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Upcoming Events

April 18 - [IMC Club](#) (Double Eagle II - AEG)

April 21 - [Chapter Gathering](#) - BJs at Cottonwood Mall

May 9, 2025 - [Young Eagles Rally](#) (Double Eagle II - AEG)

May 19, **Chapter Gathering** - (NEW LOCATION! Swing-n-Pickle)

June 1-5, 2026 - [Double Eagle Aviation Academy](#) (AEG)

September 16-20 - [National Championship Air Races](#) (ROW)

September 26 - [Land of Enchantment Fly-In](#) (AEG)

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

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Notes from our President Art Woods



People not familiar with our world of general aviation always ask what do we do in the winter? And I dryly reply – fly!! And of course, this “winter” redefined what it means to be February or even March. It seemed pretty strange to reach for cabin air and not cabin heat. Geez!?! But at least New Mexico’s

spring winds haven’t let us down. On time. And 20 gusting dusty.

Special thanks to Rowan’s scholarship group for putting on a great awards dinner with special dessert. See the March Gathering Recap for the winners. We received a record number of applications this year. We also acknowledged Gabe Pohl’s checkride success as he became our 8th Ray Scholar to get his private.

The pedal plane build group, led by Mark Sturm with a cadre of assistance from others, is making progress. LOEFI 2026 raffle tickets – here we come!

The Chapter APRIL Gathering is at BJ’s April 21.

BUT ---- You might get tired of seeing this, but don’t forget that the **Chapter Gathering for May** is changing venues. We’ll be at Swing-n-Pickle, 1700 Eubank Dr NE, just north of Constitution.

Come out early to practice your golf swing or play pickle ball. It has a great restaurant and a room large enough for our normal crowd.

Arthur Woods
President, EAA Chapter 179
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Monthly Chapter Gatherings continue to attract a super crowd! Great networking opportunity for everyone, young and old!



Land of Enchantment Fly-In (LOEFI) Planning starts soon!



LOEFI planning will kick off soon but meanwhile, here’s the poster!

Contact Sean Babbit with any questions:
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This photo was taken by the Grant County (KSVC) Airport Manager as Brandon Fryar departed last fall, not long after he completed 40 hour phase I flight testing of his RANS S-21 Outbound.

LOEFI is our biggest event and a major fundraiser - you won’t want to miss it. Save the date!!! And follow us at <https://loefi.org>

Land of Enchantment Fly-In
September 26, 2026 7am-2pm
Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) - Albuquerque, NM
Hosted by EAA Chapter 179
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING Aircraft Displays Car Clubs
Youth Activities Live Music Food Trucks Aviation Exhibits



Have you been to our hangar recently, the Reimer Aircraft Factory (the RAF)? I stopped in after Young Eagles to see the signs of activity.



2026 Pedal Plane

For example, a project is now underway for this year's Pedal Plane which we auction off at LOEFI. This year it is the Pedal Jet "Topcat". Patterned after the F-14 Tomcat (no not the Air Force F15), as you can see in the photo it is beginning to take shape.



Pietenpol Air Camper

Another activity is restoring the Pietenpol Air Camper. It is still mostly an open airframe (wings and fuselage) but it now has instrument panels – as is typical for an airplane of this vintage, an altimeter, air speed indicator, and a bank indicator. And on the rear instrument panel you'll note that there's also an ignition switch and on-off switch. (Check with Lee, our project lead, to see what the on-off switch is for.)




If you've never seen the skeleton of 1930s vintage airplane up close, visit the RAF and check out the wing ribs and fuselage structures. Do this before it gets covered up. Of course, that work will happen in the future and there will be ample opportunity for you to join in and learn how to apply covering to a wing or a fuselage.

Here are some links to articles about the Pietenpol Air Camper. Check out its history and see examples of airplanes in the past and today.

- Wikipedia: [Pietenpol Air Camper](#)
- Pietenpol Aircraft Company: [the Official Pietenpol Air Campter Family Website](#)
- EAA: [Building one](#)
- YouTube: [1933 Ford Modal A Pietenpol Air Camper Airplane](#) (video)
- Wings of History Air Museum: [Pietenpol Air Camper](#) and [Video](#)

You are invited to join in on these projects. Project Lead for the Topcat is Mark Sturm. (See the article on [page 8.](#)) And Project Lead for the Air Camper is Lee Otto. Contact them to join in these Chapter projects.


One more thing — in the RAF you will find boxes of business cards on the table in the far corner. One box has cards from last year's LOEFI and the other box has brand new set of business cards for Chapter 179 – see the examples below. Help yourself, using them to spread the word about our Chapter. (And ... Cards for LOEFI plus Young Eagles are coming soon.)

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EAA 179 Chapter Activities

- **Monthly Gatherings**
3rd Tuesday evening, location varies
- **Land of Enchantment Fly-In**
A Saturday in September - 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>



And LOEFI Business Cards coming soon.



Land of Enchantment Fly-In
September 26, 2026 7am-2pm
Booths 10:30-12:00 AM - Albuquerque, NM

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING Aircraft Displays Car Shows
Booth Activities Live Music Food Trucks Auctions & More

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April Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, April 21, 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: Ultralights—Flying Lawn Chairs!

Speaker: Tim McKenney

Tim is a retired AF Jet Engine Technician, A&P, and builder of a Legal Eagle Ultralight. Following the Wright Bros, Tim had to build a bare basic flying lawn chair with wings. The Legal Eagle is a plans built (sort of) rag and tube "vehicle". He will explain what an "Ultralight" is, and the construction of his little puddle jumper.

Tim joined our chapter last year after moving to Albuquerque from the San Marcos, TX area. Tim stepped up to volunteer immediately, starting with LOEFI 2025 setup and helping out in the builder Builder's Square. He regularly volunteers with the Young Eagles ramp ground crew and has helped staff our table at school Career Fairs.

**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!



March Chapter Gathering (RECAP)

Chapter Scholarship Presentations



It was a full house of members and families as Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Chair, announced and presented \$24,000 in 2026 scholarships! Thanks to generous donors, we have awarded over \$200,000 through 90 individual scholarships since 2008. Funds support teenagers and young adults pursuing flight training, aviation related education, A&P training, and more.



Congratulations to 2026 Recipients! (from L to R)

Mike Paxson
Sean Malone
Harlow Hovey
Harlow Hovey
Levi Brenden
Raphael Neel
Ethan Lee
Dashiell Quinn

Henderson Opportunity Scholarship
Jay Schmitt Scholarship
EAA Advanced Air Academy
Todd Blue Estate Memorial
EAA Advanced Air Academy
Microtek LLC An Aviation Future
Rick Richter Memorial Scholarship
Reimer Memorial Scholarship

Not pictured:

Nicholas Liska
Analysya Lopez

Microtek LLC An Aviation Future
Tandra Hicks "Skittles" Memorial



We like cake!

In addition to the scholarship cake, we also celebrated chapter Ray Scholar, Gabe Pohl passing his checkride and receiving his Private Pilot Certificate!





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 so far for 2026

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

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

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

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

EAA Chapter 179, Double Eagle II Airport; 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179;

Albuquerque, NM 87120.

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

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



Contact Gwen to
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 3rd Saturday of each month at Double Eagle II Airport, still a hybrid session (in person or remote). Anyone welcome!

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 18, 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/meeting/register/2F-q9Ep8SumYws5T8Kc-fw>

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



First things first. We must thank all the volunteers who made this rally happen: Gabe Pohl, Matt Croshaw, Diana Volker, Alex Crothers, Chris McIntyre, Tim McKenney, Gilbert Merriman, George Young and Mark Wilson. It was like a well-oiled machine.

We should also commend the gentlemen working the control tower. We kept them busy and they kept us moving. They did an awesome job.

- We had 9 pilots working the crowd of 51 Young Eagles. Lots of smiles on both sides.
- The weather was actually much better than predicted and the last flight landed at about 11:30 AM.
- Ethan Lee got a ride in Carol Sugars' AV – L29 jet. Way cool.

- In March we flew 55 Young Eagles. That totals to about 150 Young Eagle Flights this year.

It takes a chapter to run a rally!! Ramp safety, registration, certificates, assigning pilots, tracking paperwork and an Aviation 101 intro. Wow!! Oh, and it's helpful to have airplanes and pilots to get the eager young people airborne.

Next up is May 9th. A special private Young Eagles in June for DEAA and then we pick up again in August. Thanks to all.

Upcoming Young Eagles dates:

**May 9
Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10**

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Ethan's L29 Jet ride with Carol

- Strapping in
- Taxiing out
- Photo for the record
- After flight reminiscing

Ethan's L29 Jet ride with Carol

- Introductions
- Walk Around
- Preflight Briefing





Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

Jim Kessler



DEAA 2026 is preparing for another group of 24 young aviation enthusiasts between the ages of 14 and 17. The class starts June 1st and goes until June 6th when we will have a special Young Eagles Rally for the students. We have a full schedule for the week with classes in:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aviation weather | Navigation - Flight Plan/ NavLog |
| Compass Heading | Maintenance Careers |
| Commercial Pilot | Engines |
| Tower Tour | Avionics |
| Simulator training | Weight & Balance |
| Aerodynamics | ATC Tower Tour |
| Instruments | Communications |
| Navigation - Dead Reckoning | |

Every morning we have pilots displaying their aircraft and talking about their flying experience. If you have an airplane you would like to show the students on one of the mornings, please contact Will Taylor.

We have 4 simulators to use during the week. On Thursday the student will practice fundamental flying maneuvers using simulators. Also on Thursday the Chili Flight does a demonstration flight followed by instruction on building metal aircraft. The student will buck, squeeze and pop rivets.

Each student receives a binder with all the classroom presentations included. They are encouraged to take notes during the class presentations.

The students can participate in a special Young Eagles Rally on Saturday June 6th. They will have planed the navigation route and are encouraged to fly the route they planned.

The excitement is building.

We will build the binders on May 16th at 9:30 AM in the City Maintenance Facility. If you want the first look at this year's curriculum, come on out.

On May 23rd we'll have a simulator setup and check day. We have 4 simulators that need to be checked. The event will happen in Joyce and Art's hangar and spill over into Lances hangar. We'll start at 9:30 AM

Set up day is May 29th. We will meet at the City Maintenance Facility underneath the Tower at Double Eagle at 9:30 AM.

On Friday afternoon June 5th, we have a reception, when the students receive their certificates. All are invited to attend. This is the culmination of the week.

We will begin teardown on June 5th in the afternoon as well. Final teardown will be on Monday June 8th at 9:30 AM.

If you would like to help, contact Jim at jhkfour@gmail.com, (910)467-2162



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Chapter 179 Scholarship Tidbits

Rowan Phlieger & Mark Sturm, Scholarship Coordinators

Happy April!

Our scholarship recipients are already making great progress on their studies and flying.

Almost all recipients are currently in training! Ethan Lee and Nicholas Liska are both enrolled at Del Sol for their Private Pilot training and working on ground schools. Anaisya Lopez is getting ready for some cross countries and night flights down in Las Cruces at Frost Aviation. Stephan James and Isabella Baldonado are at Bode and working on their PPLs as well. We also have Dash Quinn working on his Glider certificate out at Moriarty at the soaring club.

Gabriel Pohl is working on his instrument rating at Del Sol, and here's a photo of him with his brand new Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset, courtesy of EAA National as a part of the Ray Aviation Scholarship!

Ethan Lee got the an opportunity to fly with 179 Member Carol Sugars in her L-29 for the coolest Young Eagles flight to date! (See the photos on [page 6](#).)

We are all looking forward to some less windy flying weather and excited for all the progress these students are making!

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Career Fairs - Introducing Aviation Career Possibilities

Kevin Frick, Youth Outreach Coordinator



The career fair season wrapped up with two more career fairs in March. EAA 179 members Brian Smith, Doreen Branch, and Kevin Frick manned the chapter booth.

Lavaland elementary school was new this year and it was a lively visit with many wide-eyed little ones learning about airplanes for the first time. Two weeks later, our chapter visited Adams Middle School. Perhaps the older youngsters will be future Young Eagles!

Youth Outreach activities will continue to be available throughout the year. Feel free to contact coordinator Kevin Frick for more information.



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Pedal Plane Update

Mark Sturm

Fellow experimental aviators, there is some serious airplane building going on at our EAA chapter hangar, also known as The Reimer Aircraft Factory (RAF)! As you may or may not know, Chapter 179 has been building a pedal plane for each of the past 3 years to be raffled off during the annual Land of Enchantment Fly In (LOEFI). This has been a very successful money maker for the chapter, as raffle ticket sales have always far exceeded the price of the kit (by a factor of 3-4). Previously we've done a North American P-51 Mustang, a Beech Staggerwing, and last year we built a Vought F4U Corsair. From these pictures you might be able to see this year's project starting to take shape..... a Grumman F-14, Tomcat, "Top Gun," twin engine, supersonic, Navy fighter! (Full disclosure: the pedal plane won't be supersonic).

For those who have never built an airplane before, one of the most important things to consider is to have the right people on the job with the right skillsets. For the major build-out we have three dedicated volunteers (old, retired guys) with years (3) of airplane (pedal) building experience:

Doug Volker: Worker Bee extraordinaire. No task too small or too boring; gluing (his specialty), clamping, sanding, filing, filling, marking parts, finding parts, making sawdust, sweeping sawdust, applying wood puttying, sanding wood putty, etc.

Joe Martinez: Tool Master. Expert in the operation of all our tools with absolute precision in all he does. He measures three times and cuts once. Every build day he's on the band saw, drill press, bench sander, portable drill, orbital sander, counter sinking holes, verifying alignment and symmetry, etc.

Mark Sturm: The self-appointed Project Manager. His focus is twofold: 1) to try and make sense of the full-scale plans and the poorly written build manual, and 2) keep the project moving forward by having parts, hardware, glue, clamps available for Joe and Doug.



"You can never have too much glue!"



"We need sharper bits and another"



"OMG, these instructions are totally different from the plans!"

Beside these three core builders, our plane could never be ready for LOEFI without the outstanding support of these two specialists:

Mike Paxson: Recall from a recent chapter gathering that Mike is "The Man" when it comes to making 3-D printed parts. And we've got ideas for some parts that will make this our best pedal plane yet.

Dan Horschel: Dan is the painter who will turn this bunch of plywood into a beautiful airplane. He's done all our planes to date and each year's is better than the last. We're thinking of painting it in the Navy Blue Angles colors.

If anyone is interested in seeing an F-14 being built, or would enjoy making some sawdust, give one of us a call or stop by the RAF if the door's open. Our goal is to make this the best plane we've built, and it will generate lots of ticket sales at LOEFI. Kids are gonna love it!



Doug & Joe trying out a well-remembered Randy Reimer practice.... TLAR! (That Looks About Right)

Mark Sturm
Pedal Plane Master
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Challenges With My Airplane

Gwen Walcott

Editor's note: In response for my call for stories for the Newsletter, Gwen shares this with us

Well, after completing my annual accumulation of 85 hours for submittal to my insurance company and receiving a 21% increase in my premium; flying has come to a cessation.

In their wisdom, the FAA has decided that all hangars on KAEG must undergo an FAA Compliance inspection, which Gavin was honored to arrange for my hangar and was completed by Daryl (Gavin's replacement for the airport manager?).

Then, instead of proceeding with my scheduled annual, it was time to take care of the wind damage to my house and get the roof entirely replaced along with landscaping repairs and some previously planned house remodeling interiorly (I make up words).

Then, there was the in-depth discussion with the IRS, since they lost my 1040 and associated paperwork. Oh, and the replacement and reconfiguration of my home weather station -- was also destroyed in previously mentioned windstorm (last year about this time, it was a direct lightning strike --- can't win sometimes).

After handling all of this, my computer crashed (luckily a backup), so that will have to be replaced/rebuilt and restocked with a simulator.

Oh, and there is still the aid to others also doing their annuals and Gavin's inspections (asking me for tips and tricks in prep for them). And the beat goes on....and on.... and on..... and on.... and

And soon ... Go Flying.

Gwen



Might This Be Your Cockpit?

George Young

An uncle of mine became combat qualified in the P-38. It was most interesting to see his "office", the cockpit of P-38, in a photo that I came across. And hard to imagine mastering the instruments, controls, and switches, and ... to *Fly the Airplane* in combat.

He became a test pilot at Wright Field during WWII, and titled his autobiography—"I Flew Them All!". I guess flying was in my genes early in life.



National Championship Air Races

Volunteers Needed - Sign up with Fellow Aviators!



Volunteers Needed

Roswell Air Races
September 15-20, 2026



BIG news! ALL seven race classes are coming to Roswell 2026, plus the USAF Thunderbirds. Larger crowds are expected, driving increased volunteer numbers, starting from Monday Sept 14.

See NCAR's announcement: <https://airrace.org/its-a-full-house-all-seven-classes-return-for-roswell-2026/>

[SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer \(NCAR site\)](#)

The New Mexico Pilots Association is helping recruit volunteers, partnering with area EAA Chapters for several race week positions focusing on:

1. **Race Aircraft Wing Walkers for the pit area**
2. **Tram Drivers/Conductors or Handicapped Shuttle Drivers**

Several other roles are available—check anything of interest. Scroll to the bottom of the page for descriptions.

WE NEED YOU! And it will be FUN!

To volunteer with fellow aviators, select "recommended by somebody" and identify Chet or Joyce as who referred you - as follows:

- For **Wing Walking**, enter "Chet Leach".
- For **Tram Drivers/Conductors or Handicapped Shuttle Drivers** enter "Joyce Woods"

Once submitted, please EMAIL Chet or Joyce so they can help coordinate your volunteer assignment with NCAR.

BENEFITS: Our understanding is that assigned volunteers get FREE race admission for the days they work at least a half day plus free volunteer parking. The NCAR folks hope most volunteers can help at least 4 days, even if for a half day. We recommend securing your own [accommodations](#) in Roswell or Artesia asap, as they are limited. RV spaces will be available from ticket purchase page.

Questions? More info? Contact: Chet Leach (chetleach@msn.com) or Joyce Woods (niner3echo@flylonecove.com) or Larry Shapnek (larry@larryshapnek.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



Director Jessi Litz-Rowden



RECAP from March 28 Seminar

NM Aviation Director, Jessi Litz-Rowden kicked off the session, excited to bring the aviation community together and share Division updates and priorities, along with providing bagels and coffee.

This first quarterly seminar on Owner & Operator Maintenance started with an overview of compliance requirements led by Robert Larranaga (A&P, CFII, ATP). Doug Peterson, new to the Albuquerque

FSDO participated, drawing on his Alaskan and Detroit FSDO background. Local maintenance experts, Mike Rehberg and Steve Johnson (both A&P, IAs) offered experience with Certified, Experimental and Light Sport aircraft along including some perspective on MOSAIC impact.

2nd Quarter Seminar: MOSAIC Program for Pilots & Maintenance

June 20, 2026; 0930 at Farmington Airport

David McVinnie and Larry Shapnek, presenting

Mark the date! More details TBA.

A large, colorful poster for the "Safe Skies New Mexico 2026 Aviation Safety Seminar Series". The poster features a sunset background with a plane flying over mountains. The title "SAFE SKIES NEW MEXICO" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says "2026 AVIATION SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES" and "Aviation Safety Education for Pilots, Owners & Maintainers". It also mentions "FAA WINGS CREDIT AVAILABLE". The poster lists the 2026 Seminar Schedule with three events: 1. March 28, 2026 (0930-1200) at Double Eagle (AEG) titled "OWNER & OPERATOR MAINTENANCE" with the subtitle "Tips for owner-performed maintenance & compliance". 2. June 20, 2026 (0930-1200) at Farmington (FMN) titled "MOSAIC PROGRAM FOR PILOTS & MAINTENANCE" with the subtitle "Understanding the FAA's MOSAIC framework". 3. September 18, 2026 (TIME TBD) at Roswell (ROW) titled "FLY NEW MEXICO AND THE WILDS" with the subtitle "Density altitude operations & remote area flying". To the right of the schedule, there is a section titled "WHO SHOULD ATTEND:" with a list of attendees: Pilots & Aircraft Owners, A&P & IA Technicians, Aviation Enthusiasts, Airport Sponsors, and FBO Operations. At the bottom of the poster, there are logos for the "aviation division New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" and the "FAA Safety Team NEW MEXICO". The bottom of the poster also 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

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

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- Welcome to [The Pilot's Tip of the Week](#) (PDFs & videos) (extracts from online courses and manuals)
- [How ATC Really Works](#) (A Pilot Friendly Manual)
- [Pilot Exercise Program](#) (another Pilot-Friendly Manual)
- "Secrets from a tailwheel pilot" - [Tailwheel Checkout Course with Patty Wagstaff](#)
- [Basic Aerobatics with Patty Wagstaff](#) (video)
- Recent Pilots Tip of the Week (**New in each issue**)
 - [Plan a "Fuel Alternate"](#)
 - [Effects of Runway Slope](#)
 - [Why Use an IFR Block Altitude?](#)
 - [Contacting Ground After Landing](#)
 - [Debriefing Your Flight](#)



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](#)



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, send the information to newsletter@eaa179.org.

Weekly—Lobo Wing of the CAF Lunch, Saturdays 1200 (0E0)
(hangar at east end of Moriarty Airport, \$7 donation)

Monthly—Chapter 555 Pancake Breakfast, 3rd Sundays (KLRU)

Newsletters – [EAA 555, March 2026 Newsletter](#)
[EAA 591 March 2026 Newsletter](#)
[NMPA April 2026 Newsletter](#)

Quick Links to Chapter Website & Facebook

Web Site:	www.eaa179.org
Young Eagles:	www.eaa179.org/youngeagles
IMC Club:	www.eaa179.org/imc-club
DEAA:	www.eaa179.org/deaa
LOEFI:	www.loefi.org
Scholarships:	www.eaa179.org/scholarships
Newsletters:	www.eaa179.org/newsletters
Calendar:	www.eaa179.org/calendar
Membership:	www.eaa179.org/membership
Contacts:	www.eaa179.org/contacts
Public Facebook:	www.facebook.com/EAA179
Members Facebook:	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

- [April 2026 NMPA Newsletter](#)
- 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](#)



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 Sponsorship info at:
<https://eaa179.org/sponsor>.

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
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- Cerealsly Sweet
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- One Stop Chill 'n Fill
- Pop-Pop's Italian Ice





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

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 limited sizes are also available. Contact Diana or Doug Volker or contact us at chapter@eaa179.org

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



T Shirt FRONT

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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 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!

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



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



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. 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

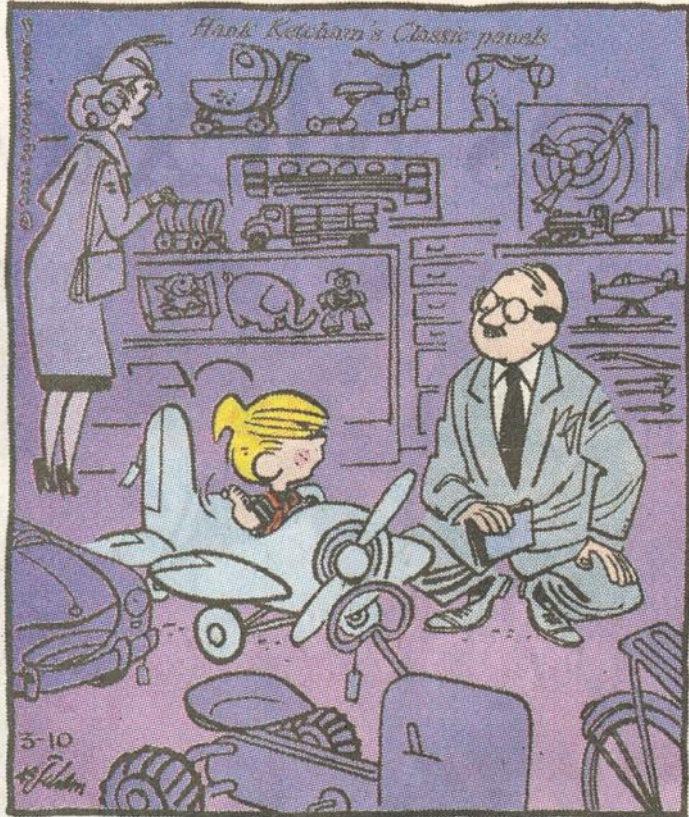
- [Hints for Homebuilders](#)
- [Learn to Fly!](#)
- [Pilot Proficiency](#)
- [Become a Young Eagle Volunteer!](#)
- [AirVenture—Oshkosh](#)

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 \(KDNA\)](#)



"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NICE TO ME. SHE'S GOT THE MONEY."

BUSINESS CARDS IN THE WORKS

Business cards for *EAA Chapter 179* have been printed and a supply is on the desk in the RAF



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EAA 179 Chapter Activities

- **Monthly Gatherings**
3rd Tuesday evening, location varies
- **Land of Enchantment Fly-In**
A Saturday in September - 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>

And LOEFI Business Cards and Posters are on the way.

Land of Enchantment Fly-In
September 26, 2026 7am-2pm
Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) - Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by EAA Chapter 179

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING Aircraft Displays Car Clubs
Youth Activities Live Music Food Trucks Aviation Exhibits

EAA Chapter 179
Young Eagles Flights

Youth, Ages 8-17 Fly with a volunteer EAA pilot at Double Eagle II Airport

2026 Dates
Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10

Details at eaa179.org/YoungEagles

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