



## EAA Chapter 595 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

#### *February Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Betty Engle**

February - 6

##### Anniversaries

**Robert & Carol Heiser**

February - 4

#### *March Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Gerald Close**

March - 1

**Byron Engle**

March - 1

##### Anniversaries

**Byron & Betty Engle**

March - 9

#### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:01 a.m. with 13 members and 3 guests in attendance at the Edinburg Airport in Edinburg. Since quorum was met, official business could be conducted.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Robert Carter	Merle Jenkins
Don Schwanke	Shirlene Jenkins
Byron Engle	Monte Vasquez
Ted Miller jr.	Geneda Schwanke
Cindy Vasquez	Jerry Gifford
Phil Bowers	Harvey Schneider
Shirley Gifford	



The 3 guests were L.V. Howell, Ken Mortensen, and Don Tevis.

Welcome to chapter 595 gentlemen. Although L.V. Howell has been a past member of our chapter but has been absent after an 8-month bout with cancer. After his chemo treatments and surgery, he is now cancer free. Mr. Mortensen has attended some of our past meetings while he is here in the RGV. Don Tevis is an old friend of President Don Schwanke and used to run the airport in Osage City, Kansas and they had not seen each other in at roughly 25 years. Don was actually a good friend to Mr. Tevis' grandfather. Don mentioned that the minutes to last month's meeting are on the website for all to read. He then asked for the treasurer's report and Byron Engle stated that the chapter is solvent. Don asked for a motion to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report. Merle Jenkins moved to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report, seconded by Robert Carter. Motion carried.

#### **Old business:**

Robert Carter mentioned that there have been talks previously about small projects for youth workshops and asked if anyone has looked into it. Robert looked into what EAA offers, and it's a some material to make ribs for about \$35.00. It comes with 12 nose ribs in the kit plus also included is a power point presentation plus a few other things. We would have to buy the stringers, however. Don thought it is a good idea to get some simple riveting projects like a cell phone holder. Robert went on to say that if anyone can come up with something that's small enough to build that may take roughly a few hours he could get the material laser cut. He looked for simple sheet metal projects and generally it could be a tool box or something similar. Robert would like ideas because he has a cad-cam program that can draw it up easily. Byron said anytime we want to do something to go ahead and let him know so he can get approval from the chapter to write a check for the supplies needed.

Speaking of projects; members shouldn't forget that Merle Jenkins donated an assortment of useful tools such as Cleco pliers and fasteners etc.

Byron Engle told the members since he is moving out from his hangar in Weslaco, possibly going to Harlingen and he needs to move some items and will not be able to keep them in the new hangar. Jerry Gifford volunteered to put them in his hangar.



Byron also said that Aditya Nair couldn't make it to the meeting as he had a family emergency but he has gotten approval from the school for the airplane and the other stuff. He is trying to figure out how to get it to the school and was hoping that maybe the chapter could help deliver it to the school. Don asked Robert Carter for any updates on the Weslaco airport and he said that they've just completed the runway lighting project without having to shut down the airport and they are building 2 more large hangers for jets, one will house 4 airplanes and the other one will house 2 airplanes and they are leased already.

Jerry Gifford got his hangar completed back home. It's a 40 x 80 x 12 ft high building and he did encounter problems with his door because it was so huge and very heavy (1100 lbs.) A neighbor and of Jerry's and a friend of his came to the rescue with a bobcat and a boom and installed and leveled the doors. Jerry asked how much he owed them and his neighbor just said "welcome to the neighborhood".

**New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss, but when asked when the Turner will be finished, Byron said it would be done by Tuesday. Byron also is waiting on a cylinder for his Cherokee, which is coming in from Tulsa. Don said for anyone wanting to fly and don't have an airplane, there's a 2-place Ultralight on our website for sale for \$1500.00. The gentleman selling it bought it in El Paso and just wants to sell it. It's a King Kobra 74 and is powered by a Rotax 582.

Cindy Vasquez gave an update on Larry Wheelock and he is now at the Retama Manor Nursing home in Raymondville. If anyone wants to see him, the address is: 1700 S Expressway 77 Raymondville, Texas 78580

He is undergoing therapy and seems to be doing better as the days go by and hopefully he will receive a good report by Wednesday, February 16th and be able to go home soon. He does keep himself busy on the computer, so he's not bored. Well wishes from all of the members from the chapter Larry.

Don asked the most important question of the morning. Where did the chapter want go eat? The unanimous decision was the Texas Roadhouse, which never disappoints.

There being no more business, Don entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Byron Engle moved to adjourn the meeting and Merle Jenkins seconded it. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 12, 2022 @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen @ 11:00 a.m.



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C y'all there,  
Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez