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Upcoming Events

May 16 - IMC Club - City Maint Bldg at Double Eagle II

May 16 - LOEFI Planning - Location TBD, Check [Web Site](#)

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

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

June 13 - MOSAIC WINGS Seminar (offsite from FMN)

Sep 5 - Runway Run (KAEG)

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

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

May 2026

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Notes from our President

Art Woods



Gathering venue in May – Don't forget that for the Chapter gathering on the 19th, we will be at Swing-n-Pickle. It's located at 1700 Eubank NW on the east side of the road.

Much more detail in the April recap article, but Tim McKenney presented his Flying Lawn Chair, i.e. the ultralight Legal Eagle vehicle that he's building.

Young Eagles – Our rally yesterday is a testament to the phenomenal volunteer base in the Chapter. Between ground crew and pilots, we had 20 of us pull off the May rally!! Thank You!!

Double Eagle Aviation Academy – application period closed this past weekend, but we're looking forward to exposing another group of young adults to all aspects of aviation. It will be an A-to-Z affair!! From "Aviate" to "Zulu time."

Fire Season – Besides the army 2-week rotation with their Chinooks training for a dark night & an empty desert, another Chinook, "Billings", waits patiently on the Double Eagle ramp to be called to action.



And the Kaman K-Max twin-rotor helicopter - a strange looking skinny bucket scooper, and a firefighting modified Air-Tractor. And of course, our KABQ-based company 10-Tanker (using modified DC-10's).

Aerial firefighting companies start their base at Double Eagle in the spring and move north to follow the fires. Over the past several years, we've had the Erickson SkyCrane.



Drones are already being used for surveillance. Not far away are firefighting drones. No, not the hobby size...! Another profession in the making.

Arthur Woods
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Notes from the Editor

George Young

This past Saturday, we hosted our last Young Eagles event for this spring. I enjoy very much, meeting and welcoming the Young Eagles and their parents. And most of all, I relish the chance to introduce them to their experience in their YE flight and to guide it towards a "learning opportunity".

Yes, YE is an opportunity for kids go flying, but also to learn about flying. To that end, I try to make first timers feel at ease, even relaxed, so they can enjoy the flight, enjoy what they see and feel. And along the way learn about the airplane and flying.

For returnees, I explore topics that "make a pilot" such as; the horizon as reference when maneuvering, landscape features for navigation, or basic flight parameters like airspeed and altitude and the relevant instruments.

To further their interest in "flying", I invite them to compose a story of their flight and to tell that story at supper (with a glance at the parents). I hope that this makes their flight more memorable, brings them back again, and ... they become an aviator.

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May Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Swing-n-Pickle, 1700 Eubank Dr NE,
just north of Constitution

5:00 PM – No host dinner social

6:15 PM – Intros, Program

Arrive anytime from 5pm; dinner not required.

Speaker: Whitney Van Brink, Merlin Aviation

Program: *Gliding for Airplane Pilots - Nuances of best glide speed and gliding techniques that can be helpful when the engine quits.*

Whitney began his aviation journey early, earning a Private Pilot Certificate while still in high school in Atlanta. He went on to graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, building a strong foundation for a diverse and accomplished career in aviation.

Over the years, Whitney has flown professionally as both an airline and corporate pilot, and has contributed to the industry in highly specialized roles, including serving as an instructor and working in flight test for Eclipse Aerospace. As part of the initial cadre for the Pilatus PC-24 program, Whitney helped certify the type rating program and simulator for FlightSafety International.

A passionate educator, Whitney has instructed in a wide range of aircraft—from gliders to jets—and has maintained a deep commitment to teaching throughout his career.

Today, Whitney brings that experience to his own operation, Merlin Aviation in Moriarty, New Mexico, where they provide glider rides, instruction, and have added airplanes as well.

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

**Where: Swing-n-Pickle, 1700 Eubank Dr NE
just north of Constitution**

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!



April Chapter Gathering (RECAP)



Tim McKenney presented “Building a Flying Lawn Chair”. He told his journey to build a Legal Eagle ultralight “vehicle”. By FAA regulations, it is NOT an airplane. So even though it is under FAA rules with its many different limitations, it is not an “N-number” registered airplane. Limitations abound such as “dry weight” less than 250 pounds, max speed 60 mph, max 5 gallons of gas and mainly one occupant.



The Legal Eagle is a scratch-built vehicle requiring acquiring welding skills for the fuselage, wood working capability for the wing ribs, fabric covering for the wings and finally a powerplant/prop combo that is light but enough power to fly.

An interesting comparison is that his Legal Eagle has over twice the horsepower of the Wright Flyer but weighs just one-third of the Flyer. Wing loading was calculated by the audience at 4.7 lbs/sq ft. Power loading comparison to certified aircraft doesn't mean much as there is no gross weight.

And the reason you'd want to build and fly one of these?? Does “FAA Medical” mean anything? No medical required. And in addition - No checkride required. No flight training required. REALLY? Yes, really. Not recommended by those in the ultralight world, though.

Thanks, Tim, for an interesting twist on what is out there to get airborne!!



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 members 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>

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Chapter Member Introduction: Dumas Slade

My interest in flying and aviation began in 1974 at LVS (Las Vegas, NM) when I was working construction on reconstruction of 2-20. My 1st lesson was in a 150 with J. Lloyd Bible as IP.

Following that I eventually earned my Private from Golden Airways at 4AC (Coronado) in 1977 with Lewis Jamison (who has since "gone west").

I began flying for an engineering firm I was working for that did a significant amount of airport design and consulting across New Mexico in the mid 1980's until insurance issues raised their nasty head and had our "wings clipped"

I recently retired as a department manager specializing in airport design and construction after a 40+ year career in aviation, and have been active with NM Airport Managers Association, NM Pilots Association, EAA National and AOPA.

Dumas Slade



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, May 16, 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/VimyKfjjT7CzhwVpxaBXLw>

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:

Ground crew: Ethan Lee, Stephan James, Mark Wilson, Alex Carrothers, Bruce Bautista, Daniel Kiehne, Chris McIntyre, Gilbert Merriman, Matt Crowshaw and George Young

Pilots: Tanda Headrick, Kyle Reinhart, Joyce Woods, Gary Williams, Scott Harness, Emilio Verestegui, Dan Maxwell, and Art Woods.

Fifty-one Young Eagles got airborne on Saturday in all our normal propeller driven airplanes. The good news was that we had 8 pilots and most of the pilots flew 4 times. The bad news is that half of those pilots flew 2-seat airplanes. Emilio did 5 flights and is the EAA 179 aviator of the week. The weather was warm and the wind wasn't too bad, except gusts, changing direction and having to use runway 04 – a long taxi out. It was just too bumpy to fly the last 3 kids. The Double Eagle tower controllers were awesome as usual!

Next month is the big DEAA Young Eagles lift on June 6th. We'd like 12 planes for that one if possible. It's a flight down to Belen and back so it is a little longer than the normal Young Eagle flights. The DEAA students will have prepared a flight plan for that rally.

We forgot to mention last month that the Aero Vodochody L-29 that flew in April is slated to race in Roswell this September at the Roswell Air Races in the jet class.

Thanks for your terrific support.



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LOEFI 2026 Kickoff

Sean Babbitt



LOEFI 2026 Planning is Underway

As we begin preparations for LOEFI 2026, I want to personally invite everyone to get involved as we start building toward another outstanding event on **27 September 2026**.

Our first planning meeting will take place on **16 May 2026** with the time and location still TBD. This meeting is where we begin laying the foundation for the entire event, and I would love to see both returning volunteers and new faces join the team.

LOEFI has always been successful because of the people behind it. Every committee, every volunteer, and every hour contributed helps create an event that our community looks forward to each year. From logistics and sponsorships to setup, family activities, communications, and operations, there are opportunities for everyone to contribute.

This year, one of our biggest needs is a new **Food Truck Coordinator**. This role is critical to the success of the event and works directly with vendors to help create a great experience for all attendees. If you enjoy organizing, coordinating with local businesses, or simply want to take ownership of an important part of LOEFI, I encourage you to step forward.

I truly believe the best part of LOEFI is the team effort behind it. The friendships, collaboration, and shared sense of purpose are what make this event special year after year.

If you have been thinking about volunteering, this is the year to jump in. I'm looking forward to working with all of you as we kick off planning for LOEFI 2026 and continue building something our entire community can be proud of.

For questions, volunteer opportunities, or to join one of the planning committees, please contact the LOEFI coordination team at loefi@eaa179.org.



A business card is one very good way to publicize LOEFI. A supply is on the desk in the RAF – pick some up, share with family, friends, and >>>>

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Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

Jim Kessler



DEAA Preparations

We had 30 applicants this year for our 24 seats. So we had to make some tough choices. We'll give those we had to decline priority for next year's class.

This year's class is a bit older than in the past. We have 6 seniors, 7 juniors, 7 sophomores and 6 freshmen. We had only 2 young ladies apply this year.

Four big events coming up.

1. We'll be putting the DEAA binders together on May 16 in the City Maintenance Facility starting at 9:30 AM. We need 6 to 8 people to get that done in an hour or so. We have the binders and the contents. All we have to do is put them together.
2. We'll be setting up the simulators on May 23rd in Art and Joyce's hangar, and in Lance Hunter's hangar starting at 9:30 AM. We have 4 simulators to set up and update. Let me know if you need directions.
3. DEAA set up day will be May 29th in the City Maintenance Facility on Double Eagle Airport starting at 9:30 AM. We need a couple of trucks and 6 or 8 people for the setup.
4. Tear down starts at 1:00 PM on Friday May 5th. We reset the classroom for the closing and start cleaning up. Closing starts at 2:30 PM. If you want to experience the excitement of the next generation of potential young aviators, you are welcome to come and see the Closing presentations.

If you can help with any of these events, please let me know. If you have any questions, contact me. If you would like to be part of the Aircraft visits at 8:15 one morning of DEAA contact Will Taylor.

Thanks for all your support. This event would not be possible without it.

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The schedule for the week
is on the next page.

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Chapter 179 Scholarship Tidbits

Rowan Phlieger & Mark Sturm, Scholarship Coordinators

"I did it again! I am proud to say I have soloed once again. Although this time, in a light sport airplane. If you were to tell me back in 2024 that I could solo in a light sport aircraft, I wouldn't believe you! The airplane is a great build by our very own EAA Chapter 179 members. As a new member of the EAA Chapter's Van's RV-12 club, I re-started my aviation journey working with test-flight engineer and my flight instructor, Eric Achen from our Chapter.

My very first solo was back in February 2024 at Bode Aviation's Cessna Mike Echo. On an early morning of April 25th 2026, I completed 5 full stops with taxi backs in the RV-12. My flight instructor took a video of me, and all around were hot air balloons and a beautiful sunrise with the Sandia mountains as a backdrop. The picture alone could be an advertisement for tourism here in our state!

As I did my laps around the pattern, I heard the voice of my instructor in my head. Though this was my second time soloing, the excitement the night before was still profound. The air was electric! No coffee needed to rise at 4am to get to the airport by sunrise. I could hardly sleep from excitement and even had dreams of the solo! I want to thank all EAA Chapter 179 members for their constant support and patience in mentoring me. I've had to take several breaks from flight training due to life changes and circumstances, but my passion for aviation remains! I can't wait to keep going! -Daisy Ortega"



Congrats! Isabella's FIRST SOLO!!!

Isabella Baldonado, past EAA 179 Scholarship recipient and now CAP scholar, soloed on May 2 with Bode CFI, Melanie Allen.

Isabella has been one of our most enthusiastic young members, serious about aviation and flying. She began her flight training in sailplanes at Moriarty, and now with powered planes at Double Eagle. Congratulations, Isabella. (the Editor)

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DEAA 2026 Schedule

Jim Kessler

[Click here to download this Schedule](#)

Double Eagle Aviation Academy 2026 SCHEDULE

Updated 05/12/2026

| June 1 Monday | June 2 Tuesday | June 3 Wednesday | June 4 Thursday | June 5 Friday | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 8:15 - 9:00 AM Pre-session Aircraft Visits (Weather Permitting) | | | | | | |
| 0900 DEAA Launch | 0900 Group Photo | 0900 Day Introduction | 0900 Group Photo then split | | | |
| Phonetic Alphabet | Military Careers | Engineering Careers Aeronautical | Aircraft Building Chile Flight 2 hrs 30 min 3 grps of 4 | Engines Emilio Verastegui 45 min | Engineering Careers Civil - Airports | |
| Aircraft Preflight Will Taylor Small Groups | | Break | | Break | Avionics Kevin Frick 45 min | Break |
| Break | Instruments Six Pack Intro Will Taylor | Hazardous Attitudes Mark Thoman | | Transfer Time | Navigation 2 Part I Dead Reckoning Mia Alderete Prep for Saturday Flights | |
| Aerodynamics 1 Lift Jim Kessler | | | | Simulator Instruction 45 min | Lunch - Pizza | |
| Lunch - Chinese | Lunch - New Mexican | Lunch - Subs | | Lunch - Burgers | | |
| Commercial Pilot | ATC Careers | Drone Careers | | Maintenance Careers | | |
| Compass Headings Jocelyn Muniz | Communications George Young | Break | | Engines Emilio Verastegui 45 min | Aircraft Building Chile Flight 2 hrs 30 min 3 grps of 4 | Student Pilot Advice Mia Alderete et al |
| Activity | | Break | | Weight & Balance Mark Thoman Team Activity | | Avionics Kevin Frick 45 min |
| Break | Tower Visit Rotate every 30 min | Gliders Connie Buenafe | | | | Transfer Time |
| Aviation Weather Kevin Frick | Traffic Pattern Rotate every 30 min | Navigation 1 Sectional Charts Dan Horschel | | Simulator Instruction 45 min | Reception / What's Next Family & Members Invited | |
| Simulator Intro Jim Kessler et al | Transfer Time | | Law Enforcement / Helicopter Careers | Closing Presentation Cleared for Takeoff! | | |
| Wrap Up | Wrap Up | Break | Law Enforcement / Helicopter Careers | | | |
| Jeopardy | Jeopardy | | Wrap Up | | Session End | |



A Note from our 1st Ray Scholarship Recipient Rowan Phlieger

From Rowan – “.. A fun story to share from me personally.”

“This last week I got to start my week in ABQ! I picked up the jet from Atlantic Aviation and my family came out to see it. Very special and full circle for me. The funny part was we flew down to Artesia (KATS) to take some people out the next morning. I used to fly to Artesia all the time when I did MEDEVAC, but I did not ever expect to fly a private jet there. “



A success story, a young woman achieving dreams as a pilot. And her proud parents, Michael and Brandi Phlieger (Editor)



Pedal Plane Update Mark Sturm



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@flylonecone.com) or Larry Shapnek (larry@larryshapnek.com)

NM Aviation Division Launches "Safe Skies" Quarterly Safety Seminars - Around the State

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

2nd Quarter Seminar — MARK THE DATE!!

MOSAIC Program for Pilots & Maintainers

David McVinnie and Larry Shapnek, presenting

June 20, 2026; 0930

Ground Transportation available from Airport (KFMN)

**WHERE: San Juan Community College
4601 College Blvd, Farmington**

MOSIAC is not just for Light Sport. Join Master Instructor Dave McVinnie and Light Sport repairman/inspector Larry Shapnek as they review the new opportunities for all pilots, repairmen and inspectors.

Which aircraft can a private pilot and above fly with just a driver's license medical? Add gyrocopter privileges to your private certificate without a DPE's help. What can a CFI/Sport CFI do for you under the new rule?

And learn how a 2-Day LSRI Class applies to Legal, Safety, Time & Money aspects of EAB Ownership.

SAFE SKIES NEW MEXICO

2026 AVIATION SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES
Aviation Safety Education for Pilots, Owners & Maintainers

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

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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

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**)
 - [Learning the Numbers](#)
 - [Pulling Up to the Shop](#)
 - [What Your Ammeter Tells You](#)
 - [When to Announce Each Leg in the Pattern](#)



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 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, April 2026 Newsletter](#)
[EAA 691 April 2026 Newsletter](#)
[NMPA May 2026 Newsletter](#)**

Quick Links to Chapter Website & Facebook

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| 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 |
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| 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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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
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 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179



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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



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

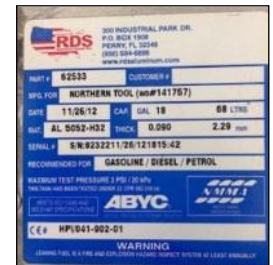


Northern Tool General Purpose Fuel Tank - 18 Gallon

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 \(KDNA\)](#)

BUSINESS CARDS IN THE RAF


Business Cards are a great way to publicize the Chapter and its activities. And the LOEFI Poster too. Stop by the RAF and get a supply to “spread our stories”. And they will be on hand at our Gatherings.



Experimental Aircraft Association

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Albuquerque, NM

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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>



Land of Enchantment Fly-In
September 26, 2026 7am-2pm

Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) - Albuquerque, NM



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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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