

**Northern New Mexico Chapter 691** of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will meet Saturday, February 15 at the Santa Fe Jet Center pilot's lounge, and will feature a presentation by **John Lorenz** entitled "**Flying New Mexico's Back Country**". The meeting, open to all interested, will begin at 9:30 with coffee, pastries and informal discussion, followed by a short business meeting at 10:00 and the presentation beginning at 10:30.



**John Lorenz** is a CFII/MEII with a glider rating, an interest in sand-lot acrobatics, and over 2500 hours of being scared witless while giving instruction in tailwheel airplanes. He has taught the New Mexico Pilots Association (NMPA) Back Country Clinic and helped with the NMPA Mountain Flying Clinic. He had a 26-year career as a geologist for Sandia National Laboratories, followed by another 17 years as a consulting geologist. He is currently incompletely retired from consulting but still teaches flying.

The presentation "Flying New Mexico's Back Country" covers some of the techniques needed to successfully fly into and out of remote/back-country airstrips, as well as overviews of 1) strips in NM that can be used to practice back country flying, 2) more challenging strips that are within the Gila National Forest in southwestern NM, and 3) dirt strips in NM that are available to pilots once a year for hosted breakfast fly-ins.

**EAA Chapter 691** ([EAACChapter691.org](http://EAACChapter691.org)) is a 501(c)(3) organization with objectives to support and promote general aviation, flight safety, R&D on emerging technologies including electric aircraft, education on aircraft construction and maintenance, STEM education for youth, and providing opportunities for introductory flights through the Young Eagles program.