



EAA Chapter 595 July 8th, 2023

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July 8th, 2023 the monthly Chapter 595 meeting was held at the Edinburg Airport. The following members were present:

President/Treasurer: Byron Engle
Web Editor: Robert Carter

Secretary: Art Chavarria

Eric Landry
Shirlene Jenkins
Austin Corwin (Six month trial member)
Dee Novak (National Member and would like to join our chapter)

Robert Silva
Merle Jenkins

Chapter was said to be solvent by President/Treasurer Byron Engle.

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM and the minutes of last month are on line for all to read.

New business was brought forth by Byron Engle to express any ideas on how to bring new members into the chapter. Robert Carter suggested that in addition to young members, it would benefit the chapter to add 25-45 year old people as well.

A short conversation was made about radio controlled model planes if anyone had one to fly as a hobby. There was discussion on the possibility of having a day to have students build a model plane in a location yet to be determined. Art Chavarria made mention that he had a drone to bring if anyone was interested in it; possibly at a future meeting. But because it was registered with the Government, there might be a problem.

Eric Landry gave a very interesting presentation on a flight simulator that he built, which he uses at home to practice his flying lessons. He expressed other ways to encourage more young recruits to come and possibly join the chapter by perhaps investing in a flight simulator to give them a hands on experience. In addition to that, the chapter might provide toy planes that they can put together and take home along with some aviation books/magazines.

Eric Landry, Austin Corwin and Art Chavarria volunteered to be in a committee to plan what to get and what stores to go and purchase these items to be used to possibly increase the interest to young people.

Byron finished the meeting by presenting a short program on building your own aircraft. In building your own plane, the FAA requires proof that 51% of the construction must be done by the builder. The plane he's trying to build uses vertical grain Douglas fir for the primary structure and is covered with different thickness of mahogany and birch plywood (aircraft or marine grade). He brought examples of the different types & thicknesses of the plywood. He also had 3 photo albums of photographs of the various stages of construction throughout the years and in addition for adding proof that he has complied with the 51% rule, the photos add a significant amount of motivational influence, helping him to keep going towards the finished product.

Byron then asked the membership where to go eat lunch and the decision was unanimous; the Texas Roadhouse. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Art Chavarria, Secretary Chapter 595