



## EAA Chapter 595 February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

#### *February Announcements*

##### **Birthdays**

**Betty Engle**

February - 6

##### **Anniversaries**

**Robert & Carol Heiser**

February - 4

#### *March Announcements*

##### **Birthdays**

**Gerald Close**

March - 1

**Byron Engle**

March - 1

##### **Anniversaries**

**Byron & Betty Engle**

March - 9

#### ***NOTICE***

New Website Coming Soon

#### ***Events***

The February 8, 2020 meeting of EAA Chapter 595 was opened by President Don Schwanke at 11:03 a.m. Don reported that the minutes for the January 11 meeting was on the webpage for all to read. He asked for acceptance of the minutes and it was unanimously accepted by the membership attending.

He reported that quorum was met and asked Byron Engle for the treasurer's report and it was accepted by the membership also. There were 3 guests in attendance: Andrea and Isaiah Orizaga and Robert Casas. All are interested in aviation and Byron did a YE flight on Isaiah and an Eagle Flight on Andrea that afternoon. Robert will get his EF at another time.

A word of apology is in order at this point: Secretary Cindy Vasquez could not be there because of other business and I was asked to fill in, but being of ill mind, no attendance or photos were taken. For that faux pas, I humbly apologize; I have no excuses, just old age, I guess. If it happens again, I will do a better job.

#### **Old business:**

Don spoke about the possibility of having the Ford Tri-Motor back in the Valley again this year, but some scheduling problems arose and some are being solved, such as hangerage. Don said that there are 3 available hangers, but we need a precise date to put one on reserve. As soon as EAA can provide a date, Don says that the Tri-Motor will have a place to stay. We're waiting for a date. Don mentioned that we need volunteers for the event and he's trying to have it here before the Winter Texans leave for parts North.

Don spoke about the webinars that EAA puts out on all subjects aviation related, such as, in-flight videos, how to grow the

chapter, spin avoidance, RV maintenance, affordable aircraft building and many other subjects. They are free and all one has to do is get on the website, put in your name & password (but only for national EAA members) and you're in.

Bob Carter spoke about the problems he's having with the new EAA website; part of the problem is that it takes a lot of time to download photos. He says texts are quick, but the photos take from 3 to 6 minutes each and there are over 524 photos! He's still working on it and from what this reporter has seen, it looks really good. The old website will go dark March 31, so the new one will be done by then, hopefully.

There was some discussion about the Kobe Bryant helicopter crash, but it's still too early to really know just what happened, so everyone has to wait until the NTSB comes out with the results of the investigation.

Monte Vasquez' CX-4 is coming along, we're told. Should be almost ready to fly soon (we hope). Don gave some insight on his adventures with DARs (FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative) who charge too much, and how few there are, since the FAA won't come to inspect homebuilt aircraft anymore.

The conversation shifted to the nose gear on the RV series aircraft being weak and Vangrunsven has come out with a repair/reinforcement for the weakness there. It only costs money, guys. He also mentioned that his old "Air Force One" (Van's RV-12 with a Honda Fit engine, instead of a Rotax) should fly sometime soon. Hopefully everything will go as planned.

Don told the membership that the next meeting will be at Gulf Aviation, March 14, at 11:00 a.m. The choice of where to eat was brought up and the chapter voted on the Texas Road House and the chapter voted unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Byron (with some trouble following the learning curve with his new Windows 10 laptop) gave 2 videos on problems of real situations encountered by pilots on IFR flight plans with discussion following each scenario. Next month it will be VMC Club videos. EAA promotes the IMC/VMC club meetings for safety and learning for each chapter. From what little feedback encountered, it seems to be favorably accepted by the membership.

After the videos, the membership left for a great meal and comradeship at the Texas Road House. Submitted by acting secretary Byron Engle