



EAA Chapter 595 August 12th, 2017

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

August Announcements

Birthdays

Janis Baker
August - 30

Anniversaries

September Announcements

Birthdays

Linda Peacock
September - 12

John Peacock
September - 19

Robert Carter
September - 29

Anniversaries

Jerry & Shirley Gifford
September - 18

Events

The August 12 meeting of EAA Chapter 595 was called to order by President Don Schwanke at precisely 11:00 a.m. At first, quorum was not made, but a few more members drifted in as the meeting progressed and Byron was able to give a treasurer's report later on in the meeting. The members attending were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Byron Engle	Phil Bowers
Robert Carter	Debora Melvin	Ted Miller, Jr.
Shirlene Jenkins	Merle Jenkins	Don Crowe

L.V. Howell (needs to pay dues, but still counted as a member)

Jared Bird (newest member-came in as a guest and joined at the meeting)

Guests in attendance were:

Louis Norman
Marily Alvarado

Louis Norman was introduced to the membership and he introduced is adopted granddaughter, Marily Alvarado. He gave a synopsis of his life and that he once was a winter Texan, but now lives in Mission on a permanent basis. Welcome, Louis and Marily!



Don reminded the membership about the upcoming nominations & elections that will occur in the fall and that he had forgotten to do it last year, so he got to be president (by acclamation) for one more year. The nominations will be entertained in October, the elections in November and the installation of the officers at the annual banquet in December. Please be thinking of someone you might want to be in a leadership position for the next 4 years. You will now have a chance to make your voice heard, so think about it seriously, please!



Debora gave her 1st timer observations of what it was like to attend Airventure and she says that even though she's back in the Valley, her heart is still in Oshkosh. Ted Miller, Jr. gave his report on the flight there & back and all the places they were able to attend and still didn't get to see nearly as much as he & Debora wanted to see. The EAA Museum is fantastic, as usual and KidVenture and the Antique Airfield was a real blast! Ted said that it took about 7-8 hours flight time each way at about 180 mph groundspeed from the RGV.

Byron circulated the 70 or so photos that he took when he was there. Flying time for Byron & Kristen Esquivel was 25.1 total (engine run time-Hobbs time, that is. Not flying time). Actual flying time was estimated at about 23 1/2 hours, roughly. The poor old Cherokee 140 just doesn't have the speed that the little 2-place RV-9 has, but like the little rented rowboat, it just got there in its own time while the motorboats just roared past.

At about this time, Don Crowe walked in and made quorum for us and Byron gave his treasurer's report; we are still solvent as a chapter.

Phil Bowers gave his report on a 12 year old girl that he's sponsoring in competitive shooting matches; and is winning most of them against much older competitors.



Robert Carter gave a report on the problems that the EAA webpage is giving and he will make some changes to make it easier for him (and, presumably, us) to go to the website and find the various things that may be of interest. Ted Miller, Jr. moved that Bob should be given carte blanche to make any changes that he deems necessary to make life easier for him and us. Byron seconded the motion and it carried with the chapter's unanimous approval.

Don mentioned that everyone needs to vote on the most important decision of the day: where do we want to go eat lunch? Byron suggested (again) the Texas Roadhouse in Edinburg, moved by Ted Miller, Jr. and seconded by Merle Jenkins, which gained unanimous approval from the membership. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m. and everyone left to go have a great time at lunch.

The next meeting will be at Gulf Aviation September 9 at 11:00 a.m. with the usual bull session beginning at 10:30 a.m.