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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Dec 17 – [Holiday Gathering](#) (BJs)

Jan 7– Chapter Board Meeting

Jan 21– Chapter Gathering

Jan 21-27 [EAA Homebuilders Week](#)

Sep 27, 2025 – LOEFI 2025 (KAEG)

And check [Upcoming Aviation Events \(Hosted by others\)](#) for other events around New Mexico

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Notes from our President

Jim Kessler, President

This is my last president's note. Stop cheering!

This has been a rewarding experience, and I have been proud to represent this organization for the last 2 years. I think Chapter 179 has the greatest group of volunteers and aviation enthusiasts a person could want to work with. I do want to give special thanks to Lance Hunter who was the best vice president in any EAA chapter could hope for. Also, Art and Joyce Woods are such an awesome team and have the corporate knowledge that makes everything go a little smoother. Thanks to John DeWitt who keeps the books, which I still don't understand, but *he* does. Other members of the board who make being president really easy are Emilio Verastegui, who fills in where he is needed and George Young, who does such an awesome job with this newsletter. Mark Wilson and Doug Dingman were new on the board this year, and both got their feet wet. Mike Wirstrom filled in where he could. One of the newest members of our team is Rowan Phlieger who has done a spectacular job with Scholarships. I could keep going with all the people who have stepped up to help in different situations, but I just want to thank you all for the great work you did during my time as president. It has been my privilege to work with all of you. I had a terrific time.

Let's all lean in to help the chapter leadership for 2025. We have the most qualified president in all of EAA, and she'll need us to help accomplish next year's goals.

President – Joyce Woods

Vice President – Doug Dingman

Secretary – Diana Volker

Treasurer – John DeWitt

Board Members - George Young; Lance Hunter, Eric Achen,
Mark Wilson, and Jim Kessler

This month's Gathering is at BJ's restaurant on Tuesday, December 17th. This is our annual Christmas party. We are planning a White Elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a gift.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a happy New Year.

With my sincerest thanks,

Jim Kessler
President, EAA Chapter 179
chapter@eaa179.org



Notes from the Editor

George Young

A Special Note: Jim expressed thanks to many Members who made significant contributions this past year. I wish to add my personal message to Jim which I suspect reflects the feelings of many of you:

"Jim, Thank you for each of your monthly Notes - expressing your leadership, the Notes contributed greatly to bringing Chapter 179 along, to keeping members abreast of the goals and activities, and attracting them to join in making the Chapter better each month.

(And I could count on you each month to get the Notes to me in plenty of time to publish the Newsletter --- thank you for that, too.)"

There are many things that I enjoy as your Newsletter Editor. I have particularly relished maintaining the "reference pages": [In The Nws and Other Interesting Topics](#) and [NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources](#). As an adjunct to these pages in the Newsletter, I also try to maintain the [Resources](#) page on our web site. I hope that you have found these helpful, interesting, and/or ?amusing?.

Lately I've given attention to updating the [Resources](#) page on our web site ...

- ... verifying links from years past, removing some and updating others. These included in particular web sites that are useful for flight planning.
- ... rearranging that I hope makes it easier to use.

Each month I update the [News ... Interesting Topics](#) in the Newsletter, such as links to publications that change month-to-month:

- *Tip of the Week*, from Pilot Workshops.com
- Upcoming *Webinars* from FAA's FAASTeam
- Upcoming *Webinars* from EAA
- A link to NMPA's monthly Newsletter

And in the [News ...](#) I add links to one-time publications that are interesting.

- I came across a list of topics in the current issue of EAA's [Chapter Video Magazines](#) (December 24).
 - From there, another click and ... links to a library of [Previous Chapter Video Magazines](#) and other videos.
- Announcements from FAA, EAA, and other sources.
- Interesting web sites and Facebook groups.

My goals with the Newsletter is 1st, to be a source of current information about activities of the Chapter and its members; my thanks go to the officers, board members, and everyone who shares their stories of flying, building, or ????. And my 2nd goal, to make it a source of information, reference or otherwise, for flying, for building, or even being entertained.

There is always room for your stories, ideas, photos; trip reports; flight reports (routine, thrilling, or scary). Your fellow members will enjoy them, learn from them, get to know you. Send them to me at newsletter@eaa179.org

George Young
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster
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December Chapter Holiday Gathering

by Joyce Woods



Tuesday, December 17, 2024

BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall

5:15 PM – “No host” dinner social

6:15 PM – Introductions, Program

Program: Year End Volunteer Recognition and Optional Gift exchange

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

Our holiday party is primarily a social event, full of holiday cheer and aviation camaraderie. A short program will reflect on the many 2024 accomplishments of our member volunteers.

We continue our lively tradition with an optional gift exchange (\$20 limit) where those who bring a gift will receive a gift. Anyone may participate. Regardless, plan to come and share some smiles and laughter with fellow aviation enthusiasts.



Directions: Take North or South bound 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 5:00 and dinner is not required.

We hope to see you there!

November Chapter Gathering—RECAP

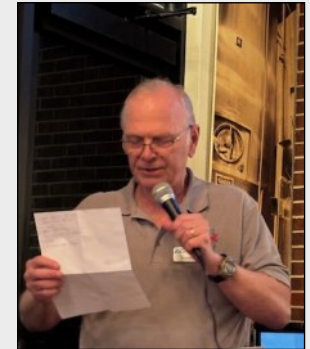
by Joyce Woods

President Jim Kessler kicked off the night with “first timer” introductions—A warm welcome to the several new attendees!.

This was followed by the “official, no kidding, by gosh, real deal” *EAA 179 Annual Membership Meeting*. A quorum was verified, the nominating committee provided a recommended slate, and with no nominations from the floor, members voted to elect 2025 officer and board members as recommended.

Then our program! Bill Hutson, Zenith CH-750 STOL aircraft builder reminded us that he presented to our chapter previously although with so many new faces, only a few remember. He pulled his first rivet on 12 May 2011. He presented when we regularly met at the Copper Canyon Café on Jefferson.

Titled, “*The Saga Continues (but the end is in sight)*”, Bill announced acquiring the coveted Airworthiness Certificate in September. Thirteen years and 22 days since he started, the end is in sight!



He shared a special moment when he realized he was about to pull the last rivet (photo left). He realized how significant it was and paused to collect a couple fellow builders to join him. Mark Sturm and Gwen Walcott have monitored his progress from hangars nearby and appreciated the significance of that moment.

Timing for the first flight is “to be determined”. He’s working on his piloting proficiency after a long absence. Bill explained his plan to get left seat proficient first (work in progress) and then Zenith Aircraft familiar is as calculated as his approach to everything throughout his build.

Bill shared stories about how he came to choose this STOL aircraft, the flight mission in his mind changing over time. Then the decision to use the 120hp Corvaire Conversion engine.

Attendees asked plenty of questions. To “What color will it be?”, Bill immediately responded, “polished aluminum, no need to add weight.”

And it is a beauty!



N311WH

Zenith CH-750 STOL
120 hp Corvaire Conversion
Empty Weight: 847 lbs
Gross Weight: **1,320 lbs**

Published Performance:

Take-Off: 100 ft
Landing: 125 ft
Cruise: 86 kts
Stall: 30 Kts

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, Dec 21; 9:30—11:00 AM

IMC Club sessions provide an open discussion based on instrument flying scenarios. Discussions provide a good review of essentials for IMC flight plus a fun way to meet and learn from other instrument pilots.

- **Participate in-person at Double Eagle II Airport** in the Bode Aviation conference room, 2nd floor, next to the café. Optional: meet others at the café prior for breakfast or after for lunch.
- **OR Join Remotely via ZOOM:**

Register in advance for Zoom access info here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgcO6przoiG9yA_YfRqWYwX7RLsaT1Jfd7

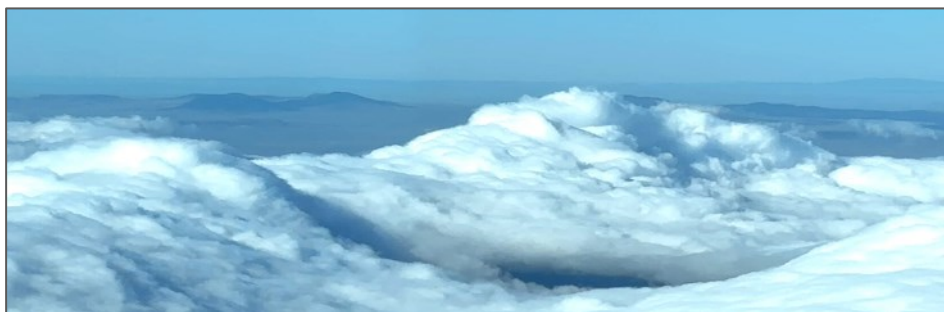
You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting Zoom link.

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
imc-club@eaa179.org



Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



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

Per Article V, Section 2 of the Chapter Bylaws, membership renewal dues are required for the period of January thru December of the Membership Year and are payable from December of the previous year thru March of the present year. Dues paid

outside of that period are NOT pro-rated. Membership runs only from January thru December of a given year.

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

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

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

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

Payment of dues can be made:

– Online thru payment via Paypal, Debit, or Credit Card for 1, 3, or 5 year terms.

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

– By snail mail Send your check payable to "EAA 179"; Double Eagle II Airport; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179; Albuquerque, NM 87120. Include email address.

Please also forward your EAA National Membership Number (located on your Membership ID Card) to: membership@eaa179.org regardless of whether you pay by check or Paypal/Credit Card.

Those who need to join or renew their National EAA membership should visit: <https://www.eaa.org/join.aspx>

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
membership@eaa179.org

Chapter 179 Annual Membership Meeting

Draft Minutes

President Jim Kessler opened the meeting at 6:20pm.

Secretary Joyce Woods verified the required quorum was met.

Jim reported on behalf of the chapter's Nominating Committee, consisting of himself, Doug Dingman, Lance Hunter, and Joyce Woods. Jim announced the recommended slate of officers and Board members up for election:

President: Joyce Woods

VP: Doug Dingman

Secretary: Diana Volker

Treasurer: John DeWitt

Board Members at Large: George Young; Lance Hunter, Eric Achen

He asked for any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, Emilio Verastegui moved that the membership elect the slate as recommended. George Young seconded the motion. Seeing no discussion, Jim called for a vote, resulting in unanimous approval of the recommended slate as presented.

Jim mentioned the "Year in Review: photo show which preceded dinner, put together by Joyce Woods. The chapter indeed accomplished much this year, thanks to many volunteers.

With no other member business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

* Note that additional Board members continuing (not up for election) are Mark Wilson and Jim Kessler (as Past President).

Joyce Woods
Secretary, EAA 179
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Young Eagles

Art Woods, Acting Young Eagles Coordinator



As announced in the Newsletter last month, dates for Young Eagles Rallies in 2025 are March 1, April 5, June 7 (DEAA only), August 9, September 6, and October 18 (backup date). Monitor our web site and future Newsletters for updates on registration and scheduling.

Art Woods
Acting Young Eagles Coordinator
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Acro II Project - for Display at Albuquerque Aviation Academy

(formally SAMS)

Initially hoping some miracle builder would come along to finish this project, Warren Cox decided maybe it would be best if it served some educational purpose. He looked to chapter members to help find a good use of his years of craftsmanship.

Sporting a custom built tilt over clear canopy, running your hand over this all fiberglass fuselage, it's smoothness makes you want to help find a good home. Warren's Acro II is beautiful although unfinished.

Exploring options for an educational donation we finally inquired with Aeronautics Director of the Albuquerque Aviation Academy, Dr. Lauren Chavez. Always enthusiastic, but recognizing challenges in such projects, she thought the school might just need such a plane on display outdoors.

Chapter members Warren Cox, Lee Otto, Dan Horschel and Joyce Woods initially met last May with Lauren to explore the idea. Our team identified steps needed to prepare the aircraft. We indicated that we can't design and install a base to properly secure the aircraft in a sustainable fashion. It is on school grounds, so needs to hold up to anything!. Time passed and school leaders recently asked if the project was continuing. Warren, Konrad Werner, and Joyce met Lauren and Dean Matt Dixson who is committed to get the needed mounting.

Meanwhile, Warren and Konrad have gotten the bug. They both keep showing up to look at something, resulting in a workday. They've made



huge headway to prepare the aircraft for assembly, removing unneeded parts for donation to the chapter. They opened up access to the wing roots and gear mount. The aircraft will be mounted without the gear or engine. Fuselage holes such as for gear and exhaust pipes will be sealed. Control surfaces will be secured. Fitting the wings and finish work will require several volunteers.

Want to help? Have a dummy propeller which could be used? Contact Konrad: klwerner@gmail.com or phone at (505)480-4545.

Warren and Konrad started to prepare the interior by removing the instrument panel, rudder pedals, cables, etc. Usable parts will be donated to the chapter to sell.



Scholarships

Art Woods and Rowan Phlieger



Chapter 179 of the Experimental Aircraft Association awards scholarships annually to candidates pursuing aviation education including flight training, A&P certification, or other activities for applicants intent on entering an aviation-related occupation. Applicants must be 15 to 25 years of age and residents of New Mexico. The amount and number of grants are determined each year and contingent on available funding.

Click here for [Scholarships Offered by EAA Chapter 179](#)

Applications for our Aviation Scholarships are accepted Jan 1 – Feb 15 each year. The link below is to the Chapter webpage will have the application that goes live on January 1, 2025.

[Information for Prospective Scholarship Applicants](#) .

Minimum Requirements:

- **Be 15 to 25 years of age and a resident of New Mexico.**
- **Describe your interest in aviation and your future** including your aviation goal(s), how much (\$) you are requesting, specific justification for how it will be spent, any connections to EAA Chapter 179, any aviation experience and achievements, and how you will give back to the community after reaching your goals.
- **Provide a copy of an unofficial school transcript.**
- **Provide at least one reference letter** (no more than three) from someone other than a family member who is familiar with your motivation, ability, and potential regarding aviation.
- An important criteria is the applicant's commitment to pursuing aviation.

Funding of our Scholarships:

Many of our sponsored events, such as LOEFI, fund the scholarship program. We also receive sizeable donations directly from members and supporters. If you would like to support our scholarship program, a donation button is available [here](#), or [on our website](#). Or you can contact us by email at scholarships@eaa179.org for more information. We appreciate your support!!

Art Woods & Rowan Phlieger
Scholarship Coordinators
scholarships@eaa179.org

Hi,

This is Scott Hofmann. I received a scholarship from you guys in 2022. I just wanted to reach out and let you know I was finally able to get my PPL. I got it a week and a half ago at a flight school in Dayton Ohio. Thank you so much for all of your help and support along the way! It took quite a while but you guys were a big part of what helped me keep going even when obstacles popped up.

Please spread my thanks to the whole chapter!



Congratulations, great progress Dominic and Ava!

Dominic Martinez is one of our two Ray Scholars along with Ava Diaz. Both are progressing in their flight training at Del Sol!



The photo is Dominic in his Light-speed Zulu 3 headset, courtesy of the Ray Scholarship program. He is finished with his Private Pilot requirements and has his checkride scheduled.

Ava is gearing up for her solo and we couldn't be more proud of them.

Rowan Phlieger
Scholarship Coordinator
scholarships@eaa179.org

Annual EAA Chapter Survey

Your Feedback Needed!



2024 EAA Chapter Member Survey For All Chapter Members

Help share your ideas regarding your EAA chapter! The annual chapter member survey is now open. EAA would like to have all chapter members complete this 5-minute survey by Tuesday, December 31.

[Take Survey](#)

After the surveys are finalized, chapter officers will receive their chapter's results to better understand the thoughts from chapter members who elected to participate in the survey. You can use the survey feedback to improve the chapter experience for your local members. Additionally, this annual survey provides EAA with a snapshot of the type of events and programs chapter members want.

Please complete the survey and share your thoughts!

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,
EAA Chapters Office

McIntyre Twins Go SKYBORNE!

By Joyce Woods

Past chapter scholarship recipients, Scarlette and Sophia McIntyre left Albuquerque in November to continue their flight training at Skyborne at Vero Beach, FL.

Perhaps our most frequent Young Eagles flyers the past few years, they found EAA179 upon moving from California where they experienced their first Young Eagles flights and totally caught the flying bug.

They attended our Double Eagle Aviation Academy twice and annually participated in LOEFI. They earned their Private Pilot Certificates through the Albuquerque Aviation Academy (formally SAMs Academy) last year as high school seniors.

They checked in with me to say goodbye, and made time to go flying with me once more!

It was fun to be a part of their sendoff! They hope to be CFIs a year from now.

Sophie and Scarlette—keep in touch! Here's wishing you all the best!



Call for Chapter 179 Scholarship Donors

We're proud of our recipients and enjoy sharing in their successes!

As our 2025 Scholarship program opens for applications on January 1, it's a good time to consider contributing. Chapter 179 scholarships are funded by a combination of donations and from funds from activities throughout the year.

We appreciate donations of any amount to our Chapter 179 Scholarship fund, to extend EAA's Ray Scholar Fund, or in past member Memorial funds. Your specific wishes may be designated in the "optional notes" at the top.

You can donate online via Paypal or Credit Card:

[Donate](#)



or send a check to "EAA 179 Scholarships; Double Eagle II Airport, 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179, Albuquerque, NM 87120-6601".

EAA Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

EAA Homebuilders Week

January 27–31, 2025

LEARN. BUILD. FLY.

EAA is presenting its Fourth Annual [EAA Homebuilders Week](#). This is an online event with experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community.

Each day, 1130 to 1900 hours, webinars are presented at intervals of an hour and half, covering virtually every topic a builder, prospective or in progress, can learn: sheet metal, fabric, wiring, engines, even the "... Perfect Paint Scheme .." and "Flight Testing 101".

Check out the schedule at [EAA Homebuilders Week](#), then register and tune in to the topics that are top-of-your-mind.

Introducing: Sean Babbitt

Sean Babbitt

Hi EAA community! I wanted to introduce myself as a new member of both EAA 179 and the Albuquerque metro area.

I come to Albuquerque after spending the past 25 years in government service as a Naval Officer (Surface) for 21 years and a GS for the past four. My wife Margaret, daughters, MJ and Marian come here after living in Japan and then Belgium since 2017 with the past six years spent at and around NATO.



I earned my private pilot endorsement in 2005 while in Norfolk, VA flying the venerable ole Piper Tomahawk and her 110 horses under the hood. My flying adventure stopped as my Navy career sped into high gear and our two wonderful daughters came into our lives. When we got to New Mexico I thought that I would try and reengage with the pilot community and through some serendipitous luck, I met Lance Hunter at a Cirrus migration event in Arizona.



I spent a **LOT** of time at sea while in the Navy, so seeing exactly zero white caps on the horizon in Albuquerque I knew it was the right place for me to stay. During my naval career I was in the

wardroom of one Frigate, three destroyers, one cruiser, one carrier strike group staff, and a fleet staff, all of which were considered sea duty! In total, I spent 13 years attached to sea going commands. During that time, I was part of 31 Tomahawk Land Attack Cruise Missile strikes in both Iraq and California (darn pesky Californians), two Standard Missile surface to air launches, and countless 5" gun exercises shooting at targets both at sea and on land.

They say join the Navy and see the world, and that is mostly true since more than 2/3 of the world is covered by water! But when we did pull in, I got to experience Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, Brunei, Bahrain, Spain, with many of them coming multiple times (seven times in Singapore and I have absolutely no idea how many times in Bahrain).

While at NATO I was fortunate to work on international initiatives, including developing technical arrangements with countries like Portugal and Greece for education exchange initiatives. As the Principal Advisor for the NATO Special Operations University (NSOU), I directed business development and outreach efforts to ensure our Allies had the best Special Operations education available. It was a joy and a privilege to represent the United States in front of our European Allies.



Even through all the port visits, watch-standing, and gun exercises I still wanted to be in the air. All the ships I served on were helicopter capable and we were lucky enough to have squadron detachments onboard for a vast majority of time we were at sea. It was a wonderful experience to sit in the Combat Information Center (CIC) and say "Green Deck for helicopter launch" then watch the birds take off and head out on patrol.

Leadership is at the heart of what I am used to doing. I've served as an Executive Officer on guided missile destroyers, where I oversaw ship-wide operations and maintenance during critical deployments. But the camaraderie and resilience of a team environment have always motivated me, and I sense this Chapter will offer more of the same. I have already been able to play ramp safety for the Young Eagles and then help cut out a table section using every safety precaution we could think of right Eric....!

Thank you for welcoming me into the club with open arms. I look forward to getting back in the air when I can and learning from all of you airborne professionals!

Sean Babbitt
New Member, Chapter 179

Ed: Thank you, Sean, for introducing yourself and for your support of Chapter activities so soon after arriving in port ... er, I mean in Abq and KAEG.

LOEFI Update—the Staggerwing Pedal Plane

The Staggerwing Pedal Plane has found a great home, in the garage of the LOEFI Raffle Winner Linda Henderson.



In Memoriam—Ollie Reed JR

Lance Hunter

November 20, 2024

I woke up to a text from a friend telling me that Ollie Reed Jr had passed away. Ollie worked for the Albuquerque Journal as a reporter. He was a big supporter of our local Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 179 here in Albuquerque.



Ollie was always on deck to help us promote any of our events over the years. Young Eagles, Land of Enchantment Fly-in, Ford Tri-motor rides, Double Eagle Aviation Academy and the list goes on and on.

We would give Ollie a call and ask him if he could meet us out at Double Eagle and help us promote an event. He would always show up and bring a photographer. Over the past years of working with Ollie I noticed he had a special talent of “Selling it on paper”.

Ollie was a county boy from Mississippi. An Arkansas boy myself, Ollie and I got along like two old friends. Ollie worked for the Albuquerque Tribune years ago and for the Albuquerque Journal. He covered New Mexico news for the past 40 years.

R.I.P Ollie Reed Jr (1948-2024) We miss you already

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

Chapter Gatherings

3rd Tuesday evenings, usually at a restaurant in Albuquerque.

See the current [Newsletter](#)

March – Scholarships, November – Annual Meeting, & December – Holiday Gathering

Chapter Board Meetings

Normally the *First Tuesday of Odd Months* via ZOOM

IMC Club

Third Saturdays at Double Eagle II (KAEG) and via ZOOM

Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI)

A weekend in late September

Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

First full week in June

Young Eagles Flights

Monthly each spring and fall. Follow our web site and current [Newsletter](#) for details.

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

A listing of aviation events of interest around New Mexico. If you know of others, please send the information to 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](#))

It seems .. Not much is going on this time of year

Except just received::

Sep 10-14: [National Championship Air Races](#) – in Roswell

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

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



For Sale

Two Lightspeed Tango wireless headsets. Both work great and are gently used. Includes cases and original boxes. \$350 each or \$650 for both. I'm upgrading to Zulus!

Bob Waters
(505)366-3107

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".

Support your Chapter
Joyce Woods

Proud to be a Member?
Want a Chapter 179 shirt?

Two designs available by special order.

Contact Joyce at secretary@eaa179.org with your SIZE.

Payment due on receipt of shirts. Proceeds benefit our chapter programs.

DEAA T Shirts

Design on shirt front

\$15 each

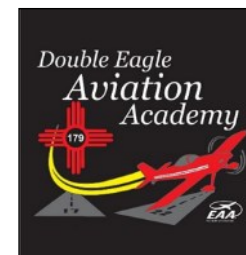
(men's or women's sizes available, no pockets)

Chapter 179 Polo shirt

Gray with embroidered logo on left breast.

\$28 each. Add Pocket (\$2)

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



In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

KABQ Safety Council

- From Wendy Smith, KABQ tower: "The Local Safety Council at the ABQ tower has opened an e-mail address just for pilot feedback/suggestions/questions: K.ABQ.safety@gmail.com"

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

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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.
- [EAA's Chapter Video Magazines](#) (monthly)
- [SportAir Workshop Sheet Metal, Fabric Covering, Electrical & Avionics, and Fiberglass Techniques Workshops](#), Las Vegas NV, Jan 25-26, 2025
- [EAA's Hombuilders Week](#), Jan 17-31, 2025



NMPA

- [December 2024 NMPA Newsletter](#) – As usual, great articles and news by and for local pilots. And a bit of humor from my fellow newsletter editor, Lanny Tonning.



AOPA

- [BasicMed Expansion](#)

Facebook

- New: [Student Pilots Group](#), with many instructional articles
- A Facebook group for local flying: [Fly New Mexico](#), Dave Otero, Administrator.
- Great Facebook spaces: [Commemorative Air Force](#) & [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#).

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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. 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 \(& eMail subscription\)](#)
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- [AOPA News & Media – AOPA Newsletters](#)
- [Barnstormers – Barnstormers eFlyer](#)
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EAA Resources

- [Hints for Homebuilders](#)
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- [Pilot Proficiency](#)
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- [AirVenture—Oshkosh](#)

eMail Resources (Subscriptions)

- [FAA Safety Team](#) – Safer Skies Through Education
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- [AOPA ePilot](#) and [AOPA Aviation eBrief](#)
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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 \(KDNA\)](#)