



EAA Chapter 595 May 13th, 2023

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The monthly chapter meeting was held at the Edinburg Airport, May 13. Byron got a late start and didn't arrive until 11:30, so the meeting came to order at 11:35. Introductions were completed and quorum was established.

Members present;

Byron Engle	Art Chavarria
Merle Jenkins	Shirlene Jenkins
Kelsey Charles	Omar Elizondo-Garza

There was one guest;
Gabriel Mora II

No new business was brought forward when asked by President Engle.

President Engle spoke about how he started in Aviation and by showing us some of his plans of a homebuilt airplane he started building made of wood. He held the members captive by how much detail went into the construction of his plane. In addition to the plans, he brought a Photo Album of pictures that showed the different stages of the construction of his plane, which is necessary to show the FAA designated inspector upon completion of the project. All homebuilt aircraft must show proof that they have complied with the rule that at least 51% of the project must be completed by the builder.

In addition, all workmanship must be up to airworthiness standards, hence the inspection upon completion. The photographic evidence also has a motivational effect on the builder, as he/she can go over the photographs to help when things don't always go the right way. When Byron began the project, the FAA didn't require the number of hours required to completion, as they do now, but the photographs should suffice to convince any inspector that the 51% rule has been complied with.

Next month, Byron will continue the presentation in stage 2 of the program. There will be a lot more to learn about airplanes, EAA and aviation in general.

He explained that if one wants to own a plane this would be the cheapest way to do it than to purchase one factory made. Of

course, takes a lot of hard work and long hours to build it, but it is a learning experience, which EAA is all about.

The meeting ended at approx. 12:46 PM and was adjourned at that time. The next meeting will be held June 10th, at Gulf Aviation at Harlingen International Airport.

The chapter unanimously voted to have lunch together at the Texas Roadhouse, where a great meal & camaraderie was had.

Submitted by Chapter Secretary, Arthur Chavarria

