



EAA Chapter 595 May 14th, 2022

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

July Announcements

Birthdays

Nick Lung

July - 7

William Bowers

July - 15

Anniversaries

Nick & Sharon Lung

July - 2

William & Janis Bowers

July - 4

August Announcements

Birthdays

Janis Baker

August - 30

Anniversaries

Events

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:10 a.m. with 8 members and 2 guests in attendance at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen. Many thanks to Arlene Garza for the generous support in allowing the conference room there. Thank you, Arlene! Since quorum was not met, no official business could be conducted.



Members in attendance were as follows;

Merle Jenkins	Shirlene Jenkins
Ted Miller Jr.	Don Schwanke
Byron Engle	Robert Carter
Cindy Vasquez	Geneda Schwanke

The guests were Art Chavarria and Manny Garcia.

Don mentioned that the minutes are on the website for all to read. Treasurer Byron Engle gave the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent.

Since official business could not be conducted, Don asked if there was any old business to discuss and there was none.

New business:

EAA made a chapter survey and Don sent it out to some of the members with a questionnaire, but our chapter contributed only 2 people with Don being one of them. He doesn't know who the other person is and he felt that doesn't actually give good representation of the chapter but putting all the chapters together with questions such as:



“What interests you most?”
“What do you like about your chapter?”
“What do you dislike about your chapter?”
“What has made your chapter a good one?”

Don found it interesting where other chapters are in the same position as our chapter. The other chapters are more or less like ours; as a socialization organization among pilots who meet and discuss aviation subjects (both personal encounters and subjects pertaining to safety).

Don received a letter from another chapter that is having a raffle for an S-19 Rans Aircraft with a brand new Rotax engine which was donated by someone to their chapter. It is complete and the raffle tickets are going to be sold for \$100.00 per chance. If anyone is interested in trying to win this plane, a \$100.00 ticket might be money well spent.



Art Chavarria received an email from FAA (but couldn't remember exactly the full name of the agency) in regards to promoting grants for people who want to learn to fly. He stated that he is very interested in finding out more details about this. Robert Carter mentioned that he didn't think the FAA hands out any grants and Byron said that he thinks some of the airlines are doing it. Robert then said that the EAA hands out 4-5 grants per year and AOPA also hands out grants. Robert said that sometimes the grant typically pays for your flying but not every flight school will accept the grant, so a student would have to pay out of pocket and get a receipt and turn it in for reimbursement. That's very similar to the G.I. Bill modus operandi.

Byron finally got the cylinder for his airplane, but didn't have time to install it because he was still working on the right landing gear situation. It took him 2 days to get it off and another 2 days to reinstall it and that was because he had help. Byron said, "You almost have to have 2 people to do it. He had a problem installing bolts in a very tight space and his neighbor came by and asked him if he needed help. Byron said yes! He asked Byron if he had any masking tape. Byron got it for him and his neighbor used a little bit around the bolt head and voila! He got the bolts in. It still took a little bit of maneuvering here and there with a small hammer and a long Allen wrench, but they got it done. As Byron said; "I guess you have to get a little creative now and then". He said he is pretty busy and hopefully will get his plane up and going soon.



There being no further discussion or comments, Byron went ahead and presented 2 VMC videos with a "what would you do?" question and answer session after each video. One was entitled Pixie Dust and the second one was Clearly Unclear. Very informative, and to the point videos.

Afterwards he presented 2 IMC videos entitled, No Way Out of Tucson and Where is my Gear?

After a few minutes of discussion, Don asked the most Important question of the day: where to go eat? Don said let's try something different this time and Byron mentioned that his beautiful wife Betty would like to go to Los Asados in Harlingen. Don asked how many were going and there were 5 members that were interested in going.

Don entertained a motion to adjourn. Merle Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting and Robert Carter seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Edinburg airport.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez