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Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings

17 December, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Christmas Party, 6:00



PM at the home of Russ and Margaret Prina, 10812 Anaheim Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM. Phone: 505 856 6246. This will be a Pot-Luck event, so please bring a dish to pass. Roasted turkey and non- alcoholic beverages will be supplied. Just bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Optional grab bag gifts (\$15 or less) for those wishing to participate in the exchange. Visitors welcome!

Chapter 179 meetings are on the third Tuesday each month. However, in December we have the Christmas Party instead of our regular meeting.

Christmas Party!

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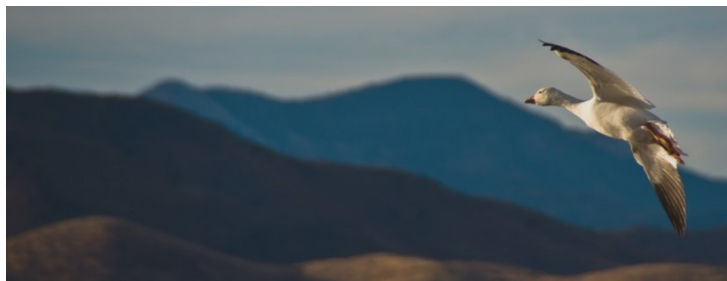
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From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

Thanks to all of the contributors for the newsletter. Rose Marie Kern has provided interesting and informative articles each month. Todd Blue sends me the meeting minutes and Young Eagles write-ups, Bob Waters always has something fun and inspiring for us. Joyce Woods keeps us all informed about upcoming events and sends me great pictures and write-ups about the events afterwards. And Tandra Hicks handles the printing and mailing for those who do not have email. Lots of others provide pictures and information also. I really appreciate everyone's help.



Paul Anders sent me some great Snow Goose pictures he recently took at Bosque Del Apache. Birds inspired man to fly and are likely the only reason we thought it possible. They are still the experts and these pictures make poetry in my imagination. Can one imagine what it would be like to fly in the jet stream to warmer lands, land on a lake, a rock, a tree, or a beach never needing a map or a flight plan or money or paperwork. That has to be the purest form of freedom. See more geese pictures on page 3.



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Other NM EAA Chapter Newsletters

EAA 691, the Green Chile Chapter: <http://eaa691.org/PreFlight.html>

EAA 555, Triple Nickel Chapter: <http://www.zianet.com/eaa/>

EAA 251, White Sands Chapter doesn't have a new newsletter since 2009 but they do have a home page: <http://www.eaa251.org>

From the President, Bob Waters

Change is Good!

You always hear that there is nothing constant in life but change. I think there's something to that saying, even for our chapter. As the cold winter hits early, we've changed from flying up there to being in here in front of the fireplace dreaming about flying. As we approach our December meeting, we'll change from the Copper Canyon Café to the lovely home of Margaret and Russ Prina for our annual Christmas party (more on that in a bit). And come January, we'll have a transition meeting for the changing officers of the chapter. Change is good!



Next week we'll reach the winter solstice, which has special meaning to Druids wannabes like Sandy! I like that day because it means that future days are getting longer and soon we have daylight again in the evenings after work to get outside and enjoy the spring. When the spring winds slow down, we'll all be ready to fly again. Change is good!

I've had a great time over the last three years as president of the chapter and I've certainly learned a lot. We've done a lot of great things together as a chapter and I think we are on an upswing in membership, in activities and in enthusiasm. Thank you all again for allowing me to serve you and for all the volunteering we've done together, whether Young Eagles, LOEFI, DEAA, or our 50th Anniversary celebration. I'm looking forward to the leadership provided by our new president, Will Taylor. Change continues and change is good.

One thing that stays the same is the wonderful time we'll have at our annual Christmas party. Margaret and Russ have once again opened their home to us for this great celebration. Bring a side dish or dessert to the

potluck and prepare to eat some great food and celebrate some fun times with each other. Also, if you like, bring a present for the gift exchange (\$15 max) and plan to keep up with all the changes of the interesting exchange process we use. Please come and bring a friend!



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Chapter 179 Meeting Minutes

Chapter 179 Meeting Minutes November 19, 2013

Call to Order: President Bob Waters called meeting to order at 6:00PM

Introduction of Guests/New Members by President Waters. Randy Reimer & Susy Reimer newest Chapter 179 members, Mary Jane Knight, and Milo Myers (Guest Speaker)

Presidents Report: Bob Waters mentioned that Calendars were available at \$10.50 per calendar.

Vice Presidents Report: Steve Rockiki reported that the Tiger Moth inventory is still "moving" at the Soaring a Museum in a manner similar to a hurricane.

Secretaries Report: Todd Blue asked for approval of October minutes as published in the October Newsletter. Motion was accepted, seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report: Curtis Smith gave the treasurers report. Motion to accept made and seconded. Motion carried. Short discussion on the Operating Instructions for Audit. Auditors will be Curtis Smith, Art Woods, Joy Beasley and Keith Beasley.

Promotion, Publicity & Membership: Joyce Woods: Joyce Woods indicated that dues (\$20.00) are due.

Young Eagles: Todd Blue thanked the many who helped with the Young Eagle event at Double Eagle. Recognition was belatedly given for volunteer Joyce Schmidt at the event. Todd reported that 81 Young Eagles were flown by 14 pilots from Chapter 179, Chapter 530 and Chapter 691, with the 99's.

Dates proposed for 2014 Young Eagle Events are February 15 at Double Eagle, May 10 at Moriarty, June 7 (Summer Camp students) at Double Eagle, September 13 at Moriarty, and November 8 at Double Eagle.

Joy Beasley reported that donations of \$321.00 were received with expenditures for new warmer refill propane tanks left a net positive precede of \$173.00.

Discussion of the Young Eagle Credits indicated that the credits must be used prior to December 31, 2013. They must be used for Specific Young Eagle use or for Scholarship to the EAA Air Academy.

Land of Enchantment: Will Taylor said LOEFI will be at Double Eagle for 2014. Will is still checking State Fair dates prior to determining date.

Scholarship Report: Joy Beasley reported two donations to the scholarship funds: To the Jay Schmidt Scholarship \$200.00 and \$300.00 to the Bob Hartman Scholarship

Old Business: None

New Business: Russ and Margaret Prina have again offered to host the Chapter 179 Christmas party at their home on December 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM. All attendees are bringing a side dish or desert. A gift exchange will be held. For those who participate bring a gift (\$15.00) limit.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM followed by a presentation by Milo Meyers about the Nuclear Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Blue, Secretary

NOTAM CHANGES!, by Rose Marie Kern

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Over the past several years the FAA has been slowly bringing the Federal Air Traffic system into conformity with ICAO standards. The next generation of this evolution has just occurred with the way Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) are being formatted. The U.S. Notices to Airmen office (USNOF) posted the latest edition of the NOTAM handbook online at <http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Order/Basic7930.2N.pdf>. This order became effective as of October 1st, 2013.



The first thing you will notice when perusing NOTAMs these days is that many of the old familiar contractions are no longer being used. For years OTS meant OUT OF SERVICE, now it is being spelled out. All contractions used in NOTAMs are supposed to be ICAO, though there are a few exceptions – holdovers from the previous version – that are still allowed. By doing this student pilots or ones that are visiting from other countries should have an easier time understanding them.

Where previously many NOTAMs had numbers in them that were just “understood” to be a specific type measurement based on how they appeared in the NOTAM, now all numbers must contain the alphabetical abbreviation. For instance, in the old style you would see “RWY 15 CLSD OVER 86000”, the new version will spell out “RWY 15 CLSD TO ACFT OVER 86000LB”. An old NOTAM would state “PJE 5NMR MIV BLW 5000”, now it will say “PJE 5NM RADIOUS MIV SFC TO 5000FT”. The term BLW (below) is no longer used, all heights are listed from the surface.

Many Obstruction and Airspace NOTAMs will now include latitude/longitude location descriptions. Some of them, such as radio towers, are required to show the lat/long to the nearest one hundredth of a second, the others will go to the nearest second.

All NOTAMs will now have a start time and an end time. If the issuer of the NOTAM does not know when it will end, he is required to make an educated guess. The end time will have the contraction EST (estimated) appended – so if he thinks the occurrence

will end on October 4th of 2013 at 2300zulu, the end time will be coded as 1310042300EST. An EST NOTAM will not drop out of the system until the issuer calls back and cancels it, but at least it gives the flying community an idea as to when to expect the condition to end.

For conditions that will be permanent changes – a frequency change, a new runway, a newly commissioned AWOS – the end time will show the normal date/time group as the beginning time, but the end will simply say PERM. These NOTAMs will stay in the system until they are published in the AFD or on the appropriate charts.

Should an airport have published TORA/TODA/ASDA/LDA distances on any runway, and that runway is modified in any way, such as a partial closure, the NOTAM must contain the revised distances for all four measurements. These are normally only seen at airports that accept commercial traffic.

Field condition (FICON) NOTAMs formats look very different. Where before there were different contractions for taxiways/ramps/aprons and runways, now all descriptors are the same. The descriptors themselves have changed. Loose snow is now Dry Snow, as opposed to Wet Snow or Compacted Snow. Contaminants also include ice, mud, slush, water, frost and even ash, rubber and sand. Surfaces can also be reported as WET or DRY. Usually you will only see DRY where the NOTAM states that part of a runway is DRY and part of it has a contaminant. For example: RWY 8/26 W 5000FT PLOWED 100FT WIDE DRY REMAINDER COMPACTED SN.

The depth of the contaminants on aprons, ramps, or taxiways is optional. Depths on runways are mandatory – except for ice and compacted snow which are prohibited. (I guess they figure any ice is slippery regardless of depth!) The depth measurements have changed. THIN means less than 1/8th inch and they have added 3/4 inch as a viable depth. All depths over an inch remain the same as in the past.

FICON NOTAMs are all required to specify the time the condition was observed, so they will have three date/time groups. For example: BGR RWY 15/33 FICON 2IN DRY SNOW OBSERVED AT 1311131400. 1311131420-1311141420EST. The first time is the observed time, then the time the NO-

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NOTAM Changes *(Continued from page 4)*

TAM was issued and the last time is a 24 hours estimated end time. All FICON NOTAMs for winter conditions cannot be more than 24 hours and must end in EST. Issuers are expected to cancel or call and reissue the NOTAM prior to that end time.

On occasion you will see a longer end time, but that is only when the authority issuing the NOTAM is not going to be able to update the NOTAM. Then the NOTAM will give the field condition, but will then state CONDITIONS NOT MONITORED TIL and give the time the issuer expects someone will be on the field and able to update the information – possibly several days in the future.

If there is an active CONDITIONS NOT MONITORED NOTAM on the field, pilots can call flight service and report the surface condition. A Pilot reported FICON is valid for only 12 hours maximum, or until the airport manager expects to return.

The keywords for some NOTAMs have changed as well. Where the firefighting status (ARFF) NOTAMs and fuel NOTAMs used to be service (SVC) NOTAMs, now they are listed as airport (AD) NOTAMs. Customs services are also listed as AD NOTAMs.

All these changes will take getting used to. Most of us “seasoned” aviation professionals will grump our way through them, where the students will probably find the NOTAMs easier to understand. If you run across any that you have questions about, just call flight service for an interpretation.

Rose Marie Kern has worked in ATC for over 30 years. If you have a question you can contact her at: author@rosemariekern.com

Know someone that would benefit from learning a little more about flying in GA aircraft? If so, you can help by passing along this message to area pilots and their companions who may be interested. We look forward to a fun and informative day for non-pilots with any level of flying experience!

99s Flying Companion Seminar

Saturday, January 11, 2014, 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

\$35 Early Bird Registration fee; \$5 off for registrations received by December 18, 2013

Lunch and all materials included.

Sponsored by the Albuquerque and Rio Grande Norte Chapters of The Ninety-Nines

For more details, see event flyer on the next page.

Safe flying,

Joyce Woods

Chair, 2014 99s Flying Companions Seminar



Flying Companion Seminar

Coming to Albuquerque

Double Eagle II Airport

January 11, 2014

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Do you

- Have someone in your life who is a pilot?
- Wonder how you could assist or be a better passenger?
- Let your fear of flying keep you from going aloft with them?
- Want to learn more about airplanes and the exciting world of general aviation?

If so, the ***Ninety Nine's Flying Companion Seminar*** is for you!

This fun, informative session is designed with the non-pilot in mind. Our goal is to help you become more comfortable in light aircraft and be able to have FUN! We will teach you to be an effective cockpit crew member and help address fears of flying.

This one day ground-school only course covers topics such as:

- How the airplane flies
- How to read an aeronautical chart
- Who to talk to on the radio
- What the instruments can tell you
- What to do in an emergency
- Safety tips, weather, and much more

...so you can enjoy flying more and be a better Flying Companion

\$40 per person; includes lunch and all materials

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$35 if payment received by December 18, 2013

Contact Joyce Woods at niner3echo@flylonecone.com or 505 974 5305

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*****EAA Chapter 179 Membership Application / Renewal*****

NAME: _____ Spouse/Partner's Name _____

Children's names [if family application] _____

Address: _____

City: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: HM: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address _____

EAA # _____ Expiration Date (MM/YY): ____/____ D.O.B.(MM/DD): ____/____

Your Projects (finished or in progress) as well as what you are currently flying A/C:

Please specify (circle one) if you wish to have a **family** or **individual** membership.

Our Annual Dues are \$30 Family; \$20 individual or \$15 or \$10 if you join in the second or third Quarter respectively.

Please fill out the above form and mail it with your applicable dues payment to:

EAA Chapter 179, P.O. Box 3583, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3583.

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On-Going Events

Pilots ABQ Lunch - Every Thursday, Formation Begins at 11:15 AM, at **Monroe's Restaurant** at 6501 Osuna Rd. NE (about four blocks East of San Mateo on the North side of Osuna).

Pilots Mid-Valley Lunch - Every Tuesday, Formation begins at 10:00 AM at Bob Henning's Hangar, 3884 Tammy Ct. SE, Los Lunas, NM, (Mid-Valley Airpark) Ph 865-0007, then onto Lunch at T J's New Mexican Restaurant at 235 Highway 314 SW, Los Lunas at 11:45AM.

Las Cruces/El Paso EAA Chapter #555 Breakfast - Every Third Sunday of the Month, a huge \$6.00 breakfast. Look for the large EAA hangar located at the Las Cruces International Airport (LRU). All pilots and interested others are invited. Consider this for a 'fly out' or for other fun events!

Aviation Historical Society—First Thursday of the Month, Formation begins at 7:00 PM at Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, 4800 Indian School NE, (just west of San Mateo, across from the Heights YMCA). Contact Harry M. Davidson, Ph (505) 256-7212

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