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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

May 21 – Monthly Gathering (BJ’s at Cottonwood Mall)

Jun 3-7 - Double Eagle Aviation Academy (KAEG)

Jun 8 - Special DEAA Young Eagles (KAEG)

July 23-29 - EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

Sep 21 - Land of Enchantment Fly-In (KAEG)

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

And check [NMPA web site](#) for other events around New Mexico

May 2024

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Notes from our President

Jim Kessler



Jim getting fitted to the cockpit.

April turned out to be a busy month. The Tri-motor was a big success.

We were able to honor Emilio for 50 years of safe aviation and see the first flight of the Skyote. Emilio got his inspection completed and the airplane approved for flight. On Monday, April 29, he took the Skyote airborne. Congratulations, Emilio, on both accomplishments.

We have two potential buyers for the Breezy. One lives in Arizona; the other is local. We have 29 hours of flight time on it. We increased the control stick length in both the front and rear seat. That modification allowed us to get back in the air. We are considering some other modifications, but we'll see what the buyer wants.

The May 7th Board meeting will be about DEAA and LOEFI. We will be asking for a volunteer to fill the site coordinator position for LOEFI. If you feel like this position is calling your name or if you have questions, let me know.

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 still needs some pilots to help. Also setup on the 10th will require some strong backs.

Double Eagle Aviation Academy has a couple of new twists this year. We are planning control tower tours again and we have the potential for an Air Force helicopter flight for the students. Of course, first-time events are always challenging, but this could be very exciting. Applications for DEAA continue to come in. We have 18 applicants. This month will be our big planning month. May 30th is set-up day. We need all the help we can get. Remember Rick Richter's Memorial will be on the 31st. So first we'll setup for that and then that afternoon we will reset for DEAA. There are a lot of moving parts here, but we don't want to shortchange either of these important events.

Our next Gathering is on May 21st at BJs. We have a builder presentation scheduled. Gregg Cuoco is going to talk about his Zenith project. Lance Hunter will be Emceeing the Gathering. It should be a great evening.

Rick Richter's Memorial will be on May 31st from 10 to 1 at the RAF. Rick was a huge part of Chapter 179 for many years. Please come out to the chapter hangar and help say good bye to a great friend and contributor to our chapter. Keep the canopy side up,

Jim Kessler, President
EAA Chapter 179
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Notes from the Editor

George Young

'Tis a busy time of year for our Chapter.

- First, there is weather – wind, some rain - aw shucks. Mike Tolle had to call off two Young Eagles events this spring.
- Then we put together an event for EAA's [Learn to Fly Week](#). We had 12 people register for our Flying Start/Eagle Flight program; size came out despite weather unfavorable for the Eagle Flights. We adjusted the program and made good use of the time. Pilots escorted the attendees to a number of hangars, showing them various airplanes. That was followed by pizza in the RAF and lots of time for discussions with pilots and a couple of our scholarship recipients who themselves are starting their flying adventures. Thanks especially to the pilots who, since weather prevented flying, will arrange with a recipient for their Eagle Flight.

- DEAA is nearly upon us – Joyce, Jim, and others are gearing up for this, one of our Signature Events, coming up June 3-7.
- And we are coming up on lead-time-away for LOEFI, our other Signature Event. An initial planning meeting was held last month, with more to come.

I'm making this, my Editor's Notes this month to:

1. Say *Thank You* to Members who come forward to make these events so successful. And
2. Encourage you to make it known to the event coordinator or officer/board member how you can join in bringing these events to fruition.

George Young
Newsletter Editor
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May Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, May 21, 2024

BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall

5:30 PM – “No host” dinner

6:15 PM – Introductions & Presentation

Program: Zenith Super Duty Build by Gregg Cuoco

Gregg Cuoco will share his fast moving build story. If you monitor our Facebook group, you've seen his informative and entertaining time-lapse videos, capturing every step of the way. Come hear his story in person and at normal speed!

Gregg is a retired heavy jet aircraft mechanic with 35 years at UPS Airline. He earned his Airframe & Powerplant degree at Eastern NM University in Roswell. He owns Top Gun Firearms and is interested in building custom homes, pistol shooter competition, off road desert riding, and aviation. Gregg lives in Corrales, has two daughters and has been married for 38 years.



Gregg is currently building a Zenith Super Duty, powered by a Viking 195T with a Dynon panel, complete with AutoPilot.

Where: BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse at Cottonwood Mall
10000 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque

Directions: North or South bound on Coors Blvd to Cottonwood Mall. Take the Cottonwood Loop to the south end of the parking lot. BJ's is in a separate building.

*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!***

April Chapter Gathering—RECAP FAA Recognition

Congratulations to Emilio!

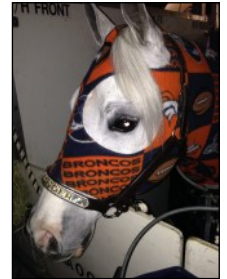
Our distinguished member and past chapter President, Emilio Verastegui, was recognized with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, presented by Joe Kluk, FAA Team Manager of the Albuquerque FSDO. Emilio received an impressive plaque and his “Blue Ribbon Package”, a copy of Emilio's entire FAA records with the FAA.



Chapter and family members (his wife Ann, above) joined together for to reflect on Emilio's 50 years of flying history, starting in 1968 when he soloed in a Cessna 150 at KTYS, McGhee-Tyson airport in Knoxville.

Emilio shared memorable moments from learning to fly, building aircraft, and his impressive FedEx career, achieving Captain of the Airbus 300 and MD-11. Memories included transporting “Thunder”, the Denver Bronco mascot, back to Denver after the team lost the Superbowl. He remembers Winnepeg as “WinterPeg” from numerous winter visits.

His last FedEx flight was 11/6/2015, a flight from Greensboro, NC to Memphis, TN. Not only memorable as a last flight, he was forced to fly a go-around after being sequenced too tight by Memphis controllers. Are



you sure that wasn't a planned grand fly-by, Emilio? You deserved one!

It's always amazing to learn of world experiences our members have had and how talented they are. Emilio's first plane was a Corben Junior Ace, then a 1955 Cessna 170B, an Acro-Sport II that he finished in 1993, his beautiful V-Tail Bonanza, and his latest creation, the Skyote.

The Wright Brothers Award is 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.](#)



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, May 18; 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/tZMtceqrqDluGdRwfvFbRblOdky4GETiSiyb>

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



Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



Seeking New Members

We are seeking new members.

We always welcome new members no matter the time of year.

Please consider joining the 90 plus individuals who are registered as members for 2024.

The dues payments help fund scholarships, pay our national EAA fees and enable the chapter to offer

fantastic programs throughout the year.

Annual dues are \$20 for an individual member and \$30 for a family (spouse and children under 18).

Dues are not prorated for partial year payments. Also note that separate membership and dues payments are required to the National Organization (<https://eaa.org>) of which we are a representative part.

To join, simply go online, to <https://eaa179.org/membership/> where you can submit your dues payment

by Paypal or credit card, or you may send a check (include your name, address, a contact phone number and email address) payable to "EAA Chapter 179" and mail it to:

EAA Chapter 179
Double Eagle II Airport;
7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW, #179
Albuquerque, NM 87120

You may also bring cash or a check to one of our chapter gatherings and present it to a member of the Board of Directors (any existing chapter member can point them out).

Gwen Walcott
Membership Coordinator
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Young Eagles

Mike Tolle, Young Eagles Coordinator

Mother Nature confounded another Young Eagles event. The wind forecast was accurate – it blew all morning at times gusting to 20-30 knots. Because of weather during the summer months, the Chapter doesn't schedule Young Eagles events. Come fall weather, we will pick up the Events with the next one on September 7th. Look for registration to be open 2-3 weeks prior. Happy Summer everyone.



Mike Tolle
Young Eagles Coordinator
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Double Eagle Aviation Academy Joyce Woods

Hello!

THIS IS OUR 10TH DEAA! OVER 200 YOUTH HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS WEEK LONG PROGRAM, PUT ON BY CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS. AT THIS WRITING, WE HAVE 24 DEAA APPLICANTS FOR DEAA 2024

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!

This year, the Air Force has offered a special experience for students with helicopter flights one afternoon. Wow!

As previously mentioned, we hope to raise the bar for mentoring this year's students by chapter members. It's amazing how much we can help these youth as they take their aviation interest to a new level.

We 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. (Will Taylor coordinating this year).
- ⇒ **Attend the closing reception starting at 2:30pm 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.



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

- Joyce Woods / Jim Kessler
Email: deaa@eaa179.org

Rick Richter Memorial 10am—1pm; May 31, 2024 at the RAF

Rick Richter

Celebration of Life

Friday 31 May 2024, 10 am – 1 pm

Double Eagle II Airport

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Chapter 179, The Reimer Hangar (RAF)



3/23/1930 – 4/10/2024

[Obituary](#)

Please join Rick's family for a celebration of his incredible life. We will provide food, beverage and good company to remember this truly unique man who loved life and flying.

We'll remember Rick and his wife Nettie as a core of our EAA Chapter 179 fundraising efforts for many years, enabling the start of our scholarship program. A tireless chapter volunteer, he also flew Young Eagles, sharing his passion for aviation with youth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to EAA Chapter 179; Double Eagle II Airport; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179; Albuquerque, NM 87120. RE: Rick Richter, EAA Chapter 179 Scholarships or at www.eaa179.org



Flying Start - Providing a Kick Start for Pilot Wannabes

Six participants got a kick start by participating in a Saturday morning Flying Start event, led by George Young with help from a team of volunteers.

Weather precluded Eagle Flights again this year but volunteer pilots took the opportunity to provide some ground school and fun hangar tours to various aircraft. Eagle Flights will be provided on a 1:1 basis, scheduled offline.

With a short presentation, George led participants to explore what kind of flying they are interested in, sharing his own experience and that of other members. Mark Sturm provided the nuts and bolts of what it takes to get a private pilot certificate, sharing from a flight instructor perspective.

Unfortunately, only half of those registered attended. Those who did were extremely complimentary of the program and of chapter volunteers so committed to help them learn, with several commenting about what the others had missed.

Photos: From Top—George Young kicks off the program; Kenny Hinkes explains flight controls using the analogy of a duck landing on the water. Volunteer pilots await assignments.

Below from left: Art Woods explains the gameplan in lieu of Eagle Flights; Rein Lorenz gets a lesson in leaning the fuel/air mixture; Informal discussion at the chapter hangar over pizza, exploring next steps.



Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

By Emilio Verastegui



I want to say that I sincerely appreciate all those who were kind enough to attend the FAA's presentation of this unique and special award to me on 16 April 2024. I humbly offer my thanks!

I must also mention that there have been many people who were responsible for getting me this far in my aviation career. Over the years, I have had many mentors and instructors that taught me many skills, some even life-saving!

My first instructor was named Roger Flenniken. He was fairly young but to me

he seemed rather old, only because I had just turned seventeen and everyone seemed old to me at that time! Roger was trying really hard to get on with Piedmont Airlines and he let you know every chance he had. Eventually, he did get hired on and worked there for quite a few years. I soloed under Roger's tutelage on 18 January 1968.

One of the best was Dave Hiltz. He was quiet and unassuming; he was more like a father figure to me. We seemed to hit it off pretty well, even though I was very young and naive. Eventually, I became one of several of his instructors in the Part 141 school at the FBO. When he retired, I was crestfallen because he had been such an influence on me. I was sad to see him leave.

My Instrument Instructor was Donna Bower. She was loud, brash and not afraid to tell it like it is. She was funny but could be stern. She taught me well and I am better for it. Later, she would be my Multi-Engine instructor and, eventually, she convinced me to leave my job and apply at TVA where she was working. I did, and was hired, but that's another story!

Another influential instructor was Elmer Woods. He was an old crop duster that didn't really say much, but he knew his stuff. For my Commercial check ride, he eventually put the "hood" on me and I was flying along, following his directions. It seemed like it was a long time before he said "OK, take off the hood and put us down on that airport." I actually did not see any pavement and so I asked which airport he was talking about. "Oh, it's that grass strip down there in the valley." He had taken me from KTYS, over the mountains, to a small grass strip in the

Smoky Mountains. His friend lived there and operated the airport. I spiraled down and we landed. It was my first time landing a grass! He said he wanted to visit with his friend and it would be a while before we left.

Eventually, we did and after returning to KTYS, he said I did a good job and then I was a new Commercial Pilot!

As I mentioned earlier, my Multi-Engine instructor was Donna Bower. She could be fun to fly with and often made the instruction more meaningful. For instance, because we were in a faster, heavier airplane, we sometimes went cross country for a change of scenery. Of course, along the way, she would find things that only a "multi" instructor could find to make the flight worthy of instruction. It was always a challenge flying with her!

My ATP checkride was with the FAA and he was a no-nonsense kind of guy. I was quite nervous but I knew I had to do well. Fortunately, things did go well and I passed. Afterwards, the Inspector was all smiles and jokes, which seemed rather out of character for the FAA, but I guess we are all human. Nevertheless, I was glad that checkride was over!

I had many more instructors and mentors along the way, too numerous to mention here. Suffice to say that all of them really did influence the path of my career and life as a pilot. I could not stand and say I did it all alone because I did not. When I became an instructor myself, I tried to pass on the lessons that I learn from others. Later, as a Captain, I approached each flight with the intention of being the good influencer or mentor to my First Officers, in the hopes that they might remember me in the same light as I remember my own instructors and mentors.

This award, although given to me, is deserved by so many others that had such a big part in my aviation life. I thank all of them!

And, again, thank you all for attending this presentation of the Wright Brothers Award on 16 April 2024. I will cherish the memory for a long time.

Sincerely,
Emilio Verastegui, a pilot



Scholarship Update

Art Woods, Rowan Phlieger – Scholarship Coordinators

Hey everyone, its Luke!

I have been very busy in Colorado finishing up my second year at the Air Force Academy here in just a couple short weeks.

First, I wanted to remind you all how grateful I am to have been introduced to the EAA bringing me countless opportunities. As a life update, I have just completed a check ride, certifying me as a Soaring Instructor Pilot for the 94th Flying Training Squadron here at the Academy to teach other cadets how to fly gliders. I am super excited to teach others to fly using all the lessons I have learned about flight instruction through my hours of flying in both powered and unpowered aircraft.

I truly believe that sharing the gift of flight is the most important thing we as aviators can do for those around us whether that be through flight instruction, Young Eagles, or in any other capacity. This coming summer will be jam packed with some unique aviation experiences.



During this summer, I will be instructing for about three weeks teaching the rising sophomore class basic aviation skills in our glider course. Another few weeks will be spent at RAF Lakenheath in the United Kingdom to learn more about U.S. Air Force operations.

Finally, I will be attending EAA AirVenture for the first time to close out my summer before starting my third year at USAFA. I am writing this as a thank you for everything each of you has done for me. I could not have been given any such opportunities if it wasn't for the care and support you have all shown me as an inspiration for flight.

I cannot express how truly grateful I am, and I can't wait to see what the future holds as we all continue to inspire new pilots to truly soar.

Luke Vaughn
EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient, 2021

Congrats Jocelyn!

And thanks to our newest local DPE, Doc Chavez!

On Tuesday morning May 7, I finally got to see my hard work and dedication pay off—I received my PPL!

I had the pleasure of having Dr. Lauren Chavez as my DPE, who did a great job at putting my 'check-ride nerves' at ease. I was given the honor of being her first check-ride, an opportunity I was excited to have!

The atmosphere graced us with calm winds, and before I knew it, I was a pilot! It was truly an unforgettable experience, made even more so by all the congratulations I received from EAA chapter members. My accomplishment is the Chapters accomplishment—their support, encouragement, and kindness have contributed to my success.

Now, onto instrument!



- Jocelyn Muñiz

2024 EAA 179 Scholarship Recipient

P.S. What she didn't mention was that since it was Doc Chavez's first checkride, it attracted a few extra FAA personnel, including a ramp check.

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".

Skyote Inspection April 19, 2024 . . . and the Backstory

By Emilio Verastegui

April 19th is a date that has become meaningful to me on a couple of occasions. While it is not a “date that will live in infamy”, it is significant to me. Let me explain...

Initially, it is significant because that is the date in 1995 that marked the beginning of my career with FedEx. As long as I remember, I had planned and dreamed of working for one of the majors passenger airlines. I would then be forever happy, having reached my ultimate goal, and the world would be right. Reality sometimes slaps you down but you have to get up, shake off the dust, and try again. And believe me, it happened to me many times! In my wildest dreams, I never planned to work for FedEx.

Serendipity and luck often play a part in shaping one’s life and life work. Both had their way with me several times over the years. Every decision has consequences and I knew that I needed to make the right decision every time I came to a decision point. Because my goal was to become an airline pilot, I was not going to let my poor decisions keep me from achieving my ultimate goal.

As it happened, I knew some pilots from the Knoxville area, where I lived and learned to fly, that were already flying for FedEx. At the time, I didn’t know how valuable those contacts would turn out to be. In those days, it was very hard to get through the “front door” without personal contacts.

The year 1988 was a pivotal year for me, in more ways than one. Marvin Runyon, a former corporate executive in the automotive industry, became chairman of the TVA in January 1988, and pledged to stabilize the agency financially. During his term, he worked to reduce management layers, reduce overhead costs, and he also laid off thousands of workers. During those months of upheaval, everyone in the Flight Department could see the hand writing on the wall and, sure enough, the Flight Department ceased operations in early September of 1988. After working and flying for two years with TVA, I was out of a job, again! Fortunately, serendipity and luck again came into my life again, and by the end of the month, I was hired as Chief Pilot for Howard H. Baker, Jr, a former Senator from Tennessee who also went on to be Chief of Staff for President Ronald Reagan. I was hired after he left that position.

I worked for the Senator for almost 5 years and flew his Cessna 425 for about 2500 hours. It was not really a hard job and I met some very interesting people along the way, as you might imagine. We went to DCA so many times, it almost became routine. But, in the back of my mind, I knew the position would not last forever. And, of course, I was right. I was called into the office on a beautiful Spring day in May of 1993. The Sena-

tor explained that he needed to reduce his staff and was going to keep only one pilot. I was not totally surprised. The second pilot had been hired at the behest of the Senator’s wife, Joy, but she had passed away the previous month. He was competent and capable but with far less experienced than I had. I honestly assumed he was being let go and actually felt sorry for him. That’s not what happened!

In our final conversations, he asked if there was anything he could do to help me. Still in shock after coming to the realization that it was me that was being let go, I must have blurted out “I have always wanted to work for FedEx!” God only knows why I said that! He immediately made a phone call which eventually helped me get an interview two years later. Of course, the rest was up to me, and the rest is history!

Two years later, as I and my other 23 compatriots sat in class that very first day of Indoc, the Chief Pilot walked in unexpectedly and interrupted the class. He asked, “Is anyone in the class from Oklahoma City?” When no one raised their hand, he turned on the TV and that’s when we found out about the events of April 19, 1995, and the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in OKC. As we all know, it was a terrible and tragic event in which many people lost their lives, including many young children. After a few minutes, he turned off the TV and told us to carry on. Two weeks later, Indoc Class was over and we all began our training to become engineers on the B-727. All but one of us made it through that ordeal! Yes, I passed, and then I began my career as the valued third crew-member of a B-727. Eleven months later, much to my satisfaction, I began training for the right seat of the AirBus A-300!



Skyote Inspection April 19, 2024 . . . and the Backstory (continued)

By Emilio Verastegui

So, is that it, you ask? Nope! The really fun part of this story centers on **April 19, 2024**. Two Inspectors from the local FAA FSDO office came to the hangar to inspect the Skyote to determine if it was eligible for an Airworthiness Certificate. They did find several items that they felt needed to be corrected. That afternoon, with the help of several EAA Chapter 179 members, those items were corrected. I took pictures of each “after” condition and submitted them to the Inspector. On Monday, 22 April 2024, I met with the Inspector to receive my Airworthiness Certificate and sign my Repairman’s Certificate Application for the Skyote!

After many, many years of studying, pondering, cussing, working, and learning, I can finally say that I have finished the Skyote, for now! The future can only bring more joy as I learn to fly it and test its capabilities, along with mine. As of this writing, I have taxied it several times about the ramp and have flown it three times. Now I am waiting for the Spring winds to diminish and calm down. I hope that by the time you read this, more flights will have been successfully concluded!

I would like to mention the names of those that were with me at the hangar on April 19, 2024. They were Stephen Fleming, Lee Otto, Dan Horschel, Jim Kessler and Mark Sturm. Of course, there have been many others along the way, over the months and years, that helped me complete this project. I sincerely appreciate their valued assistance and knowledge that helped push the Skyote to its final completion. I have learned a lot from this experience and the most valuable lesson for me is that EAA is truly a great community.

To all of you, THANK YOU, and I thank God for friends like you!

Sincerely,

Emilio Verastegui,
“Ein alter Hase”

Upper Photo: **Taxi Test**

Lower Photo: **Landing, Skyote First Flight**



Breezy Aircraft (flying) For Sale
proceeds to benefit Chapter 179

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



This new Breezy build is solid and fun to fly!

Has airworthiness certificate and 30 hours of test flying (and counting). Nose cone allows longer flying season. Excellent documentation. Personal situation forces sale.

Lycoming O-235-C1, 108 hp, 32 SMOH. Prop 32 TTSN. 30 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.)

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.

Old photos of Doug Rhinehart and his Rose Parrakeet?

REQUEST from EAA 555

Hi,
I am a member of Chapter 555 here in Las Cruces.
This morning I ran across a request for any photos of Doug and his 'Ramblin Rose' aircraft. It Said This:

If you have any photographs, articles, memorabilia, anecdotes or film footage of Doug Rhinehart, please send it to me at webmaster@roseparrakeet.org and I'll send it on to Dan.

I have some pretty good photos that I took at the 1975 Balloon Fiesta where Doug did a little 'airshow' of his own. The link given does not work so I thought that someone in your chapter might know how to get in touch with them although it has been about 15 years since the request was made.

The Dan mentioned is stated to be Doug's son, I don't know Dan but would like him to have the pictures of his dad and the 'Ramblin Rose' as I saw it in 1975 at Simm Field in Albuquerque.

If you can help please have someone contact me, thanks!

Morris Drexler
morrie@zianet.com
(575)636-0125

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.

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](#))

May 18 Los Lunas Chapter 530 Young Eagles Flights (E98)
Jul 13 (volunteer pilots and ground support always welcome)

Sep 14 [T or C Fly-In](#) (KTCS)

June 1 [Tularosa Triangle Fly-in](#) (T16)

Jun 8 [EAA AirVenture 2024](#)

Jul 22-28 [Mystic Bluffs Fly In](#) (M56)

Aug 17 Los Lunas Chapter 530 Fly-In

Also Check NMPA's "[Upcoming Events](#)" and Check EAA 691's "[Upcoming Events](#)"



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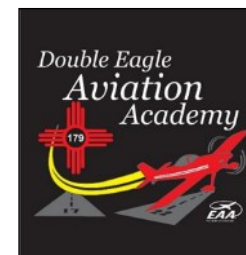
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Chapter 179 Polo shirt

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for sizes 2XL and above, add \$2.



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)
- [Uses for a Simulator](#)
- [Intersection Takeoffs](#)
- [Slipping with Full Flaps](#)
- [Lights for Day VFR](#)

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

- [May 2024 NMPA Newsletter](#) – As usual, great articles and news by and for local pilots



Facebook

- New: [Student Pilots Group](#), and an article “[V Speeds](#)”
- 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, Tucson

In case you are traveling

- Leisure + Travel - [10 Best Aviation Museums Around the US](#)

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IMC Club:	www.eaa179.org/imc-club
DEAA:	www.eaa179.org/deaa
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Contacts:	www.eaa179.org/contacts
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/EAA179

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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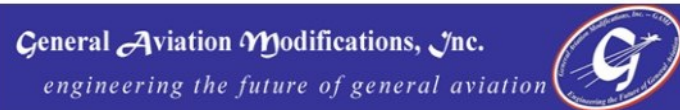
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NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

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 \(KDNA\)](#)

Land of Enchantment Fly-In

September 21, 2024 7am - 2pm

Double Eagle II Airport (KAEG) - Albuquerque, NM



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