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**Upcoming Events**

- March 14, 2025 - [Young Eagles Rally](#) (Double Eagle II - AEG)
- March 17, 2026 - [March Chapter Gathering](#) (BJ's Cottonwood)
- March 21, 2026 - [Young Eagles Rally](#) (Mid Valley Airpark, E98)
- March 28, 2026 - [NM Aviation Div Seminar: Owner and Operator Maintenance](#) (AEG)
- April 11, 2025 - [Young Eagles Rally](#) (Double Eagle II - AEG)
- June 1-5, 2026 - [Double Eagle Aviation Academy](#) (AEG)
- September 16 - 20 [National Championship Air Races](#) (ROW)
- September 26, 2026 - [Land of Enchantment Fly-In](#) (AEG)

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## Notes from Our President Art Woods

### *Hello — Ready for Spring?*

#### **CONGRATULATIONS GABE!!**

Gabe Pohl, Chapter 179's 2025 Ray Scholar, passed his checkride on March 3rd  
[See report on page 7](#)



#### **EAA Gold Level Status**

Coinciding with the Winter Olympics?? Chapter 179 has been awarded a GOLD Level status recognition for 2025. Of the eleven criteria that chapters are judged against, we only failed in getting enough members to participate in the chapter membership survey. We made up for this missed opportunity by scoring

extra credit since the chapter offers a build project, chapter scholarships and a tool crib. This is the 6th consecutive year we achieved GOLD status.

**3D Printing:** You can read about the February program [in this newsletter](#), but the 3D printing presentation was fascinating & amazing. People rushed up front to see and hold the printed parts. The detail in the replica Spitfire control column is incredible. Plus Mike donated a 3D printer!

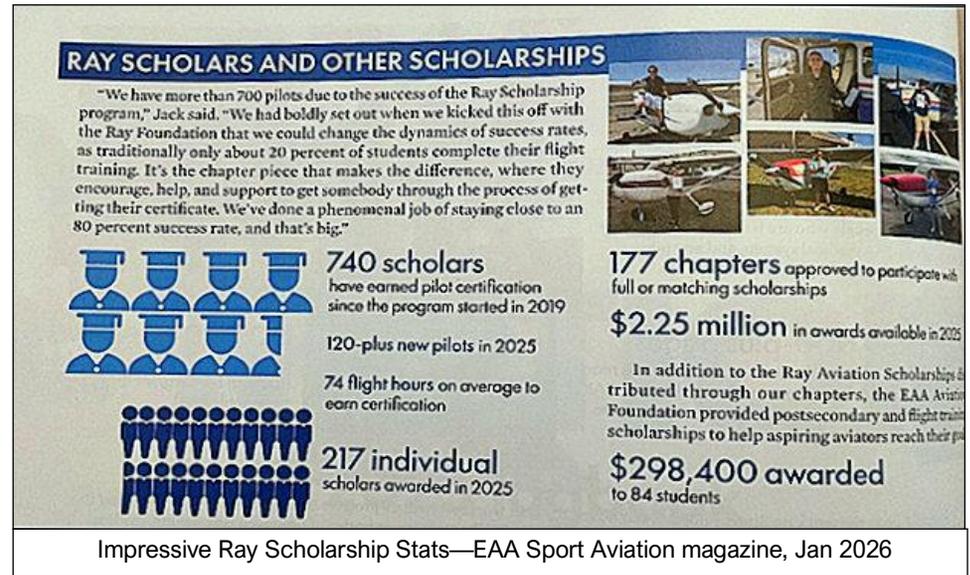
**Chapter Scholarship Awards:** Scholarship applications reviews were finished in the first week in March. Please join us for the Scholarship Dinner on March 17th at BJ's in Cottonwood Mall.

**Double Eagle Master Plan:** Jerry Little gave an update on the master plan process for Double Eagle II airport. With airport boundaries stuck in between roads, the Petroglyph National Monument and other property, options to lengthen the main runway are somewhat limited.



**Helping EAA Select Ray Scholar Chapters:** For my 2nd year, I was part of the team recruited to review other chapter's applications to become a Ray Scholar chapter. Some of the newest chapters are applying for the first time and many "old hat" chapters are working on their 7th, 8th or even 9th Ray Scholar.

EAA 179 has a strong track record, receiving 9 Ray Scholarships from EAA to date. For a third year, our chapter committed in advance to match 25% of the Ray Foundation funding which guarantees our chapter's eligibility for up to two Ray Scholarships in 2026.



Arthur Woods  
President, EAA Chapter 179  
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## March Chapter Gathering



**Tuesday, March 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.

### Program: 2026 Chapter Scholarship Awards

Celebrate our newest scholarship recipients by attending our March social gathering! Meet our 2026 scholarship award recipients as they share their aviation goals. Included are two recipients of full tuition for EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI.

Thanks to generous donors, our chapter is dedicated to introducing youth to aviation and supporting advancement of their aviation education through scholarships.

Funds cover expenses related to flight training, A&P certification, or other educational programs for New Mexico applicants pursuing a future in aviation as a career or hobby.

**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!***



## February Chapter Gathering (RECAP)



Longtime member, Mike Paxson shared the evolution of his learning and business endeavors related to 3D Printing.

He presented, “**3D Printing and Aviation - Pedal Planes and Flight Simulators**”. Initially motivated by building parts for his own flight simulators, he's expanded to pedal planes and providing Flight Sim parts for others.



His small part production has evolved to support realistic operating flight simulators for the Spitfire which he ships around the world. The Supermarine Spitfire Spade Grip for simulators is made of multiple pieces, assembled together to make a part some two feet long!!! Impressive stuff!

Mike designed and made realistic engine parts for our chapter built pedal planes including panel instruments and radial engine parts which would have otherwise been stickers and wooden dowels.

Besides providing parts for chapter projects, he donated one of his early 3D Printers which may be used for LOEFI demos and other chapter use. It could be a great learning tool, so if you are interested—contact Bob Richter-Sand who organizes the LOEFI demos.

In addition to Mike's presentation, Jerry Little shared some info from the Double Eagle II Airport's Master Plan update. He is participating as a tenant and can pass along any feedback you may have for the future planning project currently underway.





## Membership

Gwen Walcott, Membership Chair



We are seeking new members.

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

Please consider joining the 90 plus individuals who are registered as members for 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Get Your Name Tag

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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, March 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
- 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/join/register/3jBEhY\\_3QxW5nksr6zdpPQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/3jBEhY_3QxW5nksr6zdpPQ)

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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## Young Eagles

Jim Kessler & Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinators



Our chapter flew 326 Young Eagles in 2025, which resulted in the chapter getting Young Eagle credits for \$1630. We will apply the entire credit towards tuition for two deserving young adults to attend the Air Academy / Explorer Camp in Oshkosh. During AirVenture!!

For our February Young Eagle rally, we achieved getting 43 kids airborne. We appreciate the help of 16 volunteers to make it run smoothly.

Our next rally is on March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 0800. We were fully booked within 3 days of opening registration. Even the waitlist filled within another day.

The youth 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!

Upcoming Young Eagles dates:

**Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9  
Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10**

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## Corporate Sponsored Scholarships Named Scholarships

Thanks to generous corporate donors, we present two corporate sponsored scholarships in 2026.

### Henderson Aviation Opportunity Scholarship

Visiting her brother at the airport and overhearing a young man saying “he’s going to have to suspend his training as he was out of money...”. Linda thought, that’s not right, so donated to the Chapter scholarship fund.



This scholarship covers expenses related to flight training, A&P certification, avionics technician certificate or other aviation educational programs for New Mexico applicants over 25 years of age.

### Microtek Aviation Scholarship

MicroTek is an Albuquerque based fire alarm and security company, founded by Lance Hunter. Lance became a pilot in 2008, and got his Instrument Rating in 2010. Lance is a past vice president, serves on the chapter board and as a YE pilot. He flies a Cirrus SR22 and is always encouraging young people to pursue their own path in aviation.



## Board Meeting Notes

by Joyce Woods



The chapter Board of Directors met via Zoom on March, 2026, with Art Woods presiding. A summary of business addressed follows.

John DeWitt presented the Treasurer’s report and reported that rotating CDs were set up as directed, to improve interest income.

Gwen Walcott reported that 85 members are paid to date for 2026. George Young would like to see new members submit “bios” to introduce them to our membership.

The Scholarship Committee has made 2026 recipient selections and is in the process of contacting applicants. One “Over 25” scholarship will be presented, along with our typical “age 25 and under” scholarships. In addition, our chapter is awarding tuition for two students to attend EAA’s July Air Academy in Oshkosh. Awards will be presented at our March 17 gathering at BJs.

The February Young Eagles event went smoothly although operations were split between indoors and outdoors. The March event is already fully booked.

For 2025, EAA credited us with flying 326 youth, and granted our chapter \$1630 in Young Eagles Credits which will be applied towards Air Academy tuition.

Jim Kessler reported that we’ve already received a few DEAA applications. Most previous staff and instructors are returning so we’re well set for 2026. The first team meeting is 1PM March 14, at the airport.

A LOEFI poster was approved and posters and business cards will be printed for distribution. George Young has also created a generic chapter biz card to use year round.

Mark Sturm is leading the Pedal Plane build project—a JET! The kit has arrived so the build can begin. Volunteers welcome!

Watch the news for our [May meeting location](#) because we are unable to meet at BJs. Speakers still needed for the balance of the year.

Thanks to Mark Wilson for taking down our chapter banner on the RAF hangar after it got torn loose by the wind.

Next Board meeting is tentatively May 5 at 6:30pm.

Joyce Woods  
for Diana Volker, Secretary  
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**2026 Scholarship Selections**

We have officially selected our 2026 Scholarship Recipients! I am so excited for all of these students and what their futures have in store. We had a record number of applications this year, more than double of last year. I want to give a huge thank you to our donors and volunteers of the chapter that make these scholarships possible. These scholarships have a huge impact on each and every student, and I am very grateful that we get to be a part of their journey. I am highly excited to introduce all of our new recipients to the chapter at the March gathering, although you may know some of them already!

**Chapter 179's Newest Private Pilot**

Congratulations to our newest Private Pilot, Gabe Pohl! He took his checkride the morning of March 3rd with Doc Lauren Chavez. As you all know, Gabe was our 2025 Ray Scholar and started his training back in the beginning of October. He completed his training in only 4 months! As a group of pilots, we all know what a huge accomplishment this is, and the amount of dedication and passion that it takes. I do believe this is a new record for us, and we are extremely proud of Gabe. Make sure you tell him congratulations the next time you see him at chapter events!



Rowan Phlieger & Mark Sturm  
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*These EAA Chapter 179 scholarships are awarded to honor and help us remember past chapter members who truly lived EAA's Spirit of Aviation.*

**Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship**

Jay loved all things aviation! He had great admiration for friends he met through EAA, hanging out at airports and joining pilot lunches. He always marveled at all he learned from conversations with aviation friends. To honor his legacy, the chapter awards this scholarship to an impressive young person pursuing their own path in aviation.

**Randy & Susie Reimer Memorial Scholarship**

The Reimer Memorial Scholarship is presented in the memory of Randy and Susie Reimer, two of the most generous, creative, and hardworking chapter volunteers in our history. Randy and Susie embodied EAA's Spirit of Aviation and volunteerism, enriching EAA 179's youth and public activities.

**Todd Blue Memorial Scholarship**

Todd was a tireless volunteer and served our chapter as Secretary for ten years (2009 -19) plus Young Eagles Coordinator for five (2013 -18). He took charge of setup logistics for all our events and participated in Career Fair outreach. Remembered for his dry humor and friendship to all, Todd was always tinkering and loved to show his homebuilts to youth.

**Rick Richter Memorial Scholarship**

Rick was a fellow pilot and longtime volunteer for our chapter. A spark and legend to family and friends, he tirelessly solicited needed donations for chapter events. He shared his fascinating stories and experiences.

**Tandra Hicks Memorial Scholarship**

Tandra was an enthusiastic and giving chapter member and Young Eagles pilot. She was a hard worker who made everything fun. Tandra was instrumental in shaping the Double Eagle Aviation Academy in early years, establishing long term friendships and donating her printing expertise and services.

Selected recipients demonstrate the EAA spirit of volunteerism and will sustain our love of aviation as they pursue various aviation aspirations.

*Thank you to families, friends, and members who contributed to these memorial funds, enabling us to continue honoring these past members.*



## From the Right Seat: A New Journey Begins at Double Eagle II

Bruce Bautista

They say you never forget your first time leaving the ground. After my recent discovery flight with Joyce Woods, I can officially confirm that's true. While I have been in the air as a child, I don't actually remember it—so this flight felt like my real "Day One". I grew fond of the experience immediately.

### A High-Altitude Introduction

We headed out toward the Jemez area, and watching the New Mexico landscape transition from the valley to the rugged volcanic terrain was nothing short of breathtaking. The highlight, however, was soaring over the fumaroles. Seeing Albuquerque and the surrounding areas from the air was a true eye-opener to the wonders of this state that you simply cannot see from the ground. I already love traveling by car, but getting a glimpse of what it is like to travel by plane was such a treat. The clarity, the sense of freedom, and the technical dance of the cockpit had me hooked before we even touched back down at Double Eagle.

### Looking Toward the Horizon

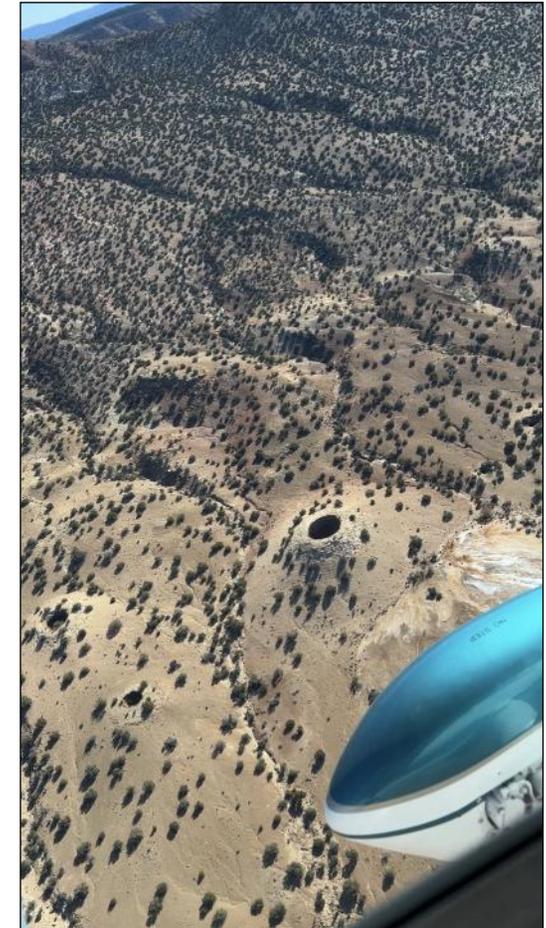
Joining EAA Chapter 179 isn't just about a new hobby for me; it's the launchpad for my career. This flight provided the big push I needed to start my aviation journey, no matter where it eventually leads. My goal is to eventually sit in the left seat as a Captain, but I'm in no hurry to bypass the fun stuff.

I want to fly anything that can leave the ground! While fixed-wing is my current focus, I've got a lingering "rotorcraft itch" as well. If the opportunity presents itself to get under a swash-plate and learn the art of vertical flight, I'll be the first one in line.

### Why Chapter 179?

I am incredibly excited to be part of this community, which has been nothing but welcoming and inviting. In just one flight, I realized that aviation isn't just about engines and airfoils—it's about the people who share the passion.

Thank you to Joyce Woods for the lift and the inspiration. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you at the hangar, learning from your "old pro" wisdom, and swapping a few stories. Aviation is a pursuit of passion. See you all on the ramp!





## Notes from the Editor George Young

My giant thanks to Joyce for #1) putting together the [February Newsletter](#) (I was AWOL in January, on our annual visit to Oaxaca), and #2) the many contributions that she makes to the Newsletter each month.

We have so many fine runways here in New Mexico, paved and otherwise (check with NMPA for information about the latter). Our trips to Oaxaca include visits to remote villages. For one village this year, San Felipe Usila, our friend and guide told us that perhaps there was a runway ... he had seen a sign “Aeropuerto”.

On leaving the village; they showed us that they do indeed (-did-) have a runway – [Aeropista San Felipe](#), on the *Colonia Amplicion Aeropuerto*. The runway would need a project like NMPA’s to bring it back. And with mountains as high as 4,000 feet surrounding the airfield (field elevation 373 ft), it would require some careful planning and skillful flying to get down into the valley for landing.

We were told that for a long time, access to Usila was so limited and difficult that the airport became a primary means of regular access to the outside world.



Runway 5



Runway 23

The link in the text above will open to GoogleEarth and a view of the San Felipe Usila valley. Zoom in to see the runway itself, then rotate up/down and left/right to “tour” the area.

George Young  
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The Usila River Valley. The village and Aeropuerto are just around the bend to the right.



## National Championship Air Races Volunteers Needed



**Volunteers Needed**  
**Roswell Air Races**  
**September 15-20, 2026**  
Preliminary announcement



The New Mexico Pilots Association is recruiting volunteers, partnering with area EAA Chapters for several race week positions including:

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

Volunteers will receive a free weekly pass and those who confirm early get priority for an RV electric site if needed.

### Ground Transport: People Mover Tractors, Golf Carts

### [Sign Up HERE to Volunteer](#)

*Identify Chet or Joyce as who referred you. More details to follow.*

Questions? More info? Contact:  
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Joyce Woods ([niner3echo@flylonecone.com](mailto:niner3echo@flylonecone.com))

## NM Aviation Division Launches “Safe Skies”

**Safe Skies New Mexico** is a 2026 aviation safety seminar series designed to bring practical, real-world safety education directly to pilots, aircraft owners, maintainers, airport sponsors, and aviation enthusiasts across the state.

Each session *qualifies for FAA WINGS credit* and focuses on topics that general aviation pilots regularly encounter in New Mexico’s operating environment.

These seminars are offered at no cost and are intended to be practical, discussion-driven learning opportunities rather than formal lectures. Our goal is to support the GA community

and strengthen safety culture statewide.

Jessi Litz-Rowden  
Director of Aviation  
NMDOT Aviation Division

### First Seminar: Owner & Operator Maintenance - March 28, 2026

0930 – 1200 at Double Eagle II Airport (KAEG)

See the poster at the right for other event scheduled this year.

Robert Larranaga, A&P, CFII, ATP presents an in-person seminar starting with an overview of aircraft maintenance compliance requirements, followed by a panel discussion with local maintenance experts representing Certified, Experimental and Light Sport aircraft. Panelists include Steve Johnson (A&P, IA) and Mike Rehberg (A&P, IA). Bring your questions!

Coffee and refreshments provided.

More details and to register for WINGS Credit, see [WINGS Announcement](#)



The poster features a desert landscape at sunset with a biplane flying across the sky. The title "SAFE SKIES NEW MEXICO" is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below the title, it reads "2026 AVIATION SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES" and "Aviation Safety Education for Pilots, Owners & Maintainers". A banner indicates "FAA WINGS CREDIT AVAILABLE".

**2026 SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Location	Topic
MARCH 28, 2026	0930-1200	Double Eagle (AEG)	OWNER & OPERATOR MAINTENANCE Tips for owner-performed maintenance & compliance
JUNE 20, 2026	0930-1200	Farmington (FMN)	MOSAIC PROGRAM FOR PILOTS & MAINTENANCE Understanding the FAA's MOSAIC framework
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026	TIME TBD	Roswell (ROW)	FLY NEW MEXICO AND THE WILDS Density altitude operations & remote area flying
NOVEMBER 14, 2026	0930-1200	Deming (DMN)	TECHNOLOGY RELIANCE Automation & avionics in the modern cockpit

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

- ✓ Pilots & Aircraft Owners
- ✓ A&P & IA Technicians
- ✓ Aviation Enthusiasts
- ✓ Airport Sponsors
- ✓ FBO Operations

Logos for the aviation division of the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the FAA Safety Team New Mexico are shown at the bottom. A banner at the very bottom states "FAA WINGS CREDIT • NO-COST STATEWIDE SAFETY EDUCATION".



## 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](#)
- **NEW** Reference Data: [FAA Fact Book](#), and [Airport Data & Information Portal](#)



Federal Aviation Administration

### Pilot Workshops—[sign up here to receive these via email](#)

- Welcome to [The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (PDFs & videos) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
- [How ATC Really Works](#) (A Pilot Friendly Manual)
- [Pilot Exercise Program](#) (another Pilot-Friendly Manual)
- "Secrets from a tailwheel pilot" - [Tailwheel Checkout Course with Patty Wagstaff](#)
- [Basic Aerobatics with Patty Wagstaff](#) (video)
- Recent Pilots Tip of the Week (**New in each issue**)
  - [Visual Approach Do's and Don'ts](#)
  - [Delay Duration on Frequency Change](#)
  - [Stalling While Slipping](#)
  - [Power-Off 180 Prop Setting](#)



### 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)
  - EAA's [eHotline](#), Announcements for Air Venture/Oshkosh and more
  - And many manuals, such as [Checkride Insights: Private Pilot](#)



## 2025 Individual Chapter Donors

Tandra Hicks Memorial  
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 Joyce Schmitt  
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 Dan/Janice Horschel  
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 Calendar: [www.eaa179.org/calendar](http://www.eaa179.org/calendar)  
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 Contacts: [www.eaa179.org/contacts](http://www.eaa179.org/contacts)  
 Chapter Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EAA179](http://www.facebook.com/EAA179)  
 Members Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org](http://www.facebook.com/groups/www.eaa179.org)

## SPECIAL NOTE: Chapter 179 on Facebook

Lance Hunter, Chapter Publicity

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

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

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

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



## In the News and Other Interesting Topics

The Editor ... and you?

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### NMPA

- [December 2025 NMPA Newsletter](#)

- Advocacy report by Joyce Woods: “Falcon Field Landing Fee proposal and the Congressional Pilot and Aircraft Protection Act (SB 2175) which would prevent airports from billing solely based on ADSB data”, [NMPA Newsletter](#), page 6.
- Jeff Gilkey: “Prieta Monolith”, [NMPA Newsletter](#), page 11..
- 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](#)
  - **NEW:** From [Flying Knuckleheads](#)
    - [Engine Simulation](#)



## 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](#)

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

*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*



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### Food Trucks

- Alitas de Pollo
- Cerealsly Sweet
- Loaded Lemon ABQ
- One Stop Chill 'n Fill
- Pop-Pop's Italian Ice





## 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.

You can donate online via Paypal or Credit Card:



Or send a check to:



EAA 179 Scholarships

Double Eagle II Airport

7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179

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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)



## BUSINESS CARDS IN THE WORKS

As I write this, business cards for *EAA Chapter 179* are being printed and a supply will be placed on the desk in the RAF. (the Editor)



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3rd Tuesday evening, location varies
- **Land of Enchantment Fly-In**  
A Saturday in September - [www.LOEFI.org](http://www.LOEFI.org)
- **Double Eagle Aviation Academy**  
A week in June (Youth age 14-17)
- **Young Eagles**  
Monthly in Spring & Fall (Youth age 8-17)
- **Scholarships**  
February 15 application deadline

See website for dates & info: <https://eaa179.org>

