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Newsletters are at: <http://eaa179.org/newsletters/>

The Web Site for the LOEFI is: <http://www.loefi.com>

## Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings .

**June 18, Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Social Gathering**, eat at 5:30 PM, program at 6:00PM, Copper Canyon Café, 5455 Gibson SE. Guests and visitors are welcome.

**Young Eagle events** (September 7th, and November 2nd)

**DOUBLE EAGLE AVIATION ACADEMY (DEAA)** June 10 - 14, 2019

**The Land of Enchantment Fly In (LOEFI)** Saturday September 21, 2019.

*(Chapter 179 Social Gatherings are on the third Tuesday each month.)*



*Rowan Solos...*

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

I have been asked, and have accepted, to speak at our upcoming gathering about Oshkosh 2018 & 2019. I will have a Power Point slide show of pictures to show and talk about. Hope to see you there.



## From The President, Emilio Verastegui

Hello and Welcome to the June Issue of the Chapter 179 Newsletter!

The beginning of June usually means that school is out, and many families with kids will soon be traveling to visit other relatives or friends or just go to explore our wonderful and great USA.



For us here at Chapter 179, it means that we have been preparing a wonderful experience for those youngsters who have chosen to stay in town temporarily to learn more about aviation in general and in particular about EAA. Our Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA) begins June 10th and runs the full week until June 14th. By the time you read this, it may be all completed. I am sure there will be a lot more information coming soon regarding its success!

DEAA is an opportunity for these lucky young people (21 students this year) to learn more and do more to improve their commitment to aviation and to make sure that seed of curiosity about flying continues to grow. And, at the end of the week, they even have the opportunity to take their knowledge and skills learned during the week to new levels by taking a one-on-one Young Eagle Flight on Saturday, the 15th! It is a fantastic chance to help foster a dream for a young person that has always wanted to be more involved in aviation. There is no telling where this small, but growing, Aviation Academy will take them!

Planning also continues for our next BIG event - the Land of Enchantment Fly-In, scheduled for 21 September. As always, things of this magnitude do not happen by themselves, or without volunteers. Mike Paxson, our LOEFI Chairman, would like each of our members to look deep inside themselves and determine how they might want to volunteer, either with muscle power or knowledge or a particular skill that will make LOEFI a grand success again this year. There are many opportunities to assist with LOEFI and we welcome your efforts to help us make this year's LOEFI be the most successful one yet. Please contact Mike to let him know you want to volunteer, that you need to volunteer, and ask how you can help. To paraphrase a famous President - "Ask not what your Chapter can do for you, but what you can do for your Chapter"!

Rowan Phlieger, our Ray Scholarship winner, continues with her flying lessons. Very soon, if not already,

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## Other NM EAA Chapter Newsletters

**EAA 691**, the Green Chile Chapter:

<http://eaa691.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/eaa691>

**EAA 555**, Triple Nickel Chapter:

<http://555.eaachapter.org/>

**EAA Chapter 1306**, Edgewood, NM - Not on the web yet, but they have a nice newsletter.

Find or Become a **Tech Counselor** and/or **Flight Advisor**: (your EAA login is required to see this information)

<https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities>

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The [\*\*Lobo Wing of the CAF\*\*](#) The Lobo Wing is located at hangar 80 of the Moriarty, NM Municipal Airport.



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*From The President (Continued from page 2)*

she will begin the dual X-C portion of her instruction. That is a significant step toward completion of her goal, that is, to first become a Private Pilot and then look above and beyond toward greater accomplishments, not only in aviation, but in life itself.

Congratulations to Rowan - keep up the good work!

For those members that were not able to attend the Hangar Party hosted by Bob & Kat Richter Sand and Rick Richter on June 7th, you missed a good one! There were many in attendance and the food provided was very tasty and there was a lot of it too. I don't think it was a coincidence, but also included were some very cold beverages. After all, it was after 5 o'clock, somewhere! Our hosts made the end of a long hot day very enjoyable, so thank you again, Bob, Kat, and Rick. Of course, I think the main purpose was to re-introduce Rick to our Chapter members. But then, once you meet him, who could forget Rick? He is such a classy guy and a go-getter! We all wish he could stay beyond his June 30th launch date back to Florida, his current home state. Look for him at our Gathering on the 18th to get reacquainted.

A few might know, but I am guessing that most do not know, that this Chapter has quite a few homebuilders in our midst. From the list I saw, we have at least 30 members that either have built or are building some sort of aircraft that are/will be licensed in the Experimental category. Several owners decided to buy a completed aircraft rather than build one, and that is perfectly acceptable, if you chose to go that route. Our list includes at least one rotorcraft and several single seaters, but most are two seat single engine airplanes. Look for the complete list elsewhere in this newsletter.

Should you be interested in taking on such a large, somewhat expensive and time consuming commitment, your first decision will be what kind of a project should it be. Well, to help in that decision, you have a ready made audience close at hand to bounce questions off of - the builders and owners themselves. Most builder/owners are very quick to talk about their pride and joy, so the information flows very easily and freely too! But, if you are not really interested in building an Experimental or do not want to commit the time or money for such an undertaking, the builders/owners will still be willing to talk about their baby for as long as you want to listen, so be careful what you wish for! In all seriousness, most are willing to regale you with stories about their building experience or flying experience with their experimental aircraft. By talking to as many builders as you can, you will be able to use their input to help you make that very personal decision - "what should I build" or "maybe I should just buy or rent something else instead for now". They can also

give you first hand stories of their successes and their failures, the good points and bad points of their project. At least then, you will be more informed. And that is what EAA is all about - learning and educating yourself!

On a more somber and sad note, you may have received the news that Chuck Johanson, a long time member of Chapter 179 and friend to everyone he met, recently passed away. Scott Speirer has written a short note for the newsletter with more information about Chuck's passing. There, you can click on a link to the ABQ Journal to read more about Chuck, his life accomplishments and family. Let's all raise a silent toast to a fellow pilot, now Gone West!

Well, it is time for me to get back to my shop and continue the work on my project, the Skyote, so I will conclude and say that I sincerely wish all EAA members and especially EAA 179 members and friends a wonderful summer and safe journeys!

See you at our next Gathering on June 18th, at the Copper Canyon!

Respectfully,

Emilio Verastegui, President

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## **Chuck Johanson Gone West**

One of our good friends, Chuck Johanson, passed away Thursday, May 23rd, 2019. He was 97 years old. Besides his noteworthy engineering career, he flew a 1946 Bellanca 14-13, was a long time member of our Chapter 179, and a mainstay at the Thursday pilot lunch at Monroes. He will be greatly missed. Services are scheduled for Saturday, June 8th at 1 pm. His obituary was published in the June 2nd edition of the Albuquerque Journal.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/abqjournal/obituary.aspx?n=charles-c-johanson&pid=193042788>

## Joys of the Job

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For over 34 years I spent most of my career talking to pilots – either over the radio or on the phone. Most interactions were professional and polite. Occasionally I'd have to deal with an irascible personality, though I tried to keep in mind that maybe that person was having a bad day. There was one daily caller from in Las Cruces whose gruff phone presence made me think maybe he hadn't smiled in a decade.



If you have read my book, *Stress is Relative*, you know of some of the interesting conversations I've had with pilots and other controllers, but as I sit back and reminisce I realize there are so many others. Most people don't know that I actually trained to be a singer and performed on stage from the age of 10. So although in reality I am relatively short and fluffy looking, I have a very lyrical phone/radio voice that was developed early in life.

I'd just given an airline pilot his clearance while working in Albuquerque tower when he came back and said, "Lady, with a voice like that you should be in Radio!" Knowing how much most local radio personalities make, I responded. "I AM on radio...eight hours a day...and here I make more money!"

It occasionally got embarrassing when I worked at El Paso Flight Service where the FBO was right next door to my building. My co-workers told me that I sound like I should be 5'8" with long red hair and great legs. As a result whenever I was working the inflight position and talking to pilots crossing the border or canceling the flight plans, they would start to flirt over the frequencies.

The guys I was working with actually started placing bets as to which ones would walk over from the FBO to see what I looked like. They would walk through the front door slowly looking over the people in the room. They might see me...and look to see if there were any other women there.

One pilot who came in for a pilot briefing was particularly persistent. He must have liked what he saw because he'd fly in every couple weeks and always wanted me to brief him at the counter. Now this guy was

unique because he was a pipeline patrol pilot who looked (and smelled) like he lived in his airplane. We referred to him as ZZ Top because of a long white beard that came down to his waist.

I knew I was in trouble the day ZZ Top came in dressed in clean clothes, freshly bathed and walked up to the counter for a briefing. I'd finished it, and he lingered trying to engage me in conversation. Fortunately my supervisor realized what was happening and came up to inform me that I had some refresher training to do in the back room.

One man called on the phone for a briefing on a tricky weather day, so the conversation went on for a while as we looked over alternate routes. As we wrapped up he said, "Love you, bye!"

Surprised, I responded "Love you too!" Guess my voice reminded him of his wife.

One of the less fun jobs of Flight Service was recording the TIBS and HIWAS recordings. These had to be updated hourly and we had 12 of them so basically you were saying almost the same thing over and over twelve times.

Did I mention I'd been theatrically trained? One day I decided to record each of them with a different accent. The one from ABQ to AMA was done with a Texas drawl, of course. The others were done with French, Russian, German, Boston, Hoosier twang, and southeastern twists of speech. They were all clearly recognizable of course.

The supervisor has a checklist to follow a couple times a day and one of the tasks is to monitor the recordings to ensure they are transmitting correctly.

Oops...BUSTED.

Across the nation in the early 1980's they were just beginning to implement a nationwide flow control system. At Albuquerque Center they set up the main Flow Control position in one area of the ops floor – it was monitored 24 hours a day. A second one was set up at an empty Radar position on the other end of the room and only manned during the morning and afternoon rush periods. In those days there was no such thing as Call Forwarding, so after the second position closed the interphones to the towers would sometimes ring incessantly.

One evening the second position received several calls causing a loud DING DING DING. The supervisor told me to answer it and tell the person where they should call.

As I picked up the line I said in a clear and controlled manner, "THE POSITION YOU HAVE REACHED IS CLOSED AT THIS TIME, DIAL 5-4 TO REACH

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## CHAPTER 179 MEMBERS, THEIR EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT AND THEIR STATUS

Name	Project/Aircraft	Status
Clifton Aldridge	Glassair Sportsman 2 + 2	Flying
Robert Clack	RV-6A	Flying
Robert Clack	AcroSport 1	Building
Ken Dominy	RANS-20	Building
Doug Dunston	RV-9A	Flying
Stephen Fleming	RV-6A	Building
Ron Harmon	Christen Eagle	Flying
Glen Herrington	Pulsar	Flying
Dan Horschel	RV-14A	Building
Jim Kessler	RV-6	Flying
Chet Leach	RANS-S12-S	Flying
Robert Mudd	Vari-Eze	Flying
Robert Mudd	Genesis Glider Prototype	Building
Robert Mudd	Apis 13 Glider	Building
Dennis Nagle	Tiny Two	Flying
Dennis Nagle	Cassutt M111	Flying
Richard Nichols	RANS S-65	Flying
Dave Otero	RV-7	Flying
Lee Otto	RV-10	Flying
Jason Parker	RV-6A	Flying
Randy Reimer	Glaster	Flying
Doug Rhodes	Magni M-22 GyroCopter	Flying
Bob Richter-Sand	KitFox	Flying
Norman Schippers	RV-6	Flying
Norman Schippers	Skybolt	Flying
Mike Shahan	Pitts S1S	Flying
Scott Speirer	Zenith CH701	Building
Scott Speirer	AirCommand Gyroplane	Building
Mark Sturm	Velocity 173-FG-E	Flying

Name	Project/Aircraft	Status
Emilio Verastegui	Skyote Biplane	Building
Clifford Wadsworth	Murphy Spirit Biplane	Building
Harley Wadsworth	Pober Pixie & RV-6	Flying
Gwen Walcott	RV-12	Building
Mike Wirstom	Velocity 173 E, RG	Building
Art Woods	RV-6A	Flying

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FLOW CONTROL.” Then I hung up.

A few seconds later it rang again. I answered it with exactly the same words and inflections and hung up. A few seconds later it happened again. Then again.

Finally I picked up the line and in a normal tone, said “Hello, this is sector 66, can I help you?”

The person on the other end of the line was disappointed. He said “Sorry, the guys here didn’t believe me when I said there was a recording on this line.”

The most hilarious radio transmissions most ATC folk overhear happen when an aircraft has a stuck mike. One winter I’d just finished a call where a pilot in a small aircraft had activated a flight plan off of Truth or Consequences, NM. Apparently his cabin heat wasn’t working and he was conversing with his passenger.

Loud and clear we all heard “BRRR it is COLD, I should have worn my fur lined jock strap.”

If you’d like to read more of Rose Marie Kern’s personal anecdotes from a 34 year career in Air Traffic Control and Flight Service, you can get her book “Stress is Relative” from Amazon or through her website: [www.rosemariekern.com](http://www.rosemariekern.com)

## Belen Airport Maintenance

To all,  
It looks like we will begin the pavement maintenance on Runway 13/31 at Belen on June 10. The first phase of the project will involve work from the approach end of 31 up to Twy A, allowing Runway 3/21 to be used for about the first 5 days. When the first phase is completed and we begin working past the intersection of the two runways, both runways and taxiways will be closed for the remainder of the project. The contractor has 21 days to finish the project, but it will likely be done early. If you need to move your aircraft to another airport, please make arrangements early. Once Rwy 3/21 is closed, no air traffic other than helicopters will be able to use the airport. I will send out updates and any changes to the schedule as they become available. Call or email me if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
John Thompson, C.M.



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## Chapter 179 Events



### THE CLUB JUST FOR INSTRUMENT PILOTS (AND STUDENTS)

#### WHEN

3rd Saturday Each Month  
9:30 - 11:00am

#### WHERE

Bode Aviation,  
Double Eagle II Airport (KAEG)

Sponsored by Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179



- Discuss IFR video scenarios produced by EAA
- Review IFR regulations
- Get tips from CFII's and other pros
- Find a safety pilot to fly with
- Meet local CFII's who can get you current
- Find out about changes in local ATC procedures or approaches
- Practice flying suggested scenarios in the plane or sim

Qualifies for



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More info at: <http://eaa179.org/imc-club/>



## Double Eagle Aviation Academy (DEAA)

June 10 - 14, 2019

The DEAA, now in process, appreciates help.

We need people to tear-down on Jun 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to complete.

We need 18 Young Eagle Pilots on Jun 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 to fly the Aviation Academy participates.

We'd like to have some donations for Tee-Shirts and printing costs as well as scholarships.

If you can help contact Jim Kessler (jkhfour@gmail.com) or Joyce Woods.

Thanks.

Jim Kessler, 910-467-2162

<http://eaa179.org/double-eagle-aviation-adventure/>

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The Land of Enchantment Fly In is September 21, 2019

**Land of Enchantment Fly-In**  
**September 21, 2019**  
Double Eagle II Airport  
Albuquerque - KAEG Open 7am

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Pancakes & Lunch   Exhibit Hall   Military Vehicles   Aircraft Awards   Seminars

# Bulletins



Good afternoon!

I thought that the chapter would want an update on my scholarship. I have used a portion of the funds to purchase the Sporty's Pilot Shop Instrument Rating Ground Course. I have found this course to be very comprehensive and have spent much time on it since I started it two weeks ago. Last week I learned about IFR maneuver basics and this week I have been learning about flying partial panel in IFR.

I will keep you guys posted on my progress as I continue to move through the instrument curriculum.

Thank you,  
Christian Orehek



**CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT / MEMBERSHIP:** Consider volunteering for activities or joining our local chapter 179. Chapter 179 membership dues are \$20 for an individual member, \$30 for a family. [Join Now!](#)

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## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

If you haven't already, it is time to submit 2019 chapter dues! We've made it easier than ever to join the chapter or renew your membership dues with online payment via credit card, debit card or PayPal. Just go to <http://www.eaa179.org/join-us>. The conventional methods for dues are still accepted, including personal checks and cash. We depend on chapter membership to fund annual ongoing activities. Fully tax deductible, dues are \$20 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family membership. If your contact information has changed, please complete the renewal form. Make checks payable to "EAA 179". Mail to: EAA Chapter 179; P.O. Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190 - 3583. You'll receive an email confirmation.

Scott Speirer, Membership Chair, Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179

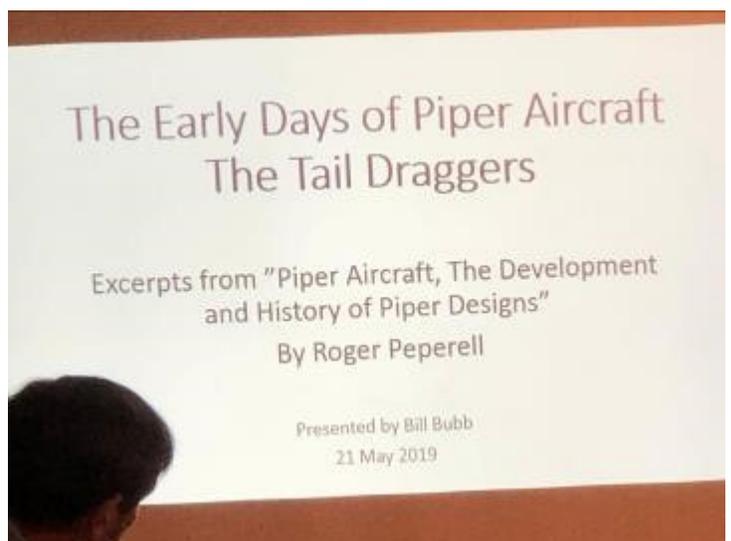
## Rick Richter Party

Bob and Kat put on a hangar party for Rick Richter, who is back in town for a visit. Rick is doing and looking great. We enjoyed wonderful food and had a fun time visiting!



## Chapter 179 Gathering

Bill Bubb was our guest speaker at the **Chapter 179 monthly gathering**. He gave us an excellent slide show about the history of the Taylorcraft and Piper Aircraft.



# Rowan's First Solo, Tuesday, May 14, 2019



*Proud Instructors, Ursula Durrer, and Jon Daffer,*



*Joyce Woods with ceremonial scissors at Chapter 179 Gathering*



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AWARDED FULL FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP**

*\$1 million annual Ray Aviation Scholarship program administered by EAA*

**Albuquerque, NM — April 10, 2019**

Rowan Phlieger of Albuquerque received a unique flight training scholarship, thanks to Albuquerque EAA Chapter 179 and a Ray Scholar program administered by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Scholarships up to \$10,000 are granted to young people seeking to learn to fly.

Rowan started flight training through the charter school, SAMS Academy on Albuquerque's Double Eagle II Airport. She plans to major in Aerospace Science at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ.

The Ray Foundation committed \$1 million in annual funding to improve the flight training success rate from the current 20% industry standard to 80 percent for recipients. The Ray Foundation is furthering the legacy of James Ray, an EAA lifetime member, dedicated to aviation and youth education. By supporting a student pilot through written and practical flight training required for FAA certification, the program will help meet tremendous demand for pilots and associated aviation careers.

Ray Scholars commit to volunteer service locally. Selected through an application process, EAA chapters play a critical role in the success of the Ray Aviation Scholarship program, responsible to identify candidates and serve as mentors throughout training. EAA Chapter 179 is one of 900 local chapters of the EAA, the world's largest recreational flying organization. For information on local programs and events, visit [eaa179.org](http://eaa179.org).



### **About EAA**

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 219,000 members and 900 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). For continual news updates, connect with [www.twitter.com/EAA](https://www.twitter.com/EAA).

## **Rowan Phlieger's First Solo!**

Our chapter's Ray Aviation Foundation Scholar soloed on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Six chapter members witnessed this momentous day, plus classmates and her SAMS Academy flight instructor. We celebrated with a pizza picnic on a gorgeous Albuquerque day. Motivated to solo before graduation, she achieved the title of "SAMS Academy Ace". This accomplishment is recognized with SAMS wings and a photo on the Aces wall.

Rowan gave one of two student speeches at her high school commencement, demonstrating the thoughtful person she is. Rowan shared her First Solo story at our May chapter meeting. Thanks to all the Chapter 179 members who offered congrats, encouragement, and individual coaching and support.



**Ray Scholarship Awarded!** Rowan Phlieger expressed her appreciation at the chapter gathering when the Ray Scholarship was first announced.



### **Rowan's FIRST SOLO!**

Meeting her goal to solo before graduation, despite weather and other setbacks.

Tower directs her return taxi past her 179 fan club for a victory wave.



# Art

I, Harley Wadsworth, made the computer line art in the image to the far right. It was made for a Fly-In Program at the EAA chapter 179 fly-in at Moriarty, NM in 1992. Some of the image elements (the mountains, clouds, sun and flight) in the art were inspired by a Silk Screened sweatshirt my brother, Tom Wadsworth, made for the EAA chapter 179 Fly-In (above left)..

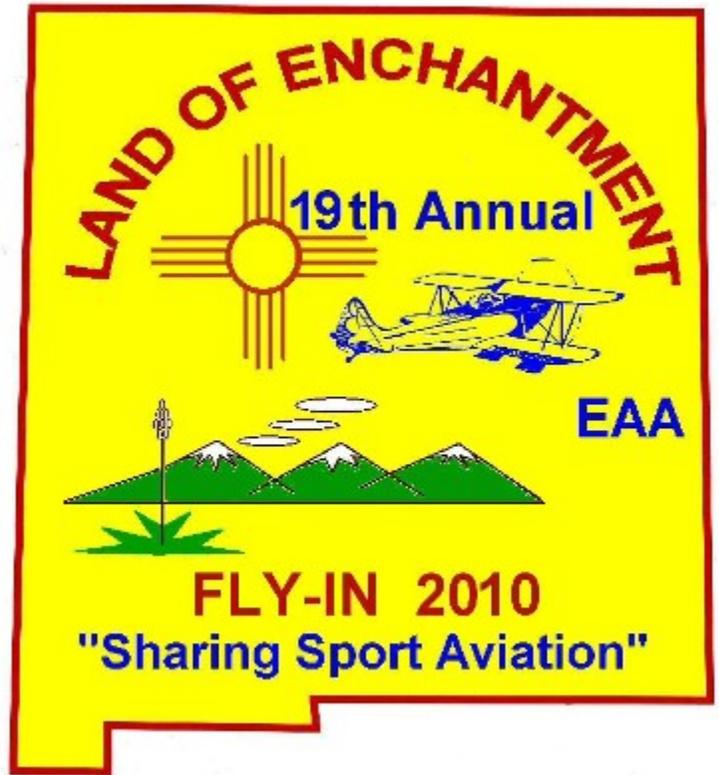


I later added color to my image as shown below and we used it on Award Plaques we printed at the fly-in for the winners. They were printed 8.5 x 11 inches and placed in frames. The image to the lower right is the Grand Champion award at the 2005 fly-in.

HW



The yellow logo on the right is one that Don Gillmore sent me in an article for the 2010 LOEFI. I don't know who created it, he did not say but judging from the patch art (below right), I expect it was Curtis. One can see both in the "2010 Aug" Chapter newsletter. HW



Harley, I have two examples of my art work. One is the 'Flying Chiles' (above Left). The second is the EAA 179 patch which won to represent our chapter (Right side).

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Thanks to Curtis Smith for sending in his artwork above.  
Please, everyone, continue to send in art for the newsletter. HW

## 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, and continues until 11:50. Then onto Lunch at T J's New Mexican Restaurant at 235 Highway 314 SW, Los Lunas.

**Las Cruces/EI 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!

**Albuquerque Aviation Historic Group (AAHG) —First Thursday of the Month**, Formation begins at 7:00 PM at following:

**North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center**

**7521 Carmel Ave NE (north of Paseo del Norte on Wyoming Blvd).**

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