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**Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings**

Mar 15 – [Flying Companion Seminar](#) – Ninety-Nines (KAEG)

Mar 18 – Chapter Gathering

Mar 22 – Designing A Paint Scheme

Mar 29 – Ladies Aviation Social (KAEG) 0900

Apr 19 – DEII Fun Run—watch for details!

May 3 – Young Eagles (KAEG)

May 10 – [Flying Start & Eagle Flights](#) (KAEG)

Jun 2-7 – DEAA 2025 (KAEG)

Sep 27 – [LOEFI 2025](#) (KAEG)

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

**March 2025**

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## Notes from our President

Joyce Woods



In with the March winds! Holy cow! Airport crews have their hands full clearing tumbleweeds this time of year. Last fall, I had a flat nosewheel tire, one day after taxiing through some weeds. Art and I inspected and removed a jillion goatheads prior, but removal wasn't enough. So I advise taking them seriously!

The year is shaping up! I'm excited to learn whose aviation journey we'll impact this year. Our scholarship recipients are always impressive. We're excited to see who's up next! A big thank you to members and sponsors for donations which make our growing scholarship program possible. The bar has been raised for our recipients, their accomplishments are more and more impressive! First solos, written and practical tests passed! Certificates earned. Experience gained. Careers launched.

Special events coming up are two fly-in, drive-in events and a runway Fun Run! On March 22, Lance Hunter opens up his hangar for a seminar to learn about designing a paint scheme for their airplanes. Scheme Designers has a reputation for spectacular designs. I used their free online tool to help me visualize colors as I decided on my paint scheme.

Then on March 29, Rowan Phlieger and I have organized our first "Ladies Aviation Social" at the Woods' hangar. With a growing group of young ladies involved in our chapter, we've wanted to bring them together – and finally decided to "just do it!" Participation is not limited to chapter members, nor just pilots.

We're looking forward to working with the City of Albuquerque on the airport Family Fun Run on April 19, an unique opportunity to share our love of aviation with the public. We'll show aircraft and help with logistics—so let Lance Hunter know if you are interested to volunteer!

Sean Babbitt launched our Land of Enchantment Fly In (LOEFI) core team, lining up sub team leaders, reviewing lessons learned from 2024 and generating ideas for 2025. He and core team members will be recruiting volunteers for all positions – so if you have wanted to get more involved, LOEFI is a great opportunity. For now, save the Sept 27<sup>th</sup> date!

Meanwhile, come out for a gathering or two, meet the folks that make all this good stuff happen, but you are warned. . . . it may be contagious!

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,

Joyce Woods  
President, EAA Chapter 179  
[chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)

## Notes from the Editor

George Young

As you have noted in Joyce's *Notes from our President*, there are many events on our calendar for 2025. Of course there are the usual recurring Chapter activities: monthly [Gatherings](#), [Young Eagles](#), [Double Eagle Aviation Academy \(DEAA\)](#), and the [Land of Enchantment Fly-in \(LOEFI\)](#). For an update on the activities on each of these, and others, read the [March Board Meeting - Recap](#).

Here are three other activities in which Chapter members are involved:

- [Youth Outreach](#), again this year Kevn Frick is visiting Albuquerque Public Schools, introducing aviation and our Chapter to students in middle school (and even on request, an elementary school).
- [Flying Start/Eagle Flights](#), hosted by our Chapter, introducing adults with interest (ambition?) to becoming pilots.
- [Flying Companion Seminar](#), hosted by the Rio Grand Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, to “.. help you become more comfortable in light aircraft and be able to have FUN!”

For each of the above, click on the link for more information.

**New topic:** My comments above, Joyce's Notes to the left, and the topics in this Newsletter highlight the many activities of Chapter 179 that contribute to promoting aviation in our community. But I've been thinking lately — we are pilots ... pilots like to —fly—. We enjoy flying for many reasons: to demonstrate, to at least ourselves, our knowledge and skill as pilots, to view the world around us, to go places ourselves or with family and friends, and other reasons I'm sure (see [Emilio's article on page 10](#)).

Let's share our enjoyment, our passion, as pilots ... to fly. To share it with others via this Newsletter.

- If you like to tell stories, send in an article about anything flying.
- If you are not a story-teller, fly with a camera or your phone ready to take pictures. I will publish them on a “*We Went Flying*” page (with or without captions). [Thanks, Art, for this suggestion]
  - For example, I would like to see photos taken on final at airports around Albuquerque (like Los Alamos).

I hope to hear from you for the next Newsletter, and for those to follow. Thanks..

George Young  
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster  
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## March Chapter Gathering by Art Woods



**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall**

**5:00 PM** – No host dinner social

**6:15 PM** – Introductions, Program

### Program: Meet the Recipients! EAA 179 Scholarship Awards

Celebrate our 2025 scholarship recipients by attending our March social gathering!. Meet our 2025 scholarship award recipients as they share their aviation goals.

Thanks to generous donors, our chapter is dedicated to introducing youth to aviation and supporting advancement of their aviation education through scholarships.

Funds cover expenses related to flight training, A&P certification, or other educational programs for New Mexico applicants pursuing a future in aviation as a career or hobby.

*Arrive anytime from 5:00 and dinner is not required.*

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

**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.*

***We hope to see you there!***

## February Chapter Gathering – RECAP by Eric Achen

### A Questair Venture Adventure

Will Fox, Questair Venture builder and EAA Technical Counselor shared his experience with this aircraft which operates on the edge of the envelope. A 240 kt airplane, the Questair Venture is an exhilarating high performance amateur built aircraft with an 800—1000 nm range.

He reviewed safety issues and how they were resolved, including inter-locked brakes and steering which resulted in multiple incidents of loss of control on the runway. Sharing example after example, Will demonstrated the importance of collaborating with the Questair builder and owner community to improve safety. Together they have solved some tough design issues and Will is clearly a key contributor as he is with the builder community in general.

Will currently serves as the Los Alamos/Santa Fe EAA Chapter 691 President and has also built a Pega-zair.

Chapter 179 member Eric Achen also shared the story of his recent Questair Venture acquisition, model research, and current plans for upgrading his aircraft. For anyone interested, he made a call for volunteers to help him as he improves his aircraft.

Everyone shared in a celebratory cake to highlight Dominic Martinez's accomplishment, having just passed his Private Pilot checkride and Joceyln Muniz passing her Commercial checkride.

***Congrats to Dominic and Jocelyn!***



Here's Dominic Martinez (center), Ray Scholar and Now PRIVATE PILOT!

Pictured w/EAA 179 Scholarship CoChairs Rowan Phlieger and Art Woods



Speaker Will Fox (right) attracted George Slad to participate (left)

## 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, March 15; 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 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/tZlvce2ppzooHNC1EupfwamII\\_MZFeA\\_Xxe-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvce2ppzooHNC1EupfwamII_MZFeA_Xxe-)

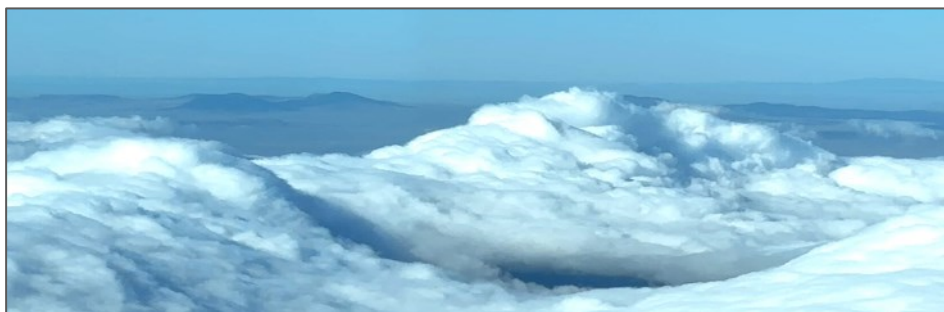
You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting Zoom link.

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



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](mailto: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>

Our chapter welcomes anyone who wishes to participate in our activities. We hope that you show support and renew your membership. Member dues help support chapter expenses and scholarships.

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

Gwen Walcott  
Membership Coordinator  
[membership@eaa179.org](mailto:membership@eaa179.org)

## March Board Meeting – Recap

Diana Volker, Secretary

Chapter 179 Board met on March 4, 2025. The following is a summary of the topics discussed, decisions made and upcoming events.

Chapter membership is now up to 100. It was determined that greeters at the Chapter meetings would be a great way for us to welcome our visitors. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering for this, please speak to Joyce.

Doug Volker is now heading up our 2025 fundraising drive. Doug presented a comprehensive plan. The Board discussed the possible uses of the money including increased scholarships, money for our current and future aircraft building projects, and possibly the acquisition of a hangar for future educational seminars, Young Eagle flight staging, and a Chapter meeting place as a long-range goal.

On Saturday, March 1, 2025, 49 happy Young Eagles took Flight. One of our first time flyers was celebrating his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday that day and his smile lit up the entire room when he checked in.

Registration is open for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Flying Start/Eagle Flights. There is a limit of 16 so don't wait to reserve your spot.

Sean Babbitt, LOEFI Chair, discussed the upcoming LOEFI 2025 planning meeting. Sean is looking at ways to enhance the LOEFI experience for our guests and ways to increase attendance.

Youth Outreach Coordinator, Kevin Frick has events set up with John Adams Middle School, East San Jose Elementary, and Hayes Middle School. These outreach opportunities are happening in March and April.

The Pietenpol project is progressing. Lee and his crew are repairing wood cracks and researching the proper adhesive for the Oratex fabric.

The Breezy is being dismantled – the wings, ribs and boom tail are all in good condition. If you want any of these items, please reach out to Konrad.

March 22, 2025, from 9-11 a.m. Lance will host, in his hangar, a webinar with Craig Barnett, CEO of Scheme Designers. If you are interested in learning more about paint schemes, plan to attend.

April 19, 2025, the City of Albuquerque will host the DEll fun run. Runway 17-35 will be close for the event. 500 runners are expected to participate. There will be food trucks and booths at the old SAMS Academy. Chapter 179 will have a booth.

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there will be a Ladies in Aviation Social. The event will be at 0900 at KAEG. If you are a female pilot, an aspiring female pilot, or simply have a passion for aviation, we invite you to join us for this fun event.

The Scholarship Committee met on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The applicants were reviewed and \$10,000 in monies were awarded.

Our next Chapter meeting will be March 18, 2025, at BJ's Brewhouse. Chapter Scholarships will be awarded. Come and congratulate our scholarship recipients. We are working hard to make aviation a dream for many of these young future aviators.

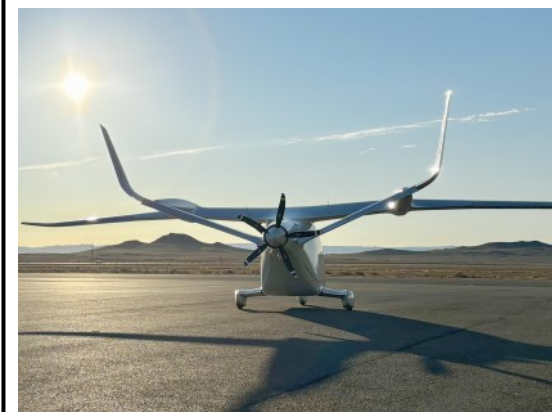
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## Seen Recently at KAEG

Joyce woods

### Electric Cargo Plane at KAEG

This electric aircraft stopped through enroute to Las Vegas from Vermont. By Beta Technologies Inc, this is a CX300, a conventional takeoff and landing all-electric aircraft. I was told it was configured for cargo. More info and check out their VTOL model at: <https://beta.team>



## Young Eagles

Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinator



Your Chapter flew 49 Young Eagles at the last rally. The weather was gorgeous for the three assigned time slots. We flew 22 first timers, 15 young ladies and 34 young men. We had the help of 8 ground crew for registration, keeping the ramp safe, printing certificates and ensuring the paperwork was shuffled between pilots and registration. We also had 9 airplanes, ranging from a 2-seat Van's RV12 to a Beechcraft Baron B-55 twin engine aircraft. And we had the kids' favorite, a Velocity XL pusher design.

Our next rally is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Art Woods & Jim Kessler  
Young Eagles Coordinators  
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Photos of volunteer pilots/  
planes, and Young Eagles  
and their families.  
Photos by Lance Hunter

### ***A Special Note about this month's Young Eagles rally***

To ground and pilot volunteers – THANK YOU!! We flew 49 happy young eagles today. About 20 first timers and a couple of 6-7 time returnees!!

A special thank you to the paper-shuffling “keep us out of chaos” group. And special mention to a first time YE pilot with the Chapter- Carol Sugars and her baby Baron B-55. What a cool ride for those lucky six kids 😊.

I scheduled only three time slots, incorrectly assuming that spring desert winds would be in full force by 11 AM. NOPE...didn't happen.

I hope it's warm enough for the April 5<sup>th</sup> rally to all outdoors. Kind of cramped and loud inside the Bode lobby (thank you Bode). But today it was only 31 F when I got there. Brrr.

Great Day! Thank you all. Art  
(Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinator)

## Scholarship Update

Art Woods and Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Coordinators



Chapter 179's second 2024 Ray Scholarship recipient is Ava Diaz. Ava passed her FAA written exam last week – GO GIRL!! And if you've been paying attention to the winds in the Albuquerque area, then you will understand why her first solo didn't also happen last week.

But Sunday evening everything fell into place,  
and voila !!!!!!!

She made her first solo flight.



Art Woods & Rowan Phlieger  
Scholarship Coordinators  
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## Youth Outreach Update

Kevin Frick, Youth Outreach Coordinator

Kevin Frick, Youth Outreach Coordinator, says things are moving right along with Career Fairs, Preflight Demos, and Tower Tours. This is a busy week.

On Wednesday March 12, Ted Hartenstein will be bringing over 10 of his Junior ROTC students for a detailed aircraft preflight followed by a visit to the AEG control tower. Special thanks go out to Gary Williams and Doug and Diana Volker for their aircraft and time.

Also on Wednesday, East-coaster and former 179 member, Barry Kromer, will be joining Kevin at John Adams MS for their annual Career Fair. This has turned into a multi-yearly event for Chapter 179!

Later in the week, on Friday the 14th, East San Jose Elementary School asked for our chapter to participate in their first Career Fair. There will be a plethora of youngsters for this one. It will be well-attended and active.

Kevin is requesting one or two helpers as the wide-eyed little ones descend on our booth. If you dare, please drop Kevin a note at [frick914@gmail.com](mailto:frick914@gmail.com). Many mature aviators can recall the early days of their interest in airplanes. Though this is an elementary school, this could be a first-time contact for many of these kids!

Upcoming next month is the Hayes Middle School Health Fair on April 24. This is combined with the school's "Curriculum Night" and this will be well-attended with parents and kids. More info in the next newsletter, but keep it in mind please!

Kevin Frick  
Youth Outreach Coordinator  
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# Double Eagle Aviation Academy 2025

June 2 – 6, 2025 at Double Eagle II Airport

**Now Accepting Applications!**

*Participants are invited for a Young Eagles flight June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Applicants must be between 14 and 17 years of age.*

The Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA) offers a fun and challenging week at the airport! Students ages 14 – 17 will explore a future in aviation. Students will learn about many facets of flying and airplanes:

- learn about career opportunities in aviation from professionals
- learn and practice reading weather reports
- learn how to control pitch, roll, and yaw
- learn the importance of balancing weight in the plane
- learn and practice interpreting the instrument “Six Pack”
- learn how aluminum structures are designed to be strong
- learn what is inside the motors of airplanes
- learn and practice the legs of a traffic pattern in a simulator
- learn and practice communicating at non-towered and towered airports
- learn and practice assembling a simple electrical wiring circuit
- learn and practice riveting and rolling aluminum to make part of an aileron
- learn and practice conducting an aircraft pre-flight inspection
- learn and practice planning a flight
- visit the Double Eagle II control tower

Then fly with a Chapter Young Eagles pilot on the following Saturday

The doors open at 8:15 AM with time to meet pilots and spend time talking about and sitting in different airplanes each morning. Class starts at 9:00 AM. Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch are provided. Each day ends at 4:15 PM. A student notebook with the contents of all the presentations is provided to each student. If you are interested in aviation, this is an exceptional opportunity to discover the possibilities.

**Questions?** Let us know. Contact us at [deaa@eaa179.org](mailto:deaa@eaa179.org)

**Download** the flyer for [DEAA 2025](#) (.pdf)



# Double Eagle Aviation Academy

**June 2 - 6, 2025**

Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

## Explore a Future in Aviation

- ✦ Consider aviation careers
- ✦ Learn about aircraft, how they fly, aircraft building, pilot communications
- ✦ Plan a flight, check weather, conduct pre-flight checks
- ✦ Meet pilots, mechanics, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other specialists
- ✦ Invited for a Young Eagles flight Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Ages 14 – 17**

**Application deadline May 9, 2025**

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

Get applications at [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org)  
starting February 9, 2025

**\$225 Tuition includes T shirt, Lunch & Snacks, all class / workshop materials.**

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

Sponsored and directed by volunteers of Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179, a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization.  
Contact us at: [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)



Jim Kessler  
DEAA Coordinator  
[deaa@eaa179.org](mailto:deaa@eaa179.org)



## Flying Start/Eagle Flights – May 10, 2025

George Young



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



**Flying Start!**

Hosted by Albuquerque  
EAA Chapter 179

Saturday May 10, 2025  
Double Eagle II Airport  
8am – 11am

Pre-Registration Required at  
<https://eaa179.org/flyingstart>

### Know an adult who wants to LEARN TO FLY?

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

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

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

#### **Registration is required, participation is limited.**

Visit our [web page](#) for more information and a link to registration.

#### **VOLUNTEER PILOTS—we need you!**

Flights start at 0930. We aim for a 1:1 Eagle Flight experience for **Flying Start** participants and encourage follow up mentoring. Session size is limited so our goal is for most pilots to fly just one flight.

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

If you have questions or can volunteer in the air or on the ground, please contact George Young at [flyingstart@eaa179.org](mailto:flyingstart@eaa179.org).

George Young and Art Woods  
Flying Start Coordinator and Eagle Flight Coordinator  
[flyingstart@eaa179.org](mailto:flyingstart@eaa179.org)

## Land of Enchantment Fly-In 2025 (LOEFI)

Sean Babbitt, LOEFI Coordinator

Serious planning and preparations are getting under way for the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI).

- The date has been set – Sep 27, 2024.
- Again this year we have an eye-catching poster, which has become an annual trademark for LOEFI and Chapter 179.
- Sean Babbitt has stepped forward to lead planning and orchestrating preparations for this year's event.
- To get the ball rolling, a Kickoff Meeting of key leaders was held on Mar 8th. Meetings will be convened on the 2nd Tuesday of alternate months, until preparation activities pick up. Watch the Newsletter and announcements on [FaceBook](#) for updates.
- **The next meeting will be via ZOOM on April 1st at 1830. All hands are welcome.** Please send Sean your eAddress to be included in the ZOOM announcement: [loefi@eaa179.org](mailto:loefi@eaa179.org)



Sean Babbitt  
LOEFI Coordinator  
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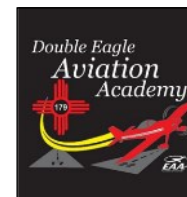
### Proud to be a Member? Want a Chapter 179 shirt?

Two designs available by special order.

Contact Joyce at [secretary@eaa179.org](mailto: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 Shirts**

Gray with embroidered  
logo on left breast.  
\$28 each.  
Add Pocket (\$2)



## Dog Rescues – Feb 2025

Emilio Verastegue



Not long ago, I received a call from Brenda Walsh, a flight coordinator for the Pilots & Paws Organization, with whom I have dealt with on several occasions. She is based in Amarillo, Texas. She asked me if I could be available to fly some dogs from Hereford Texas to Albuquerque on a recent Tuesday. This particular flight would have two dogs to transport. I told her that I was available and could help her out, if the weather was agreeable. It turned out that not all of the pieces of her puzzle fell into place for Tuesday, but did come together for the following day, Wednesday.

However, the trip details had changed and now we would have three dogs, not two, and they were three completely different dogs than from the original trip specs. Details like these matter only to the coordinator, but I was happy to transport as many dogs as I could carry safely!



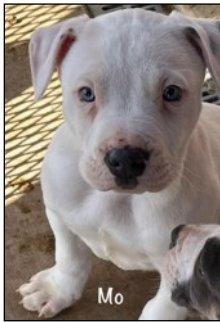
Karl Wolf, based in Moriarty, was the second pilot involved in the transport of the dogs that day. His aircraft of choice is a Grumman Lynx, which is a Grumman model AA1-C. His registration is N39070. After moving the dogs from my Bonanza to his aircraft, he departed KAEG at 1206, bound for KGJT (Grand Junction, CO) with all three dogs and arrived safely 2:27 minutes later. Mission complete!

It is tremendously satisfying for me to be able to help Pilots & Paws transport these animals when I can. Sometimes, due to mitigating circumstances, I cannot help with their transportation and that is troublesome to me. I wish I could help all the animals find a good home and a better living situation. I am a dog lover to say the least, and in fact, we have two of our own at home. Leo is a "Rescue Dog" from a shelter in Santa Fe. Our younger dog, Sochi, is a full Lab from a breeder in Ohio. Her ride home was in the Bonanza when she was 8 weeks old!

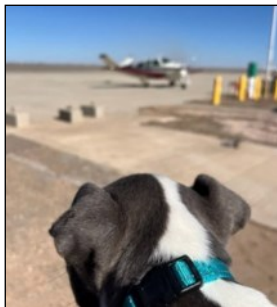
I wanted to write this story because I wanted to emphasize the fact that flying, airplanes and aviation itself can be useful, fun, and satisfying. Of course, everyone knows that you can go places via air travel, that you can take cargo from one place to another (just ask me how I know), and that you can even have fun flying seaplanes and gliders, but not many people are aware of the fact that air transportation is the safest and fastest way to transport animals of any size. For General Aviation pilots like myself, it is a very satisfying and gratifying thing to do. Volunteering time and money to organizations, such as Pilots & Paws, is a meaningful way to give back to the community, to put forth effort to aid and comfort animals that have not had the best life circumstances, and it also puts aviation in the spotlight for the public to see the good it can achieve!

I will continue to volunteer for Pilots & Paws for as long as I can!

Emilio Verastegui,  
Pilot and dog lover



The weather was much better on Wednesday anyway, so everyone was happier because of it. Since Barry Kromer, and his wife Carol, were in town visiting friends and other fellow Chapter members, I asked him to accompany me on the flight. He agreed! He is a good dog wrangler!



So, off we went to Hereford Texas early that Wednesday morning, lifting off at 0805, over-flying the Sunport, making our way eastbound, initially at 9,500 MSL. As it happened, we did not have much tailwind to make our flight any faster. That was disappointing, but the air was glass smooth that morning! We finally landed at Hereford Texas at 0932, so we made pretty good time. The dogs arrived at the airport from two different shelters. The first lady brought the two small bulldogs, siblings Tugboat and Mo. Very cute and very small! The second lady, accompanied by her daughter, Harper, brought Greta Garbo to us from the different shelter.

After refueling, we put the two small dogs in the crate together and Greta was strapped into a seat with a harness and a seatbelt. We took off at 1005 for the return leg. We climbed up to 10,500 MSL to avoid the high terrain in front of us and finally arrived at KAEG at 1141.

## Airplanes & Donuts – Ladies Aviation Social, Mar 29, 2025

Rowan Phlieger

We invite you to join us at Double Eagle II Airport on **Saturday March 29** for an informal gathering, a “**Ladies Aviation SOCIAL**”.

An aviation networking event by women, for women, and not exclusively for pilots! Many of us are involved in multiple aviation organizations, so this is hosted by women of the Albuquerque EAA chapter. We hope **this** benefits all our organizations. Come on out – and bring a friend! Any women with an interest in aviation are welcome!

**Location:** The Woods’ Hangar A1 in the new blue hangars on the south ramp. A shuttle will transport folks without gate access from the Bode FBO.

Rowan Phlieger

Inviting all women who are pilots, controllers, mechanics, or want to get involved in aviation!

**MARCH 29TH**  
**0900**  
**KAEG**

**AIRPLANES & DONUTS**  
**LADIES AVIATION**  
**SOCIAL**

HOSTED BY EAA CHAPTER 179

**Fly in:** park on south ramp off taxiway A3 (blue hangars) OR use north ramp tie downs  
**Drive in:** park in Bode lot and use event shuttle (signs by FBO)

The poster features a pink background with a white dashed line forming a heart shape. On the right, there is a stylized illustration of a woman in a pilot's uniform. At the bottom, there is a small white airplane icon flying over a heart shape.

## 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.*

## Partnership Available

John Graham, Santa Fe



“1 slot available in a 3-person partnership in an RV-7A based at KSAF. Build was completed in 2018; 500 hours TT on airframe and engine SMOH. Lycoming 180 HP O-360-A1D, fixed pitch 3-blade Catto prop. Burns mogas/avgas mix, 7-8 gph in cruise. Slider canopy. Integrated Dynon Skyview avionics with 10" HDX display, 978 in/1090 out ADS-B, AHARS, autopilot, engine monitoring system. Dynon D-3 independent attitude indicator with GPS altitude, ground-speed. Recently installed interior by Classic Aero Designs. Painted in 2022 by Master Aircraft Services. Always hangared. Call John 505-690-4212 or George 818-266-4925 for more info.”

## 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: [KABQ.safety@gmail.com](mailto:KABQ.safety@gmail.com)

### General Aviation News (repeat)

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

### FAA FAASTeam

- [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine](#)
- FAAST Webinars: A list of many great topics; most qualify the attendee for WINGS credits. Go to [Seminars & Webinars](#), select Show only Webinars, then [Search]
- [Update to Basic Med](#)
- **NEW** Reference Data: [FAA Fact Book](#), and [Airport Data & Information Portal](#)



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### 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)
- [How ATC Really Works](#) (A Pilot Friendly Manual)
- [Pilot Exercise Program](#) (another Pilot-Friendly Manual)
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  - [Never Forget a Tow Bar](#)
  - [Should You Monitor 121.5](#)
  - [Slipping to Comply with ATC?](#)
  - [Fuel Gauge Inaccurach](#)



### 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 of interest to you.
- [EAA's Chapter Video Magazines](#) (monthly)
- EAA's [eHotline](#), Announcements for Air Venture/Oshkosh and more



### NMPA

- [March 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 Tinning.
- And visit the [NMPA web site](#) for the latest about their activities



### 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](#), and a **NEW one** [Aviation Update](#)

## 2024 Individual Chapter Donors

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### Quick Links to Chapter Website

Web Site: [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org)  
Young Eagles: [www.eaa179.org/youngeagles](http://www.eaa179.org/youngeagles)  
IMC Club: [www.eaa179.org/imc-club](http://www.eaa179.org/imc-club)  
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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.

[Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 179](#) is our outlet to the public. Anyone can go to this page and see information about the Chapter and its activities.

[EAA Chapter 179 New Mexico](#) is a Private GROUP. Only users who have joined have access to it. It will have up-to-date information and Members can participate with their own 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 \(Triple Nickel Chapter\) \( & Facebook\)](#)
- [1570 Santa Teresa, KDNA](#)

### New Mexico Organizations

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

### National and Other State Organizations of Interest

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

### Online Resources

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

### EAA Resources

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

### eMail Resources (Subscriptions)

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

### Cultural Web Sites

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



# Double Eagle Aviation Academy

## June 2 - 6, 2025

Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

### Explore a Future in Aviation

- ✦ Consider aviation careers
- ✦ Learn about aircraft, how they fly, aircraft building, pilot communications
- ✦ Plan a flight, check weather, conduct pre-flight checks
- ✦ Meet pilots, mechanics, engineers, air traffic controllers, and other specialists
- ✦ Invited for a Young Eagles flight Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Ages 14 – 17

**Application deadline May 9, 2025**

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

Get applications at [www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org) starting February 9, 2025

**\$225 Tuition includes T shirt, Lunch & Snacks, all class / workshop materials.**

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## Double Eagle II Airport

### Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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- Wonder how you could assist or be a better passenger?
- Let your fear of flying keep you from going aloft with them?
- Want to learn more about airplanes and the exciting world of general aviation?

If so, *The Ninety-Nine's Flying Companion Seminar* is for you!

This fun, informative session is designed with the non-pilot in mind. Our goal is to help you become more comfortable in light aircraft and be able to have FUN! We will teach you to be an effective cockpit crew member and help address fears of flying.

This one-day ground-school only course covers topics such as:

- How the airplane flies
- How to read an aeronautical chart
- Who to talk to on the radio
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- What to do in an emergency
- Safety tips, weather, and much more

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## Flying Start!

Hosted by Albuquerque  
EAA Chapter 179

Saturday May 10, 2025  
Double Eagle II Airport  
8am – 11am

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# Land of Enchantment Fly-In

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**September 27, 2025 7am-2pm**

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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.

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