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Tomorrow is Aviation Day at the Legislature

Santa Fe, NM – Come Fly With Me… and see what’s happening in the New Mexico skies these days! Tomorrow, Friday, January 22, 2016, the New Mexico Airport Managers Association (NMAMA), in conjunction with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Aviation Division, will be hosting Aviation Day. The event will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the State Capitol.

Planned table-top displays include the New Mexico Aviation Aerospace Association, Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, EMS Services, Recreational Aviation Foundation, Air Care Alliance, Civil Air Patrol, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Professional Aerospace Contractors Association, City/County of Los Alamos, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, New Mexico Pilots Association, KSA Engineers, Parkhill Smith and Cooper, Armstrong, AMI/AerSale, Sandia Aerospace, Angel Flight, American Association of Airport Executives, NMSU/UAS Flight Test Center, SAMS Academy, New Mexico Department of Transportation Aviation Division and the New Mexico Airport Managers Association. Planned static displays include a hot air balloon gondola. There will be many members of New Mexico’s Aviation Community on hand to discuss the impact and importance of aviation in our State.

A part of what makes New Mexico the “Land of Enchantment” is its setting of diverse communities, many of which are miles from large metropolitan areas. First linked by trails, then by rail, and then roads and highways, in the past 75 years, New Mexico air transportation has grown to be an important regional, national and international economic link. The aviation component of New Mexico’s transportation infrastructure provides its citizens and businesses access to critical services, such as air ambulance services, firefighting, agricultural spraying, law enforcement, military training, business travel, air cargo services, pilot training and tourism.

Airports play a vital role in the National and State Transportation System by providing jobs and much needed safety services including EMS and firefighting. The public owned airports depend on State and Federal funding to build and maintain safe runways, taxiways, and other infrastructure improvements.

The NMAMA has a long established history and is a subsection of the New Mexico Municipal League. NMAMA was organized to aid in the improvement of aviation and airport services to municipalities, to provide educational opportunities to airport managers and other related personnel in the State of New Mexico, and to assist the New Mexico Municipal League promote and foster good working relationships with other elected and appointed officials of municipalities within the State of New Mexico. For more information on NMAMA please visit http://nmml.org/subsections/airport-managers/.

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