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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

- Aug 17 – [IMC Club](#)
- Aug 17 – [Mystic Bluffs Fly-In \(NMPA\)](#)
- Aug 20 – [August Monthly Gathering](#)
- Sep 7 – [Young Eagles](#)
- Sep 17 – [September Monthly Gathering](#)
- Sep 21 – [Land of Enchantment Fly-In \(KAEG\)](#)
- ... and check the list of [Upcoming Fly-in Events](#)

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

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Notes from our President

Jim Kessler, President



The temperature hasn't really started to go down yet, but it will shortly. Remember to keep an eye on your tire pressure as the temperature decreases. I always have to pump them back up in September or early October. Low tire pressure can cause damage to your innertube.

I'll tell the Breezy crash story after the NTSB finishes its investigation. It has been postponed until the last week of August.

Thanks to all those who helped with the city's DEll fly-in. We had plenty of support and got to meet some nice folks from the Sunport side of the airport management team. Janet did a great job putting it together while Lance Hunter was our lead and made it look easy.



The pedal plane project is spread out in the RAF. We have made great progress in the last 2 weeks, but there is much left to do. Thanks to all who have participated in the construction, particularly Doug Volker, Lance Hunter, Joyce Woods and Joe Martinez. The fuselage is basically finished, so we are working on the wings. Mark Sturm is now at the helm of the pedal plane effort, so if you want to help, get up with him.

We completed the first round of RAF reorganization on August 3rd. We had the opportunity to provide a shelf for the Air Camper and numerous tools and parts for LOEFI Flymart. There is plenty more to do, but it was a great start. Thanks to the team who came by to help.



We had a Young Eagles Rally on August 10th, with a strong pilot volunteer response. Thanks to all who participated. This was a chance to get some first timers flying.

We have a [Signup Genius for LOEFI](#). Start thinking about where you want to help. The last LOEFI meeting was August 6th at 6:30 PM on Zoom. We'll post a summary of the minutes so you can see where help is needed.

This month's Gathering is at BJ's restaurant on August 20th. Our own Lee Otto is going to talk about the Air Camper project and what he learned at the Pietenpol rally and Oshkosh.

Keep the canopy side up,

Jim Kessler
President, EAA Chapter 179
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Notes from the Editor

George Young, Editor (and Webmaster)

AirVenture, a.k.a Oshkosh, has come and gone for another year. A handful of 179 Members made the trip this year, some for the first time, many for the Nth time. Not having gone myself, I invited those who attended to send me their stories so that I could vicariously enjoy this Largest of All Airshows. [See the stories](#) starting on page 7.

Our Chapter offers so many outlets for people interested in airplanes and aviation. Take for example Young Eagles - we recently received notice that Chapter 179 recently flew its 5000th Young Eagle. Wow. Many Members over many years, pilots and volunteers, made this happen. And we will host another Fly-In, LOEFI. The first one was hosted some 35 years ago (at Moriarty then). And for the past 10 years we have held the Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA).

There is more. Members built an RV-12, then 10 of us formed the High Desert Flyers Association and N179Q is now flying. As I write this, Jim Kessler, Mark Sturm, and others are building this year's Pedal Plane, hopefully to be finished in time to auction it off at LOEFI (as was the case with Mike Paxson's Pedal Planes the past two years). And ... (drum roll) ... soon to get under way, under Lee Otto's leadership ... bringing a Pientepol Air Camper back to life. Lee envisions this as a Chapter Project, to bring out any Member interested in contributing, including youth who come out for Young Eagles and DEAA. Check it out in the RAF!!

George Young
[Newsletter Editor](#)

August Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, August 20, 2024

BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall

From 5:15 PM – “No host” dinner

6:15 PM – Introductions & Program

**Program: OSH 2024: Pietenpol Restoration Preparation
by Lee Otto**

EVERYONE: Please bring your favorite Oshkosh 2025 photos on a USB drive to share! We'll play them on a photo slide show during dinner. If you have a particular story, let us know.

For the main program, Lee Otto will share his experience joining the annual Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-In and his learnings at Oshkosh. He'll talk about the people he met and why they love their airplanes. He'll tell what he learned about this airplane and a bit of its history.

**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. Arrive anytime from 5:15, dinner not required. **We hope to see you there!***

LOEFI is Just Around The Corner

Volunteers are needed ([see page 5](#)).

There are other ways to contribute. In particular — **Spread the word** You will find in the RAF a supply of LOEFI Posters and Business Cards.

Stop by the RAF, pick up a handful of cards and a few posters.

Then pass the Cards on to friends, colleagues, schoolmates, and ???.

And put up Posters at work, your favorite coffee shop, and ???.

July Chapter Gathering—RECAP

by The Editor

The program for the July Gathering was a special and timely presentation. Tom and Lee Barker gave a captivating presentation about building Pietenpol Air Campers, not one but two.

Their adventure began with an article in the 1939 EAA Magazine “Build and Fly a Pientenpol Air Camper”. So, they embarked on building one.



An unfortunate accident led to the demise of Air Camper #1. Not to be daunted, they embarked on building Air Camper #2.



Their story was both entertaining and inspiring, as Lee and other Members gear up to start on our own Air Camper.

George Young

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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, Aug 17; 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/tZUscuGorzsoH9FubQMeDQ_KB-c3KDHija9I

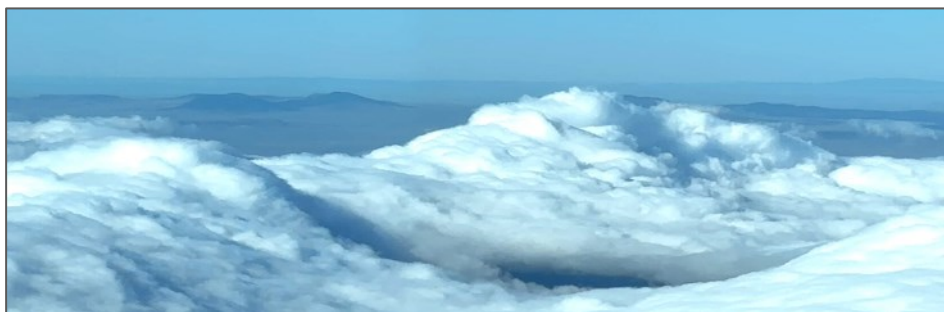
You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting Zoom link.

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
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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 paid mid-year 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:

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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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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".

From the Young Eagles Nest Art Woods



A Special Young Eagles Rally, August 10

With the weather not cooperating for 3 previously planned rallies, the Chapter decided to have an unplanned rally.

Only this rally would be intended to capture those from the other three rallies who have never flown a Young Eagle Flight.



RV Grins!

Using the YoungEaglesDay.ORG database, invitations were sent to possible “first timers”. Concerned about the August heat, we limited registration to 32 kids. Who knew, it would be cloudy and 75 deg!

We succeeded with delighting 18 first timers with the taste of being airborne. Several have brothers & sisters who have flown, and we flew them as well, for a total of 29. Two boys

from multiple cancelled events got their parents to drive in from Las Vegas, NM - now that's dedication!

Thanks to volunteer pilots! Ted Hartenstein, Lance Hunter, Brian Morrison, Chris Nichols, Kyle Reinhardt, Mark Sturm, Emilio Verastegui, and Gary Williams. And ground volunteers: George Young, Alex Martinez, Joyce & Art Woods.

And yes, we will resume regular Young Eagle rallies starting with Sept 7, so be on the lookout for the sign-up on YEDay.org to go live.



Amelia and little bro, Elijah, flew with Mark in his Velocity



Volunteers winding down, families grateful for this unique opportunity!

Art Woods
Young Eagle Pilot
& Scholarship Co-Chair

LOEFI Volunteers Needed—Sign Up today!

Joyce Woods, Secretary

Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI)

Sept 21, 2024

The LOEFI planning team met August 6 to review preparation status. We establish leaders for the various moving parts and from there, it's always amazing how volunteers just make it happen!



LOEFI provides incredible public visibility for general aviation and the good work we do in our community. We share our love for aviation in the best way possible, bringing everyone together. It is our biggest fundraiser and although it is a ton of work, getting involved is a great way to get to know other members while making a positive difference in our community.

Changes this year:

A larger main exhibit hall. We're hoping to create a new focus for teens with activities from DEAA and multiple Flight SIMs!! Wanna help? To pull it off, we need new volunteers and ideas, especially focused to engage middle & HS youth.

Remaining the same:

Spectacular opening ceremony. Aircraft displays & judging. Food trucks and live bands set the tone. Youth activities, Builders Square, Fly Mart, under wing camping. Civil Air Patrol volunteers supplement chapter members to manage the ramp. An NMPA seminar: "Backcountry Flying in New Mexico." Mike Wirstrom, Emcee.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

SIGN UP to Volunteer: Needed positions are posted for the Setup day (Sept 20) and the Saturday event (Sept 21). Setup Friday is actually a lot of fun, working with chapter comrades. Peruse jobs needed at the sign up link, and select where you'd like to help, even if just for a couple hours. *Many hands make light work!* **SIGN UP HERE** or at eaa179.org/LOEFI

Bring used aviation treasures for sale at the EAA 179 FLYMART—all proceeds benefit our scholarship program.

Join a planning meeting. We'd love to have you! Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 10, 6:30 – 8:00pm via Zoom. Contact Joyce to get the Zoom link. *Anyone welcome!*

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Scholarship Update

Art Woods, Rowan Phlieger – Scholarship Coordinators

We received an update on Dominic Martinez's pursuit of his private license. Dominic is a recipient of this year's Ray Aviation Scholarship, and moving quickly towards his goals.

"Dominic soloed this morning at KAEG, had some great landings, and a morning cupcake to celebrate with his instructor. And with his father, you can really see his personality come out with his "aviator outfit" of a winter hat and swimming goggles.

He soloed almost exactly one month from his first flight, and his instructor told he's one of his best students and progressing very well."



Rowan Phlieger & Art Woods
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EAA Air Academy 2024 – Recap

Alex Martinez

Preface: Since we were unable to provide Alex Martinez with any formal info on how to prepare for his trip to Oshkosh for Air Academy, he set out to document for those to follow him. Below are excerpts from that daily log. We appreciate his time and effort to do this, as will future attendees. Joyce Woods

Here is a quick recap of my experience at Air Academy:

We did a lot of activities, the best in my opinion was a helicopter ride and some welding of a metal dice block. We got to walk around the EAA museum of aviation from time to time, got to watch planes flying in, and had 2 full days on the grounds of Oshkosh. We got to meet plenty of people and schools offering information and had a good time overall.

At the Academy we also made a fiberglass clipboard, wooden wing rib, custom wooden propeller blade. We used flight simulators and did some coding with some cool little robots. We made a small metal box held together through rivets.

Oshkosh is AWESOME. There are so many planes to see and things to do and see. There was so much that I did and saw that I cannot possibly list it all. Plus, I don't want to spoil all of the fun for everyone. The one thing I will say is that I managed to impress some military guys by playing video games.

I saw more planes around this place than I would have thought. A10 warthogs, The Ford, F22 raptors (side note. Almost broke the sound barrier quite a few times.), and many other planes doing things around here. I will say Joyce was right. There just is not enough time to do and see everything. There was this huge plane show this evening as well as smoke trails and other aerobatics. It has been a good week here. I would not regret coming here for one second.

For anyone wanting to come here on their own, or through the scholarship like I was selected for, enjoy yourself while you're here. There is just so much to see and do. This is the best place for anyone interested in aviation. I highly recommend coming here at least once in your life, even if you aren't interested in planes. This is a once in a lifetime experience.



Alex Martinez

2024 Advanced Air Academy Scholarship Recipient

Reports From AirVenture/Oshkosh

From Bob Waters

I travelled to Oshkosh with Jim and Vern Dudley in Jim's truck. We camped at Camp Scholler. It took us two and a half days to get there so we'd arrive on Friday morning to get a good camping spot. We stopped in Wichita, KS and Dubuque, IA along the 1300 mile trip. I didn't realize how much corn is produced in those states!

- Highlights for me were meeting the builders of my Velocity project - the father and son team who now own the company. I was able to get a lot of good information from them to finish the restoration.
- Several forums were great, including Lycoming assembling an engine in 2 hours, and talks about assembling hoses and legal issues for mechanics.
- It was fun to be in the Burt Rutan talk along with lots of others.

- Touring the flight line from ultralights to vintage, to Boeing Plaza, to homebuilts to warbirds was another highlight.
- The night airshow was probably the best, with a mixture of fireworks, drones and pyrotechnic-equipped planes and gliders.
- Having brats with fellow New Mexicans and friends was a great time too.

Overall it was a great experience with wonderful weather. I look forward to going back again, hopefully by wing!



Bob Waters



A gathering of attendees from New Mexico



Konrad, host of the NM "Brat Burn"



Enjoying a great evening with friends (& brats)

From Lee Otto: - An Electric DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver

"[This] caught my eye at Oshkosh. This is a picture of an electric DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver. It's only a prototype and has a very short endurance (1 hour no reserve). So it's not really ready for prime time yet"



Kyle Reinhardt's Report on Facebook

"Flew to Oshkosh and back to AEG in my 66 Mooney M20C!

Also did the Mooney Caravan mass arrival too! 52 ships all down safely in 6 mins 37 seconds!!

Some stats about the flight.

Total fuel burned 184.5 gallons

Total Tach/Flight time 19.8 hrs

9.3 gallons/hr burned for whole trip

At an Avg of 145 kts!"



Luke Vaughn 2021 Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient



Hey everyone!

I am happy to report I made it to Oshkosh for the first time and it was better than I could have ever expected. After a few days visiting Chicago (a first), my parents and I drove to AirVenture. Taking the shuttle into the airport Monday morning, we were amazed to see seas of airplanes covering their owners' tents below unlike anything we had ever seen before. We were told that the number of planes would continue to grow throughout the week, which continued to make us excited to come back for several days.

Over the few days we attended, we got to see planes of all sizes from the large military transport aircraft to the smallest ultralight aircraft. Even my parents, who are significantly less excited about planes, were at a loss for words with the sights, sounds, and scale of AirVenture. With so many adjectives and nouns in the English language, I ran out of words to express what I observed as each plane further inspired me towards a career in aviation.



My parents and I would walk the grounds in the morning maximizing the small fraction of the event we were able to see in just a few days. In the afternoons, we would sit near the planes and watch the airshows seeing the best aerial performers from all over the world, which was absolutely incredible. We tended to sit next to a familiar Bonanza near the flightline that protected us from a heavy rainstorm which delayed the show on one of the days. "Thanks Emilio!"

Finally, we attended the night airshow to conclude our time in

Oshkosh. This was my favorite part, seeing a drone show behind fireworks behind pyrotechnics behind an aerobatic plane with even more fireworks. I could go on for hours of every part of Oshkosh I saw and still not be able to convey how truly incredible this event is. As a first timer, I will definitely be attending again and recommend it to each of you, it's worth every penny and every second spent!

Luke Vaughn
2021 Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient



Mission Report from Emilio Verastegui

Takeoff from KAEG was planned for around 0630 on 7/18/24.

I finally returned home from OSH and other destinations yesterday, 4 August 2024, after about 18 days!

I enjoyed myself thoroughly and managed to immerse myself in a lot of things "aviation"! While I had a great time after Oshkosh, my main desire was to attend EAA AirVenture 2024. It did not disappoint in the least!

Arriving early on the Friday before the event started was the easiest and least scary arrival into KOSH I have ever had, and that includes a miserable drive up from Chicago! As we approached the last waypoint on the arrival, Fiske, the controller asked for a wing-wag, which I gave him. He acknowledged this and then asked "What runway do you want to use?" Well, that had never happened to me before! I said 36L. He said "Turn right, call the tower and have a good time!" Wow, if only it was always that easy! And to boot, I was parked very near the flight line, on row 55, in front of the Vintage Hangar! It sure beats my luck of the last few years of parking in the South 40, almost to Fond du Lac, and having to walk past all the other lucky pilots parking much closer!

As Barry Kromer mentioned, he was my co-pilot for the Oshkosh trip. We usually camp with several friends; one is an active FedEx pilot; several, like myself, are retired FedEx pilots and others are not even airline pilots. This year, a friend who is a FedEx retiree brought his three grandsons, all under 14 years of age. Everyone had a great time! There is always something to see that is new and exciting at the World's Biggest Airshow. For me, it was the chance to compare a B-52 and an Avro Lancaster from Canada that were on the same ramp. It was a very profound experience for me because it highlighted the differences in the planning and execution of the design parameters of each bomber. Each country had to maximize its aircraft, with the available engines at hand, and it showed, not only in the size of each aircraft but in their payloads. It was amazing to me.

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Reports From AirVenture/Oshkosh

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Of course, seeing so many homebuilt aircraft on one airfield is just mind-boggling, to say the least. There seems to be every conceivable kind and color. Overwhelming! And there are many, many opportunities for "just the right picture" and I saw many people who were trying to get that perfect shot.

I had a great time, as I do every year that I attend. I am planning to attend for several more years and I hope the excitement never subsides. I am like a kid in a candy store when I am there. It's a great feeling to be part of the richest, most exciting, and most beautiful public event in the U.S.A!

After Barry and I departed OSH, we flew up to see the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. The hotel was the backdrop for the movie "Somewhere in Time", and it is magnificent in its opulence! The island has a very laid back and relaxed atmosphere. One thing that contributes to that feeling is the fact that there are no automobiles or other motor conveyances allowed on the island. The preferred mode of transportation is a horse drawn buggy, quaintly called "taxis", or by bicycle. After a short, self-guided tour of the hotel, we departed the Island and flew several hours to Hyannis, Mass., via Canada and the Great Lakes, to get Barry back home. We arrived just before sunset, and what a sunset it was - magnificent. It was the most beautiful sunset I have seen outside of NM!

I spent a couple of days with the Kromers, then departed on the rest of my trip, solo. I flew west of NYC, although it was so hazy, I never saw it. I landed twice for fuel, once in Pottstown PA and also at a small airport that is adjacent to Luray Caverns in VA. Both had very cheap fuel! I parked the Bonanza at the Shenandoah Airport for two nights, visiting with some of Ann's family and cousins. I then pressed on to Knoxville to see my brother. As I flew SW toward Knoxville, a line of thunderstorms tried their best to pound me into the ground, but I beat them to the punch. I made my way to Lincolnton NC, landed, then waited for all the nastiness to pass me by. It finally did and then I proceed on to KDKX, overflying Asheville, NC along the way. After several days with my brother, I planned to depart Sunday morning, but was not able to depart as planned because the fog had settled on the island airport and was very heavy. I was delayed for 2 hours and 30 minutes! I finally departed around 1030 and found Tullahoma, TN. Barry has found a Zenith 750 project that is for sale and that he is itching to buy, so my job was to inspect it to see if it is what has been described to him. It matched pretty well, so I think Barry may be in for a treat! After the inspection, I flew on to KAEG, landing at 1937 on Sunday, 8/4/24, after several stops for fuel and one stop that had fuel, but no one there to sell it to me!

Overall, it was a very satisfying trip for me for several reasons - I felt that I was again using the Bonanza for what it was intended, I renewed many friendships, saw and learned about today's new aviation technology, and this trip reinforced the fact to me that flying and aviation in general is not only a hobby for me, it has been a lifelong passion. I would not have it any other way!

KAEG/KLBL/KBIE/KDLL/KOSH/KMCD/KAPN/KDKK/KHYA/KPTW/KLUA/KSHD/KIPJ/
KDKX/KTHA/KHRO/KBGD/KDHT/KAEG = 30.34 hrs.

Emilio, a pilot.

From Barry Kromer (formerly of here, now in Massachusetts)

Hi George (and all others)

Oshkosh was excellent, well behaved and packed, In other words....normal.

I flew out to ABQ to fly up there with Emilio in his Bonanza. We started as a 'flight' with Kyle and Dan in the Mooney. Our first stop was SUPPOSED to be Dalhart but there was a huge storm that parked right over the airport, so we diverted to Liberal (not politically) Kansas. Went to the recommended Pancake House for breakfast and fuel and headed out to Beatrice NE our next fuel stop. After Beatrice, Kyle and Dan split off for Madison WI to meet up with the Mooney group and Emilio and I stopped at Baraboo, WI for the night at the Ho Chunk Casino and Hotel(no gambling was involved, we both have lost plenty of money on aircraft stuff, so we didn't need to give the casino any).

We flew in on the upper Fisk arrival on Friday morning about 0900local got our choice of runways(36L) and Emilio finally got the recognition he deserved and got to park in the Vintage Aircraft parking 1 airplane away from the show line directly out from the vintage barn.

The rest of the week proceeded well. Monday I took Emilio to the Piper Owner dinner for fried chicken, Tuesday Emilio took me to the American Bonanza dinner for filet mignon (well, excuse me....) and Wednesday I took Emilio to the Gallagher Insurance beer and brat fest. We took off Thursday morning, flew up to Mackinaw Island, took a horse taxi to the Grand Hotel found out that we would have needed a home equity loan and a couple of hours for lunch and took the horse taxi back to the airplane. We flew to Alpena, MI for fuel and no food since nothing seemed to be open, and about 3000' of the runway was missing due to construction. Next stop was Dunkirk NY after a flight across Canada. We got fuel there and also everything was basically shut since it was just at 1700local. Next stop was here at Hyannis where we landed at 2200local. Emilio stayed here until Sunday and he can finish his flight home from here.

On a different subject, I have sold my Piper to my current employer, Aloft Aviation Management LLC at Hyannis, but I get to fly it when it's not being used as a trainer. win win for me.

Thanks to Emilio, I also now have the bug to build an airplane so I am in the midst of getting a Zenith 750 Cruiser project. Very early in the process, so it's a developing story. Carol's only restrictions on getting another aircraft: "it has to have 2 seats"....I'd say that's a pretty good restriction.

All in all a great time at OSH.

Barry Kromer

2024 New Mexico DOT, Aviation Division Oshkosh Booth Chet Leach - NMPA, EAA 179, EAA 1306

The NM DOT Aviation booth at Oshkosh was very well received by OSH attendees. Of course the generous donation of a bunch of free (yes free) folding chairs and a goodie bag from Ruidoso was a big draw. People could not believe there were nice folding chairs perfect for OSH airshow viewing for free. I asked that people promise they would visit NM at least once more in their lifetimes before being declared a special person and worthy of the free chair. Jeff's beautiful "Flying NM" playing on the TV monitor was also a big hit and many who had attended Ken Summer's excellent presentation on NM flying stopped by for more information. A surprising number had some kind of previous NM connection (e.g. military service or family living there) and no one commented on the purported NM high crime but rather the "Land of Enchantment" aspect. Many people asked about our famous back country flyins as well.

Many, many people stopped by the booth for flying NM information as well as what is it like to live in NM. But perhaps the most popular inquiry was about the 2025 Roswell air races. They wanted to have bragging rights for attending the very first Roswell air race event. Fortunately Greg Gibson of the Reno Air Race Association dropped by the booth and gave us a lot of information, although very little is actually set in stone as yet.

Here are some bullet points Greg gave us:

- It will be officially called the "Roswell Air Races"

- The target date is about the third week in September (usually Wed-Sunday)

- Most but not all of the racing categories will take place with more added in the future.

- The racing association has full time people in Roswell setting things up

- About 70 acres of Roswell grounds have been dedicated to the racing venue

- There will be many dry camping RV sites available (~1000) probably with water trucks, pump out services and porta-potties. More developed RV sites will be available as times goes on.

- There will be many GA parking spots available but probably no camping by the aircraft this year

- The event will be live-streamed free

- A stadium seating 9900 people will be completed by show time

- The event utilizes about 1200 volunteers, about ¾ of the current volunteers expected to show up in Roswell

- We will need to recruit several hundred volunteers from NM, hopefully through our EAA chapters and the NMPA

- Microsoft flight simulator will have Roswell in their next release of the simulator

- The Reno air races brought in over \$150 million recently to the Nevada economy so the Roswell race has a huge positive potential for the NM economy

- Monitor airrace.org for updates as they develop

We understand that the NM Aviation Division will be sponsoring the booth again next year at OSH. We will have a signup volunteer list going ahead of time to help the Aviation Division staff man the booth. See you there.

Chet Leach

Anthem for AirVenture?

A new attendee at AirVenture composed a song and published it on Facebook as an "... unofficial anthem to AirVenture".. It does seem to capture one of the features of this amazing event. Check it out:

<https://www.facebook.com/511467651/videos/410063072053140/>

By Ernie Josef Halter

Kenny Hinkes on Building Hangars

"We had many wonderful experience this year. At the Monday evening Flying reception Jack and I had the honor of meeting with John & Martha King. They are both so warm and charming, you feel like you've know them all your life, which many of us have!



Then Lisa DeFrees asked me to be a guest on the Flying Web broadcast to share our experience with hangar development at AEG. It's very humbling to be recognized for the work we do."

You can watch his interview here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/PMzWuuVHo5p9kFR6/?mibextid=Le6z7H>

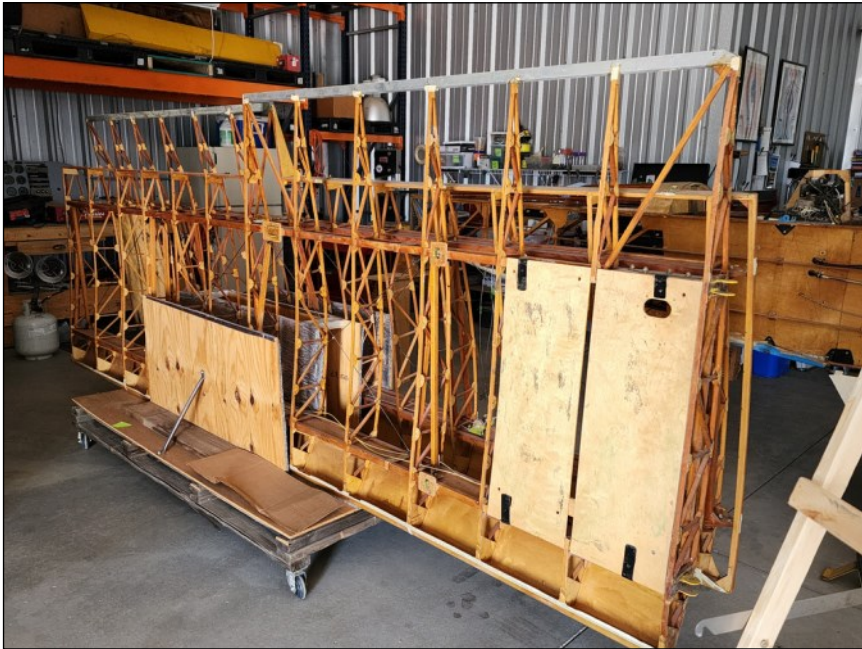
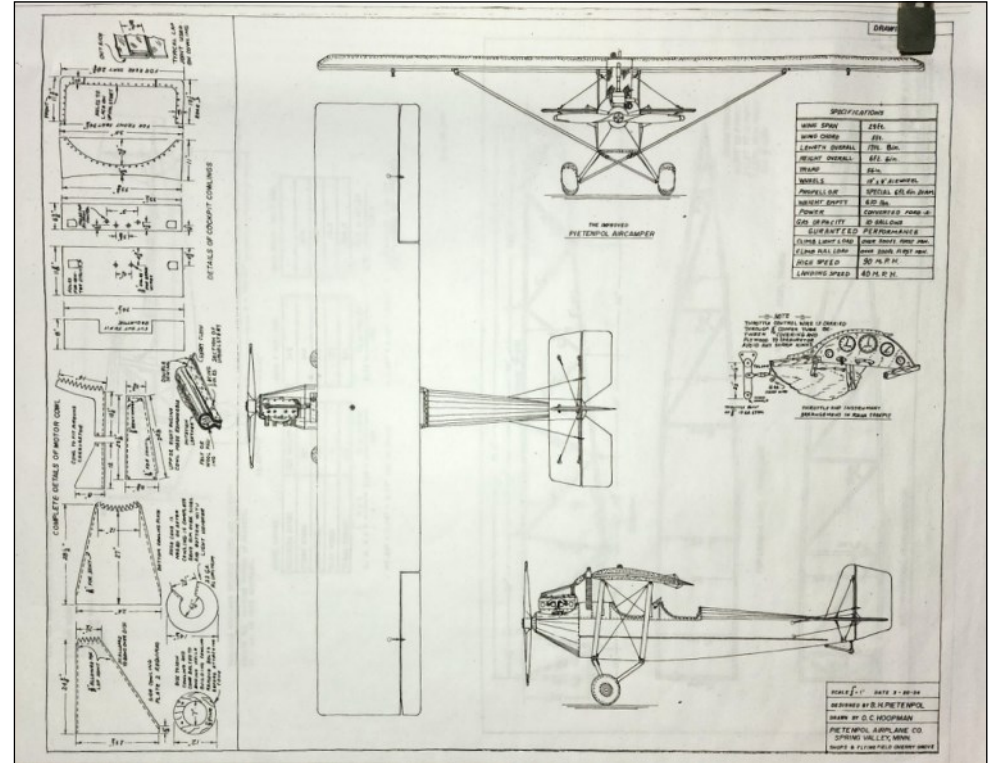
Scroll through to the start of the interview at 15:46 in the video.

Ed: I learned a lot about Kenny and Jack's philosophy, approach, and progress towards the new hangars that they are building at KAEG.

Our Pientenpol Project

Contact Lee Otto to Join in this Project

Lee Otto and others are gearing up to get out Pientenpol Project under way. The airplane (wings, fuselage, empennage, and engine) are now located in the Reimer Aircraft Factory (RAF). Here are a few photos to whet your appetite for becoming involved in this exciting Chapter project.



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Building a Pedal Plane

Jim Kessler, Mark Sturm, Joe Martinez, Doug Volker, and others ???

2008 Oshkosh Pedal Staggerwing



2008 OSHKOSH PEDAL STAGGERWING , This model is a replica of the Beech Staggerwing . Thrill your 3 to 7 year old pilots with this attractive yellow and black pedal plane. It has a rotating propeller driven by an adjustable pedal crank assembly .

This pedal plane can be built from plans or kits can be purchased to build the pedal plane too. The plans include step by step instructions, full size patterns for all wood, sheetmetal parts, and dimension drawings for the steel fabricated parts. A parts list is included. A hardware and wheels kit, steel parts kit, sheetmetal parts kit, a precut wood parts kit, and decal package and more are available to help the builder complete the project.

Basic construction uses on sheet of 3/8" plywood for wings and fuselage and the engine cowl of 3/4" pine which is glued and turned to shape. Top front and bottom covers are made from aircraft grade aluminum sheet. Steering is done from a joystick that is linked to a tail wheel assembly.

The wing span is approximate 44"and length of pedal plane is 54"



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Have you been wanting to build an airplane? Here's your chance. Help build this year's Pedal Plane for LOEFI. Contact Mark Sturm.

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 newsletter@eaa179.org.

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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) |
| Aug 17 | Mystic Bluffs Fly In (M56) |
| Aug 30-Sep 1 | Gila Regional Fly-In (T16 - Reserve) |
| Oct 5—13 | Albuquerque Intl Balloon Fiesta |
| Oct 19-20 | Las Cruces Aerospace Expo & Airshow (KLRU) |
| Oct 26 | Los Lunas Chapter 530 Fly-In (E98) |

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



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.

DEAA T Shirts

Design on shirt front
\$15 each
(men's or women's sizes available, no pockets)



Chapter 179 Polo shirt

Gray with embroidered logo on left breast.
\$28 each. Add Pocket (\$2)
For sizes 2XL and above, add \$2.



For Sale 1976 Cessna 172M

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Digital EGT/CHT/OAT
Vertical card compass
Century1 Autopilot
Artex 345 ELT (406 MHZ) w/ compact antenna
Amsafe Airbag seatbelts
Rosen Shades,
Precise Flow (eyeball) vents
Aero-Tow electric tug

B-Kool cooler
Reiff engine pre heater (cylinders & oil pan)
Tanis SwitchOn cellular remote control
Horton STOL aileron, flap gap seals
Wheel Pants

Annual completed June 2024
Fuel Tanks replaced, senders & system overhauled
Interior dated (red velour) but near perfect condition
Paint is less than perfect, but okay

No Damage History
Priced at \$154,900

Meg Lieberman
megaly1221@gmail.com



In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

General Aviation News (repeat)

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

FAA FAASTeam

- NEW – [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine](#)
- [FAAST Seminars & Webinars](#): Review list of many great topics; most qualify the attendee for WINGS credits. Go to [Seminars & Webinars](#), select “Show only Webinars”, then [Search]
 - [Introduction to Mountain Flying Concepts](#), Aug 14, 1800 MDT
 - [A Pilots Guide to NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System](#), Aug 14, 1700 MDT
 - [Cockpit to Cowl With Brian Schiff And Jeff Simon](#), Aug 14, 1800 MDT
 - [Pro Tips for Maintenance—The 300 Dollar Annual Inspection](#), Aug 21, 1800 MDT

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

- [Welcome to The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (PDFs & videos) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
- Recent Tips:
 - [Calculating Takeoff and Landing Distance](#)
 - [Selecting Fuel Stops](#)
 - [Intersection Departures](#)
 - [Alternator Failure at Night](#)

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

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



Facebook

- New: [Student Pilots Group](#), with many instructional articles
- 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](#).

In case you are traveling

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

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Quick Links to Chapter Website

Web Site:	www.eaa179.org
Young Eagles:	www.eaa179.org/youngeagles
IMC Club:	www.eaa179.org/imc-club
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
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>

Lance Hunter
Chapter Publicity

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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](#))
- [Albuquerque Aviation Academy](#) (& [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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