

Northern New Mexico Chapter 691 of the **Experimental Aircraft Association** (EAA) will meet Saturday, March 15 at the Santa Fe Jet Center pilot's lounge, and will feature a presentation by **Cliff Chetwin** entitled **Flying the High Country, Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About Mountain Weather**. 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.



Cliff Chetwin has been an active pilot since 1977. He retired from the National Park Service in 2006 after more than 30 years as a Park Ranger including 20 years as a Park Service pilot and aviation accident investigator. He served as the agency's aviation program manager in the Santa Fe and Denver regional offices, providing a wide range of aviation assistance to national parks throughout the western United States. Prior to joining the NPS he was a police officer in

Washington, DC and later in San Francisco. He has extensive experience flying throughout the Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada, and Alaska. He is a Gold Seal/Master CFII/MEI, specializing in mountain flight instruction and has flown over 40 different make/models. He is an EAA life member (chapter 1267), a charter member and past director of the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE), a Lead FAAST Team Representative for the Albuquerque FSDO, chairs the NMPA Mountain Flying Committee, and is a frequent speaker at regional and national aviation events. He currently owns a 1977 Superhawk and commutes to Santa Fe from his home in Kremmling, Colorado

Flying the High Country, Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About Mountain Weather:

Based upon satisfactory skill sets developed during successful flight in the non-mountainous environment most pilots significantly overestimate their skill level for safe mountain flight. This is especially true in understanding the unique and often hazardous nature of mountain weather. The presentation is an abbreviated version of concepts presented in NMPA's annual three day Mountain Flying Clinic and will identify key weather conditions influencing mountain flight, the safety risks associated with them, and suggested techniques to ensure a safe flight.

EAA Chapter 691 (EAAChapter691.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization with objectives to support and promote general aviation, flight safety, and R&D on emerging technologies including electric aircraft. It also focuses on education on aircraft construction and maintenance, STEM education for youth, and providing opportunities for introductory flights through the Young Eagles program.