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## Upcoming Events

February 17, 2026 - EAA 179 Chapter Gathering (BJs)

February 21, 2026 - [Young Eagles Rally](#) (Double Eagle II - AEG)

February 21, 2026 - IMC Club (AEG—City Maint Facility)

March 3, 2026 - Chapter Board Meeting (6:30pm Zoom)

March 14, 2025 - Young Eagles Rally (Double Eagle II - AEG)

March 21, 2026 - Young Eagles Rally (Mid Valley, E98)

September 16 - 20 National Championship Air Races (ROW)

September 26, 2026 - Land of Enchantment Fly-In (AEG)

February 2026

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## Notes from Our President

Art Woods



Your EAA Chapter 179 is active, busy and alive & well. The Chapter Gatherings have been drawing over 50 people consistently, and for January, we had over 60. But the best news for those of us who have been members for a while is the aviation student population. Young Eagles, scholarship recipients and next gen applicants are infusing a healthy dose of spirit into the chapter!!

Speaking of a healthy chapter, please renew your membership, or support the chapter for the first time! Cash, check and credit card all work for us. You can pay from your PayPal account or with a credit card through our PayPal account. We'd love to have past members join us again and support all the great stuff we do.

Jeff Gilkey's aerial tour – Nothing better than an aerial tour of the desert southwest. The varied landscape with colors, canyons, buttes and even volcano cones and plugs is incredible. Thanks to Jeff for giving us his bird's eye view.

Chapter 179's scholarship application window closes midnight February 15. Join us for our March Chapter Gathering when 2026 awards will be presented—and meet the recipients!

Young Eagle flights start again this month – ages 8 to 17. Registration is open for the rally to be held February 21st. We offer rallies in March, April, May, August, September and October.

And if you're over 17, we will hold an additional Flying Start seminar later this year to answer the question – **How do I become a pilot??** Thanks to Mia, a Chapter Ray Scholar in 2024, we inspired a group on February 1 to

take that first step. For pleasure, business or a professional path, we showed them what it takes, and how to start.

### ***Baby It's Cold Outside!***

You'd think growing up in North Dakota and Montana, and having moved here from Michigan, that a sunny 24 degree morning would be pretty nice? You'd think. And the flip side to that is fellow New Mexicans who don't know general aviation ask when we'll be able to start flying again now that it's winter?! Uh, yesterday! And the day before that, and ... tomorrow!!

Arthur Woods  
President, EAA Chapter 179  
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## Notes from the Back-Up Editor

Joyce Woods

Hello! George was away this month so I'm sitting in. . . So if you don't like this month's newsletter, tell Pat she can't take him out of the country so much. He's created an impressive structure and with all the contributors, it comes together! And who says we're not doing much over the winter?

Meanwhile, I hope you've been able to enjoy some nice winter flying. I have enjoyed flying AND taking quite a few people up. A neighbor, a friend of a friend who's actually a stuntman (really!), and a few Young Eagles. Several of us are heading out to Buckeye, AZ for the AOPA Fly-In. In past years, we've had an impressive contingent at Copperstate and Cactus Fly-Ins which were mostly held at Casa Grande, AZ. It's my first trip into Buckeye and I've always enjoyed the AOPA events in the past. Enjoy this month's issue!



## February Chapter 179 Gathering

Join us! Anyone Welcome!



**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**BJ's Restaurant @ Cottonwood Mall**

**5:00 PM** – No host dinner social

**6:15 PM** – Intros, Program

Arrive anytime from 5pm; dinner not required.

### 3D Printing and Aviation - PedalPlanes and Flight Simulators by Mike Paxson

Long time EAA 179 member Mike Paxson will cover a brief history and explanation of 3D printing followed by his printing journey over the past several years. He will highlight his original inspiration in flight simulators followed by the design and printing of PedalPlane accessories.

Mike has been 3D printing for the last several years. He originally delved into this hobby after viewing an online video showing how to print and build a replica Supermarine Spitfire Spade Grip for flight simulators.

Fast forward to today, he now prints these flight simulator controls and ships them around the country. In addition to flight simulator controls, he has designed and printed accessories for PedalPlanes using self-taught 3D CAD. These accessories have been featured in EAA179 PedalPlanes raffled at LOEFI and have found themselves in other PedalPlanes around the country.

Mike was introduced to aviation by his grandfather who after enlisting his help to work on or wash the aircraft would say something like, "Wanna go? We need to make sure it still flies!" Mike has been an EAA179 chapter member since 2017, served as LOEFI chair in 2019 and 2023, and shared a personal flight simulator for our Aviation Academy (ultimately donating it).

**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 addressed in Board meetings.*

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



## January Chapter Gathering - Recap



Jeff Gilkey presented "**Over New Mexico and the Southwest**", sharing his incredible wingtip videos, knowledge and experience. Enjoyable for all!



You can read more about the places he's been on the New Mexico Pilots Association's ***Fly New Mexico*** page. His monthly newsletter articles are available under the tab: "**Obscure and Scenic New Mexico**", from an interactive map.

A fun presenter, Jeff is a trike pilot and videographer who demonstrates the fun of flying like not many others can. He shows off New Mexico in a way that is intriguing and inspiring and has presented at the NM Museum of Natural History, both on their big screen and overhead in the Planetarium. To enjoy more of Jeff's videos, visit his YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/jeffttrike>

When asked if he trailers his aircraft to distant destinations, he explained the steps it would take to do so. He said he'd "rather just fly, than go through all that". It would require disassembly, and besides the trailer and driving, the re-assembly and test flights take too much time and effort. So he flies!



Cataract Canyon—Utah

For Jeff, the trike is the perfect flying machine, combining the intuitive natural wing controls of a hang glider, and the long distance, low speed cruise capability of an efficient engine with a large gas tank.

Jeff enjoys the pilot camaraderie met through the New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA) and believes it is a great way to create a network of friendly flying contacts across the state.



## Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



### *It's time to renew your Chapter membership dues!*

Membership with the national EAA organization is also required to be current (but runs from the date of payment until the following year of the same date).

We hope that you plan on renewing for this year.

#### To JOIN or RENEW:

1. Please submit your Chapter dues (\$20 for Individual membership or \$30 for Family membership.). You can pay:
  - **Online** thru payment via Paypal, Debit, or Credit Card for 1, 3, or 5 year terms at: <https://eaa179.org/membership/>
  - **By snail mail:** Send your check payable to "EAA 179"; Double Eagle II Airport; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179; Albuquerque, NM 87120. Include your eMail address.
2. Please email your EAA membership number (located on your EAA national Membership ID Card) to: [membership@eaa179.org](mailto:membership@eaa179.org) regardless of whether you pay by check or Paypal/Credit Card.

Per Article V, Section 2 of the Chapter Bylaws, membership renewal dues are required for the period of January thru December of the Membership Year and are payable from December of the previous year thru March of the present year. Dues paid outside of that period are NOT pro-rated. Membership runs only from January thru December of a given year.

For your national EAA membership, visit: <https://www.eaa.org/join.aspx>

***Thank you for being a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and Chapter 179!***



Contact Gwen to  
Get Your Name Tag

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Membership Coordinator  
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web: [eaa179.org/membership](https://eaa179.org/membership)



## 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, February 21, 2026 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 City of Albuquerque Maintenance Building Conference Room **NOTE CHANGE!**

*Directions: Enter the gate straight ahead from the last stop sign before turning left towards main airport parking lot. City building is the first building on your left. Security will hold this gate open from 9:15—9:45.*

**OR Join Remotely via ZOOM:** Register in advance for Zoom access info here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/D57PzAGCS-6gqnmftO6wXg>

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 instructions

*See you there!*

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## EAA 179 Young Eagles Rallies

Jim Kessler, Young Eagles Coordinator



EAA Chapter 179's 2026 Young Eagle's events are scheduled with our first one approaching!

The registration window opens about 2 weeks prior to each rally. Please visit our website the Friday night before the rally to see if we had to cancel, or maybe just delay

the start, for weather – windy, extreme cold or even snow!

During the colder months we usually start flights at 8 AM and by the heat of the summer we move the start time 7:30 AM.

### Young Eagles Flights

**Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9**

**Jun 6** (DEAA registered youth only)

**Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10.**

If you'd like to volunteer, whether as a Young Eagle Pilot or ground support, let me know!

Jim Kessler  
Young Eagles Coordinator  
eMail: [youngeagles@eaa179.org](mailto:youngeagles@eaa179.org)  
web: <https://eaa179.org/youngeagles>

## More Young Eagles Rallies

With 7 EAA chapters across the state, our members enjoy working together, especially with Young Eagles events.

Dates are set for EAA 530's Young Eagles flights at Mid Valley Airpark!

**March 21 May 23 June 20 August 22**

If you've not partaken, Mid Valley Airpark is worth a visit; a totally different event atmosphere. Being a smaller, private and non-towered airport, you're always close to the action!

Chapter 530 Young Eagles Coordinator, Rose Longmire invites participation of any Young Eagle PILOTS and ground crew.

Let Rose know if you can help — text her at **505 249 4530**. *She'd love to hear from you!*



## Be a part of EAA's MISSION 2.5

EAA Young Eagles

As of February 7, 2026, 2,479,705 Young Eagles have been flown in the more than 30 years since the program started.

Approaching 2.5 million Young Eagles flown, EAA announced incentives to reach that goal by EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2026.

EAA will recognize Young Eagles pilots who join the "Fly 25 for 2.5" campaign to reach 2.5 million Young Eagles in the coming months.

**New Volunteer Pilots:** For any new volunteer pilot recruited, a chapter will be eligible for \$25 extra Young Eagles credits from EAA Headquarters. For Chapter 179, that means, more funds towards sending youth to the EAA Air Academy residence camp in Oshkosh! *Wanna join us? Now's a great time!*

### Pilots! 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).

### Thanks to Young Eagle Pilots & Volunteers!!

Kyle Reinhardt—above  
(EAA 179)

Kurt Winker—right (EAA 530)





*We're excited to see that our chapter's ninth Ray Scholar is moving right along towards his Private Pilot certificate . . .*



**Gabe Pohl, 2025 Ray Scholar** sent this photo (right) from his solo long Cross Country.



His route: ABQ-GNT-BRG-ABQ. Gabe's first solo XC was to Socorro on January 21st. His first solo was December 17, 2025.

**Luke Vaughn, 2021 Ray Scholar**, is now a senior set to graduate from the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs this May. Last year, he learned he was assigned a pilot slot. On January 29th, he sent this update:

*"Just got my first duty station! I will be heading to Columbus AFB for UPT after I graduate." - Luke*

*Did you know . . .*

Columbus AFB is in Mississippi, KCBM Elevation 218'

UPT is Undergraduate Pilot Training, a comprehensive program designed to train pilots in the U.S. Air Force, focusing on both flying skills and military specific competencies.

Luke Vaughn at Oshkosh 2024 with his parents.  
He found time to meet up with Art and Joyce





## Accepting Scholarship Applications

Deadline Feb 15, 2026

Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179 awards scholarships annually to candidates pursuing aviation education as a career or hobby including flight training, A&P certification, or other activities for applicants' intent on entering an aviation-related occupation.

We also accept applications for full tuition to attend EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI. We have two seats reserved in the "Explore Aviation Camp", July 14-22 (overlaps with AirVenture).

The amount and number of scholarship grants are determined each year and contingent on available funding. Recipients will be notified and awarded at our March 17th Chapter Gathering.

For the first time ever, we invite adults over the age of 25 years old to apply. So, no matter your age or goals in aviation, we encourage you to apply!

For more details and the link to the Application Form, go to:

[2026 EAA Chapter 179 Scholarship Program](#)



## Support Our Scholarship Fund!

### Call for Chapter 179 - Scholarship Donors

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

As our 2026 Scholarship program kicks off, 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 to various Memorial funds. Your specific wishes may be designated in the optional notes at the top.

You may donate ONLINE via Paypal or Credit Card:

Donate

Or send a check to:

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

*EAA Chapter 179 is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization.*



## 2026 Scholarship Program



### EAA CHAPTER 179 2026 AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

*Dreaming of becoming a pilot or getting an additional rating? EAA can help your aviation dreams become a reality.*

*Scholarships for flight training, A&P, or aviation related education scholarship.*

*No membership required to apply, open to ALL ages from 15 years old. Must be a resident of New Mexico, preferably in the Albuquerque area.*

*Application deadline February 15th. Scholarship amounts will vary.*

*Check out our website to apply, for more information, and application tips!*



#### APPLICATION

The scholarship window will open January 2nd, 2026.

Submit your application by February 15th, 2026 to be considered.

#### COMMUNITY

Find an incredible & supportive community in the ABQ area for student pilots, mechanics, and more. Join us for monthly meeting and activities.

We have given out over \$100,000 worth of scholarships in the last 10 years, and helped every level of aviator from student pilot to ATP.

#### LOCAL RESOURCES

We will help guide and mentor you in your training and provide you with resources to aid in your success.

For More Information  
[eaa179.org/scholarships](http://eaa179.org/scholarships)



Click on the image to download a .pdf file.



## Chapter 179 - Flying Start!

Mia Alderete, Coordinator

On Sunday, February 1st, we hosted our first Flying Start event of the year, and it was a great success. We welcomed nine participants, all of whom shared a strong interest in learning more about aviation.

Many attendees were exploring the possibility of beginning a career in aviation, while others were interested in starting flight training for personal enjoyment and recreational flying.

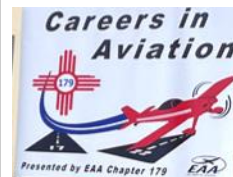
Throughout the event, participants were introduced to the various flight training opportunities available here in Albuquerque, as well as potential career pathways within the aviation industry. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with CFIs from the EAA chapter, allowing them to ask questions and gain firsthand insight from experienced pilots. The event provided valuable guidance and clarity on next steps, whether aviation is being pursued as a professional career or a lifelong hobby.

A huge thank you to the volunteers that helped me put this event together: Eric Achen, Alex Basinger, Art Woods, and Joyce Woods - events like this wouldn't be possible without you.



## Career Fairs - Introducing Aviation Career Possibilities

Kevin Frick, Youth Outreach Coordinator



The first career fair of the season is in the books!

Junior Achievement was the sponsor for

the first fair of the season. High school seniors from three South Valley high schools converged on Robert F. Kennedy High School for a career fair attended by 15 businesses and companies, including EAA Chapter 179.

Chapter members, Brian Smith and Kevin Frick shared brochures, flyers, and pep talk about aviation jobs and activities. Young Eagles, DEAA, and LOEFI were actively promoted.

Next month, we have career affairs at Lavaland elementary and the John Adams middle school. Interested members that would like to participate in these fairs are welcome to contact Kevin Frick. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Lastly, Career Fairs are not the only function of Youth Outreach. Let us know if there is a group of youngsters that would like to come out to the airport and simply be guided through a preflight, a tower visit, or to observe a building project in progress.

These are all options for our chapter to be a positive force in the maturing life of young people as we promote our aviation interests and activities.



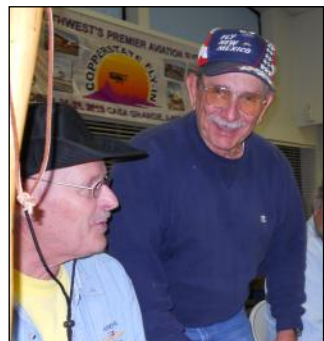


## Chapter Members Gone West: Russ Prina, Steve Rokicki, Dan Telfair

By Joyce Woods

*Sadly, over the past few months, we have lost three past chapter members.*

**Russ Prina** passed November 30 in Albuquerque. He built and flew a BD-4 and had a nice hangar at Moriarty. He long served on our Board of Directors and was a dedicated volunteer at OSH for many years. He and his wife Margaret hosted our chapter Christmas parties for many years at their home.



Russ was a mainstay of the “Monroes Aviators” lunch—every Thursday for over 25 years. When we first moved to Albuquerque, this was the place to network and meet area aviators!

A favorite memory was at Casa Grande, AZ where several of us flew to the Copperstate Fly-In in 2010. Here’s Russ

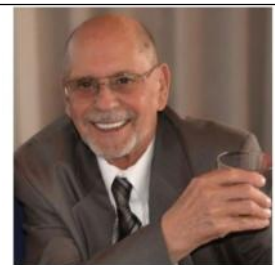


(right) with fellow member Jay Schmitt.

A Celebration of Russ’s life will be on Friday, March 13 in Albuquerque. Details and his obituary: <https://www.directfuneralservicesabq.com/obituary/russell-prina>

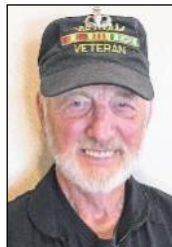
**Steve Rokicki** passed on December 9, 2025.

Steve most recently taught with the Albuquerque based Embry Riddle program, sharing his extensive Air Force experience and insightfulness especially in regard to human factors.



He served on our chapter board and was a long-time chapter member. With a great sense of humor, I remember him making out of the box suggestions and asking good questions.

Steve’s obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/legacy/stephen-rokicki>



We learned that **Dan Telfair** passed on January 16, 2026.

Many of us watched Dan and his wife Zia build an Excalibur at Double Eagle II after giving up his trusty Cessna 182 which he used for Angel Flight missions.

Dan served as New Mexico Wing Leader for Angel Flight, flying a record number of 500 missions!

He was quite the Angel Flight pilot recruiter, as well. He invited me to be his co-pilot on a mission to Las Cruces, my first mission! He inspired me to participate, which was incredibly satisfying, although I didn’t stay involved long. He had the process down, even with patients who did not speak English. He equipped Bode with a wheelchair (still used) and he’d drive the patient where-ever they needed to go upon arrival.



At LOEFI 2016, Dan was proud to announce that 50 kids got to sit in his cockpit during the event. Dan was a super caring individual who gave so much to so many!

Dan proudly served in Vietnam in the Army. He felt that prepared him for the emergency off-airport landing in his Excalibur aircraft in 2017 which he escaped without injury. His advice to

chapter members was, “In an emergency, fly the plane all the way down!”

Dan’s enthusiasm, stories, and varied experiences have been missed. Tid-bit: the chapter built RV-12 is now in the hangar he had for many years.

Read more: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/abqjournal/name/william-telfair-obituary?id=60625637>

*The face of our local general aviation community is always changing and has changed greatly since these three were active in our chapter. We miss them all.*

**If inclined to donate In Memory of these special people, or anyone. . .**

You may honor someone with a memorial donation to EAA Chapter 179, a 501c3 charitable organization. To do so, find the DONATE button at the bottom of our [HOME page](#). Indicate in the notes who you wish to honor and use the dropdown menu for how you’d like the funds used.



## Volunteers Needed Roswell Air Races September 15-20, 2026

Preliminary announcement

NMPA and EAA 179 and EAA1306 Chapters are recruiting volunteers for several race week positions including:

### Race Aircraft Wing-Walkers for the pit area

Volunteers will receive a free weekly pass and an RV electric site if needed. More details to follow.

If interested, contact:

Chet Leach ([chettleach@msn.com](mailto:chettleach@msn.com)) or  
Joyce Woods ([niner3echo@flylonecone.com](mailto:niner3echo@flylonecone.com))

In addition to the races, USAF Thunderbirds are performing this year! They are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept 19—20.



and others) through the race website. The local 99s chapter ran the Information Booth at the front gate. There were a good number of NM general aviation volunteers!



Race leadership (NCAR) appreciated everyone that volunteered, especially since most Reno volunteers did not come. With the inaugural year under their belt, they expect more race classes to participate this year, more racers, plus the Thunderbirds, so they expect a bigger crowd!

The volunteer site is already open, so you can check out available positions: [Volunteer | National Championship Air Races](#) If you choose to volunteer as part of our group, we'll give you special instructions for signing up.

NCAR likes for groups to manage certain positions so depending on our level of interest, we could take an additional task (in addition to Wing Walking) to help make this growing event a success.

For example, the grounds are so expansive, there's a huge need for people mover drivers! They wanted more Pylon Judges - a closeup viewpoint!

Details for volunteer needs beyond wing walking need to be arranged, depending on how much of a commitment we want to make. Some non-profit groups have even been paid for their service over the years.

*Note: the races are over the weekend that directly precedes our main public event of the year, the Land of Enchantment Fly-In. Our Fly-In is of prime importance to our chapter both for aviation exposure and our main fundraiser. So if you go, you'll need to have ducks in a row for LOEFI!!! At least that's MY plan. My Roswell hotel room is booked and I plan to fly in again.*



## Proud to be a Member? Want a Chapter 179 shirt?

### NEW! Chapter T Shirts!

These high quality t-shirts with our updated chapter logo are in stock (most sizes) and will be brought to our February gathering. Ladies scoop neck shirts in limited sizes are also available. Contact Diana or Doug Volker or contact us at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)

\$20.00 for Chapter Members and \$25.00 for Non-Members



T Shirt FRONT



T Shirt BACK

## DEAA T Shirts and Chapter Polo Shirts

These designs available by special order.

Additional colors are available for Polos - inquire with your order.

Contact us at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org) with your SIZE.

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

### DEAA T-Shirts

Design on shirt front  
\$15 each  
(men's or women's  
sizes available, no  
pockets)



### Chapter 179 Polo Shirts

Gray with embroidered  
logo on left breast.  
\$30 each.  
Add Pocket (\$2)



## Items Offered for Sale

Support EAA 179!

*This month, these sales benefit EAA Chapter 179*

### BONEHEAD Aviation Helmet for Sale

**Model: PilotX with ANR upgrade.**

Ted Hartenstein chose this helmet because of its low profile, so there is room between the helmet and the canopy. A lot of helmets on the market sit very high on the head which can be a problem in an RV.

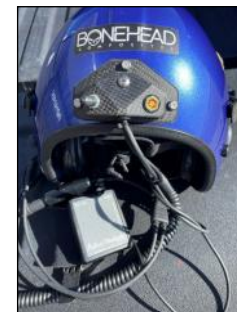


Retail cost (new) currently  
\$1905.

Reference: [Pilot-X Aviation Flight Helmet With Comms - Bonehead Composites](#)

**Make an offer!** A portion of the proceeds will benefit EAA Chapter 179, a 501c3 charitable organization.

Please contact us via email: [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)



### Northern Tool General Purpose Fuel Tank - 18 Gallon

Retail (new) price: \$359

**Make an offer!**

[RDS Aluminum General Purpose Marine Fuel Tank, 18-Gallon, Rectangular, Smooth, Model# 62533 | Northern Tool](#)



Warren Cox donated this nearly new fuel tank to our chapter. No leaks. All proceeds benefit EAA Chapter 179. Please contact us if interested via email: [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)



## 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. 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]
- NEW** NTSB Safety Alert: [See and Be Seen: Your Life Depends on It](#)
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### Pilot Workshops—[sign up here](#) to receive these via email

- Welcome [to The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (PDFs & videos) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
- [How ATC Really Works](#) (A Pilot Friendly Manual)
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- "Secrets from a tailwheel pilot" - [Tailwheel Checkout Course with Patty Wagstaff](#)
- [Basic Aerobatics with Patty Wagstaff](#) (video)
- Recent Pilots Tip of the Week (**New in each issue**)
  - [Bold Items on a Checklist](#)
  - [Climbing or Descending with an Autopilot](#)
  - [Botched Go-Around](#)
  - [Using Bearing Pointers](#)



### EAA

- \*\*\* Are you affected by MOSAIC? EAA's news: [MOSAIC Implementations—FAA Releases Updated Advisory Circulars](#)
- [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)
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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



## In the News and Other Interesting Topics

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### NMPA

- [February 2026 NMPA Newsletter](#)
- Advocacy report by Joyce Woods: with AOPA's Call to Action: Congressional Pilot and Aircraft Protection Act (HR4146 / SB 2175) which would prevent airports from billing solely based on ADSB data", [NMPA Newsletter](#), page 7.
- Jeff Gilkey: "Colle and Peralta Canyons", [NMPA Newsletter](#), page 13.
- 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.
  - **NEW:** From [Pilot Institute](#):
    - [Instrument Cross-Check](#)
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## 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, donation requested)

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

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

*Typically the First Tuesday of Odd Months via ZOOM—check newsletter*

### 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*



## NM Aviation and Other Organizations and Resources Of Interest

George Young

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 \(KDNA\)](#)



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