
EAA CHAPTER 595

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Rio Grande Valley

WEBPAGE: <http://www.595.eaachapter.org/>

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

By DONALD SCHWANKE

I suppose that since we had elections, it would be proper to deliver a "State of the Chapter" message. As announced in this newsletter, we have pretty much the same officers as before,

Teresa is an addition in writing only, since she has been acting secretary and newsletter editor.

Our chapter continues to be financially solvent, our income and expenses are about equal with sufficient reserves. We feel that a good fund raiser would be appropriate, and will be discussing ways that we might do that, all suggestions are welcomed.

During my first term we rewrote the chapter bylaws to conform to EAA rules, and got them approved and signed off on by EAA HQ and began operation under the guidelines of the new rules.

We acquired a new electronic projector for the chapter, so we may have programs projected on a screen or wall from a DVD player or computer. By popular vote, we started the process to become a 501 c(3) organization, and ran into a snag, like about 27 years of unfiled franchise taxes and an obsolete published purpose of the chapter! We are accumulating the information to complete that action (and pay our back taxes), lots of work there.

We also had allowed our State of Texas nonprofit status to expire, we did get that reinstated and up to date.

Our latest challenge is the change of ownership of Old Rebel Field, our regular meeting place. There is some communication indicating that the new owners may allow us to continue to meet there, but we are waiting for word to see if there will be a suitable place offered, and will it be clean and with a bathroom.

We would love to have our meetings at some airport, but that is only part of the requirements.

Until that is all resolved, we will meet in my Airplane Factory in La Feria at 909 Palm Avenue, La Feria, first meeting January 6th at 1400 hours.



*We enjoyed a nice meal on November 18th at Don Beto's in La Feria, and a fun time was had by all!
Byron's custom-made shirt of his Juliet before the final paint job, done by the painter himself!*



Tri-Motor – Piper Forum

Contributed by **Phil Bowers**



Designated the PA-32-3M and registered N9999W, the aircraft was “a quick rebuild of the original prototype Cherokee Six and was a non-conformity aircraft.”

The airplane's wings were fitted with two 115 hp Lycoming O-235 engines in pseudo Twinkie nacelles in addition to the 250 hp Lycoming O-360 in the nose. The fuel tanks were removed from the wing and the wing structure beefed up. Tip tanks fed the two wing engines while a Pawnee fuel tank mounted in the cabin fed the larger Lyc.

The two 115 hp engines proved anemic during engine-out tests and were beefed up to 150 hp. However, with the fixed-pitch props, the engine-out characteristics were too great and unwilling to put constant-speed propellers on, Piper cancelled the project.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Cover, Jerry Gifford, Patrick Haslem, Don Schwanke, Bryon Engle, L.V. Howell, Dick Smith, Evelyn Urban, Teresa Markle, Larry and Norma Wheelock, Beverly Klebert, Robert Carter, Ted Miller, Glenn Wied, Keith Michal, Gerald Close.

GUESTS: Tex Long, Gil McMillan, Don Moses, Randy Hall, Chip Sparrow, (all from SMASH), and Nancy Brewer.

Unfortunately, the Secretary lost her notes on her new used computer, and this is what has been recalled with help from 595ers.

TREASURER'S NOTES: We appreciate that Chili's donated \$50 at our meeting there last July, and the latest donation from Chili's was \$90 from October's Meet and EAA!

The end of the year means dues are being collected, \$10 a family. If not paid by the end of the year, a Membership Committee Person will follow up in February. We realize Winter Texans may already belong to an EAA Chapter at their northern location, so we keep our dues very reasonable to entice them to join our chapter as well, as many have done. We welcome their support and interest.

The 2013 EAA Calendars went up to \$10.50. They will be here on the 27th of this month.

The only meeting we will have in December is for our **potluck** Christmas Party to be held at **Ted Miller Jr.**'s home in Edinburg. **Ted** will provide the main meat course, and the EAA will reimburse him for his generous contribution. It starts at 1:30 on December 16th, and you may bring what you want. A map is attached as a PDF file in this email, and a google link further in newsletter. A great map is on our webpage:

Don Schwanke: We are still trying to get our 501 c3 designation status finalized.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TWO YEAR TERM FOR PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, and SECRETARY, done by secret ballot, counted by **Patrick Haslem**. The positions are for a two year term.

Our first meeting in 2013 will be on Sunday January 6th, at 1400 at and **Don and Geneda Schwanke's** home in their new Airplane Factory! Their address is 909 Palm Avenue, La Feria, TX. 956-797-3282.

The new owner of Old Rebel field is Aquiles (Kilo) Bravo. He may allow us to hold meetings in the hanger again

2013 THRU 2014 CHAPTER OFFICERS:

(Two year term)

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Sunday, December 16, 1:30 pm. Christmas Potluck at Ted Miller's home. Maps on webpage and PDF file.

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas

Wednesday, December 26 Kwanzaa and Boxing Day

Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Sunday January 6 First EAA meeting of 2013 at **Don and Geneda Schwanke's** Airplane Factory!



Runway sealing project completed today up in the Hill Country, about November 2nd.
Here are a couple photos looking at the new sealed runway from the pattern and landing on 17.

Thought you all would enjoy a view from above.

This area is about 20 miles north of Kerrville, and 75 miles from San Antonio.

"Silver Wings TS36 in the Hill Country"

Not your average model airplanes! You gotta see it to believe it! Click on the link below:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=zYPag3LuKIA

Don and Geneda Schwanke, Sunday, January 6, 2013. EAA Meeting. All are welcome.
909 Palm Avenue, La Feria, TX 78559 956 797 3282 Google Map follows:

<http://maps.yahoo.com/#q=909+Palm+Ave%2C+La+Feria%2C+TX+78559-5113&conf=1&start=1&lat=26.160407055960622&lon=-97.81493782997131&zoom=17&mvt=h&trf=0&q1=La+Feria%2C+TX&q2=909+Palm+Ave%2C+La+Feria%2C+TX+78559-5113>

Ted Miller Jr. home, Christmas Potluck Dinner, December 16, from 1330 hrs until full of food and cheer!

3518 West Champin Road, Edinburg, TX 956 957 6979.

Bring your favorite potluck meal! PDF Adobe map enclosed with this email.

*Really great map by **Robert Carter** on our Chapter 595 webpage:*

<http://www.595.eaachapter.org/>

My original plan was to start on my instrument rating within a year of getting my private ticket, fast forward 3 plus years and here I am, finally going to pull the triggers. No, that wasn't a "typo", there will be 3 triggers, so follow along if you'd like as I set out not only for my instrument rating, but my commercial and CFI ratings as well. My goal is to take my CFI check ride sometime in the middle of January 2013. The FAR's state that I "must be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language". Be forewarned, writing has never been one of my better qualities, so with that in mind here goes my attempt at documenting my journey.

WANTED

*Interested in people that would like to start a flying club.
I think there is a need for a club here in the valley.
If you would like to talk about a club let me know,
and we will have a meeting.*

Jerry Gifford

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MULTIMEDIA

Plane-SUV Collision Caught on Video

A dramatic video making the rounds this week shows an airplane colliding with an SUV right before landing at the Northwest Regional Airport in Roanoke, Texas. The collision, which sheared off the aircraft's landing gear, occurred when the SUV failed to yield to the landing Cessna where a road crosses the start of the runway. Although "stop" appears on the roadway and there is a sign instructing drivers to yield to approaching aircraft, the driver claims to not have seen the airplane.

REVISED AVIATION DICTIONARY

CRITICAL ENGINE: *That part of your airplane which used to be under the cowl, but is now in intensive care at the maintenance shop.*

DEAD RECKONING: *You reckon correctly, or you are.*

DE-ICER: *A device designed to operate under all weather conditions, except icing.*

ENGINE FAILURE: *A condition which occurs when all fuel tanks become filled with air.*

FIREWALL: *Section of aircraft especially designed to allow all engine heat and smoke to fill the cockpit.*

GLIDING DISTANCE: *Half the distance from your present position to the nearest decent landing area at the time of complete power failure.*

GROSS WEIGHT: *Maximum permissible takeoff weight,, plus an extra suitcase, a case of bourbon, rifle, ammo, golf bag, bowling ball, and diving weights.*

HOLDING PATTERN: *The term applied to the dogfight in progress over any radio facility serving a terminal airport.*

RANGE: *Five miles beyond the point where all fuel tanks have become filled with air.*

"S. M. A. S. H."

Small Model Aircraft of Harlingen

Byron Engle had the local SMASH group give us a presentation of their remote controlled airplanes after the November meeting. First they discussed the subject in the hanger, then we moved to the flying range to see and hear them in action.

SMASH has a great webpage which shows the variety of planes they fly, from bombers to push-pulls, helicopters and biplanes. Many can be seen at the link below:

<http://www.smashrc.com/Photos/SMASH%20member%20planes.htm>

Some are pure Styrofoam, so less chance of repairs if a crash. Some had an electric engine, which made no noise, which wasn't quite as satisfying as hearing a motor run. Their presentation showed some planes doing amazing acrobatics! Some transmitters could handle a dozen different planes. Prices range from \$300 on up for building or buying a plane. They have three fields in the valley, Old Rebel Field, Bell just out just north of Piñatas, and another at Rio Hondo.

*We are very grateful for their presentation, and for **Byron** to set it up for us.*



Discussion of flying and tricks of remote controlled planes.

**Hi: I wanted to share my daughter's crazy cat!
She was emptying the dishwasher, and set the pan
on the stove... When she turned around, there was
the silly cat sitting in the pan!
Happy Thanksgiving! Geneda**

*The fuselage of the plane above is broken down
for travel, and, made of a rain gutter!*