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EAA Chapter 179 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

June 20 - [MOSAIC WINGS Seminar](#) (offsite from FMN)

June 16—[EAA 179 Chapter Gathering](#)

June 20 - [IMC Club](#)

Sep 5 - [Runway Run](#) (KAEG)

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

June 2026

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Notes from our President

Art Woods



This newsletter coincides with normal June temps! And that means HOT HOT HOT!!! Off the press, that is.

Speaking of a dry & hot June, I am still waiting for the “**Super El Niño**” to pour rain from the sky. The poor Rio Puerco needs a refreshing drink. As do the elk, antelope and, yes, cows, that call it home.

DEAA – my thanks to Jim Kessler for leading another phenomenal Double Eagle Aviation Academy!! We are excited for the future of these 21 young adults, who inhaled five days of everything aviation.

DEAA Young Eagles – Trepidation. Success. Smiles. And photos!! Even the control tower was pleased with the learning curve of the students as we had them make radio calls for taxiing, taking off and landing.

Chapter Volunteers – Some have several decades behind them! And some do not! The “do not” list has grown substantially over the last few years. Young DEAA instructors and assistant instructors showed a much easier engagement with the teenagers in the audience. As I repeat in almost every newsletter, there’s a bright future for Chapter 179.

NO July Gathering – Since Oshkosh / AirVenture is early this year, the Gathering would have been that Tuesday of Oshkosh. But we will see you next week at BJ’s – June 16th!!

Arthur Woods
President, EAA Chapter 179
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Notes from the Editor

George Young

I continue to come across resources on the Web, new at least to me. Perhaps you have found my monthly column *In [the News and Other Interesting Topics](#)*, a catalog of resources that I have found to be useful. I try to keep it up-to-date, but suspect there are some items that may have disappeared or been updated.

This month, I came across one that I found to be particularly interesting and useful – “[WHAT’S WRONG?](#)” – from *[Pilot Workshops](#)*. After a description of circumstances to set the stage, a quite realistic video is presented. Then a choice of answers to “what’s wrong” followed by an explanation.

Another really great resource is [Boldermethod](#). Posts appear regularly on [Facebook](#); follow it to see posts covering many topics. Or go to their website. Here are some topics that I chose at random:

- [How To Make A Perfect Crosswind Takeoff](#)
- [How A Constant Speed Propeller Works](#)
- [ILS Critical Areas At Non-Towered Airports](#)

Do you have favorite resources on the web? Send them to me to add to the catalog, and include what is special about them. Thanks.

Your assistance in keeping this column current would be also appreciated, by me ... and by others.

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The classroom, ready for DEAA 2026



June Chapter Gathering



Tuesday, June 16, 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.

We have multiple speakers planned for June for a discussion of air safety in our local airspace and a quick primer on the Roswell Air Races.

Local Military Flight Training by Capt Pignatoro

Briefing for local pilot awareness of low altitude Air Force flight training in the Albuquerque area.

Jumpers Away! by Roy Mollenkamp

Roy Mollenkamp, jump plane pilot with VIVA Skydive of Belen will discuss how general aviation pilots and skydiving operations can co-exist. Tips for how to safely fly into and out of airports with active skydiving activity.

Primer: Roswell National Championship Air Races by Eric Achen

Flight Test Pilot, Pitts owner, and chapter member Eric Achen attended the Pilot Racing School at Roswell last year, helping test out the course, and considering participation in the biplane class. He will offer an overview of racing.

Where: BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse at Cottonwood Mall

10000 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque

Directions: Take North or South bound Coors Blvd to Cottonwood Mall. Take the Cottonwood Loop to the south end of the parking lot. BJ's is in a separate building.

Monthly Chapter Gatherings offer time to network, with programs centered on exchanging experiences and ideas about aviation – airplanes, flying, and flying activities – rather than the chapter business addressed in Board meetings.

We hope to see you there!



May Chapter Gathering (RECAP)



Whitney Van Brink, owner/operator of Merlin Aviation presented, ***“Gliding for Airplane Pilots - Nuances of best glide speed and gliding techniques that can be helpful when the engine quits”*** Advice provided was gleaned from his extensive experience including flying as a commercial airline and corporate pilot, powered flight and glider instructor, and working for Eclipse Aviation in flight test.

Whitney explained what Best Glide Speed is and why it matters, especially if our motor quits. It is not a fixed number but rather tied to angle of attack, and varies with weight, wind, and sink/lift. He challenged us to prepare ourselves for such an event by continually identify potential landing spots and practice engine out landings. *Do you?*

We continue to seek a more central location for our monthly gatherings, preferably somewhat north and along I-25. If you have an idea, let us know!

We tried a new venue, ***“Swing-n-Pickle”*** on Albuquerque's east side, wondering if our regular west-siders would make the trek.

A good crowd enjoyed a nice private room with a good setup and casual atmosphere. The occasional crack of a metal bat when outside our room cracked a few smiles, as well! The east side location and our speaker, particularly known by those based at Moriarty attracted members we've not seen for a while.

A first time attendee, John Mee, is a student at UNM who just gained approval to start a UNM aviation club. He proved the value of EAA networking— by finding at least two members who are UNM students, now motivated to help him launch the club (Gabe Pohl and Dash Quinn). *We look forward to seeing where this may lead!*



Whitney Van Brink (green shirt), John Mee (center, white shirt)





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 2026.

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.

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, please also send your EAA national Membership Number (on your ID card) to membership@EAA179.org.

Note that separate membership and dues payments are required to the EAA (<https://eaa.org>), with which our organization is affiliated. If you need to join or renew your national EAA membership, visit: <https://www.eaa.org/join.aspx>

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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, June 20, 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/F_2zVugVSLK-gogakH52aq

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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Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

Jim Kessler



The volunteers of Chapter 179 put together another tremendous experience for the students who participated in this year's DEAA. I'll do a deep dive into the critiques the students and parents provided in next month's Newsletter but as an overview we got an 8.725 out of 10 on the "would recommend to a friend" question. The parents' were even more positive with a 10 of 10 score on that question.

We had 21 students, with 3 returning helpers in the background keeping the simulators running and helping with that technology.

The list of volunteers is long and distinguished and I'll save the complete list for next month. The three helpers in the background nearly all week were Josh Brown, Matt Crowshaw, and Stephan James.

The binder build was completed on May 16, with Matt Crowshaw, Tim McKenny, Kevin Frick, Doreen Branch, Jayden Prescott, Melissa Prescott, Kristina Lee, and Brett Shank.

The simulator set up on May 23 was completed with the help of Dan Horschel, Tim McKenny, Matt Crowshaw, Joyce and Art Woods, Brett Shank, and Bruce Bautista.

All week we had Cynthia and Raymond Alderete, Pam Kessler, Emilio Verastegui, Tim McKenny, Kevin Frick, Will Taylor, George Young and our out of town honorary 179er Mark Thoman. Mia Alderete, in her first presentation appearance, did the Dead Reckoning navigation lesson. Our fearless president, Art, was there all week and Joyce arrived after some family requirements were completed.

I don't want to forget the members of Chile Flight who spent all Thursday with the students making the Van's metal practice project: Vyking, Goat, and Stogie.

There are more than 25 volunteers listed here, and I have just scratched the surface. Thank you Chapter 179 for helping make this week happen. The students had a great time, learned a lot and their interest in aviation was certainly piqued.



DEAA 2026 students along with many of the volunteers. Posed in front of the airplanes on display that day for the students to get acquainted with.

Look for the July newsletter, a special edition for DEAA 2026

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Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

Jim Kessler



A preview of the “DEAA Special Edition” of the Newsletter coming in



Far Left: Jim Kessler, “orchestra leader”
Center: Attentive students
Below: Families and students at the closing ceremony.



A sampling of activities under the banner “flying machines”.

Photo Credits to Raymond Alderette



LOEFI 2026 Planning is Underway

We're now in the thick of the summer planning effort that follows the great work the chapter did with DEAA, and I couldn't be more excited about how things are shaping up for the 2026 Land of Enchantment Fly In

(LOEFI) this September at Double Eagle II.

As your LOEFI Chair, I want to take a moment to share a few updates and invite all of you to get involved as we move from early planning into execution mode. This is the time when ideas turn into action, and the success of LOEFI always comes down to the people who step up and contribute.

First, I'm pleased to announce that Alex Basinger has stepped up to lead our food tent effort this year. This is a critical piece of the event—not just for keeping everyone fed, but also as a key part of the overall attendee experience. Alex brings great energy and organization to the role, and I'm looking forward to seeing the plan come together under his leadership. Please reach out to him if you'd like to help—he'll definitely need a solid team.

We're also scheduling our next LOEFI planning meeting for June 20 at the Double Eagle II operations office. This will be a working session, and I strongly encourage committee members—and anyone interested in helping—to attend.

During the meeting, we'll be focusing on several important areas:

- Site layout: refining how we set up aircraft parking, vendor areas, food service, and attendee flow.
- Fundraising and sponsorships: identifying opportunities to support the event financially and grow our partner base.
- Pilot participation: expanding outreach and making sure we have a strong showing of aircraft and pilots for the fly-in.

Even if you haven't been involved before, this is a great time to jump in. Fresh perspectives always help, especially when we're working through logistics and trying to make the event better than ever.

LOEFI has always been a reflection of the strength of our chapter and our aviation community. With the momentum we've built and the team we have, I'm confident this year's event will be something special—but only if we all pitch in.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th and working together to make LOEFI 2026 a success. 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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Chili Flight at LOEFI 2025





Young Eagles

Jim Kessler & Art Woods, Young Eagles Coordinators



Our June Young Eagles flight is a special event. The DEAA participants plan a flight down to Belen, NM (BRG) on Friday and then they fly it on Saturday during our Young Eagles Rally.

The flight is planned at 90 knots and would take 40 minutes if flown at that speed. A graphic showing a typical flight is below. For these flights every Young Eagle gets a front seat and hopefully some stick/yoke time.

We had 20 Young Eagles on June 6th, done in two+ flights with 9 pilots. Thanks to Art and Joyce Woods, Dave Otero, Tanda Headrick, Daniel Maxwell, Emilio Verastegui, Gary Williams, Brett Shank, and Jim Kessler.

A good time was had by all.



Also thanks to Stephan James for his help on the computer and to Mark Thoman for taking care of pilot assignments and Tim McKenny for safety on the ramp.

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Chapter 179 Scholarship Tidbits

Rowan Phlieger, Scholarship Coordinator

Stephan James - FIRST SOLO!

Stephan James successfully soloed on Saturday, June 6, after volunteering all week with DEAA and even supporting Young Eagles flights that Saturday morning. Stephan is a Chapter 179 scholarship recipient, who also received a prestigious full ride Civil Air Patrol flight scholarship.

Congratulations Stephan! And thank you for your ongoing involvement in EAA179!

Bode CFI, Melanie Allen greets Stephan, returning from his First Solo



And celebrating the flight, with Big Smiles.

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New Mexico – Velocity STD-RG
Bob Waters – from EAA’s *Sport Aviation*



Taken from EAA’s *Sport Aviation*, June 2026

I WAS LOOKING FOR another T-hangar to have space to start my retirement “job” of finding an airplane to fix up, fly, eventually sell, and repeat. My friend John’s hangar, three doors down, became available, and I quickly snapped it up. The deal included a 1991 Velocity STD-RG project. This “top-loader” Velocity has a Lycoming IO-360 engine, a “1990s-modern IFR panel,” and a great quality pedigree, having been built by Duane and Scott Swing before they bought the Velocity factory.

Over the next two years we went through every system inspecting, overhauling, upgrading, and/or testing to make sure the airplane was ready to go. After excellent factory flight training in Florida, I flew the airplane for the first time in 30 years, orbiting the airport while keeping an eye on gauges during the engine break-in, with a chase plane keeping an eye on the engine I couldn’t see. We landed at a nearby airport with a longer, wider runway where I later honed my takeoff and landing skills with plenty of margin. Over the next several months, we worked out all the squawks that show up only when you fly, while working through the EAA Flight Test Manual.

What a flying machine! It has a much shorter takeoff roll than I expected, climbs like the proverbial homesick angel, and cruises near 160 knots true airspeed at less than 8 gph. I’ve become very attached to it over these last three years, making it harder to implement the next step of the plan so I can eventually “repeat”! And I think that is just the way it should be.

Bob Waters, EAA 764446; Albuquerque, New Mexico
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Keith Beasley - Gone West
Joyce Woods

With great sadness, we share that Keith Beasley passed away Saturday, May 23, 2026. He was 93. Keith built and flew an RV-9 with a Subaru engine, based at Double Eagle II. Joy and Keith moved to Yuma, AZ about 10 years ago, and have been enjoying their retirement community year-round. Joy tells me she will remain in Yuma and is grateful for their good neighbors and friends.



Keith and Joy Beasley
Chapter Pancake Breakfast 2014

Keith served on the Chapter 179 Board of Directors from 2001 – 2010 including as President in 2008. In 2008, Keith and Joy initiated the scholarship program we have today and ran it through 2016. Joy says it was Keith who originally envisioned the program, convincing the Board to approve three \$400 awards. They organized pancake breakfasts for Young Eagles events, breakfast and burgers for LOEFI, storing supplies in an extra shed they installed at their home. Before they moved away, Keith found and recommended purchase of the storage container we own (and take for granted) today. And EAA 179 was granting four \$1000 scholarships plus sending two youth to EAA’s Air Academy.

I remember meeting Keith when we showed up to volunteer for LOEFI 2009 setup. He was intense and hard worker. He didn’t wait for anyone to figure out what to do. I learned quickly to follow him around and help as he went along. Keith and Joy both contributed so much to our chapter, making it possible to be who we are today. Keith and Joy’s vision, hard work and “can do” attitude have already been greatly missed. If you want to contact Joy, let us know at chapter@eaa179.org.

Joyce Woods



Pietenpol Update Lee Otto

A Report from the RAF

Lee sent me this photo last week; here's his report of activities on the Pietenpol.

“George, we're fitting new spoke wheels and disc brakes on the Pietenpol. The original wheels were made with drum brakes and they needed to be replaced anyway so I decided to upgrade to 19" rims with discs instead. Lee”

In a follow-up conversation Lee described his search for a suitable wheel, starting with local motorcycle shops. He ended up choosing wheels built for the front wheel of a Harley Davidson Sportster motorcycle.



With Emilio's help they will be fabricating new axles and calipers for the disc brake .. leading to the most up-to-date landing gear for any Pietenpol.

Members who have been party to the Pietenpol project of late are Emilio Verastegui and Neal Hopwood. And he would welcome others who would like to 'join this party'. Check with him when they return for Italy next month. {the Editor}

A couple of photos to pique your interest.



National Championship Air Races Volunteers Needed - Sign up with Fellow Aviators!



Volunteers Needed Roswell Air Races September 16 - 20, 2026



ALL seven race classes are coming to Roswell 2026, plus the USAF Thunderbirds. Larger crowds are expected, driving increased volunteer numbers, starting 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. Free Tent camping available. Dry camping RV spaces are available from the ticket purchase page. Inquire with Joyce per comp spaces for volunteering the full week.

Questions? More info? Contacts: Chet Leach (chetleach@msn.com) or Joyce Woods (niner3echo@flylonecane.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

**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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2nd Quarter Seminar

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.

For full WINGS announcement and to register for FAA WINGS credit:

https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=144569&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx



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: *Rotor Safety Insights*
- 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]
- NTSB Safety Alert: [See and Be Seen: Your Life Depends on It](#)
- 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**)
 - [Avoiding "Flap Sink"](#)
 - [Using a Callsign on CTAF](#)
 - [The RON Mentality](#)
 - [Two Aircraft on the Same Runway](#)



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. [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

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
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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 (continued) The Editor ... and you?

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NMPA

- June 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
 Double Eagle II Airport
 7401 Atrisco Vista Blvd NW #179



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- Pop-Pop's Italian Ice

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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)

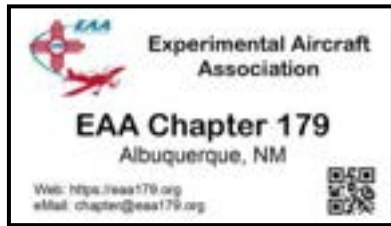
- [FAA Safety Team](#) – Safer Skies Through Education
Log in to your account, then go to Account Preferences.
- [AOPA ePilot](#) and [AOPA Aviation eBrief](#)
- [AVwebflash](#)

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 \(KDNA\)](#)

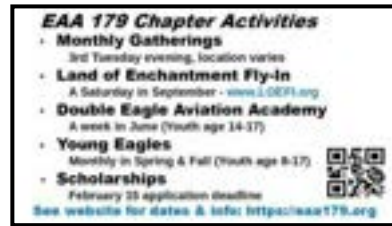
BUSINESS CARDS IN THE RAF

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.



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EAA Chapter 179
 Albuquerque, NM

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EAA 179 Chapter Activities

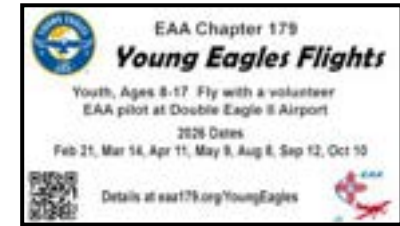
- **Monthly Gatherings**
3rd Tuesday evening, location varies
- **Land of Enchantment Fly-In**
A Saturday in September - www.LOEFI.org
- **Double Eagle Aviation Academy**
A week in June (Youth age 14-17)
- **Young Eagles**
Monthly in Spring & Fall (Youth age 8-17)
- **Scholarships**
February 23 application 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

Hosted by EAA Chapter 179

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING Aircraft Displays Car Clubs
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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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