready to go. We rolled it out and started it with no problems.



Preflight confab: final check of the airplane and plans for this first flight.

Spoiler alert, the first flight went off without a hitch. Warren has done a superb job building the airplane and it flew exactly as an airplane should.

I taxied it out to runway 4 and did some power checks on the taxi.

The Breezy, as Warren built it, has nosewheel steering and handles exceptionally well on the ground.

The runup went well, so I waited at the hold-short line on Alpha-6 for takeoff clearance. Once cleared for takeoff, I taxied onto the runway and applied full power. The plane accelerated nicely and at 60 MPH I lifted off. It took only about 500 ft, so there was plenty of runway in front of me. I stayed low and built-up speed. I had asked for a southerly departure from the right downwind, so I began a climb to pattern altitude and started the turn.

### The Breezy is well named.

On the downwind I climbed through pattern altitude and continued south. The Breezy's glide ratio is about 8.5 to 1, a little better than a freight train. I wanted to get some altitude before I got too far from the field. I climbed to 8,500 feet and stayed within 5 miles of the airport by arching to the west near the Rio Puerto arroyo, heading north.

The airplane handles well. It is well balanced in the roll channel, but a bit heavy in the nose. I had it trimmed full nose up and still required strong backstick to maintain a climb at 70 MPH. Once I accelerated to 80 MPH the stick pressure was neutralized.

At the 15-minute point, I reduced power and slowed to 2500 RPM and 70 MPH. This was the engine break-in flight which required 65 to 75% power and an hour to seat the piston rings. At 8,500 feet the density altitude was 10,240 feet and the maximum power the engine would produce was 73%.

The gauges were all looking nominal, as they say. It was cool and windy, but the view was fantastic. Now I just had to keep the tower informed of my intentions and the ground crew informed of my position and the instrument readings.

After two circuits of the airport control zone, it was time to think about landing. I pulled the power back and did a power-off stall at 50 MPH.

The right wing tends to stall first. It is a very gentle stall. Then I did a power-on stall, which occurred at about 45 MPH. That seemed like a large difference, so I tried it again and it was about the same.

At this point I was about set up for a straight-in to runway 4 and requested such. Tower graciously obliged. I had planned for a low pass and then once around the pattern, but on final I noticed the fuel gauge was mighty close to the big E, so I amended my clearance to land.



Listening to Jim's progress of the flight  
— Celebrating the Good News —

*(Continued on page 15)*



## Flying the Breezy (continued)

Jim Kessler

*(Continued from page 14)*

The Breezy's gear lands firmly and doesn't tend to bounce. Once on the ground the aircraft seems like it was made to taxi as well as it flies.



I taxied in and shutdown. It was a most excellent day of flying.

### In Sum

My thanks to the ground crew for taking notes, which is pretty much impossible in a Breezy. Warren's flying machine worked perfectly, and it was my privilege to be able to take it for its first flight. Thanks, Warren for giving me that honor.

Anyone interested in a superb aircraft that provides the best visibility you could ask for should contact Lee Otto and buy it before someone else beats you to it.

The Newest Breezy Pilot,  
Jim Kessler

## Building A Zenith CH-750 STOL with Corvair Conversion

Bill Hutson

*Editor: Last month I included a note "Happenings at Double Eagle II" with a photo of an airplane seen taxiing around the airport. Here is an update from Bill.*



"My last update to the Chapter was late 2019, and to the left is the last picture in my presentation (*August 2019; Editor*) . Although my progress will certainly not break any records, I have made steady progress from then until now.

For those who may not remember, my project is a Zenith CH-750 STOL powered by a Corvair conversion. Using conversion parts and instructions/guidance from FlyCorvair, I assembled and test ran the engine on a test stand at the factory in June, 2019. I installed the engine onto N311WH and performed my first engine run 25 June 2023. And ... I made my first low speed taxi test on 3 September. I still have a few minor carb adjustments to make and the small task of completing the nose bowl/cowling but I am getting closer to the end of the build."

Bill Hutson, a pilot & builder





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## Recurring Events for Chapter 179 Check the [Newsletter](#) and [Web](#) for changes)

### Chapter Gatherings

*3rd Tuesdays:*

At Double Eagle II (KAEG), spring and fall months - comfortable weather  
At a restaurant for [hot] summer and [cold] winter months, see the current [Newsletter](#)

*March – Scholarships, November – Annual Meeting, & 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

### Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI)

*A weekend in late September*

### Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

*A week in early June*

### Young Eagles Flights

*Two to three events, each spring and each fall.* Follow our web site and current [Newsletter](#) for details.

## Upcoming Fly-In Events (hosted by others) & New Mexico EAA Chapter Activities

On this page I'm listing aviation events of interest around New Mexico. If you know of others, please send the information to me.

**Monthly** [Chapter 555 Pancake Breakfast, 3rd Sundays \(KLRU\)](#)

**Also, Check NMPA's ["Upcoming Events"](#)**





## In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor

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

### General Aviation News (repeat)

- New Edition of [Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge](#)

### FAA FAASTeam

These are online seminars, scheduled –soon– because I receive notification late. Most qualify the attendee for WINGS credits.

- [Pro Tips for Maintenance—Preheating Your Engine and Aircraft](#) (Webinar, Oct 18)
- [NAFI – Techniques for Backcountry Flight Instruction w/ Amy Hoover PhD](#) (Webinar, Oct 18)
- [The Smart Road To Pilot Safety](#) (Webinar, Oct 21)
- [Sep/Oct FAA Safety Briefing – Aspiring Aviators](#) (magazine with multiple topics of interest)

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

- [Forced Landing at Night](#)
- [Changing Altitude with Flight Following](#)
- [The Distraction of Glass](#)
- [Common Go-Around Mistakes](#)

For the IFR pilots

- Video: [IFR Challenge: The TAA at Tillamook](#)

### EAA

- [Webinars](#) – EAA and Aircraft Spruce present a constant flow of very useful Webinars. They cover virtually all topics aviation, from building to flying to flight rules. And many qualify you for WINGS Credits. Check out the schedule; perhaps you will find one or more to your interest.



### NMPA

- [October 2023 NMPA Newsletter](#) – As usual, great articles and news by and for local pilots



### Facebook

- A new group on Facebook, [Fly New Mexico](#), Dave Otero, Administrator. Posts from group members about pilots and flying activities in New Mexico
- A great Facebook space: [Commemorative Air Force](#)
- Another fascinating Facebook space: [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#).

### Local News Coverage

- Albuquerque Journal: [Wingin' it: Dozens of aircraft on display at Land of Enchantment Fly-In](#)
- KOAT: [Fly-In aims to spur interest in all things aviation](#) (video)

### Barnstormers eFlyer

- [“Barntoons”](#)

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### SPECIAL NOTE: Facebook for 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 and Young Eagles and their parents or guardians to join
- Any member of the group can post pictures of their flights or ground activities

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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 \(KDNA\)](#)

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**Airway Heritage Museum - Cibola County**  
**Albuquerque Aviation Academy (SAMS)**

**Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179**

**Angel Flight South Central**

**Bode Aviation**

**Bolder Flight Systems**

**Cavalcade of Wings (ABQ)**

**City of Albuquerque Aviation Dept**

**Civil Air Patrol - NM Wing**

**CNM Aviation Technology**

**Commemorative Air Force, Lobo Wing**



**Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)**

**Duke City Electric Flyers**

**Eclipse Aerospace**

**Fly Taos Sky**



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**National Wx Service - Albuquerque**

**New Mexico Pilots Association**

**New Mexico Aviation Division**

**Ninety-nines, Rio Grande Norte chapter**

**Recreational Aviation Foundation**

**Roadrunner Convoy MPVA**

**Tuskegee Airmen, Gen Lloyd W. Newton Chapter**

**Volcano Vista HS Dance Team**

**Women in Aviation - Land of Enchantment Chapter**



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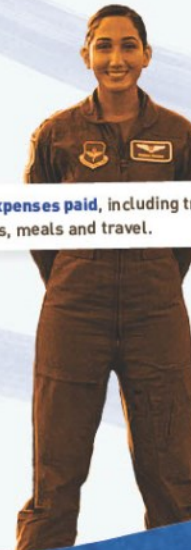


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