



EAA Chapter 595 May 11th, 2019

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Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

May Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

June Announcements

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Robert Heiser

June - 20

Anniversaries

Donald & Geneda Schwanke

June -2

John & Linda Peacock

June -22

NOTICE

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

Events

CAF Airshow
June 22 & 23

Cameron County Airport
www.rgvcaf.org

President Don Schwanke called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. at Edinburg International Airport with 14 members present. Since quorum was met official business was enabled.

The members present were as follows:

Don Schwanke	Robert Carter
Byron Engle	Cindy Vasquez
Monte Vasquez	Merle Jenkins
Shirlene Jenkins	Gerald Close
Ted Miller Jr.	Larry Wheelock
LV Howell	John F. Peacock
Phil Bowers	Robert Silva



Don said that the minutes to last month's meeting are on the website for all to read. Don asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and the chapter is solvent. Merle Jenkins moved to accept the treasurer's report and Robert Carter seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

After months of waiting to get the shirt samples and sizing, etc., we finally got them all distributed and have 2 that have not been picked up yet plus five extra ones with the logo only in case anyone that didn't order previously can purchase one.

Don asked who was going to Oshkosh, which will be July 22-28 this year. Ted Miller said he is going, Byron Engle said he was going to try to go, and Larry Wheelock also said "Maybe". Don said he was driving up in his motor home and if anyone needs a place to sleep whether it be on the floor or the sofa, they are welcome to stay with him. Larry Wheelock said last year was the first time he had missed and also maybe it was the third time in 46 years that he has been attending.



Don mentioned that Jerry Gifford wanted to go as well.

EAA sent Don 3 posters to put up and one is going to be given to Debora Pinto, Robert Carter is taking one to Weslaco and Byron is taking the third one to Harlingen to be put up at Gulf Aviation.

Don said that EAA is doing something admirable by filing a protest suit with the Supreme Court. In simpler terms we can all understand, it had to do with a carburetor, which met all the FAA requirements, but

because of an accident, one person said that it should have been made differently. It went to the lower court and the court sided with the individual who filed the suit. The carburetor maker complied with the



FAA to the letter, but has to pay for that accident because of the suit stating that there was a way to improve the carburetor. The issue here is if you are in total compliance with the FAA, you can still be sued for not making additional improvements. As Byron stated that though that this is a state issue, it has to do with that state only and each state has different tort laws, that is why EAA is taking this to the Supreme Court to try to nip this in the bud. As Don said, he was so happy to see that EAA is very proactive in this matter.

New business:

Gerald Close said that the CAF Airshow will be held June 22 and 23 at Cameron County Airport. He also mentioned that David Hughston said there is no shortage of aircraft for the Airshow. Merle Jenkins announced that he is donating some

tools to the chapter. Some of the tools donated are a rivet gun, a pneumatic drill, clecos, a pneumatic riveter, a puller for Cherry rivets and many more items. Phil Bowers asked if Don had room for a vertical cabinet with doors and Don said yes, so Phil is donating the cabinet to keep the tools in and it was also decided that should any members need to borrow a tool for their project, a list and inventory all the items should be made and whomever needs a particular tool would sign it out to better keep track of it. A great big thanks to Merle and Phil for the donations to the chapter! Thanks, guys!



Phil asked Don if we were going to get a visit from the Ford Tri-Motor and Don said no. They do not come unless specifically invited. Ted Miller pointed out if you are flying in to Oshkosh to be sure and read the NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) because there have been changes to it. Anytime the FAA needs to get the word out to aviators, they publish a NOTAM, which involves the procedures necessary to approach and land at Oshkosh. Many people don't read and absorb the information because they arrive thinking they know where Wittman Field is and don't follow the procedure. Last year Ted and Carlos Almaguer tried to get in on a Saturday and the amount of aircraft traffic was unbelievable. All the airplanes were arriving at about the same time and it was dangerously chaotic. The controller finally told everyone just to go around & try again. Ted & Carlos decided to land at another airport, wake up early Sunday morning to try again and it was the same thing as the day before. Eventually Ted and Carlos landed in Madison and made their way to Oshkosh from there.

Byron wanted to call EAA to order a smaller version of the NOTAM because even though he said he could download it, an 8 1/2 X 11 copy is too big to deal with in a busy cockpit. There being no more new business Don asked the important question of the day: where to go eat! Ted Miller suggested Trevino's Mexican Restaurant in Edinburg and the chapter voted to go there. The next meeting will be June 8, 2019 at Gulf Aviation in Harlingen @11:00am. Don asked to adjourn the meeting and Merle Jenkins so moved, seconded by Robert Carter. Meeting was adjourned @ 11:48 am with the majority of the members going and enjoying each other's company.



Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vasquez
Chapter secretary