



# EAA Chapter 595 November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

### *November Announcements*

#### Birthdays

**Larry Wheelock** November - 20  
**Shirley Gifford** November - 27

#### Anniversaries

### *December Announcements*

#### Birthdays

**Jerry Gifford** December - 23

#### Anniversaries

#### **NOTICE**

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

#### *Events*

Coffee & Donuts  
November 17, 2018  
9:00am  
Sun Valley Aviation  
Harlingen

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. at the home of Monte and Cindy Vasquez in Sebastian, Texas with 10 members present. Since quorum was met official business was enabled.

The members present were as follows;

Don Schwanke	Robert Carter
Ted Miller Jr.	J. R. Dockendorff
Byron Engle	Larry Wheelock
Jerry Gifford	Monte Vasquez
Stan Johnsey	Cindy Vasquez

Don thanked Monte and Cindy Vasquez for hosting the meeting at their home and for showing of Monte's project, a Thatcher CX4.



The CX4 is a low wing, single-seat conventional landing gear equipped aircraft although Monte has opted for the nose wheel conversion, which the main gear legs had just came in.



Designed to be simple to build and safe to fly. The name of the plane, CX4, is taken from an old radio show featuring Hop Harrigan, whose plane was called CX4. The aircraft is all metal, 6061-T6 aluminum, except the cowling. The aluminum main gear legs are sourced from a Monnett Sonerai with hydraulic disc toe brakes.

The photo to the right is of the main wing spar assembly after setting the dihedral.





Left is a photo of the wings being built (the wings are completed now). The CX4's standard Powerplant is a Volkswagen air-cooled engine, which Monte has on a stand. The designer David Thatcher first flew CX4 in 2004, there were currently 55+ flying CX4s in several countries besides the United States.

Another member has been busy as well, Byron painted the inboard flaps and rudder on his Turner T-40 using his new HVLP (high volume low pressure) spray gun. The HVLP has a little learning curve compared to older style guns Byron is use to, but he seems to getting the hang of it.



Don then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report, and the chapter is solvent. Ted Miller moved to accept treasurer's report and it was seconded by Jerry Gifford, motion carried. Don said the minutes of the last meeting were on the website and thanked webmaster Robert Carter for doing such an amazing job putting it on for all members. Ted Miller moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Byron Engle, motion carried.

### Old Business:

Don started by asking Cindy Vasquez about the vendor who was coming to ask questions about what the membership wanted and to discuss pricing and Cindy replied and did say that he should be on the way momentarily. This has been in discussion for the past few months and we are hoping to get an order by next month if possible since it has been over 30 years that shirts have been ordered for the chapter. Don then asked Stan Johnsey if all was ok now that he had finally gotten home with his purchase of an RV 3 and Stan said that he was so happy just to have gotten home and that his Citabria is still up for sale @\$20,000.



### New business :

Byron Engle handed out three Young Eagle awards to Isaac Vasquez, Lydia Vasquez, and Azaylea Ortega which consisted of a special awards certificate which states the name of the recipient , date, the pilot's name and type of aircraft, and location of the airport plus a logbook. The children range in ages from 8-11 years. They were very excited and wanted to actually get their certificates framed.



Jerry Gifford mentioned an older member who doesn't come down anymore by the name of Nick Lung. His health is not what it used to be but when he was active he was a very generous individual who gave out free biennial flight reviews to the chapter members and in his younger years flew F86 Sabre Jets in Korea.

Ted Miller Jr. brought an article that he wrote for Kittplanes magazine and he was very surprised to hear from them since it had been about a year ago that he had sent it to them. Nonetheless, it will be published in the February 2019 issue. It's about how to rewire a modern alternator for external voltage regulators instead of an internal one that they come with now. Ted also said that he was up in Taylor, Texas last weekend and had participated in an air race there and came back home with a plaque. He was the Hi points earner in his class again this year nationwide. Congratulations Ted! As Don mentioned, it was done in a homebuilt RV-9. That is awesome!!!



Don then asked Robert Carter if he had spoken to anyone at TSTC regarding the donated bi-plane... the scaled down, homebuilt Great Lakes. Robert said that Merle was actually going to take pictures of it so that it could hopefully be moved out of his and Shirlene's yard.

John Dockendorff asked how things had gone with the TriMotor event and Don said that if we ever got another opportunity the next time we would have to go personally to the tv stations and the newspapers and pound a little harder to try to get more coverage. Don also thanked Larry Wheelock for helping bring that event down to Weslaco and that the only thing we had to provide was the hangar for the Ford TriMotor, thanks to Jeremy Reiley. Putting it into the hangar was a little tricky, but it was a great experience having it down here and new friends were made plus some of us got the opportunity to meet Governor Greg Abbott.

Don then turned the meeting over to Ben Vera and discussion on the shirts commenced. We either needed to decide whether we wanted embroidery on the front and silk screening on the back and long sleeve versus short sleeve. So after seeing the colors available and the shirts would be unisex with one pocket we finally all came to a consensus that it would be a 60% cotton/ 40% polyester light blue shirt with one pocket and embroidery on the front and nothing on the back, except Mr. Larry Wheelock. He requested a shirt with 2 pockets. Ben will order some samples and Cindy Vasquez will take them to the next meeting to try to order them at that time. The price per shirt would be \$45.00 each plus tax. Don then asked if there would be a problem if new members joined in the future so they could purchase a shirt and Mr. Vera said absolutely no problem, whatsoever. Don forgot to mention about calendars at the meeting, so he called Byron and he said he would add it to the minutes this month. If anyone wants a calendar, please contact Byron @ (956)778-4858 (call or text) so he can order them in time for the January meeting. Payment in advance, please (the chapter has lost a lot of money in the past by ordering them and people either not paying or leaving, etc.)



The next question was. Who's hungry? Don moved to adjourn the meetings everyone was ready to have lunch. Byron seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 11:55 a.m. and on to enjoy great food and fellowship. Even though it was a pretty cold day, warmth and friendship by all the members was felt.







The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ Ted Miller's residence in Edinburg, Texas @ 11:00 a.m. for the annual Christmas party. Ted's address is 3518 West Chapin Rd., Edinburg (see attached map). It's on the corner of Chapin and Mon Mack roads. His phone number is (956) 457-6979, should you have any problems finding his home. DON'T use your GPS (if you have one), there are many problems finding his house that way.

See y'all there.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez  
Chapter 595 secretary