



EAA Chapter 595 January 12th, 2019

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

January Announcements

Birthdays

Sharon Lung
January - 12

Anniversaries

February Announcements

Birthdays

Betty Engle
February - 6

John Dockendorff
February - 13

Anniversaries

Robert & Carol Heiser
February - 4

NOTICE

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

Events

This Saturday
Coffee & Donuts
January 19, 2019
9:00am
Sun Valley Aviation
Harlingen

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:01 am at the Edinburg airport FBO since quorum was met official business was enabled. We had 15 members present and 3 guests.



The members present were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Nancy Dockendorff	Geneda Schwanke
Stanley Johnsey	Byron Engle	Jerry Gifford
Cindy Vasquez	Shirley Gifford	Monte Vasquez.
L. V. Howell	Merle Jenkins	Harvey Schneider
Larry Wheelock	Mike Brown	Doc Dockendorff



Mr. Danny Kyril and his son Devon from Harlingen and Tony Bolstad (who flew in on his Challenger 2) from Port Isabel were the guests. Danny is working on an Avid Flyer he bought it from a gentleman in Weslaco. Welcome to our chapter gentlemen!

Don mentioned that the minutes for last month's meeting are on the internet for all to read. Don then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Jerry Gifford moved to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Monte Vasquez. Motion carried

Byron said that he had sent in a check to EAA for calendars and it was sent back to him because the order was placed too late and they are not printing any more calendars. He also reported that he mailed the annual fee for keeping that chapter's status as part of EAA and the insurance fees, so the chapter is still sponsored by EAA.

Old Business:

Don asked if we had finalized a format on the shirts for the chapter and Byron said yes; instead of silkscreen we went with embroidery on the

front and there will be two pockets on each shirt. The chapter members wanted to finalize today so Cindy Vasquez can go turn in the order to the vendor from Raymondville. Some of the members asked the price and it was mentioned that it would be about \$42.00 per shirt, but the exact price will be determined by the vendor on completion of the order. Any extra embroidery on the shirt would cost each of us a little more per shirt.

Danny asked if anyone was flying around the Brownsville area and if there was anyone building a homebuilt aircraft project. Don mentioned that Byron and Monte both have been working on their projects and was impressed with the knowledge the membership has about building and that several have some parts and /or help to offer others who may need it.

New business:

There was an accident in Florida where a PA28-201 Cherokee Arrow had a catastrophic wing spar failure, killing the flight instructor and his student. The FAA has issued an NPRM (notice of proposed rule making, which after a period of time, can become an Airworthiness Directive, meaning the repair will be mandatory). Byron said if the wings have 5,000 hours or more time in service, you have to have an eddy current inspection and if you replace the wings/spars with anything other than zero time parts, it also falls under this NPRM. Don said that the reason for sharing this info is so others may be more cautious when purchasing any of the Cherokees, knowing that there may be a major problem up ahead because the wings or wing spars are very expensive to replace.



Don wanted to share some information on aircraft insurance, stating that aircraft insurance (as is most insurance) is a thing that a lot of people don't understand even though they may already have insurance. The way it works is there are few brokers and you don't always get to talk to the parent insurance company. Instead, you talk to a broker and they advise you of the options available for purchase. Unfortunately, that leaves some gaps where you supply your information on what you want and the broker contacts the underwriters, comes back with a few insurance companies with quotes that can vary considerably. They may tell you that they can get your insurance for a certain cost with a certain company. If you don't bother to ask if that's the best coverage for your

situation, you won't know about the other quotes the broker may have gotten. Don't be too quick to believe the broker with the very first quote because sometimes they don't really know anything about airplanes and they are not obligated to tell you which one is the least expensive to buy. They can also make a bigger commission off of the company they are pushing, so be careful about the friendly broker because they may not really be looking into the coverage as much as they are looking at their commission. Another thing to remember is that you may want to shop around with another broker somewhere else and you may think you can do better, but there's a problem with insurance that once the quotes are made for that airplane for you, you'll be stuck for the time being. If the first broker doesn't give you the lowest price, or the best coverage for the price, you may not be able to get it from another broker at that time. Another thing that Don found out was that as he entered his 80th birthday, suddenly the insurance rate tripled. After checking around some more, the reason for the increase in premiums was his age. Most insurance companies begin to increase the price of premium around age 71 and after age 75 they take another look to determine another increase. At age 80 and above, the premiums increase even more, but at that age, shopping for cheaper rates will be difficult, so don't cancel that insurance and decide that you are going to



go to another company because you may not be able to get any insurance coverage at all.

They look at the last five years so if you make it from 75 to 80, don't think about changing anything as long as you've been insured for the last five years. This is a general rule now and they sometimes have a rule that some companies won't insure you over the age of 80. Don't change because there is a possibility you might not be able to get any insurance at any price. Caveat emptor (buyer beware)

There being no more new nor old business to discuss, Don entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting before we adjourned, we discussed where the membership wanted to go for lunch. It was a unanimous decision, all were in agreement that the Texas Roadhouse would be the place to go.

Jerry Gifford moved to adjourn the meeting and Merle Jenkins seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen @11:00 a.m.

See y'all there.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Vasquez

Chapter secretary

The membership of EAA Chapter 595 would like to wish quick recoveries to the families of 2 of our members. Shirlene Jenkins has been in the hospital for a week undergoing tests and hopefully should be out by Wednesday the 16th.

Robert Carter's brother, Ray had a severe heart attack Dec. 30th and is still in intensive care in a medically induced coma.

Our heartfelt wishes for speedy recoveries to both patients and to the families.