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

### *August Announcements*

#### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

**Janis Baker**  
August 30<sup>th</sup>

#### *September Announcements*

#### Anniversaries

**Jerry & Shirley Gifford**  
September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Birthdays

**Linda Peacock**  
September 12<sup>th</sup>

**John Peacock**  
September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Robert Carter**  
September 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Events

Women in Aviation Fundraiser  
Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm  
Sun Valley Aviation, KHRL  
Ticket price \$15.00, Live music,  
silent auction & drawings

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. There were 8 members and 3 guests in attendance. Quorum was again not met, but maybe with a new member or 2, it will someday be met. They were as follows:

Don Schwanke  
Byron Engle  
L.V. Howell  
Robert Carter  
Phil Bowers  
Ted Miller, Jr.  
Jerry Close  
Mike Schwanke-guest  
Adam Dawson-guest  
Raymond Mendez-guest

Since quorum was not met, no official business could be done, but many things were talked about and some problems were solved (I think).

There was a lot of discussion about Airventure and the programs and events. Jeremy & Hunter Reiley spoke about their trip and Hunter's shooting competition (which he won). Hunter also acquired the enviable volunteer position in warbird parking. Not just anyone can get into that; it takes some politics and ability to garner that position. Congrats, Hunter!

Byron Engle gave his tale of woe about his 1<sup>st</sup> day after landing at OSH. His cell phone died and he had to get a new one while there. The savior of the day was part-time 595 member Jim Smith (who is president of the Quad Cities chapter and mans the aircraft repair building) who picked up all Byron's stuff, got him a meal and used most of Saturday afternoon taking him all over the place including the Sprint store to get a new phone. If any of you have ever been to a Sprint store, you know how long it takes:

after 3 long hours plus, he emerged into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a brand new iPhone. After the phone was acquired, the rental camping trailer was found, set up and Jim went his merry way. As a point of interest, the temperature that day was 98 degrees and the humidity was about 96%! After that, things cooled off and everything went smoother. The only problem after that was the camping spot. It was on 17<sup>th</sup> street-almost to the expressway! It was about 1 ¼ mile walk to the flightline. Byron lost about 12 pounds while there, so some good came from all that!

There seems to be a tremendous amount of discussion about the FAA's new mandate on ADS-B and the 2020 date. Not just in our chapter, but everywhere. Airventure was 'abuzz with that and the new class 3 medical deletion still

being discussed in Congress (and everywhere else). EAA and AOPA are with several other organizations still fighting for approval, but there's considerable resistance in the medical section of the FAA and in the bureaucratic legions of the government and they still have to be convinced. Hopefully it will eventually pass because every pilot must, before every flight, determine his/her physical condition to properly and safely conduct the flight, thereby rendering the class 3 medical certificate nonessential. Keep reading Sport Aviation and AOPA Pilot magazines for the latest info on this.

Don Schwanke spoke about his Skyview touch screen upgrade and the new antenna that Dynon's coming out with to make the ADS-B out legal in 2020. The antenna won't be out until this fall sometime and the price is just under \$600.00. Ted Miller, Jr. spoke about his dual Skyview installation and the tremendous amount of information it provides, especially with regards to traffic avoidance. He's still amazed at the amount of info it provides in addition to the traffic information, such as: navigation, weather information, wind direction and speed, airport info, flight planning and on and on. This is a real boon to all of aviation and as soon as the prices come down some more, many more pilots/aircraft owners will be able to afford to install these wonderful pieces of equipment in their aircraft as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. and the program was to walk outside and look at guest Raymond Mendez' beautiful Glasair II FT. It is FAST! Raymond says it cruises about 180-190 and climbs out 2500 fpm, depending on the load. He says that on landing, it's pretty easy if he follows the proper airspeeds in the pattern. With such a short wingspan and high wing loading, a slow approach is out of the question, but when everything's right, he says it's a pussycat. Great airplane, Ray!!



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After the airplane ogling, everyone hied off to Don Cuko's Mexican restaurant in Harlingen and had a great meal. A great end to a good meeting.

The next meeting will be September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Edinburg International Airport FBO, with Ted Miller, Jr. preparing the hot dogs and the membership bringing a pot-luck side dish. Please let Ted know what you're bringing so nothing will be duplicated.

Women in Aviation RGV Chapter will be holding a fundraiser at Sun Valley Aviation Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm, tickets are \$15.00

ea. and include Burgers and live music. There will also be a "Silent Auction" along with drawings. For ticket info contact Robert at 533.2884, come out and support a great organization.

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