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## Upcoming Events

Nov 8 – Special Young Eagles for LOEFI CAP volunteers

Nov 15 – IMC Club, (AEG), 0930

Nov 18 – Chapter Gathering—BJs at Cottonwood Mall

Dec 16 – Holiday Party (Fiesta Azul)

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

November 2025

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## Notes from Our President

Joyce Woods



**Thankful** for all of you, EAA 179 members! I'm always amazed at your resourcefulness and generosity. Still ecstatic after a challenging but fantastic LOEFI, it's clear: our volunteers are awesome! Yes, we are winding down now, but planning is well underway so we'll hit the ground running in 2026.

Our Nominating Committee has recommended an Officer/Board slate for election at our Annual Members Meeting on Nov 18. The meeting is brief, solely dedicated to the election. It's also a chance to bring up any issue, so let me know if you have something. Meanwhile, committees are being established so if you are interested, talk to any old or new Board member!

September/October are awesome flying months in New Mexico, so the schedule gets crammed! Sept 2025 was especially intense with hosting our Young Eagles, IMC Club, and LOEFI, volunteering for the city's Runway Run and the Roswell Air Races. On the heels of LOEFI, October kicked off with Balloon Fiesta, our last public Young Eagles event, and a middle school Career Fair.

In addition, two aviation groups held meetings attracting 60 aviators each. The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) held their Western Conference in Silver City, flying to Gila backcountry airstrips. The Ninety-Nines



had a South-Central Section meeting in Albuquerque, hosted by the Rio Grande Norte 99s.

Besides these, there was the Las Cruces Sky Fiesta, a Wings n Wheels Fly-In at Mid Valley Airport and a Gallup Fly-In! EAA179 members showed up for each of these! Wow. While others worked hard on their flight training. . . Indeed, Sept/Oct in New Mexico is for aviators!

Fall is exhilarating as we trade summer temperatures for better aircraft performance, with notable extra lift! However, beautiful fall colors mean imminent onset of winter, albeit mild and still great flying weather.

With a break in the action, consider checking what the EAA IMC Club is all about; meet some instrument rated pilots and assess how you might improve your proficiency. Or volunteer to help Konrad and crew to get the nearly finished Acro on display at the Albuquerque Aviation Academy.

Meanwhile, MOSAIC became effective Oct 22. So many new opportunities to learn more about. Watch EAA.org and our newsletter for updates.

Plan for a fun holiday party, Dec 16th at a new location. It's an informal, family friendly evening with an optional gift exchange (\$15 limit).

As we look towards 2026, expect some great fly-out gatherings celebrating the Rt66 Centennial and elsewhere. If interested to get involved, let us know!

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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

George Young

I continue to be amazed by the availability of information to increase my knowledge and to refine my skills as a pilot. I have a shelf with many *printed Books*: FAR/AIM, *Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge*, *Stick & Rudder* for examples. These were *the resources* when I started flying 60+ years ago and years since. And they remain essential resources for me.

Now-a-days, though, online resources not only remind me of things I learned over the years, but can expand my understanding of flight, flight rules, and flying itself. Beyond that, they are a resource to improve and enhance my skills as a pilot.

Many months ago, I began collecting online resources for pilots in a column in our Newsletter— [In the News and Other Interesting Topics](#). I've added to it over the months and I update recurring items. Lately I've discovered a new one: a web site [boldermethod](#), that presents articles and videos of many typical situations, some for new pilots, others for us old/bold pilots. Check it out.

These are resources that I've found. Do you have others? Please send them to me; I'll share them with our Newsletter readers.

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## November Chapter Gathering and Chapter Annual Meeting (Board Elections)



**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall**

**5:00 PM** – No host dinner social

**6:00 PM** – Intros, Annual Meeting, Program

Arrive anytime from 5pm; dinner not required.

### Program: “Super Duty!”, by Gregg Cuoco *Postponed from October*

Gregg recently moved his masterpiece to the airport and will provide an update on his build. Since he last presented, everything has come together! The airplane now has an instrument panel, interior, Honda engine, and 5 bladed prop!

Wait ‘til you see his flashy wrap! WOW—stop by his hangar if you’re out at Double Eagle II Airport. It’s a beauty!



**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!***



## October Chapter Gathering – RECAP



We've been meeting at BJ's at Cottonwood Mall for almost 3 years, appreciating their great room setup with mic and multiple monitors to display speaker presentations. In October, they had a last minute system outage which would have left Gregg handwaving. So we decided to postpone to November.

Instead, following our normal start with new attendee introductions and chapter updates, Joyce led a free wheeling discussion and then we enjoyed some extra social / networking time.

### Highlights:

- Gregg Cuoco announced a successful DAR visit, clearing the way for a First Flight before returning to present in November.
- All LOEFI volunteers present were asked to identify themselves, and acknowledged for a better organized and incredibly successful event, despite the weather. Over 2/3 of the room had volunteered!
- First time LOEFI volunteers attending the meeting were asked to stand and comment on their experience. It was great fun to hear their perspectives!
- Everyone who volunteered at LOEFI said they would do it again!
- A first time Young Eagle from our October event shared how his excitement for aviation has evolved since his first airline flight earlier this year. He and his mother attended, seeking guidance on next steps.
- Gabe Pohl has started flight training with new CFI Jocelyn Muniz, a fellow chapter scholarship recipient.
- Chris McIntyre shared an update on daughters Scarlett and Sophia, advancing at Skyborne in Vero Beach, Florida.
- A recommended slate for 2026 officers and board positions was presented by the Nominating Committee. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the Annual meeting at our November gathering.



*And perhaps most importantly, the energy and awesome networking continued into the evening.. Aspiring pilots and parents got advice on how to get started. Young Eagles and parents reveled in the fun from the previous weekend. Connections made on various chapter activities. Several members made plans to fly to Las Cruces for the Sky Fiesta the following weekend. Great fun!*



## 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 who membership have 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> |

to 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  
Membership Coordinator  
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## Chapter Holiday Party

December 16, 5—8pm

**Save the date!** Our December gathering is the 3rd Tuesday as normal. We will continue our tradition of a social gathering including an optional gift exchange. Bring a gift, get a gift, \$15 or under.

**Location: Fiesta Azul;** 6910 Montgomery Blvd, Suite A (parking in rear off Georgia St. Sneak a peek at the [online Menu](#).

**Time:** Arrive anytime from 5pm; dinner not required.



## 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, November 15, 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/joining/register/rVPhflw6SNW6m7rFObcdkg>

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

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*See you there!*





## Chapter Board Meeting Summary – Nov 4, 2025

Joyce Woods, President

Our chapter Board and Committee Chairs met to wrap up the year and begin 2026 planning. Joining in were volunteer nominees to serve in 2026: Gilbert Merriman, Kyle Reinhardt, and Alex Basinger.

The core of our 2026 schedule is set:

Chapter Gatherings: 3rd Tuesdays

IMC Club: 3rd Saturdays

Scholarship applications accepted: Jan 2 – Feb 15

Transition Board Mtg: Saturday Jan 10, 10am at AEG

Young Eagles Rallies: Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 6 (DEAA only), Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10

DEAA: June 2-6

LOEFI: Sept 26

### 2025 Highlights:

- 325 Young Eagles flown.
- Since 2008, we've granted \$200,000 in scholarships. Adding scholarships for "over 25 years of age" and multi-engine time for 2026.
- Grateful for individual Tandra Hicks Memorial scholarship donations totaling \$15,000.
- Ava Diaz, our Ray Scholar who completed her PPL in May has completed her instrument, commercial, and multi-engine ratings at Blue Line Aviation in Florida.
- Successful LOEFI with 1700 attendees, despite the rainy start. Our volunteers are awesome! In addition to dedicated chapter members, we had great help from the CAP, Scouts, plus DEAA students and families, most of which have vowed to return.
- EAA chapter member survey coming before year end.
- Newsletter articles sharing experiences with building and maintaining airplanes are encouraged – anyone can submit! Looking back at old newsletters, there used to be more of these types of articles.
- Several committee member openings exist for 2026, contact Art Woods or any board member if interested in getting involved.

Joyce Woods  
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## Nominating Committee Report

Art Woods, Jim Kessler, Lance Hunter

Your Board appointed Nominating Committee recommends these volunteer candidates, willing to serve starting January 1, 2026. Additional candidates for any position may be nominated from the floor by any current member in good standing during the Annual Membership Meeting. Self-nominations welcome.

### Proposed 2026 Slate

President - Art Woods	Continuing as 2026 Directors:
Vice President - Gilbert Merriman	(not up for election this year)
Secretary - Diana Volker	Lance Hunter
Treasurer - John DeWitt	George Young
Directors -	Joyce Woods (as Past President)
Alex Basinger (2 year term)	
Kyle Reinhardt (2 year term)	

For reference, click here to review our [current Board & Committee Leadership](#).

Board meetings are typically held one evening every odd month via Zoom. Any members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Various committee positions are open - if interested, contact any board member.

Regards,  
Art Woods, Jim Kessler, Lance Hunter  
EAA 179 Nominating Committee 2025

### PROXY FORM

If you are unable to attend in person, you may assign your voting proxy to any member in good standing. Email Proxy forms accepted (suggested wording below). Send to us at [secretary@eaa179.org](mailto:secretary@eaa179.org)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ assign my proxy for the November 18, 2025 Annual Membership

Meeting to \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_





## Chapter 179 Scholarship Tidbits

Art Woods and Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Coordinators

### Chapter 178 Scholarship Recipients

The Chapter's 2025/2026 Ray Scholar is Gabe Pohl. As we mentioned last month, he's training at Del Sol Aviation with his CFI Jocelyn. He now has five flights under his belt as he gets ready to solo. Gabe continues to help us with Young Eagles.

Isabella Baldonado, past scholarship recipient of the Reimer Memorial scholarship as well as the Jay Schmitt Memorial scholarship, was awarded a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) "full ride" through their WINGS program to earn her private pilot certificate. Isabella attended an aviation camp this summer where she solo'd. Isabella volunteers for Young Eagles, DEAA and LOEFI and is a DEAA graduate. We're proud of her latest achievement!

Ava Diaz, our Ray Scholar who completed her PPL in May 2025 has already completed her instrument, commercial, and multi-engine ratings at Blue Line Aviation in Florida.

### 2026 Chapter 179 Scholarship application timing

The website link goes live on January 2nd and closes Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at midnight. We are again offering scholarships for those 14 to 25 years old, inclusive. And the Chapter has reserved two slots for one-week Oshkosh Air Academy that takes place during AirVenture!!

### Coming for 2026—NEW!

Chapter 179 is expanding the scholarship offering for 2026 to include two new "over 25" scholarships as well as offering a "multi-engine add-on" with donated instructor time in a Beechcraft Baron.

Details for these two new scholarships will be published in the December newsletter and will be on our website [eaa179.org/scholarships](http://eaa179.org/scholarships) after December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## EAA (National) Scholarship Opportunities

EAA Communications



### EAA Aviation Foundation Scholarships

These are offered by the EAA National Organization

#### 1. Flight Training Scholarships

Dreaming of becoming a pilot or getting an additional rating? EAA can help your aviation dreams become a reality. EAA's scholarships are supported by dozens of donors, benefactors, and others who "pass it forward" by endowing these programs.

#### Applications open, due December 19th, 2025

Recipients will be notified of their award on March 2, 2026.

*One application is used for ALL scholarships; scholarship applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they qualify.*

[Apply Now](#) - Flight Training Scholarships

With help from generous donors, the EAA Aviation Foundation awarded over \$135,000 each year to students to pursue flight training. This year, these awards helped 31 students pursue their dreams of flight.

#### [MORE INFO - EAA Flight Training Scholarships](#)

Application Considerations and FAQs

#### 2. Post Secondary Scholarships

Post-secondary scholarships support students attending a post-secondary institution with a focus on aviation, including pilot training, aeronautics engineering, aviation management, airframe and powerplant (A&P) maintenance, and more. These can be used at colleges, universities, technical schools, or community colleges.

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Recipients will be notified of their award on March 2, 2026.

*One application is used for ALL scholarships; scholarship applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they qualify.*

[Apply Now](#) - Post Secondary Scholarships

#### [MORE INFO - EAA Post Secondary Scholarships](#)

Application Considerations and FAQs



## Young Eagles

Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinator



We flew 47 kids at the October 18<sup>th</sup> rally. A crisp start to the morning but with New Mexico sunshine, that didn't last long. The tower controller, working both ground and air frequencies, did a phenomenal job keeping us moving as well handling the many other planes in the pattern.

As always, it takes a team to run a Young Eagle morning:

**Pilots:** Lance, Emilio, Kurt, Joyce, Mark, Mike, Gary & Art

**Airplanes:** Cirrus SR22, Velocity Elite, Velocity FG-E, Cessna 172/180, Cessna Hawk XP, Piper Cherokee 235, Beechcraft Bonanza & Van's RV7A

**Ground crew:** Isabella, Mia, and Gabe ran the show! Well, at least the computer side with pilot assignments, certificates and logbooks. Valued volunteers not pictured: Jude, Jim, George, Alex, Sean, Tim, and Carol. This great team made for happy kids and a safe ramp!

Yes, we're still thinking about our LOEFI Fly-in!! On November 2, we flew five Boy Scouts that helped us in the parking area (a rather muddy and cold role given the rain). Our appreciation goes to Juan Enciso for coordinating the flights with Lance.



For all of 2025, our Chapter flew over 325 enthusiastic, excited, awesome young adults who got to get in on the thrill of airborne aviation!!

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## Two "Young Eagles" .. Volunteering

Sarah Quinn, "Young Eagle's Mother"

Since LOEFI, the Quinn boys (Peregrine and Dashiell) coming from Santa Fe, have begun their volunteering at Albuquerque Soaring Club in Moriarty. Each has had a full Sunday of their own to get hands on groundwork experience. They both learned a lot and are feeling more comfortable with hand signals and communication with the tow pilot. Sim lessons and gliding have been going great too!

Dashiell beginning his day assisting the pilots



Perry getting tips from the pilot before she goes up.

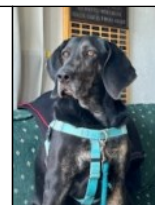


Dashiell zipping around the runway. Anyone forget sunglasses?



Perry getting ready to put the tow plane away with Miguel

Zero the Pilot Hound watching the runway from the clubhouse



Always need to refuel with a green chile burger!





## The Push is on for 2.6 Million Young Eagles

EAA Staff



EAA's Young Eagles program, which over three decades has become the largest youth aviation education program ever created, is focusing its efforts on reaching 2.5 million Young Eagles flown by EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026.

EAA is offering recognition for Young Eagles pilots who join the "25 for 2.5" campaign to reach 2.5 million Young Eagles in the coming months. In addition, participating EAA chapters that assist in new volunteer pilot recruitment will be eligible for extra Young Eagles credits that can be used to obtain further resources for Young Eagles rallies or cover tuition fees of deserving youths for the EAA Air Academy residence camp held each summer in Oshkosh.

**Fly 25 for 2.5:** Volunteer Young Eagles pilots who fly 25 Young Eagles or more from October 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, will be awarded a limited-edition commemorative cap to thank you for your participation in helping us hit this significant milestone.

More information regarding these recognition levels and incentives is available at [EAA.org/Fly25YE](https://EAA.org/Fly25YE).



## L-29 Greeted on Arrival at Double Eagle II from the Grapevine

Pilot Carol Sugars brought the jet from Santa Fe. This L-29 just raced at Roswell in September.



What we've learned so far?  
It takes a village to support a jet,  
even before it races!



## Career Fair: Intro to Aviation Careers

By Joyce Woods

Chapter 179 participated in a special 8th grade career fair at John Adams Middle School in October, thanks to relatively new members Tim McKenney and Brian Smith. Equipped with a banner and handouts listing the plethora of aviation jobs and an enticing big screen photo show of airplanes and past students engaged in our Double Eagle Aviation Academy, we aimed to open up the idea of pursuing jobs in aviation.

Students quizzed us on what skills are needed, whether education or experience was most important to succeed, etc. As typical, most of the girls were certain they couldn't pursue aviation.

We have participated for several years in their spring Career Fair for 6, 7th and 8th grades. This time, being limited to 8th graders, we promoted both Young Eagle flights and applying for our Double Eagle Aviation Academy. Only one student already had a goal to be in the Air Force. Otherwise, students had never considered aviation opportunities.

It seemed that it was a more focused event and I expect we'll see some of these students at 2026 Young Eagles events!

Tim McKenney, Joyce Woods, and Brian Smith, staffed a display at John Adams Middle School



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**MOSAIC is Done!**  
Excerpt from EAA Communications

WELCOME TO A **NEW ERA** IN RECREATIONAL AVIATION

**Sport Pilot 2.0**

**MOSAIC is done.** After more than a decade of work by EAA, the FAA, and numerous others, MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification) is now a final rule. A generation after the creation of the original Sport Pilot and Light-Sport Aircraft (LSA) rules, we now welcome Sport Pilot 2.0 and Light Sport Category certification. On October 22, 2025, about three-quarters of the general aviation fleet will be accessible to sport pilots and those exercising sport pilot privileges. On July 24, 2026, new and modern aircraft will begin entering the fleet with minimal certification costs.

This is the most monumental and important step recreational aviation has taken in more than 20 years. Recreational flying has never been more accessible than it is now, thanks to EAA and Sport Pilot 2.0. You can do this now. You can earn your pilot certificate with fewer hurdles and more choices — taking half the time, at half the cost, while having all the fun.

Sport Pilot 2.0 also brings changes to current sport pilots by expanding current sport pilot privileges and providing access to more capable, safe, and robust aircraft. It also expands sport certified flight instructor privileges, opens the door for new and innovative aircraft design, and so much more.

Welcome to a new era in recreational aviation.

**Start your Sport Pilot 2.0 journey by using the navigation bar at: [Sport Pilot 2.0](#) Info provided specifically for:**

New and Future Pilots  
Current Sport and Private Pilots  
Flight Schools and CFIs  
Aircraft Ownership and Maintenance  
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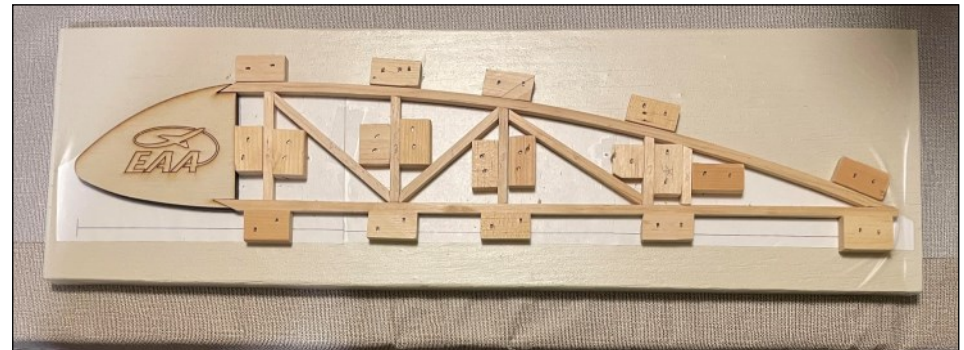
**New at LOEFI This Year: BERNOULLI**

Kevin Frick

Aerodynamics and aircraft construction came together at a new addition to this year's LOEFI. Situated at the "Builders Corner" just inside the hanger, the "Build a Wing Rib" booth expanded the Chapter 179 displays, much to the enjoyment of interested youngsters.



Manned by chapter members Art Tangen and Kevin Frick, the twenty-one inch ribs were built by the kids using jigs to assembly the pre-cut and numbered parts. Before beginning, however, each builder was given a quick lesson about wing ribs: where they are located on the airplane and why they are shaped like that. This mini lesson was facilitated by a flip chart showing how the air flows over the wing, explaining the Bernoulli Principle. Other chart pictures showed ribs lined up in a wing just before covering.



Finally, the kids got to their favorite part of the activity, building the rib. Using the jig, the parts, glue, gussets, and staples all came together. They even got to sign and date the nose piece so they may recall the day, and maybe be reminded about EAA. Twenty six ribs were completed by 1300. In fact, the supply of kids and parts ran out at the same time!

And now, a LOEFI addendum: Kevin would like to give a big shout-out to George Young for his input on signage design and placement. Just like the other planning meetings (thanks Doreen) getting together with folks and sharing ideas was invaluable.



## Flying in to the Inaugural Roswell Air Races

by Joyce Woods



The New Mexico Pilots Association has a Tourism team focused on increasing aviation tourism. When we learned that Roswell won the Air Races bid, we saw a statewide opportunity. Several of us immediately booked rooms or RV camp spots—determined to help make it a success.

One thing Roswell offers over Reno is that GA pilots could fly-in. Roswell has ramp space! I decided early on that I would do so. A week prior, I called the Airport Manager to ask if there was free ramp parking some-

where, thinking of AOPA's big effort to combat high FBO parking fees. She directed me to the FBO, saying they were handling all GA parking. Arrgh. So I called AvFlight Roswell. They took my "reservation" and to my delight, they told me it would be a \$12 handling fee. Just \$12 to park for 5 nights. Some pilots I met had a hotel in Artesia and flew into ROW for \$12 each day. Still reasonable!!!

Now the TFR said the airport was closed from 8am – 5pm daily. There was a Facebook post indicating a half hour break in the TFR when the Air Boss turns control back to the FAA Tower for arrival/departure of a commercial flight. GA traffic could have access, be prepared to hold.

My flight time from KAEG was 1 hour, 32 minutes. Planning for an 0730 arrival, I taxied out 15 minutes before Civil Twilight. The flight went like clockwork! Before I reached the Manzanos, it was daylight. I enjoyed a beautiful sunrise against some small rain showers in the distance, arriving at 0728.

The races were way more fun than I expected but that story is for another time. I volunteered in the VIP Chalet which was non-stop. But it meant I had flush toilet access, shade, and a nice lunch daily. All good!

I wasn't smart enough to book my hotel through Sunday night to catch the final race day. (*Like shutting off the World Series before the last game.*) With heavy rain Saturday, the Sunday AM forecast was a low ceiling. Just in case, I went to the FBO to pack and preflight. I half expected I would enjoy Sunday races and leave after 5pm.



There were two other pilots at the FBO. One named Matt had called the tower seeking VFR options to depart. I told him about the noon Tower window so he asked ATC if there might be a noon opening. Turns out, because of the 500' ceiling, races were held up and the FAA hadn't yet turned the tower over to the Air Boss. If you were IFR, you could get in or out. Tower told Matt to call back at 10:00 since the ceiling was supposed to lift. About 5 minutes to 10, Matt told his wife to go to the bathroom and be ready to go. (I should've also!!) We could see weather was clearing northwest of the airport.

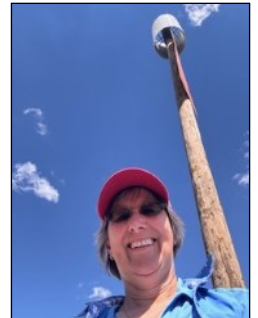
At 10 sharp, Matt called tower and they discussed a mid-field departure to the northwest. The Controller asked, "how soon can you be ready?" Matt asked "would 10 min work?" and told them there were 3 aircraft. Controller said go and we did!

However, the other two guys' aircraft were just outside the FBO door. A bathroom stop for me and a dead run to mine clear down the ramp! I pulled my tiedowns and sunshades, threw them in the backseat, one last walkaround, and then in the cockpit, I told myself, "just start up and if I am too late, so be it."

Well, the two aircraft were just reading back taxi instructions and going by me. I told the controller I could accept the midfield takeoff (still 7000') and was ready to taxi. My readback was simple, "follow the Long-EZ to Echo on runway 3" and I was off! Great experience. I'll do it again next year!



STOL Drag Races



Pylon Visit



Midfield Departure Runway 3





## 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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(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**)
  - [How Far Away is "Distant Lightning"?](#)
  - [Why Do an Inflight Mag Check?](#)
  - [What's a Cross-Control Stall?](#)
  - [Comm Failure Troubleshooting](#)



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- [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.
  - Current Interest: [Sport Pilot 2.0: Are You Ready](#), Oct 22, 2025
- [EAA's Chapter Video Magazines](#) (monthly)
- EAA's [eHotline](#), Announcements for Air Venture/Oshkosh and more
- And many manuals, such as [Checkride Insights: Private Pilot](#)



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## Quick Links to Chapter Website

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## SPECIAL NOTE: Chapter 179 on Facebook

Lance Hunter, Chapter Publicity

For those of you who follow things on Facebook, we have two spaces, one, a Facebook PAGE, directed to the public and the other a Facebook GROUP for Members and others closely associated with the Chapter.

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

[EAA Chapter 179 New Mexico](#) is a Private GROUP. Only users who have joined have access to it. It will have up-to-date information and Members can participate with their own posts and in dialogs via Likes, comments, and replies.

Lance Hunter and Kyle Reinhardt are our lead FaceBookMasters, who manage both and keep Chapter information up to date. Contact them with questions or ideas.





## In the News and Other Interesting Topics

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### NMPA

- [October 2025 NMPA Newsletter](#)
- Editor's Log: Lanny Tanning's "The View from Above."
- Advocacy report by Joyce Woods: "MOSAIC! - No Fees from ADS-B Data! - NM Aviation Tourism" - RAF Conference".
- Discussion by Cliff Chetwin: affects on density altitude by temperature and winds
- Jeff Gilkey: "Ben Earthwalker's Labyrinths".
- 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 more.



## 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](#)

**I guess the busy season for aviation events around New Mexico is over. (Editor)**

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



## Recurring Events for Chapter 179

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*



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**AirMedCare Network-Guardian**

Albuquerque Aviation Academy

Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179

Albuquerque Soaring Club

Angel Flight South Central

**Bolder Flight Systems**

Scouting America—Troop 147

**City of Albuquerque Aviation Dept**

Civil Air Patrol - NM Wing

CNM Aviation Technology

**Commemorative AF, Lobo Wing**

Double Eagle Aviation Academy

Duke City Electric Flyers

**High Country Air Service**

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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 \(KDNA\)](#)

## 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.

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EAA 179 Scholarships

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Contact Joyce at [secretary@eaa179.org](mailto:secretary@eaa179.org) with your SIZE.



## Seeking Assistance, Offering Items for Sale

Starting a new column, a place for people seeking assistance with a project, looking for something "aviation", or offering something "aviation" for sale.

A Request from a member of Chapter 691

Khat AA <[cloudwerks.aak@gmail.com](mailto:cloudwerks.aak@gmail.com)>

"Hello,

I'm writing to your chapter on behalf of my Pulsar XP project. I had an offer from another EAA member to finish the plane for me. I would have jumped on the chance however the cost of shipping the plane out of state was unaffordable.

A friend put me up to writing to other more local EAA chapters to see if there was someone closer who would like to help me to bring the aircraft to airworthy again. It needs about 12-16 weeks, a winter Project for a reasonable paycheck.

Yours,  
Amaryllis Khat"

A request from Joshua Hogancamp <[jrhogancamp@gmail.com](mailto:jrhogancamp@gmail.com)>

"Hi,

I'm considering buying an RV-4. Can anyone at the EAA Chapter 179 recommend between a 150, 160, or 180 hp engine? I worry that the 150 or 160 hp engines won't have enough to maneuver at the altitudes in NM.

Thanks!

Josh"

A request from Bob Acree <[noxqq@yahoo.com](mailto:noxqq@yahoo.com)>

I have a box of aircraft wire cable removed from a learjet during inspection, also a few other parts. If anyone is interested in these have them contact me at my email. Bob Acree