



## EAA Chapter 595 Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

#### *December Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Jerry Gifford**

December - 23

##### Anniversaries

#### *January Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Sharon Lung**

January - 12

##### Anniversaries

#### *Events*

December's meeting will be held at the Schwanke residence along with our annual Christmas Banquet....Bring a covered dish

The November 13 Chapter 595 meeting was called to order by President Don Schwanke at 11:11 am. Don announced that the October minutes are on the website for everyone to read and asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and Byron said the chapter is still solvent.

The attending members were:

Don Schwanke  
Geneda Schwanke  
Byron Engle  
Merle Jenkins  
Shirlene Jenkins

Robert Carter  
Ted Miller, Jr.  
Robert Silva  
Sebastian Montes  
Aditya Nair

There were 2 guests in attendance:

Jared Bird (past member)  
Mike Stanton

Since there were 10 paid members in attendance, quorum was made, so chapter business could be attended to.

There was good news about the RV-12 tailcone, wings & empennage; an LLC from Sarasota Fla. bought the parts and paid us for our expenses of transporting it to the Valley. They also paid Don for the fuselage kit that he ordered several months ago. As a reminder, EAA chapters aren't allowed to sponsor an airplane build. Chapter members have to form an LLC, find an appropriate place to work with the proper supervision and tools, not to mention proper facilities for the workers to be comfortable. The LLC has built several aircraft (RV-12s, I think) and needed another project, since the previous one had been completed, tested & sold. They were happy to get the parts & Don's fuselage kit, as there's an 8 month wait for delivery and about 4-5 of those months have already gone by, so they should get the kit a lot sooner than by ordering it themselves. They plan to fly to the Valley, rent a large truck to haul everything back to Florida, but they will need some help to load the parts, as they're in Bob's hanger @ KTXW on November 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is available, please contact Don or Bob for more information, such as times, etc.

At this time, ballots were passed out by Bob Carter and everyone

voted for the new slate of officers. There were 3 proxy votes for absentee members who couldn't be there. There were no changes to the slate, so the same officers will serve another 2 year term.

Congratulations (??) to the officers!

Don moved to accept the election results and it was seconded by Ted Miller, Jr. and Bob Carter.

Aditya Niar announced that the school district has approved the donation of the homebuilt biplane for instructional purposes, but they balked at any students trying to actually fly it. That's not a problem, since the plane is to be completely disassembled, repaired and some design changes made. It will be for instructional purposes only. It resides at Merle Jenkins' residence and when the time comes, help will be needed to load it on a large trailer for transport to the school's facility in Mercedes.

Don primed the pump by announcing that because of COVID in 2020, no meetings were allowed by headquarters, so there will be a plethora of awards to be handed out at our annual Christmas potluck banquet/luncheon.

At this time, Ted Miller, Jr. announced that his home won't be available for this event, as he has family living there at present, but he volunteered to take care of the meat/food as usual while the membership brings side dishes. Don put it to the membership as to where it could be held and Byron suggested the "Schwanke Mansion" in La Feria. The membership seemed to agree if the "BOSS" Geneda also agreed. She did (THANK YOU GENEDA!), so the meeting/banquet will take place at the Schwanke's house Saturday, December 11 at the regular meeting time of 11:00 am.

At this time, Don introduced our guest, Mike Stanton. He gave a short synopsis of his life, as he just moved from Brownsville to Edinburg, and is interested in Para gliders. He's been flying Para gliders for some time and was asking where a good place was to fly them safely.

At this time, there was a lot of discussion about flight reviews and the location of any flight instructors in the area, especially with regards to light sport.

After the discussion, Don asked the membership where to have lunch, as it was after 12. The chapter voted on the Texas Roadhouse in Edinburg, so Don for an adjournment of the meeting and Merle Jenkins moved, seconded by Byron Engle. There were 7 who went to the restaurant and the food & camaraderie was in abundance. Unfortunately, Cindy Vasquez had things going on that day, so Byron had to try to take her place, but forgot to take photos. Sorry, Cindy.

Byron Engle, acting secretary (for November only)