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EAA Young Eagles

Flights Available

Upcoming Events

- **This Saturday- Member flights and BBQ (9/17 @ 9:00AM- KLAM)**
- **Saturday September 24- Española Young Eagle Rally @ E14**
- **Dragonfly Work Sessions** every Wednesday and Saturday @ 2:00pm @ KLAM. Contact Will Fox for more information
- **Saturday October 15- Los Alamos Young Eagle Rally @ KLAM**

Letter from the editor

by April Fox



We are having a Young Eagles Rally this month down at the Okay Owingeh Airport (E14) in Espanola on September 24th. Because of that, we had not planned to have our regular meeting on the third Saturday of the month. However, a few members brought up the idea of having an informal get together this Saturday September 17, at KLAM instead where we could give rides to our members who don't have access to an aircraft of their own. This may also be a good time to do a brief for groundcrew and flight operations at the rally. Jared will be cooking up some lunch too! We plan to start giving rides at 9:00am, the orientation will start at 10:30am and lunch will be at noon.

It is great to see such enthusiasm from our members for a get together. Sorry for the short notice but please join us if you are interested and have the time. It should be a lot of fun and the weather looks good.



President's Report

by Will Fox



Time To Fly The Kids

A pilot says to a 10 year old kid who lives on a ranch in Lindrith, NM going for his first Young Eagle ride, "You sure you can fly with those cowboy boots on?" The kid says to the pilot – " Yes Sir, I can do anything in these boots" ☺



Well its that time of year when we give kids free rides in our airplanes. We have two Young Eagle Rallies coming up. The first one will be at E14 (Okay Owingeh) on September 24th and the second will be at KLAM (Los Alamos) on October 15th. We haven't done a YE rally in Espanola for many years and the motivation to do one there this year came from a young lady by the name of Sonya Maria Martinez who is a teacher there. Sonya got ahold of us and said she knew a bunch of kids who would love to get a chance to fly in an airplane and could we possibly have a YE Rally in Espanola. We said yes and got her together with April Fox our Young Eagle Coordinator, and together they have worked hard to pull it together. It should be a lot of fun for everybody.



Young Eagles is all about free airplane rides for kids.

We also will get back into the swing of hosting our annual YE event in Los Alamos as well. We haven't had one for a couple of years because of Covid but that is going to change on October 15 when we hold the YE Rally in Los Alamos. I see a lot more young families in town these days with all the Lab hiring going on, so I think we will have plenty of customers.

Speaking of giving rides, that is what we will be doing this Saturday, September the 17, starting around 9:00 am at KLAM for our Chapter members who are helping with the YE rally and don't have access to a plane of their own. The plan is to have a few of our Chapter members with planes provide the rides. This is a bit impromptu, and I don't know for sure how many planes we will have, but the plan is to try to get everybody there up into the air for at least a short ride. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. In addition, April wants to do a little orientation for our YE ground crew members and a flight briefing for the pilots as well. If that isn't enough, Jared Haney wants to have a cookout afterwards up in Roger Smith's hanger (western most hangar next to the fueling facility). There you go, a burger and brat to go along with flying, orientation, and camaraderie. What else could a pilot ask for. See you Saturday.



Member Happenings

Skip and Brayden have been making great headway on the Dragonfly RC

From John Lorenz:

There have been at least two attempted landings on the alluring but deceptive salt flats about 20nm south of Moriarty, NM this summer, resulting in planes that were flipped onto their backs. These are just the latest in a string of disastrous landings going back for years on the flats.

Several things conspire to reset this trap, including

- * Embarrassed pilots who generally don't like to talk about their experiences, so other pilots don't learn from them, and
- * Oozing mud and subsequent rains that quickly erase all traces of the accidents and the messy wreckage recovery.

Since back-country flying is becoming more popular, NMPA is spreading the word about this hazard. You might want to raise this topic with your membership, pilots and student pilots. We have attached a one-page handbill describing the hazard, which could be placed in your newsletter, posted on a bulletin board, or just handed to pilots.

Beware Central New Mexico Salt Flats Trap!

The salt flats 20nm south of Moriarty (OE0) and 40nm southeast of KABQ look like a good landing site. But looks are deceiving.

The surface is a thin crust of baked salty mud overlying salty, muddy ooze, which can grip tires and flip you.



Photo by Cole Lill



Photo by Tim Hawkins



Photo by Russ Gritz

Rains wash away tire tracks, footprints and evidence of recovery. The trap is re-set!

Beware!

Don't Let this Be You!



(NMPilots.org)

NMPA is also working to have the salt flats labeled as dangerous on the NM aviation chart, and maybe even on the FAA sectional chart

Yes, successful landings have been made on these flats, but the surface conditions change with the season as well as with the location on the flats, and the success rate is dismal.

Some NM aviation organizations are already aware of and are communicating this hazard, and we thank you. Only by awareness and education can we overcome the trap associated with these salt flats.

Thank you for your support of New Mexico aviation.

Sincerely,

John Lorenz, President

Bob Waters, Safety and Education Chair

New Mexico Pilots Association

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EAA Chapter 691 Membership Application/Renewal Form



Please mail this form along with \$25 to our Chapter Treasurer, Checks can be made out to EAA Chapter 691:

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Name: _____

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EAA #: _____ Expiration Date (MM/YY) ____ / ____

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