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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

Aug 19 – Chapter Gathering (BJs)

Aug 23 – [Grants “Wings ‘n Wheels”](#) (KGNT)

Sep 6 – [Young Eagles](#) (KAEG)

Sep 6 – [DEII Runway Run 5K and Mutt Strut](#) (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



**Hello summer!** For places north, they call it, “the flying season”. For us, it’s more work! I recently was reminded why I like winter flying so much, after a longer summer take off with a passenger and full fuel. Planning my last flight between Double Eagle II and Montrose, CO added the challenge of avoiding fire TFRs. FOUR of them! I felt like I threaded a needle!

The Oshkosh migration is over for another year. Art and I didn’t participate this year, as we took off to Montana for reunions. Watching transients through Double Eagle II and pretty much everywhere we stopped, we could not ignore the east/west trek, indicating it was the week of the EAA’s AirVenture. To pilots, it’s “Oshkosh”. It’s surely the “*Worlds’ Greatest Aviation Celebration*”.

As usual, our chapter was well represented at OSH—and I’m anxious to hear about all the adventures. Meanwhile, AirVenture live webcams are the next best thing to being there. I watched arrivals of big iron to Boeing Plaza and scanned the field looking for a Michigan friend who always camps in Vintage. Funny part is that Bob Waters texted me when this friend saw Bob’s NMPA shirt and figured we’d know each other. Small world! You could even watch the air shows via live cam. So if you don’t know what you missed, I recommend you visit the [AirVenture 2025 video site](#). But watch out—you might need to schedule an eastward migration for July 2026!

As fall approaches, we have notable events of our own! The Double Eagle II Airport’s Runway Run 5K and Mutt Strut is coming up, Saturday, Sept 6. We’ll have a few aircraft out for show while blocking access to the active runway. Our chapter will share in any proceeds; so besides the fun of

a “shoes on the ground” experience of just how long our runways are, there’s an incentive for us to get our friends and neighbors out for it!

I’m particularly excited about new ideas shaping our 2025 Land of Enchantment Fly-In. We’ve always recognized that pilots and aircraft are critical to our success, but this year, with some extra focus and new volunteers bringing new ideas. . . we’ve devised ways to bring back the pilot focused environment of yesteryear. The public won’t be allowed in the north ramp tie downs. And visit the new “Pilot Oasis”!

As for the public, the Builders’ area gets bigger and better every year. Our interactive “learn to fly” intro area is expanded with improved Flight Simulators and additional activities from our Double Eagle Aviation Academy. I credit this to the growth of our chapter with new volunteers gaining experience and exhibiting the EAA “can do” attitude. Sept 27 will be awesome! If you’re not already involved, volunteering for LOEFI is a super way to get to know other chapter members and strengthen your aviation network. Sign up to volunteer OR just show up!

We have a few folks already RSVP’ing for camping on the field—another fun way to enjoy our LOEFI weekend.

Meanwhile, the BIG New Mexico flying events are upcoming: Roswell Air Races are Sept 10—14 and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in October. Meanwhile, there are fly-ins organized by others to Mystic Bluffs, Grants, Reserve (Gila Fly In) to round out August. If you’re without an airplane, these are all drive in/fly-in events!

Enjoy the rest of this summer aviation fun! I hope to see you at our September chapter events.

Joyce Woods  
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## Notes from the Editor

George Young

*Here comes LOEFI 2025! Planning is seriously underway (see the Feature Article on [page 6](#)); you can sign up to pitch in where you wish ([SignUpGenius](#)), or ‘freelance’. This is our –Big Event– of the year and many hands make it successful.*

As your Editor, on a personal note – as you peruse our Web Site, if you have ideas to improve it, please send them to me. The same for the Newsletter.

In the News: Changes are taking place in our world of *flying*.

- First, the revisions to the FARs referred to MOSAIC. EAA published an article “[MOSAIC is Done—It Will Change the Face of General Aviation](#)”.

- Second, a proposal has been announced that will revise the rules for *unmanned aircraft*. From EAA: [Unmanned Aircraft Systems Beyond Visual Line of Sight Operations NPRM Announced](#)

While traveling, Lee Otto visited the *2025 Pientenpol Reunion* in Brodhead, Wisconsin. Stop by our Chapter Pientenpol restoration project in the RAF and ask Lee about his visit. See a slide show from EAA: [2025 Pientenpol Reunion Photo Gallery](#)

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## August Chapter Gathering



**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

**BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall**

**5:00 PM** – No host dinner social starts. Arrive anytime from 5:00; dinner not required.

**6:15 PM** – Introductions, Program

*From 5pm, enjoy an OSH Slideshow by Kyle Reinhardt. If you have AirVenture photos to share, bring them on a USB drive.*

### **Program: New Construction is Easier than Remodeling with Bob Waters**

Bob Waters, past chapter president and long time member acquired a Velocity aircraft two years ago. After considerable inspection and improvements, he took it up for a first flight in April 2025.

He will talk about his experience with this airplane which he summarizes with, “you have to check everything when you don’t know what you have”.

Bob got his A&P credentials (Aircraft & Powerplant) in June 2021 and has had plenty of opportunity to apply his skills to this Velocity project.

**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!***

## July Chapter Gathering – RECAP

Bill Hill - Learning from a Glider Pilot



Bill Hill shared highlights and stories from his colorful aviation career and other adventures, starting with his first solo in 1962. A retired airline pilot, air traffic controller, and much more — says he “flies gliders for fun”.

Getting a glimpse of his “lifetime of flying”, it is evident that throughout his career and into his retirement, Bill is the epitome of a *pilot who is always learning*. He also is dedicated to share what he has learned to help fellow pilots avoid the challenges he’s faced.

As an airline pilot, he recognized there was a need for his colleagues to better understand and respect the dangers of mountain waves, even with heavy aircraft. Management wasn’t supportive of developing training on the topic until there was a serious encounter by an airline. Bill shared the enlightenment and respect for Mountain Wave that was shared with him by airline pilots, reliving their experience. From this, he developed a course specifically for his fellow airline pilots.

Some recommended resources of interest are a movie he participated in, “Cloud Street, Soaring the American West” and his book, “Riding the Wind, A Lifetime of Flying”.

*In case you missed his presentation, OR to learn more about Mountain Waves, he’ll be presenting an **FAA Wings Safety Seminar at our LOEFI 2025, from 10:30—11:30 on Sept 27 at Double Eagle II Airport**. Titled, “**Mountain Wave: Exploring the Monster**”, it will be a more in-depth presentation on this weather phenomenon that demands respect and can have catastrophic affects on unaware powered pilots. He’ll address how and where Mountain Waves form, their impact, and what Powered Aircraft pilots can learn from Glider pilots and others who have actually experienced mountain waves.*





## EAA 179 Recognition: Thank You, "Doc" Chavez!

Joyce Woods, President

Our chapter has extended our hand to partner with what is now the Albuquerque Aviation Academy for over 15 years. We wanted to help this public charter school help students get a Private Pilot Certificate before graduation at minimal cost.

"Doc" Chavez was hired to lead their program about 7 years ago, already well known as a local CFI, while maintaining her medical practice. She realized the value of an EAA partnership, encouraging aviation students to take an EAA Young Eagles flight, plus take advantage of the FREE Sporty's Ground School online course and other EAA pilot benefits.

Fast forward to today. Besides attracting youth, teaching and creating new pilots, Doc Chavez has donated her AME and DPE services to our Ray Aviation Scholarship students. That's a huge financial contribution that stretches our scholarship funds! As a token of our appreciation and recognizing her huge impact on area youth, we presented her with a plaque, reading:



### Thank You "Doc"

**Dr. Lauren Chavez CFI, CFII, DPE, AME**

**Aeronautics Director**

**Albuquerque Aviation Academy**

for your tireless dedication to enabling youth pursuing aviation.  
We appreciate your collaboration and generosity.

*Your friends at EAA Chapter 179*

*Double Eagle II Airport – AEG*

## 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](mailto: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 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, August 16, 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/tSWPZdX7RjylRV8v2VZoTw>

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!*

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## Young Eagles

Jim Kessler, Young Eagles Coordinator



Success! Another 47 happy young faces!

Thanks to all the Young Eagles pilots—they went above and beyond, with several flying more flights than planned on a warm August morning. Kurt Winkler, Bob Waters, and Carol Sugars flew in from Mid Valley or Moriarty to participate plus Ted Hartenstein, David Otero, Dick Perry, Kyle Reinhardt, Mark Sturm, Gary Williams, and Joyce Woods.

We set up inside the Bode lobby—their support is greatly appreciated!

Ground volunteers included George Young who welcomes the families to the airport, Alex Carrothers who checks in Young Eagles, Dan Horschel assigned pilots, Gabe Pohl ran the computer and printed waivers and certificates, Daniel Kiehne and Stephan James handled paperwork, and Mark Wilson, Sean Babbitt, Konrad Werner plus others escorted families off the ramp. Irina James brought pastries for all. I'm sure I missed someone, thanks to everyone who pitched in!



Pictured: Jim Kessler, Daniel Kiehne, Gabe Pohl, and Stephan James.



And Joyce with two of her Young Eagles.

Pilots noted that smoke from a new fire hindered visibility—making it difficult to see the airport from the Rio Puerco valley!!! Kyle and Joyce compared notes about aircraft performance with full fuel—being reminded that partial tanks can be a good thing! Definitely noticeable as the morning progressed.

And thanks to Chris at the Bombing Range Café since our volunteers went up together to extend our fun morning.

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## Get Ready to Take Flight

### The 2025 Land of Enchantment Fly-In Needs You!

Mark your calendars! September 27, 2025, is the date for the highly anticipated Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI). This annual event, a vibrant showcase of aviation held at Double Eagle II airport, promises a day filled with thrilling aircraft displays, educational exhibits, and a chance to immerse oneself in the world of flight. However, to truly make this event soar, the LOEFI committee is calling on the community's spirit of volunteerism to make this year's fly-in the best yet.

The Land of Enchantment Fly-In isn't just another airshow; it's an opportunity to share aviation's magic with the wider community. EAA Chapter 179, the host of LOEFI, dedicates itself to recreational pilots, aircraft builders, and aviation enthusiasts alike, all united by a shared passion for the skies. LOEFI and 179 aim promote aviation safety and education, by sharing their love of flight with the public.

- The fly-in provides visible exposure for the airport and an event that is fun and educational for the public and general aviation community.
- By welcoming the public to LOEFI, the organization increases the opportunity to share the passion for aviation and ignite that passion in others who will expand the ranks of the aviation community. This is achieved by welcoming aviation-related businesses and nonprofits and giving opportunities to others to share their unique aviation-passion to enhance and grow the aviation community.
- By welcoming the pilot and builder community, LOEFI creates an opportunity for pilots to expand their education, demonstrate aviation safety, enjoy each other's camaraderie, and share their passion for building and flying with the public.
- By hosting LOEFI, Chapter 179 offers its members and friends opportunities to share their skills and spirit of volunteerism in support of our common aviation passion in unique ways most satisfying to each of their desires.

Visitors will find an Exhibit Hall packed with captivating displays by area aviation businesses, non-profits and governmental agencies. Also in the

Exhibit Hall, an expanded activity area invites attendees of all ages to "Try their hand at" various activities. A new Wing Rib demo station is added to the Builders' Corner which traditionally introduces aircraft building techniques including riveting, fabric, and 3D printing. Expanded from last year, teens and adults can get hands-on "Pilot Experience" by flying EAA Chapter 179's Flight Simulators with a CFI, practicing radio communications on a live radio stack, and more. Our popular Kids' Corner will be back, involving youngsters in engaging aviation activities and making and flying paper airplanes. Last but not least, attendees can hunt for used aviation treasures at EAA 179's Fly-Mart.

This year, the LOEFI team, led by Coordinator Sean Babbitt, has established several sub-teams, each responsible for a crucial aspect of the event. The current list of sub-teams and individual area leads are listed on the next page.

Ensuring the smooth operation of the event, the Site planning teams are working diligently on logistics, including food trucks, parking and traffic control, clear signage, ramp management, the program and emcee details, dining area setup, tower relations, airport relations, and medical services. A Pilot Hospitality sub-team will roll out the red carpet for visiting pilots including a Pilot Welcome on the flight line, Aircraft Judging and Awards, a Pilot Oasis, and Seminars. Our Publicity sub-team is working to ensure that word of the event reaches far and wide to both pilots and the public.

To truly reach new heights, LOEFI needs volunteers. Opportunities abound, ranging from assisting with parking and traffic control to guiding visitors, providing information, and helping with various activities throughout the day. Whether you're an active member or are looking to get more involved, your contribution will be invaluable. This is your chance to be a part of something special, something that ignites a passion for aviation in others and strengthens the local aviation community.

To learn more about volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please visit the LOEFI website at <https://eaa179.org/loefi/>. To volunteer, visit our [SignUp-Genius site](#); there you will find a list of activities to choose from, setup on Friday and activities on Saturday.

Let's work together to make the 2025 Land of Enchantment Fly-In an unforgettable experience for everyone! Get ready for a day filled with excitement, learning, and the sheer joy of flight. The skies await!

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

Sean Babbitt, LOEFI Coordinator

### LOEFI 2025 Leadership Team – “Team LOEFI”

LOEFI Coordinator .....	Sean Babbitt
Exhibit Hall .....	Joyce Woods
Activity Center Coordinator .....	Doreen Branch
Builders' Corner .....	Bob Richter-Sand, Dan Horschel, Kevin Frick
Pilot Experience: Wanna fly? .....	Doreen Branch, Diana Volker (Simulators, communications, weight & balance)
Kid's Corner .....	Angela Baldonado
Paper Airplanes .....	Caesar Archangel
Chapter Presence .....	Joyce Woods
Chapter 179 Booth .....	Art Woods
Public Welcome .....	Cynthia Alderete
DEAA Booth .....	Doug Dingman
Fly-Mart .....	Bob Waters
Funds Management.....	John DeWitt
Site Coordination.....	Sean Babbitt
Ramp CoCaptains .....	Konrad Werner Mark Wilson
Civil Air Patrol.....	Dan McGregor, Raj Sethia
Parking/Traffic Control .....	Alex Basinger
Program and Emcee .....	Mike Wirstrom
Fastest Flight/Auto Showcase....	Doug Volker
Food trucks .....	Lance Hunter
Dining Area Setup .....	Emilio Verastegui
First Aid .....	Open
Signage .....	George Young
Bode/Tower Coordination.....	Lance Hunter
Volunteer Coordinator.....	Joyce Woods
Pilot Hospitality .....	George Young
Pilot Welcoming .....	George Young
Pilot Oasis .....	Doug Volker, Diana Volker
Seminars .....	Joyce Woods
Aircraft Judging.....	Ryan Carson
Aircraft Awards.....	George Young
Camping Host.....	Chet Leach
Publicity .....	George Young, Joyce Woods, Lance Hunter, Doug Volker, Gary Williams

## LOEFI – Then and Now (LOEFI 2025)

George Young, Editor



LOEFI is Chapter 179's signature event. Beginning at Moriarty some 35 years ago, it moved to Coronado then to Double Eagle II. It has grown from a gathering of pilots to an event open to the public with pilots from throughout the Southwest attracted to Albuquerque and the Double Eagle II airport.

A **Handbook for Hosting LOEFI**, prepared by Bob Waters back in 2015 with serious update by Dan Horschel, and updated each year since, it is the “bible” used by *Team LOEFI* to make plans and preparations that lead to a successful event. Taking from that first **Handbook**:

The vision of EAA Chapter 179:

*"We are recreational pilots, aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts who love to share our passion for aviation with the general public, promote aviation safety and education, and serve the local aviation community."*

*"Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our chapter. Please come to our next meeting or event as our guest."*

*The Land of Enchantment Fly In (LOEFI) promotes our chapter vision by providing an event that is fun and educational for the general public and aviation community:*

- \* By welcoming the general public to LOEFI, we increase the opportunity to share our passion for aviation and ignite that passion in others who will expand the ranks of the aviation community.*
- \* By welcoming aviation-related businesses and nonprofits, we give opportunities to others to share their unique aviation-passion and help us enhance and grow the aviation community.*
- \* By welcoming the pilot and builder community, we create the central reason for our event: an opportunity for them to expand their education, demonstrate aviation safety, enjoy each others' camaraderie, and share their passion for building and flying with the general public.*
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This year we are making an extended outreach to pilots, inviting them to fly in to LOEFI and introducing new features to make their visit most enjoyable:

## Special Features for Pilots

- *A Pilot Oasis* – Hospitality Center, with coffee, donuts, and a lounge area for Hangar Flying
- *Special door prizes* for pilots who register their aircraft
- *Two Wings Safety Seminars*
- *Aircraft Judging and Awards*
- *On-field camping* with Friday night cookout
- *Fly Mart*—source of used aviation parts or treasures

Plans are underway for new or improved activities for aviation enthusiasts and families:

- *Corsair Pedal Plane* for public raffle, custom built by Chapter Members
- *Fast as Flight - Auto Showcase* with engines capable of speeds beyond 125 mph
- *Expanded Pilot Experience*, including Flight Simulators, Communications practice, and more – for teens and adults
- *Hands-on aviation related activities*, includes “build-a-wing rib”, & flying paper airplanes, learning about airport communications, aircraft maneuvering, and weight-and-balance.
- *And for everyone*, in the Showplace a large selection of aircraft representing many different classes, the traditional Food Trucks, music entertainment, over 30 displays by exhibitors and sponsors, oh – and plenty of FREE parking.
- *Not to be overlooked*, our Chapter’s presence: a Welcome Booth at the entrance, our Chapter 179 booth, a Pilot Welcoming table, and the FlyMart.

Since presenting LOEFI at Double Eagle:

- We have attracted some 60 aircraft (more in some years), and more than 2,000-3,000 attendees
- Over 30 organizations and businesses regularly contribute as Sponsors and Exhibitors, many grateful for the opportunity for exposure.
- Over 100 volunteers have ‘made it happen’, including Chapter 179 Members and friends – our Scholarship Recipients, DEAA students, Civil Air Patrol Cadets and Senior members, the City of Albuquerque staff, and Bode Aviation staff.

Groundwork for *LOEFI 2025* began early in this year with Members coming forward as volunteers for the various key roles. Using the **Handbook** as a guide, these folks have been busy taking care of the long-lead tasks such as event insurance, city permits, publicity, lining up exhibitors and food trucks, and many other details. And developing plans and gathering resources to support the many activities that we produce. Oh, and getting other members (and some Chapter Friends) as volunteers for specific areas of preparation before and for activities at the event.

As you can see from this list, LOEFI requires much planning and coordination, and ... then execution to pull it off. Although it is now some seven weeks away, these Activity Coordinators are looking for Members to step forward as volunteers for preparation and presentation of *LOEFI 2025*. You can register via an online “volunteer signup” register by visiting our LOEFI web page (<https://loefi.org>) and click the link for [Volunteers](#). Yes, *LOEFI* has it's own web address.



Entrance Welcome Booth  
Chapter Booth  
Traffic Control  
Entertainment

Here are some examples of



Members in Action:



LOEFI – Then and Now (LOEFI 2025) continued  
George Young, Editor



Setup of Dining Tent and Chapter Booths



Pilot Welcoming Judging & Awards



Chapter Hands on Activities  
Builders' Corner  
Pilot Experience



Being Good Hosts



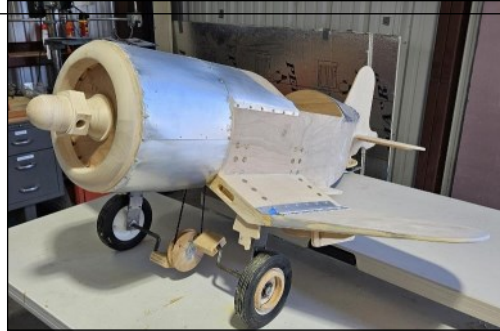
Is there an activity that looks interesting to you? Go to our LOEFI web page (<https://loefi.org>) and click the link for [Volunteers](#). The Activity Coordinators will rest better knowing support will be there.

If you are not ready now, when *LOEFI 2025* is closer, Sep 27th, check back or .... Come out on the 26th to lend a hand in setting up, and on the 27th – to add your energy to the day.



## Chapter Project – F4U Corsair Pedal Plane the “Pedal Plane Pack” (Doug Volker)

Construction of the Corsair Pedal Plane was completed since the report.  
I'll start with a couple of photos before getting painted.



Then – that is a great paint job.



Project led by Mark Sturm, with Doug Volker and Joe Martinez instrumental in the build. Dan Horschel painted it, Dave Otero created some decals, Mike Paxson and Dan did the 3D printing. And numerous others stopped by to help.

3D Printing makes for a realistic panel!  
Similar creativity and expertise shows on the radial engine.

It is now being displayed at auto dealers around Albuquerque who are making a donation to the Chapter and will show a car as part of the “Fast as Flight” Auto Showcase at LOEFI 2025.



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***"Fast as Flight"***  
Auto Showcase

**WIN THIS**  
**F4U Corsair**  
**PEDAL PLANE**

Custom Built  
Steers w/Control Stick  
Drive Shaft Turns Propeller

**RAFFLE**  
Drawing 2pm Sept 27, 2025  
at the **Land of Enchantment Fly-In**  
Double Eagle II Airport, 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW  
Purchase Tickets Online  
Need not be present to win

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### 2025 EAA Air Academy Report Daniel Kiehne, 2025 Scholarship Recipient

Daniel sent us this report of his experience at Oshkosh and the EAA Air Academy during AirVenture.

EAA Chapter 179 members,

I arrived at the Air Academy lodge on Tuesday July 15 at approximately 1:15 pm. Shortly after my arrival, I was welcomed in by the academy staff. All electronics were checked in upon arrival, and I underwent a short medical examination similar to that of a rental car to ensure I was returned home in the same condition as when I arrived. The lodge contained thirteen bunk rooms, each with four beds, but there were only about forty-six campers. All bunk rooms were located on the second floor of the lodge, and all staff rooms were on the first floor. The basement held several locked storage rooms and game tables. While the lodge was located very near to the aviation museum where most classroom and workshop activities took place, everyone was required to walk around the active grass runway to get to it.

On the first day, all campers and counselors were divided into five small groups Alpha through Echo for the majority of activities, but three larger groups were also assigned to everyone for some days. The three main workshop activities, which were done in the museum workshop, were woodworking, sheet metal craft, and composite material composition. For woodworking, I made a wing rib. The sheet metal workshop involved cutting, bending, and riveting flat aluminum to make a small desktop pencil holder. In the composite workshop there was the option to make either a clipboard or a kneeboard out of fiberglass, fabric, and epoxy resin. My favorite workshop, however, was TIG welding, which took place on AirVenture grounds. On the last two days of the Air Academy, everyone was allowed to wander around AirVenture, and I attended a gas welding workshop and a MIG welding workshop.

Some other activities included engine inspection, 3D printing, flight planning, and accident investigation. Everyone got to try Redbird flight simulators as well as X-Plane 12 simulators. Sadly, there was only one day on which a runway was available for Air Academy use, so not everyone got to ride with a CFI in one of the Cessna 172s that were available. Everyone did, however, get to ride in the Bell 47 helicopter, which the EAA has owned longer than all other aircraft that it currently owns. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before AirVenture, everyone headed to the AirVenture

grounds to watch mass arrivals, including the Mooney, Cessna, and Cirrus arrivals.

The most notable thing I saw at AirVenture was of course the airshows. I especially enjoyed the F-22 Raptor demonstration, the Titan aerobatics team, and the Red Bull aerobatic helicopter show. While they were earsplitting, the jet demonstrations were among the most outstanding performances at the airshow. According to an airshow announcer, the Red Bull pilot is one of only four people in the world to be licensed to perform aerobatics in a helicopter! The night airshow, which included the seamless coordination of fireworks, planes, drones, and lasers, was the most amazing pyrotechnic display I have ever seen.

Overall, the Air Academy offered a wide variety of activities that gave a closer perspective on homebuilding. The staff did a terrific job ensuring that everything was done efficiently and that everyone got to have fun. One thing that I would have liked to be better was the weather. Some activities had to be switched around, and flights ended early due to tornado warnings and rain. I enjoyed being able to walk around AirVenture freely and being able to do so many different homebuilding activities. I loved the experience and met lots of great people, and I hope to pursue commercial aviation as a career. Thank you, Chapter 179, for sending me to the Air Academy!

Sincerely,  
Daniel Kiehne

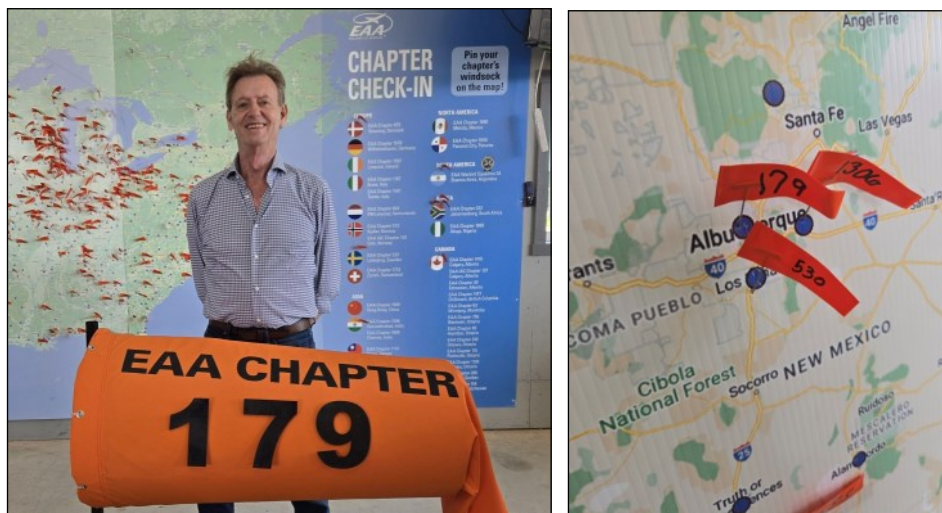
eMail from CAP: "Sharing the photos from the special Civil Air Patrol meeting. Thank you for all the EAA does for him!"

Doug Dingman re-presenting our Jay Schmidt Memorial Aviation Scholarship to Stephan James at their CAP meeting.





Mark Wilson placed Chapter 179 was “on the map”.



### Bits & Pieces – Emilio Verastegui

Another trip to Oshkosh and AirVenture is in the books! It was not like any other trip I have taken to Oshkosh, but it was memorable. Let me explain.

First of all, Barry Kromer, our former YE Coordinator, consented to ride with me to Oshkosh. Since he and his wife, Carol, now live on Cape Cod, he had to ride SouthWest Airlines to get to ABQ. Our day of departure dawned clear and almost perfect. Unfortunately, our first planned fuel stop, Springfield CO, had low ceilings. We had to delay our departure for some time. Once the weather had improved enough, we took off. I still had to shoot the RNAV to runway 17 since the cloud bases were just above minimums. After landing, we found it to be very cool and very blustery, not the typical July day I hoped for!

Preflight planning involves a lot of things, especially for an IFR flight. I did read the NOTAMS for the airport. One mentioned that the north ramp was closed due to construction (repaving). What I overlooked was the fact that the fuel pumps are located in the north ramp. Great, now what? The next closest airport that did have fuel was Syracuse, KS, 53 NM away. Again, the ceiling there was not high enough of any IFR approach to be legal, so we waited, a lot! After several hours of waiting, the ceiling improved so we departed. It was still cool and blustery as we left Springfield. As we neared Syracuse, the ceiling was just above mini-

mums so another RNAV approach was required, this time to runway 18. As I am starting the procedure, I'm thinking that flying was not such a good idea today. This trip is suppose to be fun but I'm having to do a lot of extra work! We did land on the first try, so we loaded up with fuel and departed ASAP!

Our next fuel stop was Nebraska City, NE. It had finally cleared enough there to be called VFR. Fuel was relatively cheap there, so we filled the tanks again and headed for Baraboo WI, our overnight stop. I had made prior arrangements at KDLL for a tie-down spot on the pavement. We landed just as the sun was setting, much later than originally planned. It was clear and beautiful in Wisconsin. Always is this time of year!



The next morning, Friday, dawned clear and cool. Perfect weather to fly the last 60 NMs to participate in the biggest aviation event in the world, the EAA AirVenture 2025! Even though it officially was not scheduled to

open its gates to the public until Monday morning, we proceeded toward KOSH with great anticipation, with lots of caution and much respect for EAA and what it has accomplished to promote Experimental Aircraft and General Aviation over the years.

As we approached the Fisk waypoint (VPFIS), we wagged our wings as requested, then we were asked our preferred runway. Given a choice, I immediately said “36L!”. We landed without incident then taxied to our parking spot. Thankfully, it was not in the South 40, as has happened more than once to me. We were parked in Row 54, almost in the center of the Vintage Aircraft Parking area. To say that I was pleasantly surprised would be an understatement. After shutting the engine down, we were immediately met by several friendly volunteers and other arriving pilots. Everyone at Oshkosh always seem to be very friendly, helpful and cheerful all the time. There must be something in the air...

After tying down the Bonanza and unloading our gear, we gathered our belongings, then made our way to our camp site. It is conveniently only a 13 minute walk beyond the main gate. Our campsite is down the

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### Bits & Pieces—Emilio Verastegui continued

street from the very large and white SOS beer tent. You can't miss the tent because they stake out a very large tethered yellow, helium filled, balloon with a "Smiley Face" painted on it. The balloon is even lit up at night so that thirsty and hungry pilots can find their way there to enjoy their favorite adult beverage, tasty sandwiches and other assorted menu items. Oh, did I mention that the band plays till midnight, every night!

Once the rest of our gang arrived, we proceeded in short order to have a very "Oshkosh" time - one filled with lots of airplanes zooming about, trying to talk over the noise of the Bell 47 helicopters constantly overhead, giving rides from the EAA Museum's Pioneer Airport runway, watching other arriving aircraft trying to hit their "Spot", purchasing merchandise, eating from the many on site "street food" vendors, having at least one fish dinner at "Parnell's Place", a local eatery, east of the airport, where the Perch Dinner Plate is worth the trip. And there were many opportunities for the ubiquitous photo bombing too, thank you!

It was a lot of fun, very hot, and there was just a ton of people to mill about with. I did see many aircraft that I had seen before and some that I saw for the first time at AirVenture, such as the restored warbirds that made headlines many years ago (P-47, P-38, P-51, F4U and more), the "Whale" parked at center stage (B-747), a large contingent of C-170's, Mooney's, RV's, and a few Bonanza's too, along with the beautiful and highly polished L1049 Super Constellation with its unique triple vertical fins.

And this year, for the first time that I can remember, there was not one but two GoodYear Blimps puttering around the field, trying to look like they owned the place. They did of course, and while they looked massive, they were doing what blimps do - flying very slowly. Being that large, they were mostly at the mercy of the wind!



As many of you know, I am a sucker for biplanes, and one of my favorites (and there are many) is the WACO Taperwing. Beautiful and classic, it always brings a smile to my face when I see it. This year, it happened again!



One other fun fact, I arranged with Wendy Smith, a controller at KABQ tower, to give us a tower tour. She led us in and up to view the airshow that Monday afternoon from the cab of the "World's Busiest Tower". It was so nice of her to do that on her day off! She said that she was very happy and honored to be selected to work as a controller at Oshkosh.



To cap it off, I flew 14 legs, approximately 3,735 Nautical Miles, and 3 RNAV approaches (at 8V7, 3K3, and KSIK - thank you, Mia). With Barry Kromer as my right seater, we flew 1,837 NMs during the first part of the trip. The last 1,898 NMs, I flew solo. Tach time was 28.15 hours of engine run. The last day was a long one; in fact, it was so long that I felt like a SWA pilot - 4 legs and 7H:53m in the cockpit! I told you it was a long day.



Yes, I spent too much money and yes, I was gone for 15 days, but I would not trade it for anything in the world! As the song goes "Oh what a feeling!"

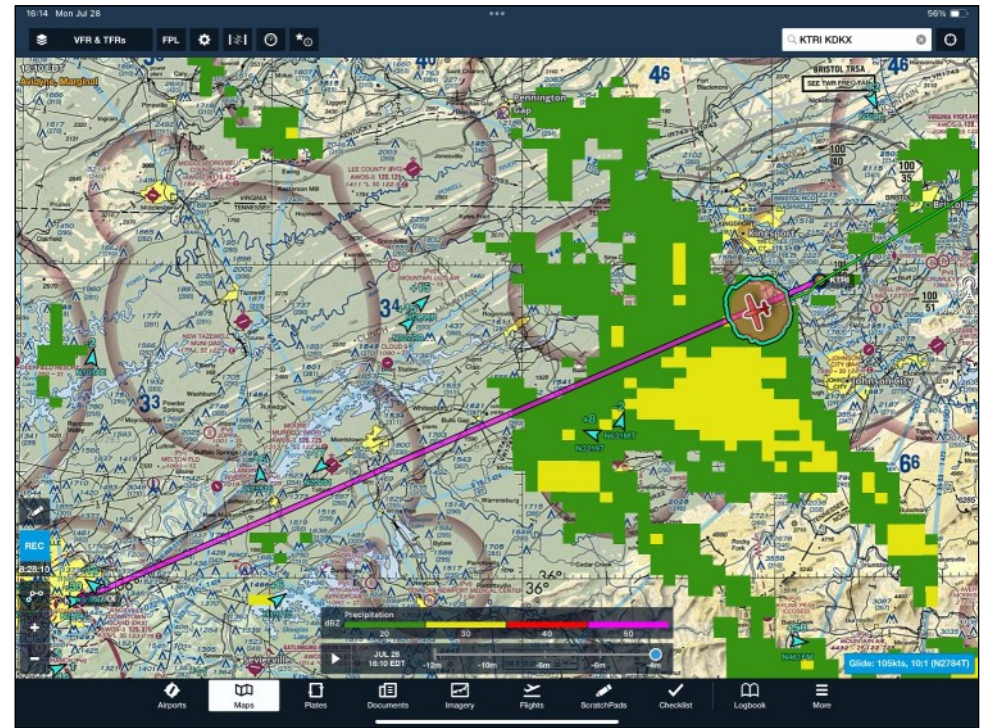
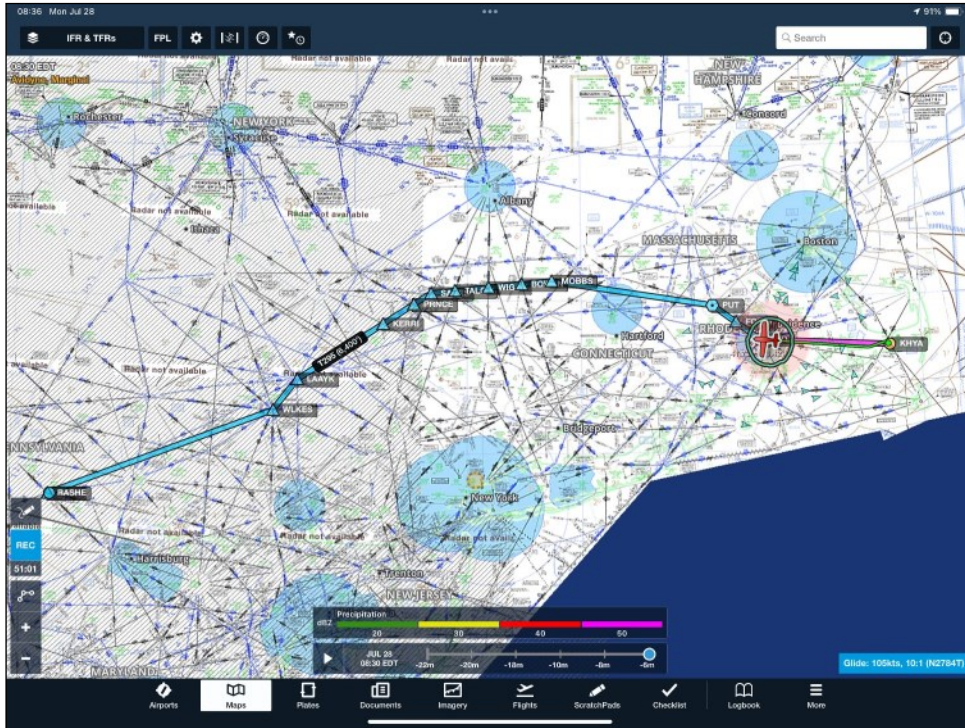
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Airports that I/we landed at included :

Springfield CO - 8V7  
Syracuse KS - 3K3  
Nebraska City NE - KAFK  
Baraboo WI - KDLL  
Oshkosh WI - KOSH  
Dunkirk NY - KDKK  
Hyannis MA - KHYA  
Reedsville PA - KRVL

Tri Cities TN - KTRI (a diversionary stop  
due to significant weather along  
the last part of my route to Knox-  
ville),  
Knoxville Downtown Airport - KDKX  
Sikeston MO - KSIK  
Bartlesville OK - KBVO  
Dalhart, TX - KDHT  
and finally





Jim Kessler encouraged attendees at DEAA to send an essay about their experience. We received two great ones from Hudson Hughes.

## My Double Eagle Aviation Academy Experience

By Hudson Hughes

My name is Hudson Hughes, and I'm a fifteen-year-old who recently attended the Double Eagle Aviation Academy. My passion for aviation started years ago, back in 2015, when I had my first Flight with Yasmina Platt. Then my passion grew even stronger when I was going up in the plane with Joyce Woods back in 2019. She pointed out things about the aircraft, and I nodded along, thinking I already knew everything about planes and the world of aviation.

Looking back, I realize how little I actually knew. That first flight with Joyce sparked something in me—it made me want to learn more. When I was accepted into the Academy, I still carried that mindset that I already understood aviation. I thought being a pilot or a mechanic were the only careers in the field.

But once I got to the camp, my eyes were opened. We started learning about the many different career paths in aviation—engineers, air traffic controllers, avionics technicians, and so much more. I began to understand just how broad and exciting the aviation industry truly is.

I'll never forget the moment I found out I was accepted into the Academy. It was a Saturday night, and I was sitting at the dinner table when my mom told me the news. I was ecstatic—I couldn't believe it! I was ready to dive in and learn everything I possibly could.

During the academy, I learned about aerodynamics, the science behind airfoils, and how planes actually stay in the air. Every day brought something new and exciting, and I felt like I was stepping closer and closer to the future I dreamed of.

Now that I've completed the Academy, I realize how far I've come since that five-year-old version of myself who thought he knew it all. I've gained a deeper respect for aviation and a greater excitement for the journey ahead. The Double Eagle Aviation Academy didn't just teach me facts—it helped shape my passion and opened doors to a future I can't wait to explore.



## My Young Eagles Flight Experience

By Hudson Hughes

My name is Hudson Hughes, and I'm a 15-year-old aspiring aviator. I recently had the incredible opportunity to take a Young Eagles flight in a 1972 Cessna Skyhawk XP, piloted by Joyce Woods. This flight was especially meaningful because I had previously flown with Joyce back in 2019; also in the same aircraft; which made the experience even more special.

Flying with Joyce again brought back a lot of memories, but this time I had grown in both knowledge and passion for aviation. During the flight, we shared laughter and conversation, and I felt much more confident as I recognized and understood the plane's in-

struments. We flew from Double Eagle Airport to Belen Airport, soaring over the beautiful New Mexico landscape. The view from above was breathtaking.

For this flight, I was responsible for creating my own flight plan, which gave me a real taste of what it means to be a pilot. That responsibility, along with the flight itself, pushed me to apply what I've learned and to keep striving toward my aviation goals.

I was also fortunate to attend the Double Eagle Aviation Academy, a program Joyce had recommended to me when we reconnected during the Ford Tri-Motor event in Albuquerque. The camp helped me deepen my understanding of aviation and further confirmed my desire to pursue a future as a pilot.

This Young Eagles experience wasn't just a flight—it was a step forward in my journey to becoming an aviator. I'm incredibly grateful to Joyce Woods, the EAA, and everyone who supports young people in aviation. I can't wait to see where this path leads me next.

## Run the Runway and Mutt Strut – Sept 6

Check In from 10am; Race Start 11am

JOIN US as we support the City of Albuquerque's first annual  
[RUNWAY RUN 5K and Mutt Strut!](#)

Race route starts from the old SAMS Academy building off the road to the Gun Range (4100 Aerospace Parkway; ABQ). Run the length of runway 35, to the end. Return along the taxiway Bravo and with EAA aircraft displays, ending back at the race start. Food Trucks! Live Music! CABQ Animal Welfare will have pooches for adoption. EAA Chapter 179 will have a booth.

Register in advance to secure your FREE race T-Shirt!  
[REGISTER ONLINE HERE!](#)

*OR sign up to volunteer with our chapter. EAA 179 members will display a few aircraft at the halfway point and staff a water station for runners, walkers, and mutts. We will also need members to help staff a chapter outreach booth at the race start. It's a great opportunity for chapter visibility and to promote Young Eagles flights and our upcoming Land of Enchantment Fly In.*

*Wanna help? Check out our volunteer needs and sign up for something that sounds like your cup of tea!*  
[Sign Up as an EAA 179 Volunteer!](#)

**Airport Note:** Runway 17/35 and taxiways will be closed during the event, while runway 4/22 will remain active. Going out to fly during this time will add to the fun as well!

**Note to Members:** This is a great opportunity to “show the flag” of EAA Chapter 179 and for our activities: LOEFI 2025, Young Eagles, DEAA, and –the Chapter– .. and Double Eagle II itself. A few Members are planning to bring their airplanes, but we have room for more.



A graphic poster for the 'Run the Runway and Mutt Strut' event. The top half features a teal background with a white silhouette of a person running a dog on a leash, with an eagle perched on the dog's head. Below this is a black hexagonal shape with the text 'RUN THE RUNWAY AND MUTT STRUT' in white. Underneath the hexagon is a white rectangular box with the text 'SPONSORED BY' and two logos: 'ONE ALBUQUERQUE aviation' and 'ONE ALBUQUERQUE animal welfare'. The right side of the poster has a teal background with white text: 'A FUNDRAISER AT DOUBLE EAGLE II AIRPORT FOR CABQ ANIMAL WELFARE & EAA'. Below this is a red background with white text: 'SATURDAY SEPT. 6TH', 'SIGNUP: 10AM', 'RACE START: 11AM', 'RUN ON THE RUNWAY AT THE DEII AIRPORT!!', '4100 AEROSPACE PKWY, ABQ, 87120', and 'THERE WILL BE A DJ & A FOOD TRUCK GARDEN!!'. At the bottom, there is a red background with white text: 'ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED:', 'AbqSunport.com/RunTheRunway', and 'REGISTRATION \$35 IN ADVANCE / \$40 DAY OF INCLUDES T-SHIRT'. A graphic of a red and grey running shoe is also present.

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## Report: Roswell Racing

Eric Achen

"Gentlemen, you have a race!" - Bob Hoover.

After much anticipation the time has finally arrived for New Mexico to host the National Championship Air Races this September 10-14, 2025 in Roswell New Mexico! For tickets to this event go to: <https://airrace.org/tickets/>

Those who wish to fly in should plan to arrive at KROW before 0730 and depart after 1700. Make an aircraft parking reservation with AvFlight: <https://www.avflight.com/network/roswell-nm-krow/>

The city of Roswell is investing \$15 million over three years to host and to build a new spectator area including grandstands in the north west corner of the airport looking west over the race courses, STOL course, and runway 17/35. Home Pylon will be in front of the grandstands directly across just 1600' from the spectators so folks will have a perfect view of a photo finish!

In addition to five classes of racers there will be a military static display, a heritage display, aircraft exhibit and a pit area.

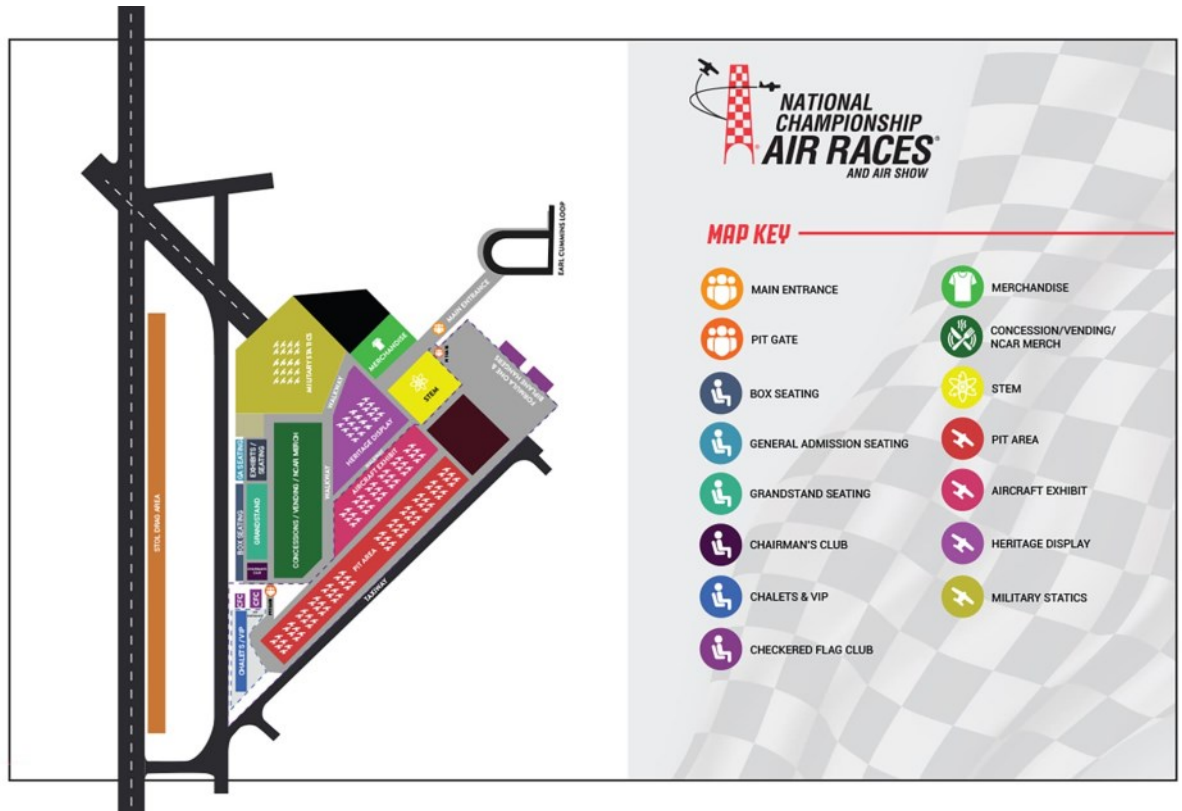
The biplane racers compete in small aerobatic aircraft such as a Pitts Special, a Christian Eagle, a Mong, or a Smith Miniplane. While biplanes are the slowest of the classes, speeds do exceed 200 miles per hour! The previous biplane class was dissolved in 2023 and has been reinvented with a debut at Roswell in September 2025 and now include two seat biplanes. The all new organization is called Biplane Air Racing Class, or BARC for short. The class is an FAA recognized class and is distinct from Reno Air Race Association (RARA) so there may be multiple races around the country in future years.

The Formula 1 racers are all powered by a Continental O-200 engine and fixed pitch propeller, the same 100hp engine in a Cessna 150, making it one of the most affordable ways to enter racing. However, these O-200 engines are often highly modified with porting, polishing, high performing intakes, and exhaust sometimes with a stroker camshaft. The aircraft themselves are homebuilt, tiny, sleek, with secretive quirks and features for drag reduction yielding speeds in excess of 250 miles per hour!

The T-6 Class often provides the best photo finish opportunities as these stock aircraft race in the 220-230 mile per hour range. Aircraft entries are the T-6 Texan, Canadian built Harvard, US Navy SNJ. Because the class is stock, emphasis is on pilot skills and finding the right race line. With this being the first year on a new race course excitement is guaranteed!

For the ultimate speed there are two classes exceeding 500 miles per hour! The Unlimited Class is populated with highly modified warbirds such as Bearcats, Hawker Sea Furies, P-51 mustangs and even a few original designs. The Jet class, by invitation only, features the Aerovodochody L-39, Provost Iskra L-29, and DeHavilland Vampire.

Unfortunately, the sport class, perhaps my favorite, has decided to take a knee this year at the National Championship Races opting instead to compete a month later at The Sky Fiesta hosted by Las Cruces NM airport October 22-26, 2025.



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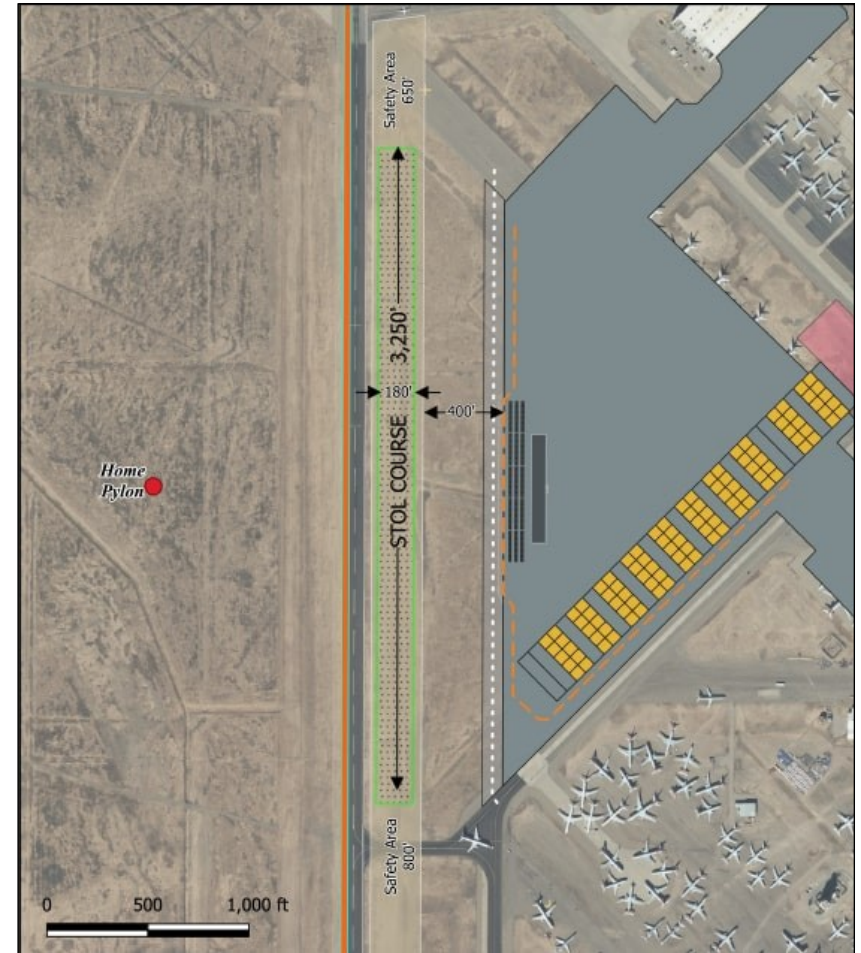
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Eric Achen

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There is also a STOL drag competition. Bush plane's and their pilots, fly a designated 2000' track and land after a chalk line, come to a complete stop, turn around 180 degrees and head back to the start-finish line. The first pilot to come to a complete stop after the finish line with the tail down wins the race.

This is definitely a building year for RARA (Reno Air Race Association) at the new venue who lost their home in Reno, patience and adaptability may be required. My fingers are crossed for enough success over the next three years they are inspired to change their name to Roswell Air Race Association.



Graphics are from RARA.

## Flying into Los Alamos: A Long-Anticipated Visit

Brian Morrison

Hi George,

*I arrived home from Oshkosh and wanted to get out a letter to you about my experience at the Los Alamos Open House. I'll paste a link below to the local newspaper which shows three pictures of my RV-8. Still a little flustered they said I built the airplane in my garage, which I did not. I hope people skip over that. I'll attach a PDF version of the newspaper in case the link doesn't work.*

<https://ladailypost.com/scenes-from-los-alamos-airport-open-house-saturday/>

Brian Morrison



Los Alamos has always been one of those airports I wanted to visit in my airplane but never quite got around to. I'm not sure what held me back—the proximity to restricted airspace, the need to nail the landing due to challenging terrain west of the airport that complicates go-arounds, or maybe the lingering memory of reading about a Bonanza landing on top of another Bonanza there back in 2006.

When I heard about the upcoming Los Alamos Airport Open House, held in partnership with the 2025 Los Alamos ScienceFest, I knew this was the perfect chance. Hosted by Los Alamos County and EAA Chapter 691, the event promised a morning of aviation activities, exhibits, and family fun. I try to attend EAA events whenever I can, and this one offered a compelling reason to finally make that flight.

During my flight planning, I downloaded a detailed pilot briefing provided online by the airport manager and local CFIs. It was clear from the start: Los Alamos is essentially a one-way runway. Land to the west, take off to the east. The briefing also laid out recommended CTAF position calls using ground reference points—a smart addition for visiting pilots unfamiliar with the area.

The landing itself was uneventful, and I arrived early enough to get a good parking spot. The runway and FBO were impressively well-maintained, and the event gave me the feel of a much smaller, local version of LOFI.

Early in the day, a few kids showed interest in sitting in my RV-8. I was happy to let them climb in. Before I knew it, there was a line of parents waiting for their kids' turn. Watching the little ones take the controls, make airplane noises, and beam with excitement was a real highlight. I kept a close eye to make sure no one got their fingers caught in any control surface pinch points—safety first—but the kids followed instructions well. They avoided stepping on the flaps and climbed in and out carefully. Each one walked away with a huge smile.

The teens asked smart, thoughtful questions about flying and aviation weather, and I enjoyed chatting with them. More than once, parents came up to thank me for taking the time to share the experience with their kids. I lost count of how many kids sat in the RV-8's seat, but it had to be somewhere between 10 and 20.

I departed around midday as weather started to build to the west. Just before climbing in, one of the visitors asked how long it takes to fly back to Albuquerque. I pulled up ForeFlight and showed him the track: 14 minutes and 14 seconds from KLAM to KAEG. He looked stunned. "Fourteen minutes?" he said, scratching his head, clearly trying to reconcile that number with the drive time. I explained that my airplane cruises at 205 MPH—faster over the ground with favorable winds.

As I taxied to the run-up area, I noticed a crowd had gathered along the static display line. People watched from the moment I started the engine until I rolled toward the runway. As I waved to the cameras and prepared for takeoff, I couldn't help but think, "Please don't let me screw up something now."

Fortunately, the takeoff went smoothly—just like the rest of the day.

Brian Morrison



"Charlie Dixon and Emma Mockler-Wood check out the Van's RV-8 tandem two-seat, single-engine, low-wing experimental airplane built by Brian Morrison in his garage."

(Correction: Built by John Farley, long time Chapter 179 member.)



Photos by Joyn McHale/ladailypost.com



## A Visit from the Navy

Doug Volker

Just happened to be out at Double Eagle II on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and on the ramp was a plane you don't see every day... a T-6 B Texan II. In the FBO I met Capt. Chris, the Flight Instructor, and Pilot George the pilot in training. (last names were not provided for security reasons). They were from the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas.

After flying to Flagstaff on Saturday they were enroute back to Corpus Christi. There were several exciting things that happened during the short visit.

1. George came into the RAF hangar and looked over the Corsair pedal plane. He thought it was "cool" and gave his Navy approval.
2. They were both given a LOEFI poster and an invitation to come back over on September 27<sup>th</sup> for the big event. (I told them they could bring any type of plane they wanted).
3. This was George's last flight training mission in this airplane. His next step, to happen in the next couple weeks, stepping into his assignment flying a jet fighter.

So...Thank You Chris and George for the visit. We wish you best in the future, Thank You for your Service to our Country...and we hope to see you September 27, 2025, at our Land of Enchantment Fly In!





## 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](https://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, FAASteam 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?

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**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](mailto: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]
  - Cockpit2Cowl: [Fuel Mysteries and Management](#)—Aug 12, 1800 MDT
  - The Schiff Show: [The Courage to Wait – Pilots and the Wisdom of No-Go](#)—Aug 14, 1800 MDT
  - [Critical Airspeeds for Safe Flight Operations](#)—Aug 20, 1800 MDT
  - Pro Tips for Maintenance: [General Aviation Muffler Systems](#)—Aug 20, 1800 MDT
- 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)
  - [Using Vectors-to-Final](#)
  - [Best Glide Simplified](#)
- [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**)



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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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 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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### 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

- [August 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 .....



## 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

### Wanted – First Vehicle

Looking to purchase a first vehicle for a teen, 6K\$ max.

- He would love more off-road-y SUV's (4Runner, Jeep Cherokee, Wrangler, etc), but also open to more fuel-efficient models (sedans etc).
- Air bags/seat belts are a must.
- Well maintained is sought after.

*Editor's note: This request comes from the father of one of our DEAA alumni: a Member for over a year, a volunteer at most of our events – DEAA, Young Eagles, LOEFI Planning, and as a leader in CAP he will lead the Honor Guard for the opening ceremony at LOEFI 2025. He is one of the most committed teenagers to Chapter activities and to pursuing a future aviation; an auto will enable him to more actively pursue his aviation interest.*

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## For Sale

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

Tools, nuts bolts extra avdex rivets, cable tensiometer

\$20K negotiable

Max Marshall

(505)810-1287

mm601zd@yahoo.com





## Twin Pilots

Joyce Woods

Seen around Double Eagle II during our recent Young Eagles event. Two twin-engine pilots:

- ⇒ John Brown (Piper Aztec)
- ⇒ Carol Sugars (Beech Baron)

Both are active CFIs.

Need a twin rating?



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

A listing of aviation events of interest around New Mexico. If you know of others, please send the information to [newsletter@eaa179.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa179.org).

**Weekly** **Lobo Wing of the CAF Lunch, Saturdays at noon (0E0)**  
(hangar at east end of Moriarty Airport, \$7 donation requested)

**Monthly** **[Chapter 555 Pancake Breakfast](#), 3rd Sundays ([KLRU](#))**

**Newsletters** **[EAA 555, July Newsletter](#)**

**Aug 16** **[Mystic Bluffs Fly In \(NM56\)](#)**

**Aug 23** **[Grants Airport Wings and Wheels \(KGNT\)](#)**

**Aug 29** **[Gila Regional Fly-in \(T16\)](#)**

**Sep 27** **[Land of Enchantment Fly In \(KAEG\)](#)**



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

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

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

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#### Chapter 179 Polo shirt



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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 \(KDNA\)](#)

**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  
Double Eagle II Airport  
7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179  
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Add Pocket (\$2)



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

## Special Announcement

Chet Leach, 179 Member and NMPA Air Race Volunteer Coordinator

### 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](mailto:chetleach@msn.com)  
505.401.3701

We will provide more information as it becomes available.

See you there.



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