



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

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

#### *March Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Gerald Close**

March - 1

**Byron Engle**

March - 1

##### Anniversaries

**Byron & Betty Engle**

March - 9

**John & Nancy Dockendorff**

March - 29

#### *April Announcements*

##### Birthdays

**Jan Carter**

April - 14

##### Anniversaries

#### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called an informal meeting to order on Saturday, March 12, 2022 @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas @11:06 a.m. with 14 members and 2 guests in attendance. Since quorum was met official business could be conducted.

Members were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Jerry Gifford
Geneda Schwanke	Ted Miller jr.
Cindy Vasquez.	Merle Jenkins
Phil Bowers	Shirlene Jenkins
Robert Carter	Harvey Schneider
John Peacock.	Bob Heiser
Carol Heiser.	Shirley Gifford

The 2 guests were:

Arthur Chavarria (who has attended prior meetings)  
Manuel Garcia- formerly from San Antonio.

President Don Schwanke mentioned that the minutes to last month's meeting are online for all to read and in the absence of treasurer, Byron Engle -Don said the chapter is solvent. Moving on.

#### **Old business:**

Don asked if anyone had anything to discuss. John Peacock mentioned that in 2007 EAA made an overview video of different things going on at Airventure. He has a copy and may bring it to a future meeting for all to see on Byron's laptop. We also discussed the RV 12 project that the chapter gave to the gentlemen in Florida.



Don immediately ordered the fuselage kit and paid the down payment for it and the reasoning behind it was that when school started in September, the hope was that the fuselage kit would have been delivered by that time. Van's was so far behind, that the earliest date that they could possibly deliver would be November 22nd. Don just got an email yesterday stating that his name was still on the shipping manifest for some reason.



Ted Miller Jr. then asked if anyone has seen the videos that the factory put out online. He said that they are very informative and sold 3,000 kits last year. With COVID everything was hindered especially overseas where they ran into shipping problems where they couldn't get the containers on the ships or if they got them on the ships, they couldn't get them off because of the lack of manpower and trucks. What they are doing now is they're manufacturing everything back in house. They are expanding their manufacturing process and it's just taken them a while to get everything sorted out, but it's getting back on track now. They also opened up another facility in Brazil to do some manufacturing there. Eventually, they are planning to have quick build kits done in the Philippines and in Brazil. The 2 videos are really informative about this whole process and the way they're changing their in house scheduling, as before they were providing parts for all different kits. They are just going to do RV7's for a certain period of time and then RV10's. What they are going to do is make them in batches.



**New business:**

Don asked Merle Jenkins for an update on the donated airplane to the South Texas Science Academy. Merle read a thank you note acknowledging the contribution and they will definitely keep him updated on the progress. They have also invited him to come see what they have done so far. Don said it would be exciting to go maybe as a group and check out their progress. Update on Larry Wheelock: He is home, doing therapy and is getting stronger and is happy to be home again. We hope to see him soon at one of our future meetings. Greetings from the membership, Larry and Norma.

There being no new business Don entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Bowers moved to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Gifford seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with the members going to Longhorn cattle company in San Benito, Texas . The next meeting will be in Edinburg on Saturday, April 9, 2022 @ 11:00 am See y'all there



Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez

Byron's Cherokee is still waiting for a rebuilt cylinder, as # 2 went bad. He's sent in a core, but was rejected because the plating was peeling off. He sent in another one and is waiting to hear the results from Tulsa about the condition. He finally got the left main landing gear strut repaired, now the right one needs repair. The nose gear strut was rebuilt, but it lost the nitrogen charge. When it rains, it pours.

