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[www.eaa179.org](http://www.eaa179.org)

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

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



### Upcoming Events & Chapter Meetings

**April 21. Tuesday, EAA Chapter 179 Social Gathering Using ZOOM, see ZOOM Information on page 9.**

Our remaining scheduled **Young Eagles** dates for **2020** are: May 9, September 12 and November 7. - **On Hold** pending COVID-19 concerns.



**Sophia Haag, EAA Ray Scholar 2020**

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## From the Editor, Harley Wadsworth

The world has changed since last month. We are in challenging times that we hoped we would never see in our lifetime. The COVID-19 virus is about all we hear in our world news these days.



In the computer internet age we are in, we fortunately have devices to keep in communication with family and friends. And we will get through this together. We will be having our Social Gathering this month over the internet using ZOOM. I am looking forward to using that software. See page 9 of this issue for details...

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### Past Chapter 179 Gathering presentations:

See Wright Brothers **Master Pilot** Award links in this issue... page 10.

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[Samson Switchblade Flying Car](#)

[Oshkosh 2018 and 19 .pdf](#)

Please send me your presentations so I can post them.

### Other NM EAA Chapter Newsletters

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

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/eea/eea-chapters/eea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities>

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, Emilio Verastegui

Greetings Fellow Chapter 179 Members and Friends! Welcome to our April 2020 edition of our Chapter Newsletter.

We are well into the month of April now and if circumstances continue in the present fashion and end as expected, we hopefully will be out of our forced quarantine and social distancing mode by the end of this month. I hope each of you have been careful and diligent with your health and safety, maintaining social distance, and have been practicing healthy hand washing techniques.

Due to the Covid-19 issue, there will **NOT** be a Social Gathering at the Copper Canyon Restaurant this month. We look forward to the resumption of our Social Gatherings there at the appropriate time after the pandemic subsides.

However, since the pandemic continues for now, and while it seems like it will never end, I know there is light at the end of the tunnel. Soon, we all will greet a new and glorious day, when we can return to our “normal” activities and social interactions without fear of disease or death. I will be ready for that day to arrive, as I am sure everyone else also eagerly waits for that to happen.

In the meantime, we, as a Golden Chapter of EAA, continue to look on the positive side of life and we can say there are truly good things happening in the Chapter.

Next week, on the 21st of April, we will host a Zoom conference at 1800 (6:00pm), instead of our usual Social Gathering. You should receive instructions shortly on how to join the Zoom meeting, if you have not already. Zoom is easy to use. Believe me, I have tried it several times. I hope everyone of you will “Zoom” with us.

During our Zoom conference, we will present the Scholarship Awards to our winners this year. We have four young men and women that each have been awarded a monetary scholarship for flight training and two young men that were selected to go to the EAA [Air Academy](#). Unfortunately, EAA has decided to cancel the 2020 [Air Academy](#) sessions due to the Covid-19 issue. The good news is that these winners have been given the option by EAA to secure spots for the 2021 [Air Academy](#) in Oshkosh, if they so desire. I hope circumstances work out for them and they decide to attend next year. It is a fabulous opportunity for anyone!

We still have a Young Eagle event scheduled for May

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9th. Due to the Covid-19 issue, a decision will be made on May 1st to either continue with the event or cancel it. Barry Kromer, our YE Chairman, has made all the preparations to go forward with this event, but is waiting for the "Go-No-go" decision on May 1st. We are hoping for a favorable decision. As with every YE event, pilots are needed to fly our YE kids, so we ask again for volunteer pilots to assist us. Pilots - please let Barry know of your availability at your earliest convenience.

Eric Goldman has scheduled an Eagle Event for the 16th of May. Eric is our Chairman for this event and all like it. He also is looking for volunteer pilots to fly with his Eagle students. Please let him know of your availability and willingness to help him out.

Planning continues for DEAA, our very own Double Eagle Aviation Academy, scheduled to start in early June. Jim Kessler, our Chairman for the event, is doing a great job organizing and scheduling the many aspects for this wonderful event. I look forward to participating with Jim and other volunteers and getting the chance to interact all the students. They are very eager to learn all about aviation. I hope many of you out there will think hard about volunteering some time to help this event. It is a great event for everyone and it is a lot of fun.



Speaking of June, it reminds me that we are nearing that time of year in New Mexico when the weather is pleasant and flying an airplane can be really enjoyable. If you are blessed with the chance to fly your own airplane or can rent one, take a friend along. If you don't have any friends, make a new friend and ask them to

fly with you. The point is, flying can be a lot of fun, so you should share the experience. Do it with someone that has never flown before, or with someone who has not flown in a long time or fly with someone that has never been in an airplane like yours before. You really do not need a destination, all you need is enough time to enjoy the ride and have fun. Just Go Fly!

Enjoy the rest of this newsletter too!

Emilio Verastegui, President

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### Young Eagles news April 2020

The registration for the May 9 Young Eagles event, if we don't have to cancel it, will open May 2.

As I posted last month, now is a good time for registered pilots to check on [youngeaglesday.org](http://youngeaglesday.org) to assure that they are up to date on National EAA membership and current on the Youth Protection Program coverage. Pilots are not covered by insurance and are not to fly Young Eagles unless both National EAA and Youth Protection Program registration is up to date.

There will be NO pancakes, we will probably have just coffee and doughnuts to keep this event simple. Currently scheduled for 60 kids, 4 time slots just as our last few events have been.

Next event is May 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Kromer



## Chapter 179 Awards

### Two EAA Air Academy Scholarships

By Joyce Woods

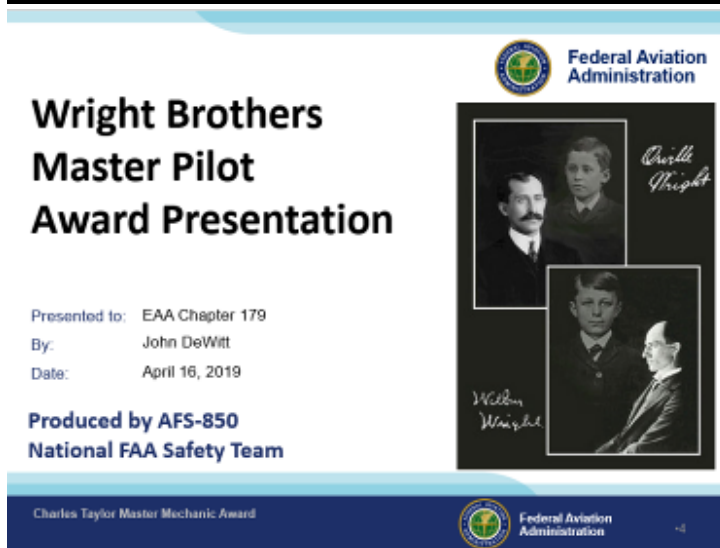
Scott Morgan and Nicholas Romo were selected to receive full tuition scholarships to attend the Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI in July. We regret that because of the pandemic, all 2020 EAA Academies are now cancelled. Seats in the 2021 Academy are being held for both Scott and Nicholas, so we hope these deserving recipients will be able to use their scholarships next year.

Scott Morgan has been involved in aviation since he could walk, helping his uncle with his hot air balloon. Scott continues to be active with lighter than air flight, flying about 7-8 times per year over the last nine years. He's built and flown models for many years. His first fixed wing flight was a Young Eagles flight last year with EAA 179 which solidified his desire to become a commercial airline pilot.

Nicholas got involved with EAA Chapter 179 in 2019, attending the Double Eagle Aviation Academy and as a tireless volunteer for the Land of Enchantment Fly In. He and both his parents joined Chapter 179 and participate in most monthly gatherings, getting to know other members. Nicholas attends SAMS Academy and he plans to earn his private pilot certificate before graduating high school.

Congratulations to both Scott and Nicholas! EAA's Advanced Air Academy offers an opportunity for students ages 16 – 18 to be totally immersed in the world of flight. Ground instruction and introductory recreation flight experiences highlight this meaningful week which overlaps with EAA's AirVenture, "the world's largest aviation celebration". It is postponed a year but for all who've been to Oshkosh, we're certain it will be worth waiting for.

## Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Awards (WBMPA)



To learn more about the WBMPA please click on the above WBMPA picture. It is a large video file which may take a few minutes to load. It has a great history of the Wright Brothers.

Presented to **J.D. Huss** in JAN of 2012 by John Boatright (LBB FSDO)

To see the presentations for three more Chapter 179 recipients, please click on the respective person's certificate to see the ".pdf" file from the presentation. (Ctl-Click to load under a new tab)



Mark Sturm



Lee Otto



Harley Wadsworth

## Congratulations Sophia Haag, EAA Ray Scholar 2020

We are proud to announce Sophia Haag has been selected as an EAA 179 Ray Aviation Scholar! Well on her way towards her private pilot certificate when selected, Sophie completed her first solo on New Year's Day 2020! See her full story below.

"Sophie" is a familiar face around the airport, flying with her dad, Michael Haag since very young. Always excited to fly, I remember seeing her in her warm pink coat helping with the hangar door, sporting her big smile. She has participated in EAA 179's Land of Enchantment Fly In and other events over the years. Her instructor and EAA 179 mentor is Mark Sturm (you know as a Velocity pilot/builder).

The prestigious Ray Scholarship program is for youth 16 – 19 years of age to support successful completion of a private pilot certificate, both financially and through mentoring. To meet the strict timeline, recipients must demonstrate commitment and readiness to earn their pilot certificate, plus a high probability for success. This 2020 award is provided from a combination of Chapter 179's scholarship funds and EAA's Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund.

*Please join me in congratulating Sophie!*

Joyce Woods

EAA 179 Ray Scholarship Coordinator

## Sophia Haag's Aviation Story

My name is Sophia Haag and I am a pilot, and a junior at Cottonwood Classical Prep. I am proud to come from a family of pilots. I have been flying with my dad as long as I can remember in our 1956 Cessna 182, as well as with our good family friend Phil Phillips's in his absolutely amazing and historic L-19 Birddog. In addition to my dad, my Opa and Nana are both pilots. Both of my paternal great grandfathers were also pilots.

Flying has always been a passion of mine, and a part of my character. As early as I can remember, my family has been attending LOEFI at Double Eagle II airport. The sense of community and helpfulness at our home base has been inspirational and has established a greater sense of home with a broad group of people. Whether I am helping complete our annual with people like Steve Reber and Robert Larranaga, or flying with my amazing flight instructor Mark Sturm,



Double Eagle is a welcoming community that has fueled and developed my passion for aviation.

I remember I was in the Bombing Range Cafe a couple of years ago with my dad and Phil Phillips when Mr. Phil asked me if I had ever considered joining the military. At the time, I had not. He told me he thought that I may want to at least consider becoming a pilot in



the military. He then told me about some of his aviation experiences in the military, good and bad. Only hours after, I made the decision that I wanted to join the military, and fly as a part of something bigger than myself. My dream school became the US Air Force Academy.

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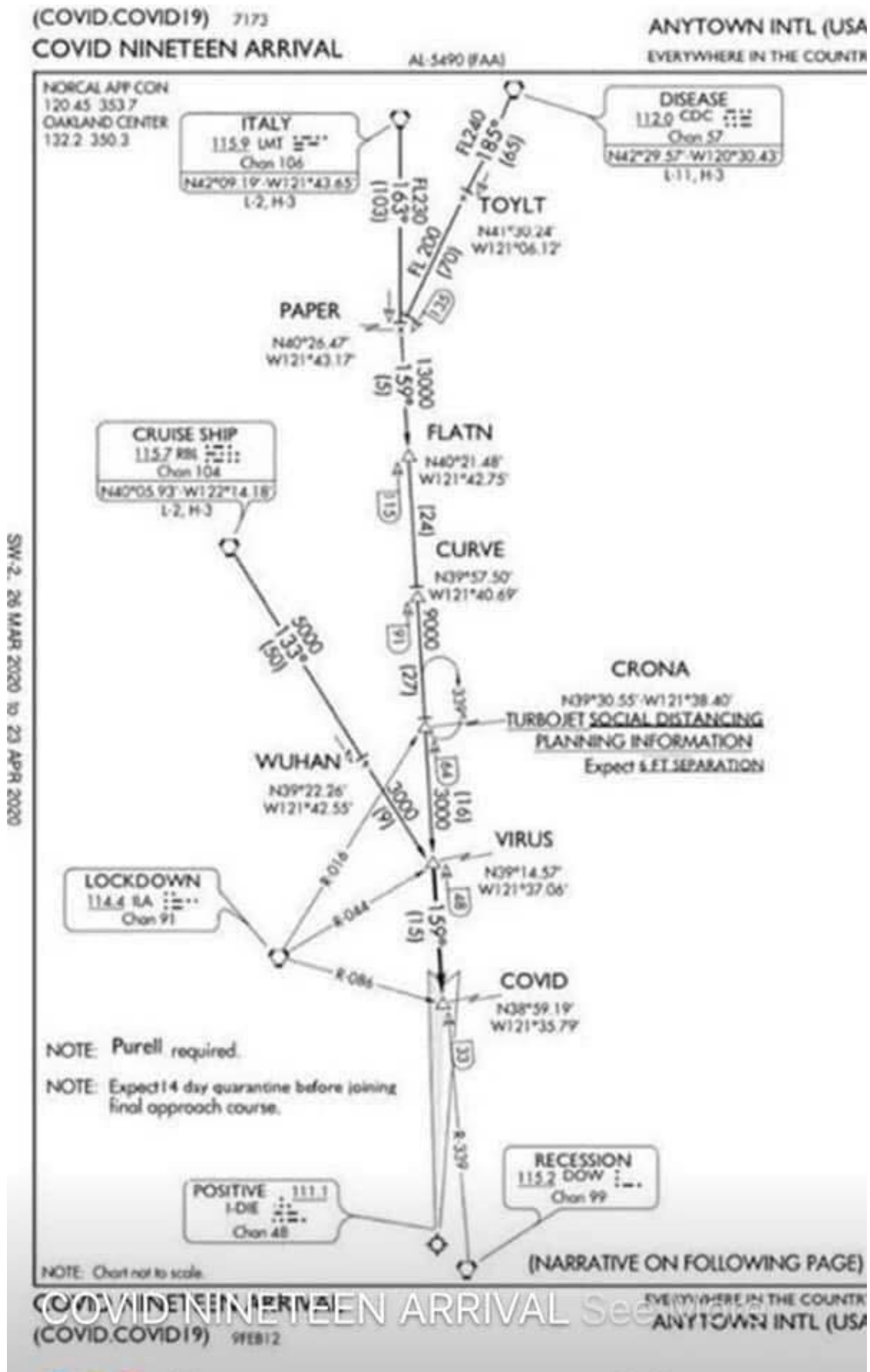
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Not too long after I had made this decision, in the summer of 2019, I started official flying lessons. Then, on January 1st, 2020, I soloed for the first time. That day I confirmed what I have known for years: flying is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I now plan to major in astronautical or aerospace engineering and become a pilot in the military.

I would very much like to thank all of EAAs chapter 179 for supporting me, both financially and on a personal level, in moving towards a bright, aviation filled future. I look forward to seeing my ever increasing family at more EAA events in the near future!



"Cleared to Corona, hold north as published maintain your altitude expect further clearance in 2021" ☹️



## Chapter 179 Activities and Info

### Get Involved With the Land of Enchantment Fly -In (LOEFI)

As you may have heard Land of Enchantment Fly In 2020 is Sep 26<sup>th</sup>. For those of you not familiar with it, this is the largest event EAA 179 puts on throughout the year. This Event raises the money for use to be able to give out scholarships to our youth. We need everyone's help to make this a successful event. Right now there are a few things that you can do to help out now or commit to help out later on:

1. Food Donations- I need about 2-3 people to go around to stores and drop off a packet for donations. I will have the forms and requests already done but I am not able to go around to all the locations. I am thinking if 2-3 split the task this would only take them about 2 hours to complete. Again, I will have all the handouts done.
2. Youth Activities- Would someone like to take over the Youth Activates area on the day of Sep 26? This would include setting up and providing activities for the youth. Kat Richter-Sand can help give you ideas.
3. I will need someone to commit to pick up tables from Moriarty. There is a good number of tables and chairs that we barrow every year, but we must go pick them up (normally Friday Morning) and return.

If you are interested in helping out with any of these positions or others please let me know. You can also attend one of our planning meetings. The next one will be 5 March at 5:30 pm at Dion's Pizza on Paseo and Wyoming. Thanks again for all your support and hope you can help make LOEFI 2020 successful.

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"When life seems to not be going your way, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind, not with it" -Henry Ford

### DOUBLE EAGLE AVIATION ACADEMY

- apply by May 1, 2020

**June 8 - 12, 2020** A fun and challenging week where students age 14 - 17 explore a future in aviation including aerodynamics, instruments, navigation, communications, maintenance, and aircraft building. Exposure to a breadth of aviation careers! At Albuquerque Double Eagle II Airport. [READ MORE and download application.](#)

### LAND OF ENCHANTMENT FLY-IN:

Hold the date! **September 26, 2020**

**Donations Accepted:** We accept donations of any amount to our *general scholarship fund, the Bob Hartman Memorial Scholarship or Jay Schmitt Memorial Scholarship funds*. Chapter 179 is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable organization. Donate [online](#). Or, send a check, made to "EAA 179 Scholarship" to EAA Chapter 179; P.O. Box 3583; Albuquerque, NM 87190.



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## Chapter 179 ZOOM Gathering

**JOIN US! Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00PM**

**Meet the 2020 Chapter 179 Aviation Scholarship Recipients!**

*This notice will be sent also to our full elist but this gives you a direct calendar request.*

5:30 - 6pm Casual conversation and ZOOM startup help

6pm **Program: EAA Chapter 179 Scholarship presentation**

Feel free to join early (from 5:30pm) if you'd like time to practice setup or just chat

If you have trouble, see instructions attached below – especially to test and set up audio and video.

To Join Zoom Meeting – just click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/224494336?pwd=N2tib1dTMXRQcTczQjFac0NiTW92dz09>

To use phone call only (no computer) or if you can't use audio on your computer, contact us at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org) for phone access details. Any members or friends on our elist will receive this information by email this week.

Below are ZOOM instructions if needed. Main issue is to select a microphone and speaker and adjust volume so you can hear and be heard. You can try this ahead of time if you like.

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If questions, feel free to contact me at [chapter@eaa179.org](mailto:chapter@eaa179.org)

Joyce Woods

April 21 EAA 179 Meeting host

[Using ZOOM for a Video Conference](#)

## On-Going Events - In-person activities canceled For Now, due to COVID-19 pandemic

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