



# EAA Chapter 595 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

### December Announcements

#### *Birthdays*

**Jerry Gifford**  
December - 23

#### *Anniversaries*

### January Announcements

#### *Birthdays*

**Sharon Lung**  
January - 12

#### *Anniversaries*

#### **NOTICE**

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

#### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order @ 11:15am at Ted Millers residence with 17 members and 7 guests attending. Since quorum was met official business was enabled.



The members present were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Geneda Schwanke	Larry Wheelock
Cindy Vasquez	Monte Vasquez	Gerald T. Close
Byron Engle	Ted Miller Jr.	Daniel Aguilar
Merle Jenkins	Shirlene Jenkins	Deborah Pinto
Jerry Gifford	Shirley Gifford	Jared Bird
Bob Heiser	Carol Heiser	

The guests in attendance were:

Mike and Joan Brown from Indiana, Carmen was a guest of Jerry Close, Betty (Byron) Engle, Norma (Larry) Wheelock, along with LV Howell and Miss Hattie who also joined us.



Don said the minutes to last month's meeting are on the web and Ted Miller moved to accept the minutes and Monte Vasquez seconded and the motion carried. Don then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and after writing out a reimbursement check to Cindy Vasquez for the fajitas and brisket, the chapter is solvent. Ted Miller moved to accept the treasurer's report, Merle Jenkins seconded it and the motion carried.

**New business:**

Don then proceeded to hand out awards and pins for the chapter officers and they were as follow:

- Cindy Vasquez -** Secretary & Newsletter Editor
- Byron Engle -** Treasurer, Eagle Flight Leader, Flight Advisor  
Young Eagles Coordinator
- Jerry Gifford -** Chapter Membership Coordinator
- Robert Carter -** Web Editor
- Merle Jenkins -** Technical Counselor
- Larry Wheelock -** Technical Counselor
- Don Schwanke -** Chapter President and Technical Counselor
- William P. Bowers -** Vice President



Congratulations to all who make the chapter successful. Those are our “wages” and we wouldn’t have a chapter without all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

A great big Thank You to Ted Miller Jr. for opening up his beautiful home so the chapter could enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship that Christmas brings.

**Old Business:**

Cindy Vasquez brought samples of the shirts so we could have members try them on for size so we may turn in an order by January. Jerry Close asked if they would be monogrammed with the chapter logo and name and Byron said they would be. As discussed at our November meeting, the membership decided that embroidery instead of silkscreen would be preferable. The shirts will be at a cost of approximately \$45.00 each, not including any other optional embroidery put on in addition to the chapter logo.

Don then asked if there was any more old business and Byron Engle said yes. Membership dues are up and they are \$20.00 for the family. So in the process of collecting dues we gained new members Mike and Joan Brown and the return of LV Howell. Membership is growing. Welcome Mike, Joan, and welcome back LV.



At this time Jerry Gifford asked Mike to tell the membership a little bit about himself. He said he had gotten his license back in 1986 and was going to start with a Tri-Pacer but unfortunately a windstorm totaled it before he was able to buy it. He ended up with a Cessna Skyhawk (172) and had it for about 23 years until he sold it. He belonged to a local chapter 938 in



Nappanee, Indiana where the JDT Mini Max Ultralight was built. Mike did say that he builds and flies RC model airplanes and has been doing that since the 1960's.

Byron then mentioned that he hasn't ordered calendars because he needs a minimum of 10 to place an order. After going around the room, there were 10 people wanting one, so Byron said he would place the order. The calendars will sell for \$10.00 each.

There being no more new or old business, Don moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Jerry Gifford. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and the membership moved on to feast on the potluck of goodies provided for the banquet. After the feast, Byron reimbursed Ted for the expenses.



The next meeting will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Edinburg International Airport at 11:00 a.m.

**Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to all from Chapter 595!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez  
Chapter secretary