



EAA Chapter 595 December 14th, 2019

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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

Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2020 is on the web

Events

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. with 17 members and 8 guests in attendance at the home of Ted Miller Jr. who very graciously opened his home so that we could have our annual Christmas party/meeting. A hearty THANK YOU to Ted! Since quorum was met, official Business was enabled.

The members present were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Ted Miller Jr.	Robert Carter
Larry Wheelock	Byron Engle	L.V. Howell
Cindy Vasquez	Jerry Gifford	Monte Vasquez
Shirley Gifford	Geneda Schwanke	Robert Silva
Merle Jenkins	Bob Heiser	Shirlene Jenkins
Carol Heiser	Gerald Close	

The guests in attendance were as follows: Aaron Moore, Pristine Moore, Hector Zuniga, Hector Zuniga Jr. and Jennifer who accompanied Gerald Close. Aaron Moore owns a 1968 Cherokee 140 (has had it for about 2 years), has about 30 hours and flies as much as possible.



He is planning on getting ADS-B as soon as he can. Pristine Moore also has some flight time. They are originally from New York and now reside in Mission. Welcome to our chapter.

Don said that the minutes for last month's meeting are on the web for all to read.



Don then asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Merle Jenkins moved to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Jerry Gifford. Motion carried. Again, Don thanked Ted for his generosity and hospitality for having us over at his home again. It is truly appreciated

by the membership. There being no old Business, Don moved on to new business.

New business:

Installation of officers for the next two years and since there was no change, installation was by acclamation. The next order of business was the handing out of the awards to the chapter members and officers.

The Awards were as follows:

Secretary: **Cindy Vasquez**
Treasurer: **Byron Engle**
Technical Counselor: **Larry Wheelock**
Technical Counselor: **Jerry Gifford**
Eagle Flight Leader: **Byron Engle**

Newsletter Editor: **Cindy Vasquez**
Web Editor: **Robert Carter**
Technical Counselor: **Merle Jenkins**
Flight Advisor: **Byron Engle**
Young Eagle Coordinator: **Byron Engle**



The chapter then surprised secretary Cindy Vasquez with a beautiful arrangement of flowers for everything she has done for the chapter. There was one more pin for Ted Miller for all of his help with the chapter and being the most valuable chapter member.

Don concluded the awards ceremony and proceeded to do a show and tell. He brought a tool used for making holes for the instrument panel which makes it so much easier than using a drill and hole saw. As Monte said, "I would have loved to have this tool when I was working on my instrument panel."

Don then asked if there was any more business to discuss and Byron said, "Yes. Old and new business."

He brought it up at last month's meeting that he is going to start the VMC/IMC club next month. Each month Byron will receive a kind of question and Byron passed around a brainteaser for the VMC club that he received. If anyone is interested in looking at it, they try to figure out what the symbol means on a sectional chart. Byron also had one for IMC members, as well. Byron wanted to know if anyone had figured it out to please let him know because he sure couldn't; at least until he saw the answer. For the January meeting there will be a VMC club video/meeting. The February meeting will have an IMC club video/meeting.

Don said that for anyone who has missed out on the progression of this, Byron has taken upon himself to be our VMC/IMC coordinator, since there is no CFI in our chapter. This is something that they have recently added to chapters and it lets the chapter have an instrument club/safety program added to each meeting, as we elected to have it as part of our regular meeting a few months back. He will have videos and questions and all sorts of things of interest to pilots and hopefully non-pilots as well.

Jerry Gifford spoke about the scholarship that he has been checking into and the scholarship that EAA has, has \$1,000.000 and they are going to give \$10,000 to 100 chapters for pilot training. Jerry thinks we are too late for it this year but he is very interested if anybody thinks we should do this, he would get involved and see if we could be one of those 100 chapters. Byron asked if there are any restrictions such as, does the person have to be a kid or an adult. Don said that they are still trying to find out because it doesn't say, but we do know that we have to have a student who is enrolled and who has a medical, which we do now. Jerry feels positively that if we do get it, then the chapter would get more exposure.

Gerald Close announced that if anyone was interested in the CAF; it went into about \$10,000 in debt and needs some contributions, so if anyone would like to help out, please contact Gerry, or the CAF wing at Cameron County Airport. They have a bomber that they would like to see another wing take over because the engines are run out and Jean Garric keeps on nursing them through the annuals.

Byron mentioned that he is taking dues for the coming year. They are \$20.00 for the family. There being no more old or new business, Don entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merle Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Jerry Gifford. Motion carried. The next meeting will be at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen, Saturday, January 11, 2020.

The membership then moved onto the patio at Ted's home to enjoy brisket, sausage, and all the sides brought by the members with tantalizing desserts to follow. A beautiful afternoon and great fellowship was had by all.

See y'all next year.
Happy Holidays to all.
Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez
Secretary