



EAA Chapter 595 May 12th, 2018

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

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Robert Heiser

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Donald & Geneda Schwanke

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John & Linda Peacock

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Events

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M. @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas with 14 members present so business was conducted as usual.

The members present were as follows:

Gerald T. Close	Elizabeth Robertson
Monte Vasquez	Daniel Aguilar
Wm. (Phil) Bowers	Larry Wheelock
Merle Jenkins	Byron Engle
Shirlene Jenkins	Cindy Vasquez
Ted Miller Jr.	Don Schwanke
Stanley Johnsey	John Peacock

Don called on Byron Engle to give the treasurer's report and the chapter remains solvent. Ted Miller Jr. Moved to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Monte Vasquez. Motion carried.



Old Business:

Don wanted to dwell a little on the Ford Tri-Motor event. We actually made money from this with \$546.00 coming to the chapter with all the help that we as a team provided. One thing that Don mentioned was that the media attention was terrible. Don has been in communication with EAA and he feels like he got to the problem. They had 3 pages of every person on where they work and what they do and the media blitz is supposed to cover all of that but the one they ran for Don only had one email on it and the was for KRGV channel 5. That's what Don figures happened and he said he was going to call those people because he can not believe that 500 people got the notice and only 2 people showed up. Don felt that if we ever do this again we need not rely on EAA'S media blitzes. We need to do a better job of coverage for ourselves. Another thing we could do differently would be to go out and ask for sponsors. That's usually where the chapters make their money. Byron mentioned that there were 2 spots on channel 4 with one being a 10 second spot and the other a 20 second spot. Don also mentioned that Channel 5 showed up and spent an hour or so and did a 30 second spot. Larry Wheelock made a comment that we missed

out on announcements in our area from Social Flight on the internet which announces happenings in our area. If we had that contact ahead of time that would have helped tremendously. Nonetheless the crew was very appreciative for all of our help. All in all the project went well, even though the weather didn't really cooperate, and the media didn't help out as much as we would have liked, but we had fun.

Don also mentioned that money spent was for safety vests, water, the tent, and reimbursing the secretary for gas expenses taking the flyers and posters around the valley. We also had a few things left over and Don wanted to know if we should auction them off. It was a poster with signatures from the crew and the bidding started at \$10.00 and then Phil bid \$20.00 with him taking the poster home. Then Stanley Johnsey bid \$20.00 for the banner and there were not more bids, so he took it home.



Byron said that he had flown an RV12 and what a delightful experience it was for him. He said that after the engine was started and the Skyview booted up, he had to take a few minutes while the engine was idling so he could figure out where everything was on it. The Skyview has so much information on it that it's overwhelming but once he figured it out he didn't seem to have a problem, except knowing which button to push and now many times.



Don then asked if there was any more old business to which there was none.

He then asked for any new business and there was none.

Don mentioned that the biggest thanks go out to Larry Wheelock, as he was the instigator and the force behind informing Don that it would be possible to host the Ford Tri-Motor. So THANKS Larry!

Gerald Close wanted to share a few things about his annual trip to Sun and Fun. He said that in his opinion, it is very difficult to find a light sport aircraft to buy for under \$50,000. He said that it is very rare to see younger kids flying in Ultra Lights. Most of the flying was done by older folks.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Robertson! She has been MIA since November working on her endorsements and certifications. She got her tailwind endorsement, high performance endorsement, complex endorsement, instrument rating and commercial certificate. Way to go, Elizabeth! She also recently lost her brother and our sincere condolences go out to her & her family from our chapter.

The question as to where to go for lunch was asked and Shirlene Jenkins suggested that we go to the Longhorn Cattle Company in San Benito. It was voted unanimously in favor by the hungry membership.

Byron then moved to adjourn the meeting and Merle Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned @ 11:45 a.m.

After the meeting was over and the important stuff decided about lunch Byron Engle gave a short program on his method of finishing a plywood covered airplane. He is using 1.2 oz. fiberglass cloth and an epoxy laminating resin to cover and seal all the exterior wood surfaces. The cloth is so thin that one can see right through it (about like a woman's hose) and is difficult to apply, but gives a very weatherproof surface and a very smooth one for the application of whatever paint system he chooses to use. He's trying a PPG system for the primer and is trying to

decide on either an acrylic enamel or a polyurethane system. He had 3 pieces to display, showing the initial application of cloth/epoxy resin on a stabilator and an intermediate stage of finish on an inboard flap and an anti-servo/trim tab for the stabilator. Several questions were asked and answered and he also informed the membership of a new 3M product called Sandblaster Pro, a flexible(plastic) sanding sheet at comes in 4 grits: 100, 150, 220, & 320 and lasts 15 times longer than carbide wet or dry paper. When he visited Gene Turner 3 ½ yrs ago, Gene had him sand an entire wing, removing all the paint down to the primer, using only 2 pieces of 220 grit. This stuff is amazing and Ted Miller Jr. has also used it and verified its abilities. Don Schwanke is interested in it and is trying to order some, but it can be purchased at Lowe's. It's not cheap, but it does outlast anything else and works great. Byron says that the worst thing about it is that it doesn't come in grits finer than 320.



After his presentation, 6 members drove off to the Longhorn Cattle Company for a great meal and good times.

Next meeting will be at the Edinburg Airport on Saturday, June 9, 2018 @ 11:00 A.M.

See y'all there...

Respectfully submitted;
Cindy Vasquez
Chapter secretary