



## EAA Chapter 595 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

#### *Events / Announcements*

##### **CHAPTER FLY-IN**

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 2024  
KTXW Hangar W-29  
11:00 ~ 3:00

With quorum established the meeting was called to order at 11:01am.  
Byron announced that the chapter was solvent.

#### Members included:

Byron Engle	Robert Carter
Shirlene Jenkins	Merle Jenkins
Eric Landry	Art Chavarria

#### Guests:

L.V. Howell  
Phil Bowers

Art opened a discussion on the possibility of the chapter acquiring a Flight Simulator to help draw both Youth and Adults to the chapter. Eric and Robert both mentioned that building the computers to run the Sim would be a better/cheaper option. Robert offered the use of a set of rudder pedals along with a Yoke which has a throttle, prop and mixture controls. He also mentioned that he could possibly get another Yoke/Peddles donated to the chapter allowing for 2 simulators which he thought would be beneficial when working with youths. It was also mentioned that a permanent location would be best as to reduce risk of damage from set up/ tear down and moving each time the Sim was used. Robert said he believes he could accommodate (2) Sims in his office located inside his hangar at KTXW, giving the chapter a place to house the Sim(s). Erik was given the task of shopping prices for the components needed to build the computer(s) needed for the Sim(s). Erik and Robert both agreed that should we move forward they could assemble the computer(s) and configure them for use as a Flight Sim.

Robert suggested that the chapter should host/sponsor 2 to 3 events yearly to get more interest in the chapter and potentially gain more chapter members in doing so. A Young Eagles Flight, Fly-In and a Youth Workshop were several of the ideas and discussed. It was decided this close to the end of the year the chapter would gain more exposure to a Fly-In. Robert donated the use of his hangar for the location and suggested that Hotdog would be the easiest to prepare and serve to the guest. Robert Silva volunteered the use of 2 roasters for the hot dogs along with other members volunteering kitchen utensils, ice chest along with other items needed to host the event. It was decided that the Fly-In would be FREE and open to the public and that we should anticipate a crowd of 50 participants and the event would be held November 16<sup>th</sup> and that final prep would be discussed during our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is the week before.

Byron mentioned that with the cost of earning your Pilots License that owning your own aircraft or building your own aircraft is viable option that many use. While this does require additional cost initially, in the long term you actually save.

Next meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Edinburg International Airport

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.