



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

January Announcements

Birthdays

Sharon Lung
January - 12

Anniversaries

February Announcements

Birthdays

Betty Engle
February – 6

John (Doc) Docendorff
February – 13

Anniversaries

Robert & Carol Heiser
February – 4

Events

Sun Valley Aviation
Saturday, Feb. 11th @ 9:00am
COFFEE & DONUTS
special presentation from
GARMIN

EAA Chapter 595 January 14, 2017 meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by president Don Schwanke. There were 15 members present, so quorum was made again. Members in attendance were:

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| Don Schwanke | Byron Engle | Phil Bowers |
| Robert Carter | Geneda Schwanke | Shirlene Jenkins |
| Merle Jenkins | Hap Day | Ted Miller, Jr. |
| John Peacock | Jerry Gifford | J. R. Dockendorff |
| Larry Wheelock | Carol Heiser | Bob Heiser |

Since quorum was made, official business could take place, so Byron gave the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Annual membership dues were also paid by some at this time, as well. Byron announced that Evelyn Urban (past member) has not only given the chapter many cloth aviation oriented carry bags for sale, but also a 1 year's gift subscription to Flying Magazine (she wanted it to be anonymous, but since each issue has her name on it, it was just a little difficult to carry that last request out-sorry Evelyn).



Don gave out the last EAA award to Robert Carter for Webmaster. Thanks, & congratulations, Bob! You deserve it & more! Don has some chapter awards to give out to those who have really helped the chapter in the past; names to be published in the next newsletter.



Don also brought up a small problem about chapter officer elections that should have taken place last November, but was forgotten about until about 2 weeks ago. He posed some scenarios for the chapter's contemplation, with the selection of putting the vote off until next November. Nominations are to be held at the October 2017 meeting with the actual electoral vote to be

at the November meeting. The inductions/installations will be at the December meeting/banquet. The officers will also serve 4-year terms, instead of the 2-year terms as in the past. The motion was made by Ted Miller and seconded by Jerry Gifford. The chapter membership voted unanimously in favor.

Robert Carter's still working on his Mooney; this time he's adjusting the retractable landing gear & hopes to have it going soon. Byron Engle had to remove the left tank on his Cherokee 140 to replace a gasket on the fuel gauge sending unit. A lot of work for some gain still beats having a fuel leak, though.

Don proudly announced that he now has a REAL airplane, since he received his airworthiness certificate recently! He now needs to take care of a few things on the plane and get a few hours of transition training and his biennial flight review before that 1st flight (smart move). Congratulations, Don!



The FAA has finally made the 3rd class medical reform into law (because of congressional vote) and it becomes effective this June. That means that those that have held a 3rd class medical within the last 10 years can fly with the same privileges & rights (with weight limits & # of passenger limits) that they had before.

Don then showed the membership a piece of medical equipment originally designed as an endoscope, but can be used (with an app) as a bore scope with your smart phone as the TV screen. (A few colorful jokes were made at this time, also). The great thing about this is the fact that it can be had (on line) for about \$10.00! The picture is clear as Don demonstrated it for the membership. Ten dollars and a free app sure beats a couple hundred for a regular bore

scope, any day! You can also play "Home Doctor" if you want (LOL)! He also had about 25 electronic multi-meters to let go to those who want them (they were free giveaways from Harbor Freight). Not bad.

At this time, Don took suggestions from the membership as to the eating establishment of choice and Los Asados was voted on again, so a motion to adjourn was made by Phil Bowers and seconded by Ted Miller, Jr. and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.