



## EAA Chapter 595 October 14, 2023

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

#### *January Announcements*

##### Birthdays

##### Anniversaries

#### *February Announcements*

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#### *Events*

The meeting was called to order by President Byron Engle at 11:05 am.

There were 5 members present, therefore quorum was made.

The members were:

Byron Engle

Robert Carter

Eric Landry

Shirlene Jenkins

Merle Jenkins



The treasurer's report was read by Byron and the chapter is solvent.

#### **Old Business:**

Volunteers are still needed to present short programs on interesting events that have happened to them or to others. Eric Landry volunteered to present the program for this month.

More people are needed to help present programs and if no one volunteers to do these programs, Byron mentioned he may have to recruit people to do simple, short presentations. He said that everyone has had many experiences with aviation and flying and others can learn from their experiences. Another problem is a more serious one; lack of attendance at the meetings. Part of the problem is the chapter doesn't have many activities that could attract and interest people. Many show up to a meeting or 2 and either join another organization, or stop attending altogether. Something has to be done to get the word out to the public, but even more important, activities of interest to the public.



Robert Carter spoke about Young Eagles events and scheduling enough in advance to organize the event and recruit not only young kids, but maybe some adults as well. He gave some examples on advertising about the event and that we need to have at least 2 events per year: possibly a fly-in, or a model airplane event that might catch the interest of the general public. More discussion will follow in future meetings with, hopefully, a solution or 2 to settle on.



Byron asked Robert how the repair/maintenance of Todd's Cessna 172 is going and he said that all new cylinders are on and he's waiting for the new exhaust system to arrive. He's put new bearings in the flap followers and painted, balanced the ailerons and painted the flaps, more to come.

Byron mentioned that there are only 2 people flying that are chapter members at present, although Eric mentioned that he just finished another flight lesson. The problem is that it's so expensive now that those lessons will be few & far between.

### **New Business:**

Byron asked for ideas as to when & where the Christmas banquet should be held. Last year it was held at Reyna's BBQ in Harlingen, but even though they had a private room, several people weren't enthusiastic about the location and the limited cuisine. Byron said that he would look around at various venues to possibly find one that is satisfactory. Robert mentioned that maybe we should have our meeting at Gulf Aviation & after the meeting, drive to a restaurant of our choice for lunch, like we normally do. Byron said that he will think about it and announce his decision at the November meeting.

At this time, discussion ceased and Eric Landry gave a great program about a flight simulator he made (he's an IT guy). It gives the choice of any airplane to fly and includes the cockpit and visual picture of the whole environment, including the sight picture. With a few refinements, it could (with a CFI present), count 5 hours toward a private license. It's really cool!



After the program, Byron asked the membership which restaurant would be their choice for lunch and The Longhorn Cattle Company was the choice. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:42 pm.

PS

A sad note: we lost a good friend & 595 Member who passed quietly October 25, 2023. John Peacock has gone West and is continuously flying in his new environment. You will be missed, John!



For Art Chavarria, who was unable to attend this meeting; Byron Engle, acting secretary, Chapter 595 RGV

The next meeting will be at the Edinburg Airport, November 11 at 11:00 am.