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Revised Edition – Apr 12th Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

April 13 – Grants “Wings ‘N Wheels” (KGNT)

April 16 - Chapter Gathering at Craft Republic

April 20 - IMC Club—(KAEG and via ZOOM)

May 7 - Board Meeting (ZOOM)

May 11 - Flying Start & Eagle Flights (AEG)

Jun 3-7 - DEAA (KAEG)

Jun 8 - DEAA Young Eagles (KAEG)

Sep 21 - LOEFI (KAEG)

... and check the list of Upcoming Fly-in Events on [page 8](#)

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Notes from our President

Jim Kessler



Jim getting fitted to the cockpit.

How about that Ford Tri-Motor? I must make a correction to last month's Notes from Our President. Each of the Tri-Motor's engines originally produced 300 horsepower, but today each engine on the Tri-Motor produces 450 HP. So it has a few more ponies behind those propellers. As I write this, we have completed only the first day of the tour, but that day was a great success.

The RAF insulation was installed. Garrity did a great job. The hangar looks great, and the insulation will make working in the hangar in both summer and winter a pleasure. We'll start working on the pneumatic manifold this month.

We have had some interest in the Breezy. Our potential buyer is looking for a partner and a hangar. If you can help out with either, please let me know. We have 24 hours of flight time on it. We are planning to increase the control stick length in both the front and rear seat. That modification should happen shortly, and we'll be back in the air.

The April 2nd Board meeting was mostly about LOEFI. We have identified some lead positions we need to fill. We will be asking for volunteers to fill three important positions: a site coordinator, a logistics lead and a Fly Mart

Lead. If you feel like one of these positions is calling your name or if you have questions about one, let me know.

Young Eagles for May will be on the 4th. We had a great pilot response for April, unfortunately the April winds forced us to cancel. Let's keep that momentum in May.

On May 11th we have an additional opportunity to introduce some older aviation enthusiasts to flying with a Flying Start event. George Young is leading that effort. He needs a few pilots to take some adults flying that day.

Our next Gathering is on April 16th. We have a builder presentation scheduled. The Gathering will be at Craft Republic. We have arranged for the larger downstairs room this time.

Applications for Double Eagle Aviation Academy continue to come in. This month will be our big planning month. Doug Dingman has had to step back from DEAA planning so we are reorganizing the planning effort.

Keep the canopy side up,

Jim Kessler, President
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Notes from the Editor

George Young

Again this year we are presenting *Flying Start* and *Eagle Flights* to provide information for aspiring pilots. It will be held at Double Eagle II in the Bode conference room, on May 11th.

- Starting at 8:00 AM we will introduce the attendees to EAA and to Chapter 179. Then we will present overviews of the various kinds of flying one might pursue – LSA, traditional GA, gyrocopter, the whole spectrum of GA aircraft.
- That will be followed by a discussion of the requirements & privileges for respective licenses and the process one goes through to become a licensed pilot.
- After some time for questions and discussions, attendees will be matched up with a volunteer pilot for an *Eagle Flight*.
- Upon return, participants are invited to the RAF for pizza and an opportunity for the attendees to get explore further with our pilots and other members how they can proceed to join us in —flying—.

Spread the word to friends, colleagues, family, anyone who you suspect may have a secret earnest desire to learn to fly, to become a pilot.

- Suggest that they visit EAA's announcement for the "[Learn to Fly Week](#)". These *Flying Start/EagleFlight* events are a part of the *Week* (although ours is a week early).
- People planning to attend need to register for our event at [Flying Start/Eagle Flights - May 11 Registration](#).
- Refer to [page 5](#) for the flyer and other information for the event (including signup for volunteer pilots for the Eagle Flights that follow the presentation of the program).

Join us to kibitz with the attendees and share your flying stories (& advice?) Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning. And pizza at 1100.

George Young
Newsletter Editor
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April Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, April 16, 2024

5:00 PM – “No host” dinner

6:00 PM – Introductions &
Award Presentation

**Program: Wright Brothers Master Pilot
Award Presentation—Emilio Verastegui**

UPDATED 4/11/24

Joe Kluk, FAASTeam Manager of the Albuquerque FSDO will present the **Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award** to Emilio Verastegui.

The most prestigious award the FAA issues to certified pilots, this award is given to pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft. [More info.](#)

Join us to congratulate Emilio as the story of his 50 years of flying is shared by Joe — plus special memories presented by Emilio himself!

Where: Craft Republic**

4301 The Lane at 25 NE; Albuquerque

Directions:

- From I-25 northbound, take Jefferson Exit 229.
- Turn west (left) on Jefferson for .2 mi.
- Turn Right on “The Lane at 25 NE”, then left into the parking lot.

*** Note: returning to this location, we will have a main room downstairs and a speaker system so you can hear better than our first time. The owner also knows to plan more staff for our crowd. We apologize for the previous inconvenience and do not anticipate that again. See you there!*

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!**

March Chapter Gathering—RECAP Chapter Scholarship Awards



Our March gathering has become an energy packed celebration with announcement of chapter scholarship recipients.

Art Woods and Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs presented \$8000 in aviation scholarships plus one full tuition Air Academy scholarship. Rowan, our very first Ray Scholar is getting set up to support our scholars, better than ever before. She’s been there and can relate well to today’s student pilot.

Full details in the Scholarship report on [page 6](#)

Christian Guerra gave an update on his pursuit of a private pilot certificate as EAA 179’s 2023 Ray Scholar. Close to soloing, you might see him out at Double Eagle II with Bode instructor “Benzie”. You may also note that Bode has moved their flight school to the old FBO building across the parking lot.

*<Editor’s note: Christian did indeed SOLO on Thursday, April 4! We’re so proud of his persistence, despite our spring winds! **Congrats on your first solo, Christian!** >*



IMC Club Meeting

Barry Harper and John DeWitt, IMC Club Coordinators



Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 20; 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/join/register/tZEpdO2trTMjHt1zSjPiZrnfUNJWluJ3JKs1>

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!

Barry Harper & John DeWitt
IMC Club Coordinators, EAA 179
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Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



Time for Renewal

Chapter 179 membership, that is . . .

It is the time of the year for your membership dues to be renewed.

Per Article V, Section 2 of the Chapter Bylaws, membership renewal dues are required for the period of January thru December of the Membership Year and are payable from December

of the previous year thru March of the present year. Dues paid outside of that period are NOT pro-rated. Membership runs only from January thru December of a given year.

Membership with the National EAA organization is also required to be current (but runs from the date of payment until the following year of the same date)

We hope that you plan on renewing for this present year.

Please submit your dues (\$20 for individual membership or \$30 for Family membership.)

[Note that for Family Membership status, Family Membership is also required for National Membership {per ARTICLE IV, Section 1b of the Chapter Bylaws}].

Payment of dues can be made:

- In person by cash or check to the Chapter Treasurer or Member of the Board of Directors
- By snail mail Send your check payable to "EAA 179"; Double Eagle II Airport; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179; Albuquerque, NM 87120. Include email address.
- Online thru payment via Paypal, Debit, or Credit Card for 1, 3, or 5 year terms.

==> see: <https://eaa179.org/membership/>

If you decide not to renew Chapter Membership, know that we, The Board of Directors, and members of the Chapter have enjoyed your time with us and that your presence and contributions will be missed.

Thank you for being a member of The Experimental Aircraft Association.

Gwen Walcott
Membership Coordinator
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Young Eagles

Mike Tolle, Young Eagles Coordinator



Mother Nature interfered with our plans again this month. We were prepared to make the YE flights in conjunction with the flights of EAA's Ford Tri-Motor, but winds from 25 to as high as 50 knots caused cancellation of both activities.

While I was doing some yard work on Sunday, I heard the engines of the Tri-Motor as it lumbered through the sky near my house. I thought to myself it was a perfect day for flying, and what a difference just one day can make in the weather. Nevertheless, we will never risk the safety of our passengers, pilots or aircraft when weather threatens our operations.

Our next Young Eagles rally is scheduled for May 4th. As always, be on the lookout for an e-mail invitation to ground and pilot volunteers which should have arrived in your e-mail inbox by the time you read this article. If you are not receiving the e-mail invites for Young Eagles rallies, be sure to check your settings in the YE registration website. You can update your profile there at <https://youngeaglesday.org/>.

As part of an ongoing effort to improve YE operations, the chapter reached out to various organizations in search of first-time fliers. The effort is a great success, bringing in more first-timers signed-up for each rally. We'll make every effort to reach out to those parents and Young Eagles again for the May rally.

Thanks to everyone who signed-up to volunteer as a pilot or ground volunteer. Our chapter depends on the faithful service of our dedicated volunteers for our continued success.



Mike Tolle
Young Eagles Coordinator
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Flying Start Event—May 11, 2023

Joyce Woods



*For Adults to learn about aviation pathways
and take a FREE introductory flight!*

Flying Start!

Hosted by Albuquerque
EAA Chapter 179

Saturday May 11, 2024
Double Eagle II Airport
8am – 11am

Pre-Registration
Required



Know an adult who wants to LEARN TO FLY?

EAA's Flying Start program is for adults who have always wanted to learn to fly. It's a chance to kick-start their journey to become a pilot.

The program starts at 8AM in the chapter (RAF) hangar with an introductory presentation to explore various flight training goals and options. Following the session (at 0930), volunteer pilots provide a FREE introductory Eagle Flight, weather permitting.

If you know someone who would be interested, please encourage them to REGISTER as soon as possible.

Registration is required, participation is limited.
Use the QR code above or this [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

VOLUNTEER PILOTS—we need you!

Flights start at 9:30am. We aim for a 1:1 Eagle Flight experience for **Flying Start** participants and encourage follow up mentoring. Session size is limited so our goal is for most pilots to fly just one flight.

Active Young Eagles Pilots will receive a request to help. Any EAA member is welcome to participate—no Youth Protection training required. See [Eagle Mentor Pilot Requirements](#)

If you have questions or can volunteer in the air or on the ground, please contact Joyce Woods at chapter@eaa179.org.

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chapter@eaa179.org

Scholarship Update

Art Woods, Rowan Phlieger – Scholarship Coordinators



From Art Woods & Rowan Pflieger, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs:

Each year, Chapter 179 announces the winners of the year's scholarship recipients and presents the awards at the March Monthly Gathering. After a no-host meal at Tomasitas, With the recipients and their families in attendance, each award was presented following which we heard about their aviation experiences, interests, and future plans and goals. Here are the winners and a brief bio for each.

The 2024 Jay Schmitt Scholarship Winner



Jocelyn Muñiz

Jocelyn is from Elgin, Illinois but has spent most of her life in Albuquerque. She is currently pursuing her PPL at Del Sol and is post solo. Her love of travel inspired the goal and dream of becoming a pilot. Jocelyn's long term goals involve becoming an aerial firefighter so she can assist in saving lives and properties endangered in wildfires. She would also like to encourage more young children to dream big and get involved in aviation!

The "Doc" Weaver Memorial Scholarship Winner



Daisy Belmares-Ortega

Daisy has been involved in our chapter for a couple years now. We are very proud of her and admire her persistence! She is training at Bode Aviation out of KAEG, and soloed on February 16th! She graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2023, and is interested in graduate school.

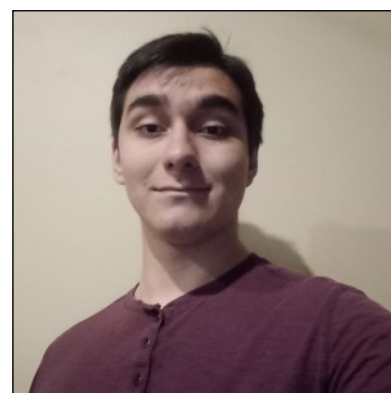
The 2024 Reimer Memorial Scholarship Winner



Orion Francis

Orion is currently in school at CNM to become an A&P. He has always been interested in flying and airplanes from a young age, and has also enjoyed working on cars. He decided to combine a passion for flying and turning wrenches to pursue a career as an aviation mechanic!

The 2024 Advanced Air Academy Scholarship Winner



Alex Martinez

Alex caught the aviation bug when he attended a Young Eagles Event. It led him to changing high schools to Albuquerque Aviation Academy, where he is now a Junior. He graduated DEAA 2023, and is now studying for his FAA Written Exam. He would eventually like to become a cargo pilot because "boxes don't talk"!

The 2024 EAA 179 Scholarship Winners



Ashlee Simkins

Ashlee is also a familiar face around our chapter. She is a senior at Volcano Vista High School, and is active in their JROTC department. A memorable Young Eagles flight got her into flying, and she is now preparing for her solo at Bode Aviation. After graduation, Ashlee would like to pursue her Instrument and Commercial Ratings, eventually become a CFI, and ultimately an Airline Pilot!



Isabella Baldonado

Isabella is a Freshman at St. Pius High School and a Civil Air Patrol Cadet. She has been involved in the chapter for a while now, she graduated & taught at DEAA, flown on several Young Eagles flights, volunteered at LOEFI, and is currently in glider training at Moriarty. Isabella's long-term goals include joining Angel Wings and give rides to young people, and to eventually fly for the Navy.

Want to Contribute? Like what we're doing? You Can Help!

We appreciate donations of any amount to our main scholarship fund or specific memorial funds. Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

You may donate online via credit card or PayPal, or send us a check made out to "EAA 179 Scholarship" and send to: EAA 179; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179, Albuquerque, NM 87120".

If desired, you may designate a specific fund including, "Randy & Susie Reimer Memorial Fund", "Doc" Weaver Memorial Leadership Scholarship, or the "Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship".



Hello!

Did You Know -

**OUR FIRST DEAA WAS IN 2013.
THIS IS OUR 10TH!**



Doug Dingman had to step back from leading DEAA 2024 but Jim Kessler, Kevin Frick, and I will carry forward with our awesome DEAA team.

Doug kicked us off and documented our gameplan in great detail. Plans are well underway and we can always count on our awesome membership to make it happen. The applicant deadline is May 10 and we already have 8 applicants.

DEAA offers a terrific opportunity to support motivated Young Eagles and attract others with an interest in aviation. We can have

a great impact on these kids, opening their eyes to opportunities. Unlike when many of you got bit by the aviation bug, most kids don't have access to airports, airplanes, and pilots. So our influence can be great!

Doug hoped to encourage more mentoring for this year's students by chapter members. So I invite you to stop by during the week, get to know a student or two, it makes a difference! Best opportunities for this:

- ⇒ Each morning, 8:15—9:00am, members display aircraft on the ramp outside the city maintenance facility during, offering informal 1:1 discussion before class.
- ⇒ Attend the closing reception on Friday, June 7 in the city maintenance facility. Come celebrate with students and parents after a fun filled week.
- ⇒ Saturday, June 8 will be a special Young Eagles flight, following a route they plan during the week (to Belen)

If you haven't participated before but would like to, let us know! There are plenty of roles to fill or maybe you can display your aircraft. **If you know of youth ages 14—17 interested in aviation, encourage them to apply!**

- Joyce Woods; Email: deaa@eaa179.org

Explore a Future in Aviation

- ✦ Consider aviation careers
- ✦ Learn about aircraft, how they fly, aircraft building, pilot
- ✦ communications Plan a flight, check weather, conduct pre-flight checks
- ✦ Meet pilots, mechanics, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other specialists
- ✦ Invited for a Young Eagles flight Saturday, June 8

Ages 14 – 17
Application deadline May 10, 2024

Selection based on applications. Previous aviation knowledge or experience not required.

Get application at eaa179.org/DEAA starting February 10, 2024

\$200 Tuition includes T shirt, Lunch & Snacks, all class / workshop materials. Tuition due after acceptance. Inquire per need-based scholarships.

Sponsored and directed by volunteers of Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

Contact us at: deaa@eaa179.org

Ford TriMotor – Maintenance Visit

Lance Hunter

Last month John Hopkins (Head of EAA Aircraft Maintenance) called our chapter from Oshkosh, WI and asked if we could round up some volunteers to assist him and his staff who would be onsite at Double Eagle the week of March 11th through March 15th. The task at hand was to complete the annual inspection of the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, replace engine # 2, replace the right main tire among other maintenance issues. Finally, get the plane cleaned up in preparation of its 2024 tour of the United States.

Joyce also received a phone call from Charlie Becker (EAA manager of Chapters and homebuilt communities) thanking 179 and 1306 after John Hopkins told him what a great job we did.

We put the call out and throughout the week we showed up in force. This is a list of the volunteers that showed up that week. We thank you all!

Chapter 179

Eric Achen
Stephen Fleming
Jill Hunter
Lance Hunter
Jim Kessler
Robert Larranaga
David Otero

Lee Otto
Rowan Phlieger
Robert Sanchez
Mark Wilson
Joyce Woods

Bode Aviation

Tim Bourgoine
Steve Johnson

From Edgewood Chapter 1306:

Mark Grubelich
John Lorenz
Larry Shapnek



Day one: Monday March 11th

Our task for day one was to run up all engines in preparation for changing the oil in engines 1 and 3. After the run up, we put the Tri-motor back in the hangar to drain the oil in all engines and start removing engine number 2.



Day two: Tuesday March 12th

We removed engine # 2 and maneuvered the old engine and the new engine close to each other so we could remove parts off the old engine and install them on the new engine.

Lance, John and Ken are removing the old engine.



Ken is looking for donuts.



Ford TriMotor – Maintenance Visit (continued)

Lance Hunter

Day three: Wednesday March 13th

Installed the new engine back on the Tri-motor. Removed the right main wheel and replaced the tire. We also started cleaning the aircraft this day.



Day four: Thursday March 14th

Today was the moment of truth. It was time to run up the new engine and get the timing tuned in. She purred like a kitten. The new exhaust manifold Robert and David worked out was perfect.



Day five: Friday March 15th

Final clean up and wrapping up all loose ends. We would like to thank all the volunteers who showed up this week and helped. We would also like to thank Jill Hunter for cooking for us.

Jill Hunter checking out the right seat.



Robert and David figuring out how to close up



Mark working hard at cleaning the Tri-motor



How many pilots does it take to shrink wrap a tire



In closing I received this text from John Hopkins thanking all of us for the help:

"We all had a great time with you and your group as well. Lots of fun I'll be sure to touch base with you if I'm ever in the neighborhood again, you can count on that. If you have time at the next chapter meeting, please thank everybody on our behalf your chapters help was indispensable in getting the airplane ready to go for the tour season."

Regards, Lance Hunter, SET

EAA's Ford Tri-Motor Visits Albuquerque

April 4—7, 2024

THANK YOU to Captain Ed Kornfield (pilot of the EAA Ford Tri-Motor) for making his way to Albuquerque from Alaska and completing 36 flights in four days, despite a complete Saturday washout due to winds. It was an absolute honor for our chapter to work with Ed to bring this flying museum to our local Albuquerque public. Thanks also to EAA's hard working ground coordinators: Patti and Mark VanderHeiden.



EAA Chapter 179 volunteers came out in force and adjusted to changing plans as weather refused to cooperate. Attendees showed up all day Thursday hoping for a glimpse and to be first in line. Not letting good weather get away, Ed brought her over and we started an hour early. Friday was a great day with the Tin Lizzie's Model T Club joining the fun. An opportunity for these photos came as we shut down for winds on Friday afternoon after 8 flights.



Fantastic newspaper coverage, thanks to Ollie Reed and Gino Gutierrez (pictured, right) who secured two front page stories, one about Ed and our event, one about the history display by Cavalcade of Wings. Reporter Paulina Estrada Oaxaca interviewed Ed



for a great En-travision TV spot mid week which helped as well! Super visibility for Albuquerque aviation this week, bringing out a steady follow of enthusiasts, young and old!



EVENT SPONSORS / SUPPORTERS

THANK YOU to AvFuel for donating 400 gal of AvGas for the Tri-Motor visit.

Considering a 45 gph consumption, this contribution helps significantly to keep the EAA Tri-Motor flying! Thanks to **Mark Haynes, VP for Fuel Sales, located in Abilene, TX.** We greatly appreciate Mark's ongoing and generous support!



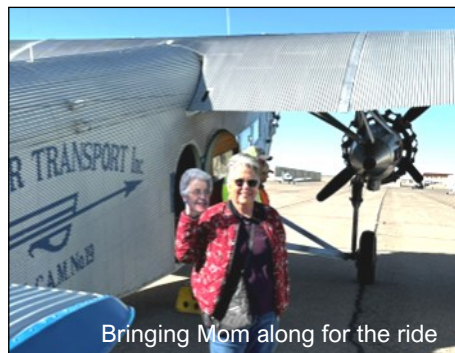
Thanks also to **Janet Aranda and Richard Baros with the City of Albuquerque Aviation Dept** for providing a handicap porta-potty and crowd handling barricades for the weekend.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone at Bode Aviation for supporting months of hangar space, courtesy van use, line and front desk service to EAA crews, our volunteers, and the public.



EAA's Ford Tri-Motor Visits Albuquerque (continued)
Sharing history and our love of Aviation

An experience like flying a 1929 aircraft evokes memories of times past. For some, their flight was a tribute to a parent or grandparent who either was a pilot or had used Tri-Motors for transportation. Or just loved aviation.



Bringing Mom along for the ride



Model A Photos by Jeri Burzin

EAA's Ford Tri-Motor Visits Albuquerque (continued)
Volunteers Made it Happen!

EAA sends 1 pilot and two ground crew to handle ticket sales. They sent merchandise for us to help sell, TShirts, Pins, etc. We had a few sale items ourselves.

Our volunteers staffed a chapter display, highlighting all the good things we do, particularly for youth and the public. Our online signup system worked pretty well to identify roles to be filled and attract some new volunteers.

Thanks to Rowan Phlieger, several scholarship recipients came out to help:

Jocelyn Muniz, Isabella Baldonado, Orion Francis (who brought his A&P school colleague, Tyler).

We rekindled old friendships and made new friends! Several adult student pilots attended the event. Notable is our newest member, **Tanda Headrick** who volunteered all day Sunday on the ramp. She jumped right in to help!

I'm sure I'll miss someone but here's most of our volunteer list.:

Konrad Werner and Joyce Woods - event co-leaders

Jim & Pam Kessler, Isabella Baldonado - food service

Lee Otto, Will Taylor, Mark Wilson - Safety Briefers (and more)

Gilbert Merriman, George Young - Ticket Taker and Boarding

Setup/Cleanup, Ramp, transporting people and stuff, just all around help:

**Lance Hunter, Mark Wilson, Gwen Walcott, Emilio Verastegui,
Mark Dyslin, Scott Speier, Art Woods**

Chapter 179 Display: **Rowan Phlieger, Jocelyn Muniz, Orion Francis.** Recruited candidates for DEAA and our upcoming Flying Start event. Increased visibility of Young Eagles and our scholarship program.

Merchandise Sales: **Suzanne McVinnie, Bill Donald, and John DeWitt.** Ha! John came out with the cashbox, recognized our needs, and stayed nearly the whole weekend! We sold all but 5 shirts of the huge bag EAA sent. Our chapter receives a small commission.

Auto displays: **Will Taylor and Jill Hunter**

Photography: **Jeri Burzin**

THANKS TO EVERYONE!!! Public events like these offer such a great networking opportunity for our aviation community.

We all have a lot going on these days so volunteers sparing time for this effort is GREATLY APPRECIATED! *Hope you had a great time.*

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED TO BUY EAA FORD TRI-MOTOR MERCHANDISE, USE THIS COUPON CODE BY 4/21/24 for 20% off. Besides supporting the EAA Ford Tours, our chapter also benefits.

We invited two history groups to enhance the experience for attendees. The Cibola Aviation Heritage Museum at Grants brought a display but was unable to staff it. Thanks to **Dick Perry, JD Huss**, and other knowledgeable members for pitching in to share this Tri-Motor related history.

The Cavalcade of Wings was well represented by **Michael Howell**, Chairman of the Board and Curator of the model display at the Sunport and **Fred DeGuio**, Cavalcade Board Member.

Michael is carrying out the vision that local historian Harry Davidson was so dedicated to. Michael is verifying all of Harry's data (which is a lot!) piece by piece and posting it on their website. If anyone is interested in helping him compile/verify/update New Mexico's aviation history, he is looking for additional volunteers. For one, he'd like a full history of our chapter, airshows from past years, etc. I chuckle because Harry was always asking me to provide such info and I do have some leads on where it exists. But we need that "round tuit"! Anyone?

Michael Howell, and Fred DeGuio of the **Albuquerque Cavalcade of Wings** displayed 13 different Tri-Motor models (Ford and Fokker) with historical connections to Albuquerque. Featured by the Journal, they curate exhibits at the Sunport soon to be updated with airport renovations.



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*Online only. Valid only for EAA Tri-Motor merchandise at the website listed above.
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EAA's Ford Tri-Motor Visits Albuquerque (continued)
EAA 179 Volunteers Made it a Wonderful Experience for All!



Die-hards at the tour end after 19 Sunday flights, bringing the total to 36 flights over 4 days.



Poco Quatros Model A Club joined in Saturday



Breezy RLU-1 for Sale, \$35,500



This new Breezy build is solid and fun to fly!

Has airworthiness certificate and 18 hours of test flying (and counting). Nose cone allows longer flying season. Excellent documentation. Personal situation forces sale.

Lycoming O-235-C1, 108 hp, 20 SMOH. Prop 20 TTSN. 18 hr AFTT. Wag-Aero Sport Trainer wood wings (J-3 Cub replica). Oratex 6000 covering of wings and tail. Dual controls. VFR avionics include iCom AC210 radio, KT76A transponder, Digital RPM Flight Data System, Garmin aera 660. Fuel capacity 16.6gal. Cruise speed 70mph. Range 150nm. Max Gross Wt 1320lb. Located in Albuquerque, NM.

Contact builder Warren Cox at wbcx@comcast.net or test pilot Jim Kessler at 910-467-2162 / chapter@eaa179.org. (Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179 assisting with sale.)



Complete Project for Sale – Make an Offer!

Aircraft Technologies ACRO 1

fast glass aerobatic single seat



220 mph cruise, +/- 15 G ultimate loading
85 % complete

- Fiberglass work complete except surface finishing
 - Lycoming 200HP LIO-360-C1E6 2915 TTSN OSMOH. Dynafocal engine mount
 - Ed Sterba 68-86 wood propeller, 3.75 inch prop extension.
 - Virtually all parts and materials to complete, including controls, fuel, electrical, avionics, engine accessories and much more
 - Nose wheel version for easier landing
 - Excellent build documentation to support airworthiness certification
 - Located Albuquerque, NM USA
- Email Warren Cox: wbcx@comcast.net

MORE on BREEZY Aircraft: Check out the great article, “Sustaining a Legacy, John Limbach and his EAA-themed Breezy” in [EAA Sport Aviation](#), January 2024, pages 75—82.



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

- Chapter Gatherings**
3rd Tuesday evenings, usually at a restaurant in Albuquerque.
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)**
First full week in June
- Young Eagles Flights**
Monthly each spring and fall. Follow our web site and current [Newsletter](#) for details.

Upcoming Aviation Events (hosted by others) & New Mexico EAA Chapter Activities

- A listing of aviation events of interest around New Mexico.
If you know of others, please send the information to me.
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| Weekly | Lobo Wing of the CAF Lunch, Saturdays at noon (0E0)
(hangar at east end of Moriarty Airport, \$7 donation requested) |
| Monthly | Chapter 555 Pancake Breakfast, 3rd Sundays (KLRU) |
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| May 18 | Los Lunas Chapter 530 Young Eagles Flights (E98)
(volunteer pilots and ground support always welcome) |
| Jul 13 | |
| Sep 14 | |
| June 1 | T or C Fly-In (KTCS) |
| Jun 8 | Tularosa Triangle Fly-in (T16) |
| Jul 22-28 | EAA AirVenture 2024 |
| Aug 17 | Mystic Bluffs Fly In (M56) |
| Oct 20 | Los Lunas Chapter 530 Fly-In |
- Also Check NMPA's ["Upcoming Events"](#)
and Check EAA 691's ["Upcoming Events"](#)
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In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

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

- FAAST Blast — [Week of Feb 05-11, 2024](#) (PDF download)
- Webinars: These are online seminars, scheduled –soon– because I receive notification late. Most qualify the attendee for WINGS credits. Saturday Morning Coffee And Wings
- From Joe Kluk, FASSTeam Program Manger, Operations, Albuquerque FSDO “The FAA Safety Team offers 10 Human Factors training modules in 9 online courses. Since Human Factors in in play on the majority of aircraft accidents, this would be worth you time as the next step in avoiding an accident/mishap.”
 - [Human Factors for Pilots](#)

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

- [Welcome to The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
- [Windshield Cleaning Mistake](#)
- [Runups with a Carburetor](#)
- [Full Flaps All At Once?](#)
- [Letting Go of Mistakes](#)



EAA

- [Webinars](#) – EAA & Aircraft Spruce present a constant flow of Webinars that 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

- [April 2024 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](#).
- The Aviator's Lounge: Great aerial view of the Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucsono

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Quick Links to Chapter Website

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DEAA:	www.eaa179.org/deaa
LOEFI:	www.loefi.org
Scholarships:	www.eaa179.org/scholarships
Newsletters:	www.eaa179.org/newsletters
Calendar:	www.eaa179.org/calendar
Membership:	www.eaa179.org/membership
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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

Join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org>

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NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

The Editor

There are many organizations serving aviation interests in New Mexico. These include EAA Chapters and other such organizations, but also government agencies and commercial enterprises. In future months I plan to present a synopsis of the significance of some of these resources, what is interesting about them or what they offer in the way of enhancing our flying experiences.

This is a starter list of organizations that I have tracked down. If you know of others or have corrections or updates, please send me eMail at newsletter@eaa179.org. And if you use any of these regularly, please consider providing a synopsis and review. Thanks.

NM EAA Chapters

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



Double Eagle Aviation Academy

June 3 - 7, 2024

Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

Explore a Future in Aviation

- ✦ Consider aviation careers
- ✦ Learn about aircraft, how they fly, aircraft building, pilot communications
- ✦ Plan a flight, check weather, conduct pre-flight checks
- ✦ Meet pilots, mechanics, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other specialists
- ✦ Invited for a Young Eagles flight Saturday, June 8

Ages 14 – 17

Application deadline May 10, 2024

Selection based on applications. Previous aviation knowledge or experience not required.

Get application at eaa179.org/DEAA
starting February 10, 2024

\$200 Tuition includes T shirt, Lunch & Snacks, all class / workshop materials.

Tuition due after acceptance. Inquire per need-based scholarships.

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September 21, 2024 7am - 2pm

Double Eagle II Airport (KAEG) - Albuquerque, NM



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