



EAA Chapter 595 February 10th, 2018

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

February Announcements

Birthdays

Betty Engle

February - 6

John Dockendorff

February - 13

Anniversaries

Robert & Carol Heiser

February - 4

March Announcements

Birthdays

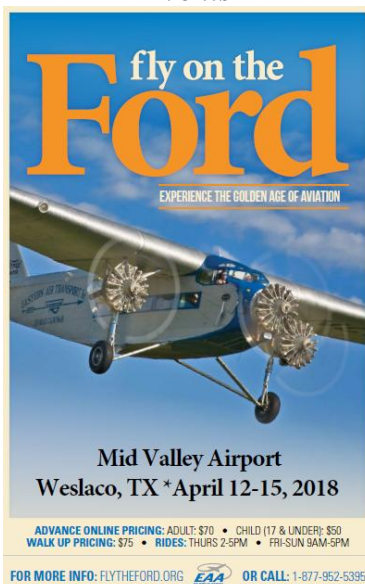
Gerald Close

March - 1

Byron Engle

March - 1

Events



President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:05 a.m. at the Edinburg International Airport and quorum was met so official business was enabled. The members were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Larry Wheelock
Byron Engle	Robert Carter
Jerry Gifford	Jared Bird
Monte Vasquez	Ted Miller
Bob Heiser	Debora Melvin
Carol Heiser	Geneda Schwanke
Shirley Gifford	John "Doc" Dockendorff
Cindy Vasquez	Nancy Dockendorff

The 3 guests were L.V. Howell, Charlie Scanlin & Harvey Schneider (soon to be reinstated as a member)

Treasurer Byron Engle gave the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Byron also mentioned that he is accepting membership dues for 2018. Larry Wheelock made a motion accept the treasurer's report and Jerry Gifford seconded it, the motion carried.



No old Business to discuss at this time so on to New Business. Thanks to Larry Wheelock and Don Schwanke, the EAA's Ford Tri-Motor has included Mid-Valley Airport in Weslaco as part of their annual tour. It will be available for rides April 12-15. Mr. Cody Welch, who is on the EAA board of directors spent a day with Don and he would like to come by and visit and speak to the local members. The whole idea of bringing the "Tin Goose" would be to get people to ride on it. It would be for an approx 15 minute ride and advance online pricing is Adults:\$70.00 and child 17 and under is \$50.00 and walk up price is \$75.00 and it will be an unforgettable experience aboard one of the few remaining Ford Tri-Motors in the world. Rides are Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and Friday thru Sunday 9a.m.-5 p.m.

We as a chapter need to promote this event as much as possible, so we have our work cut out for us. We will have a publicity campaign and a news blitz 3 weeks in advance of this event. We will let all 3 newspapers know and place posters from one end of the valley to the other starting at RV parks, airport FBOs and anywhere we can put up the info. Robert Carter will help distribute materials in Harlingen, San



Benito, and Weslaco and Debora Melvin will help in the Edinburg and McAllen area. We will need circulation and exposure with the media helping us supply information and advertising our presence and letting the public know that chapter 595 brought this event to the Rio Grande Valley.

In our promotional materials we will receive: 100 small posters, 150 large posters, 50 table tents, and 50 rack cards, plus 2 3'X8' banners. Member Bob Heiser commented that his home chapter in San Angelo has sponsored this event twice and it has been a positive experience. Discussion was held about the usage of Jeremy Riley's hangar on the east side of the airport, but the disadvantage is that the gate would have

to remain open allowing people to drive in, on and around the runways, necessitating volunteers to man the gate at all times; plus, there are no available restroom facilities. Ted Miller proposed that the best scenario would be to use the FBO for our purposes. This would really be the best solution because of the parking and safety issues, plus restroom availability and refueling the aircraft as well. It will be great exposure for the Weslaco Airport, giving positive publicity to the airport & the city of Weslaco. Discussion also was held about trying to get a food truck but as Robert Carter stated, we will run into problems with food handling permits. The discussion then turned to try to purchase customized bottled water, which would promote chapter 595, hopefully increasing membership through this exposure. Monte Vasquez mentioned that we could take some posters and take them out of the valley for even more exposure. Bob Heiser brought up a concern that we only have one more meeting before this event. Ted Miller suggested that we move our April meeting back by one week to April 7, as the meeting would conflict with the Tri-Motor event. Robert Carter then suggested that the meeting for April should be held in Weslaco to check out the grounds and to see what else may be needed for the upcoming event. Robert said that he will check with airport manager Andrew to confirm usage of facility for our meeting and the Tri-Motor event. Jerry Gifford moved to reimburse Cindy Vasquez for fuel expenses in distributing materials for the event. Bob Heiser seconded and the motion carried. After all the discussion about the Ford Tri-Motor, everyone wanted to know where we were going to have lunch. The vote was to convene at the Texas Road House in Edinburg. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. A fabulous time was had by all and the food was GREAT! The next meeting will be held at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen Texas on Saturday March 10, 2018



Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez
Secretary of chapter 595/ Rio Grande Valley

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Mid Valley Airport
Weslaco, TX *April 12-15, 2018

ADVANCE ONLINE PRICING: ADULT: \$70 • CHILD (17 & UNDER): \$50
WALK UP PRICING: \$75 • **RIDES:** THURS 2-5PM • FRI-SUN 9AM-5PM

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