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**Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings**

Oct 15 – [Chapter Gathering \(BJs\)](#)

Oct 19 – [Young Eagles \(KAEG\)](#)

Oct 19 – [IMC Club \(KAEG & hybrid\)](#)

Nov 9 – [Young Eagles \(KAEG\)](#)

Nov 19 – [Chapter Gathering](#)

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## Notes from our President

Jim Kessler, President



It is time to start searching for the fall colors in the area. The aspen and cottonwoods will be turning yellow. Let's see if we can get some photos of autumn in New Mexico for the November gathering. Send your entries to me.

LOEFI was a huge success. We estimate attendance at around 2,000 folks. We had 57 planes fly in. This is

our largest fundraiser annually, and we totaled over \$3,000 for the chapter in Raffle sales alone! Of course, that success depended on all the great volunteers who helped set up, manage the event and clean up. There were many. You proved again what a terrific EAA Chapter we have. Thank you all for your participation and support. It is such a pleasure to be involved with this organization and its leadership.

Speaking of leadership, it's that time of year when we are looking for next year's board members. We have several positions to fill. Please consider being part of the EAA Chapter 179 leadership team. We have great volunteers, and we need dedicated leaders as well.

The Young Eagles Rally on October 19<sup>th</sup> is a little later than usual, but we needed to schedule around Balloon Fiesta. This is the best time of year for a Young Eagles Rally, so let's get as many pilots as possible out there to show the youth what fun it is to slip "the surly bonds of Earth."

This month's Gathering is at BJ's restaurant on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The program is Wendy and Sean Smith, who are controllers at ABQ, speaking on mountain flying. This should be interesting and important to all pilots flying out of KAEG, since in most places, flying out of an airport with an elevation of 5,800 feet would be mountain flying.

I'll tell the Breezy crash story after the NTSB finishes its investigation. It has been postponed until the third week in October. Hopefully at the November Gathering.

Keep the canopy side up,

Jim Kessler  
President, EAA Chapter 179  
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## Notes from the Editor

George Young

What a month, preparing for LOEFI, and then pulling off such a superb event. It brings into focus one of our missions – to give the public exposure to General Aviation and to Double Eagle II. We offer them:

- A chance to see a wide range of airplanes, up close. And to see airplanes in operation, especially the Chile Flight – taxi, takeoff, fly-overs, low pass and break into the traffic pattern, landing, and parking — in a cloud of smoke —.
- The opportunity to talk with pilots, organizations, and exhibitors representing many facets of General Aviation.
- And for youngsters (and their families), hands-on activities that give them a "feel" for –airplanes– and flying .. paper airplanes and flight simulators to name a couple.

LOEFI also brings donations and other sources of funds for our programs, particularly our Scholarships.

The publicity that we enjoy goes beyond the event itself :

- KRQE broadcast: the "[34th Land of Enchantment Fly-In invites locals to Double Eagle II Airport](#)", video including an interview with Joyce (link courtesy Yahoo)
- Albuquerque Journal: a prominent article "[Forget gravity: Fly-In gives public chance to get up close and personal with planes and pilots](#)", truly great interviews with Emilio Verastegui (photos of Skyote) and Mark Wilson (photo of Miss Blu), plus great photos (article by Ollie Reed Jr)
- Announcements are also published on a number of online calendars such as EAA, AOPA, NMPA, Barnstormers, AvWeb, Fun Places to Fly, Social Flight, even Craig's List, and Lance Hunter's posts on Facebook

Amazing to me is how LOEFI comes together each year:

- There are many "balls being juggled" as you can see from the list of activities and the organizations and volunteers on [page 16](#). Many have been involved before and bring their experience and creativity to make each year better. And there are many who show up for their first experience. Both are critical to making LOEFI successful.
- Many of the activities are handled independently, yet when Saturday rolls around it appears that it has all been integrated seamlessly. Now that, too, is most amazing.

Each year a "chief organizer" comes forward to orchestrate the activities and to fill missing links. This year that has been Joyce Woods. Thank you Joyce for your tireless effort and indispensable organizational skills.

George Young  
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## October Chapter Gathering

by Joyce Woods



**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall**

**5:15 PM** – “No host” dinner social

**6:15 PM** – Introductions & Presentation  
Including LOEFI Awards

**Program: Local Flying - Mountainous Terrain & Military Drop Zones in AEG Class Delta** Wendy & Sean Smith, Local ATC Controllers

From Wendy: *Sorry it took me so long to respond to this! We look forward to coming on the 15th for a presentation on mountainous terrain. We also have some information on new military drop zones in AEG class Delta.*

*About me: I am the daughter of two retired controllers now married to a controller. I have been at Albuquerque Air Traffic Control Tower since 2008. I am the community outreach representative and truly believe that having a better relationship between pilots and controllers makes it easier for all of us. I had the pleasure of being selected as a controller at Oshkosh Air Venture this year, which was lots of fun. Sean and I have been involved in the pilot education of OshKosh since 2022. I used to run the operation rain check as well.*

*Sean, was born and raised in Albuquerque and has been a controller at Albuquerque En Route Control Center (ZAB) for 18 years now. He works in the southeast specialty which serves Roswell, El Paso, WSMR, Holloman and Cannon AFB, and other airspace along the Mexican border. Sean also is the lead simulation developer for ZAB.*

*Sean and I have two kids, we spend our off time at the soccer field, swimming or snowboarding. We live in Corrales, and love New Mexico.*

**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.*



## September Chapter Gathering—RECAP

by Joyce Woods

**Emily Sisneros**, a private pilot whose 33 year career with the FAA started as an Air Traffic Controller at ABQ, provided insight to how the FAA is integrating commercial space operations into the National Airspace System.

She currently works in the **FAA Commercial Space Office, Licensing Process and Operations** which supports and regulates the growing industry of commercial space operations.

On behalf the Department of Transportation, the Office licenses commercial launch/reentry activities and operation of launch/ reentry sites carried out by United States citizens. Their job is twofold:

- Ensure protection of public, property, national security and foreign policy interests of the United States during commercial launch or reentry activities
- Encourage, facilitate, and promote United States commercial space transportation

Emily reviewed examples of how the FAA manages the delicate balance of supporting new commercial endeavors while limiting their impact on general aviation and airspace. For example, she explained how TFRs were established for the first Virgin Galactic flights from the NM Spaceport and Blue Origin's launch at Van Horn, TX.

Initially, due to greater potential risk, TFRs are established with broader boundaries reflecting extra precautions. Gaining operational experience over time, the Office refines them to have a smaller footprint, active for the minimum time needed. She noted that ATC is authorized to permit IFR traffic to tactically transit the TFR during periods when launch activity is not present (such as a delayed launch).

For me, having encountered concerns the past few years from New Mexico pilots about future implications of the Spaceport's operations adding more airspace limitations for GA pilots, I especially appreciated the Office's approach to assessing needs and due diligence in implementation.

Emily reached out to our chapter earlier this year, wanting to get back involved with general aviation. She's become a great asset to our chapter! Flexible to volunteer for anything during LOEFI 2024, she found a niche helping out Bob Waters with our chapter "FLY-MART" where donated items are sold to benefit our scholarship program.

*Thanks to Emily for insight on the expanding world of commercial space operations AND for your chapter involvement!*





## IMC Club Meeting

Barry Harper and John DeWitt, IMC Club Coordinators



### Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

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

#### NEXT MEETING

**Saturday, Oct 19; 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/tZMpf-6pqjssGtTYMRq33E4ROf9hpG3sEuH>

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



### Seeking New Members

Autumn trends to be a magical time of year:  
— The heat of summer diminishes,  
— The wet of the late summer monsoon wanes.  
— The color of the leaves in many of our counties and in different States blossom with splendor.  
— And, the end comes to the membership year for the Chapter when Autumn turns to Winter.

Now is a Great Time to get your Membership Bona Fides in Order.

Many applicants for Chapter 179 Membership have either let their EAA membership lapse, or haven't bothered acquiring legal membership.

For those who membership have lapsed or for those who haven't joined the EAA, there is no better time than now to get your membership status in order and get your Identification Card up to date. It merely requires an internet trip to to either join or renew your membership:

<https://www.eaa.org/join.aspx>

Remember, **Membership with the National EAA organization is also required to be current**, but runs annually from date of joining/renewing (*unlike Chapter membership, which expires every December*).

We hope that you plan on renewing for the coming year; but wait until after Thanksgiving to submit your renewal.

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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### **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", Rick Richter Memorial Fund, "Doc" Weaver Memorial Leadership Scholarship, or the "Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship".

## Young Eagles

Art & Joyce Woods, Acting Young Eagles Coordinator



As Michael Tolle (sadly) wrote in the September newsletter: "The September Young Eagles rally marks the end of my tenure as Young Eagles Coordinator." The Chapter and hundreds and hundreds of kids owe much to Michael for running a great Young Eagles program. Even in light of technology, weather, winds and heat & cold, Michael was always working through the problems to ensure a fantastic and safe outcome at each event. Michael – THANK YOU!!



Joyce and I are taking on the challenge and satisfaction of running the last two events for 2024. Our next rallye on October 19<sup>th</sup> is a shout-out to the hard-working CAP, ROTC and Scout kids that helped during LOEFI-2024.

Hoping for calm winds and New Mexico sunshine!

Art & Joyce Woods  
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## Low Over the Balloon Park . . . without a balloon!

Art Woods

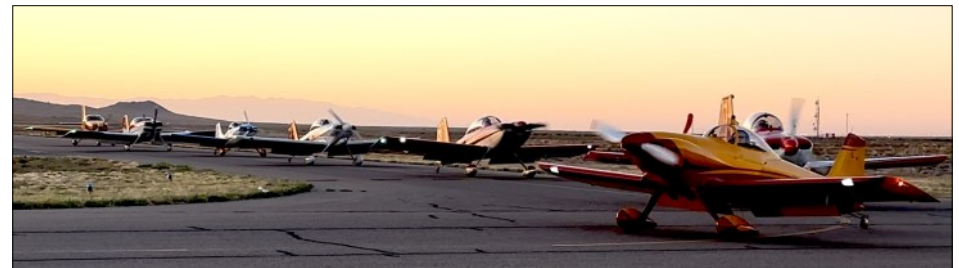


Photo by Martine Stolk

For the sixth year, Albuquerque's own **Chile Flight** formation team provided a mini airshow over Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta opening ceremonies. Seven longtime Chile Flight members plus two guests from Oklahoma and Colorado made up an impressive 9-plane flyover for the Star Bangled Banner, followed by a 2nd pass in a starburst formation.

Fun facts over the 6 years - lots of 100LL, lots of smoke oil, and a little night time logged.

All airplanes are Van's Aircraft homebuilts - single place RV3's, tandem RV4's and RV-8's and side by side RV7's. Chile Flight formed in 2012. Since 2013, Chile Flight has helped DEAA kids learn about building a plane and working in teams by making an aileron section using Van's Aircraft project kits.



Returning to Double Eagle II



With helicopters in place (USAF, NMSP, APD, BCSO, and KOAT7), smaller aircraft began appearing as the sun rose. Not just one, *but one Red, one White, and one Blue Gyrocopter* formed the center as other aircraft arrived.

The Land of Enchantment serves as a great forum for area pilots to network with aviation organizations and share their love of aviation with area aviation enthusiasts. Despite unfavorable wind forecasts, pilots arrived from Hobbs and Alamogordo plus Del Norte, CO. While LOEFI provides valuable exposure for the airport and the diverse group of exhibitors, you may not realize the extent that they help fund Chapter 179's youth scholarship program. This year, in addition to generous chapter sponsorship, the City of Albuquerque provided Porta-Potties and one live band. To quote Bob Waters, "every \$1000 in cost savings, is half of a scholarship!" A big Shout-Out to all our Exhibitors and Sponsors!

LOEFI 2024 was another great success, thanks to a terrific turnout of aircraft owners, exhibitors, chapter supporters and new and old friends. About 2000 people participated, 30+ exhibitors, 57 aircraft. Meghan Ripple (local chapter president of Women in Aviation) reported a successful "Girls in Aviation Day", held in conjunction with our Fly In, a super partnership for our chapter and our event.

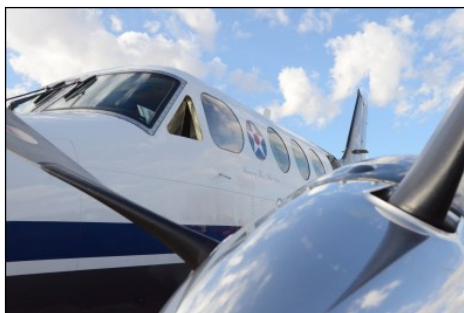
At least 90 chapter volunteers included many current or past Young Eagles, DEAA students, and scholarship recipients AND their parents. In addition to the amazing thirty some Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members managing the ramp, Scout Troop 174 helped manage auto parking, plus we had a couple VVHS JROTC cadets and one from Scout Troop 410. One awesome volunteer answered our Facebook call for volunteers out of the blue, and was great help both Saturday and Sunday!





Despite the forecast for windy weather, 57 aircraft filled the ramp for LOEFI 2024. And this year a full range of classes:

- The usual array of production and amateur-built airplanes
- A sailplane and Trikes
- A representation of “rotor wing” aircraft, helicopters and 3 gyrocopters (red, white and blue)
- To top it off, radio controlled hot-air balloons (Globitos)
- And more ([see page 8](#))







Some unusual airplanes

Models:	Visiting aircraft:
Christen Eagle	L-39 Albatross (Jetwarbird)
Staggerwing Pedal Plane	Yakovlev YAK-52
Indoor Airplanes	Beech King Air (CSI Aviation)
Radio Control Airplanes	

And a lineup of Custom Automobiles







**Grand Champion**  
Skyote, Emilio Verastegui



**People's Choice**  
Glasair Sportsman, Ken Summers



**<<< Best Contemporary**  
Cessna 172XP, Joyce Woods

**Best Plans Built >>>**  
Skyote, Emilio Verastegui



**Most Distant Flyin**  
Peyton Sullivan, KALM  
Dustin Sheffield, KALM  
Kevin Quattlebaum, KALM



**<<< Best LSA/Trike**  
Rotorsport Cavalon, Mark Wilson

**Best Kit Built >>>**  
Christen Eagle, Bill Sommer





Chapter Members take on many roles:

- Creating the Showplane ramp, directing aircraft
- Welcoming the Public and Pilots
- Promoting EAA and EAA Chapter 179 membership & programs, plus raffle tickets
- Program Emcee
- Donating and selling items at EAA 179's Fly-Mart
- And generally sharing enthusiasm with the public, for EAA, Chapter 179, and Aviation in General





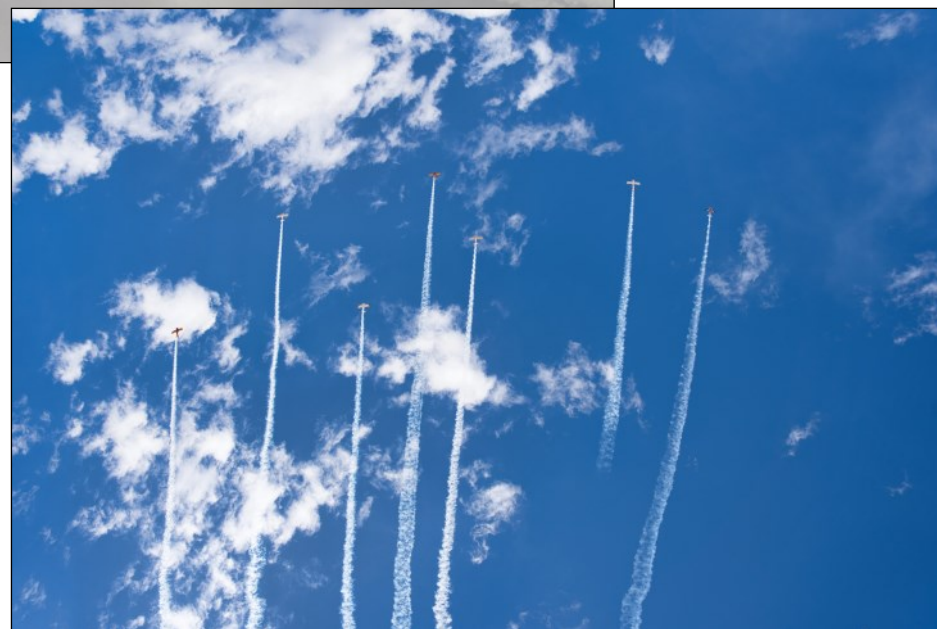
Members present some of our key programs and events with demonstrations and hands-on activities, through which we engage aviation enthusiasts of all ages. Examples:

- “Youth Aviators” - Engaging activities for young enthusiasts – and families
- Aircraft building techniques at “Builders Corner”
- DEAA’s traffic pattern, radio communications, and parts of a plane
- Flight Simulators





Again this year LOEFI attendees were entertained with flyovers of the Chile Flight. Their performance gets better each year, with more RVs in the formation, the impressive (and well executed) low altitude and high altitude formations, and topped off with the plane-by-plane break onto downwind for landing. Wow!! A crowd-pleaser each year.





Five food trucks.



Three bands.



And people having a good time.





Again this year we offered two Raffles.

For the 3rd year, a Pedal Plane, this year beautiful Staggerwing. This handsome model was built by a team of Members, headed up by Jim Kessler and Mark Sturm with yeoman's work from Joe Martinez and Doug Volker, and exquisite painting by Emilio Verastegui and Dan Horschel.



Winner of the Staggerwing Pedal Plane is Linda Henderson.

And again this year we also offered a pair of Southwest Airline tickets, donated by Raymond and Cynthia Andrete.

Winner of the SWA Tickets was Brian Otero.



In addition to these public Raffles, we held a Raffle for Pilots. The prize was an amazing basket of gourmet goodies, donated by Jeri Burzin.



Winner of the Gourmet Basket was Matthew Goff, APD Helicopter Tactical Flight Officer.

Congratulations to the Winners.

Mentioned elsewhere, the weather forecast included strong winds after noon. And sure enough, at 1200 the wind started picking up and by 1330 It became necessary to take down the pop-ups, signs, and anything that would be blown away. And later that day, somewhere on the airport ...



Land of Enchantment Fly-In 2024

## EVENT SCHEDULE



- 0700** Gates open  
Static Aircraft & Other Displays Open
- 0700 – 1400** Food trucks  
Great food! And sales support our scholarship fund!  
Alitas de Pollo Cielo Azul  
Pop-Pop Ice Sipps ABQ  
One Stop Chill & Fill
- 0730 – 0900** Live music: "Firefox" Opens the day!
- 0800** Opening Ceremony  
Presentation of the Colors  
Civil Air Patrol, NM Wing  
Anthem performed by Alex Carothers
- 0815** Opening of Exhibit Hall  
Youth Aviators Center, Builders' Corner  
Aircraft Judging Begins
- 0830 – 0945** **\*\*WINGS Safety Seminar: "Flying the New Mexico Backcountry"** (Ron Keller, NMPA)
- 0930 – 1130** Live Music: "Eileen & Cross Country Band"
- 1000** EAA179 Celebrates flying 5000 Young Eagles!
- 1130** Aircraft Judging closes  
People's Choice ballots due
- 1200 – 1400** Live music: "The Lisa Litman Band"
- 1245 – 1300** **\*\*Aircraft Awards Presentation (EAA179)**
- 1400** Raffle Drawings  
Custom Beechcraft Staggerwing Pedal Plane  
Two Roundtrip Southwest Airline tickets
- 1400** Exhibit Hall, Youth Aviators Center, Builders' Corner close

Seminar Location: AirOne Systems Hangar



# THANKS TO LOEFI 2024 EXHIBITORS!



ABQ Air Traffic Control / ZAB Center  
 Air One Systems  
 Airway Heritage Museum - Cibola County  
 Albuquerque Aviation Academy (formerly SAMs)  
 Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179



## Bolder Flight Systems

Angel Flight South Central  
 Bode Aviation  
 Bolder Flight Systems  
 Cavalcade of Wings (ABQ)  
 City of Albuquerque Aviation Dept  
 Civil Air Patrol - NM Wing  
 CNM Aviation Technology



Commemorative Air Force, Lobo Wing  
 CSI Aviation



Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)



Duke City Electric Flyers  
 GAMI Aviation Fuels  
 High Country Air Service  
 Jet Warbird Santa Fe



High Country Air Service

KOAT 7

Merlin Aviation  
 New Mexico Pilots Association  
 New Mexico Air National Guard  
 New Mexico Aviation Division  
 Ninety-nines, Rio Grande Norte Chapter  
 Recreational Aviation Foundation



Robert Mudd

Tuskegee Airmen, Gen Lloyd W. Newton Chapter  
 US Air Force 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing  
 Women in Aviation – Land of Enchantment Chapter





## Supporting Organizations

- City of Albuquerque (PortaPotties, grounds prep)
- CAP—Marshalling Fly-In aircraft & general planning and operations assistance—30 plus cadet and senior members!!!
- VV JROTC
- Scouts—Troop 174 and 410
- DEAA Alumni
- Music: Firefox, Eileen & Cross Country Band, The Lisa Litman Band
- Exhibitors - Commercial, government, & non-profit organizations

## Chapter 179 Volunteers

- Emcee, Music & Program - Mike Wirstrom
- Preparation / Planning Leads
  - Lance Hunter (food trucks, parking, publicity, & more!)
  - Joyce Woods (Exhibit Hall)
  - Emilio Verastegui (Food Tent, City Permit, Logistics)
  - George Young (Publicity, Signage)
- Show Aircraft Ramp - Konrad Werner, Mark Wilson
- Car Clubs and Globitos—Will Taylor
- Signage
  - George Young, Doug Volker, Joe Martinez, Andressa Shima
- Parking
  - Michael Tolle, Tanda Headrick, Rhonda Reynolds, 8 from Scout Troop 174
- Aircraft Judging & Awards
  - Ryan Carson, Lee Otto, Mark Sturm, George Young (Awards), Kevin Waddles
- Photographers
  - Raymond Alderete, Aegis Bartkus, Larry Bell
- Chapter Booths
  - Public Welcome—
    - Cynthia Alderete, Daisy Belmares-Ortega
    - VVHS JROTC—Daniel & Asa and Davin (Scouts)
  - Chapter Booth—membership, programs, raffle
    - John Dewitt, Suzanne & David McVinnie, Art Woods

## •Pilot Welcome

- Pat Young, Gwen Walcott, George Young
- Maria Vianco (Biscochitos!)

## •Youth Aviators

- Angela Baldonado, lead
- Caesar Archangel (paper and pylon airplane)
- Kat-Richter-Sand
- Isabella and Jude Baldonado
- Ava and Ryan Place
- Stephan James
- Andressa Shima

## •Builders Corner

- Bob Richter-Sand (fabric, 3D printing)
- Dan Horschel (metal)
- Charlotte Aguirre, Tandra Headrick

## •Flight Simulators—Jim Kessler, Doreen Branch, Jude Baldonado

## •DEAA / Young Eagles

- Kevin Frick, Doug Dingman, Ava Diaz, Dominic Martinez, Daniel Kiehne, Xavier Nims

## •Fly-Mart—Bob Waters, Sandy Waters, Emily Sisneros

## •Dining Tent—Barbara Guerra, Emilio Verastegui

## •Exhibit Hall—Joyce Woods, Rob Hoekstra

## •Lunch for CAP and Scout volunteers

- Erin & Eric Place, Neal Hopwood, Dan Morse

## • Site prep

- Hangar Cleaning: Lance Hunter, Eric Achen, Doug & Diana Volker, Gilbert Merriman, Joyce Woods

## • Setup / Cleanup—an Army! Pretty much everyone already listed PLUS:

- Katrina Diaz, Jerry Little, Rob Hoekstra, Lucas Hoekstra, Jill Hunter, Alex Martinez, Sam Baczkiewicz, Tracey Baczkiewicz, Drew Bartkus, Alex & Carrie Carothers, Derek Gastelum, JD Huss, Angelica Cordova, Chris Grotbeck, Will Taylor

We did it! Great job by so many! Apologies for anyone omitted.



## Balloon Fiesta - Fiesta Los Globitos

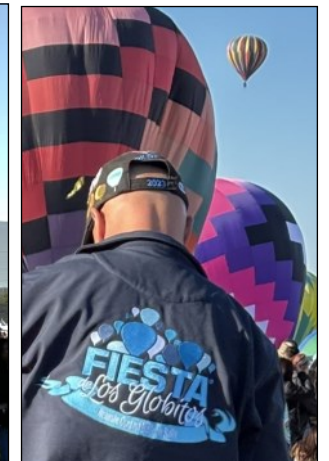
Will and Edy Taylor



Past chapter President and APD Sargent, Will Taylor and his wife Edy Taylor are active Globitos pilots, bringing Globitos to our Land of Enchantment Fly-In. Together, they flew their remote control balloons at Albuquerque's International Balloon Fiesta 2024. Seventy-eight RC balloons were registered, filling several rows after full scale balloons left the field on Sunday, Oct 6. They're smaller, but still BIG!

Pictured above is "Muffin" the cat, a custom built balloon built for them by a company in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Will explained that Muffin was designed after a favorite coffee mug. Winds kicked up (which doesn't require much) causing them to end Muffin's show so we got to see the effort required to safely get an RC balloon down.

Truly crowd pleasers, several Globitos are recognizable takeoffs on popular balloons that frequent Fiesta. Another pilot explained to us, "they are a lot less work than the full scale balloons". However, it still looked to me like plenty of skill and effort is required. Per Will, like their larger counterparts, the special shapes are more challenging to fly. Most had propane burners but one was being heated with a hand held weed burner. Creative and enthusasitc, these Globitos pilots!





## My Trip to New England ... Mark Sturm

Recently a couple old Army buddies from NY invited my wife and I to join them, and their wives, for a few days of boating on New Hampshire's largest and most beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. September is a beautiful time of the year for flying, and while our fixed gear Velocity isn't the fastest bird on the field, she was up to the task, and we made it from AEG to Laconia, NH comfortably in two days.

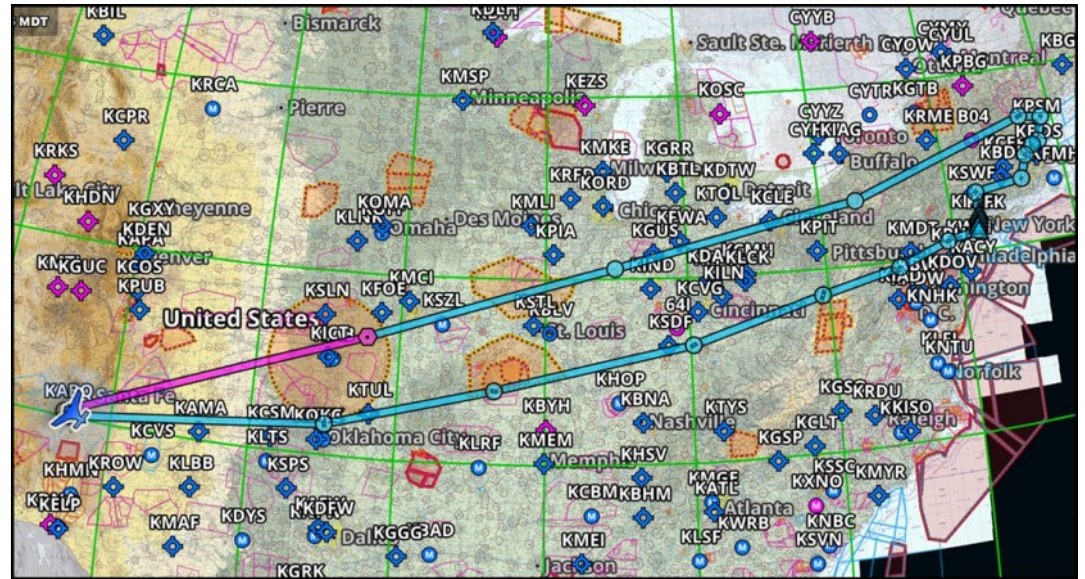
The fall weather was great, and we never saw a cloud until reaching the "mountains" of NH. Below is the route of our memorable trip. After three days at the lake, I had to get back in the air and take in the scenery along the coasts of Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, on the way to overnight at my buddy's place in Poughkeepsie, NY. It really hit me flying along the Atlantic coast; I was making this journey in a plane I spent 20 years building in my garage back in Albuquerque!

I must confess that before I even started flight planning for the flight east, I was already contemplating how I could fly the Hudson River Exclusion Zone through NYC (one of my flying bucket list items) on the trip back home. As luck would have it, we found ourselves in southern NY on 9 Sep and the weather looked good for a NYC flight on 10 Sep, the day before multiple TFRs would become active for the 9/11 memorial activities.



Here we are flying the Hudson River past the US Military Academy at West Point.... Lot of history there, and hallowed ground for us Army guys. USMA is only about 10 minutes flying time from the northern

end of the Exclusion Zone through the Class B airspace of four major airports. Maintaining an altitude of 1,000' - 1,300', making calls in the blind at specific reporting points, keeping an eye out for the dozens of helicopter tour operators, thinking about forced landings, all while trying to enjoy the view, made the transit go by very quickly.



**Hmmm, this airspace looks a LOT different than what I'm used to**



**My Trip to New England ...**  
Mark Sturm



**Manhattan coming up on the left. Lycoming, don't fail me**



**Lady Liberty welcomes us to New York.**

**2024 Northeast grand adventure, by the numbers...**

<b>3,730</b>	Total nautical miles of the trip
<b>215.5</b>	Gallons of fuel used
<b>17.3</b>	Average nautical miles per gallon (20 statute MPG)
<b>0</b>	Mechanical or maintenance issues
<b>0</b>	Delays or diversions due to weather (all VFR flights)
<b>29.5</b>	Hours in the aircraft
<b>20</b>	States overflown

This was truly a once in a lifetime cross country trip for me and the Velocity. We have now visited 39 of the 50 states in the 8 years she's been flying. What an amazing country we live in. We have tremendous freedoms to go and fly pretty much wherever and whenever we'd like. What great memories a trip like this offer; the scenery, the people, the FBOs, the crew cars, the food, etc. I would encourage all who are able to stretch from your comfort zone and make one of your personal bucket list flying trips. As Warren Miller (famous ski videographer) always said, "If not now, you will just be one year older when you do." Be safe; see ya out there!

Mark Sturm  
Velocity N653TS

**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.*

**Wanted to Buy**

Barry Kromer

Good day!

I am currently working on building a Zenith CH750 Cruiser project airplane. I am looking to power it with a Continental O-200. Alternately I could use a Lycoming O-235, but the Continental weighs less, and there are more of them around.

If you hear of one for sale that is in usable flight condition--for a reasonable price (hah), I would appreciate it if you would let me know with the contact information.

Thanks for any assistance!

Barry Kromer  
cbkromer@yahoo.com

**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](mailto:newsletter@eaa179.org).

- 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](#))**

- Oct 12**      **[Deming Fly-in](#) (KDMN)** Young Eagles pilots needed!
- Oct 12-13**      **[Amigo Airsho](#), Biggs AAF, Ft Bliss/EI Paso (BIF)**
- Oct 19**      **[Pancakes and Planes](#), Belen (KBRG)**
- Oct 19**      **Los Alamos Young Eagles/Cookout (KLAM)**
- Oct 19-20**      **[Las Cruces Air & Space Expo](#), Las Cruces (KLRU)**
- Oct 20**      **Los Lunas Chapter 530 Fly-In, Mid-Valley (E98)**
- Oct 26**      **[Wings and Wheels Fly-in](#), Mid-Valley (E98)**

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



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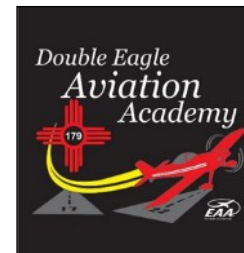
Joyce Woods

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





## 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

- [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine](#)
- FAAST Webinars: Review list of many great topics; most qualify the attendee for WINGS credits. Go to [Seminars & Webinars](#), select "Show only Webinars", then [Search]
  - [Flying the New Mexico Backcountry](#), SEMINAR AT LOEFI.

### 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:
  - [Go/No-Go on Takeoff](#)
  - [The Secret to a Perfect Glideslope](#)
  - [Instant Voltmeter](#)
  - [Legality of an External Camera](#)



### 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

- [October 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](#)

### Touring New Mexico

- [Backcountry Flying in New Mexico's Gila National Forest](#) (C-182, flight to and landing and takeoff at Reserve, Negrito, & Beaverhead, 3 years ago)

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### Quick Links to Chapter Website

Web Site:	<a href="http://www.eaa179.org">www.eaa179.org</a>
Young Eagles:	<a href="http://www.eaa179.org/youngeagles">www.eaa179.org/youngeagles</a>
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### SPECIAL NOTE: Chapter 179 on Facebook

Lance Hunter, Chapter Publicity

For those of you who follow things on Facebook, we have two spaces, one, a Facebook PAGE, directed to the public and the other a Facebook GROUP for Members and others closely associated with the Chapter.

The original space, [Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 179](#), a PAGE that was created years ago as our outlet to the public. Anyone can go to this page and see information about the Chapter and its activities.

Created a year ago, [EAA Chapter 179 New Mexico](#), is a Private GROUP. Only users who have joined the GROUP have access to it. It will have more complete and up-to-date information will be published and Members can participate with posts and in dialogs via "Likes", comments, and replies.

Lance Hunter and Kyle Reinhardt are our lead FaceBookMasters, who manage both and keep Chapter information up to date. Contact them with questions or ideas.

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## NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

The Editor

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

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

### NM EAA Chapters

- [1306](#), Edgewood, 1N1
- [530](#), Los Lunas, E98
- [691](#), Los Alamos, KLAM & KSAF (Green Chile Chapter)
- [251](#), Alamogordo, KALM ( & [Facebook](#))
- [555](#), Las Cruces, KLRU (Triple Nickel Chapter) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [1193](#), Roswell, ROW (Aliens Chapter)
- [1570](#) Santa Teresa, KDNA
- [1615](#), Truth or Consequences, KTCS

### New Mexico Organizations

- [New Mexico Pilots Association](#) (NMPA) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Fly New Mexico! Facebook Group](#) - started by David Otero. Ask to Join!
- [New Mexico Airstrip Network](#) (NMAN)
- [NMDOT Aviation Division](#)
- [New Mexico Airport Managers Association](#)
- [Lobo Wing of the CAF](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Rio Grande Norte 99s Facebook Group](#) (Ask to Join!)
- [Tuskegee Airmen \(local chapter\)](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Albuquerque Soaring Club](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Women in Aviation Intl - Land of Enchantment Chapter](#) ( & [Facebook](#))

### National and Other State Organizations of Interest

- [Experimental Aircraft Association \(EAA\)](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association \(AOPA\)](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Recreational Aviation Foundation \(RAF\)](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Ninety-Nines](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Angel Flight](#)
- [Air Care Alliance](#)
- [Emergency Volunteer Air Corps](#)
- [LightHawk](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Arizona Pilot's Association](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Colorado Pilots Association](#) ( & [Facebook](#))

### Online Resources

- [FAASafety.gov](#)
- [Kitplanes \(eMail subscription\)](#)
- [Pilots Workshop \(& eMail subscription\)](#)
- [Social Flight & eMail subscription](#)
- [AVweb – AVWeb Flash](#)
- [AOPA News & Media – AOPA Newsletters](#)
- [Barnstormers – Barnstormers eFlyer](#)
- [GA News Digital Edition](#)
- [On Facebook](#)
  - [Fly New Mexico](#)
  - [The Aviator's Lounge](#)

### EAA Resources

- [Hints for Homebuilders](#)
- [Learn to Fly!](#)
- [Pilot Proficiency](#)
- [Become a Young Eagle Volunteer!](#)
- [AirVenture—Oshkosh](#)

### eMail Resources (Subscriptions)

- [FAA Safety Team](#) – Safer Skies Through Education  
Log in to your account, then go to Account Preferences.
- [AOPA ePilot](#) and [AOPA Aviation eBrief](#)
- [AVwebflash](#)

### Cultural Web Sites

- [National Museum of the United States Air Force](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [National Museum of Nuclear Science & History](#)
- [US Southwest Soaring Museum](#) ( & [Facebook](#))
- [Spaceport America](#)
- [National Aviation Hall of Fame \(nee Air Force Museum\)](#)
- [National Air and Space Museum](#)
- [The Wheels Museum](#),
- [War Eagles Museum, Santa Teresa \(KDNA\)](#)