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Fly In! Drive in!
Land of Enchantment Fly-In
Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque

When: Saturday, September 21, 2019; 7AM – 3PM
Cost: FREE admission and parking, $5.00 for breakfast and lunch, Kids 12 and younger eat FREE
Directions: Take Interstate 40 or Paseo del Norte west to Atrisco Vista Blvd. Follow airport signs to Double Eagle II Airport
Schedule and details at: www.loefi.org

Aviation fun for the whole family!   Are your eyes drawn to the sky by passing aircraft? Bring the family to experience this gathering of aircraft and aviation enthusiasts at Double Eagle II Airport on Albuquerque's west side. Join the thousands that attend this annual event!

Like a car show, aircraft will fly in to be judged, while spectators stroll the flight line to view antique to modern airplanes, gliders, and helicopters -- up close!   Come early to see arriving aircraft and catch the 8am Opening Ceremony!

Expected highlights include an appearance of the "Chile Flight", a local formation flying team of amateur-built Vans RV aircraft who opened the 2018 Balloon Fiesta, 2019 Kirtland Air Show, and the Isotopes season. See award-winning aircraft recognized at EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI, and other local amateur-built and restored vintage aircraft. Car fans can enjoy show cars by local Albuquerque Volkswagen and MOPAR Car Clubs.

Opportunities to be immersed in aviation abound in the Exhibit Hall and on the ramp. Attendees can interact with career and recreational pilots, aviation mechanics, weather forecasters, air traffic controllers, engineers, and amateur aircraft builders. One can explore aviation history, career and education options, recreational flying, avionics technology, and flying remote control aircraft.

Youth of all ages enjoy hands on activities at the Youth Aviators Center, plus riveting, aircraft fabric, and 3-D printing with help from aircraft builders at Builder's Corner.

Open to the public from 7am – 3pm, admission and parking are FREE. Food is $5.00 for the whole day, which includes a pancake breakfast and a chicken fajita lunch. Kids 12 and younger eat for FREE!

Young Aviator Learning Weight & Balance

Over 30 exhibitors participate including local avionics businesses such as Aspen Avionics, BendixKing, Sandia Aerospace, AeroVonics, and Air One Systems. Suncountry Cubs will show CubCrafters aircraft.

The public is also invited to free seminars including *Back Country Flying in New Mexico* presented by the New Mexico Pilots Association, *Explore Instrument Flying Scenarios* presented by EAA 179's IMC Club, and *Flying and Building High Performance Experimental Aircraft* presented by EAA Technical Counselor, Will Fox.

According to Chapter 179 President, Emilio Verastegui, "what makes this event possible is that our members share their time and talent to promote general aviation. They truly demonstrate EAA's *spirit of aviation*!" Any proceeds go towards aviation scholarships, a teen aviation academy, or other programs supporting EAA179's mission. Over the past 3 years, EAA 179 granted over $20,000 in aviation scholarships.

See Aircraft Up Close!

$5.00 Breakfast and Lunch!

The event is sponsored by the Albuquerque Chapter 179 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), founded in 1953 by a group of people interested in building their own airplanes. Today, EAA is a community of recreational pilots and builders dedicated to sharing their love of aviation.

EAA 179's volunteer pilots introduce youth ages 8 -17 to aviation with a free airplane ride under the EAA Young Eagles program, active for over 25 years with more than 2 million flights. 120 area teens have attended the Double Eagle Aviation Academy, conducted by EAA179 volunteers over the past 7 years.

References:

Experimental Aircraft Association: www.eaa.org
EAA Chapter 179: www.eaa179.org

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