



# EAA Chapter 595 January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

### *January Announcements*

#### Birthdays

**Sharon Lung**  
January - 12

#### Anniversaries

### *February Announcements*

#### Birthdays

**Betty Engle**  
February - 13

#### Anniversaries

**Robert & Carol Heiser**  
February - 4

#### **NOTICE**

Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2020 is on the web

#### *Events*

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen with 17 members and 3 guests in attendance so official business could be conducted. The members present were as follows:

Don Schwanke	L V Howell	Robert Carter
John F. Peacock	Byron Engle	Phil Bowers
Cindy Vasquez.	Jerry Gifford	Monte Vasquez
Shirley Gifford	Geneda Schwanke	Robert Silva
Merle Jenkins	Carol Heiser	Shirlene Jenkins
Bob Heiser	Larry Wheelock	

The 3 guests were Jerry Beach, Robbie Gardner, and Paul O'Connor. Paul introduced himself and he is from Kettering, Ohio, which is South of Dayton. He teaches in Jackson @ Beaver Creek, Ohio for Mac Air. He is retired from the Air Force, was an aircraft mechanic and is a CFII. He is thinking about building an RV 12 in the near future. Welcome Paul.

Don said that the minutes for the last meeting are on the website for all to read. Don asked treasurer, Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Don asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bob Heiser moved and the motion was seconded by Phil Bowers. Motion carried. Byron mentioned that chapter dues are due for the year 2020. It's \$20.00 for the whole family.



#### **New business:**

There wasn't very much at this moment, but Don did say that there are a lot of webinars available on the Internet. You can find a lot of useful information and anyone can do it at his or her convenience. It's basically how to do it type of information and you can pause it at any time, go about your business and come back to pick up where you left off.

Some of the topics are

1. Dealing with breakdowns away from home,
2. Transportation security
3. Compression testing aircraft engines.

## Old Business:

Don handed out the awards to Phil Bowers/Vice President and John F. Peacock/technical counselor, as they were not able to be at the December meeting/banquet at Ted Miller's house in Edinburg. The subject of the Tri-Motor event was discussed and Don asked Robert Carter to check and see if there would possibly be a hanger available. Don could then contact EAA to see if we could schedule it before the Winter Texans depart. As Phil stated, "We missed out on a lot of the winter Texans last year because most had already headed North by the time the Tri-Motor arrived". Jerry Gifford felt that we didn't get enough media coverage because of the misunderstanding between us and what we thought the EAA said they would do. They didn't provide the coverage they said they were going to and by the time we realized they weren't going to do it, it was too late. If the Tri-Motor were brought here again, we will have to talk to someone in charge personally at the TV and radio stations. Don said the consensus is that we will go ahead and bring the Tri-Motor down before the winter Texans leave, but if they can't fit us in that time frame, we will have to take whatever date they give us. Hopefully we can find a hangar to house the Tri-Motor, as everything depends on a hanger in which the plane will fit.



Next topic: The Ray scholarship through EAA is a little more complicated than originally thought. The student pilot must be 19 years or younger, have a medical certificate and be taking flight instruction. We must also monitor the student's progress and report back to EAA. This could be very beneficial to a young pilot who needs the money to help pay for flight instruction.

There being no more old Business, the subject of where to go eat came up and the Longhorn Cattle Company (Shirlene Jenkins's favorite) was the place selected. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 8, 2020 @ 11:00am at the Edinburg Airport.

Byron Engle, our new VMC/IMC coordinator presented a 33-minute video. The purpose is to promote flying proficiency and safety. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety and build proficiency in flying. There were a couple of questions asked and Byron would pause the video to get the members to answer the questions and/or analyze scenarios. The videos will alternate: January was the introductory video for both the history of the IMC and VMC clubs. The next month will offer our first look at an IMC video. The following month will be another VMC video, and so on. Non-instrument rated pilots who want to improve their proficiency now have an excellent new resource through EAA's IMC/VMC Club. The IMC Club concept provides organized "hangar flying" focused on building proficiency in safe instrument flying. The VMC Club will do the same, but is for pilots who are not instrument rated, fly under visual flight rules and under VMC. The VMC Club offers bi-monthly meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency. All EAA members are automatically eligible to take part in VMC and IMC Club programs in their local chapters. Jeppesen, as well as EAA support the VMC/IMC Club. Without further adieu, Don entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merle Jenkins moved and was seconded by Byron Engle. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. and the members enjoyed a great luncheon and great conversation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vasquez  
Chapter secretary