



## EAA Chapter 595 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

#### *August Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Janis Baker**

August - 30

##### Anniversaries

#### *September Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Linda Peacock**

September - 12

**John Peacock**

September - 19

**Robert Carter**

September - 29

##### Anniversaries

**Jerry & Shirley Gifford**

September - 18

#### **NOTICE**

Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport has changed their identifier from T65 to KTXW

#### *Events*

The Weslaco Mid-Valley Fly-In  
Will Be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018



President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:08 a.m. at the Edinburg Airport and quorum was met so official business was enabled. There were 12 members and 2 guests present.

Members present were as follows:

Byron Engle	Robert Carter	Cindy Vasquez
Jarrold Bird	Don Schwanke	Ted Miller Jr.
Geneda Schwanke	Monte Vasquez	Deborah Pinto
Jerry Gifford	Stan Johnsey	Shirley Gifford

The 2 guests present were L.V. Howell and Eliezer Guzman who was very happy to join us from Nuevo León, Mexico.

Don then announced that the minutes to last month's meeting are on the website. Don then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report. The chapter is solvent. Motion made by Ted Miller to approve the minutes and financial report and it was seconded by Monte Vasquez. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

President Don Schwanke presented our chapter's webmaster Mr. Robert Carter with a beautiful plaque from EAA for such outstanding service in recreational aviation. Since Robert could not attend Oshkosh this year Stanley Johnsey picked up the award for him. Stan also mentioned that there were only 3 awards nationwide and we are proud to have such awesome recognition. Thanks to Robert Carter for such a fantastic job putting all information on the website. Don said that for our web editor to be recognized was pretty awesome and Ted Miller said. "That's cause he is superior" Congratulations! Bobby



Speaking of Stan.... this was his first time going to Oshkosh and he was amazed with everything in general . He did mention that it was a 33 hour flight up and back. Weather was pretty mild. While there Stan attended a TIG welding workshop and really enjoyed all the demonstrations so he ended up buying a welder which he felt was a great deal given that he got a \$300.00 rebate. Not bad. Stan camped out under his Citabria wing while he was up there in the vintage aircraft area. Don asked him what was most surprising about his first visit and Stan said that they are very organized, very efficient, and they even publish their own newspaper. If you wake up early there are no lines for the showers and everything is nice and refreshed. He also mentioned that there were so many workshops and attended a Lycoming workshop. There were many A&P's doing their continuing hours there and they found out a lot of stuff that they were doing wrong. The man that does the Oratex was there as well and Ted Miller mentioned that it is very cool and amazing stuff. This is actually a -prefinished fabric covering with the color already there for fabric covered aircraft. So when you put it on the wing. You just apply heat with an iron (kinda like monocoque) and it sticks rather quickly.



Ted Miller was going to represent the chapter but there were way too many things to do and unfortunately did not make it to the banquet. It actually ended up being the same night as the Van's banquet and Ted wanted to attend that one instead. While there Ted brought back 28 hats and 16-18 T-shirt's. Which he laid out several hats on the table for anyone who wanted on to take one. On an interesting note Ted decided to participate in the AirVenture cup air race they have before Oshkosh from Mitchell, S. D. To Wausau, Wisconsin (about 100 miles from Oshkosh. They publish a brochure for the air race every year and if anyone wants to look through it there's information on all the participants. Carlos Almaguer (Ted's hangar buddy) was also his co pilot in the race. Ted got an award that says

Experimental Formula RV Red First. Congratulations Ted! Carlos and Ted flew up on Friday, the weekend before Oshkosh before the AirVenture started and on Saturday, they left Mitchell, S.D. And went over to view the Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore monuments. He said that was a very interesting flight... never having been in that part of the country. And what they saw was that South Dakota is a beautiful place with the farmland looking like patchwork quilts versus going further west to the badlands; a very desolate place. From there it was on to the Black Hills, they saw that the Hills seem to be black because of the dark green of the trees and their age in the area. Don then asked Ted if there are no restrictions and he said yes there are some. It's a national park and you have to stay 2,000 ft above the ground, but you can get close enough to take a photo. There was a lot of air traffic and really unsafe so they just left. On Sunday they actually had the race which was 430 miles and that was pretty interesting but the weather was not cooperating and they had a heck of a headwind which was 20-25 knots the whole way. The most irritating was the bumpy ride and Carlos hollering over on the other side of the cockpit. It was Carlos's first time in a race. When they got to the end of the race, the EAA chapter there at Wausau, Wisconsin had a big event going on for all the racers. They also had a bunch of Piper Cubs there and they put on a meal for everyone that was just unbelievable, Ted said, "Wow, those ladies can really cook". Sunday afternoon they took off for Oshkosh and went into Ripon and it was chaotic and insane. They decided to go to Green Bay and stayed the night at the Radisson . But as Ted mentioned, it was a very enjoyable trip. Thanks Ted for sharing your stories with us.

Next item to be discussed was the donated plane (2/3 scale Great Lakes Biplane) to the chapter Don feels that the best way to dispose of it is to sell it on eBay. So if anyone has any other ideas please share your opinion with the members as we were open for suggestions. Since it's been sitting for many years, we don't really know the condition of the engine or instruments. Deborah asked why not look into donating it to TSTC in Harlingen for training purposes. Since they train A and P's they could capitalize on it. Robert Carter said that the man to speak to would be Tom Cross at TSTC. Ted Miller made a motion to go ahead and donate the plane to TSTC and seconded by Byron Engle. All members were in favor of donating it so motion carried.

Don got a letter about the leader's academy and suggested it is worth the trip. It doesn't cost us anything just our trip up and back. You don't have to be a leader just a chapter member. Something to look into... it's a four to five day academy. Don and Jerry attended 2 years ago and really enjoyed it.

**New business:**

Jerry Gifford mentioned that world aircraft for 2 ½ years has been trying to certify a plane similar to his in Columbia, South America and they finally got the flight test completed on July 30th and this was no small feat. They waited for a whole year for just one signature. There are four versions of it ... one is an LSA ,one is a single place spray plane, one is a trainer, and Jerry couldn't remember what the fourth one was. And now that they are gonna be certified in Columbia thy can also be certified in Spain and France. France and the United States have a mutual agreement that if it's certified there it is going to be certified here as well. As soon as Argentina finishes the certification fights, he rest of the nations will be able to do their certifications also.

Robert Carter mentioned that October 13th is our scheduled meeting and Weslaco is having a flyin on that Saturday. Don said that last time we had a short informal meeting in connection with the flyin in Weslaco and it worked out rather well. That moved the meeting to November to the Vasquez' domicile so Monte can show his cx4 project to the membership. Don then asked if it was acceptable with everyone to have a meeting in connection with the flyin at Weslaco. And everyone seemed to be in agreement. Deborah then asked if she could host a flyin at the Edinburg airport. So she is going to look into something like that after the new year so she can get the word out and do the planning.

Cindy Vasquez then mentioned the information about the shirts for the chapter and the members are going to need to get sized and decide on a color. Cindy then suggested that she would ask the vendor to come to the Vasquez home in November and possibly bring samples and get a color in mind and see if we could go ahead and decide.

The question of where to eat was mentioned. Deborah mentioned Trevino's, Lee's Pharmacy and the Texas Roadhouse. It was unanimously decided that the Texas Roadhouse in Edinburg was the place to go. Since there was no more new business to discuss, Don asked if anyone would move to adjourn the meeting. Byron Engle moved to adjourn and Deborah seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. So off we went to have and enjoy a hearty lunch and great fellowship.



The next meeting will be on Saturday, September 8, 2018 @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas @11:00 A.M.  
see y'all there

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez  
Secretary