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<http://www.595.eaachapter.org>**PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Donald Schwanke**

January always brings up resolutions to be made, a chance to ponder our direction and changes that may be needed. Our chapter must be looked at as well, where we have been, and where we are going.

I think we should resolve to bring new members into our chapter, persons interested in the same things the chapter stands for. Let's all make it a point to mention our chapter and its goals and plans whenever we can. Our membership is the key to keeping our chapter operating and functional. Our new stamp should help, now instead of a mention that may become forgotten, we give the person a card with our web address on it, so they can visit and contact us at will.

Lets all resolve this year to make more people aware of us and what we stand for.

Huerta Confirmed as FAA Administrator

EAA Chairman calls with personal congratulations

January 2, 2013 - While most of Congress' attention was focused on tax and spending questions, the U.S. Senate did complete the formal confirmation of Michael Huerta as FAA Administrator over the long New Year's weekend, ending Huerta's year-long role as acting administrator.

Jack Pelton, EAA Chairman of the Board, called Huerta personally on Tuesday to offer the organization's congratulations. Huerta had served as acting administrator for a year after Randy Babbitt's resignation in December 2011.

"We have had a good working relationship with Administrator Huerta and we look forward to that continuing," Pelton said. "He has been supportive of GA in several areas, such as setting up the FAA's fuels program office that will provide leadership in finding viable alternatives to 100 low-lead fuels."

Pelton also pledged EAA's support on recreational aviation safety matters and a continued positive working relationship that seeks solutions for issues that face EAA members and GA. EAA's philosophy on working collaboratively with federal agencies and the GA community to find solutions and create opportunities continues a half-century of relationship-building efforts that began with EAA Founder Paul Poberezny in the 1950s.



Bring some business cards to Don Beto's on the 20th to stamp the back with our new EAA stamp!



December 16th was the Christmas Party at **Ted Miller's** home. There were about 30 souls in attendance for the food and fun. As usual the food was beyond excellent and plentiful. Doggie bags were issued to all who wanted them. **Ted** opened his shop to anyone interested in seeing his RV-6 project. After the meal there was a program put on by Tim Kasper, a pilot whom is currently flying freight aircraft in and around Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. He had several videos he made of the flying conditions and many of the primitive landing sites he travels to. It is a very interesting type of flying to many beautiful and remote places. There was a drawing for gifts and everyone left in good spirits.

PS: Someone left their Panama Jack hat so call **Ted** at 956-383-3712 to pick it up.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAA CHAPTER 595 on January 6th, 1400 hrs, at **Don Schwanke's** meeting room.

The 21 attendees were **Don Schwanke, Byron Engle, Teresa Markle, Glenn Weid, Phil Bowers, L. V. Howell, J R Dockendorff, Ed Mishou, Larry and Norma Wheelock, E. Keith Michal, Bob Helsen, Carol Helsen, Robert Carter, Pat Haslem, Gerald Close, Jim Smith, Paul Murray, Jerry Gifford, Harvey Schneider, John Peacock, and Mascot Molly.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer's report made. EAA 2013 Calendars are in, at \$10.50 each , to be paid to **Byron**.
2. Dues to maintain EAA chapters have gone to \$305 annually.
3. Was expecting at this meeting a possible new member, Hector. One of his flying students is the son of Kilo Bravo (new owner of Old Rebel Field).
4. A question was asked about the red biplane at Burch's Perch, and it is assumed it has already been sold.
5. A regular meeting place is still needed. The new owner of Old Rebel Field may allow us to continue meeting there.
6. **Hector** runs Edinburg Aviation, and owns some Grummans. He would like to be an additional Young Eagles coordinator, and to be a flight advisor/coordinator. He has been very active in getting younger people to fly.
7. **Jerry Gifford** brought up for our chapter to consider having a light sport for rent for the locals and Winter Texans.



NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Larry Wheelock** and **Merle Jenkins** received award pins and certificates as Technical Counselors from the EAA organization.
2. **Byron Engle** received two award pins and certificates for being the Young Eagle Coordinator and Treasurer.
3. We now have an inked EAA stamp. It can be used to put on the back of your own business cards, one stamp per inking, or on a template of blank business cards, and on the Young Eagles brochures.
4. **Jerry Gifford** had a friend who gave him a flight simulator, which is at **Don Schwanke's** home. It is for the use of our chapter during the winter.
5. **Jerry Gifford** and **Don Schwanke** are going to the Light Sport Expo at Sebring, Florida, during mid January. This is its ninth year. **Don** wants to ride in an autogyro and in "The Dominator." They land in Tampa first, so will visit Orlando's Disney's Epcot Center for a day or two with their wives. Geneda Schwanke's mother went to school with Walt and Roy Disney.
6. Gary Stamper from the FAA San Antonio FSDO from San Antonio is working on getting us a DAR (Designated Airworthiness Representative) in the RGV. The closest one now is in Dallas.
7. **Jerry Gifford** suggested a talk with a fire marshal presentation on the use of fire extinguishers.
8. Meet and EAAt at *Don Beto's in La Feria on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 1330 hrs.* Address is 109 North Main Street, phone 956 797 1000. They close at two, so be sure to be there at 1:30 pm.
9. **Don Schwanke** received certificates and pins for President, Technical Counselor, and Web Editor. The awards are somewhat belated, but reflect what was happening on 1 January of each year.



Homemade treats and beverages graciously furnished by **Geneda Schwanke.**

← We followed the meeting with a video of the Searey LSA amphibian.



CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 20th, 1330 hrs:** Meet and EAAt at *Don Beto's Restaurant*, 109 N. Main Street, La Feria, TX. 956 797 1000.
Sunday, February 3rd, 1400 hrs: EAA meeting at Don Schwanke's home at 909 Palm, La Feria, TX. 956-797-3282.
Sunday, February 17th, Laredo, TX: Stars & Stripes Air Show Spectacular [link](#)

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