



EAA Chapter 595 October 12th, 2019

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

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Geneda Schwanke

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Donald Schwanke

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NOTICE

2020 Compliance

By January 1, 2020, you must be equipped with ADS-B Out to fly in [most controlled airspace](#).

Federal Regulations [14 CFR 91.225](#) and [14CFR 91.227](#) contain the details.

Events

Before our meeting came to order we gathered to honor Jeffrey Lee Germana, a recipient of the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Before the presentation there was an 8-minute video about the historic Wright Brother's first flight in 1903. Ryan Newman with the San Antonio FSDO came down to do the presentation. The Wright Brother's Master Pilot Award is to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism and Aviation expertise for at least 50 years in aviation. It's a marathon, not a sprint. The time period for this award begins when you first solo, not when you receive the license. The Wright Brother's Master Pilots Award is named for the creators of the first powered flight and it first came out in 2003, the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers first powered flight. Mr. German received a blue ribbon package, which is an official copy of every airman certification form that Jeff has ever sent to the FAA. It is not any medical history but his written tests that he has taken, all his applications to be a private pilot,



instrument pilot, and commercial pilot are in there. In conjunction with the blue ribbon package he was also presented a certificate for the Master Pilot Award. In addition, he also received a beautiful pin recognizing Jeffrey as a master pilot. His wife Olga also received a pin for all of the backup support; she got a Master Pilot Spouse's pin. Congratulations to them both for such an outstanding award.

After a five minute break President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Texas with 11 members and 2 guests in attendance so official business could be conducted.

The members are as follows:

Don Schwanke	Merle Jenkins	Shirlene Jenkins
Byron Engle	Cindy Vasquez	Ted Miller Jr.
Monty Vasquez	L. V. Howell	Danny Kyril
John Peacock	Robert Silva	

The two guests were:
Mike Cover and Jerry Beach

Don mentioned the minutes of last month's meeting are online for all to read. He then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent.

Don asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Merle Jenkins moved, seconded by Monty Vasquez. Motion carried.

New Business:

Byron Engle got his Tail Beacon for ADS-B out. It finally came in. Total weight is 3 oz. Byron was very pleased with the instructions that came with it. He had to print them and place them in a 3-ring binder. He has already downloaded the apps to his cell phone and his iPad so he will have to learn how to program it once he installs it. It only has two wires, a ground wire and a hot wire. The problem with that is that uAvionics specifies for the installer to wire into the original wiring for the nav lights. To activate every time you fly you have to turn on the nav lights, which also activates the overhead and panel lights. Byron wants to hook it up to the master switch or to the battery solenoid on the switched side with a half amp fuse. It comes in a kit and the instructions are very clear. Installation seems to be very easy. Once it's installed, he can turn on his master switch, program it and fly it.



Something else Byron brought up is that he needs the consensus from the members after he contacted the director of the IMC/VMC Club, which is part of EAA, and they sponsor it. Byron filled out the application/registration and they usually want a CFI to be the chapter sponsor, but Byron told him there are not many in the valley and the only way we can get one here is by paying him/her for the time. Byron asked what to do and he was asked, "do you have anyone there with 2,000 or more hours?" Byron said yes, he does and so does Larry Wheelock, but Larry's only a part-time resident. Byron was told since he has 2,000+ hours he could be the coordinator. When he filled out the application, Byron said he had to put himself down as a CFI, otherwise the computer program wouldn't take it. What Byron wants is the consensus of the chapter for acceptance because there are a lot of chapters that have a separate meeting for this. Byron suggested that each meeting could end with either a VMC or

IMC club meeting. What Byron doesn't want to do is go through the process of becoming a coordinator if the membership doesn't care to do it. He went on to explain that it is a safety program for instrument rated pilots and for VMC pilots and the members can get Wings credit for it. It would consist of a video that shows someone getting into a situation and you stop the video and have a "what would you do in this particular case"? One learns from the situations where the coordinator doesn't provide the answers but the membership does. It can be a 30-minute, a 45-minute, or an hour-long presentation at the end of each meeting if we want to do this. The education in continuing to learn is beneficial to anyone who gets stuck at times with what to do now? There are also cases where one may run into bad weather and these videos/scenarios can be very helpful. Byron really wants this program take off for the chapter and he will have to go through webinars (which he has done already for the IMC and now has to go through another for the VMC). Ted Miller addressed Byron and said that this is a great idea and feels it is a good thing for the pilot community but the only problem is that in our local EAA Chapter, there are only a handful of active pilots, many others are inactive and they may or may not have any interest in it. He felt that it would be a good draw for our chapter if we did something like this to increase our membership. Another tip that Byron got was every third meeting you change the format so it doesn't get boring. It is a learning experience for all.



Old Business:

Don mentioned. Meet and eat in Sebastian at the Vasquez' residence on Saturday, November 9th at 11:00 and to see the progress on Monte's CX4. Go North on I69, take the 1018 exit and turn left. Keep going past old 77 and you'll wind up on County Rd. 1200. Go 1 mile and the Vasquez' house is on the left.

The important question of the day arose as to where to go eat. Suggestion was the Longhorn Cattle Co. Don said to take a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirlene Jenkins moved and seconded by Merle Jenkins. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 with members gathering to enjoy a great lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez
Chapter Secretary

Map to Vasquez' Residence

