



EAA Chapter 595 September 9th, 2023

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Chapter 595 had its September meeting September 9th in Edinburg with eight members being present to make quorum. Our President Byron Engle pronounced that our Chapter was solvent.

Old Business:

The President continued to express the need for inviting friends, neighbors and family members to join our Chapter since membership seems to be decreasing.

Several ideas were expressed on how to do this, such as volunteers to present interesting programs, several ideas on involving not only young adults, but middle aged adults as well. One of the major problems faced by those interested is the extremely high cost of flight instruction today. Byron knows several people who began flight instruction who had to quit because of the price, which can cost as much as ten thousand dollars, or more to obtain a private license. Flying clubs have been discussed in the past, but nothing came of it in part, because of the lack of an airplane, hanger, instructor and insurance, among other problems.

New business:

Topics of interest that were made by President Engle were of different types of engines being used by some of the new as well as older types of airplanes, in particular, those auto engines that have been modified by strengthening for reliability and increasing their power. A discussion was raised about the Volkswagen type engines that have been modified to be used by many airplane enthusiasts since before & after WW2. The Chevrolet Corvair engines are also popular engines for those seeking more power for a small increase in weight. Since they are 6 cylinder engines, they run very smoothly. They have very little vibration, which is typical of 6 cylinder engines, as opposed to 4 cylinder engines.



A discussion was brought up of the fatal accidents that occurred at AirVenture this year. Some of the details of what the possible causes of the accidents were and what they might have done to avoid the accidents were discussed. This was expressed by Byron who seemed to have some knowledge into what happened.

At this time, Byron presented 3 short videos: 2 about VFR and 1 about IFR situations from the VFR/IFR Club videos that EAA produces.

At 12:30, Byron called for a vote to dismiss the meeting and the chapter voted unanimously to dismiss. They then voted to have lunch at the Texas Road House in Edinburg, which was outstanding as usual.

The next chapter meeting will be at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, beginning at 11:00 am, October 14th. See you there!

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