



EAA Chapter 595 June 8th, 2019

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

June Announcements

Birthdays

Robert Heiser
June - 20

Anniversaries

Donald & Geneda Schwanke
June - 2

John & Linda Peacock
June - 22

July Announcements

Birthdays

Nick Lung
July - 7

William Bowers
July - 15

Anniversaries

Nick & Sharon Lung
July - 2

William & Janis Bowers
July - 4

NOTICE

Events

CAF Airshow
June 22nd & 23rd
Cameron County Airport

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:10 a.m. at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas and since quorum was met, official business was enabled.

We had 13 members in attendance and they are as follows:

Don Schwanke
Geneda Schwanke
Byron Engle
Robert Carter.
Danny Kyril
L. V. Howell
Gerald Close

Monte Vasquez
Shirlene Jenkins
Merle Jenkins
Robert Silva
Phil Bowers
Cindy Vasquez



Merle Jenkins mentioned that he and Shirlene were celebrating their 61st. Wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you guys. L.V. Howell's birthday was the same day, but he didn't want anyone to know, because he didn't want to have to "Ride the Bull" (like he did last year at the Texas Roadhouse in Edinburg). Don said that the minutes are on the websites for all to read. Don then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Merle Jenkins moved to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Monte Vasquez. Motion carried.



Old Business:

The CAF Airshow will be held June 22nd and 23rd at the Cameron County airport. When the CAF was in Harlingen, they had the Airshow and people could walk around anywhere they wanted. Spectators could walk to the terminal and to the control tower while roaming around, but the FAA put a stop to that. They were not allowed to have a civil aviation event on the

West side of the airport because of the airline traffic, so the CAF would have had to move to the East side of the airport. While the CAF was on the West side of the airport, the old hangers were rented from the City of Harlingen for \$1.00 a year. The city offered to build hanger space with the same amount of square footage that they enjoyed on the West side of the airport, but not for free. The city wanted a cut of the gross from the Airshow and of member's dues to pay for the facility. This would continue until the facility was paid for then the price could be renegotiated, but the CAF refused. A wealthy rancher from Midland offered them \$1,000,000 to move there so the CAF accepted

and moved to Midland. After several years of frustration, the CAF moved to the old Redbird Airport in the Dallas area and has established their headquarters there. It seems to be a good location; time will tell.

Don asked how many members are going to Oshkosh this year. Byron Engle is going to try to go with Robert Silva joining him. Don said he has so many things going on at this time that he may not be able to go. Ted Miller had said he was going at last month's meeting. Byron said that he ordered a new NOTAM online but didn't receive it so he called and asked about his order. He was told that they didn't have a record of his order so he told them, "Well, I'm ordering one now". They will send it to him when they print a new batch.



New Business:

Don asked if we had been watching the D-Day reenactments and celebrations. Don said that being an older soldier, those things stick in his mind a lot longer than for many other people. There were 15 DC-3/C-47's that flew from America to England. In addition, there were many in England, Germany, France and other places in Europe that flew in to participate, as well. There were paratroopers that jumped out of them and there was even a 95 year old veteran that did the same jump as he did when he was there 75 years ago (but it was a double jump with an instructor). It was so amazing to see so many men in their 90's recognized by President Trump for their courageous efforts, especially since there was such an astounding number of casualties. The fact that those gentlemen still remember every single detail from that day is pretty amazing. As Don said, "It is kind of interesting to compare and study after sending 150,000 troops and to know beforehand that it was going to be tough to lose about 10,000 of the troops on the beach. The American graveyard next to the beach looked very much like Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. It's beautiful.



Robert Carter has ADS-B out installed in both his airplane and Todd Aune's 172. Jerry Gifford has already flown part of his certification flight, as well. He installed a SkyBeacon on the left wingtip of his Ercoupe. Robert asked if he was going for the rebate and Don said "Yes", that he was trying for the rebate. He has to fly it for as much as 60 minutes to activate it, but it usually doesn't take that long. Robert also said that one can either land and/or fly to whatever altitude prescribed and circle around, but it must be in controlled airspace, such as the class C airspace at the Harlingen airport. The FAA wants the pilot to maneuver so they can identify him/her from the time he/she turns on the transponder/master switch until the time the master switch is turned off. It's down to the seconds of the flight. As Robert said "They know when you fly".

On the ADS-B report (which anybody can get for any airplane; you just have to know what equipment it has) one can see what was done and what wasn't. Robert had a problem with the transponder in Todd's 172 because of a malfunction in a code switch. After taking it to Gulf Avionics, Don Wiles repaired it and gave it back to Robert, who finished the certification/activation process.

There being no more new business, the topic came up about where to eat and Byron suggested Tejano Grill for a later date, as a reservation must be called in the day before with the number of people attending. Don suggested postponing that until our July meeting at Edinburg, where a consensus and attendance could be determined for our August meeting at Gulf. The Longhorn Cattle Company in San Benito was suggested and the consensus was that we go there for lunch. As Shirlene said, "Y'all can go wherever y'all want 'cause I know where I'm going." Merle Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Byron Engle. Motion carried.

Off the chapter went to enjoy some wonderful conversations with friends and fabulous food. Next meeting will be Saturday, July 13 at the Edinburg airport at 11:00 a.m. see y'all there.



Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez
Chapter secretary