

## **EAA Chapter 691 June 20, 2026 Meeting: Presentation by Omar Wooten**

EAA Chapter 691 will host a presentation by Omar Wooten, on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Los Alamos Airport Terminal building. Omar experienced a loss of control accident while landing at the Los Alamos Airport on a windy December day in 2024. Luckily, Omar was not injured, but the Cessna 182 was totaled. There is much to be learned by every pilot from Omar's experience and we are fortunate that he is willing to share what happened, how it happened, and what he learned from the experience.

Please join us on June 20<sup>th</sup> for Omar's presentation. The social will begin at 9:30 AM with coffee and donuts followed by Omar's presentation starting at 10:15 AM.

The wind has played a significant role in a number of incidents and accidents that have occurred at the Los Alamos airport. Wind was also a factor in the single fatal accident that occurred at the airport. Some of these accidents are due to pilot error, but others are due to the mischievous and dangerous behavior of Mother Nature. Eight out of the ten accidents in the NTSB database that have occurred in Los Alamos since 1985 have been wind related. There have also been several incidents at Los Alamos which do not appear in the NTSB data base that have also been wind related.

**Title: Happy 2025! Or not.**

**Abstract:** I will discuss the KLAM incident that occurred on New Year's Eve 2024. No event occurs within a vacuum, so I will also describe some precursors for context.

**Bio:** Omar learned to fly in the early 2000's as a graduate student, fulfilling a lifelong dream. After earning his private pilots license in 2005, work and life obligations resulted in a long hiatus from flying until joining a C182 partnership in 2019.