



EAA Chapter 595 June 1, 2014

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

EAA Chapter 595 June 1, 2014 meeting began at 2:10 p.m. and again quorum was not met. Members in attendance were: Don Schwanke, Byron Engle, Larry Wheelock and Ted Miller, Jr. (sans mustache). 2 guests were in attendance: Robert Carter and Patrick Haslem.

Our June Eat and Meet will be at Don Beto's on 15 June at 1330, 109 N Main St, La Feria, TX 78559 (956) 797-1000

The July meeting will be moved up a week (because of the 4th of July weekend) and will be at Don & Geneda's, 1400 hrs, 13 July, directions are on our website

Since quorum was not met, no official chapter business could be attended to, so President Don brought out his new Sensenich propeller and gave a short dissertation about it. Spinners were discussed by several of the members and many problems were solved. More discussion about electronics and glass panels ensued and some learning was had by the membership about this new craze. After about 40 minutes, Pres. Don invited everyone in for refreshments and the monthly EAA video magazine entertained everyone. It was about the Corvair guru William Wynne and video of Corvair College # 29 in Barnwell, South Carolina. The Corvair Colleges are a series of clinics lasting about 3 days, where those whom are interested arrive at a designated place (usually a reserved, large hanger) complete with workbenches, electricity, compressed air, all the coffee one can drink and meals are provided. William calls a general meeting after everyone has set up and discusses what's in store for the next 2 days. Most people have an old, rusty, greasy, oily Corvair engine that they will tear apart in preparation for a rebuild/conversion into a reliable, smooth running aircraft engine eventually. William provides instruction and conversion parts of outstanding quality along with his lovely wife, Grace (who usually handles the bookwork). After having been to 2 of these colleges, I noticed an air of esprit de corps among the participants along with a willingness to help anyone who even looks like they need it. Many lively conversations and friends are made at these meetings and everyone learns about the correct way to build an engine to aircraft standards. Everyone leaves on Sunday tired, but informed and sometimes elated. Several who have been to previous colleges have finished their engines get to watch and hear them start up for the 1st time on William's test stand. The expression of the owner's faces is priceless! This is the way homebuilding began and still is in the corners of the aviation world. This brings everyone back to the original concept that the late Paul Poberezny had when he started the EAA back in 1953. Grass roots homebuilding and people is what this is all about.

After the video, a few left and the rest stayed to view Don's latest alterations to his project, RV-12/Air Force One.

Submitted by ACTING secretary/newsletter editor,  
Byron Engle

Note: This is Don's 24 year old cat. He runs the place.

