



EAA Chapter 595 June 11th, 2022

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

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President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:10 a.m. with 10 members and 3 guests in attendance at the airport in Edinburg. Since quorum was met, official business could be conducted.

Members in attendance were as follows;

Merle Jenkins	Art Chavarria
Don Schwanke	Shirlene Jenkins
Byron Engle	Robert Carter
Cindy Vasquez	Geneda Schwanke
Larry Wheelock	Monty Vasquez

The guests were Dillon Contreras, Aiden Gomez, and John Wheelock from Auburn, Kentucky (Larry's son). Welcome to our chapter, gentlemen.

Dillon and Aiden are students at the Science Academy of South Texas in Mercedes.

John Wheelock lives several miles from Auburn, KY. His membership is at Bowling Green, KY, Chapter 1165.

He is a private pilot, but hasn't flown for a few years. He has flown with Larry for many years in Larry's Stinson and his Mooney. One trip was from Indiana to California with two of his 3 brothers in the back seat of the Stinson in 1968. He flew with Larry in Larry's Taylorcraft in 1964 until he bought the Stinson in 1968.

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.

Don entertained a motion to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report. Merle Jenkins moved and seconded by Robert Carter. Motion carried.

Since official business could be conducted, Don asked if there was any old business to discuss and there was none.



New business:



There was a repeat of the status of the donated airplane to the Science Academy. Dillon said that as they took out the engine, everything was disconnected from the cables to the electronics. They did a compression test on the engine, but for the last week or so, things slowed down drastically as they were so busy studying for finals that they were not very active on the project. But the last time he checked, everyone was just preparing to get it running and to make sure it had oil in it etc. Dillon went on to share that they have all kinds of 3D printers, a plasma cutter and other automatic CNC machines.

Monty Vasquez asked Dillon if they are planning on getting the plane airworthy and Dillon said they're not sure if they are actually going to get this specific airplane airworthy or not. He did say there's some talk about maybe getting a kit and putting that engine into it or just using it as a learning device to show people how things work. Maybe even keeping it in a disassembled condition so people can go through it or maybe just rebuild it completely. Initially, when they first got the plane, they just wanted to learn from it but at present, they don't really know what the future plans are.

They did open the wings to check the condition and there were mouse/rat nests inside of the fabric covering. They are really looking at all the angles of whether to rebuild the wings and the fuselage frame, or just leave it in sections for people to see how an airplane is actually constructed. They are taking small steps to decide what they are going to do but for now, they are using this project to teach people about aircraft. Don told these young men that the chapter is very interested in supporting them and their project. Aditya has been building a simulator to give people flying experience. They got a monitor, a butterfly yoke, rudder pedals and they are thinking about getting a seat that can move with the simulator.



Robert Carter asked Dillon if they were familiar with AC43.13, the acceptable methods, techniques, and practices of aircraft inspection and repair for large and small aircraft. Dillon said he wasn't aware but would look into it. The young men were advised to get several copies of it. Robert told them they could download it from the internet and it's about 900 pages plus, but it contains information from wood repairs to fabric repairs to welding. All the information needed is in there. It is the Bible for aircraft repairs.



Art Chavarria asked Don about the RV12 project in Florida. They have actually been held up because the fuselage kit that Don ordered last year was supposed to be crated and shipped last November, but now they are telling them that it will hopefully arrive sometime next month. They are very happy with the project and that is what they are waiting for; to resume the building process. After this, no more business was discussed.

Don entertained a motion to adjourn. Merle Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting and Robert Carter seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48. Don asked who would want to go for lunch at the Texas Roadhouse and 8 members went off to enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen.

C y'all there!

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Vasquez, Secretary Chapter 595