



PRESS RELEASE

INCREASED AIR TRAFFIC AT TAOS AIRPORT TODAY

“Young Eagles” take flight!

Saturday, September 20, 2014 – Taos, NM

Residents on the north side of Taos may be wondering about the increase in light aircraft activity today. This is part of the annual "Young Eagles" program under which local civilian pilots donate their time, talents, fuel and planes to conduct a unique outreach program for area youth in celebration of US and NM Civil Aviation Month.

Local children get to take a free ride around the Taos area, getting a unique bird's-eye

view. For many young aviation enthusiasts and many children of financially disadvantaged families this may be their first and only opportunity to take to the skies and certainly, for most, the only opportunity they will ever have to see their own community from the air.

Older young adults also get to participate in free air instruction courses before actually taking to the air and getting to sit "in the co-pilot's seat".

So, if you see a small plane overhead today, look up and give a youngster a thrill by giving them a friendly wave "hello".

If you have any questions, as always, feel free to call Airport Manager John Thompson directly at the airport or you can call or email the Town Manager anytime at (575) 770-2606, rbellis@taosgov.com.

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