



EAA Chapter 595 January 14th, 2023

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

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Quorum was established at approximately ten minutes after eleven once we had ten members arriving at the meeting.

President (Byron Engle) opened the meeting by suggesting that Chapter members begin promoting our chapter to those we know, such as, friends, relatives and even those we don't know to increase membership.

The members were made aware that the initial and current members that we have were getting of age and not able to participate in the meetings, plus some have passed away thus causing membership to decrease.

Several ideas were tossed around on what to do about this and it seems we settled on doing some kind of a Young Eagles Flight event.

After that was discussed in a lengthy manner. a point was made to continue our discussion on other things that would be needed for our next meeting in Harlingen.

Points of discussion for our next meeting would be to settle on a date of the event, number of people we intend to invite, number of pilots needed, type of planes available and place for the event. It was suggested that Weslaco might be a good choice besides Harlingen, McAllen or Edinburg.

The meeting went longer than what it seems from these notes. Bob Heiser came to the meeting and talked about his experiences with a Corvair engine he had in one of his planes. One major component that he spoke about and wanted to make sure those in the meeting who had airplanes to make sure that they check their exhausts for leaks. Not so much for the noise that they make, but because of the fumes that leak, possibly entering the cockpit. He explained that the engine expels fumes from the joints in the exhaust pipes. When you have very high temperatures because of the exhaust leak and gasoline fumes, a fire could possibly start and that is one of the worst scenarios that a pilot/passenger could deal with.

This was a good point he made and needed to be brought up in the minutes. He spoke about other problems he had, but most are now taken care of. The Corvair engine, when properly assembled and maintained, is a very reliable engine for homebuilt aircraft.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm with a motion from Byron and a second was made by Robert Carter. The decision was made to have lunch at The Texas Road House and 7 participants enjoyed a good meal and interesting conversation.

Submitted by Secretary Arthur P. Chavarria