



EAA Chapter 595 September 8th, 2018

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

September Announcements

Birthdays

Linda Peacock

September - 12

John Peacock

September - 19

Robert Carter

September - 29

Anniversaries

Jerry & Shirley Gifford

September - 18

Nick & Sharon Lung

July - 2

William & Janis Bowers

July - 4

October Announcements

Birthdays

Geneda Schwanke

October - 6

Carol Heiser

October - 26

Donald Schwanke

October - 26

NOTICE

Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport has changed their identifier from T65 to KTXW

Events

Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport
Fly-in
Saturday, October 13th, 2018
8:00am ~ 2:00pm

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @11:30 a.m. in the meeting room @ Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas. The staff at Gulf provided the membership with popcorn and cold water. Many thanks to Arlene Garza for allowing us to use the conference room for our meeting.

There were 9 members present: They are as follows;

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| Don Schwanke | Stan Johnsey | Phil Bowers |
| Byron Engle | Gerald T. Close | Merle Jenkins |
| Cindy Vasquez | Shirlene Jenkins | Monte Vasquez |

There was also one guest: Mr. Dave Holdren. Welcome Dave!



Since EAA specifies that 10 or more members constitute a quorum, quorum was not made so no official business could be conducted at this meeting. Don had a mini discussion on EAA demands since we are a small chapter and initially we objected to the procedure, but after some more discussion, Don informed the membership that business can be conducted by an executive session. For example, Don, Phil, Byron, Cindy, and one or two members can meet even by phone conference and conduct any business that has to be done, so if

there is something that has to be taken care of between now and the next meeting we could do it by those means if necessary. Don also mentioned that he has had to do that a time or two since on occasion, some business needs to be taken care of that doesn't require discussion at a chapter meeting.

Don asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report. Byron said since there was no activity there was no change from last month's report. Old Business:

Jerry Gifford spoke to his contact and sent us some pictures and some shirt prices. Cindy is still going to have a local vendor from Raymondville come to the Vasquez home in November when the meeting will be held there on Saturday, November 10th. The Kansas contact doesn't buy the shirts and so the idea for everyone to go out

and buy their own shirts wouldn't be good because they wouldn't match in either style or color. They don't charge a setup fee but they do a good job and they can do the embroidery sewn into the shirt but they don't have our patch set up and trying to do business long distance would maybe not be a great idea. The thinking is that going locally would be more productive. We could maybe get them a little cheaper from the Kansas contact because there is no setup fee, but when one tries to get 25 to 30 people to agree, it sounds better to just take an order and pay the vendor and get it done.

Next topic for discussion:

Weslaco flyin on Saturday, October 13th where we will have our monthly meeting.

This is the celebration of the new runway and new designation for the Weslaco airport. The new identifier is KTXW. No longer T65.

Byron mentioned that Evelyn Urban gave us a subscription to Flying magazine a few years ago and he needs to find out if we as a club want to renew it. Byron has been receiving renewal notices and it's \$10.00 yearly but since most of the members receive their own copy, Byron thought he would put it out to the chapter to decide. It was unanimous that we don't need to subscribe again. Speaking of magazines, Phil Bowers suggested bringing the magazines that are in Byron's hangar(6 crates in all) and displaying them on a table at the fly in and placing a sign for people to take as many as they want for free. Don said that was a great idea to move them out of Byron's hangar.

The hours for the flyin are 8:00 to 2:00. Stan mentioned that the Rockport bunch that bought the Stearman might have it there at the flyin. Don asked Merle about the donated biplane and he said he had it and it was in his backyard. The discussion was what are we going to do with it and so far the decision was made to donate it to the TSTC Aviation dept. which seemed like the best option so far. That would get us out of any liability with few concerns or worries about it. Phil then asked why not part it out and sell any usable aircraft components from it. Byron's suggestion was that if TSTC didn't want the donation then we should go ahead and proceed to strip the plane and sell the parts off of it. But as Don said..." if we can aid an education process and if they are in need of such a thing we could try to help out in that respect ". Robert Carter is supposed to speak to the director at TSTC to ask if they are interested in the biplane. Speaking of Robert....he had to replace the wheel bearings on his Mooney and Todd Aune's 172 because of the high water in the hangar at Weslaco last June . Another idea about donating the plane was to Eliazar Guzman, the guest at the August meeting. He was very interested in learning how to work on planes since they are starting an aeronautical school in Mexico. He learned how to install pop rivets and buck AN rivets while at Monte Vasquez's home a few weeks ago. That's another possibility for donating the biplane.



That took care of all old business and the next question was where to go eat.

Stan mentioned Stefano's and Texas Roadhouse and Merle mentioned Longhorn Cattle Co. After a few exchanges it was decided that the place to go would be Stefano's and off the members went to enjoy a fabulous lunch and great fellowship. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next meeting is on Saturday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m at the Weslaco Airport.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Vasquez

Secretary

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