

# LOEFI 2017

## Flight, Family, Fun and Food

Good weather and blue skies! We were blessed with wonderful weather and fantastic support from many organizations and some great aircraft at the 2017 Land of Enchantment Fly In! The entire event was smooth skies.

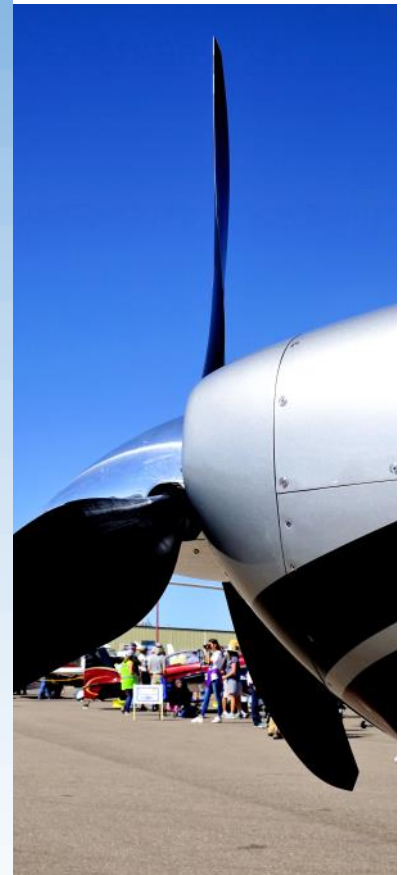
Forty-two aircraft were registered and 21 were judged at New Mexico's premiere fly in. With about 1500 guests, our vendors, and chapter members we had a good sized crowd for most of the day at the Double Eagle II Airport. Included in the event were classic cars, news and law enforcement helicopters, and even a C-130 flyover! We hope many of you had a chance to join in this great family activity!

## The Rush Before the Rush

We had a strong crew for the set up on Friday with not only our stalwart chapter members, but several cadets from the Civil Air patrol, Airmen from Kirtland Air Force Base, and many others just willing to help. One has to be amazed at the equipment that can fit into our conex container. Mo Silva had expertly prepared everything the day before. William Fitzpatrick from the Civil Air Patrol made a mass call to his cadets and other branches of CAP; and Ashely Goldman corralled several Airman from Kirtland to participate in not only the set up, but the entire event. Will Taylor and Eric

Goldman had been preparing for weeks including coordination with Bode, the City of Albuquerque, the Civil Air Patrol, The City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Police Department, and the Bernalillo County Sherriff's Department to ensure all local field and local logistics were in order. There is an immense amount of coordination among a lot of people and organizations just on this one important facet. You will need to ask Eric about the acquisition of our much-needed refrigerator; a classic tale that shows his drive to get things done. In days leading up to this, Eric Goldman, Will Taylor, Randy Reimer, and Art Woods picked up supplies from

our generous sponsors. After a dry run to test our cooking equipment Susie Reimer and crew fed the exhauster laborers. The exhibitors were preparing their booths for the next day as were the bands: setting up and fine tuning for the next day.



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## The Rush Before the Rush (cont.)

It is amazing with all the pieces that had to come together the day before the event; with all the past experience and the energy of the new comers all pulling in the same direction, at least usually, it was completed by early evening.



*“Doug Rhodes, Lee Otto, Ron Harmon, and Mark Sturm all had some camera time..”*

### Want to see it all?

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## Local Media Coverage

We had more local news coverage this year than any other. The local news crews, KRQE and KOB ran television spots a few days before the event and the day of the event. Doug Rhodes, Lee Otto, Ron Harmon, and Mark Sturm all had some camera time and showed their enthusiasm for general aviation and the EAA's goal of getting more involved in the aviation community. We may even have a few new members from the news crews joining our ranks after some introductory flights! A special shout out to Joyce Woods and George Young for their tireless dedication in getting the word out to the local and aviation community. Their preparation began months ago with designing posters and interfacing with exhibitors, news crews, and printing signs and posters.





*Future Aviator Trying out a Trike (Larry Bell)*

## Rotation Speed...

With a detailed walk through early Saturday morning by the Albuquerque Fire Inspector, and a permit granted, LOEFI was officially open for festivities!

The Civil Air Patrol started the event with the raising of the flag ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, our National Anthem, performed by the Calvary Meadows Worship Band and a fly over by the Chile Flight Formation Team, four RVs with smoke on!

... And the breakfast line formed... and never dissipated for hours. Susie Reimer mentioned over 42 pounds of dry pancake mix were made to feed the crowd. Martin Richardson, Fred Loehr, Jason Parker, and Ronald were sizzling breakfast sausage on the grill. With assistance from Bob Waters, and Susie's family and others, they endured the never ending line of hungry people that only free food can attract.

The well-orchestrated kick off, arrangements for the bands and vendor interviews, and behind the scenes scheduling was done by Chris Grotbeck. Chris seemed to enjoy his time speaking and interviewing an array of people from the stage. Chris was the face and voice for many of our center stage LOEFI activities.



## 2017 Major Sponsors

We are thankful for those in our community that care about our goals and building the future of aviation by supporting these events and in turn the careers of our youth. This also helps educate the general public about general aviation and the passion we share for this unique opportunity.

- ◆ Aero Mechanical Industries – Rio Rancho
- ◆ Air One Systems (In Kind)
- ◆ Aspen Avionics
- ◆ BendixKing by Honeywell
- ◆ Bode Aviation
- ◆ Budget Transmission Masters
- ◆ City of Albuquerque
- ◆ Keystone Aviation – Piper Aircraft
- ◆ New Mexico DOT Aviation Division
- ◆ One Aviation – Eclipse Aerospace
- ◆ Sandia Aerospace

Many of these sponsors have not only supported us this year, but year after year. We are truly indebted to them for their generosity!



## In-Kind Sponsors

We all know that it is impossible for Chapter 179 to have a meeting without food being involved.; the same goes for the Land of Enchantment Fly In. The scale is almost mind-numbing: feeding over 1000 people is daunting. Susie Reimer, Margaret Prina, and others spent a large portion of their time on Friday cutting the vegetables and getting everything ready for Saturday.

After the opening ceremonies, the breakfast line for pancakes and sausage grew and never really subsided until late in the morning. Over 42 pounds of dry pancake mix was used to feed the crowds. Many of our In-kind sponsors were related to the massive effort of feed the patrons. A huge thanks to them!

- ◆ Albuquerque Police Department
- ◆ Bode Aviation
- ◆ City of Albuquerque Aviation Division
- ◆ Commissary – serving the US Armed Forces
- ◆ Copper Canyon Cafe
- ◆ Costco (on Eubank)
- ◆ Culligan Water
- ◆ Flowers Foods
- ◆ Frito Lay
- ◆ Kraft
- ◆ Lowe's (on Juan Tabo)
- ◆ PepsiCo
- ◆ Quality Fruit & Veg Co
- ◆ Reddylce
- ◆ SimplexGrinnell
- ◆ Synergy Food Sales
- ◆ Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office

Most of these sponsors have also supported LOEFI year after year. We are sincerely grateful for their generous and continued support!

## Exhibitors

Exhibits were a crowd favorite, with a continuous flow of people exposed to the latest aviation technology, history, education, aviation-related services, opportunities to get involved, and just “plane” fun:

- Aero Mechanical Industries-Rio Rancho
- Air One Systems
- Aspen Avionics
- BendixKing by Honeywell
- Bode Aviation Flight School
- Budget Transmission Masters



- John L Deuble, author
- Drifters Car Club
- Cavalcade of Wings (ABQ Sunport historic model aircraft)
- City of Albuquerque – Aviation Division / Double Eagle II Airport
- Civil Air Patrol – New Mexico Wing
- Civil Air Patrol – glider training



- Commemorative Air Force – Lobo Wing
- Duke City Electric Flyers
- EAA Chapter 179 / Double Eagle Aviation Adventure
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – Albuquerque
- FAA, Albuquerque FSDO
- IRQ Aviation (Rotax specialist)
- Rose Marie Kern/Ted Spitzmiller, authors
- Keystone Aviation—Piper Aircraft
- Robert Kirk Books

- National Museum of Nuclear Science and History
- National Weather Service – Albuquerque
- New Mexico Aviation Aerospace Association
- New Mexico DOT – Aviation Division
- New Mexico Pilots Association
- Ninety-Nines, Rio Grande Norte Chapter
- Military History Museum
- One Aviation
- Pop Pop Water Ice
- “Raiding the Empire of the Sun”, a book signing, by Kit Crumpton
- Rio Grande Lion's Club (supports Angel Flights)



- SAMS Academy / SSLC – charter schools
- Sandia Aerospace
- Solar City
- State Farm Insurance – Agent, Greg Shamas
- Transform Flight – drone pilot training
- Tuskegee Airmen – Gen. Lloyd W. Newton Chapter
- Vertical Limit Aviation

A big thanks to each and every one of our exhibitors. They gave us more than enough reason to get out of the sun. We hope to see you again next year!



## Documenting the memories

With three chapter members taking pictures of the event, over 600 photographs were taken. Only a few are used in this newsletter, but the unique talents and approaches by each helped to document each facet of New Mexico's fly in! **Harley Wadsworth** has the responsibility of producing the monthly Chapter 179 newsletter. He always knows how to fill the pages in each newsletter with just the right image and especially the Fly-In edition. Since he depends on his own work, he knows exactly what is needed. We also wanted to have every aircraft participating at the event photographed, not only a nice means of remembering, but also needed in case one of the aircraft was selected for one of the eleven trophy's that was awarded. **Will Taylor's** background in the Albuquerque Police Department made him an ideal candidate; with the precision and almost forensic skills to work his way around the ramp and capture each aircraft with some artistic flare made sharing this event and the memories with you possible. Finally, I began to notice some outstanding pictures showing up on our Facebook page, with credits to **Larry Bell**. I knew I had to include his pictures in both the video and this newsletter. His images were unique and captured some elements that I did not see even when attending the entire event. Thanks to all three of them for sharing their talents, pictures, and documenting the memories of LOEFI 2017. To see much more of their work check out our [LOEFI video](#).



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## FAA WINGS Safety Seminars

The FAA Safety Team (FAASafetyTeam) offered three pilot seminars, sponsored by EAA Chapter 179 and Budget Transmissions Masters.

*Backcountry Flying in New Mexico* was presented by Larry Filener, New Mexico Pilots Association. The New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA) promotes back country flying and strives to increase recreational and back-country flying opportunities in New Mexico. Available safety resources for accessing these recreational airstrips were covered.

Highlights included accomplishments resulting from partnering with the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) and the New Mexico Airstrip Network (NMAN), including the USFS, BLM, NMDOT Aviation Division, NM Council of Outfitters and Guides, NM Economic Development, and other state agencies and aviation organizations.

*What to Expect from Your Mechanic* was presented by John DeWitt, FAA Safety Team Manager; Albuquerque FSDO. This seminar covered who is responsible for aircraft airworthiness, what your mechanic is expected to do during an annual (or condition) inspection, what documents should be provided,

what documentation you should keep in your aircraft records, and questions you should ask your mechanic.

*The Future of Air Traffic Control* was presented by Rose Marie Kern, aviation writer and speaker.

This presentation reviewed NEXGEN - the FAA's plan to transition from RADAR to Satellite, and all the elements that need to be in place for this to happen.

Everywhere you look, people are talking about how ATC needs to modernize in order to assure the U.S. continues to lead the world in the safe and efficient flow of air traffic. What most do not know is that the FAA has already implemented plans to achieve that goal. The changes in Flight Service to meet the needs of general aviation were also presented.



## It Takes a Village

What a great privilege to be a new (less than a year) member of EAA Chapter 179 and to be asked to be the chairman for this great event! I joked that my reflexes were a bit slow when they asked for volunteers and everyone else took a step back. But in hind sight and even during the preparations, a love for the community of volunteers grew. At the beginning, I was struggling just to meet members of the chapter, let alone remember their names. By the conclusion of LOEFI, I had the opportunity to get to know a lot more about our members and my aviation network grew by meeting many of the people that we rely on in the aviation and business community to make an event like LOEFI successful.

It did take me a while (some would say a long while) to realize that the Chair of LOEFI does some of the organizing and preparation meetings, but the real work is done by the many task leads and those that support them. So very true! With this being our **27th LOEFI**, I should not have been surprised at how well equipped the task leads were in putting their shoulder to the wheel and doing this one more time. But that is not entirely true, a few were as lightly seasoned as me: Eric Goldman, Ashley Goldman, Mike Paxson, were all new to the Chapter, and Paul Cross stepped up to a critical role when we needed him. The rest of our task leads have been key in making many past of LOEFIs a success. Behind this group of stalwart men and women were yet others that have similar drive in making it LOEFI a true event.

Thanks and probably some gigantic level of indebtedness goes out to the following task leads:

Layout Designer..... Bob Richter-Sand  
On-Site Coordinator ..... Eric Goldman  
Signage ..... George Young

Field Logistics ..... Will Taylor  
Food Sponsorship ..... Bob Waters  
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Food Preparation ..... Susie Reimer  
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Exhibit Hall ..... Joyce Woods  
Young Aviators ..... Kat Richter-Sand  
Builder's Corner ..... Randy Reimer  
Bob Richter-Sand  
EAA Booth ..... Scott Speirer  
Fly-Mart ..... Ashley Goldman  
Konrad Werner  
Public Welcoming ..... Mike Paxson  
Pilot Welcoming ..... George Young  
Aircraft Judging ..... Todd Blue  
Emilio Verastegui  
Lee Otto  
Seminars ..... Joyce Woods  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Chris Grotbeck  
Civil Air Patrol ..... William Fitzpatrick  
Ramp Marshall ..... Gwen Walcott  
J D Huss  
Local Transportation ..... Paul Cross  
Exhibitor Liaison ..... Joyce Woods  
Air Force Liaison ..... Ashley Goldman

Note that many names were repeated and all served in not only these but other areas as well. Again, there was still a small army of others that supported these task leaders that I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to also!

## Some of our Chapter 179 Homebuilt Aircraft!





Oh, And the Planes...



## Homebuilt Aircraft





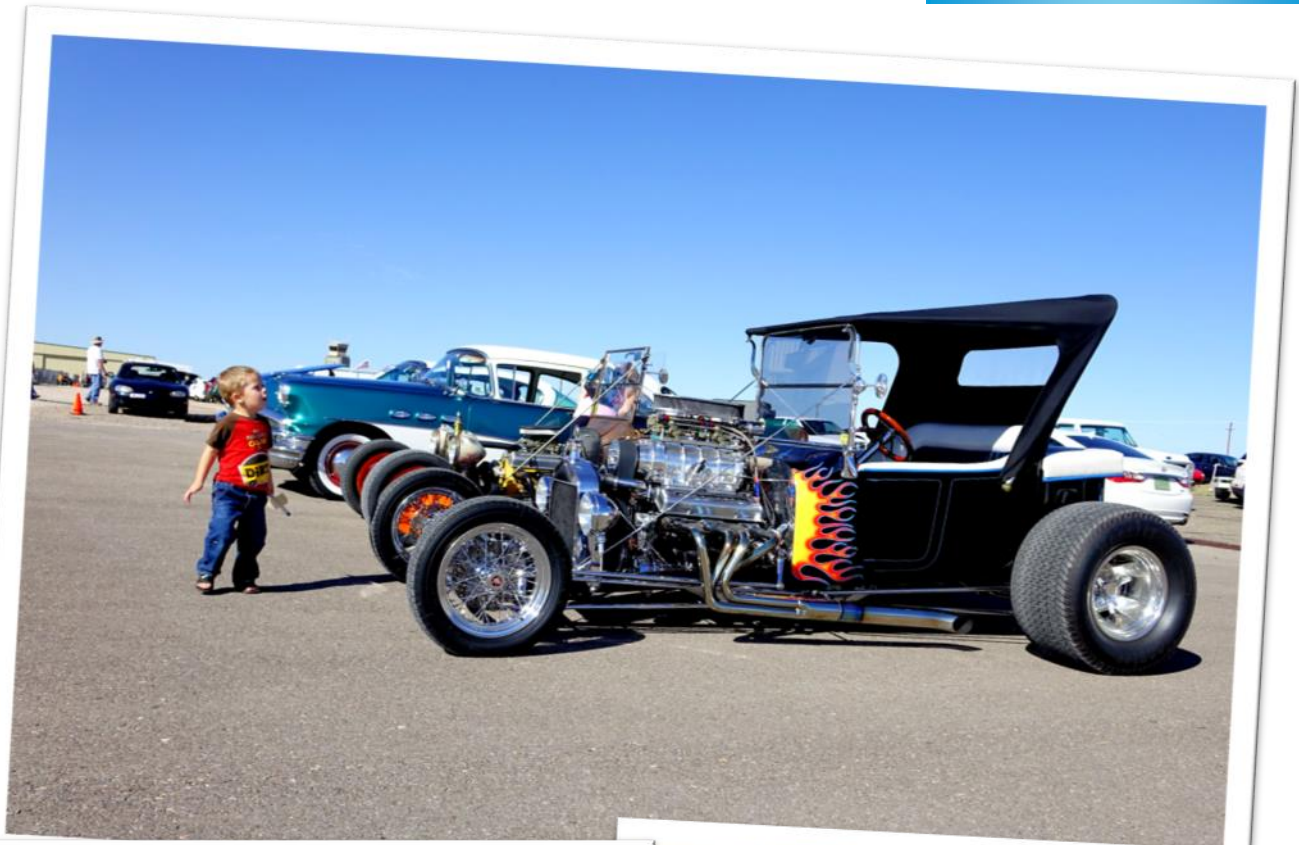




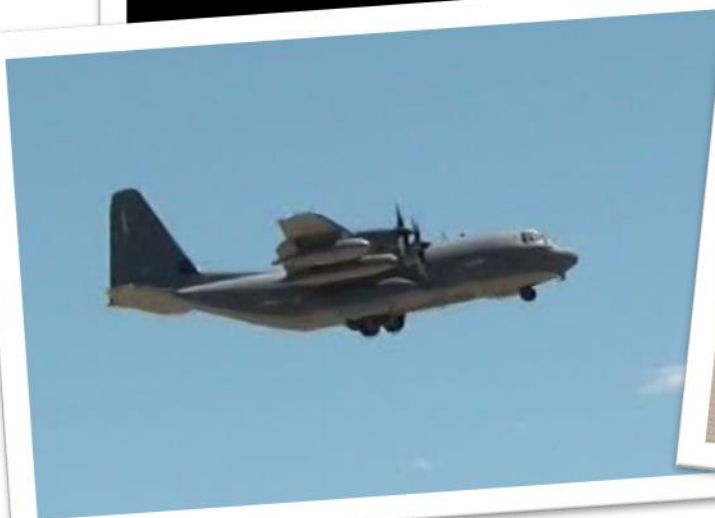
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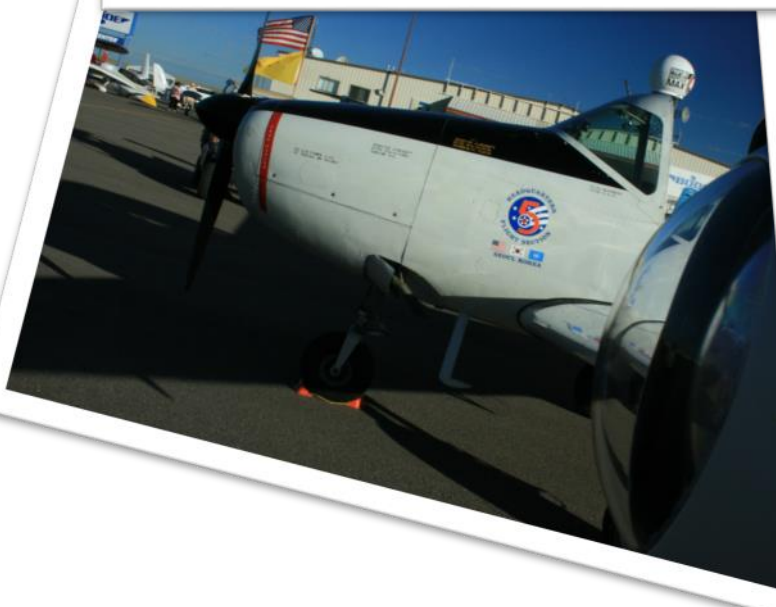
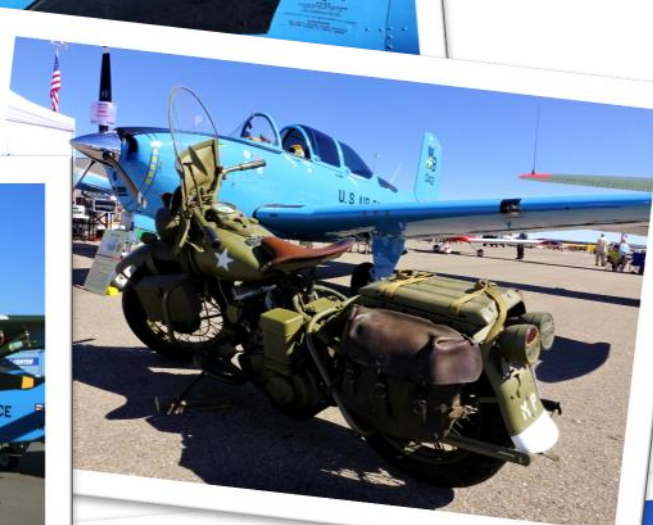




## Military Aircraft









## Rotary Wing & Trikes









## Contemporary







## Vintage Aircraft

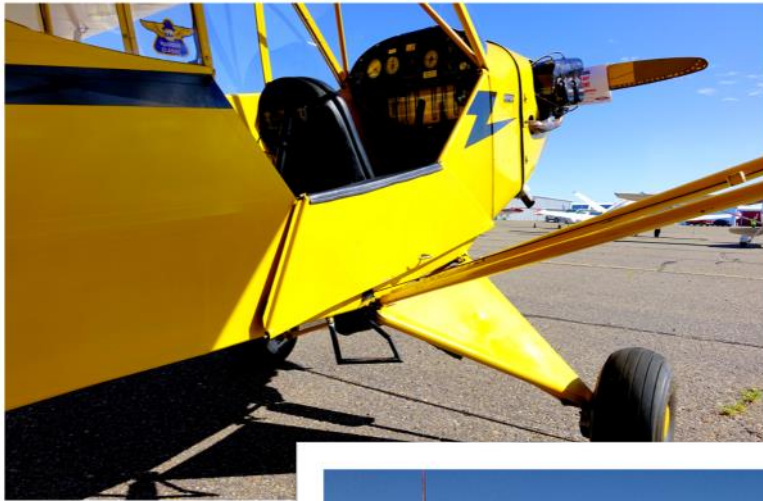






## And the Envelop Says...

Todd Blue organized the judges for the twenty-one aircraft, using the trained eyes and practiced skills of Emilio Verastegui and Lee Otto to join in the assessment. A few trophies were easy to award:



Oldest Aircraft: N41567  
Piper Cub J3-65 Kurt  
Winker

Most Distant Fly-In: N884JB  
Vans RV-4, Kyle Grimm KFDK,  
Frederick Maryland



People's Choice, NC4787V, Boe-  
ing Stearman E75, Fred Krueger





Kids Choice, One Aviation's  
Eclipse 550 Jet.



Picking the other trophy winners; I can only imagine the difficulty.



Best Trike:  
N10364 North  
Wing Jim Britt

Best Light Sport Aircraft: N223DR,  
Magni M-22 Doug Rhodes



## And the Envelop Says... (cont.)



Best Amateur Built Aircraft  
N653TS Velocity , Mark  
Sturm



Best Vintage: Best  
Vintage Aircraft  
NC2408K Luscombe  
7E, Ryan Carson



Best Con-  
temporary  
Aircraft  
N7123H  
Piper Lance,  
Bob Rausch





Best Warbird: N219TH L-19/  
O-1 Birddog, Phil Phillips



Grand Champion: NC4787V, Boeing Stearman E75,  
Fred Krueger

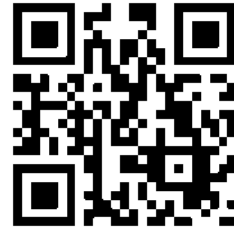
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## Even More Media on LOEFI 2017!

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