



EAA Chapter 595 November 9th, 2019

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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

Events

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:08 am at the home of Cindy and Monte Vasquez in Sebastian with 16 members and 3 guests in attendance. Since quorum was met official business was enabled.

The members present were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Daniel Aguilar	Danny Kyral
Geneda Schwanke	L V Howell	Shirlene Jenkins
Byron Engle	John F. Peacock	Merle Jenkins
Robert Carter	Phil Bowers	Larry Wheelock
Cindy Vasquez	Jerry Gifford	Shirley Gifford
Monte Vasquez		

The three guests in attendance were Betty Engle, Norma Wheelock, and Hattie Coffman.

Don began by thanking the Vasquez's for hosting the meeting and Monte appreciated the kind words. Don said the minutes for last month's meeting are on the website for all to read, so no explanation is necessary. He asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Jerry Gifford moved to accept the treasurer's report and Merle Jenkins seconded it. Motion carried. Next order of business is to decide about the Christmas party/meeting. Ted Miller Jr. has graciously volunteered to open his home in Edinburg for us to gather there.



Don asked Cindy Vasquez if there were any people who would like to take on the responsibility of being an officer for the chapter. Ted Miller said he would do anything to help the club except for the job of secretary. Phil Bowers said he would be honored to stay on as Vice President.



Byron Engle said he is content where he is for the time being. Don said if there were not any takers he would continue to be the President and Cindy Vasquez will remain the secretary for the next two years. Danny Kyral mentioned that he would let the membership know if he would like to be an officer in the future, but he did state that he would like to see the chapter do more events such as, fly-ins, Ford Tri-Motor events, etc. Byron mentioned that Merle

Jenkins had donated an aircraft tail stand to the chapter and Don said that Merle has donated quite a few tools to the chapter. Merle said, "I actually have many more items to donate as well." Thanks Merle for all you do for the chapter. Don said he will put them in the cabinet and make a list to put on the website for anyone who needs to borrow an item can do so without having to go out and purchase one. We are going to establish a tool loan program in the chapter.

New business:

Byron is 2020 compliant now. He flew to Gulf Avionics and had some wiring done. The Tail Beacon takes a half amp fuse but the smallest fuse they had was a one amp. Byron wanted to test it on the original taillight to make sure it was for the correct wire. When the master switch was flipped, it blew the one amp fuse for the taillight. After finding that the fuse was blown, a 5-amp fuse was installed and the taillight worked, so it was the correct wire. Byron then installed the Tail beacon and put a 1-amp fuse in the holder, went out and flew it for 33 minutes directly over the Harlingen airport. He then landed in Weslaco and put the airplane away. After he was already on the expressway going towards Harlingen, Don Wiles texted him and said it passed everything. One of the hardest parts for Byron was trying to program the Tail Beacon on his iPad before test flying it. He called uAvionix and they walked him through the procedure. He flew right over the Harlingen airport at 3500 feet for about 25 minutes and he grew tired so he went to TXW and put the plane in the hanger. He just doesn't want to have to run the nav lights plus the instrument panel lights, two other gauges that have lights and the compass light all at the same time just to power the ADS-B. Don signed everything off in the logbook for Byron.



Don Schwanke asked about any other new business and Robert Carter asked if the chapter was going to do any type of event like last year bringing the Ford Tri-Motor down. Don said yes, but as he also mentioned, it is not very feasible to do when the winter Texans are not here and that's the time it fits with the event. We actually made \$175.00 after renting a tent and the weather not cooperating one day etc. We all had fun and the EAA chapter members got a free ride on the Tri-Motor for volunteering to help. Jerry also asked how much advance notice we would have because last year we really didn't get too much advertising on the radio or TV stations. We really don't know what went wrong but as Robert said we thought that EAA was going to take over the job, but that didn't happen. The spots were limited on channel 4 and 5 and Byron said TeleMundo did a much better job promoting the event. If it hadn't been for the Payne Brothers we would have not gotten any notice at all. A lot of the members went out of their way by putting up posters everywhere they could. Larry Wheelock and Cindy

Vasquez covered the Raymondville area and placing a notice in the Valley Morning Star, Robert Carter and Byron Engle placed posters in the Harlingen and Weslaco area and Ted Miller and Debra Pinto in the Edinburg area. The Tri-Motor event went very well and we did have a good turnout despite the weather and lack of publicity. We feel like it would go very well should we be able to have it in January or February because it makes a big difference when the Winter Texans are here.

Don then asked if there were any other items to discuss and Byron said he is still working on the IMC/ VMC club agenda. He said that he is going to have to buy a Laptop and learn how to use it with the projector because he is going to have to download videos from EAA. Robert mentioned that another option is that Weslaco is now open on Sundays and they have their conference room and all the audio/ video stuff. The conference room has a big screen TV and it connects to the Internet. Don said he would speak to them about maybe using it.

Under old Business:

Don's second RV 12 is still up for sale. Jerry Gifford stated that his Ercoupe is for sale and it is 2020 compliant with the Sky Beacon installed on the left wingtip. Robert told Jerry to put a sheet together with the info and contact information and email it to him. Robert can then put it on the website. Don entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phil Bowers. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

The next meeting will our Christmas Banquet at Ted Miller's residence on 3518 West Chapin rd. In Edinburg, Saturday, December 14, 2019 @11:00 am. A map will be sent out with the reminder email before the event.

C y'all there.

