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## Upcoming Events & Chapter Gatherings

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

Sep 13 – Magdalena Fly-In (N29)

Sept 20 – [IMC Club](#) (KAEG)

Sep 27 – [LOEFI 2025](#) (KAEG)

Oct 4-12 – Balloon Fiesta

Oct 18 – [Young Eagles](#) (KAEG)

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

September 2025

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## Notes from our President

Joyce Woods



**September! The best flying month! So much happening, so much FUN!**

Members have been out and about with Fly-ins to Mystic Bluffs and Reserve (T16) for the Gila Fly-In with NMPA, and then Wings 'n Wheels at Grants (KGNT). We put six aircraft out for the first annual Double Eagle II Runway Run & Mutt Strut – after flying Young Eagles that morn-

ing. Next up, the inaugural Roswell Air Races.

Then our biggest event of the year, the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI). All these offer opportunities to connect with fellow aviators, get visibility for all we do for, plus have a whole lot of plain ol' aviation fun!

A HUGE thanks to Lance Hunter for taking the lead for us on the DELL Runway Run/Mutt Strut. Besides making sure we had dog water dishes and treats, he and his truck/trailer were invaluable for setting up, Mark Wilson at his side. No question that our chapter members' ideas, resources, and volunteerism were vital to the success of the race. Members turned out to staff our chapter booth and display aircraft and keep folks away from the active runway. Ethan and Kris Lee who just attended our August gathering helped take down. Thank you to all!

I'm particularly looking forward to the Roswell Air Races. In January, race leaders were saying they needed help unsure how many Reno volunteers would return. Can you imagine moving the well oiled AirVenture across the country with a year or two's notice? Yike! The EAA spirit of aviation volunteerism is evident in New Mexico as EAA, New Mexico Pilots Association and 99s members are stepping up to

help assure Roswell's success. Special to Roswell, you can fly in for the week—something you couldn't do at Reno-Stead. So that's my plan! I'll let you know how it works out.

As for our LOE Fly-In, we're implementing several cool new ideas to create a more pilot friendly event, while welcoming the public to our aviation world. From my viewpoint, our team is actively planning this, organizing that, printing this, moving the pedal plane from auto showroom to another . . . more early teamwork and involvement than I've ever seen. It promises to be a super event!!!

So tell your friends this one will be special! Get pilots to bring out any planes or come for the special pilot door prizes! And post for neighbors or other public attendees – you can help! Word of mouth is always the best advertisement. Our Pedal Plane and Southwest Airline tickets RAFFLES are LIVE on the LOEFI.org website. So is our volunteer sign up, if you are so inclined.

After LOEFI, there's Balloon Fiesta. Our monthly gatherings have been well attended and really fun with so many new faces coming! We have one more Young Eagles event scheduled and our year-end will be here before we know it.

That means: 2026 Officer Elections! Jim Kessler, Art Woods, and Lance Hunter volunteered to serve on our nominating committee. They will make officer and Board Member recommendations in October for a membership vote at our annual meeting – the November Gathering. So if you have any interest in getting more involved, talk to them and see if there's a fit!

*Thanks to everyone who makes this chapter so awesome!*

Joyce Woods  
President, EAA Chapter 179  
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## Notes from the Editor

George Young

In the Newsletter last month, Sean Babbitt (LOEFI Coordinator) gave a great introduction to LOEFI, describing *Why We Do It*, summarizing *What We Do*, and outlining *Who Does It*. I added snippets of LOEFI's history (including photos from recent years) and a sampling of plans for this year, including our “.. extended outreach to pilots ..”. Also included was a list of Members who make up the Leadership Team—Team LOEFI 2025.

As I write this, LOEFI is “just” 3 weeks away. Planning has reached the details stage and advance preparations are getting under way. Last month Sean and I gave an extensive introduction and overview of LOEFI 2025.

This month, I will “put some flesh” on this, our signature event. Beginning on [page 8](#), you will find details of the events and activities for the day.

The time is high that we will get down to the serious work of preparing for LOEFI 2025. I look forward to working with ‘many hands’ to bring it all together.

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## September Chapter Gathering



**Tuesday, September 16, 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 a Slideshow of members' experiences at the Inaugural Roswell National Championship Air Races! If you have race photos to share, bring them on a USB drive.*

### Program: R & R Canopy

This presentation is about the experience of replacing one of the most difficult components on a Vans airplane, the canopy.

Jim Kessler will discuss his experience in working with plexi-glas, the canopy frame, Vans construction instructions and 30 year old drawings.

Entertainment is guaranteed!



**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!***



## August Chapter Gathering – RECAP

by Joyce Woods



Bob Waters shared the story of restoring a Velocity RG since acquiring it along with a hangar in June 2023. A **“barn find” indeed!**

**With his now flying, guess how many Velocity aircraft are owned by EAA 179's Young Eagle pilots?** Always a hit, it is so cool to have another!

The aircraft is registered as a “Duane Swing Velocity” originally built by the people who eventually bought the Velocity factory. Certified in 1991 as an experimental, it was flown for just 4 years until it “fell off the jacks”. Although partially restored in 2008-9, it wasn't completed.

Bob described the process he used to verify everything on the aircraft before taking it for its first flight in 30 years, on April 7, 2025. He departed Mid-Valley Airpark (E98), flew around, and landed at Belen (KBRG). Thanks to networking amongst pilots, he's been able to swap hangars temporarily with a Belen based pilot.

Interestingly, Bob benefited from all the Velocity fleet builders, thanks to Velocity builder Kurt Winker, who saved every newsletter published by the Velocity Owners and Builders Association since before Bob's airplane build started. Bob found articles with solutions to problems found, similar to the FAA AD list for certified aircraft. Look for this. Here's a way to fix it that is proven. Amazing resources available if you seek them!

Bob had over 80 such improvements that he and his wife Sandy made to the aircraft before he was sure it was ready to fly.

Bob credited Sandy, good friend Vern Dudley, and local Velocity builders Kurt Winker, Mark Sturm and Mike Wirstrum for their info, flight experience, and otherwise support for the project throughout.

***So there you have the answer: Kurt, Mark, Mike and now Bob!***



**Vern, Bob, Sandy**  
***Keep on rockin' in the free world!"***





## Summary Notes from the September Board Meeting

Doug Dingman, Vice President



### Summary EAA Chapter 179 Board Meeting September 2, 2025

14 members were in attendance. Previous meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report were reviewed and approved.

Fun Run & Mutt Strut: Set-up will be Friday afternoon (Sept. 5) for the 11AM-2PM Sept. 6 event. There will be a shuttle transport from Bode to SAMS starting at 9:30 AM and running every 30 minutes until 2 PM.

Young Eagles: 20 kids are signed up for the upcoming flight and 7 pilots have volunteered. Sept 30 will be the opening date of registration for future Young Eagle flights and 8 dates have been set for 2026 starting in February.

DEAA: June 1st will be the start day for DEAA 2026. Saturday, June 6th is the Young Eagle flight day for DEAA graduates.

LOEFI 2025: Sean Babbitt briefed the Board on the organizational progress and efforts to present the event. Sean thanked all the volunteers for their efforts in helping and noted that this year will be more pilot-centric. Two pilot seminars (qualified for FAA Wings credit), a Pilot Oasis, airplane judging/awards, photos, coordinated camping site, and door prizes for all registered pilots are to be part of LOEFI. Considering the need for more/better signage, a proposal was moved, seconded, and approved to provide \$600 for signage. The next LOEFI meeting has yet to be determined and set-up day (Friday) starts at 8 AM.

#### Chapter Business:

A) Membership: Currently at 126 members. This is the biggest year for new memberships.

B) Programs Coordinator: This position needs to be filled. There are no planned programs for the September and October general meetings. It was suggested that the meetings just have a dinner with open conversation and not have a formal presentation.

C) Building Projects: Lee Otto reported that the woodwork has progressed on the Pietenpol and a walnut interior is being assembled. Wiring will be fully completed before the fabric is applied.

D) Scholarship: The Chapter received a \$5000 donation for an "over 25 scholarship." This scholarship has yet to be implemented until the number of applicants responding once opened for application can be handled adequately. It was reported that this should be soon. Carol Sugars has offered to donate 20hrs of multi-engine training (air and ground training) and candidates have been identified for 2025 Ray Scholarships.

Lance Hunter, Art Woods, and Jim Kessler volunteered for the Nominating Committee to identify candidates for EAA Chapter 179 officer positions. Candidates are to be presented to the members at the General meeting on November 18th for voting.

Consensus was to keep BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse as host to the Holiday Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM and the next Board of Directors meeting will be 6:30 PM November 4th via Zoom.

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## Scholarship Tidbits

Art Woods and Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Coordinators

### Donation request

Your EAA Chapter 179 continues to offer multiple scholarships each year to deserving young adults pursuing their aviation passion. For 2025, Chapter 179 granted over \$45,000. The scholarship program is funded by generous donors who contribute to the scholarship general fund. Others make special donations on behalf of longtime deeply involved members to support the *Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship*, the *Rick Richter Memorial Scholarship*, and the *Reimer Memorial Scholarship funds*. Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

### Registration for 2026 Young Adult Scholarship Program

Registration opens on January 1, 2026, and closes at midnight of February 15<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must be residents of New Mexico between the ages of 14 and 25. See our chapter scholarship website for more details about your application. The amount and number of grants are determined each year and contingent on available funding.

Art Woods & Jim Kessler  
Young Eagles Coordinators  
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## Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



Autumn trends to be a magical time of year:  
The heat of summer diminishes,  
The wet of the late summer monsoon wanes.  
The color of the leaves of trees in many of our counties and in different States blossom with splendor.

And, the end comes to the membership year for the Chapter when Autumn turns to Winter.

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

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

For those whose membership has lapsed or for those who haven't joined the EAA, there is no better time than now to get your membership status in order and get your Identification Card up to date. It merely requires an internet trip to: <https://www.eaa.org/join.aspx> either join or renew your membership.

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

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

If you decide not to renew Chapter Membership, know that we, The Board of Directors, and members of the Chapter have enjoyed your time with us and that your presence and contributions will be missed.

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

Gwen Walcott  
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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, September 20, 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/join/register/LdcCGFKOS2SPBdGikxI2Nw>

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



### September 6<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Rally

In light of the Runway Run and Mutt Strut at Double Eagle II Airport, this rally was abbreviated to have only one time slot with 26 Young Eagles registered. We ended up flying 22 kids by seven pilots getting extra time to taxi and explain flight with a taxi to Runway 4. And al-

ways, a special thanks to ground crew to keep the ramp safe for kids & parents, check them in, get waivers signed, get pilots assigned and finally print certificates for first time Young Eagles!!

### 2025 Final Young Eagles Rally

Chapter 179's final 2025 Young Eagles rally will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We go back to our standard start time for the first flight 8 AM, with subsequent time slots at 8:30 and 9:15. Online registration opens September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6 AM with a limit of 55 kids. This registration link can be found on our Chapter website at [eaa179.org](http://eaa179.org).



Can you imagine two more Happy People, a Young Eagle and her pilot Mark Sturm?

Photo: Susan, the Young Eagle's mother

From Mark: "Her daughter was SO excited to go on her 1st flight. She made my day."

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## Air Academy Scholarships

Thank You Notes: Ava Diaz and Daniel Kiehne

The Chapter received these thank you notes from Ava Diaz and Daniel Kiehne, our youth who received Chapter 179 Scholarships to attend the EAA Air Academy this year.



Dear EAA Chapter 179,

Thank you all so much for giving me the opportunity to come to EAA AirAcademy 2025. I am very grateful for all of the people who helped make it possible for me to come out to Oshkosh. I have gotten to weld, fly in a helicopter, build a knee-board, 3d print, fly sims, and work on an engine all while making friends and expanding my knowledge of aviation. I have gotten to meet so many pilots from all around the world and I have gotten to learn about so many different types of aircraft. Also I have discovered that I am the only private pilot here (out of all of the campers) which I also have to thank you for, as it would not have been possible had I not gotten the Ray Scholarship. All in all I am incredibly thankful for this chapter and all of the things you all have done for me, I can't wait to share more about my experience once I get back.

All my gratitude,

Ava Diaz



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Dear EAA Chapter 179,

Thank you for all your support and for the scholarship to the Air Academy. I have had some amazing experiences here from welding to helicopter rides, and I have met lots of great people who share their love of aviation. I am looking forward to the air show in a few days and seeing the mass arrivals beforehand. Thank you all so much for all you have done and continue to do! God Bless!

From,

*Daniel Kiehne*

Daniel Kiehne

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## Overview: the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEF 2025)

George Young, Team LOEFI 2025

**FOR PILOTS** The following eMail has been sent to EAA Chapters around our region, inviting them to LOEFI 2025 and giving them a preview.

*Chapter 179 hosted the "First New Mexico State Fly-in" 35 years ago, September 1992 at Moriarty. As described in their Newsletter, it was a ".. great success .. (attracting) .. around 100 airplanes and hundreds of carloads of people ..". That's a tough act to follow.*

*We invite you to help us make LOEFI 2025, September 27th, the best ever! While welcoming the public, our team refocused this year to make it extra special for pilots. If you have an aircraft, we hope you'll bring it! If not, join other pilots for that ol' fashioned aviation camaraderie!*

*PILOTS! Special for you:*

- Pilot Oasis, a hangout for pilots - FREE coffee & donuts, hangar flying, relax!
- WINGS Seminars:
  - Flying the New Mexico Backcountry, 0830 - Ron Keller, NMPA
  - Mountain Wave: Exploring the Monster, 1030 - Bill Hill, Glider Pilot
- LOEFI T-Shirts!
- Door Prizes Check in with EAA 179 to enter.
  - A custom set of BladeSox propeller covers
  - Bolder Flight Systems Data Logger
  - 25 gallons of Avgas
  - Aircraft Spruce gift cards
  - Sportys' Flight Gear flight bags
  - MORE. (Need not be present to win)

- "Off limits" Aircraft Parking, the far north ramp will not be open to the public. Civil Air Patrol volunteers will be monitoring.
- Aircraft Awards, register your aircraft for judging! A tradition since that first fly-in (1992).
- Fly-Mart: find used aviation treasures OR bring yours to donate!
- Camping with your plane is available in a grass area off the north ramp. Shower available. Friday lunch and evening cookout. Ground transportation arranged on request. Please RSVP to host Chet Leach: chetleach@msn.com for map and other details.

Other activities of interest to you or bring along the family!

- Aircraft Showcase highlighting amateur built, vintage, warbirds, and more! Contact us at loefi@eaa179.org if interested to show your pride and joy!
- Builders' Square with demos of fabric, metal, and wood construction plus 3D printing!
- Exhibit Hall with over 30 aviation businesses and non-profits.
- "Fast as Flight" Auto Showcase with cars capable of 125 mph or more, just waiting to take off! Local car dealers, showing their best.
- F4U Corsair Pedal Plane Raffle. Custom built, complete with 3D printed panel and engine!
- Southwest Airlines Ticket Raffle - 2 domestic roundtrips
- "Pilot Experience", a hands-on area for teens and adults, with Flight Sims, Radio practice, etc.
- Kids' Corner - hands-on aviation fun for all ages!

Proceeds benefit the Albuquerque EAA Chapter aviation scholarships and other charitable activities.

### NEW THIS YEAR FOR PILOTS

The Pilot Oasis: Doug and Dianna Volker are opening their hangar as an "Oasis" for pilots to gather, enjoy coffee and snacks, and share stories. There will be mementos/gifts from various donations, and LOEFI T-shirts for sale (proceeds to the Chapter). And the Seminars will be held there. Access will be limited to pilots (fly-in or walk-in), identified by a PILOT name tag given to them when they register or check in at the Pilot Welcome Booth.

Pilot Door Prizes: Also when they register or check in, pilots can get enter their name for the Door Prizes. Visit the Oasis to learn about the prizes.

Limited Access Aircraft Parking: Parking for aircraft not in the Aircraft Showplace will be off limits to the public. CAP cadets will monitor to keep the public away while pilots enjoy the Fly-In activities.

### NEW THIS YEAR FOR EVERYONE

Raffle Prizes: This year's Pedal Plane is an F4U Corsair, a model of the WWII Navy fighter. Built by Chapter members, the propeller turns, there are 3D instruments on the panel, and the wings fold (like when it was aboard an aircraft carrier). And two Southwest e-pass domestic roundtrip flight certificates will also be raffled. See details on [page 10](#).

Chapter Activity Stations: The list of aviation-related activities has been expanded. This year it includes and introduction to flying (flight simulators, pilot communication, weight & balance, paper airplanes), and to aircraft building (riveting, wing rib construction, 3D printing). See more details on [pages 9 & 10](#).

"Fast as Flight" Auto Showcase: A display of automobiles each of which has a top speed of more than 125 mph (from Albuquerque auto dealers). Details on [page 9](#).





## Your Visit: the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEF 2025)

George Young, Team LOEFI 2025

LOEFI has been a popular Saturday destination in September for many people around Albuquerque and beyond. Attendance has been estimated to be around 2,000 in recent years. We are presenting the usual array of activities, plus some new exciting features. So – What is there to do?

### **PUBLIC VISITORS and pilots too**

First stop – the Welcome Tent to get an introduction of What is in the Fly-In, and Where to find it. Make note also of the Activity Schedule for the day.



From there,

- Wander through the Aircraft Showcase where you will find a wide variety of airplanes – small and big, amateur and factory built, fixed wing, ultralights, gyrocopters, and helicopters. Take photos, ask questions of the pilots about the airplane and their experiences.



- Stop by the EAA 179 Chapter Booth for information about EAA and our Chapter. And .. **IMPORTANT** .. Purchase your tickets for the Raffles – the F4U Corsair Pedal Plane and two certificates for domestic round trip trips provided by Southwest Airlines – see QR code for online purchase on [page 10](#).

**WIN THIS**

**F4U Corsair**

**PEDAL PLANE**

Custom Built  
Steers w/Control Stick  
Drive Shaft Turns Propeller



**Enter To Win!**

**2 Roundtrip Tickets**  
for domestic travel in the United States and its territories and possessions, including Puerto Rico.

**RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS**  
\$10 each  
or  
Six for  
\$50



- Beyond the Aircraft Showcase, drool over the “Fast as Flight” Auto Showcase, automobiles that can exceed 125 miles per hour, from local automobile dealers among sponsors for LOEFI.

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



- Visit the Exhibit Hall:
  - Browse through the many aviation organizations and vendors. Learn about aviation education, related careers, technology, and more. And get acquainted with nonprofit and other organizations that support aviation interests.
  - Visit the Chapter's Activity Centers, where visitors will see demonstrations and may try their hand at various activities that will provide insight into the world of aviation.
    - Flying: Activities that give visitors a glimpse into:
      - Piloting an aircraft, building an airplane, things that affect aircraft performance, pilot communications, and .. flying a paper airplane and helicopter.
      - For teens and adults: try your hand at flying – on a flight simulator





## Your Visit: the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEF 2025) (continued)

George Young, Team LOEFI 2025



- **Building:** Demonstrations and hands-on activities – try riveting, 3D printing, building a wing rib.



- **And Kids Corner** – junior pilots along with an accompanying adult will be able to participate in fun aviation-related activities.
- Volunteers will be on hand to assist visitors to get the most from these experiences – private pilots, aircraft builders, ex-military pilots, aviation educators, certified flight instructors.
- EAA 179's Fly Mart: buy used aviation treasures.
- Bands will be playing music from the Stage, interspersed with interviews with pilots and builders, and announcements about ongoing Fly-In activities.
- For food and refreshments, food trucks will be on the ramp throughout the event.



### PILOT VISITORS, Fly in and Walk in

Your first stop – check in at the Pilot Welcome booth.

- If you've flown in or taxied in, register and opt in or out for aircraft judging. Other pilots, please fill in the guest log.
- For all pilots – Get your PILOT name tag, your ticket for access to the Pilot Oasis. And fill out a drawing ticket for the LOEFI Pilot Door Prizes.
- Then enjoy touring the aircraft in the Aircraft Showplace and the exhibits and activities in the Exhibit Hall. Drop by the EAA 179 Booth to purchase raffle tickets for the F4U Corsair Pedal Plane and Southwest airline certificates. And don't miss the "Fast as Flight" automobiles.
- Plan to visit the Pilot Oasis for coffee and snacks, and to attend the Seminars (0830 and 1030).
- And if you come to camp, our host Chet Leach will greet you. And we will be having a pizza or a burger fry Friday late afternoon.

### SPECIAL NOTES

#### Help Stock the LOEFI 2025 Fly Mart!

Got aviation treasures you no longer need? Flight training aids? Aviation books?

Bring them Friday, Sept 26 between 8am and 5pm to the LOEFI Exhibit Hall (old BCSO hangar at Double Eagle II) OR contact us and we can arrange to get them prior. All proceeds from sale of donated goods go towards EAA Chapter 179's scholarships or other charitable purposes. We appreciate any donations of artwork, used instruments or other aircraft parts, nearly new T-shirts, and almost anything aviation or workshop related EXCEPT please don't bring boxes of aviation magazines.

#### Raffles for the F4U Corsair and Southwest flight certificates

Tickets for the Raffles are \$10 or six for \$50; you can purchase them online. Scan the QR codes below.



One ticket - \$10  
Six for \$50  
12 for \$100



One Ticket - \$10  
Six for \$50



Here's a "guided tour" of our Fly-In.

- The center of activities will be in the Aircraft Showcase area and the Exhibit Hall.
  - We've had 30+ aircraft in the Showcase for attendees to wander about, take photos, and ask questions about the planes and flying.
  - The Exhibit Hall will be filled with booths from aviation organizations and vendors. Plus a half dozen centers of activities put together by Chapter 179 members.
- The public will be greeted at the Welcome Tent as they enter between the hangars. A separate entrance is provided for handicapped people.
- Pilots, whether flying in or not, will be welcomed at the Pilot Welcome booth and get name tags and tickets for the LOEFI Pilot Door Prizes. Again this year we will host pilots who wish to camp overnight.

- The EAA 179 Booth will provide information about the Chapter, will sell tickets for the Pedal Plane and Airline Ticket Raffles, and will take in votes for the People's Choice airplane.
- NEW THIS YEAR: We are introducing a "Pilot Oasis Lounge" for pilots to visit and enjoy refreshments, and where the Seminars will be held.
- NEW THIS YEAR: "Fast as Flight", a display of –fast cars– from Albuquerque auto dealers.
- Fly-in aircraft not in the Showcase will be parked on the north ramp, which will be off-limits to the public. Volunteers from CAP will be marshalling aircraft and monitoring the area.
- From the stage will be music throughout the day, and interviews and commentary by our emcee.
- Food trucks will be on hand all day, offering a variety of victuals.





Editor’s Note: Doug Volker has sought sponsorship from Albuquerque auto dealers in exchange for displaying automobiles that have a top speed greater than 125 mph. For those dealers who became donors, our F4U Corsair Pedal Plane was displayed for a week in their showroom. In the photo below, the F4U is in the showroom of University VW/Mazda.

# “Fast as Flight - Northbound”

## Car and Truck Arrow Formation

### Land of Enchantment Fly-In

at Double Eagle II Airport

**September 27, 2025**

Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179

This collection of iconic cars and trucks represents advanced styling and engines capable of speeds beyond 125 miles per hour.

If they had wings attached... their power would allow them to “take flight”.

Each sponsor represented has engineered these cars and trucks to be of the highest mechanical standards and interior appointments.

The display is arranged in an *Arrow* pattern pointed “Due North”, an important flight heading. Arrows were critical to early commercial flight navigation when concrete arrows helped guide pilots to the next beacon station.

**We Hope You Enjoy this display of fine design and craftsmanship represented in these special cars and trucks.**

**Our Sincere Thank You to our Sponsors:**

**Galles Chevrolet, Lexus of Albuquerque, Montano Acura, Perfection Honda, Sandia BMW/Sandia Mini, University Volkswagen/Mazda for making this “Fast as Flight” showcase possible.**



**About Directional Aviation Arrows:**  
15 Directional Arrows guided early commercial airline pilots across New Mexico in the late 1920's. Today, there are remnants of these arrows along I-40, west of Albuquerque. Visitors can see a replica concrete arrow and beacon display at the Western New Mexico Aviation Heritage Museum at the Grants-Milan Airport.

***“Fast as Flight”***  
Auto Showcase



From Chris Jackman:

“Hey all,

Figured you you’d like a photo from N179Q’s first trek to OSH. I expect there will be more and I got my turn taken care of.

Recommend as a tag team where someone flies out and another flies back.

I was very lucky with tailwinds on the run home. 10.2 hrs on the engine out and 10.0 back, 3 fuel stops each way.

Great equipment for the mission except the speed and getting out of the rain softened field.

Cheers,  
Chris”



The RV-12, built by members of Chapter 179, flown all the way to Oshkosh for Air Venture 2025, by Chris Jackman.



## Run the Runway and Mutt Strut The Editor



The City of Albuquerque organized the “Run the Runway and Mutt Strut”, held on Sep 6th at Double Eagle II. Chapter 179 helped publicize the event, lent a hand with logistics setting up with our chapter tables, chairs, coolers, etc. We staffed water stations along the route and kept people and dogs from veering towards the active runway.

Chapter 179 was well represented with a table set up providing information about our various programs. To add some incentive to keep going and “authenticity” to the event, being held at an airport, we positioned aircraft along the runway.

Thanks to Lance Hunter for leading our chapter support to make the event a success, plus others who staffed the Chapter table and positioned themselves along the runway to encourage and support the runners (and dogs).



Introducing Chapter 179 at our Chapter Table:  
Doreen Branch, Suzanne McVinnie, John DeWitt.



Joyce Woods, Mark Wilson, Ron Harmon, Cynthia Alderete and Tanda Headrick providing Bravo One security as well as refreshments for humans and canine.



EAA 179 Field Crew: Cynthia Alderete, Mark Wilson, Tanda Headrick, Ron Harmon, Joyce Woods, Niko Martinez, Don Prescott, and Lance Hunter provide runners encouragement at the halfway point.



State Police positioned their helicopter at the first cross taxiway. Pilot Kevin Killpack visited the B1 station. Mark and Joyce joked about being caught hanging out on the taxiway.



Members Gwen Wilcott and Mark Sturm providing Bravo Two security, as well as water station & treats for the dogs.





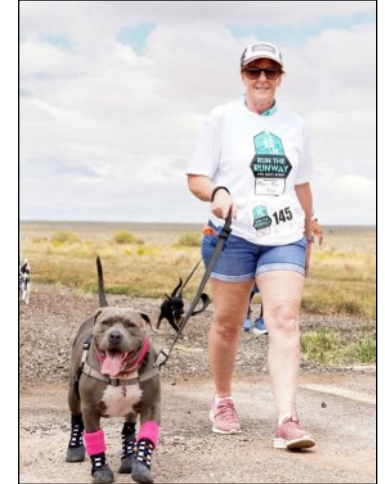
## Run the Runway and Mutt Strut (continued) The Editor



Chapter Members took to the runway with their dogs, or in the case of Jessica Reinhardt, with “always happy” Amelia, marking their third 5K this year, including Oshkosh!



Meg & Stephen Fleming,



Member Jill Hunter and Roxie walking the course



Jessica Reinhardt & Amelia. Usually they are here in their Mooney.



Jessica & Amelia, with Cynthia Alderete & Tanda Headrick at the water station.



Cynthia Alderete handing out dog treats at the Bravo two station.



Here they come!  
Serious RACERS!

Here They come!  
MUTTS aSTRUTTING







## 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](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.  
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Federal Aviation  
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- 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**)



### EAA

- [Overreliance on Flight Instruments](#)
- [Crossing Hold Short Lines](#)
- [Minimum Techology List](#)
- [Unexpected and Deadly](#)
- [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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**Thank You For Your Support**

### 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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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

- [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 .....



## 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](#)

**Sep 13** [Magdalena Fly In 2025](#)

**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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Joyce Woods

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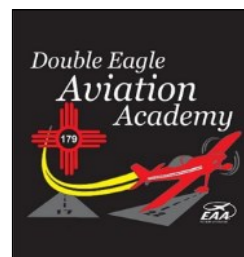
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## NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

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:

Donate



Or send a check to:

EAA 179 Scholarships  
Double Eagle II Airport  
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Add Pocket (\$2)



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

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