



## EAA Chapter 595 August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

#### *September Announcements*

#### *Events*

It was a bittersweet opening of our monthly meeting after the passing of President Don Schwanke on August 4, 2022. Therefore treasurer Byron Engle called the meeting to order @ 11:01 a.m. with 11 members and 7 guests in attendance @ The Edinburg Airport in Edinburg. Since quorum was met, official business could be conducted.



Members in attendance were as follows;

Jerry Gifford	Shirlene Jenkins
Byron Engle	Robert Silva
Cindy Vasquez	Merle Jenkins
Monty Vasquez	Art Chavarria
Ted Miller Jr.	Sebastian Montes
Robert Carter	

The 7 guests were:

Aditya Nair	Ernest Lugo
Lily Lugo	L. V. Howell

Dillon Contreras (he works at Gulf Aviation and wants to become a pilot)  
Kelsey Charles (who is already in ground school and wants to become a pilot)  
Eric Landry (who also wants to start flying lessons soon)

Welcome to chapter 595, folks!

There are no changes in the treasurer's report. The chapter is solvent. The minutes to last month's meeting are on the website for all to read.

Byron has been studying the bylaws and has also called EAA for guidance in circumstances such as ours. Byron said he would give it his best shot until we figure out where we want to go from here and Phil Bowers cannot at this time, step up to the plate because he is not well is out of town and is also caring for his wife. Ted Miller said, "Why not start with an election and a new slate of officers?" Byron asked for a show of hands from the



membership and everyone thought it was a good idea. Robert Carter said he would send out a letter to all members notifying them about what is happening in October. We traditionally have nominations in October, elections in November and installation of officers in December. Since elections are not until the following year, both Ted and Byron said it would be a good idea to just move it up to this year because of the current situation. Byron mentioned that all should be thinking of who we would like for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Ted Miller jr. stated that it's so encouraging to see all these young people getting interested in aviation. And not only about being a pilot, as there are so many different phases to aviation.

Old Business: There was none to discuss.

Byron asked if we had any new business and Robert Carter brought up the subject of a Chapter sponsored Youth Workshop. Robert mentioned that there were several kits available through EAA that the chapter could purchase for a Youth Workshop but in his opinion once the kit was completed it had little to no value since generally it was a group working on one kit. Robert went on to say he already had drawn out the different components of an E6B (flight computer) and scaled them up (classroom size) for a project for Hector Zuniga's flight school, he was hoping to have a working concept of an original size E6B but was trying different methods of transferring the art work on to the aluminum. He is keeping track of his time and cost and currently the kits should be around the \$8.00 range and roughly 6 hours of fabrication and assembly, how ever this does not include the initial cost of set up. Byron asked Robert what would be done with them once they are done, such as distribution, who will receive them, etc. Robert said that each participant in the workshop would be working their own E6B and that they would be able to keep them once they are completed. Robert Carter is proposing that the chapter consider this as a possible youth workshop once a more accurate cost/time per unit is determined.

Byron asked the young guests if they thought they would be interested in doing a project like that and Aditya said it was a great idea and would submit a proposal for that to the school administration because everything they do at the school has to be approved by the district office.



Ted Miller Jr. and his girlfriend went to Oshkosh and participated in the sheet metal class that they had there. They were given a little kit to make a spar section where they show the participants all about riveting and how to do it. Afterwards, Ted's girlfriend went to another class for women only sponsored by Zenith and she made a very nice aluminum notebook about the presentation. Ted was just tossing out ideas about projects that could be done reasonably and at very little cost.

Jerry Gifford said he has several hundred feet of aluminum that he is willing to donate, but it's back in Kansas and he could bring it down in October when he comes back. Robert Silva told him that it would be no problem for him to pick them up, as he passes by Topeka regularly and would be glad to pick it up and bring it back.

Congratulations to Aditya Nair as he received his private pilot's license and

his next goal is to apply to the Air Force Academy and he is already halfway done with the application. Way to go Aditya!

Byron asked Kelsey Charles to share with us her future plans. Byron took her up on a Young Eagle flight and she loved it. At present, she has received an internship at the McAllen Flight Academy and is only going to ground school. No flight lessons yet, but she hopes to start on that soon and maybe get her pilot's license by the end of the upcoming school year. Byron reminded her that because she's a Young Eagle, she can get free ground school from Sporty's Pilot Shop and she said she's already viewing the videos and says they are very interesting and a big help. Great going Kelsey!



Sebastian Montes asked if there is a flying club here in the valley and Byron said not at the moment. Byron did ask if anyone knew anything about a club but there is not one that anyone knows of. Sebastian is very interested in joining if there ever is one.

Since there was really nothing else to discuss Jerry Gifford moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robert Carter. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Byron asked the most important question of the day: where to go eat. Texas Roadhouse never disappoints us, so off we went. 13 people went to enjoy great food and great conversation.

The next meeting will be Saturday, September 10 at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen.

See y'all there

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Vasquez