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Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Jul 12 – Young Eagles, Los Lunas (E98)

July 15 - [Chapter Gathering](#) (BJ's at Cottonwood Mall)

July 19 - [IMC Club](#) (KAEG)

July 21—27 - [EAA Air Venture](#) (KOSH)

Aug 9 – [Young Eagles](#) (KAEG)

Sep 6 – [Young Eagles](#) (KAEG)

Sep 6 - [DEII Runway Run](#) (KAEG)

Sep 10-14 – [National Championship Air Races](#) (KROW)

Sep 27 – [LOEFI 2025](#) (KAEG)

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

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Notes from our President

Joyce Woods



It's Summer! You know it's here when. . . Airplanes are lazy getting airborne; I'm not eager to hang around the airport all afternoon; bugs start crawling into the hangar. But it's greening up out there—so we've gotten some rain, and that's a good thing!

For other parts of the country, it's "flying season". Well, we enjoy "flying season" year round so we can be more choosy on when and where to fly. In June, our members participated in the Mountainair parade flyover and the Los Alamos Airport Open House. Members from other chapters join fly-ins to Mid Valley Airpark at Los Lunas, and oh yes, our Land of Enchantment Fly-In at Double Eagle II.

In the past, Art and I flew often to fly-ins in Arizona, Colorado, and around New Mexico. We got to know some amazing folks along the way. We got to know the Los Alamos/Santa Fe EAA691 bunch at Casa Grande, AZ fly ins as they were known to arrive early, park together and set up a row of chairs along the front line. They welcomed anyone to join them so we did. Fun and resourceful folks!

New Mexico has seven EAA chapters and we've prided ourselves in collaborations with most of them over the years. Young Eagles pilots routinely join forces to introduce youth to aviation. In the past few years, we enable events at remote airports like Deming, Lordsburg, Reserve, and Truth or Consequences. In most organizations, it seems we might compete for attention. I've been told before and believe it to be true, the aviation community is small enough, we're wise to partner and support each other!

Well, planning is well underway for our Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI) and our team has rededicated ourselves to making it a fun event

for pilots, and encouraging aircraft registration. New will be a "Pilot Oasis", a place for pilots to gather, away from the public. We'll also rope off the north ramp parking from the public so pilots don't worry about the public around their planes—if not on the "show ramp". We'll provide relief for showplane pilots so they can also enjoy the event. Oh—and more surprises for registered pilots are in the works!!!

Meanwhile, we also need volunteers to support the Double Eagle II Airport's Runway Run. We'll promote our chapter as well—let Lance Hunter know if you can help!

In May, the Board started a new thing—recognizing the significant milestone of a "First Flight" with a chapter congratulations plaque. We have some catching up to do so Bill Hutson received his at our June gathering—for the First Flight of his Zenith this past April. Congrats again, Bill!

Our aviation community is indeed amazing. As Jim Kessler noted regarding DEAA volunteers, this chapter is making a huge impact and it's all due to the generosity and hard work of volunteers. Thank you all!

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,

Joyce



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Notes from the Editor

George Young

Chapter 179 has once again been awarded a Gold Award, this for 2024. Our chapter has received this recognition each year since the Chapter Recognition program was initiated in 2019.

The EAA ([Experimental Aircraft Association](https://www.eaa.org)) Gold Award refers to the highest level of recognition within the EAA Chapter Recognition Program, indicating a chapter's exceptional engagement and activity. It signifies a chapter's strong performance in areas like membership growth, participation in EAA programs, and public engagement.



A note from Luke Vaughn, Chapter 179 Scholarship recipient and now a cadet at USAFA:

"I just wanted to let you know I will officially be at Oshkosh 23-27 July as part of our demonstration. I won't be flying to demo but helping with the static on the ground/helping with the ground crew for the demo. Just wanted to let you know!"

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July Chapter Gathering

Eric Achen, Program Coordinator



Tuesday, July 15, 2025

BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall

5:00 PM – No host dinner social starts

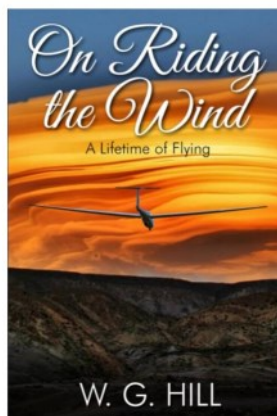
6:15 PM – Introductions, Program

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

Program: Bill Hill will be our Guest Speaker this month. He is a Gentleman of Extraordinary Character and Abilities.

Bill is a glider pilot and author, known for his book "Riding The Wind: A Lifetime Of Flying" and his participation in the movie "Cloud Street, Soaring the American West". He is also a former air traffic controller and air ambulance pilot, and has logged over 21,000 hours of flying time.

From Emilio: "Our Program this month, on 15 July, will be presented by Bill Hill. I have know Bill for some years. He has stories that will enthrall you and thrill you and they seem to be never-ending! You should make an effort to be at our Social Gathering this month, enjoying the fine foods at BJ's Restaurant, and then settle back to hear Bill tell his story!



Check out his book - "Riding The Wind: A Lifetime of Flying". He is a movie star, in addition to being a former Air Traffic Controller, Air Ambulance Pilot, and Airline Pilot, and now a Glider Pilot, accumulating more than 20,000 total hours of flight time. Read his Bio and Intro to the Book on [page 6](#).

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!

June Chapter Gathering – RECAP

Wright Bros Award



FAA presents Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to Art Woods

Joe Kluk, FAASafety Program Manager from the Albuquerque FSDO presented the prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to member Art Woods,

recognizing his 50 years of safe flying since his first solo in an Aero Commander Lark in Billings, Montana in 1973.

Joe noted that the award recognizes individuals who have exhibited exemplary aviation expertise, professionalism, and commitment including non-career pilots. Joe presented Art with a framed certificate and his "Blue Ribbon package", a complete copy of Art's airman records.



Art then shared his flying story, starting with his Dad's passion and career selling airplanes. Art soloed at 16, got his pilot certificate just before heading to college at 18. He highlighted flying favorites including Mackinac Island, Michigan grass strip pancake breakfasts (Northport), and Michigan Air Tours. Other notable flights included a winter flight to Grants just after moving to NM from Michigan, low and slow Citabria sight seeing in NM, a smoky IFR flight in Montana, Oshkosh adventures, inspiring Young Eagles, and now formation flying with Chile Flight.

Congratulations Art!

Art's name will be posted on the FAA Award website:
[Pilots - The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Awards - FAASafety.gov](#)



July Board Meeting – Recap

Diana Volker, Secretary

Chapter 179 Board meeting, July 1, 2025.

The following is a summary of the topics discussed and the decisions made.

- 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Route 66. Art Tangen brought information and ideas of how we could host a commemorative Air Tour.
- DEAA was a great success with 28 students participating. The students enjoyed a week of hands-on learning about airplanes and aviation. Thank you to all the volunteers and instructors who made this event so successful.
- LOEFI 2025 planning is underway. Food trucks and bands are being secured. The raffle Pedal Plane project, a F4U Corsair, is in the final stages of completion. This year, we have included a display of new cars from local Albuquerque dealers, and we will host a "Pilot's Oasis" for our fly-in guests. There is a lot of work left to do, and we need volunteers in many areas. The event date is September 27th so please mark your calendar and come out to help us make LOEFI 2025 our best event ever.
- There are newly designed Chapter 179 T-shirts that will be on sale soon.
- The next chapter meeting will be Tuesday July 15th at BJ's starting at 5-5:30. Bill Hill will be our speaker. Bill will be speaking on flying gliders and his new book.
- The next Young Eagles flight event will be on August 9, 2025. Additionally, we will have a September Y/E flight on September 6, 2025.
- Double Eagle II Airport will be hosting a Fun Run & Mutt Strut on September 6th. Runway 35/17 will be closed. Registration is at 10:00 and the run starts at 11:00. Proceeds will benefit Albuquerque Animal Welfare and EAA chapter 179.
- The Pietenpol is under construction. Building times are Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday starting at 9 or 10:00 a.m. Check the FB page for the schedule or Contact Lee Otto for more information.
- The students at Albuquerque Aviation Academy have submitted scheme designs for the ACRO plane project. The design is being finalized, and Eclipse will finish up the painting. The mounting pedestal the ACRO will be displayed on is in the design process as well.
- IMC Club meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. You can join in person 9:30 in the Bode conference room or join online. Join to sharpen your instrument skills and help sharpen the skills of other pilots. EAA National has reached out to our chapter for input in making the training scenarios more interesting and realistic.

Diana Volker
Secretary

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Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



We are seeking new members.

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

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

The dues payments help fund scholarships, pay our national EAA fees and enable the chapter to offer fantastic programs throughout the year.

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

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

To join,

- Simply go online, to <https://eaa179.org/membership/> where you can submit your dues payment by Paypal or credit card.
- Or you may send a check (include your name, address, EAA National Membership number, a contact phone number, and email address) payable to "EAA Chapter 179" and mail it to:

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

If you pay by credit card or Paypal, also forward your EAA National Membership Number (on your ID card) to membership@EAA179.org.

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

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IMC Club Meeting

Barry Harper and John DeWitt, IMC Club Coordinators



Sharpen your Instrument Flying Skills!

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, July 19, 2025 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/u_f-mHT9TwyYn7-rVzln0A

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

If you'd like FAA Safety WINGS credit, please also register through the WINGS announcement as follows, or sign in-person at the meeting.

- Visit the FAAST [Seminars & Webinars page for Events at KAEG](#).
- Scroll to the bottom and select the *IMC Club Meeting*.
- Follow Registration Info instructions

See you there!

Barry Harper & John DeWitt
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Young Eagles

Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinator



A Special Young Eagles Day for DEAA Graduates

A week spent learning all things aviation and a final day spent charting and calculating their round-trip flight to Belen Regional Airport! And that adds up to having 21 students excited to finally get to fly!

With nav logs and paper charts in hand, each student met their pilot and their airplane!! The nav log was adjusted for the performance of the airplane they actually flew – Cessna's, Cirrus's, Piper's and experimental amateur built Velocities & Vans. Oh, and throw in a gyrocopter for even more fun!! The 40 – 50 minute flights showed pilots require patience (boy is Double Eagle busy on a Saturday morning!), a good eye (do you see the Belen airport yet??), pilotage skills (what's the heading again for this leg??) and a calm demeanor (yes, it was getting warm which means bumpy).

As was mentioned last month, thanks go to the pilots and the phenomenal ground crew, rearranging flight schedules as planes break, kids get sick and paperwork isn't right.

Go to [page 7](#) for full report on DEAA, and [page 12](#) for Young Eagles photos.

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Scholarship Tidbits

Art Woods and Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Coordinators



Scholarship recipients are staying active this summer with many closing in on milestones. Daisy is getting close to soloing. Again, but in an RV-12. Mia is almost set to be an RV12 instructor. And be the CFI for her most difficult student - her Dad. Jocelyn started t/w training John Lorenz. And we congratulate Orion on his passing all the Aviation Maintenance Technician written, practical and oral tests!!

Two of our scholarship recipients, Gabe & Stephan, are heavy into the Sporty's ground school for the FAA written for their private pilot certificates. The two are also helping EAA national and our chapter with a BETA test using flight simulators. Gabe and his dad built a homemade version and Stephan and his dad assembled an EAA-supplied system. As with any BETA test, there have been technical glitches, mainly in the software. REBOOT!!

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Bill Hill's Bio

Bill Hill

Bill Hill, our program for July, has quite a career in many aviation-related fields.

Bill Hill Bio

- First solo flight made in July of 1962 at the Frederick MD. airport.
- The next year and one half were spent attending college and building time and gathering ratings.
- After a three year stint in Army Aviation, I ran a flight school near Winston-Salem NC while searching for my airline job none of which were to be had at that time.
- Signed up to become an air traffic controller which started in 1967 in Memphis TN.
- Continued building flying time in order to become more attractive to prospective airlines.
- Bounced around the ATC system chasing the better paying jobs which included moving on to various management positions all the while still looking for the professional flying job.
- Retired from my federal job in 1993 and became a full time air ambulance pilot until being hired by SkyWest Airlines in 1996 as the oldest (fifty-three years old) first officer they had yet to hire.
- All the while I pursued my other aviation passion, flying sailplanes.
- During the course of my various careers, I was involved in accident investigation (with the FAA) and making a video for SkyWest regarding flying in mountain wave conditions as well as being one of the pilots featured in the movie "Cloud Street, Soaring the American West".
- Now, after fifty-seven years with various types (and type ratings) of a number aircraft strapped to my butt and twenty one thousand hours flying time under my belt, I hope to share with you a few thoughts regarding my sordid past.

On Riding the Wind

A Lifetime of Flying by W. G. Hill

An autobiography, a memoir if you will. In any case a recounting of the life of a boy determined to follow in his father's footsteps and become a pilot. A story, comprised of a number of chapters devoted to his quest, over thirty-five years in the making, to reach what he perceived to be the pinnacle of aviation...an airline pilot.

During the course of that yearning, he would experience a few near death happenstances the first of which is found in chapter one of the book. He would use any excuse to become airborne. During a twenty-six year career in as an air traffic controller, he would have many part time jobs. A crop duster, an on-air traffic reporter, a flight instructor, a test pilot, a banner tow pilot, a fright-dog pilot, an air ambulance pilot and then finally an airline pilot.

Very early in his career, he would become enamored with gliders or sail planes, which at this point in his life would comprise eight thousand hours of motorless flight. Because of his ability of fly in harmony with the atmosphere rather than in spite of it, he was able to apply this acquired knowledge to analyze both accidents and incidents and thereby provide insight which led to a greater understanding of adverse conditions of flight which otherwise would have gone unnoticed.

After his mandated retirement from the left seat of his airliner, he went on to fly corporate aircraft as well as challenging mother nature's atmospheric conditions found in the lee of such mountains as the South American Andes as well as the Sierra Nevada range.

Of course the story goes on and there will be additional flights of fancy to be added to yet another tome to be written in the future.

Land of Enchantment Fly-In 2025 (LOEFI)

Sean Babbitt, LOEFI Coordinator

Happy July EAA 179!

LOEFI is moving along and is about to accelerate quickly.

- Doreen Branch has been knocking it out of the park with her Learning Center organization. Her team is meeting at Double Eagle on July 10th at 1230 and then the exhibit hall team will meet in mid-July to plan the layout and signage.
- The application was submitted to the City at the beginning of July, and we are waiting on the initial response.
- Looking forward into August when the Signup Genius will be live and everyone can start picking their places on the various teams.
- Keep an eye on the LOEFI 2025 web page (<https://loefi.org>, or <https://eaa179.org/loefi>) for up-to-date information starting in late July!

If you are interested in helping out, please let me know via eMail(LOEFI@Eaa179.org) or be on the lookout for a Signup Genius on the website in the near future.

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Double Eagle Aviation Academy – 2025

Jim Kessler



DEAA 2025 is in the books. We had 26 students and served 200 lunches. We had a few Young Eagles flights to clean up over the following weeks.

Speaking of clean up, the tear down was easy with lots of help. I want to thank all the volunteers.

Let me start by thanking the City Maintenance workers. Gavin Gallegos and his crew did such a great job getting the building ready for us. They moved out all their equipment and literally gave us the run of the building for the week.

Thanks to Pam Kessler and Cynthia Alderete for planning the food and snacks. This class was the hungriest we have encountered, and these two ladies did a great job keeping the students satisfied.

Thanks to the team of pilots who brought their planes over early each morning for the students to observe and get some hands-on experience in a variety of cockpits. This is one of the most-loved parts of the week.

All of the presenters did a fantastic job explaining different aspects of aviation. We cover aerodynamics, aviation weather, compass headings, flight instruments, weight & balance, sectional charts, communications, radio practice, tower visits, simulators, avionics, engines, aircraft construction, and dead reckoning.

If that wasn't enough, Kevin Frick arranged of career speakers on; being a commercial pilots, glider flight, flight test, the Air Force, drones, aircraft maintenance, helicopters, engineering and being corporate pilots. It is a week packed with information and practical knowledge. This year we did a session on knowing yourself, about recognizing how your personality might lead you to make poor decisions.

Our president, Joyce Woods, and of course Art Woods, were there every day all day, and their help is instrumental in making the week a success. Art handles the Young Eagles, which is complicated every year by pilot schedules and student schedules. Joyce, who brought this event down from her previous EAA chapter, has been a proponent for the last 11 years and her advice is always beneficial.

Raymond Alderete is our photographer/general get-it-done-guy. He has been integral in DEAA for the last 4 years. His photos are spectacular as is everything else he does.

We had two students from Santa Fe and an instructor from North Carolina. Mark Thoman comes in every year to fill in where needed. He is a superb instructor and has dozens of stories related to his aviation experience.



DEAA 2025 - 26 students, 4 Chile Flight pilots, and 18 of the volunteers.

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Double Eagle Aviation Academy – 2025 (continued)

Jim Kessler

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Rowan Phlieger coordinated a discussion with Mia Alderete, Ava Diaz, and Dominic Martinez to learn what students could do next to jump start their aviation careers.

Thanks to all the Young Eagles volunteers and a special thanks to Mark Wilson for stepping up during the Rally to take an extra flight even though it interfered with his plans that day.

All this in one week.

The critiques are in, and the results were good:

- The week met my expectations: 90.83%
- Instructors were knowledgeable about their subjects: 98.33%
- There were enough fun, hands-on activities: 87.50%
- I expect to use something I learned: 98.33%
- Overall, this session was worth my time: 95.83%
- How likely would you be to recommend a future DEAA to a friend?: 89.20%
- Every year the favorite part of the week is building the wing section. That's true again this year.
- To improve the week we need more hands-on activities. This is also a standard request.

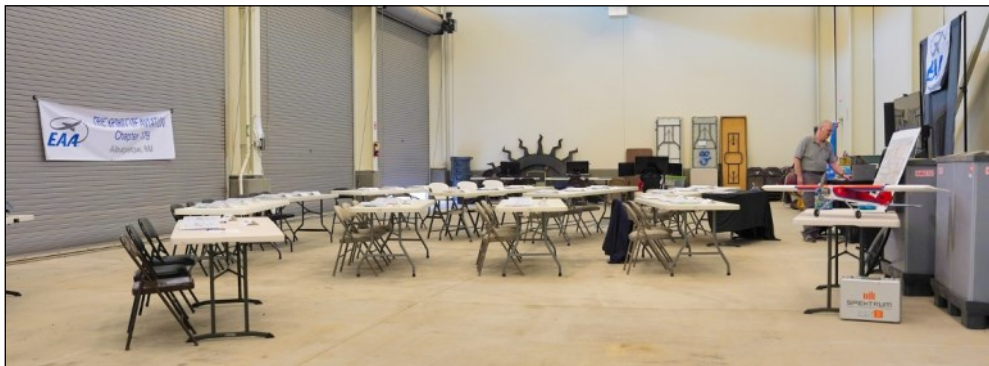
- Other comments were thanks for the week, and the lunches were good.

In response to the critiques:

- There is really no room to put anything else in the schedule.
- Education is work, and sometimes it is hard work. Everything can't be fun.
- We will make sure that building the wing section continues to be part of the week, and we will continue to improve the lessons we have developed. This year we broke aerodynamics into 2 sessions, and it seemed to be better received. We discussed what causes lift and then a session on how to calculate lift.
- We weren't able to get an Air Force helicopter flight for the class this year, but we'll try again next year. Hands down that was the favorite last year.

With so many selfless volunteers during the week, I obviously haven't named all of them here. I've said it many times, EAA Chapter 179 is made up of the greatest group of volunteers I have ever been involved with. It is a privilege to work with all of you, and I hope to see you again at LOEFI.

Jim Kessler
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Classroom, waiting for the students



Twenty six eager students, introductions by Jim Kessler

The week was filled with presentations, lessons, and activities. On the following pages, you will find the agenda and highlights for each day. Enjoy.

George Young
Editor

Double Eagle Aviation Academy – 2025 (continued)

Photos by Raymond Alderete

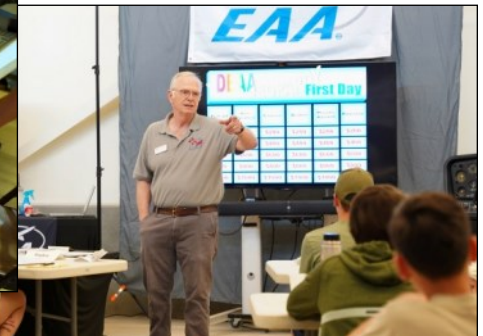
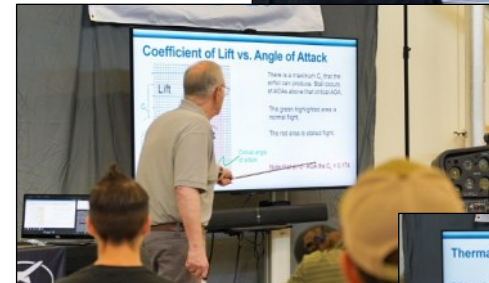
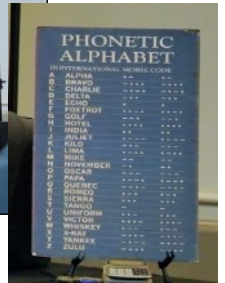
First Thing Each Day

First day - Hands-on Preflight
Other Days – Introductions to
many different aircraft.
Thursday – Chile Flight Flyover



Day 1

Phonetic Alphabet
Aerodynamics #1
Commercial Pilot
Compass Headings
Weather
Intro to Simulators
Jeopardy #1

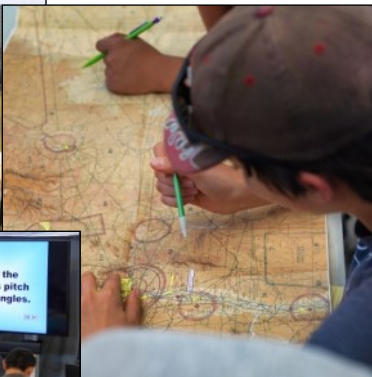


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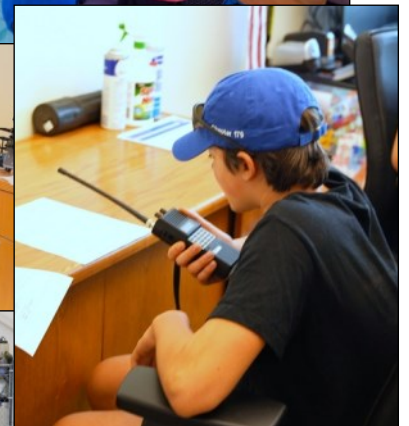
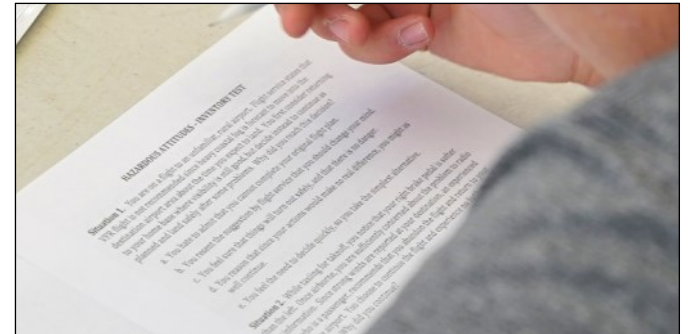
Day 2

Gliders
Intro to Instruments
Drone Careers
ATC Careers
Weight & Balance
Navigation #1
Flight Test Career
Jeopardy #2



Day 3

Knowing Yourself
Real Aerodynamics
Air Force Careers
Air Traffic Control
Communications
Groups Rotating:
Tower Visit
Radio Practice
Traffic Pattern
Jeopardy #3



Double Eagle Aviation Academy – 2025 (continued)

Photos by Raymond Alderete

Day 4

Groups rotating,
morning & afternoon:
Aircraft Building
Simulators
Engines
Avionics
Maintenance Careers
Helicopter Pilot



Day 5

Engineering Careers
Navigation #2
Charter Pilot Careers
Student Pilot Advice
Reception & Refreshments
Closing Assembly



Double Eagle Aviation Academy – 2025 (continued)

Photos by Raymond Alderete

Saturday

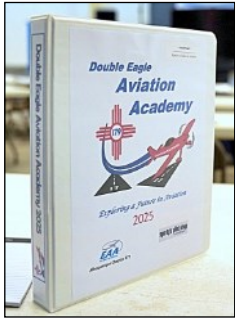
Young Eagles Flights
Students “fly the
plan” to Belen and
back, following the
flight plan that they
developed on Friday.



And Each Day

Breakfast snacks
Lunch
Afternoon snacks





Many hands make DEAA a success.

First, tremendous credit goes to Jim Kessler who again this year is –the producer and director– of DEAA. He developed the curriculum, made arrangements with the many participants, and established the schedule of events for the week. With inputs with the many presenters, he produced the Student Handbook, sort of the ‘textbook’ the students used throughout the week, and to take with them.

Truly great credit and thanks go to the volunteers who made presentations:

- Will Taylor: *Aircraft Preflight, Instruments, Globito, Helicopter pilot and law enforcement careers*
- Jim Kessler: *Aerodynamics, Real Aerodynamics*
- Jocelyn Muniz: *Compass Headings, Student Pilot Advice*
- Kevin Frick: *Aviation Weather, Avionics*
- Connie Buenafe: *Gliders, Simulators*
- Mark Thoman: *Weight & Balance, Knowing Yourself, Avionics, Traffic Pattern*
- Eric Achen: *Flight Test Careers, Balloon Basket display*
- Dan Horschel: *Navigation: Sectional Charts*
- George Young: *Communications, Radio Practice*
- Mia Alderete: *Traffic Pattern, activity support*
- Jack and Gerald: *AEG Tower Operation*
- Mark Sturm: *Navigation: Dead Reckoning & Flight Plan*
- Mike Wirstrom: *Simulators*
- Doreen Branch: *Simulators*
- Stephan James: *Simulators, general support all week*
- Matt Croshaw: *Simulators, Tower Tours, general support*
- Ava Diaz: *Student Pilot Advice*
- Gabe Pohl: *Day one student orientation, reception setup*
- Dominic Martinez: *Radio Practice, Student Pilot Advice*
- Daisy Belmares-Ortega - *activity support*
- Emilio Verastegui: *Engines, Radio Practice*
- Orion Francis: *Engines, Maintenance Careers*
- Doug Dingman: *Avionics, activity support*
- Chris “Goat” Olsen: *Aircraft Building*
- Mike “Zap” Rehberg: *Aircraft Building*
- David “Stogie” Otero: *Aircraft Building*

A special part of DEAA is introducing the students to the many career opportunities for them to consider. These presenters included:

- Jamie Deck: *Commercial Pilot (Delta Airlines)*
- Mark Chapell: *Drone Careers*
- SSgt Vera Schwenk: *Air Force Careers*
- Wendy Smith: *Air Traffic Control—ABQ*
- Joel Stribling: *Maintenance Careers (Bernalillo County Sheriff Office)*
- Orion Francis: *Maintenance Careers*
- Will Taylor & APD officers: *Helicopter Pilot & Law Enforcement Careers*
- Rowan Phlieger and Kevin Grossman: *Charter Pilot Careers*
- Guy Prevost: *Engineering Careers*

Thanks to special visitors who presented remarks at the *Closing Assembly*

- Jessi Litz-Rowden: *New Mexico Aviation Director*
- Will Fitzpatrick: *NMDOT Aviation Division—Safety & Education*
- Brian Boyd: *Deputy Aviation Department Director, City of Albuquerque*
- Gavino Gallegos: *Double Eagle II Airport Manager*
- *Past Ray Scholarship recipients:*
 - Mia Alderete and her parents Cynthia and Raymond Alderete
 - Rowan Phlieger, *Net Jets pilot*

Also representing organizations of interest to DEAA students were:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Albuquerque Aviation Academy | • EAA Chapter 179 |
| • Albuquerque Soaring Club | • NM Aviation Division |
| • Civil Air Patrol | • UNM AFROTC |
| • CNM Aviation Technology | • Zia Aerospace |

And many more volunteers came forward to support class activities and make the week a great experience for the students.

- Pam Kessler and Cynthia Alderete: *“Caterers”, with lunches and snacks each day.* Ann Verastegui joined to grill burgers.
- Raymond Alderete: *Logistics extraordinaire, Reception Setup, and especially Photographer* (thanks, Raymond, for all the photos published in this issue of the Newsletter)
- Kevin Frick: *Career Speakers, and general coordination of activities throughout the week, including displays at the Friday reception.*
- And all those who presented were at-the-ready and assisted throughout the week or helped with setup and clean up.

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DEAA Volunteers – 2025 (continued)

Jim Kessler

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Each morning, pilots brought airplanes out for show before class started, offering an opportunity for students to get acquainted.

Monday Morning Preflight Activity

Michael Haag - C-182 Skylane, "Legs"
Tanda Headrick - RV-9
Emilio Verastegui – Bonanza
Lance Hunter– SR-22
Joyce Woods – Cessna Hawk XP
Art Woods - Vans RV-7A

Tuesday

Will Taylor – Globito, an RC Balloon
Dave Roberts - Piper Lance
Michael & Sophia Haag– O1 Bird Dog
Ron Harmon—Super Decathlon
Orion Francis -Piper Cherokee
Joyce Woods – Cessna Hawk XP

Wednesday

Mark Sturm – Velocity
Mike Wirstrom – Velocity
Art Woods – RV-7A
Joe Bush – Arion Lightning

Thursday

Lee Otto – Vans RV-12
Neal Hopwood - Vans RV-6
Orion Francis – Piper Cherokee
Chuck Swanberg – IAR 823
Mark Wilson – *AutoGyro Cavalon*

Friday

Lanny Tinning – Rallye
Emilio Verastegui - Skyote
Larry Shapneck - Super Cub
Bob Waters - Piper Comanche
Will Taylor - Cessna 172

And of course, the Chile Flight

- *flyover, smoke on!*

Chris "Goat" Olsen
Mike "Zap" Rehberg
Art "Curly" Woods
David "Stogie" Otero

Saturday

Young Eagles Pilots

Jim Kessler
David "Stogie" Otero
Mike "Zap" Rehberg
Bob Waters
Kurt Winker
Mark Wilson
Mark Sturm
Joyce Woods
Scott Harness
Lance Hunter
Art "Curly" Woods

Ground Support

Raymond Alderete
Doug Volker
Diana Volker
Mark Thoman

DEAA 2025 Core Team

Cynthia Alderete
Raymond Alderete
Jim Kessler
Pam Kessler
Doug Dingman
Kevin Frick
Jon Nystrom
Will Taylor
Emilio Verastegui
Art Woods
Joyce Woods
George Young

DEAA 2025 Volunteers

Eric Achen
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Frank Beckwith
Doreen Branch
Joe Bush
Connie Buenafe
Arnold Bronson
Mark Chapell
Matt Croshaw
Jamie Deck
Ava Diaz
Orion Francis
Kevin Grossman
Michael Haag
Sophia Haag
Dan Horschel

Ron Harmon
Tanda Headrick
Neal Hopwood
Lance Hunter
Stephan James
Dominic Martinez
Jocelyn Muniz
Chris Olsen
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Rowan Phlieger
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Mark Sturm
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Mark Thoman
Lanny Tinning
Gerald Valdez
Ann Verastegui
Bob Waters
Gary Williams
Mark Wilson
Kurt Winker
Mike Wirstrom
Jack (AEG Tower)

Young Eagles Flights

Pilots

Jim Kessler
David "Stogie" Otero
Mike "Zap" Rehberg
Bob Waters
Kurt Winker
Mark Wilson
Mark Sturm
Joyce Woods
Scott Harness
Lance Hunter
Art "Curly" Woods

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Members Support EAA 691 at Los Alamos (KLAM)

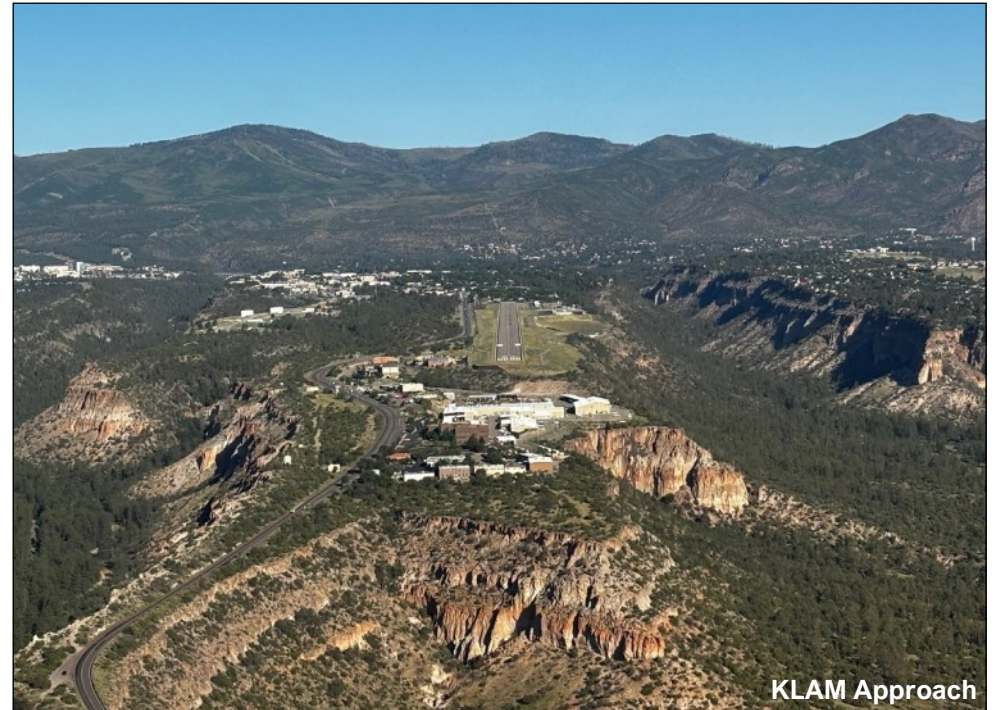
By Joyce Woods



It was a gorgeous CALM day to fly to KLAM. At least seven Chapter 179 members showed up at the Los Alamos Airport Open House, June 28. Brian Morrison took off from KAEG as we pulled Art's RV-7A out. Mark Wilson joined the Mountainair (M10) Flyover parade first, arriving later in "Miss Blu". Diana and Doug Volker, Eric Achen, and George Young drove in—now that's dedication!

The creative scientist aspect of the Los Alamos/Santa Fe EAA chapter shines brightly. EAA 691 together with Airport Manager and TriPacer pilot, Gary Goddard, advertised the event as a "Science Fest". They didn't disappoint even toddler attendees, as rocket launches were continuous, requiring only a touch of a button. The airport was closed from 0900 –1000 to allow paraglider and R/C aircraft demos. On display were local homebuilts, restored aircraft, one RV8 in progress, plus all those who flew in from KAEG, Santa Fe, Taos, and even Del Norte, CO. Plus, every kid got a balloon.

And the SIMs. Skip Egdorf ran a Simulator that relies on 3 computers, linked together: one to drive realistic scenery, one to drive the aerodynamically accurate pilot control inputs via a NASA program, and hmmm, what was that other one for? Beyond my bandwidth. Incredible use of technology, only to be found at KLAM. Skip said he wants to partner with other chapters on SIM software and setups. Call him!



KLAM Approach



Dragonfly project

If you fly to KLAM, heed advice from the locals on cross winds and go-arounds (NOT). I've been intimidated by the instructions I got years ago—several local reporting points identified to separate incoming and outgoing traffic. Foreflight info was simple: all arrivals are Rwy 27, all departures Rwy 09. Inbound VFR traffic is to remain 5 mi east of the airport until turning final and communicate!

Art made it easy using an intersection YUNSU, 6 miles east. It's the GPS final approach fix (not on the Sectional or IFR charts) - a good example of how an instrument rating pays off even if you don't fly IFR. However, our "visual approach" glideslope didn't come in - would have made it easy. Finally, we could see the 2 light PAPI - barely visible 'til pretty close in.

The terrain is gorgeous and intimidating at the same time. This is when you just gotta remember, it's just a runway! And long enough that you don't have to land on the first 100 ft. Allow for possible downdrafts, forget that there are buildings on short final, the runway is sloped, etc. Just look down the runway!!!

I thought about going back up there myself the next day (while still fresh in my mind) but didn't. Would be fun to do on another calm day.



Chapter 691 Hang-

Chapter Project – Corsair Pedal Plane the “Pedal Plane Pack” (Doug Volker)

Again this year, the Chapter is producing a Pedal Plane to be raffled off at LOEFI.

- Mark Sturm has been leading the LOEFI Pedal Plane construction at the RAF. He has built so many *jigs* for building the little Corsair his new nickname is “jigernaut”. (like astronaut in another capacity) These necessary tools he has built for the kit assembly are so finely constructed...they could be interior sculptures or furniture.
- We are glad Joe Martinez is feeling well enough, (bad back), to help in the build also...his nickname is the “problem-solver”.
- Then there is Doug Volker...also known as “gluefinger and sandman” for his ability to get wood glue all over his fingers and sanding plane parts.
- Also, a BIG Thanks to Mike Paxson, who we will nickname “3D Man”. Mike is a creative genius when it comes to 3D printing, He is in the pro-



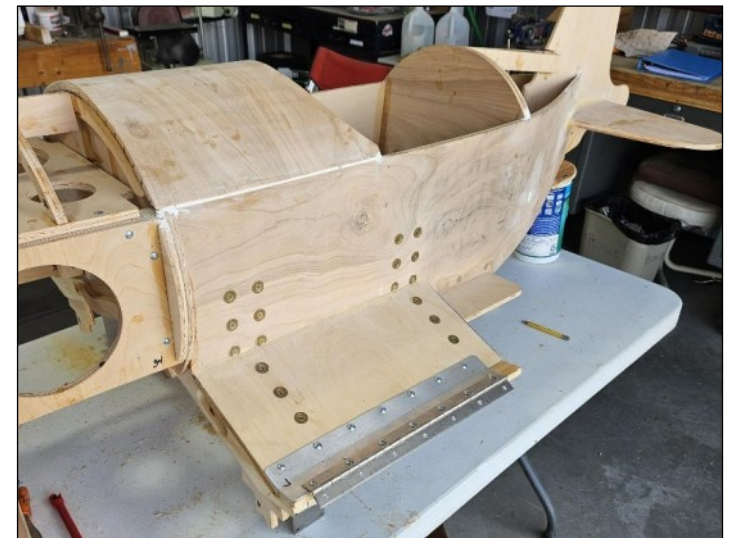
cess of printing the radial engine and the instrument panel for the Corsair. His expertise will make this plane much more authentic...rather than using the printed paper versions that were sent with the kit.

The seating area was measured today by *House of Covers* who is constructing the leather seat back and seat cushion. (we do not want our young pedaler to get seat burn!)

Attached are several photos of the current stage of the build, as of 6-23-25. Next steps: attachment of the wings and pedal assembly. Then paint!

The goal is to have the plane completed by July 31 to showcase the Corsair at several car dealerships, who will participate in our “Fast as Flight” car display at LOEFI.

Stay tuned for further updates and additional people helping us in the next steps to completion. (*See the latest update on the next page.*)

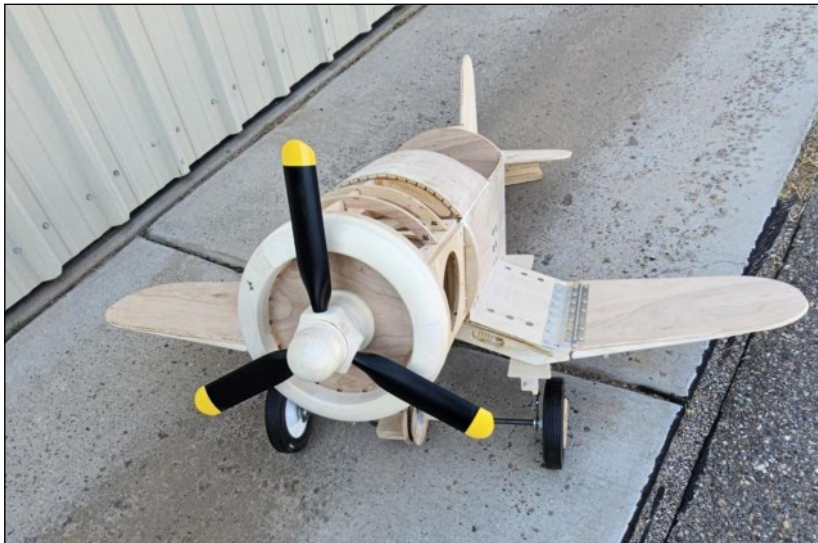


Chapter Project – Corsair Pedal Plane – Update

the “Pedal Plane Pack” (Doug Volker)

As I’ve been putting this Newsletter together, Doug has sent updates:

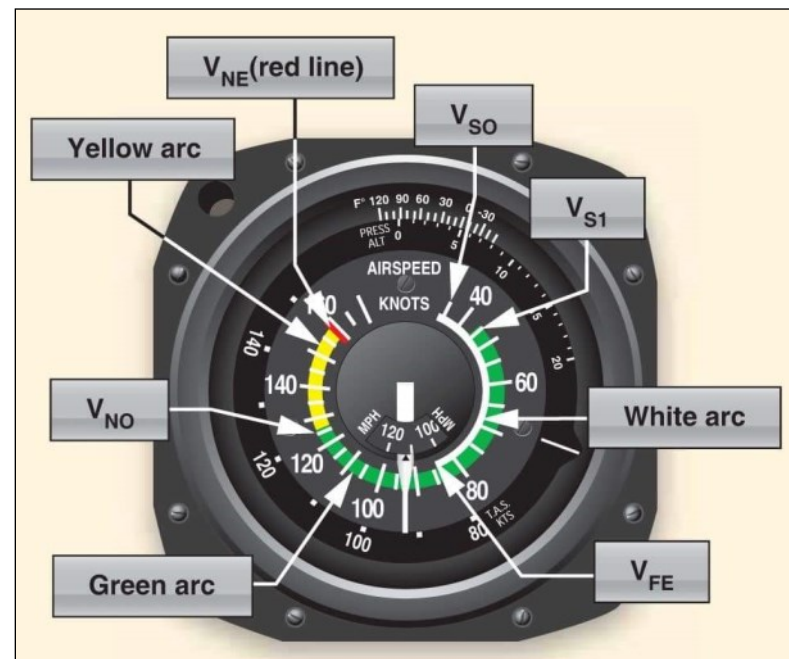
“The Corsair is now being prepped for painting. That would be by Dan Horschel. He painted the racing red Staggerwing last year. This year Dan Horschel will use his skills to paint our Corsair Navy Blue. FYI...Dan’s nickname is “gunner Dan - have gun will travel”



Brandon Fryar’s Rans S-21 – Update

Lee Otto

eMail from Lee July 3rd: “Brandon Fryer is flying his new Ran’s-21 back from the California paint shop tomorrow. Thought you’d like to see it.”



National Pause for Aviation Safety

Joyce Woods



2025 National Pause for General Aviation Safety

I attended the 2025 MT Aviation Conference in late February which is a 3 day event for airport managers and includes presentations of interest to pilots and mechanics, including an IA renewal program. It's awesome. I was particularly interested because Mike Ginter was presenting. He just replaced Richard McSpadden at the AOPA Air Safety Institute. It was great to meet him and due to the multiple high profile aviation accidents, he asked for input on what GA might do to be proactive. He was meeting with the FAA and safety focused counterparts in other aviation organizations the next week and by bringing a proposal to the table, the FAA would not feel a need to push something upon GA. This "National Pause for GA Safety" was announced at Sun N Fun. I encourage you to visit the website and support this effort. - Joyce Woods

Open Letter to General Aviation Pilots

Thanks to improvements in cockpit technology, pilot training, and a steadfast, industry- wide commitment to reducing accidents, the number of fatal and non-fatal general aviation (GA) accidents has been declining for more than 30 years. In fact, in 2024, we reached an important milestone—it was our safest year on record. However, we continue to experience far too many completely avoidable general aviation (GA) accidents.

As the leaders of the pilot and business associations representing every segment of general aviation, we are asking EVERY GA pilot in the United States to take a few minutes to participate in the 2025 **National Pause for GA Safety** by completing two easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code here or go to GAsafe.org to begin
2. Select the safety topic that most interests you and review it



You will find dozens of links to curated safety content including videos, courses, publications, and websites.

You can participate in the *National Pause for GA Safety* at home, but we encourage you to participate in groups of two or more. This program is also optimized for local aviation groups like EAA chapters, FAAS team seminars, flying clubs, flight school meetings, and university and corporate flight departments. Depending on the topic you select, participating in the *National Pause for GA Safety* might take 10 to 30 minutes, but we believe you'll find more than one subject of interest, and we encourage you to explore multiple links.

We believe every pilot has a responsibility to themselves, their loved ones, the industry, and the public, to be as conscientious, disciplined, and deliberate about general aviation safety as possible. The simple act of participating in this National Pause for GA Safety **will** improve your safety preparedness by sharpening your focus in areas relevant to how YOU fly.

Thank you,



In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

OK, This article has become bigger than fits on one page. So there is now an overflow page
Click on the "Continue on page" link at the bottom to go there.

And I invite you, friend readers, to send me links to resources of interest to you and others.

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

General Aviation News (repeat)

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

FAA FAASTeam

- **** [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine](#) >> Check It Out
- This month's feature: *Weather Tech and Automation*
- 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]
 - [All Pro Tips for Maintenance - Propellers Need Inspections Too](#), Wed Jul 16, 1800 hrs
- NEW** NTSB Safety Alert: [See and Be Seen: Your Life Depends on It](#)
- 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)
- "Secrets from a tailwheel pilot" - [Tailwheel Checkout Course with Patty Wagstaff](#)
- Recent Pilots Tip of the Week (**New in each issue**)
 - [Ready for Ramp Check?](#)
 - [Clearing a Fouled Spark Plug](#)
 - [Turbulence On A Warm Day](#)
 - [Decluttering Approach Charts](#)



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)
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2024 Individual Chapter Donors

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Quick Links to Chapter Website

Web Site: www.eaa179.org
Young Eagles: www.eaa179.org/youngeagles
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Group Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/
www.eaa179.org](http://www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org)

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.

In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

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NMPA

- [July 2025 NMPA Newsletter](#) – Another great issue, with a very good article on Flying VFR - “It’s Always Good to be Seen”, particularly apropos flying around New Mexico where radio/radar coverage can be limited.
- And visit the [NMPA web site](#) for the latest about their activities



Facebook

- [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](#), [Pima Air and Space Museum](#) (& [Facebook](#))
- **NEW FINDS:** Some great resources to keep your “aviation knowledge” up to date:
 - [Aviation Knowledge](#), a Facebook thread presenting a variety of topics, to for budding pilots or refresh knowledge: (examples below, click to see original on Facebook)
 - [Aviation Update](#), another publisher of info for pilots, some basic, some more advanced
 - [Boldmethod](#). A variety of posts for new and experienced pilots, small and large aircraft
 - [The Sky’s The Limit](#), another Facebook thread presenting many interesting facts and perspectives – weather, airplanes, aviation, and



TYPES OF AIRPORT SIGNS

A 4-22	Taxiway/Runway Hold Position: Holding position for RWY 4-22 on TWY A.
26-8	Runway/Runway Intersection: Identifies intersecting runways or holding position for LAHSO operations.
B 8-APCH	Runway Approach Hold Position: Runway approach holding position for RWY 8 on TWY B.
C ILS	ILS Critical Area Hold Position: Holding position for the ILS critical area on TWY C.
	No Entry: Identifies taxiway on which aircraft is located.
B	Taxiway Location: Identifies taxiway on which aircraft is located.
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4	Runway Distance Remaining: Provides remaining runway length in 1,000-foot increments.

Click on image to go there.

For Sale

Wanted to Buy

Looking for a single engine aircraft, 180+ hp, fixed gear or retractable, PA-28, 182, Bonanza, etc. Call or text Ryan, 505-385-2946

Building Materials for Sale

Don Jackson has much 4140 steel tubing and other items that can be used in a scratch built aircraft.

- Approx 500 linear feet of round tubing ranging in length from 24' 6" down to 6' diameters from 7/8" down to 1/4"
- Approx 60' Streamline from 2 1/2" length 10 1/2". 1" by 10 1/2.
- Also 1 used lift strut 2 1/2 by 10 1/2
- Approx 100 ft 3/16 7 by 19 control cable.
- 4 each 4 by 8 ft 1/8 inch sheet mahogany plywood and 1 each 3 by 7 sheet all in original shipping crate.
- 2 new Cleveland certified wheel and brake disc assemblies and 4 sets of brake calipers.

All are for sale along with 72 years of aircraft mechanics tools & shop equipment. Experience is not for sale.

Come see at hangar 58 (AREA 58) at Moriarty airport. And let us talk.

Call Don at 505 296 3746 djdlj@comcast.net

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2000 ZenithAir 601XL disassembled

Flycorvair 100Hp engine rebuilt by auto shop, nitrated crank, 5th bearing for prop, exhaust with muffler, Cessna 150 carb, warp drive prop

Dual controls, most instruments mounted in panel, spare portable radio, intercom, angle of attack indicator

Cabin upholstery done, three layer memory foam seat, 4 point harness,

Epoxy paint, zinc chromate undercoat, wiring nylon wrapped

Sealed fuel tanks, stainless steel braided fuel lines, dual parking/landing lights with flash, dual wing lockers, pitot and heated pitot tubes, wings reinforced

O2 bottle/holder with regulator, BRS chute mounted (needs repacking), wheel pants, wing vortex generators, locator beacon

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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 \(Triple Nickel Chapter\) \(& Facebook\)](#)
- [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 \(KDNA\)](#)

Recurring Events (Check the [Newsletter](#) and [Web](#) for details)

Chapter Gatherings

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

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 & fall

Call for Chapter 179 - Scholarship Donors

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

As our 2025 Scholarship program is well underway, 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:

Or send a check to:

EAA 179 Scholarships
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7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179
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Special Announcement

Chet Leach,

Volunteers Needed for the Air Races (September 10-14)



Ardie Carrick (Air Races volunteer coordinator) contacted me and asked if we could supply 16 volunteers to be Wing Walkers for the show planes at the National Championship Air Races in Roswell. This is a fun and important job and a good event for the NMPA and our EAA chapters to show our support.

We have 4 Wing Walker volunteers already but they could use 16. I

- If you volunteer for a minimum of three days for at least 4 hours per day then you get a free weekly pass.
- You may also get a free week stay in the volunteer RV sites which may have electric. There will be plenty of dry camping RV sites for non-volunteers. They will have porta-potties and water trucks.
- You can fly in and camp at a camping area close by the aircraft parking but there will be no airplane under-the-wing camping. There will be a shuttle to get you and camping gear to the site. It looks like private airplanes will have to arrive before 8 am and depart after the last event (~5:30 pm).

This is the link to the air race site for other volunteer opportunities:

<https://airrace.org/community/volunteer/>

If you are interested in being a Wing Walker, please contact me directly.

Chet Leach
chetleach@msn.com
505.401.3701

We will provide more information as it becomes available.

See you there.